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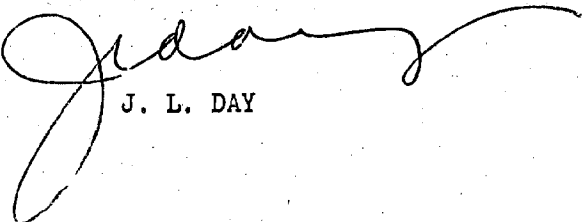
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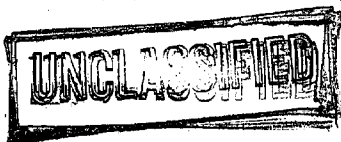
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1967 to 23 January 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Battalion Landing Team 1/9

COMMANDER

Maj DAY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"
Company "D"

Capt SHAW
Capt FESTA
Capt SAYERS
Capt CURD
Capt KEYS

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv
Det, Disbursing Section
Det, Postal Section
Det, Photo Section
Det, Comm Co (Radio Relay)
Det, H&S Company, 9th Marines (Radio Relay)
3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 1st AmTrac Bn
3d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d AT Bn
3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 3d Tank Bn
1st Plt, (Rein), Company "C", 3d Eng Bn
Det, H&S Company, 3d Eng Bn
Det, Eng Support Company, 3d Eng Bn
2d Plt, Company "D", 3d Recon Bn
Det, 1st Clearing Plt (-)(Rein), Company "B",
3d Med Bn
Logistics Support Unit
Det, 3d FSR
Det, 3d Ser Bn
2d Plt (Rein), Company "A", 3d MT Bn
2d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d SP Bn
Battery "D" (-)(Rein), 2d Bn, 12th Mar
107mm Mortar Battery (Rein), 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Battery "K", 4th Bn, 13th Mar
2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amphibious Co

2dLt WALSH

2dLt HORVATICH
2dLt RILEY
2dLt VOIGT
WO JONES

2dLt MURPHY
Lt MC ALLISTER
(USN)
2dLt MOORE

2dLt DAVIS
2dLt DEGENNARO
Capt GUNDLACH
Capt RICHEY
2dLt VOGT
2dLt COTTLE

2. LOCATION

During the reporting period the Command Post was located aboard the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) except for the period 6 to 15 January when the BLT was ashore. On shore the Command Post was located at XR 764853.

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

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Executive Officer

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Maj HUBBARD

2dLt RAMIREZ

2dLt YAGGY

Maj VON HARTEN

Capt REED

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR REPORTING PERIOD

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
68	1555	7	89

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The onset of the reporting period found the BLT embarked onboard assigned shipping for the conduct of Operation Deckhouse V. After two previous postponements due to heavy seas and surf, D-Day was executed on 6 January 1967 and commenced with prep fires and air strikes on designated beaches and landing zones. A platoon of armored amtracs and one rifle company landed by surface means. The first wave met only sniper fire as it approached the beach. Fire was returned by direct 105mm howitzer fire from the armored amtracs. Two rifle companies were helolifted into their landing zones and both landings were without incident. A 105mm howitzer battery came ashore by LVT and a 107mm mortar battery was helolifted into position before the end of D-Day. Some delay occurred in placement of 107mm mortars due to the extremely poor surface conditions in the originally selected landing zone. A Provisional Composite Company was helolifted ashore to relieve the rifle company that had made the surface landing. The rifle company then conducted search and destroy operations in its assigned operational area. All three rifle companies onshore conducted search and destroy operations until dark and then began aggressive patrol and ambush activities. One firefight occurred during the first day ashore and resulted in 1VC KIA. One rifle company remained on board the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) as a reaction force. A Recon platoon was helolifted into a position where they could watch for and report any signs of VC attempts of in/exfiltration. The first night ashore witnessed only light harrassing and sniper activity by the VC. On D+1 two companies carried out search and destroy operations while one company held a blocking position. The Recon platoon continued in its surveillance effort. Helicopter lifts provided quick transport of platoons to blocking positions during Search and Destroy operations. During one of these lifts two Marines died as the result of an accidental explosion of a grenade in a helicopter. By nightfall all companies had set up defensive positions and began extensive patrols and ambushes. A squad size probe of the Provisional Composite Company resulted in one Marine KIA. Throughout the operation the pattern was repeated, Search and Destroy operations during daylight and aggressive patrols and ambushes during the night. Enemy contact was light and consisted of small probes, harassing and sniper fire and several attempts at mortar attack. The BLT made use of artillery to prep landing zones and on call artillery for suitable targets. Air support was also used for these purposes. The BLT response to the limited VC activity was overwhelming and usually consisted of artillery and mortar missions as well as superior small arms fire. In many instances the magnitude of response was so great as to preclude accurate surveillance for confirmed kills. Helolifts were used frequently to surmount unfordable water course obstacles. Additional support for riverine operations was gained by the use of light plastic assault boats as a means of troop movement. During the course of this operation marines destroyed 3 VC hospital complexes and a large number of small rice caches. Several large boats and stocked food reserves were also destroyed. On order the BLT conducted a tactical withdrawal by surface craft and helolift. Upon completion of Deckhouse V the BLT was embarked and enroute to Okinawa to be relieved from duty with the SLF on or about 23 January 1967.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF.

a. Combat Missions Assigned. In the Thanh Phong Secret Zone, Thanh Phu District, Kein Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam, BLT 1/9 conducted a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones in order to conduct search and destroy operations against VC forces within the operations area and upon completion of the assigned mission, executed a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

b. Significant Operations conducted. Within the reporting period, from 6 January to 15 January 1967, BLT 1/9 conducted operation Deckhouse V in the Thanh Phong Secret Zone, Thanh Phu District, Kein Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. Twenty-one VC, KIA (BC), 41 VC KIA (Prob), 53 VC WIA (Prob), 3 VC Captives, 59 Civil Defendants.

d. Casualties Sustained. Six killed in action, 38 wounded in action, 46 non-battle casualties.

e. New techniques employed. A vast network of interconnecting unfordable streams, and canals and mangrove swamps presented obstacles which necessitated the use of light plastic assault boats with outboard motors. The boats provided an effective means of movement in riverine operations. However, tidal effects sometimes left the boats in awkward circumstances. Floatation of the boats often required that they be carried through waist deep mud to the water. Multiple helicopter lifts of small troop units was likewise used as a means to position forces in tactical operations and to by-pass or leap-frog natural water obstacles. This technique proved to be very satisfactory even though it placed an additional burden on an already heavily committed Medium Helicopter Squadron.

f. Command Relations. No Change.

g. Equipment. This operation was conducted with the minimum amount of equipment. However, two areas are significant; the lack of Shore Party equipment and the use of plastic assault boats.

(1) Shore Party Equipment. No Shore Party equipment was landed other than the essentials to establish a LZ. Initially sea conditions prevented the landing of heavy equipment. Subsequent requests were rejected in order to limit the equipment ashore. Consequently, a substandard LZ was established. A TD-15 could have made the area serviceable. Further, the absence of cargo handling equipment diverted troops from their regular assignments to manhandle supplies.

(2) Plastic Assault Boats. The use of assault boats brought to light the following. Dispense with the electrical starter as it is not required to start the engine and is an extraneous piece of equipment that can malfunction. Provide each boat with the following and a coxswain can cope with any problem of maintenance.

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- A. One 5 gallon gas can filled with mixed fuel and spout attached.
- B. Two spare spark plugs (with gap preset).
- C. One plug wrench.
- D. One screw driver.
- E. Pliers
- F. Six oars.

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h. Logistics. Significant events in the logistical field occurred in the area of resupply. Each unit landed with a prescribed load. The prescribed load was satisfactory for the initial days operation. The basic allowance of ammunition was reconstituted by daily resupply. Resupply was directed by the TacLog on the LPH. Initial attempts to resupply directly from the ship were unsatisfactory due to difficulties encountered in communications and coordination between the receiving units, Helicopter Direction Center, Supporting Arms Coordination Center and helicopters. Resupplying from the LPH was also uneconomical considering time and space factors. As a result, resupply was attempted from an LST floating dump. This was acceptable to the ground element but not to the air, as the deck of an LST is too confining for continuous helicopter operations under variable conditions of weather and sea. Therefore, the resupply effort was moved to a beach support area ashore. The coordination and control of resupply missions emanated from the beach. The latter method of resupply was the most satisfactory.

i. Civic Action. The speed with which units moved through an area precluded any sort of civic action program.

j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.

k. Personnel. Detailed personnel data is contained in the S-1 Journal. Eighteen enlisted men were dropped. One Officer and 3 enlisted men were joined.

l. Intelligence. The following VC units were known to be operating in the AOA prior to D-Day:

- 1. C1 (MF Company) 120 men
- 2. C2 (CMF Company) 120 men
- 3. C530 (MF Company) 120 men
- 4. Local defense squads and platoons.

Two VC KIA's were identified as members of the C530 Company. No other unit identifications were made. Enemy resistance was expected to be light consisting mainly of sniper fire, small unit ambushes, and mines/booby-traps. With the exception of mines/booby-traps this prediction was accurate. Six mines/booby-traps were discovered, none were detonated. Within the objective area the VC had established a major logistical base, serving much of the Delta region. This logistical base consisted of many workshops, storage facilities, junk bases, hospitals and training areas. For reasons mentioned later none of these installations were captured intact. Interrogation of VC POW's and VCS indicated that the VC had sufficient advance warning of the operation to remove the installations and supplies and to evacuate personnel. The operation was sufficiently compromised to preclude the possibility of a major success.

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m. Communications.

1. Communications for the BLT during Deckhouse V were satisfactory. However, on the Special Landing Force tactical net #1 some difficulty was experienced. The causative factors of the difficulty were twofold; the SLF was aboard the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) which was 15 to 22 miles out at sea and the BLT was using the AN/PRC-25 which has a range of approximately 3 to 5 miles. These factors are not compatible.

2. During the onshore activities tidal effects caused salt water submersion of one AN/PRC-41. Due to a lack of fresh water to use as a flushing agent, proper steps could not be taken to redeem this valuable piece of equipment.

n. Weather. For the duration of Deckhouse V the weather was mild and did not hinder the operation. The average daily temperature was 83 degrees F. and the average nightly temperature was 76 degrees F. Winds were from the NNE at 15 knots-20 knots. Rain occurred only on the first night ashore. The operation was postponed for two days due to heavy seas.

o. Artillery. During this reporting period artillery was employed on operation Deckhouse V on targets of opportunity, on enemy mortar positions, in preparation fires for helicopter landing zones, in support of the rifle companies of 1/9, and in the harassment and interdiction of enemy movement at night. Each company and platoon patrol base was provided with "on call" night defensive fires and the registration of these fires was encouraged. The LVTH Plt, because of its inherent characteristics, was employed as a direct fire weapon in the assault of White Beach giving the assault Company the additional fire power to secure the beachhead. Also, one section of the LVTH Plt. was re-positioned in order to give complete artillery coverage of the AOA during the final phases of the operation. A breakdown of the missions fired and the ammunition expended is as follows:

1. Targets of Opportunity	30
2. Preparation Fires	5
3. H&I Fires	413 Concentrations
4. Concentration Registration	37

Ammo Expended:

<u>D-2-12</u>	<u>LVTH Plt.</u>	<u>4.2 Mortars</u>
HE-1192	HE-844	HE-530
WP- 62	WP- 54	WP-130
SMK- 21	SMK-11	Ill-13
Ill- 9	Ill-20	
	HEPT-51	

Total number of rounds expended on Operation Deckhouse V - 2,937.

p. Air Support. Two FAC teams were with front line rifle companies while participating in Deckhouse V. The remainder of the TACP operated as a part of the FSCC. During the operation, the below listed aerial ordnance was delivered against VC targets.

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1. 16-1000 lb. Bombs.
2. 192-750 lb. Bombs.
3. 30-500 lb. Bombs.
4. 22-260 lb. Bombs.
5. 68-Napalm Bombs.
6. 6-CBU Bombs.
7. 1368-Rockets.

q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. 2nd Plat, 1st Armored Amphibious Company were detached and returned to their parent unit January 19, 1967.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. - S-1 Journal
2. - S-2 Journal
3. - S-3 Journal
4. - Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66
5. - After Action Report for Operation DECKHOUSE V
- NIF-6. BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66

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1300	031300	LCPL F. T. FREEMAN, PFC A. J. PLANTE, PFC B. A. WACKER, LCPL J. D. MARTIN, PFC W. J. REID, LCPL W. W. FERGUSON, CPL G. W. HALL JR., CPL W. R. TRAPP DR TR CAMP S. D. BUTLER BY SR/w SK USNH SUBIC
1300	031300	PFC R. V. MAIORINO, CPL F. A. HOZBORIL DR TR CAMP S. D. BUTLER BY SR/w SK USAF HOSP CLARK AFB
1300	041300	LCPL E. G. SKIBICKI TO TAD IN CONN/w EMERG LV CONUS
0800	050800	1ST LT D. A. MARSHALL Jd FR HQ 9THMAB
0800	070800	LCPL J. J. MURPHY KIA VIC MEKONG DELTA, RVN
0800	070800	PVT D. F. RHODES KIA VIC MEKONG DELTA, RVN
1300	071300	ENC G. D. CHAMPLER DR TR by SR 9THMAB W/SK
1300	072300	LCPL D. S. FROST, CPL A. Y. WILSON DR TR CAMP S. D. BUTLER By SR w/sk USAFH CLARK AFB Auth FMFPac P3040.2B par 601.1a
1300	071300	LCPL V. O'DONNELL, CPL C. S. PIERCE DR Tr CAMP S. D. BUTLER By SR w/sk USNH SUBIC BAY
1300	071300	LCPL R. W. ARCHER DR Tr BY SR w/sk CAMP S. D. BUTLER TO CO, MB, USNH JACKSONVILLE FLA.
1300	081300	CPL G. BOSTIC III, SGT R. A. BROWN JR. KIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN to sk USS IWO JIMA
1300	081300	LCPL M. M. PHILLIPS TAD/CONN W EMERG LV CONUS
1300	081300	LCPL D. L. HILL DR TR TO CG 3D MARDIV FORUW/TAD AUTH FMFPac msg 100559Z Jan67 & CG 9thMAB msg 110749 Jan67

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0800	090800	LCPL E. R. BARNES, CPL V. MANDIO WIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN TO SK USS IWO JIMA
0800	090800	PFC D. M. ROBINSON KIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN
1300	091300	PFC G. D. DAVOULT TO SK USS IWO JIMA DISP
0800	101300	LCPL R. E. COOPER, PFC R. W. WHITE, LCPL M. C. WHEELER KIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN
0800	101300	PFC B. A. CLARK, SGT D. E. HAUPER, LCPL M. R. HUGHES, LCPL C. P. PERIERA, PFC D. E. NICKLOW, LCPL R. J. MENINGER WIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN
1300	101300	SGT J. D. LOYED, PFC L. R. OLSEN FR TAD/CONN EMERG LV
1300	101300	LCPL A. L. SCHMIDT, PFC T. N. MEHAN TO TAD U. S. NAVAL STATION, SUBIC BAY
1300	101300	LCPL C. E. PRICE, LCPL C. C. GALLIS FR TAD/CONN EMERG LV
1300	101300	PFC G. D. DAVOULT EVAC FR USS IWO JIMA DISP TO 36th EVAC HOSP FONG TAO, RVN
1300	101300	PFC C. C. JONES, PFC L. SAMUEL TO SK USS IWO JIMA DISP
0800	110800	LCPL J. R. MAHFFET, LCPL D. L. TERRELL WIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN TO SK USS IWO JIMA DISP
0800	110800	HN K. N. PRICE, HA D. D. WILKINS HA J. D. HAYES JD FR RVSS CAMPEN CALIF FOR US
0800	120800	PFC T. J. HOWARD, SGT L. L. GERRARD, LCPL R. L. MENINGER, PFC T. L. RENNAKER, PFC J. L. WILSON, PFC W. H. PETTIS, LCPL J. A. GIMENEZ WIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN
1300	121300	SGT O. F. SANDERS DR TH TO Nearest MARCORACTY CONUS RFA CONN/EMERG LV
0800	130800	PFC R. E. AUST, PFC N. D. FIFER WIANE VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN
0800	130800	SGT C. E. SULLENBERGER JR. WIA VIC MEKONG DELTA RVN

1300	161300	LTCM L. J. BUCKELS, MAJ J. E. PAGE, CDR W. J. MILLS, CAPT G. T. ANDERSON DETACHED AND RETURNED TO PARENT UNIT
1300	161300	GYSGT P. A. BUSHING TO TAD SUTIC BAY
1300	161300	1STLT P. R. VAN JAHIRE, GYSGT R. L. ADAMS, LCPL R. J. AUGUSTUS, PFC M. D. BAKER, PFC E. BLOUNT, LCPL R. E. BULFON, PFC W. L. BURROWS, PFC J. W. CARSON, SSGT F. CASTA, LCPL R. J. CILC, LCPL G. CIRILO, PFC M. J. COATES, 1STLT R. CONTRAS, 2NDLT S. E. COTTLE, PFC J. R. CRAWFORD, PFC R. M. DE GRASSE, LCPL E. V. DELEWY, SSGT R. L. DEVINE, LCPL R. T. DUFOUR, LCPL D. E. HUMSA, PFC J. W. E BALAND, LCPL G. R. EHLE, PFC J. R. EPPERSON, PFC J. E. FOX, PFC L. M. GOODMAN, CPL W. HARDY, SSGT G. E. HARTER, PFC G. C. HERMANDEZ, CPL L. S. HERRERA, GYSGT C. J. HOKE, PFC N. R. INGRAM, 1STLT R. J. INGLAND, SSGT F. JONAS, 1STLT R. JUAREZ, PFC A. O. KINCAID, PFC R. A. KIRCHNER, LCPL R. M. LONGFELLOW, LCPL R. D. LUNNY, PFC G. N. MASTERS, PFC J. MATTEO JR., SSGT R. E. MCCANIEL, LCPL O. C. MOORE, LCPL J. H. MUTTER, LCPL G. A. NEPENS, PFC W. M. OLNSTEAD, LCPL T. R. PERKINS, LCPL J. W. PRGIN, PFC A. A. REENEL, PFC T. L. REIDMAN, PFC D. L. RICH, LCPL D. L. SCHLOTTERBACK, SSGT J. N. SMITH, CPL L. G. SNOW, PFC L. W. STANLEY, CPL J. TIMNOY, SGT J. J. VILLA, CPL G. P. WALIO, LCPL T. W. WEGNER, SGT L. W. WELLS, LCPL R. WINGATE, LCPL G. B. WILKOUT, PFC R. F. ZIMMERMAN DETACHED AND RETURNED TO PARENT UNIT (ARMORED ATTACK)

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GR-A/GR. VC threw one grenade at patrol, (XR 741884). Patrol returned fire with 40 rounds 7.62mm and 5 rounds of M-79. Searched area with negative results.

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GR-A/GR. Spotted 7 VC with weapons. Plt fired 35 rounds 7.62mm, no enemy fire was received. Results-One VC KIA, one cartridge belt and carbine ammo. (XR 751886)

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GR-D/GR. Received 15 rounds small arms fire from (XR 759964). Returned fire with 25 rounds 7.62mm, 10 rounds 107mm with undetermined results.

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0025	1	070025	GR-A/GR. Spotted two men who ran. Fired 18 rounds 7.62mm with undetermined results, (XR 751885).	
0430	2	070430	GR-A/GR. Received 10 rounds carbine fire from (XR 743882). Returned fire with 20 rounds 7.62mm with undetermined results.	
0613	3	070613	GR-A/GR. "A" at (XR 740885) spotted two VC moving towards defensive position. Fired 60 rounds 7.62mm. Search of area found two VC KIA body count.	
1055	4	071055	GR-D/GR. D-6 captured two VC in bunker at (XR 766952). Guide confirms VCC.	
1130	5	071130	GR-B/GR. Received 20-30 rounds carbine fire from estimated five VC at (XR 778863). Returned fire with 300 rounds 7.62mm and 10 rounds M-79 with undetermined results.	
1300	6	071300	GR-D/GR. Captured one VCS and will be sent to GR-2.	
1500	7	071500	GR-D/GR. Found what is believed to be a briefing center. Found anti-U.S. material at same site. Destroyed center and three bunkers in area.	
1655	8	071655	GR-B/GR. Received 30 rounds carbine fire from an estimated five VC at (XR 757865). Returned fire with 40 rounds 7.62mm and 5 rounds M-79. Captured three VCS.	
1910	9	071910	GR-D/GR. Observed three boats with unknown number of passengers landed on the opposite beach and dispersed. Fired 7 rounds 81mm with excellent coverage and undetermined results. (XR 758962)	
2155	10	072155	GR-B/GR. Patrol while moving along beach received 40 rounds carbine fire from an estimated five VC at (XR 778857). Returned 100 rounds 7.62mm and 15 rounds M-79 with undetermined results.	
2250	11	072250	GR-N/GR. Perimeter received 200 rounds carbine fire from an estimated 10 VC at (XR 760853). Returned 500 rounds 7.62mm. One USMC KIA, enemy casualties unknown.	
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0730	1	080001 080730	GR-D/GR. Sighted camouflaged raft floating down the river at (XR 759962). Fired five rounds M-79 and five rounds 7.62 and destroyed raft.
0845	2	080845	GR-A/GR. Found fresh bunkers reinforced with wood. Destroyed same.
1000	3	081000	GR-A/GR. During sweep, found five houses full of rice at (XR 757893). Rice was destroyed.
1155	4	081155	GR-D/GR. Received 40 rounds of carbine fire from nine VC at (XR 759951). Apprehended one youth who stated that his father was one of the VC who fired on the patrol.
1200	5	081200	GR-A/GR. Found a large area surrounded by bunkers, constructed of mud, reinforced with wood. Area appears to contain tunnel complex. Found four black uniforms, two brown uniforms, 10 pounds of rice, 3 pounds of tobacco and four vials of medicine.
1415	6	081415	GR-B/GR. Received fire from two automatic weapons and an estimated two VC resulting in one USMC WIA. Returned fire with 1000 rounds 7.62mm, 3 rounds 3.5 and 12 rounds M-79. VC casualties unknown, captured two CHICOM grenades and 3 clips M-1 and 400 rounds link.
1445	7	081445	BA/GR. Found 15 homemade mines and six CHICOM grenades at (XR 758892).
1930	8	081930	GR-A/GR. Received 8-10 rounds small arms fire which fell short into A-1 PFB. Did not return fire. (XR 765901).
2025	9	082025	Raging River/GR. Heard noises in swamp and fired one rifle grenade with negative results. (XR 768949).
2100	10	082100	GR-B/GR. B-1 at (XR 800874) received sniper and mortar fire from front and rear and a suspected round of 57mm RR. Returned fire with two rounds 60mm, 100 rounds 7.62, 15 rounds M-79 and two arty missions. One USMC WIA, enemy casualties undetermined.
2115	11	082115	GR-A/GR. Patrol spotted 7-10 VCS directly across stream. Appeared to be using red light, possibly for mortars. Opened fire with 100 rounds 7.62mm with undetermined results.
2120	12	082120	GR-D/GR. Received 8-10 rounds small arms from (XR 763953). Returned 20 rounds 7.62 and 3 81mm with undetermined results.

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2150	13	082150	Raging River/GR. Observed one man standing to the front approximately 50 meters. Fired one rifle grenade with undetermined results.
2219	14	082219	GR-A/GR. Received what is believed to be 60mm rounds from undetermined origin. (XR 756892).
2220	15	082220	GR-Y/GR. Fired 15-20 rounds 7.62mm at suspected movement in front of perimeter. No fire was returned, search of area proved negative results.
2245	16	082245	GR-A/GR. Received two rounds 60mm mortar from (XR 764892). The rounds impact at (XR 758893).
2359	17	082359	GR-B/GR. Destroyed an estimated 24,250 pounds of rice, 300 lbs shrimp, 500 lbs salt, 2 sewing machines, with designs for uniforms, one rice grinder, one boat with engine, one general store and 30 boxes of medicine.

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0105	1	090001 090105	GR-A/GR. Received what is believed to be 60mm rounds from (XR 765893). Have noticed that company net becomes jammed when rounds are fired.
0245	2	090245	GR-D/GR. Spotted two VC moving across tree line. Fired three rounds M-79 with negative results.
0515	3	090515	Raging River/GR. Observed one man about 100 meters from outpost. Fired three rounds 81mm ilum and 20 rounds 7.62mm with negative results.
1150	4	091150	GR-B/GR. GR-B at (XR 788899) received two rounds carbine fire from an estimated one VC at (XR 788900). Returned fire with 30 rounds 7.62mm and seven rounds M-79. Negative results.
1200	5	091200	GR-D/GR. GR-D at (XR 778953) spotted three VCS running from well concealed houses across river. Fired 81mm mission on suspected area with medium coverage.
1310	6	091310	GR-B/GR. Found one CHICOM grenade at (XR 801880). The grenade was rigged with trip wire. Booby-trap was destroyed.
1345	7	091345	GR-C/GR. Apprehended one VCS in house at (XR 762907). Sent to GR-2.
1408	8	091408	GR-B/GR. Received 8-10 rounds carbine fire from two VC at (XR 805884). Returned fire with 30 rounds 7.62mm with negative results.
1445	9	091445	GR-C/GR. Found 92 rounds M-1 ammo and textbooks in house. All returned to GR-2.
1740	10	091740	GR-B/GR. Apprehended one VCS at (XR 794894). The VCS acted very excited and tried to mingle with crowd who in turn acted strange towards him.
1810	11	091810	GR-B/GR. Three men were seen running across field towards perimeter at (XR 782893). Perimeter fired 10 rounds 7.62mm, two rounds 60mm and three rounds 105mm. Three VC KIA (BOSS).
1835	12	091835	GR-B/GR. Received 20 rounds carbine fire from (XR 806885). Returned fire with 30 rounds 7.62mm, 25 rounds M-79 and four rounds 60mm with negative results.
1900	13	091900	GR-C/GR. While entering ville received three rounds carbine fire from two VC at (XR 771894). Returned fire with five rounds 7.62mm and the VC fled north into Mangrove Swamps.

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2000	14	092000	GR-C/GR. Patrol found CHICOM grenade booby-trapped to door of house. Found spent cartridges and dud grenades in same house. All items were sent to GR-2. (XR 764902).
2040	15	092040	GR-C/GR. At (XR 771894) five VCS attempted to enter lines. Apprehended three and two escaped. Sent to GR-2.
2115	16	092115	GR-B/GR. Received 200 rounds carbine fire and five mortar rounds from VC at (XR 792891). Returned fire with 400 rounds 7.62mm, 25 rounds M-79 and called arty.
2200	17	092200	GR-C/GR. Patrol discovered a number of spare parts, tools, inactive grenades, two pistols, and pieces of expended and unexpended 30 cal cartridges. All items rusty and unserviceable. Appear to be items left behind in moving a weapons repair shop. (XR 756902).

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GR-B/GR. GR-B at (XR 787887) detected movement in the vicinity of (XR 785884).
Fired 12 rounds 105mm with good coverage.
One VC KIA (1088).

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GR-C/GR. Patrol discovered trail leading into mangroves and made a short recon for a short distance and discovered a cache containing 18 rifles at (XR 764902).

0930 3 100930

GR-B/GR. While on patrol at (XR 786899) received 100 rounds auto and semi auto fire from an estimated eight VC at (XR 786902).
Returned fire with 250 rounds 7.62mm, 20 rounds M-79, 55 rounds 105mm, 30 rounds 60mm, and 25 rounds 81mm resulting in three possible VC KIA.

1150 4 101150

Speedy Admiral/GR. Found seven C HICOM grenades and heard noises across the river. Called in Queen mission with good coverage of target.

1300 5 101300

GR-D/GR. Choppers received six rounds small arms fire from (XR 761951). Returned fire with seven rounds 60mm, six rounds 81mm WP and one HE.
Checked area with negative results.

1315 6 101315

GR-B/GR. Apprehended four VC in the vicinity of (XR 790910). This is the same place where fire was received earlier. Sent to GR-2.

1415 7 101415

GR-C/GR. Apprehended four VCS in village.

1445 8 101445

GR-B/GR. Received 80 rounds carbine fire from (XR 820896). Returned fire with 36 rounds 105mm, six rounds 60mm, 400 rounds 7.62mm and three rounds 3.5. Negative results.

1530 9 101530

GR-C/GR. Apprehended eight VCS. Sent to GR-2.

1610 10 101610

GR-D/GR. DP20 at (XR 762951) received five rounds 60mm and 80 to 90 rounds s/a fire.
DP30 at (XR 759938) received 50 rounds small arms from (XR 758951 and 761947). Returned fire 61 rounds HE and One round WP 105mm, nine rounds HE and seven rounds WP 81mm, and 130 rounds 7.62mm and six rounds M-79. Negative results.

1630 11 101630

GR-B/GR. Apprehended one male hiding in bunker with no I.D. Sent to GR-2.

1815 12 101815

GR-B/GR. Patrol while enroute to position, spotted five VC. The VC threw grenades resulting in two friendly WIA's. Opened fire on the VC and observed two fall.

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1815	13	101815	GR-B/GR. Tunnel at (XR 791912) was found and contained occupants who refused to come out. Bunker was blown and found to contain women and children. All were brought to GR-B CP.
1830	14	101830	GR-B/GR. Received 10 rounds carbine fire from three VC at (XR 796914). Returned fire with 75 rounds 7.62mm and eight rounds 105mm mixed. Two VC KIA (POSS).
1900	15	101900	GR-B/GR. GR-B at (XR 790914) received 15 rounds sniper fire when resupply chopper came in resulting in one USMC KIA. Returned fire with 20 rounds 7.62mm.
2245	16	102245	GR-N/GR. Perimeter at (XR 766852) received three rounds harassing fire, from (XR 766853). Returned fire with 25 rounds 7.62mm.
2250	17	102250	GR-B/GR. Eight VC with weapons were spotted by LP at (XR 790915). LP returned to CP and called in six rounds mixed fuze 105mm with undetermined results.

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GR-B/GR. Received 20 rounds carbine fire from VC at (XR 790914). Returned fire with 25 rounds 7.62mm, and three volleys quick and delay. Good coverage with 105mm.

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GR-B/GR. Apprehended two VCS at (XR 823904) hiding in a bunker. Earlier fire was received from this same bunker.

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GR-B/GR. Observed four VC at (XR 780859). Fired 45 rounds 7.62mm and two rounds M-79. One VC was seen to fall. Followed blood trail with negative results.

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GR-M/GR. Received heavy small arms fire from VC in treeline at (XR 781861). Called in 81mm mission and fired 11 rds HE and 2 rds WP with good coverage. Searched area with negative results. Found two bunkers too small to blow.

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GR-D/GR. Apprehended to (2) VCS at (XR 760954). One was found in a bunker and had no I.D. ...

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GR-B/GR. Received semi and automatic sniper fire from VC at (XR 787906). Returned fire with 7.62mm and one round M-79 resulting in three VC KIA with weapons.

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GR-D/GR. Secondary explosion occurred approx three minutes after blowing family size bunker at (XR 762961).

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GR-D/GR. Received three incoming carbine rounds from VC at (XR 762950). Returned fire with five rounds 7.62mm, one round 3.5 WP and two rounds 60mm. Searched area with negative results.

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GR-B/GR. Approximately 8-10 VC were seen 20 meters to the front of LP-3. A trip flare was set off to the rear of LP-3 and two frag grenades were thrown to the front of the LP. The LP was withdrawn.

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GR-B/GR. A patrol spotted 15 VC at (XR 800903). The VC opened fire with automatic weapons and grenades. The patrol received 100 rounds s/a and 2 grenades. Returned fire with 250 rounds M-60 and one round M-79. Patrol leader observed five VC fall and called in arty and 81mm fire. Results: Five VC KIA (FOSS).

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GR-N/GR. (XR 767851-793872-767851). Provided block for N4A on S&D operation. N4B received five rounds s/a fire from (XR 791870). Bunkers were found all along patrol route and were well constructed and well camouflaged. One VCS was captured, one boat was found buried. All bunkers, caves and the boat was destroyed by the patrol.

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GR-C/GR. Apprehended one VCS while on patrol at (XR 788927).

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GR-B/GR. Patrol received auto-carbine fire and grenades from (XR 814914). Requested arty and sent rein squad to aid patrol. Returned fire with 150 rounds 762mm, 9 rounds M-79, 14 rounds 105mm mixed. Five U.S. WIA's and 4 possible VC KIA.

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GR-D/GR. Found one VCS hiding in a houch at (XR 767949). He had no I.D.

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Speedy Admiral/GR. Found medical supplies in houch along river bank. Apprehended one VCS and also a sketch.

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GR-C/GR. At (XR 790918) found a possible hospital site, containing a barrel of assorted medicine and possibly a can of opium. Medicine recovered, site destroyed.

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GR-C/GR. Found four VC KIA, possibly killed by B-2 previous day. Captured three U.S. carbines, one CHICOM carbine and eight CHICOM grenades. All were found in overgrown dike.

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GR-C/GR. Discovered bunker, called out in Vietnamese for occupants to come out, when failed to do so, threw in grenades and one VC ran from bunker and was killed. One VC KIA.

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GR-C/GR. Found out board motor possibly U.S. make.

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GR-B/GR. Found booby-trap in ville at (XR 816917). Destroyed in place.

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GR-B/GR. Received 10 rounds carbine fire and observed VC with machine gun setting up to fire into perimeter at (XR 815917-818915).

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1410	12	CONT'D	Returned fire with 12 rounds 60mm and 30 rounds 7.62mm. VC firing stopped, two VC KIA (POSS).
1500	13	121500	GR-D/GR. Found one VCS hiding in mangrove at (XR 800937), with a large amount of money.
1515	14	121515	GR-B/GR. Upon entering a hut, observed four VC run out the back. Fired at and killed all four VC. Captured one Russian Carbine, one .45 cal pistol, 5 CHICOM grenades, 3000 rounds 7.92 link and 40 rounds 7.63 carbine ammo.
1610	15	121610	GR-B/GR. B-2 stopped to question four VCS when VC prematurely set off an ambush at (XR 815915), estimated 10 VC. Received 400 rounds carbine fire and 20 rounds 60mm mortar. Returned fire with 200 rounds 7.62mm, requested arty and fired 105mm mixed and three rounds 3.5. Two friendly WIA's and three Possible VC KIA.
1715	16	121715	Raging River/GR. Choppers received fire from VC at (XR 762949) while in LZ as RR was being moved. also D-2 received fire from ville 500 meters to the west. D-2 returned fire with 10 rounds 81mm HE, 200 rounds 7.62mm and gunships made a few passes over the ville.
1715	17	121715	GR-B/GR. Found two tons of rice and documents in hut.

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GR-B/GR. BP34 was preparing to leave CP and observed and heard enemy movement to their front. Requested arty and fired 18 rounds 105mm with good coverage. Searched area with negative results.

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GR-C/GR. Received 20 rounds automatic carbine fire from an estimated five VC at (XR 803907). Returned fire with 200 rounds 7.62mm, 8 rounds 60mm, one round 3.5, two rounds M-72 and 10 rounds M-79. Swept area and found one VCS in bunker in the same direction fire was received.

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GR-B/GR. While moving on sweep, found five freshly dug graves. Investigated and found five VC KIA, buried 2 ft in the ground. The bodies had many 7.62mm holes and probably were the result of B-2 firefight yesterday. (XR 825946)

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GR-C/GR. Apprehended four VCS in houch at (XR 814916). They had no I.D. and guide gave indication they are VC. Sent to GR-2.

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GR-D/GR. Received 100-200 rounds automatic fire and 10 rounds mortar fire into PFB from (XR 785935). Returned fire with 200 rounds 7.62mm, two rounds M-72, two rounds M-79, and 107's fired four rounds illum and two rounds WP.

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 GR-C/GR. Ambush was sprung on four VC at (XR 814913).
 Fired six rounds 7.62mm. No fire was received,
 search of area proved negative.

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GR-C/GR. Located two sampans approximately
 12 feet long, at (XR 823901). Investigated area with neg
 results. Sampans were destroyed.

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GR-C/GR. Found bunker containing two VCS
 at (XR 835884). Blew bunker with C-4 (10 lbs),
 and two M-26 grenades. The VCS were captured
 and sent to GR-2.

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GR-C/GR. Found AT mine in open beside house.
 Moved the mine with a rope and found it was a
 dud, believed to be U.S. make. Mine was destroyed.

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GR-D/GR. At (XR 824933) found one camouflaged
 observation post in ridgeline containing one rifle
 stock and a diary. Destroyed O.P. and sent
 the diary to GR-2.

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GR-C/GR. While sweeping area (XR 838887),
 found two CHICOM grenades, 30 rounds 7.62mm
 tracer, small amount of food and clothing scattered
 throughout bunker. Search of area continues.

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Apprehended possible VCS with woman and child
 at (XR 825908). VCS had wound on foot which
 appears to be recent and he had a variety of
 pills in area where he was captured.

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GR-D/GR. Received 20-25 rounds carbine fire
 fire from estimated 16-20 VC while landing in
 LZ at (XR 864933). Returned 50 rds 7.62mm
 and pursued enemy. Found one VC KIA. Large
 quantity of food and 5000 P's in Vietnamese
 money was found.

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GR-A/GR. Received two incoming grenades from
 treeline east of CP position - (XR 823906),
 accompanied by noise and sounds of movement.
 Returned fire with 35 rounds 7.62mm and three
 rounds M-79. Movement ceased.

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GR-A/GR. Received sniper fire from an estimated seven VC at (XR 821911). Received gunship support and returned fire with 7.62mm and called. Arty fired 40 rounds HS and one round WP in adjust. Good coverage of target. Two VC KIA estimated.

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0630	1	060630	Journal Opened. All Units checked into Battalion Tac.	
0650	2	060650	Wave 1 departing (Bravo Company).	
0730	3	060730	1st Wave at LOD.	
0736	4	060736	AO reports 1st wave 200 yds off shore, 2nd wave 500 yds off shore having trouble with current.	
0813	5	060813	Delta 6 landed at LZ CROW. BRAVO reports 7 fish stuck. 2 LVT's prior that were stuck are now unstuck, 300 yds left of the LZ.	
0950	6	060950	B/S-3. LZ secure, (SPARROW).	
0953	7	060953	A/S-3. Wave one landed LZ DUCK	
1045	8	061045	B/S-3. LVT's under way to pick-up Delta Bty.	
1110	9	061110	HAS/S-3. Wave three departing.	
1112	10	061112	HDC/S-3. Reports Alfa all ashore at 1100.	
1130	11	061130	S-3/SLF-3. Sitrep #001 061130.	
1127	12	061127	Command Group AL PHA Debarked from USS IWO JIMA.	
1332	13	061332	S-3 forward assumed net control.	
1535	14	061535	S-2/All Units. Chall.&Password-Code 62.	
1655	15	061655	A/S-3. Follow-up Spotrep.	F, SLF
1815	16	061815	S-3/SLF-S-3. Sitrep #002 061730H Jan 67.	F
1655	17	061655	A/S-3. Final Spotrep	F, SLF
2330	18	062330	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #003 062330H Jan 67.	F
2800	19	062300	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
2330	20	062330	S-3/SLF. Frag Order 01 for Deckhouse V for period 061700H to 071700H. BIE-1/9 continues to land and conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways and conduct S&D operations in sector Green S. of phase line March. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways and conduct S&D operations in sector White S. of phase line March. Charlie continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and be prepared to assume mission of any Company. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways and conduct S&D operations in sector Brown W. of phase line October.	

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Maintain blocking positions as assigned. Speedy Admiral (Recon) continue to provide reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area. Avoid contact. 107 Howler establish firing position and carry out basic mission. All other units continue to continue basic mission.

Coordinating Instructions: Utilize supporting arms and H&I fires to maximum. Spooky will provide illumination. Energize close in security to be prevent infiltration and exfiltration.

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0025	2	070025	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
0100	3	070100	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
0500	4	070500	A/SLF. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
0520	5	070520	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #004 070530H Jan 67	F, SLF
0630	6	070630	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
0730	7	070730	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1015	8	071015	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1130	9	071130	S-3/SLF. Sitrep 005 071130H Jan 67.	F, SLF
1155	10	071155	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep	F, SLF
1205	11	071205	S-2/All Units. Chall. & Password. Code 32.	F, SLF
1330	12	071330	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1510	13	071510	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1730	14	071730	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1735	15	071735	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #006 for period 1730 H Jan 67	F, SLF
1750	16	071750	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1800	17	071800	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1725	18	071725	S-3/All Units. Frag Order #2 for period 071700 to 081700. 1/9-continues to conduct	

S&D operations as assigned. Alfa establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Pre-position forces and cross phase line March at 081000 and conduct S&D operations in sector Green up to but not beyond phase line April. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Pre-position forces and cross phase line March at 081000, and conduct S&D operations in Sector White up to but not beyond phase line April. Charlie continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and be prepared to assume mission of any Company. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Conduct S&D operations in Sector Brown West of Phase Line October. Maintain blocking positions as assigned. Recon continue to provide reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area. Avoid contact. All other units continue to carry out basic missions.

Coordinating Instructions: Energize local Closepin security. Spooky available within 45 minutes. Utilize supporting arms and H&S fires.

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to maximum. Preparation fires for 8 Jan and crossing of Phase Line March are as follows: 0900-0930, 120 rounds from 105mm and 90 rounds NGF centered at 757897. 0930 to 1000 B-57 with 750 pound bombs in same target area. 100-1020, 50 rounds from 105mm centered at 765905. CAS, NGF, ARTY on call throughout assault period.

1855	19	071855	B/S-3 Final Spotrep.	P, SLF
1945	20	071945	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	P, SLF
2026	21	072026	DD/BLT 149. Frag Order #3 for Deckhouse V.	
2245	22	072245	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	P, SLF
2312	23	072312	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	P, SLF
2315	24	072315	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	P, SLF
2400	25	072400	Journal Closed.	P, SLF

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	0650	2	080650	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #08 080650	F
0835		3	080835	D/S-3. Final Spotrep	F, SLF
	1130	4	081130	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #09 081130	F, SLF
1007		5	081007	A/S-3. A(-)&B Co. crossed Phase Line March	F, SLF
1235		6	081235	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
	1235	7	081235	S-2/SLF. Chall. & Password. Code #14.	F, SLF
1325		8	081325	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1430		9	081430	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1505		10	081605	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1530		11	081530	SLF/S-3. Frag Order #4.	F
	1730	12	081730	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #10 081730.	F
1850		13	081850	H&S/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1955		14	081955	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
2200		15	082200	H&S/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
	2210	16	082210	S-3/All Units. Frag Order #3 for Deckhouse V for period 081700 to 091700. 1/9 continue to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa establish night defensive positions and control extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Consolidate forces vicinity 756892 and 766881 by 090800H prepared to conduct relief in place by Charlie. Upon relief by Charlie proceed by air to crosswalk and LZ Sparrow and provide Sparrow Hawk and assume mission of reserve prepared to assume the mission of any assault Company. Chop OPCON PAC team and whiskey section to Charlie. Chop OP CON platoon lifted to LZ Sparrow to H&S. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Conduct S&D operations in Sector White up to but not beyond Phase Line April. Charlie continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and be prepared to assume mission of any assault Company. At 090725H commence Helo-lift to relieve Alfa in place at 756892 and 766881. Upon completion of relief in place assume mission of Alfa and conduct S&D operations in Sector Green up to but not beyond Phase Line April. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain blocking positions as assigned. Recon be prepared to insert vicinity GS 7994, 7995, and 7894 to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance.	

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H&S chop ORCON Charlie one to parent unit at time outlined HEALT to be issued separately. All other units carry out basic missions as assigned. Coordinating Instructions: L Hour 090800. Helo lift out of Alfa will be conducted simultaneously with insertion of Charlie utilizing same helos. HEALT will be issued separately. All units energize local close-in security. Spooky available within 45 minutes. All units utilize supporting arms and H&I fires to maximum. Companies submit daily demolition expenditure report to include amount of demo expended and an account of facilities and supplies destroyed.

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0001	1	090001	Journal Opened.	
0100	2	090100	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
0130	3	090130	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SIF
0255	4	090255	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SIF
0350	5	090350	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
	6	090555	S-3/SIF. Sitrep #12 090530.	F, SIF
0605	7	090605	107mm/S-3. Follow-up Spotrep.	F, SIF
0815	8	090815	1st Wave helicopters landed Company "A".	F, SIF
1105	9	091105	107mm/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1127	10	091127	S-3/SIF. Sitrep #13 as of 091130H Jan 67	F, SIF
1150	11	091150	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SIF
1220	12	091220	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1230	13	091230	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1345	14	091345	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1350	15	091350	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1445	16	091445	C/S-3. Initial Spotrep	F, SIF
1445	17	091445	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep from Bravo.	F, SIF
1500	18	091500	S-2/All Units. Chall. & Password. Code 26.	F, SIF
1550	19	091550	C/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1550	20	091550	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1600	21	091600	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1730	22	091730	SIF/1/9 Units. Frag Order #5 for Deckhouse V	F, SIF
1730	23	091730	S-3/SIF. Sitrep #14 as of 091730 Jan 67.	F, SIF
1745	24	091745	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1810	25	091810	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1835	26	091835	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
1900	27	091900	C/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
2000	28	092000	A/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SIF
2010	29	092010	S-3/All Units. Frag Order #04 for DH-V, for period 091700 to 101700. 1/9 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and be prepared to assume mission of any Company. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Pre-position forces and cross phase line April at 100830 and conduct S&D operations in Sector White up to but beyond phase line June. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of water- ways. Pre-position forces and cross phase line April at 100830 and conduct S&D operations in Sector Green up to but not beyond phase line June.	F, SIF

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Operate to rear of phase line April as required. Delta establish eight defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Maintain security of R07mm. Abandon blocking positions and conduct S&D operations in Sector Brown West of phase line October. Recon Chop to OICON Delta and continue reconnaissance and surveillance in Sector Brown. All other units carry out basic missions as assigned.

Coordinating Instructions: Energize local close-in security. Spooky available within 45 minutes. All units utilize supporting arms and H&I fires to maximum. Daily demolition reports must be submitted as directed in Frag Order 03. Report will include coordinates of facilities and supplies destroyed. Preparation fires for 10 January and crossing of phase line April are as follows: 0800 to 0830 160 rounds 105 rds, on line from 758924 across front to 812888. 0831 to 0845 100 rds 105mm on line from 761926 across front to 816891. Send requirements for Helo's needed if any.

0940	30	092040
0945	31	092045
2130	32	092130
2200	33	092200
2330	34	092300
2400	35	092400

C/S-3. Final Spotrep.
 B/S-3. Final Spotrep.
 B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.
 C/S-3. Follow-up Spotrep.
 S-3/SLF. Sitrep #13 as of 092330.

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	0530	2	100530	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #16 as of 100530H Jan 67	F
0855		3	100855	C/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
	0858	4	100858	S-3/SLF. Addition to SET REP #16.	F
0930		5	100930	C/S-3. Follow-up Spotrep.	F, SLF
1010		6	101010	B/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
	1145	7	101145	S-3/SLF. Sitrep #17 as of 101145.	F, SLF
1210		8	101210	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1345		9	101345	C/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1400		10	101400	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1415		11	101415	D/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1435		12	101435	S-2/All Units. Chalk & Password. Code 38.	F, SLF
1440		13	101440	D/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1450		14	101450	C/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
1555		15	101555	A/S-3. Initial Spotrep.	F, SLF
1620		16	101620	C/S-3. Follow-up Spotrep.	F, SLF
	1645	17	101645	B/S-3. Final Spotrep.	F, SLF
		18	101645	S-3/All Units. Frag Order #05 for Deckhouse V for period 101700 to 101700. 1/9 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and be prepared to assume mission of any Company. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector White up to but not beyond phase line June. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector Green up to but not beyond phase line June. Be prepared to move beyond phase line June on order. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector Brown and advance to north-south Grid line 79 and phase line October in zone. Continue to provide security for 107mm. Retract Recon to Delta CP. All other units carry out basic missions as assigned. Coordinating Instructions: Unit boundary change overlay effective 101700 issued separately. Helicopter lift requirements will be submitted ASAP. Preparation fire requests will be submitted ASAP. Energize local close-in security. Spooky available within 45 minutes. All units use 105mm, 107mm, and CAS to maximum.	

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0001	1	110001	Journal Open	
0025	2	110025	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
0640	3	110640	Composite Co/S-3. Initial and Final Spot Report	SLF, F
0645	4	110645	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #20, 110530H	F
0925	5	110925	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1010	6	111010	H&S/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1050	7	111050	H&S/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1052	8	111052	"B"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1120	9	112120	S-2/All Units. Challenge and Password Code #45	F
1125	10	111125	H&S/S-3. Follow-up Spot Report	SLF, F
1126	11	111126	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1140	12	111140	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #021 as of 111130H	F
1155	13	111155	H&S/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1430	14	111430	S-3/All Units and Info: SLF. Frag Order #06 for Deck House V for period 111700 to 121700. S-3 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa continue to provide Sparrowhawk and be prepared to assume mission of any assault company. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector White up to but not beyond phase line June. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector Green up to but not beyond phase line July. Position forces for attack to East on order. Be prepared to support by fire or reinforce Bravo on 12 January. Retain Op Con platoon Alpha-1. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Continue S&D operations in Sector Brown up to but not beyond phase line October. Retain OpCon Recon. Continue to provide security for 107 Howtar. All other units continue to carry out basic mission. Coordinating Instructions: Helicopter lift requirements will be submitted ASAP.	F

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Preparation fire requests will be submitted
ASAP. Spooky available.

1620	15	111620	SLF/S-3. Frag Order #07 for Deckhouse V	F
1620	16	111655	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #022, 111730H	F
1805	17	111805	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1825	18	111825	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2125	19	112125	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2130	20	112130	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2330	21	112330	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #023, 112330H	F
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0001	1	120001	Journal Opened	
0235	2	120235	"B"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
0330	3	120330	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	4	120530	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #024, 120530H	F
1020	5	121020	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1030	6	121030	"B"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1140	7	121140	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	8	121200	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #025, 121130H	F
1200	9	121200	"A"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1224	10	121224	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1227	11	121227	Recon/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1230	12	121227	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1235	13	121235	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1255	14	121255	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1258	15	121258	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	16	121300	S-2/All Units. Challenge and Password Code#58	F
1410	17	121410	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1515	18	121515	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1525	19	121525	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1610	20	121610	"B"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1705	21	121705	SLF/S-3. Frag Order #08 for Deckhouse V	F
	22	121800	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #26, 121730H	F
1810	23	121810	"C"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1950	24	121950	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2000	25	122000	S-3/All Units and Info: SLF. Frag Order #07 for Deck House V for period 121700 to 131700. S-3 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa continue to provide Sparrow hawk. Be prepared to assume mission of any assault company. Bravo establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Maintain Bravo-1 in current general position to act as block for flank. Assume OpCon Alfa-1 from Charlie by 130900. Attack North from present positions to clear Sector White to phase line July. Do not cross grid line 92 prior to 130900. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Chop OpCon Alfa-1 to Bravo to arrive Bravo CP by 130900. Proceed via GS 8090 and follow in trace of Bravo prepared.	F

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to reinforce or assume the mission of Bravo. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Maintain blocking position along phase line October. Be prepared to conduct helo-lift to vicinity GS 8193 on order. Submit helicopter requirements ASAP.

Coordinating Instructions: Illumination available on call from King. Preparation fires schedule for 13 January as follows: 130800 to 130830 4 VA aircraft with napalm and 750 pound bombs. 1000 meter circle centered at 821938. VA aircraft on call dawn to dusk. 130830 to 130900 King scheduled prep fires at 819922, 820927, and 822925. 130830 to 130930 NCF scheduled prep fires at 1000 meter target area centered at 821938. TAC (A) and AO on station on call dawn to dusk.

2035	26	122035	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLE, F
2105	27	122105	107Howtar/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLE, F
2355	28	122355	S-3/SLE. Situation Report #027, 122330H	F
2400	29	122400	Journal Closed	

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0001	1	130001	Journal Opened	
0345	2	130345	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
0530	3	130530	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #028, 130530	F
1235	4	131235	"C"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1255	5	131255	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #029, 131130H	F
1305	6	131305	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1450	7	131450	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1505	8	131505	S-2/All Units. Challenge and Password Code #24	F
1725	9	131725	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #030, 131730H	F
1927	10	131927	S-3/All Units and Info: SLF. Frag Order #08 for Deck House V for period 131700 to 141700. S-3 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. Alfa establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Maintain security for 107 Howtar at 786931. Maintain blocking position vicinity GS 8290 and 8291. Bravo provide Sparrowhawk. Be prepared to assume the mission of any assault company. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Commencing 140800 conduct helicopter assault into Sector Purple. Land in LA Goose and conduct S&D operations. Submit helicopter requirements and pick up coordinates ASAP. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Maintain blocking position vicinity GS 8292, 8293, 8294, and Northwest as appropriate. Retain OpCon Recon. H&S Co retain OpCon Alpha-1 for purposes of perimeter defense. All other units carry out basic mission as assigned. Coordinating Instructions: Spooky available within 45 minutes. VA aircraft on station on call. Energize local close-in security. Use supporting arms and H&I fires to maximum. Submit assault boats requirements ASAP. GEORGE GRABLE (withdrawal) scheduled for 15 January.	F
1725	11	131727	SLF/S-3. Frag Order #09 for Deckhouse V	SLF, F
2000	12	132000	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2322	13	132322	"A"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	F
2330	14	132330	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #031	SLF, F
2355	15	132355	"A"/SLF. Final Spot Report	
1927		131927	Journal Closed 1	

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0001	1	1	140001	Journal Opened	
0340		2	140340	107 Howtar/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
0345		3	140345	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	0530	4	140530	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #032, 140530	F
0915		5	140915	"A"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1020		6	141020	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	1100	7	141103	S-2/All Units. Challenge and Password Code #66	F
1130		8	141130	Recon/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
	1135	9	141135	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #033, 141130H	F
1220		10	141220	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1226		11	141226	"C"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1400		12	141400	"B"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1420		13	141420	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1430		14	141430	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1538		15	141538	"D"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
1640		16	141640	"A"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
1705		17	141705	"D"/S-3. Follow-up Spot Report	SLF, F
1715		18	141715	"C"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	1725	19	141725	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #034, 141730H	F
1820		20	141820	SLF/S-3. Frag Order #010 for Deckhouse V	F
1845		21	141845	"D"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	1945	22	141945	S-3/All Units and Info: SLF. Frag Order #09 for Deck House V for period 141700 to 151700. S-3 continues to conduct S&D operations as assigned. George Beagle details follow ASAP. Alfa establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive ambush and patrol activity. Maintain control of water- ways. Maintain security for 107 Howtar at 786931. Execute George Beagle as directed. Charlie establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Execute George Beagle as directed. Delta establish night defensive positions and conduct extensive patrol and ambush activity. Maintain control of waterways. Execute George as directed. Beta Co retain OpCon Alpha-1. Execute George Beagle as directed. Delta-2 maintain security for LVTB at 798872. Execute George Beagle as directed. All other units execute George Beagle as directed. Coordinating Instructions: Spooky available within 45 minutes. Energize local close-in	F

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security. Use supporting arms and H&I
fires to maximum. Details for George
Beagle will be sent over this frequency
ASAP.

2120	23	142120	"A"/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
2205	24	142205	"A"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
2235	25	142235	H&S/S-3. Initial Spot Report	SLF, F
2320	26	142320	H&S/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLF, F
	27	142335	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #035, 142330H	
1400	28	142400	Journal Closed	

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0130	2	150130	HAS/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLP, F
0530	3	150530	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #36, 150530H	F
1125	4	151125	"A"/S-3. Final Spot Report	SLP, F
1130	5	151130	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #37, 151130H	F
1210	6	151210	"A"/S-3. Alpha-3 aboard Vancouver rest of Charlie, 107's, and Delta-2 still ashore.	F
1300	7	151300	"C"/S-3. Charlie enroute to the ship, Delta-2 arrived L. Sparrow, Breaking radio relay down	F
1305	8	151305	"C"/S-3. Charlie all aboard	F
1405	9	151405	"D"/S-3. Delta-2 all aboard. Rest of Delta all aboard at 1410	F
1410	10	151410	Millerest/S-3. Back loaded LST-1166	F
1500	11	151500	S-3 Forward/S-3 Rear. Command Group Alpha aboard Iwo Jima	F
1515	12	151515	HAS/S-3. HAS all aboard the Iwo Jima. All personnel off beach except Alpha-1	F
1620	13	151620	"A"/S-3. Alpha all aboard the Vancouver	F
1621	14	151621	George Beagle Completed	F
1622	15	151621	S-3/SLF. Situation Report #038,	F
	16	151622	Journal Closed	

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1. Make pen and ink changes to Frag Order No. 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation
Plan 1-66 as follows:

a. On page (3) of the basic order change all references to colored
phase lines to read;

- (1) GREEN change to MARCH
- (2) YELLOW change to APRIL
- (3) PURPLE change to JUNE
- (4) BLUE change to JULY
- (5) RED change to OCTOBER

b. On page 2, Enclosure (14) in Non-scheduled wave for Command
Group "A", under No/Type Aircraft, Change number 10 to number 11;
under Troop Unit or Equipment, change Ser: 708-10 to read 708-11.

c. On page 8, Enclosure (15) in Non-scheduled wave for Command
Group "A", add: 708-11 Team #11 6 1200 1200

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- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, AMS series L 7014: sheets 6228 I and II;
 6328 III and IV.
 (b) CTG 76.5 OPORD 302-67
 (c) CTG 79.5 Frag Order No. 1 to CTG 79.5 OP PLAN 328-67
 (d) BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66
 (e) En Order 03000.2 (Minimum Daily Requirements)

- Encls: (1) Operation Overlay (issued separately)
 (2) ✓ Intelligence
 (3) ✓ Radio Plan (call signs and frequencies) (issued separately)
 (4) ✓ Artillery Support (Annex E. to Ref. (c) (issued separately)
 (5) ✓ NGF Support (Schedule of fires issued separately)
 (6) ✓ Air Support
 (7) ✓ Amphibious Vehicle Availability Table
 (8) ✓ Landing Craft Availability Table
 (9) ✓ Helicopter Availability Table
 (10) ✓ Amphibian Vehicle Employment Plan
 (11) ✓ Landing Diagram
 (12) ✓ Landing Craft and Amphibian Vehicle Assignment Table
 (13) ✓ Serial Assignment Table
 (14) ✓ Helicopter Employment and Assault Landing Table
 (15) ✓ Helicopter Wave and Serial Assignment Table
 (16) ✓ Helicopter Landing Diagram (issued separately)
 (17) ✓ Landing Sequence Table
 (18) ✓ Assault Schedule

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Enclosure, (2) Intelligence.

(2) Available information confirms that the objective area is a major infiltration area through inland waterways, along coastal areas, and directly from the sea. In recent weeks enemy activity has been stepped up by increased mortar attacks of villages and airfields. Increased traffic has been noted in the waterways.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 7th ARVN Division conducts regimental sized operation west of the AOA commencing approximately 48 hours prior to D-Day.

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- (2) 7th Air Force provides CAS and other fixed wing support as requested.
- (3) CTF 115/116 conducts anti-in/exfiltration patrols, mine sweeping and boat convoy missions as requested.
- (4) CTF 70.8 provides Cruiser, IFS and LSMR for NGF Support
- (5) Vietnamese Marine Brigade Force Bravo conducts D-Day assault into sector Red and commences search and destroy operations in sectors RED, BLACK, and BLUE.
- (6) HMM-362 provides helicopter support.

C. Attachments and Detachments:

- (1) Det. 1st Plat, Co. "C", 3rd Eng. Bn. to Co. "A"
- (2) FAC Tm. No. 1, to Co. "A"
- (3) FAC Tm. No. 2, to Co. "D"
- (4) 1st Sec. 81mm Mort. Plat. to Co. "A"
- (5) 2nd Sec. 81mm Mort Plat. to Co. "B"
- (6) 4th Sec. 81mm Mort. Plat. to Co. "D"
- (7) 1st Sqd. Flame Sec. to Co. "A"
- (8) 2nd Sqd. Flame Sec. to Co. "B"
- (9) 3rd Sqd. Flame Sec. to Co. "C"
- (10) 4th Sqd. Flame Sec. to Co. "D"
- (11) Det. LVTH-6 Ln. Tm. to VNM Brigade Force Bravo
- (12) 3rd Plat. (Rein) (-), Co. "A", 3rd AT. Bn. to H&S Co.
- (13) 2nd Plat. (Rein) (-), Co. "A", 3rd MT Bn. to H&S Co.
- (14) 3rd Plat. (Rein), Co. "B", 3rd Tank Bn. to H&S Co.

2. MISSION. Commencing at H-hour and L-Hour on D-Day, BLT 1/9 will conduct a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones in order to conduct search and destroy operations against VC forces within the AOA and upon completion of the assigned mission, or when ordered, will execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations: Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, BLT 1/9 lands one rifle company (Rein), one 105mm Howitzer battery and one LVTH-6 platoon by LVT over White Beach to establish a beachhead and a secure BLT operating base. This rifle company will conduct subsequent search and destroy operations in Sector White. Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day one rifle company (Rein) and one 107mm Mortar battery will be landed in LZ CROW; one rifle company (Rein) will be landed in LZ DUCK to establish combat operating bases and conduct deliberate search and destroy operations in sectors BROWN and GREEN respectively. The Operation will be executed in two phases. The initial phase (Phase I) will be to isolate the AOA to prevent in/exfiltration of enemy forces, supplies and material. This will be accomplished by the establishment of blocking positions at major routes of egress from the AOA. This phase will be characterized by maximum surprise, mobility and shock action. Subsequent to the isolation of the AOA, Phase II will consist of a thorough, deliberate search and destroy operation in the objective area.

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The BLT ZOA will be divided into four sectors with accompanying phase lines for ease of control. This phase (Phase II) will be characterized by elements of the BLT conducting simultaneous search and destroy operations in assigned sectors. During this phase (Phase II) emphasis will be placed on conducting a careful, deliberate, diligent search of the entire area, and investigating in detail every suspicious indication. Utilization of supporting arms will be maximized.

b. Company "A"

(1) Land by helicopter in LZ DUCK as scheduled, secure and hold the LZ and establish a combat operating base in Sector ~~GREEN~~ MARCH

(2) Establish river/road control points as appropriate in Sector ~~GREEN~~ south of phase line green to prevent in/exfiltration. ~~MARCH~~

(3) Conduct deliberate search and destroy operations in Sector ~~GREEN~~ south of phase line green. ~~MARCH~~

(4) Be prepared to proceed with search and destroy operations to phase line yellow in Sector ~~GREEN~~ on order. ~~MARCH~~

c. Company "B"

(1) Commencing at H-Hour land by LVT over WHITE BEACH, seize, occupy and defend the vital beach area and establish a secure BLT operating base.

(2) Provide initial security and defense for the landing of the BLT CP and 105mm Howitzer battery.

(3) When relieved in place, and on order, conduct deliberate search and destroy operations in Sector WHITE south of phase line green.

(4) Be prepared to proceed with search and destroy operations to phase line yellow in Sector WHITE on order.

d. Company "D"

(1) Commencing at L-Hour, land by helicopter in LZ CROW to secure and hold the LZ and establish a combat operating base in Sector BROWN.

(2) Establish a block between rivers from 784964 to 760962 including river/road control points as appropriate to prevent in/exfiltration.

(3) Provide adequate security for 107mm Mortar battery to be landed in LZ CROW.

(4) Conduct deliberate search and destroy operations in Sector BROWN west of phase line red.

(5) Be prepared to proceed with search and destroy operations beyond phase line red in Sector BROWN on order.

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- e. H&S Co (-) (Rein), 1/9
- (1) Land as scheduled in LZ SPARROW. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Provide 81mm Mortar Plat. (-) and 106mm RR Plat. in G/S of BLT.
 - (3) Consolidate, coordinate and conduct defense of BLT CP and vital beach area in relief of Company "B".
- f. Battery "D", 2/12
- (1) Land on order on WHITE BEACH. (landing Plan)
 - (2) Establish firing position
 - (3) Provide supporting fires within the AOA as described in Annex E to ref: (c).
- g. Mortar Battery, 1/12
- (1) Land as scheduled in LZ CROW. (landing Plan)
 - (2) Establish firing position.
 - (3) Provide supporting fires within the AOA as prescribed in Annex E to ref: (c).
- h. 2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amphibian Co (LVTH-6)
- (1) Land as scheduled over WHITE BEACH. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Establish firing position.
 - (3) Provide supporting fires within the AOA as described in Annex E to ref: (c).
- i. 3rd Plt, Co "B", 1st Amtrac Bn
- (1) Land Co "B" over WHITE BEACH at H-Hour. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Provide initial cross-country transportation as required.
 - (3) Land Battery "D" over WHITE BEACH on order. (Landing Plan)
 - (4) Provide prime mover support to Battery "D" as required.
 - (5) Participate in defense of BLT CP and vital beach area.
- j. 1st Plt, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn
- (1) Land as scheduled over WHITE BEACH. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Provide engineer support to BLT.
- k. 2nd Plt, Co "C", 3rd SP Bn
- (1) Land as scheduled over WHITE BEACH. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Provide SP support to BLT.
- l. 2nd Plt, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn
- (1) Land as scheduled in LZ CROW. (Landing Plan)
 - (2) Move to area of GS 7896, 7996, 7997, 8097 bounded on the west by RACH BANG CUNG and on the south by RACH CON OC to establish observation posts and to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance.

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Report all VC movements and/or installations, watching especially for routes or indications of exfiltration. On order return from reconnaissance area to LZ CROW.

m. BLT Reserve

- (1) Company "C"
 - (a) Provide Rapid Reaction Force (Sparrow Hawk) aboard USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)
 - (b) Be prepared to assume the mission of any assault rifle company.

n. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See reference (d)
- (2) See reference (e)
- (3) Attachments effective 300600H December 1966.
- (4) Companies authorized to use smoke as required
- (5) Companies authorized to use riot control agents as required. Downwind hazard to non-combatants outside the target area will be minimized consistent with tactical requirements.
- (6) Grid code reference points: Ranks-8091; States-7688; Beer-7995; cigarettes-7392; Boys-7496; Girls-7500; Cities-8493;
- (7) D-Day tentatively 4 January 1966.
- (8) H-Hour 0730
- (9) L-Hour 0800
- (10) Code name for this operation is DECK HOUSE V.
- (11) Monitor all radio nets effective H-2 hours. Observe radio silence until lifted by this headquarters.
- (12) Landing Force Radar Beacon Team will set up at approximate coordinates 765848 at H+2.
- (13) When coordination of supporting arms is passed ashore, artillery fire support will be under the control of the Landing Force Artillery Group and coordinated with other supporting arms through the Landing Force FSCC.
- (14) Restricted Fire Areas will be provided by IV CTZ by overlay prior to D-Day.
- (15) Centered Beach coordinates are: WHITE-765848; RED-700907; BLUE-743022.
- (16) Centered LZ coordinates are: CROW-767955; QUAIL-780957; DUCK-740883; SPARROW-764853; BLUEBIRD-778860; BUZZARD- 821975; RAVEN-859930; GOOSE-833884; HAWK-734908; SWAN-727913.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS

- a. Annex E to reference (d).
- b. USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) is CECS.
 - (1) USMC casualty reporting will be in accordance with draft appendix 1 to Annex F to CTG 79.5 Operation Order 201-66.

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(2) Casualty cards of personnel treated locally for minor wounds and non-hostile injuries and returned to duty without being evacuated will be reported to the Casualty Report Control Center aboard USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) as soon as practicable.

c. BLT 1/9 will establish TACLOG aboard LPH-2 and LSD-28 with authority to draw from LFORM stocks.

(1) TACLOG aboard LPH-2 will report daily to SLF the quantity of LFORM stocks involved by vessel, DODAC, nomenclature and lot number.

(a) Ships CO's of troops will insure that necessary information is passed to TACLOG for compilation of above report.

(2) TACLOG report daily to SLF by 2000H, as of 1800H, the resupply of all classes of supply to the BLT ashore.

d. Resupply will be accomplished by helicopter and surface means.

e. Request plastic assault boats based on operational requirements.

f. Uniform for landing will be jungle utilities, jungle boots, light marching pack, normal arms, steel helmet and flak jacket.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex F to reference (d)

b. Enclosure (3)

c. Command Posts.

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(1) CTG 79.5

LPH-2

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(2) BLT 1/9

LPH-2

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(3) VMC Brigade Force Bravo

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(4) Subordinate units report locations when established.

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Plus: USS HENRICO
USS ELACHENKO
USS COCONINO CTY.
USS WASHTENAW CTY.
USS CANBERRA
USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER
2nd Plat, 1st Armored Amphib. Co.
VMC Brigade Force Bravo
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Subj: Intelligence Estimate, Deckhouse V

Ref: (a) Maps AMS L-7014 Sheet 6328 IV
(b) CTG 76.5 Intelligence Estimate Deckhouse V

1. WEATHER: (January)

Objective area will be in the dry season. Low level winds will be from the northeast at an average speed of 15 knots. Surface winds will be from northeast to east with speeds of 5-10 knots and occasional gusts. Stratus clouds will normally rise by 0900 LST. Nights will be clear to slightly scattered. Visibility will generally be excellent for duration of operation. Infrequent ground fog will be encountered, but visibility will rarely be under 2 miles. Rain showers will be light and widely scattered with less than 1 inch. Average maximum temperature will be 88 degrees F., and average minimum temperature will be 75 degrees F. Mean average humidity will be 80% - 82%.

a. Effects on enemy capabilities.

Enemy activities will not be appreciably affected by the weather during the operation. Rain showers will give him some concealment during movement.

b. Effects on friendly capabilities.

Weather will not effect friendly operations ashore. Swells offshore during this period will have an adverse effect on small boat operations.

2. TOPOGRAPHY:

The objective area is located in the southeastern section of KIEN HOA Province. It is bounded by the SONG CO CHIEN on the south; the SONG HAM LUONG on the north and the South China Sea on the east.

The terrain is basically flat, occasionally rising to 5 meters. Predominant landforms are rice paddy dikes and waterway levees. The dikes are commonly 0.5 meters to 2 meters high and 0.5 meters to 2.5 meters wide.

a. Vegetation: Wetland rice is the primary form of vegetation in the objective area and grows 1 to 4 feet high. January is the rice harvesting period, and the dry season fields are planted with tropical fruits and palms. Trees and bamboo groves are found surrounding villages. Numerous coconut plantations are spread throughout KIEN HOA province and are typified by evenly spaced rows of palm trees approximately 8 meters apart, sparse undergrowth, and intermittent leaf canopy. Immediately adjacent to many of the canals and streams are thickly wooded areas with tree heights from 1 to 10 meters. Defoliants have been used in some areas around stream banks and mangrove swamps and will appear grayish in color.

b. Mangrove Swamps: Mangrove swamps exist in the coastal portion of the objective area from 1000 meters to 5000 meters inland from the coast. They are also found on river banks as far as 8 miles inland. Depths in the coastal mangrove swamps are dependent on tidal effects. During high tide, depths in these swamps

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range from 1 to 4 meters. Foot troops can only traverse these swamps with great difficulty due to prop and knee root entanglements and deep mud which is often waist deep.

c. Obstacles: The vast network of interconnecting streams and canals are mostly unfordable when the tide is in. Low tide offers limited fording of smaller streams. The rice paddies hinder foot movement but do not preclude it. Vehicular traffic is generally restricted to existing road networks. However, in the dry fields, some vehicular movement is possible.

d. Effects on Enemy Courses of Actions: Due to his knowledge of the area, the terrain will offer no adverse conditions to his movement. The enemy will make maximum use of the waterways and mangrove swamps to exfiltrate the area, ambush friendly units and to hide.

e. Effects on Friendly Courses of Action: The existing canals and streams will hinder friendly movement of foot troops. Vehicular traffic will be restricted to roads and trails due to the rice paddies dikes and waterways. Aerial observation will be excellent except over the non-defoliated mangrove swamps.

f. Politics, Economics and Sociology: The objective is under VC control. The attitude of the populace towards friendly U. S. Forces is not known. The local industries include rice farming, fishing, small craft manufacture and lumber cutting. Rice farming is the largest industry. All water in the area is non-potable because of the salt content of shallow water wells and the sanitation conditions. The population of KIEN HOA Province as of August 1965 was 553,000.

3. Enemy Situation:

a. General. The area of operations has been under the absolute control of the VC for years. The exact current location and disposition of enemy forces cannot be determined. However, the objective area is a major infiltration area and, being such, would require forces for control and security. It has been reported that this area is also used for R&R and training of VC units. Viet Cong forces committed against KIEN HOA Province include one Main Force and Security Battalion, one Provincial Mobile Battalion and eight district companies. Each Viet Cong village is reported to have at least one guerilla platoon, while hamlets have a guerilla or self-defense squad. In Thanh Phu district the C-530 Company operates west of the Bo Lon (Loi) stream. One company of the 518th Main Force Battalion operates as a security force for supplies brought into Thanh Phu.

b. Order of Battle.

(1) Most recent and accepted OOB for Thanh Phu district include but is not limited to the following:

(a) C.530 Company

Strength: approximately 140

Weapons: 1-60mm Mortar

1-57mm RR

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9-Automatic Rifles

20-Submachine Guns

20-Carabines

36-50-Rifles

3-Pistols

Location: Vicinity XR740934. Usually quartered at the villages of An Nhon and An Qui. Believed to be a combat effective district company.

(b) C1 Company 518th Bn.

Strength: Approximately 120

Weapons: 2-60mm Mortars

20-AAA 50 caliber Machine Guns

2-Submachine guns

12-Carabines

Assorted Arms

Location: Unknown. Primary mission is to protect coastal installations within the Binh Dai mangroves.

(c) C2 Company 518th Bn.

Strength: Approximately 60-80

Weapons: Believed to be similar to C1/518

Location: Unknown. Protects coastal installations of Thanh Phu. Believed to be combat effective, however, this unit has had little combat experience.

(d) VC 62nd Security Battalion of Nam Bo Central VC Military Region 2.

Strength: 380

Weapons: 2-30 Cal Machineguns

2-57mm RR

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Assorted Small Arms

(e) 261st Bn. Elements of this unit have been reported operating in THANH PHU District but it has never been confirmed. The strength, location and weapons are unknown.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

- (1) Delay friendly troops by small unit contacts, sniper fire, mines and booby-traps.
- (2) Withdraw from AOA, avoiding major contact if possible.
- (3) Probe and ambush friendly units with small units.
- (4) Adopt any or all of the above.
- (5) Attack friendly forces at a time and place of his choosing in Battalion Strength.
- (6) Defend the beaches and/or LZ's in Battalion Strength.
- (7) Reinforce from other secret zones in Regimental strength.

- (1) Superior fire power
- (2) Continual aerial observation
- (3) Friendly control of waters around AOA
- (4) Helicopter borne reaction force
- (5) Interdiction of established routes of communication within AOA

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c. Conclusions.

The enemy will adopt capabilities (1), (2) and (3), particularly during periods of darkness and adverse weather. It is unlikely that he will adopt capabilities (5) and (6) as it would require a massing of forces, a risky tactic in view of friendly fire superiority. It is improbable that he will adopt capability (7), in view of friendly interdiction capabilities along routes of reinforcement. If, however, friendly forces are stopped for an extended period of time prior to completion of search and destroy, the enemy could adopt capabilities (5) and (6) and possibly (7).

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5. Astronomical and Tidal Data to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9
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DATE	S/R	S/S	M/R	M/S	HIGHTIDE	Ft	LOWTIDE	Ft
Dec 31	0710	1842	2158	0954	0349	13.1	1132	0.4
					1916	12.5	- - -	- -
Jan 1	0710	1842	2251	1041	0447	12.5	0002	9.5
					2001	12.5	1225	1.3
2	0710	1843	2345	1122	0531	11.8	0101	8.9
					2045	12.1	1312	2.7
3	0711	1843	----	1205	0648	10.8	0202	8.6
					2126	11.8	1415	4.0
4	0711	1844	0038	1248	0836	10.2	0312	7.6
					2209	11.8	1500	5.3
5	0711	1844	0132	1335	1039	9.8	0431	6.3
					2246	11.8	1605	6.6
6	0712	1845	0230	1422	1221	10.2	0537	4.9
					2324	12.1	1712	7.6
7	0712	1845	0327	1516	1343	10.8	0638	3.6
					- - -	- - -	1826	8.6
8	0712	1846	0426	1611	0001	12.1	0729	2.3
					1453	11.5	1936	9.2
9	0713	1846	0526	1707	0040	12.5	0820	1.3
					1555	11.8	2032	9.2
10	0713	1847	0625	1804	0121	12.1	0903	0.7
					1643	12.1	2119	9.2
11	0714	1847	0715	1857	0201	12.8	0944	0.7
					1724	12.1	2202	9.2
12	0714	1848	0804	1951				
13	0715	1848	0846	2040				
14	0715	1849	0925	2128				

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6. Codes for the effective challenge and Passwords will be disseminated on a weekly basis to cover 24 hour periods from 1200 to 1200.

CODE	PRIMARY CHALLENGE	PASSWORD	ALTERNATE CHALLENGE	PASSWORD
21	FAST	HORSE	QUICK	RIDE
27	TREE	ROOT	DARK	SHADOW
19	MAIN	GATE	SAX	PLAYER
46	CANDY	WRAPPER	SPEND	MONEY
73	CEMENT	WALK	FALL	SEASON
35	NICE	PLACE	PINE	NEEDLE
58	WOODEN	CRATE	METAL	STRAP
62	PINK	LADY	BLACK	RUSSIAN
77	GAS	BARREL	MAIN	EXCHANGE
24	JACK	DANIEL	RED	WINE
33	GOOD	BOURBON	CANADIAN	CLUB
59	WORK	CENTER	LOW	LEVEL
66	BLUE	COAT	SPORTY	CAR
45	REDUCE	SPEED	ROCK	WALL
14	SILVER	TRAILER	MOVING	PROP
38	TURN	ABOUT	GEAR	SHIFT
52	BRAKE	PEDAL	GAS	CAP
76	WIPER	BLADE	HOOD	LATCH

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SLE WATERWAY STUDY

1. The waterways which flow through the area provide primary means of transportation to all parts of objective area. Most of the waterways are aligned generally northeast to southeast with the exception of the Rach Bang Cung which crosses the northern tip of the area from west to east. All waterways are subject to tidal influence ranging from 1.0 to 3.0 meters and are characterized by steep banks and currents from 3 to 5 knots. Landings are possible within these waterways in the rice paddy areas or near the villages since both are generally clear of mangrove and brushwood.

2. The following are the major waterways in the objective area:

(a) Rach Cai Bai. Coordinates 714893, runs in a northeast direction to the Rach Bang Cung coordinates 744967 width is 25 to 30 meters except at the mouth which is 100 meters. Depth is 6 meters at high water and 2.5 meters at low water. Bottom material is silt and clay.

(b) Rach Bo Lon. Coordinates 728880. Runs in northeasterly direction into the Rach Bang Cung coordinates 759962. Width 80 to 100 meters. Depth at high water is 7 meters and at low water 3 meters. Bottom material is silt and clay.

(c) Rach Khan Thryen. Coordinates 733874 runs in northeast direction and terminates in swamp area coordinates 776933. Width is 10 to 20 meters. Depth is 6 meters at high water and 2 meters at low water. Bottom material is silt and clay.

(d) Rach Khaw Bang, Rach Con Menk and Rach Ho Co. This waterway begins at the Khaw Bang at coordinates 751657 and at coordinates 774873 becomes the Con Menk. The Ho Co begins at coordinates 829908. This waterway runs in a northeast direction paralleling the beach its whole length. Depth is 7 meters at high water and 5 meters at low water. Bottom material is silt and clay. Width ranges from 20 to 40 meters except at the mouth which is 200 meters.

(e) Rach Bang Cung. Coordinates 799960. Runs in a general east to west direction. A earthen type dam is located coordinates 792973. Width varies from 60 to 120 meters. Bottom material is clay and silt. The depth of the Bang Cung from one source states, at high water it is 8 meters and 4 meters at low water. No other information is available on the depth of the Bang Cung.

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- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, AMS Series L7014; Sheets 6228 I and II; 6328 III and IV
 (b) Firing Chart: Grid Sheet: Scale 1:25000
 (c) CTG 79.5 FRAG ORDER #1
 (d) Commander Special Landing Force (CTG 79.5) Operation Plan 328-67

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) Ref (c) and current isums.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization) To Reference D
- (2) Annex B (Naval Gunfire) To Reference D
- (3) Annex H (Air Operation) To Reference D
- (4) Reference (c)

2. MISSION.

Landing Force Artillery lands on D-Day, on order, over beaches and in landing zones to be designated, supports the attack of the Landing Force.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Artillery Employment.

(1) Artillery support will be provided by Btry D 2nd Bn 12th Marines, 107MM Howtar Btry, 1st Bn 12th Marines, LVTH Plt Arm Amphib Co 11th Marines and VNMC 75MM Howitzer Battery in direct support of landing force units.

(2) On completion of the landing phase, and on order, all artillery will be under the control of the Provisional Artillery Group.

b. Battery D (-) (Rein) 2nd Bn 12th Marines.

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- (1) Direct support of BLT 1/9.
- (2) Be prepared on order to provide command headquarters for Provisional Artillery Group.
- (3) Be prepared to provide reinforcing fires to Brigade Force Bravo.
- (4) Land on order over White Beach, position area vicinity coordinates 770856 zone of fire, zone of action BLT 1/9.

c. 107MM Howtar Battery (Rein) 1stBn 12th Marines.

- (1) Direct Support CoD 1stBn 9th Marines.
- (2) Request for reinforcing fires from Provisional Artillery Group.
- (3) Land on order in Landing Zone, zone of fire, zone of action CoD 1stBn 9th Marines. Occupy positions vicinity of 775955.

d. LVTH Battery.

- (1) Direct support CoB 1stBn 9th Marines.
- (2) On completion of landing phase, occupy positions vicinity coordinates 777854, azimuth of fire 5600, be prepared to revert to General Support of the landing force, be prepared to support by indirect fire the landing of Brigade Force Bravo over Red Beach.
- (3) Provide liaison to 75MM Howitzer Battery, VNMC.
- (4) Be prepared, on order, to provide one LVTH section for direct fire support to BLT 1/9.
- (5) Land on order over White Beach.

e. VNMC 75MM Howitzer Battery.

- (1) Direct support Brigade Force Bravo.
- (2) Request for fires in support of landing direct to LVTH Battery.
- (3) On order, request for reinforcing fires direct to Provisional Artillery Group.

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(4) Land on order over Red Beach, position area vicinity coordinates 696912, zone of fire, zone of action Brigade Force Bravo.

f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Position areas and fire capabilities.

Report to SACC/ FSCC and Provisional Artillery Group the following;

(a) Location

(b) Azimuth of fire.

(c) Ammunition status.

(2) Adjusting Rounds. Initial round in all "will adjust" missions will be either WP or HC smoke.

(3) Priority of Fire. As directed.

(4) Concentration numbers. See Appendix 1

(5) Counterbattery. Active.

(6) Counter mortar. Active.

(7) Ammunition Restrictions: Units will not expand more than 80% of available supply rate without approval of Artillery Group Commander.

(8) No fire Lines. Annex D (Fire support coordination) To Reference D.

(9) Landing Plan. Annex I (Landing Plan) To Reference D.

(10) Rules of Engagement. Annex L (Rules of Engagement) To Reference D.

(11) Smoke and Illumination. To be coordinated through SACC and Landing Force FSCC.

(12) Restrictions on fires. Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) all missions must be cleared through SACC/FSCC on the Artillery Command net prior to firing.

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4. Administration and Logistics.(a) Reports.

(1) Ammunition expenditure reports will be submitted at 0700, 1100 and 1500 daily and on request.

b. Available Supply Rates (rd/wpn/day)

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|---------------------|------------|
| (1) 105 How Battery | <u>80</u> |
| (2) 107MM Howtar | <u>81</u> |
| (3) 75MM Howitzer | <u>115</u> |

c. 105 Howitzer Batteries will not exceed 32 rd/wpns/day of HE without specific authority of the Artillery Group Commander.

5. Command and Communication Electronics


a. Annex N (Command and Communication Electronics) To Reference D.

b. Command Post

(1) Afloat:

Provisional Artillery Group	USS IWO JIMA
Battery D	LST 1166
LVTH Battery	USS VANCOUVER
107 Howtar Battery	USS IWO JIMA
75MM Howitzer Battery	USS HENRICO

(2) Ashore: Report when established.


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APPENDIXES

1. Concentration numbering system.

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Appendix I (Concentration Numbering System) to Annex E (Artillery) To
CTG 79.5 FRAG ORDER Number One for conduct of DECKHOUSE V

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1. A system of designating concentration is necessary to indicate the originating headquarters, and to prevent duplication in the assignment of concentration numbers. The letter and number system has proved to be the most flexible and effective system of numbering targets. Concentrations are designated by a combination of two letters followed by a number. The first letters indicates the Artillery Headquarters, with the second letter indicating the agency/battery. The numbers indicate fires in support of a specific infantry unit.


2. Artillery Group Headquarters "B" color code Black.

FDC	"X"
Battery D	"D"
107 Battery	"W"
LVTH Platoon	"H"
VNMC 75MM HowBtry	"P"
BLT 1/9	100-199
VNMC 3rdBn	300-399
VNMC 4thBn	500-599

Example: Concentration BD 301 designates Artillery Group/Battery D firing in support of VNMC. Concentration BH 151 Designates Artillery Group/LVTH firing in support of BLT 1/9.

3. Barrages will be designated by battery letter and shown as indicated;

105	<u>105</u>	(200 meter line)
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107	<u>107</u>	(200 meter line)
	W	
75	<u>75</u>	(100 meter line)
	P	


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Enclosure (5) (NGF Support) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation
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Ref: (a) Execution Portion of Annex G (D-Day schedule of Fires) 76.5
MSG Op Order 302-67 and 79.5 overlay schedule of Fires D-Day.

1. USS CANBERRA (CG-2), USS ST. FRANCES RIVER (LSMR-525), and USS CARRONADE (IFS-1) have the mission of providing Naval Gunfire Support for TG 79.5 on DECKHOUSE V. Fire Support Areas and Fire Support Stations in accordance with Reference (a).

2. Naval Gunfire Support will be generally divided into scheduled D-Day fires, call fire, and landing force planned/scheduled Fires.

3. a. D-Day scheduled fires will include 8 inch gun and 5 inch spin stabilized rocket fire on landing beaches and landing zones coordinated with air strikes in accordance with Reference (a).

b. Fuzing on beaches will be mixed; fuzing on landing zones will be timed (Air Bursts).

c. Fires will be adjusted by TAO as required.

d. Beach and landing zone preparation will be generally as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| (1) <u>WHITE BEACH.</u> | H-50 to H-20 |
| 8"/55 | 45 Rds Total (5 rds Per TA). |
| 5"SSR | 450 Rds Total (50 rds Per TA). |
| (2) <u>Landing Zone Crow</u> | L-50 to L-20 |
| 8"/55 | 80 Rds. Total (20 rds Per TA) LZ's. |
| 8"/55 | 50 Rds. Total (10 rds Per TA) Adjacent Areas. |
| (3) <u>RED BEACH</u> | H+5 to H+35 |
| 8"/55 | On Call |
| 5"SSR | 160 rds Total (20 rds Per TA) |
| LVTH Plt. | On Call |
| (4) <u>Landing Zone Duck</u> | 30 Min. Prep. |
| 8"/55 | 30 Rds Total (5 rds Per TA) |
| 5"SSR | 120 Rds Total (20 rds Per TA) |
| (5) <u>H&I Designated Zone</u> | "D" Company Flank |
| 8"/55 | 20 rds Per Hour |

4. Call fire missions will be fired as requested under the positive approval of SACC/FSCC. Concentrations will be numbered according to the following Procedure: First Letter; N, A Naval Gunfire Requested Mission. Second Letter and numerical series; spot team designator.

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"A" Co. 1/9	desig. NA	100-199
"B" Co. 1/9	desig. NB	100-199
"C" Co. 1/9	desig. NC	100-199
"D" Co. 1/9	desig. ND	100-199
31st Co, VNMC	desig. NE	300-399
32nd Co, VNMC	desig. NF	300-399
33rd Co, VNMC	desig. NG	300-399
34th Co, VNMC	desig. NH	300-399
41st Co, VNMC	desig. NK	500-599
42nd Co, VNMC	desig. NL	500-599
43rd Co, VNMC	desig. NM	500-599
44th Co, VNMC	desig. NN	500-599
Air Spotters	desig. NP	700-799
FSCC	desig. NX	800-899

Examples: NB 101 would be the first call fire mission called by the "B" Company 1/9 NGF spotter/FO.

NE 310 would be the 10th call fire mission called by the 31st Company VNMC NGF spotter/FO

Positive approval of the mission will be given by FSCC/SACC over the Naval Gunfire Control/Support net to the ship. Disapproval of a mission will be made to the ship and spotter over the NGF spot net.

5. Naval Gunfire Planned/Scheduled fires will be submitted daily as soon as requirements can be determined to the FSCC/SACC for approval/Coordination. Missions will be assigned a consecutive concentration number as per paragraph 4, above.

6. Code name for a restrictive fire plan will be "HANGNAIL" and will be numbered consecutively starting at 0001 hours (local) daily.

7. A Radar Beacon Team will be located in the vicinity of Coordinates XR 765848 at approx. H+2 hours. Code name for the radar beacon will be "FINDER".

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Enclosure (6) (Air Support) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, AMS series L 7014: sheets 6228 I and II; 6328 III and IV.
 (b) CTG 76.5 OPORD 302-67
 (c) CTG 79.5 Frag Order No. 1 to CTG 79.5 OP PLAN 328-67
 (d) BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Time Zone: H

1. Refer to Annex J (Air Operations) of reference (d) with the following exceptions:

a. Tab A is not applicable.

b. Tab B is to be replaced by the revised D-Day Aircraft Schedule as shown below.

c. Tab D is applicable with the following exception: In para 1, Delete CTF 77 and insert 7th AF.

2. D-Day Schedule (Air Support).

EVENT	MISSION	SCDN	NO. & TYPE A/C	ORF	TOS	ENTRY PT & ALT	NOTES
80	TAO	VMO	1/UH1E	NONE	H-30	LPH, 1,000	1,2,7,10
90	FAC(A)	7th AF	2/01E	NONE	H-30	DRAKE 1,500	1,2
10	BEACH PREP (WHITE)	7th AF	4/F-100	750# BOMBS CBU, 20MM	H-20	DRAKE 20,000	1,2
50	CAS	7th AF	2/B-57	750# BOMBS ROCKETS	H-HOUR	LISA 25,000	1,2
31	BOAT ESCORT	CTF 116	2/UH1D	ROCKETS 7.62	H-HOUR	BOAT CONVOY PILOT DISC.	1,2
11	LZ PREP (CROW)	7th AF	3/F-100	750# BOMBS ROCKETS 20MM	L-20	DRAKE 20,000	1,2
171	SAR	HMM	1/H-34	NONE	L-15 TO COMP	LPH 1,000	7
51	CAS	7th AF	2/B-57	750# BOMBS ROCKETS	H+30	DRAKE 25,000	1,2
13	LZ PREP (DUCK)	7th AF	3/F-100	750# BOMBS ROCKETS 20MM	H+140	DRAKE 25,000	1,2

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EVENT	MISSION	SQDN	NO. & TYPE A/C	ORD	TOS	ENTRY PT & ALT	NOTES
30	HELCO ESCORT VMO (CROW/DUCK)		2/UH1E	ROCKETS 7.62	L-	2,500	1,2
100	TROOP LIFT HMM (CROW/DUCK)		/H-34	NONE	L-	2,500	7
110	HEAVY LIFT HMM		2/CH-46	NONE	L-	2,500	7
101	TROOP LIFT HMM		/H-34	NONE	COND IV	2,500	7
150	MED EVAC HMM		2/H-34	NONE	COND III	2,500	7
32	MED EVAC VMO ESCORT		2/UH1E	ROCKETS 7.62	COND III	2,500	1,2
180	NIGHT 7th AF ILLUMINATION		2/C-47	FLARES	DARKNESS DRAKE D-DAY TO 2,500 LIGHT D+1		1,2
140	SLAR/RED 73rd HAZE RECCE ARMY AVN BN		/OV1C	NONE	PAT 2,000		1,2
	LEAFLET 7th AF DROP			NONE	ON CALL DRAKE PM D-DAY PILOT DISCRETION		1,2

3. Special Notes.

- Number notes are from Tab D of Annex 3 of reference (d).
- Events 80, 90, 10, 50, 31, 11, 51, 13, 180, & 140 contact icepack on 350.6mcs
- Event 13 LZ prep will stop at L+157 approx.
- Events 80, 90, 50, 51, & 180 will be relieved on station.
- Event 80 keep icepack advised of progress of ship-to-shore movement.
- Event 30 will be under control of the helicopter wave commander.
- Events 100 & 110 will go in bound at 2,000 feet and outbound at 3,000 feet.
- Event 101 assume cond IV upon completion of event 100.
- Event 150 event 32 will be cond IV during the hours of darkness.
- Events 10, 50, 11, 51, 13, will give ETD to icepack to allow for mission on secondary targets.
- Event 32 assume cond IV upon completion of event 31.

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Enclosure (7) (Amphibian Vehicle Availability Table) to Frag Order 002
to BLT 1/9 Operation Order 1-66.

Ref: (a) NWIP 22-6(A)

Time Zone: H

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE UNIT</u>	<u>NO. & TYPE OF AMPHIB VEHICLES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
LST-1166	3rd Plat, Co "B", 1st Amtrac Bn	10-LVTP-5 1-LVTC	
LST-603	2nd Plat, 1st Armored Amph. Co	6-LVTH 1-LVTC 1-LVTP-5	
LSD-28	Det. BMU	1-DUKW 1-LARC	

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Enclosure (8) (Landing Craft Availability Table) to Frag Order 002 to
BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Ref: (a) NWIP 22-6(A)

Time Zone: H

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>LCVP</u>	<u>LCM-6</u>	<u>LCM-8</u>	<u>LCU</u>
APA-45	12	4		
LPH-2				
LPD-2		3		1
LSD-28	2	3	2	1
LST-603	2			
LST-1166	3			
APD-125	1			
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Total	20	10	2	2
Spares	2			
Naval	4	2		
Requirments				
VN Mar Bns		6	2	2
Requirments				
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Total	6	8	2	2
Requirments				
Available to	14	2		
BLT 1/9				

NOTE: 2 Causeways on LST-1166

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Enclosure (9) (Helicopter Availability Table) to Frag Order 002 to
BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Ref: (a) FMFM 3-3

Time Zone: H

HELICOPTER UNIT AND DESIGNATION	NUMBER OF A/C	AC FIRST TRIP	TYPE CARRIER	DECK LAUNCH CAPACITY
HMM 362 (ARCTIC SPIN)	24	18 (See Note)	UH-34D	
				LPH-2 10 LPD-2 4
(GOLDEN MIKE)	2	2	CH-46	
(WELCOME TOUR SLICK)	2		UH1E(slick)	
(WELCOME TOUR ARMED)	2		UH1E(armed)	

NOTE: 16 H-34 on subsequent trips

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Enclosure (10) (Amphibian Vehicle Employment Plan) to Frag Order 002 to
BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Ref: (a) NWIP 22-6(A)

Time Zone: H

SHIP	NO. & TYPE	UNIT	DESTINATION	REMARKS
LST-603	6/LVTH-6 1/LVTC 1/LVTP-5	2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amph Co	White Beach for initial fire sup- port during assault phase	One trip then used for fire support for Oper ashore
LST-1166	10/LVTP-5 1/LVTC	3rd Plt, Co "B", 1st Amtrac Bn	White Beach for Co "B" (Rein)	Return to LST- 1166 to land "D" Btry 2/12 LVTC remain ashore for BLT CP
LSD-28	1 DUKW 1 LARC	Det, BMU	White Beach	As required by BMU

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Enclosure (11) (Landing Diagram) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation
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H-HOUR	040800H	BEACH	WHITE						
2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amph Co									
WAVE 1	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6	1-7	1-8	Ser: 101,
H-HOUR	*M	X	M	M	M	M	X	M	102, 103

Co "B" (Rein)												
WAVE 2	2-1	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-5	2-6	2-7	2-8	2-9	2-10	2-11	Ser:
H+3 min	X	X	X	X	X	*X	X	X	X	X	X	201

SP Plt; BMU; 1st Plt, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn			
WAVE 3	3-2	* 3-1	Ser: 301, 307,
H+ 7 min	0	0	314

LEGEND	X	0	*
LVTC	LVTC	LCM-6	Wave Cmdr
LVTP-5	LVTP-5		
LVTH-6	LVTH-6		

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Enclosure (12) (Landing Craft and Amphibious Vehicle Assignment Table) to
Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

Time Zone: H

<u>CRAFT</u> Ser: 201	<u>PERSONNEL & MATERIAL</u> <u>Wave 2</u>	<u>FORMATION</u> <u>Column</u>
LVTP 2-1	Team #1, Co "B"	2 ^x 1
LVTP 2-2	Team #2, Co "B"	2 ^x 2
LVTP 2-3	Team #3, Co "B"	2 ^x 3
LVTP 2-4	Team #4, Co "B"	2 ^x 4
LVTP 2-5	Team #5, Co "B"	2 ^x 5
LVTC 2-6	Team #6, Co "B"	2 ^x 6
LVTP 2-7	Team #7, Co "B"	2 ^x 7
LVTP 2-8	Team #8, Co "B"	2 ^x 8
LVTP 2-9	Team #9, Co "B"	2 ^x 9
LVTP 2-10	Team #10, Co "B"	2 ^x 10
LVTP 2-11	Team #11, Co "B"	2 ^x 11

	<u>Wave 3</u>	<u>Column</u>
LCM 3-1	MRC 38 (Ser: 301); M100 TRLR (Ser: 301); 2-M274 (Ser: 314)	3 ^x 1
LCM 3-2	TD-15 (Ser: 314); M107 TRLR (Ser: 307)	3 ^x 2

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Enclosure (13) (Serial Assignment Table) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9
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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS.	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO/TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
101	2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amphibious Company		6 LVTH	6 LVTH	LST 603	
102	-do-	15	1 LVTC	1 LVTC	LST 603	
103	-do-	15	1 LVTP	1 LVTP	LST 603	
104	-do-		1 MRC 125 1 M 100 Trlr.	1 LCVP	LST 603	
105	-do-		1-M54 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1 LCM-6	LST 603	
201	Co."B", (Rein), 3rd Plt, Co."B", 3rd Am Trac Battalion	220	10 LVTP 1 LVTC	10 LVTP 1 LVTC	LST 1166	
202	Company "B"	2	2-M274	1-LCVP	LPD-2	
203	Company "B"	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	1-LCVP	LPD-2	
301	BMU		1-AN/MRC 38 1-M100 Trlr.	1 LCM-6 1 LARC	LSD-28	
302	BMU		1 LARC 1 DUKW	1 LCM-6	-do-	
303	BMU		1 M35 Trk. M 107 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
304	BMU		1 AN/MRC 38	1-LCVP	-do-	
305	BMU		1-TD24	1 LCM-8	-do-	
306	SP Plt.	30	1 M35 1-RTF 6000# 1-Floodlight Unit	2 LCM-6	-do-	
307	SP Plt.	19	1-M107 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
308	SP Plt.	1	1-Floodlight Unit	1-LCM-6	-do-	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO/TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
309	SP Plt.	1	1-M51 Trk. W/MAT Lay	1-LCM-6	LSD-28	
310	SP Plt.		1-M37 Trk. 1-M101 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
311	SP Plt.	1	1-M60 Crane	1-LCM-8	-do-	
312	SP Plt.	1	1-2N Crane	1-LCM-8	-do-	
313	SP Plt.	1	1-2N Crane	1-LCM-8	-do-	
314	1st Plat. "Q" Co, 3rd Eng. Bn.	30	1-TD15 2-M274	1-LCM-6	-do-	
315	Eng Plt.	1	1-M274	1-LCVP	-do-	
316	-do-	-do-	1-M51 Trk. 1-Bath Unit	1-LCM-6	-do-	
317	-do-	-do-	1-M37 Trk. 1-M101 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
318	D-2-12	90	6-105 Howi- tzers	10 LVTP-5 or 10 LCVP	LST 1166	
319	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	LSD-28	
320	-do-		1-M35 Trk.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
321	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
322	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
323	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
324	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
325	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
326	-do-		1-TD-15 1-M107 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
327	-do-		1-M35 Trk.	1-LCM-6	-do-	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS.	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO/TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
328	D-2-12		1-MRC-83	1-LCVP	LSD-28	
329	-do-		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
330	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1 LCM-6	-do-	
331	-do-		1-M35 Trk.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
332	-do-		1-M105 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
333	-do-		1-MRC 109	1 LCVP	-do-	
334	-do-		1-MRC 109	-do-	-do-	
335	-do-		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	1-LCVP	-do-	
336	-do-		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
337	-do-		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	1-LCVP	-do-	
338	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
339	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
340	3rd Plt, Co. C, 3 AT. Bn.		1-M50A1		LST 603	
341	-do-		1-M50A1		-do-	
342	-do-		-do-		-do-	
343	-do-		-do-		LST 1166	
344	-do-		-do-		LST 1166	
345	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M101 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	LPD-2	
346	-do-		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	1-LCVP	LPD-2	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS.	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO//TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
347	3rd Plt. Co. "B", 3rd Tank Bn.		1-M48A3	1-LCM-8	LSD-28	
348	-do-		1-M48A3	-do-	-do-	
349	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
350	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
351	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
352	-do-		1-M51 Trk.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
353	-do-		1-M54 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
354	-do-		1-M38A1 1-M100	1-LCVP	-do-	
355	1st Clearing Plt, Co. "B", 3rd Med. B.		1-AMB M43	1-LCM-6	LPD-2	
356	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
357	-do-		1-AMB M170	1-LCVP	LPD-2	
358	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-PU 482	1-LCM-6	-do-	
359	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M107 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
360	H&S Co. Comm Plat.		1-MRC 62 1-M101 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
361	2nd Plt, Co. "A", 3rd MT. Bn.		1-M422 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	1-LCVP	LSD-28	
362	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	LSD-28	
363	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
364	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS.	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO/TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
365	2nd Plt, COA 3rd. MT. Bn.		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	1 LCM-6	LSD-28	
366	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
367	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
368	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
369	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
370	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
371	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
372	-do-		1-M35 Trk.	-do-	-do-	
373	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
374	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
375	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
377	LSU		1-M62 Wrecker	1 LCM-6	LSD-28	
378	-do-		1-6000# RFL	1-LCM-6	LSD-28	
379	-do-		1-3000# RFL	-do-	-do-	
380	-do-		1-M38 Trk. 1-M100 Trlr.	1-LCVP	-do-	
381	-do-		-do-	-do-	-do-	
382	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M101 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
383	-do-		1-M37 Trk.	-do-	-do-	
384	-do-		1-M35 Trk.	-do-	-do-	
385	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
386	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS.	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	LANDING CRAFT NO/TYPE	SHIPS	REMARKS
387	"W" Btry. 1/12		1-M37 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	1 LCM-6	LPD-2	
388	-do-		1-MRC 109	1-LCVP	-do-	
389	-do-		1-M37 1-M416 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
390	-do-		1-MRC 109	1-LCVP	-do-	
391	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
392	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
393	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	1-LCVP	-do-	
394	-do-		1-M35 Trk. 1-M107 Trlr.	1-LCM-6	-do-	
395	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
396	-do-		2-M35 Trk. 1-M105 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
397	-do-		1-M37 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	-do-	-do-	
398	Comm. Plat. H&S Company		1-MRC 83	-do-	-do-	
399	3rd Plt, Co. "B", 3rd Tank Bn.		1-M49 Refueler	-do-	LSD-28	
400	2nd Plt, Co. "A", 3rd MT. Bn.		1-M49 Refueler	1-LCM-6	LSD-28	

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Enclosure (14)(Helicopter Employment and Assault Landing Table) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66.

WAVE	Heli. Unit & Flight	No/Type Air Craft	From	TO	TIME			DESTINATION		TROOP UNIT OR EQUIPMENT
			Carrier (Origin)	Report (Load)	Load (Min)	Launch (Min)	Land (Min)	LZ	LS	
1st	Arctic Spin	18 H-34	LPH	LPH	L-50	L-45	L-Hour	LZ CROW		108 Co "D"(Ser: 401-1 to 401-18) 30 Co "D"(Ser: 401-19 401-20) Note 1
	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L-25	L-23	L-Hour	LZ CROW		
	Welcome Tour (Armed)	2 UH1E	LPH					LZ CROW		
2nd	Arctic Spin	16 H-34	LPH	LPH	L+30	L+36	L+52	LZ CROW		96 Co "D"(Ser: 402-1 to 402-16) 30 Recon Plt (Ser: 402-17 to 402-18)
	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+31	L+36	L+52	LZ CROW		
3rd	Arctic Spin	16 H-34	LPH	LPD	L+83	L+88	L+103	LZ DUCK		96 Co "A"(Ser: 501-1 to 501-16) 30 Co "A"(Ser: 501-17 501-18) Note 2
	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPD	L+83	L+88	L+103	LZ DUCK		
	Welcome Tour	2 UH1E	LPH					LZ DUCK		
4th	Arctic Spin	16 H-34	LPH	LPD	L+133	L+138	L+153	LZ DUCK		96 Co "A"(Ser: 502-1 to 502-16) 15 Co "A"(Ser: 502-17)
	Golden Mike	1 H-46	LPD	LPD	L+133	L+138	L+153	LZ DUCK		
5th	Arctic Spin	16 H-34	LPH	LPH	L+183	L+188	L+204	LZ CROW		49 "W" Btry 1/12 (Ser: 601-1 to 601-16) 4 "W" Btry 1/12 (Ser: 601-17 to 601-18) 1 M422 & 3 107mm
	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+183	L+188	L+204	LZ CROW		

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WAVE	Heli. Unit & Flight	No/Type Air Craft	FROM		TO		TIME		DESTINATION		TROOP UNIT OR EQUIPMENT
			Carrier (Origin)	Report (Load)	Load (Min)	Launch (Min)	Land (Min)	LZ	LS		
6th	Arctic Spin	13 H-34	LPH	LPH	L+235	L+240	L+252	LZ SPARROW		84 H&S Co(-)(Ser: 603-1 to 603-13) 4 "W" Btry & 3 Howtar (Ser: 602-1 & 602-2) 12 "W" Btry (Ser: 602-3 & 602-4)	
	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+235	L+240	L+256	LZ CROW			
	Arctic Spin	2 H-34	LPH	LPH	L+235	L+240	L+256	LZ CROW			
7th	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+277	L+282	L+294	LZ SPARROW		15 106RR Plt, 3 M274 w/106(Ser: 701-1 & 701-2) 12 H&S Co(-)(Ser: 604-1 & 604-2)	
	Arctic Spin	2 H-34	LPH	LPH	L+279	L+282	L+294	LZ SPARROW			
8th	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+311	L+316	L+328	LZ SPARROW		13 106RR Plt, 3 M274 w/106(Ser: 702-1 & 702-2)	
9th	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+345	L+350	L+362	LZ SPARROW		11 106RR Plt, 2 M274 w/106, 1 M274 Flames (Ser: 703-1 & 703-2)	
10th	Golden Mike	2 H-46	LPD	LPD	L+379	L+384	L+396	LZ SPARROW		1-MRC 83, 1 MRC 89 (Ser: 705-1 & 705-2)	
11th	Golden Mike	1 H-46	LPD	LPH	L+413	L+418	L+430	LZ SPARROW		1 MRC 109(Ser. 706-1) 1 MRC 109(Ser. 706-2)	
		1 H-46	LPD	LPD	L+413	L+418	L+430	LZ SPARROW			
Non Sched	Arctic Spin	10 H-34	LPH	LPH	Non Scheduled			LZ SPARROW		Command Group "A" (Ser: 708-1 to 708-10)	
Non Sched	Arctic Spin	8 H-34	LPH	LPH	Non Scheduled			LZ SPARROW		Command Group "B" (Ser: 709-1 to 709-8)	

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WAVE	Heli. Unit & Flight	No/Type Air Craft	FROM		TO		TIME		DESTINATION		TROOP UNIT OR EQUIPMENT
			Carrier (Origin)	Report (Load)	Load (Min)	Launch (Min)	Land (Min)	LZ	LS		
Non	Arctic Spin	5 H-34	LPD	LSD-28	Non Scheduled				LZ SPARROW		30 2 Plt Co "A" 3rd MT Bn (Ser: 710-1 to 710-10)

NOTE: 1. UH1E escort 1st wave to LZ CROW - Remain on station
 2. UH1E Escort 3rd wave to LZ DUCK - Remain on station

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
1st		Company "D"					
	401-1	Team #1	6		1200		1200
	401-2	Team #2	6		1200		1200
	401-3	Team #3	6		1200		1200
	401-4	Team #4	6	AN PRC 25 (25)	1200	25	1225
	401-5	Team #5	6		1200		1200
	401-6	Team #6	6	M-60 W/ba (155)	1200	130	1330
	401-7	Team #7	6	M-60 W/ba (155)	1200	130	1330
	401-8	Team #8	6	3.5 RL W/ba (155)	1200	60	1260
	401-9	Team #9	6		1200		1200
	401-10	Team #10	6	60mm W/ba (155)	1200	155	1355
	401-11	Team #11	6	AN PRC 25 (25)	1200	25	1225
	401-12	Team #12	6	2 AN/PRC 25	1200	50	1250
	401-13	Team #13	6	AN PRC 25 (25) 60mm W/ba(155)	1200	180	1225
	401-14	Team #14	6	3.5 RL W/ba.	1200	60	1260
	401-15	Team #15	6	3.5 RL W/ba. (300) 2 AN/PRC 25	1200	110	1310
	401-16	Team #16	6		1200		1200
	401-17	Team #17	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	401-18	Team #18	6		1200		1200
	401-19	Team #19	15		3000		3000
	401-20	Team #20	15		3000		3000

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
2nd		Company "D"					
	402-1	Team #21	6		1200		1200
	402-2	Team #22	6	3.5 RL W/ba.	1200	60	1260
	402-3	Team #23	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	402-4	Team #24	6	60mm W/ba	1200	155	1355
	402-5	Team #25	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	402-6	Team #26	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	60	1260
	402-7	Team #27	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	402-8	Team #28	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	402-9	Team #29	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	402-10	Team #30	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	402-11	Team #31	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	402-12	Team #32	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	402-13	Team #33	6	1-81 Mortar	1200	187	1387
	402-14	Team #34	6	1-81 Mortar	1200	187	1387
	402-15	Team #35	6	2 Flame Thrower Tanks	1200	140	1340
	402-16	Team #36	6		1200		1200
		2nd Plt. Co. "D", 3rd Re- con Bn. and Det. 1st For- ce Rec. Co.					
	402-17	Team #1	15	Misc. Equip.	3000	500	3500
	402-18	Team #2	15	Misc. Equip.	3000	500	3500

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL TROOP UNIT	NO.	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
					PERS.	EQUIP.	
3rd		Company "A"					
	501-1	Team #1	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	501-2	Team #2	6		1200		1200
	501-3	Team #3	6		1200		1200
	501-4	Team #4	6		1200		1200
	501-5	Team #5	6	M-60 W/ba 3.5 RL W/ba	1200	190	1390
	501-6	Team #6	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	501-7	Team #7	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	501-8	Team #8	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	501-9	Team #9	6		1200		1200
	501-10	Team #10	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	501-11	Team #11	6		1200		1200
	501-12	Team #12	6		1200		1200
	501-13	Team #13	6		1200		1200
	501-14	Team #14	6		1200		1200
	501-15	Team #15	6		1200		1200
	501-16	Team #16	6		1200		1200
	501-17	Team #17	15		3000		3000
	501-18	Team #18	15		3000		3000
4th		Company "A"					
	502-1	Team #19	6		1200		1200
	502-2	Team #20	6		1200		1200

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP	
4th		Company "A"					
	502-3	Team #21	6		1200		1200
	502-4	Team #22	6	M-60 W/ba(3.5 RL W/ba(1200	190	1390
	502-5	Team #23	6	M-60 W/ba(3.5 RL W/ba(1200	190	1390
	502-6	Team #24	6	3 AN PRC 25	1200	75	1275
	502-7	Team #25	6	60mm W/ba	1200	155	1355
	502-8	Team #26	6	60mm W/ba	1200	155	1355
	502-9	Team #27	6	60mm W/ba	1200	155	1355
	502-10	Team #28	6		1200		1200
	502-11	Team #29	6	1-81 Mortar	1200	187	1387
	502-12	Team #30	6	1-81 Mortar	1200	187	1387
	502-13	Team #31	6	2 Flame Thrower Tanks	1200	140	1340
	502-14	Team #32	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	502-15	Team #33	6		1200		1200
	502-16	Team #34	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	502-17	Team #35	15		3000		3000

5th

"W" Btry 1/12

601-1	Team #1	6	2 M-60 M.G.	1200	260	1460
601-2	Team #2	6	2 M-60 M.G.	1200	260	1460
601-3	Team #3	6	Ammo 4 Rds	1200	120	1320

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS	EQUIP	
5th		"W"	Btry. 1/12				
	601-4	Team #4	6	Ammo, 4 rds	1200	120	1320
	601-5	Team #5	5	Ammo 7 rds	1000	210	1210
	601-6	Team #6	5	Ammo 7 rds	1000	210	1210
	601-7	Team #7	5	Ammo 7 rds	1000	210	1210
	601-8	Team #8	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-9	Team #9	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-10	Team #10	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-11	Team #11	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-12	Team #12	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-13	Team #13	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-14	Team #14	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-15	Team #15	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-16	Team #16	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	601-17	Team #17	2	2-107 Howtar 10 rds ammo 1 50 Cal.M.G. (5.6)	400	3500	3900
	601-18	Team #18	2	1-107 Howtar 10 rds Amme 1 .50 Cal.M.G. 1 M422 (5.6)	400	3650	4050

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP	
6th			88th Btry. 1/12				
	602-1	Team #19	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	602-2	Team #20	2	Ammo 27 rds	400	810	1210
	602-3	Team #21	2	1-107 Howtar 2-M416's 10 rds Ammo. 1 50 Cal. M.G.	400	3600	4000
	602-4	Team #22	2	2-107 Howtars 10 rds Ammo 1 50 Cal. M.G.	400	3500	3900
			H&S Company (-)				
	603-1	Team #1	5	1 81mm Tube and ammo	1000	300	1300
	603-2	Team #2	5	Ammo	1000	300	1300
	603-3	Team #3	5	1-81mm Tube and Ammo	1000	300	1300
	603-4	Team #4	5	Ammo	1000	300	1300
	603-5	Team #5	4	Ammo	800	500	1300
	603-6	Team #6	6		1200		1200
	603-7	Team #7	5		1000		1000
	603-8	Team #8	5		1000		1000
	603-9	Team #9	5		1000		1000
	603-10	Team #10	5		1000		1000

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
6th		H&S Company					
	603-11	Team #11	5		1000		1000
	603-12	Team #12	5		1000		1000
	603-13	Team #13	5		1000		1000
7th		H&S Company (-)					
	604-1	Team #14	6		1200		1200
	604-2	Team #15	6		1200		1200
		106 RR Plat. H&S Company					
	701-1	Team #1	13	1-M274 W/106	2600	1700	4300
	701-2	Team #2	2	2-M274 W/106	400	3400	3800
8th		106RR Plat. H&S Company					
	702-1	Team #3	11	1-M274 W/106	2200	1700	3900
	702-2	Team #4	2	2-M274 W/106	400	3400	3800
9th		106 RR Plat. H&S Company					
	703-1	Team #5	9	1-M274 W/106	1800	1700	3500
	703-2	Team #6	2	1-M274 W/106 1-M274 (Flame)	400	2900	3300
10th		Comm Plat. H&S Company					
	705-1	Team #1	1	1-MRC 83	200	3300	3500
	705-2	Team #2	1	1-MRC 87	200	3676	3876

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
11th		Comm. Plat. H&S Company					
	706-1	Team #3	1	1-MRC 109	200	2800	3000
	706-2	Team #4	1	1-MRC 109	200	2800	3000
Non- Sched		Command Group "A"					
	708-1	Team #1	6	3 AN PRC 25	1200	75	1275
	708-2	Team #2	6	2 AN PRC 25	1200	50	1250
	708-3	Team #3	6		1200		1200
	708-4	Team #4	6	AN PRC 41, AN PRC 47 AN PRC 25	1200	125	1325
	708-5	Team #5	6		1200		1200
	708-6	Team #6	6		1200		1200
	708-7	Team #7	6		1200		1200
	708-8	Team #8	6		1200		1200
	708-9	Team #9	6		1200		1200
	708-10	Team #10	4		800		800
Non- sched		Command Group "B"					
	709-1	Team #1	6	3 AN PRC 25	1200	75	1275
	709-2	Team #2	5	1 AN PRC 25	1000	25	1025
	709-3	Team #3	5	2 AN PRC 25	1000	50	1050

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP UNIT	NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
Non-sched		Command Group "B"					
	709-4	Team #4	5		1000		1000
	709-5	Team #5	5		1000		1000
	709-6	Team #6	5		1000		1000
	709-7	Team #7	5		1000		1000
	709-8	Team #8	5		1000		1000
Non-Sched		2nd Plt. Co. "A" 3 MT. Bn. (-)					
	710-1	Team #1	6		1200		1200
	710-2	Team #2	6		1200		1200
	710-3	Team #3	6		1200		1200
	710-4	Team #4	6		1200		1200
	710-5	Team #5	6		1200		1200
	711	81mm Plt	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	712	81mm Plt	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	713	81mm Plt	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	714	81mm Plt	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	717	"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
	718	"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP UNIT	NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.	
719		"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
720		"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
721		"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
722		"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
723		"W" Btry	1	1-M422	200	1750	1950
724		"W" Btry	1	1-M422 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
725		H&S Company	1	1-M100	200	1000	1200
726		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Bn. CO)	200	2750	2950
727		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Bn. XO)	200	2750	2950
728		H&S Company	1	1-M170	200	3680	3880
729		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (S-3)	200	2750	2950
730		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (S-4)	200	2750	2950
731		H&S Company	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
732		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
733		H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
734		H&S Company	1	1-M422 1-LUBER	200	2450	2650

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H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL TROOP UNIT NO.	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
			Pers.	Equip.	
735	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 (S-1) Trlr.	200	2750	2950
736	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (S-2)	200	2750	2950
737	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. CHAPLAIN	200	2750	2950
738	D-2-12	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. FSCC	200	2750	2950
739	Comm. Plt 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
740	Comm. Plt 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
741	Comm. Plt 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
742	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Supply)	200	2750	2950
743	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Supply)	200	2750	2950
744	H&S Company 1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Supply)	200	2750	2950
745	"C" Company 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
746	"C" Company 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
747	"D" Company 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
748	"D" Company 1	1-M274	200	1500	1700

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROUP UNIT	NO.		PERS.	EQUIP	
	749	"D" Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
	750	H&S Company	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	751	H&S Company	1	1-M274	200	1500	1700
	752	"C" Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950
	753	H&S Company	1	1-M274 (S-2)	200	1500	1700
	754	H&S Company	1	1-M274 (S-2)	200	1500	1700
	755	H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (Mess)	200	2750	2950
	756	H&S Company	1	1 M416 Trlr. 1 M422 Trk. (M.T.O.)	200	2750	2950
	757	H&S Company	1	1-M422 Trk. 1-M416 Trlr. (NGLO)	200	2750	2950
	758	"A" Company	2	2 M274	400	3000	3400
	759	"A" Company		1 M422 Trk. 1 M416 Trlr.	200	2750	2950

Non-
sched

Company "C"

801-1	Team #1	6		1200		1200
801-2	Team #2	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
801-3	Team #3	6	AN PRC 25 3.5 RL W/ba	1200	85	1285
801-4	Team #4	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T
		TROOP UNIT NO.			PERS.	EQUIP.	
Non-sched		Company "C"					
	801-5	Team #5	6		1200		1200
	801-6	Team #6	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	801-7	Team #7	6		1200		1200
	801-8	Team #8	6		1200		1200
	801-9	Team #9	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	801-10	Team #10	6	AN PRC 25 60 Mortar W/ba	1200	180	1380
	801-11	Team #11	6	3 AN PRC 25	1200	75	1275
	801-12	Team #12	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	801-13	Team #13	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	801-14	Team #14	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	801-15	Team #15	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	801-16	Team #16	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225
	801-17	Team #17	6	M-60 W/ba	1200	130	1330
	801-18	Team #18	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	801-19	Team #19	6	3.5 RL W/ba	1200	60	1260
	801-20	Team #20	6		1200		1200
	801-21	Team #21	6		1200		1200
	801-22	Team #22	6	60mm Mortar W/ba	1200	155	1355
	801-23	Team #23	6		1200		1200
	801-24	Team #24	6		1200		1200
	801-25	Team #25	6	AN PRC 25 M-60 MG W/ba	1200	155	1355

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WAVE	H-TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	PERSONNEL		SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT		T O T	
		TROOP	UNIT NO.		PERS.	EQUIP.		
Non-sched.		Company "C"						
	801-26	Team #26	6		1200		1200	
	801-27	Team #27	6		1200		1200	
	801-28	Team #28	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225	
	801-29	Team #29	6	M-60 M.G. W/ba 3.5 RL W;ba	1200	195	1395	
	801-30	Team #30	6		1200		1200	
	801-31	Team #31	6	3.5 RL W/ba 60mm Mortar W/ba	1200	215	1415	
	801-32	Team #32	6	AN PRC 25	1200	25	1225	
	801-33	Team #33	6	2 Flame Throw- er Tanks	1200	140	1340	
	801-34	Team #34	6		1200		1200	
	801-35	Team #35	6		1200		1200	

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Enclosure (17) (Landing Sequence Table) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9
Operation Plan 1-66.

Ref: FMFM 6-3

Time Zone: H

UNIT	SERIAL NO.	CARRIER NO. TYPE	SHIP	BEACH	REMARKS
"D" Btry 2/12	318 (90 Troops) (6-105 Howitzers)	10 LVT	LST-1166	WHITE	
Comm Plt, H&S Co	360 (1-MRC 62)	1 LCM-6	LPD-2	WHITE	
BMU	305 (1-TD 24)	LCM-8 or LCU	LSD-28	WHITE	
Shore Party	306 (1-M-35 1-RTF 6000 1-Floodlight Unit 30 Troops)	As directed by Boat Group Commander -do-	LSD-28 LSD-28 LSD-28	WHITE WHITE WHITE	
"D" Btry 2/12	326 (1-TD-15) (1-M107 TRLR)	-do- -do-	LSD-28 LSD-28	WHITE WHITE	
BMU	302 (1-DUKW) 1-LARC	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
1st Plt, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn	315 (1-M 274)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
3rd Plt, Co "B"	347 (1-M 48A3)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
3rd Tank Bn	348 (1-M 48A3)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
	349 (1-M 48A3)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
	350 (1-M 48A3)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	
	351 (1-M 48A3)	-do-	LSD-28	WHITE	

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Enclosure (18) (Assault Schedule) to Frag Order 002 to BLT 1/9 Operation
Plan 1-66.

WAVE	TIME	CRAFT/VEHICLE	SERIAL	UNIT
1	H-Hour	6/LVTH-6 1/LVTC 1/LVTP-5	101 102 103	2nd Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co
2	H+3 min	10/LVTP-5 1/LVTC	201	Co "B" (Rein)
3	H+7 min	2-LCM-6	301 307 314	SP Plt, Eng Plt, Det, BMU

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To: Commander Special Landing Force

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(b) Maps: Vietnam, AMS series L 7014: sheets 6228 I and II;
6328 III and IV.

Encl: (1) Overlay of the Operation.

1. Operation DECKHOUSE V.

2. Inclusive Dates and Location. Six January to 15 January 1967 Thanh Phong Secret Zone, Thanh Phu District, Kien Hoa Province,, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Command Headquarters. Special Landing Force

4. Task Organization

BLT 1/9

Maj DAY

H&S Company (-) (Rein)

Capt SHAW

Det, Hq Bn, 3rd Mar Div
Det, Postal Section
Det, Disbursing Section
Det, Photo Section
Det, Comm Co (Radio Relay)
Det, Hq Co, 9th Mar (Radio Relay)
Det, Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Mar (LnTm)
Det, Hq Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar (NGF LnTm)
1st Clearing Plt (-) (Rein), Co "B", 3rd Med Bn.
Det, 15th Dental Co.
Logistic Support Unit
Det, 3rd Service Bn.

Company "A" (Rein)

Capt FESTA

Company "A"
FO TM, Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, 1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn
Det, H&S Co
Det, S-2 Section
Det, Med Plat.

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Det, Comm Plat
1st Section, 81mm Mortar Plat
1st Sqd, Flame-Thrower Section
FAC Tm

Company "B" (Rein)

Capt SAYERS

Company "B"
FO TM, Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, 1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn
Det, H&S Co
Det, S-2 Section
Det, Med Plat
Det, Comm Plat
2nd Section, 81mm Mortar Plat
2nd Squad, Flame-Thrower Section

Company "D" (Rein)

Capt KEYS

Company "D"
FO TM, Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Hq Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar (NGF Spot Tm)
Det, 1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn
Det, H&S Co
Det, S-2 Section
Det, Med Section
Det, Comm Plat
4th Section, 81mm Mortar Plat
4th Squad, Flame-Thrower Section
FAC Tm

Btry "D" (-) (Rein) 2nd Bn, 12th Mar

Capt GUNDLACH

Btry "D"
Det, Hq Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar

107mm Mortar Btry. (Rein), 1st Bn 12th Mar

Capt RICHY

107mm Mortar Btry, 1st Bn 12th Mar
Det, Hq Btry, 1st Bn 12th Mar

3rd Plat (Rein), Co "B", 3rd AmTrac Bn

Lt HORVATICH

3rd Plat, Co "B", 3rd AmTrac Bn
Det, H&S Co, 3rd AmTrac Bn

3rd Plat (Rein), Co "A", 3rd AT Bn

Lt RILEY

3rd Plat (Rein), Co "A", 3rd AT Bn
Det, H&S Co, 3rd AT Bn

1st Plat (Rein), Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn

WO JONES

1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn
Det, H&S Co, 3rd Eng Bn
Det, Eng Support Co, 3rd Eng Bn

2nd Plat (Rein), Co "A", 3rd MT Bn

Lt DAVIS

2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd MT Bn
Det, H&S Co, 3rd MT Bn

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2nd Plat. (Rein), Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn

Lt MURPHY

2nd Plat, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn

Det, H&S Co, 3rd Recon Bn

2nd Plat (Rein), Co "C", 3rd SP Bn

Lt DEGENNARO

2nd Plat, Co "C", 3rd SP Bn

Det, H&S Co, 3rd SP Bn

3rd Plat (Rein), Co "B", 3rd Tank Bn

Lt VOIGT

3rd Plat, Co "B", 3rd Tank Bn

Det, H&S Co, 3rd Tank Bn

1st Plat (Rein), 1st Armd Am Co (LVTH-6)

Lt COTTE

1st Plat, 1st Armd Am Co

2nd Team, 3rd Plat, 1st Force Recon Co

Sgt SUMPTER

2nd Team, 3rd Plat, 1st Force Recon Co

BLT RESERVECompany "C" (Rein)

Capt CURD

Company "C"

FO TM, Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Mar

Det, 1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd Eng Bn

Det, H&S Co

Det, S-2 Section

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

3rd Sqd Flame-Thrower Section

5. Intelligence.

a. Deckhouse V was conducted in the Thanh Phu sector of Keim Hoa Province. The BLT area of operation in Thanh Phu was 69 sq miles. The prominent terrain features were the rice paddies, the waterways and the mangroves. The rice paddies were wet for the most part, but only in the northern sector were they an obstacle. The waterways were a significant obstacle. The mangroves were also an obstacle.

b. For the duration of the operation the weather was moderate. The average high was 83°F and the average low was 76°F. The average humidity was 75%. The prevailing winds were from the North at 20-25 knots. Tidal seepage caused flooding. The skies were generally cloudy.

c. The Thanh Phu area has been the security responsibility of the 518th Coastal Security Battalion, a VC local force battalion. Two companies of this battalion, C1 and C2, normally operate in Thanh Phu. Both companies have approximately 120 men, are well armed and trained, but lack combat experience. In addition to these units a separate company, the C530 company, also operates in Thanh Phu. It is armed and trained in the same manner as C1 and C2. Also, each village has its own self defense squad or platoon, depending on the size of the village. Thanh Phu's value to the VC lies in its logistic function. This area contains installations and support facilities for the VC.

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d. The results of Deckhouse V were disappointing. While some materiel was captured, the bulk of the VC installations and stores are believed to have been moved. In addition the VC forces had also left. Two confirmed members of the C530 company were killed, but contact was light. Contact was limited to sniper fire, small unit ambushes and light mortar fire. Extensive mining was anticipated but not found. The poor results of the operation were probably due to the Viet Cong's prior knowledge of the operation. This gave the VC sufficient time to move their supplies and personnel out of the area.

6. Mission. The mission assigned BLT 1/9 was as follows:

a. Commencing at H-Hour on L-Day, land by waterborne assault over White Beach. Prevent in/exfiltration and conduct search and destroy operations in Sector White.

b. Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day, land by heloborne assault into LZ CROW and LZ DUCK. Prevent in/exfiltration and conduct search and destroy operations in Sectors Green and Brown. Control main waterways.

c. On order, conduct search and destroy operations in Sector Purple.

d. Provide platoon size Sparrow/Hawk force from the reserve company aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)

e. On order conduct a tactical withdrawal.

7. Concept of the Operation.

a. The operation was planned to be executed in two phases. The initial phase (Phase I) was intended to isolate the operation area to prevent in/exfiltration of enemy forces and materiel. This was to be accomplished by the establishment of blocking positions on waterways and other major routes of egress. The second phase (Phase II) was intended to be a slow, deliberate but aggressive search and destroy (S&D) operation throughout the area of operations.

b. The concept called for landing one LVTH-6 platoon, as the first wave, followed by one reinforced rifle company in LVTP-5's over White Beach, as the second wave, to establish a beachhead and secure a BLT operating base. Upon securing the beachhead a third wave of landing craft was to land the heavy equipment for beach support followed by the landing of non scheduled elements including tanks and Ontos.

c. Approximately one half hour after the initial waterborne landing one reinforced rifle company was to be landed by helicopter at LZ Crow followed by another reinforced rifle company to land in LZ Duck. Both companies were to establish combat operating bases. The company which was landed at LZ Crow was to set up blocking positions on the major waterways and routes of egress in the vicinity of LZ Crow while the other company was to commence S&D operations in the southern portion of Sector Green.

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A Recon platoon was to be inserted into the north east corner of Sector Brown to report on in/exfiltration routes and activity. One reinforced company was to form the BLT reserve, provide a platoon size Sparrow Hawk unit and remain aboard the LPH for possible future employment.

d. The 105mm howitzer battery, LVTH-6 platoon and 107mm mortar battery were attached to BLT 1/9, but were to be under Provisional Artillery Group control for the operation. The 105mm howitzer battery was to land over White Beach by LVTP-5 while the 107mm mortar battery was to land by helicopter at LZ Crow after the completion of the helolift of the two assault Companies. White Beach, LZ Crow and LZ Duck were to be prepared by naval gunfire and air strikes prior to the landing.

e. A Composite Provisional Company was to be formed by elements of H&S Company and personnel from uncommitted supporting units, and to relieve the initial company landing over White Beach of the security of the beachhead as soon as possible. The rifle company was then to commence S&D operations in Sector White.

f. After the completion of Phase I, Phase II was to be a thorough search and destroy mission initially conducted by two companies abreast in Sectors Green and White moving in a north-easterly direction. At some later time the company originally in blocking positions was to begin a S&D movement to the east. It was intended that these converging forces would push the enemy into Sector Purple and then annihilate the enemy by conducting a S&D mission in Sector Purple. On order the BLT was to conduct a withdrawal, re-embarking aboard the amphibious shipping in a general reversal of the landing plan.

8. Execution. (All times are local time for time zone H)

a. D-Day 6 January 1967

(1) After two previous postponements due to heavy seas and surf, D-Day was executed on 6 January 1967 and commenced with prep fires consisting of naval gunfire and air strikes on White Beach and LZ Crow.

(2) The 1st Plt, 1st Armd Am Co (LVTH-6 Plt) composed the first wave and landed on White Beach at 0741 which was eleven minutes after the designated H-hour. As the 1st wave approached the beach it received sniper fire which was returned by direct 105mm howitzer fire from the LVTH-6's. No friendly casualties were incurred on the initial landing. At 0743 the second wave consisting of Company "B" landed by LVTP-5 over White Beach without incident. The 3rd wave, which was heavy equipment for beach support, and was scheduled to be landed in landing craft, was not landed due to the heavy sea and surf condition. Company "B" secured a beachhead consisting of White Beach and LZ Sparrow by 0950.

(3) Company "D" was heloborne into LZ Crow with the first wave landing at 0813 which was 13 minutes after the designated L-hour. By about 0950 the helolift of Company "D", which was in three waves, was completed. The landing was without incident. Company "D", while maintaining security on LZ Crow, moved one platoon to the critical river junction at XR 761961 and set in a blocking position. The Recon platoon with the Det. Force Recon was inserted into LZ Crow with the second wave.

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(4) Upon completion of the heloborne lift of Company "D", Company "A" was landed at LZ Duck after prep fires consisting of naval gunfire and air strikes were terminated. The first wave landed at 0953 and the landing was completed by 1100. The company began a search and destroy operation in the southern portion of Sector Green. The landing was without incident.

(5) The 105mm Howitzer Battery, "D" Battery 2/12, was landed by LVT over White Beach and was in place and ready for a fire mission by 1330. The 107mm mortar battery, "W" Battery 1/12, was scheduled to land at LZ Crow after the completion of the heloborne lift of Company "A" but LZ Crow was determined unsuitable for landing the howtars due to the poor surface condition of LZ Crow, which was covered by 18" to 24" of mud. It was determined that the battery would be landed after a suitable alternate LZ was found and a recon party was landed for that purpose. Five VCS were apprehended while reconnoitering for a suitable LZ.

(6) The landing plan was altered and instead of landing the 107mm mortar battery, H&S Company was lifted into LZ Sparrow at 1230. A provisional composite company was formed from elements of H&S Company and personnel from the Motor Transport Platoon, the AntiTank Platoon and one platoon from the BLT reserve, Company "C". The Provisional Composite Company relieved Company "B" of the responsibility of the security of White Beach and LZ Sparrow, which contained the BLT headquarters, by 1500. Company "B" then began a search and destroy mission in the southern portion of Sector White.

(7) At 1550 a suitable alternate landing zone was located for the 107mm mortar battery in Sector Brown at XR 767949 and the battery was landed without incident. The battery was in place and ready for a fire mission by about 1700. The completion of the heloborne lift of 107mm mortar battery completed the initial landing of BLT 1/9.

(8) The first VC contact was at 1640 when Company "A" took 7 VC under fire at XR 749886 during their search and destroy operation. The fire fight lasted about 10 minutes and resulted in 1 VC KIA. The Recon Platoon was helolifted from LZ Crow and inserted by helicopters into the northeast corner of Sector Brown at XR 799972 about 1830. The Recon Platoon mission was to report all VC movements watching especially for routes or indications of in/exfiltration.

(9) The three rifle companies continued their search and destroy missions until dark and then set up defensive positions in platoon patrol bases (PEB's) in their sectors for the night. All companies conducted extensive patrols and ambushes in their sectors. Company "A" in southern portion of Sector Green at XR 741884, Company "B" in southern portion of Sector White at XR 764853, and Company "D" in Sector Brown with one platoon providing security for 107mm mortar battery at XR 768949 and 2 platoons in blocking positions along waterways at XR 765961 and XR 768957. The BLT CP was located at LZ Sparrow XR 764853. At 2330 Company "D" received a harassing, probing attack by 5 VC. They were taken under small arms, and 107mm mortar fire. No known casualties were incurred by either side. There was no further contact during the daylight hours and only light harassing and sniper action the night of 6 Jan, 1967 with no known casualties.

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b. D+1 7 January 1967

(1) Frag Order 01 ordered Company "A" and Company "B" to carry out S&D Operations in Sector Green & White below phase line March. Company "D" was required to maintain its blocking positions, S&D in Sector Brown, west of phase line October and provide security for the mortar battery. The mission for Recon platoon was unchanged.

(2) At 0613 2 VC were sighted approaching the defensive positions of Company "A" from the direction which sniping had been coming previously. They were taken under fire and at daylight after a search of the area two VC bodies were found.

(3) One platoon of Company "D" was lifted by helicopters to a blocking position at XR 784964 about 0900. Prep fire by artillery was conducted on the LZ and the landing was without incident.

(4) No contact was made during the S&D operations which were in a north easterly direction. A portion of both Sectors White and Green formed a peninsula which was separated by the Rach Khau Bang on one side and the Rach Khen Thuyen on the other side. After prep fires were conducted on both LZ's a continuous helicopter lift was conducted by elements of Company "B" into the portion of the peninsula in Sector White and elements of Company "A" into the portion of the peninsula in Sector Green. At 1620 during the helicopter lift of Company "A" an accidental explosion of a grenade caused one friendly KIA (a member of HMM 362) and 5 WIA from BLT 1/9, (one of whom later died of wounds). There was no enemy contact during the helicopter lift of either company. Company "B" later made contact with 5 VC in a short fire fight of about 5 minutes. The result was the capture of three VCS, all wounded. At 1840 Company "A" received harassing fire which was returned by small arms and 60mm mortar fire. One friendly WIA resulted from a short 60mm mortar round but did not require evacuation.

(5) Just prior to darkness all companies set up defensive positions in PPB's with extensive patrolling and ambushes throughout the night. Companies "A" and "B" were located south of phase line March in Sector Green and White respectively with Company "D" located west of phase line October in Sector Brown in blocking positions. At 2250 the Provisional Composite Company was hit by a squad size VC probe. The fire fight lasted about 10 minutes. A search of the area the next morning was negative. One friendly KIA resulted during the attack. There was no further contact that night.

c. D+2 8 January 1967

(1) Frag Order 02 ordered Company "A" and Company "B" to cross phase line March at 1000 behind naval gunfire, artillery prep fires and air strikes which preceded the advance of the units. After crossing phase line March the units were to conduct S&D operations in Sectors Green and White but not beyond phase line April. Company "D" was to maintain blocking positions, conduct S&D operations west of phase line October in Sector Brown and maintain security for the 107 Howtar Battery.

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(2) At 0730 Company "D" sighted a camouflaged raft floating down the Rach Bang Cung river and destroyed it by M-79 fire. No further contact was made until after crossing phase line March at 1000.

(3) The prep fires consisting of the naval gunfire, artillery and air strikes was conducted from 0900 to 1000 with the artillery shifting fire in front of Companies "A" & "B" as they crossed phase line March. Companies "A" & "B" conducted their S&D operation in Sectors Green and White between phase line March and April until dark.

(4) At 1000 Company "A" found a tunnel complex with surrounding bunkers which had probably been used as a storage/training area. The only equipment or supplies located at the complex at the time of discovery was a small quantity of uniforms. The complex was destroyed by demolitions. At 1155, a patrol from Company "D" was taken under small arms fire by 9 VC at XR 764949. The fire fight lasted approximately ten minutes and small arms and 81mm mortar fire were returned. An air strike, which delivered 2-500 pound bombs and strafed the area, was called upon the fleeing VC. No known casualties resulted from the incident. At 1415 a platoon from Company "B" received automatic weapons fire from an estimated 12 VC at XR 783887. The platoon attempted to envelope the VC unit and returned small arms, M-79 and 3.5" rocket fire. The fire fight lasted approximately 15 minutes with the only known casualty being 1 friendly WIA. At 1430 the reconnaissance platoon was helo lifted from XR 801968 to LZ Sparrow. The platoon provided the BLT GP with a reaction force to assist in the defense.

(5) No other significant contact was made during the S&D operation by any of the companies the rest of the day. Just prior to dark the companies set into night defensive positions, and conducted extensive patrolling and ambushes. Company "A" was located in Sector Green between phase lines March and April. Company "D" remained in its blocking positions in Sector Brown. Company "B" was located in Sector White below phase line April.

(6) At 2115 a patrol from Company "A" sighted 7 to 10 VC directly across a stream at XR 757891 using lights and appeared to be setting up a mortar. The patrol opened fire from hasty positions but were unable to investigate results due to swollen stream conditions. No fire was returned and there were no known casualties. At 2200 Company "B" received the first enemy mortar attack at XR 798873. The enemy fired small arms, 5-60mm mortar rounds and 3-57mm recoilless rifle rounds. The fire was returned with small arms, 60mm mortar fire, M-79 fire and 36-105 Howitzer rounds. The fire fight lasted about 15 minutes and the only known casualty was one friendly WIA. At 2245 Company "A" received jamming on its Company Tactical net and at the same time received 3-60mm mortar rounds. No fire was returned due to the inability to locate enemy firing positions. No casualties resulted.

d. D+3 9 January 1967

(1) Frag Order 03 ordered the landing of Company "C" by helicopter to relieve Company "A" who reverted to BLT reserve. Company "C" was then to

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continue the S&D operation in Sector Green below phase line April. Company "B" was to continue the S&D operation in Sector White below phase line April. Company "D" mission was unchanged.

(2) At 0245 a listening post from Company "B" fired on a friendly patrol returning to its PPB and one casualty resulted who later died of wounds.

(3) Two platoons of Company "C" were helolifted into Sector Green at XR 756892 about 0725 and relieved the two platoons of Company "A" west of the Rach Khen Thuyen. The platoon of Company "C" which had been used as security for BLT CP was helolifted to XR 766881 and relieved the remaining platoon of Company "A" which was landed at LZ Sparrow and was utilized for BLT CP security.

(4) At 1500 one patrol from Company "D" discovered 20 tons of rice in bins at XR 759935. A request was made for transportation to remove the rice but none was available so the rice was destroyed. Company "C" discovered 5 tons of rice and three VCS at XR 786906 about 1600. The VCS were sent back to BLT compound and the rice was later destroyed. At 1615 an ambush from Company "B" called in a fire mission on 3 VC who were sighted in the open. Sixteen rounds of 105 were fired with 3 VC KIA possible.

(5) At 1630 one platoon of Company "C" was helolifted to XR 771891 in order to cross a swollen stream. Prior to dark all companies set into defensive PPB's and conducted extensive patrolling and ambushes throughout the night. Companies "A" and "B" were poised on phase line April in order to cross the following day. Company "D" remained in blocking positions in western portion of Sector Brown.

(6) The recon platoon was inserted at XR 787954 to reconnoiter the eastern portion of Sector Brown on the western side of phase line October under OpCon of Company "D". At 1820 a patrol from Company "C" discovered the first surprise firing device in the operation which was a Chi Com grenade placed in a doorway of what appeared to be a vacated ordinance repair facility. Located at XR 764962. The surprise firing device had a pull device and was destroyed in place. At 2113 a platoon from Company "B" was attacked by an estimated 15 VC at XR 787887 under 60mm mortar and small arms covering. Small arms, 3.5" rockets, M-79 rounds, 25 rounds of 60mm, 57 rounds of 105mm, were returned. An armed UH1E and armed C-47 flare ship were utilized for air strikes. The fire fight lasted about 30 minutes with estimated 10 VC KIA and 5 VC WIA. There were 2 friendly WIA.

e. D-4 10 January 1967

(1) Frag Order 04 designated Companies "B" and "C" to cross phase line April in Sectors White and Green respectively after prep fires consisting of naval gunfire, artillery and air strikes. Company "D" was to provide security for the mortar battery, to abandon blocking positions, and conduct S&D operations west of phase line October in Sector Brown.

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(2) From 0800-0830 prep fires by the artillery were conducted and at 0830 Company "B" followed later by Company "C" crossed phase line April. Company "C" found a supply cache of 18 rifles in a mangrove swamp at XR 764902. At 0930 while on a sweep one platoon from Company "B" received heavy automatic and semi-automatic fire from 5 to 8 VC at XR 788999. Small arms, 55 rounds of 60mm, 25 rounds of 81mm, and 30 rounds of 105mm were returned. The fire fight lasted about 15 minutes and resulted in one friendly KIA and two WIA with estimated 5 VC KIA. At about 1030 a patrol from the Recon Platoon located a hospital complex located at XR 792947. The complex consisted of 4 houses with beds and used medical supplies. The trail leading into the hospital had 4 Chi Com grenades with surprise firing devices implaced along it. The hospital and medical supplies were destroyed. At 1445 a platoon from Company "B" was taken under automatic fire by an unknown number of VC. Small arms, 60mm mortar, 67 rounds of 105mm, and 3-2.75" rockets from an armed UH1E were returned. The fire fight lasted approximately 15 minutes and resulted in 1 friendly KIA and 2 WIA with an estimated 5 VC KIA. At 1515 a 3 man fireteam sighted 5 VC who threw a grenade wounding 2 Marines. The Marines returned fire and saw 2 VC fall at XR 790912. A patrol from Company "D" was taken under fire by 10 to 12 well entrenched VC across the Kinh Bo Loi River at about 1610. The enemy fired small arms and 5-60mm mortar rounds. Small arms, M-79 rounds, 1-M-72, 81mm rounds and 68-105mm rounds were returned. The fire fight lasted about 20 minutes and it was impossible to investigate the enemy position across the river, there were no friendly casualties. There was no further contact in the daylight hours as Companies "B" and "C" swept north easterly in Sectors Green and White and Company "D" searched in Sector Brown. The companies set up defensive PPB's prior to dark and conducted extensive patrolling and ambushes throughout the night. At 1900 Company "B" received 15 sniper rounds at XR 790914 during a helicopter resupply mission. This resulted in one friendly KIA. About 2030 a VC probe of unknown strength inflicted 2 friendly WIA on the Provisional Composite Company at White Beach. During the fire fight one Marine was wounded by friendly fire.

f. D+5 11 January 1967

(1) Frag Order 05 ordered Companies "B" and "C" to continue S&D operations in their respective sectors below phase line June. Company "D" was to provide security for the mortar battery, to continue S&D operations in Sector Brown and advance to north-south grid line 79 and phase line October. The Recon Platoon was to be retracted to the CP of Company "D". A boundary change was promulgated effecting Companies "B" and "C" (See enclosure (1)).

(2) A Marine from a listening post was wounded while entering the lines of the Provisional Composite Company when he failed to respond after being challenged twice. The Recon Platoon was extracted from XR 797954 and lifted to the CP of Company "D" at about 0800. For the rest of the operation the Recon Platoon was employed as rifle platoon under OpCon of Company "D". Plastic assault boats were utilized for the first time in a riverine operation by Company "C" in Rach Khen Thuyen River about 0930

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from a position XR 771891 in a north easterly direction. At 1024 a platoon from Company "B" was engaged by a squad size VC unit with automatic weapons. The platoon enveloped, pinning the enemy machine gunner and his crew down. The fire fight lasted about 20 minutes and resulted in 2 friendly WIA and 3 VC KIA with the capture of a MG and a Russian Carbine.

(3) A platoon from Company "A" was helolifted into Sector Green at XR 790912 and placed under OP CON of Company "C" at about 1500. The companies continued their S&D operations with no contact and at dark established defensive PPB's and conducted extensive patrolling and ambushes throughout the night. No contact was encountered during the night.

G. D+6 12 Jan 1967

(1) The Frag Order 06 required Company "B" to continue its S&D operations in Sector White up to phase line June but not beyond. Company C was to continue operations in Sector Green up to phase line July, and to be prepared to attack east on order. Company "D" was to provide security for the mortar battery and to continue S&D operations in Sector Brown up to but not beyond phase line October.

(2) A patrol of Company "B" was engaged by 15 VC who opened fire with automatic weapons and threw hand grenades at about 0210. The patrol returned fire with small arms, 81mm mortar rounds and 105mm rounds. The patrol leader saw about 5 VC fall with the opening burst of fire. The fire fight lasted about ten minutes and 5 VC KIA were estimated. Two platoons of Company "C" with the Company CP group were helo lifted from the night company patrol base to XR 787927 at about 0730. The LZ was prepped by artillery fire and on a trail close to the LZ. CAS was on station but not used as was an armed UH1E. There was no enemy contact during the landing. A platoon from Company "D" was helolifted from XR 785963 to XR 786953 at about 0830. No prep fires were used and the landing was without incident.

(3) At about 1015 a patrol from Company B was surrounded by an estimated 20 VC at XR 796908. The patrol requested artillery fire, 81mm fire support and air strikes. A total of 10-105mm rounds were fired, an unknown number of 81mm rounds and 3 passes were made by a armed UH1E during the action which lasted 45 minutes. The incident resulted in 5 friendly WIA and possible 4 VC KIA. Company "C" discovered a hospital site at XR 790918 and destroyed it and the medical supplies at about 1145. At 1200 Company "C" discovered the bodies of 4 VC with weapons who were probably killed by Company B on the previous day. At 1205 while searching bunkers at XR 792915 Company C killed one VC who ran out of a bunker after a grenade had been exploded in the bunker. During a search of a hamlet at XR 824907, at about 1515, by a patrol from Company B, 4 VC attempted to flee and were killed, 4 weapons, including a 45 cal pistol were captured. At 1610 a patrol from Company "B" stopped 4 VCS for questioning. Approximately 17 VC prematurely sprung an ambush with small arms fire from a distance of about 100 yds while the patrol was interrogating the 4 VCS. The patrol returned fire with small arms, M-79 rds, 3.5" rockets, 60mm rounds and 18-105mm rounds. The results were 2 friendly WIA and 3 VC KIA estimated.

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(4) The 107mm mortar battery with a platoon of Company "D" for security, displaced by helicopter from XR 768949 to XR 786931 in order to provide fire support into Sector Purple when required. Company "B" was ordered to continue to clear Sector White up to but not beyond east-west grid lines 92 in Sector White. The Companies continued to carry out their S&D missions until dark without contact when they entered into their night defensive PPB's. Company "B" was poised at east-west grid line 92, Company "C" was at the eastern end of phase line July and Company "D" was at phase line October. No contact was made during the night.

h. D+7 13 Jan 1967

(1) Frag Order 07 required Company "B" to leave one platoon in a blocking position in the vicinity of XR 825908, to take OPCON of the 1st platoon Company "A", which had been under the OPCON of Company "C" and to clear Sector White to phase line July, but not to cross east-west grid line 92 until 0900. Company "D" was ordered to maintain blocking positions along phase line October. Prep fires were scheduled from 0800 to 0900 and then shifting further north until 0930 and to consist of artillery, naval gunfire and air strikes.

(2) At about 0845, 5 to 7 VC snipers engaged the platoon from Company "B" on the right flank at XR 832907. Small arms were returned and an artillery fire mission was called in. The first WP round for adjustment was short and two Marines received non-serious WP burns. The mission was cancelled and no other known casualties were incurred. At 0900 Company "B" took OPCON of the 1st Platoon Company "A". Prep fires were conducted by naval gunfire and air strikes. Company "B" found 5 freshly dug graves at XR 825946 which contained 5 VC KIA, probably from the action the preceding day.

(3) During the afternoon of 13 Jan 1967 Company "B" relieved Company "A" as the BLT reserve. At about 1500 the platoon from Company "B" in the right flank position at XR 824906 was relieved by the Company "A" Command Group and the 2nd platoon which landed by helicopter. The 1st Platoon Company "A" was helo lifted to LZ Sparrow where it relieved the 3rd Platoon, Company "A" under OPCON of Provisional Composite Company. The 3rd Platoon, Company "A" reverted to OPCON of Company "A" and was assigned the mission to relieve the platoon from Company "D" which had provided security for the 107mm mortar battery. The 3rd platoon, Company "A" was helo lifted to XR 786931 and relieved the platoon from Company "D". Company "D" was consolidated and landed at XR 805935 and relieved Company "B" (minus one platoon) which was flown to the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2). The entire helicopter transplacement commenced about 1500 and was completed about 1900. There was no further contact during the daylight hours and prior to dark the companies set in their defensive PPB's and conducted their patrolling and ambushes.

(4) At 2305, from vicinity of XR 780924 the 107mm mortar battery was taken under 60mm mortar fire. An estimated 8-12 rounds of 60mm were fired in conjunction with a ground attack. The attack was repulsed by small arms, 50 caliber MG fire and 107mm mortar rounds. The attack was preceded by a light signal consisting of 3 flashes followed by a single flash about 15 minutes prior to the attack. The only known casualties were 3 friendly WIA who did not receive serious wounds.

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i. D+8 14 Jan 1967

(1) Frag Order 08 directed Company "A" to maintain its blocking position in the vicinity of XR 832907, and to provide security for the 107mm mortar battery. Company "C" was to conduct a helicopter assault into LZ Goose and then conduct S&D operations in Sector Purple. Company "D" was to maintain blocking positions in its present position.

(2) At 0730 Company "C" was helolifted into LZ Goose. There were no prep fires and the landing was conducted without incident. Plastic assault boats were lifted to Company "C" and were used in riverine operations. S&D operations were conducted by Company "C" in the southern portion of Sector Purple. At about 1100 the 2nd Plt of Company "D" was helolifted to LZ Sparrow and given the mission of providing security for a LVTH-6 section. The LVTH-6 section, two LVTP-5's and the 2nd Plt Company "D" moved to a firing position at XR 802876 in order to support by fire a helicopter assault into LZ Raven. About 1525 a patrol from Co "D" was fired upon at XR 825945 by 4 or 5 VC with automatic weapons. The patrol returned small arms fire, 81mm rounds and 107mm rounds. The only known casualty was one friendly WIA. At 1545 Company "A" located a hospital complex, with about 20 bed capacity and medical supplies. The hospital was destroyed and the medical supplies were sent to BLT CP. At 1630 the 3rd Plt, Company "C" was helolifted to LZ Raven. When the first wave of helicopters landed they received small arms fire from a village at XR 866929. The platoon advanced through the village under effective support of an armed UH1E. The results were 1 VC KIA and 8 VCS captured. At 1730 the CP group of Company "C" and another platoon were helolifted from LZ Goose to LZ Raven and joined with the 3rd platoon. Company "C" continued their S&D mission in Sector Purple until dark. The Companies set up in their defensive PPB's, conducted patrolling and ambushes, and prepared for the scheduled withdrawal the next day.

j. D+9 15 Jan 1967

(1) Frag Order 09 directed all units to conduct the scheduled withdrawal as ordered. At about 0815 Company "D" (minus one platoon) and 107mm mortar battery commenced their tactical withdrawal by helicopter. At about 0830 elements from H&S Company also started to retract from White Beach. Upon completion of the retraction of Company "D", about 1015, the helolift of Company "A" commenced. At about 1045 Company "A" received sniper fire from XR 821911 from an estimated 7 VC. Small arms, 40 rounds of 105mm, and an armed UH1E returned fire. One H-34 helicopter was hit while in the air causing a superficial wound to one marine. Two VC KIA were estimated. The 105mm Howitzer battery was extracted by LVT's the morning of 15 Jan. 1967. After completion of the lift of Company "A" (minus one platoon), at about 1115, Company "C" (minus one platoon) was lifted out from LZ Raven at about 1145, the LVTH-6 section, the LVT Section and the 2nd Plt Company "D", in support of company "C", returned to White Beach. After completion of Company "C" all available helicopters concentrated lifting out the remaining platoon of Company "D", the remainder of the CP group and last of the Provisional Composite Company. The 1st Plt. of Company "A", and LVTH-6 platoon, left White Beach simultaneously for mutual support. The withdrawal of the BLT was completed at 1621.

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k. Recapitulation of Air, Naval Gunfire, and Supporting Arms. During Operation Deckhouse V there were a total 226 sorties flown with a total of 16-1000 lbs, 192-750 lbs, 30-500 lb, 22-260 lb, 68 Napalm and 6 CBU bombs dropped. There were 1368 rockets fired. Artillery support consisted of 30 missions and 5 prep fires for a total of 2136 HE, 116 WP, 32 Smk, 29 illum, 51 HEPT. of 105mm Howitzer, and 530 107mm mortar HE, 130 107mm Mortar WP, and 13 107mm mortar illum. rounds for the operation. Naval gunfire consisted of 10 missions, firing a total of 221-8 inch rounds and 1310-5 inch rounds.

9. Results.

a. Summary of Enemy Casualties and Captured or Destroyed Equipment and supplies.

(1) Enemy Casualties

21	VC KIA (Body Count)
41	VC KIA (Prob)
53	VC WIA (Prob)
3	Captives
59	Civil Defendants

(2) Weapons and Equipment

German 7.92 MG	1
U.S. Carbines	3
Chi Com Carbines 7.92	3
Rifle (Unknown Cal.)	1
Rifles (Old, Rusty & Unserviceable)	11
Home Made Shot Guns (Old, Rusty & Unserviceable)	7
Carbine Magazine W/Ammo	1
7.92 Machine Gun Drum	2
Chi Com Grenades	30
Home Made Grenades	900
Mines (Anti-Personnel)	718
7.62 Ammo Rds	470 rds
7.92 Linked Ammo	1300 rds
M-1 Ammo	92 rds
Clips of M-1 Ammo	3
Carbine Ammo	15 rds
105mm Ammo	2 rds
Home Made Gas Masks	2
Sampans	70
Outboard Motors	7
Sewing Machines W/Drawings for Uniforms	7
Hospital Site	3
Ordnance Repair Facility	1

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(3) Food, Clothing, and Medicine:

Rice	125 tons
Shrimp	300 lbs
Salt	900 lbs
Tobacco	40 lbs
Grain	1000 lbs
Peanuts	3300 lbs
Black Uniforms	4
Brown Uniforms	4
Black Shirt	1
Short Green Trousers	1

(4) Fortifications:

Bunkers	98
Tunnel Complex	1

b. Friendly Casualties:

KIA	6
WIA	38
NBC	46

10. Commanders Analysis.

a. Operation DECKHOUSE V was successful. One large deterring factor however, was the advance information gained by the Viet Cong of the impending operation and the general location of it. This advance information, however obtained, enabled the enemy to remove forces from the AOA and thus avoid large scale contact with a superior force. It is estimated that only scattered squad sized VC units remained behind. Those Viet Cong forces and supplies remaining in the AOA were found and largely destroyed. Operation DECKHOUSE V should have a prolonged effect on VC operations in KIEN HOA Province from a psychological as well as a logistical standpoint.

b. Operation DECKHOUSE V provided an excellent training vehicle for future operations in terrain characterized by swampland. Similarly, it provided a refresher course for previously learned methods of operating against insurgent Viet Cong forces. Small unit operations remain the keystone of anti-guerrilla warfare whether it be in the Mekong Delta or in the rice paddies of the Danang TAOR. This newly formed BLT was significantly tested and undoubtedly improved from its experiences on DECKHOUSE V. The need for rapid fire support and detailed fire support coordination was re-confirmed. The necessity of rapid response in small unit resupply by aerial means was dramatically pointed out. The almost total lack of cross-country vehicular trafficability, including LVT's, placed added burdens on an already heavily committed Medium Helicopter Squadron. Swamps, large paddies, rivers and wide, deep canals likewise necessitated multiple small unit troop lifts by helicopter.

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c. Small unit troop leaders of platoons, squads and even fire teams play the major role in anti-guerrilla operations. Their proficiency in small unit tactics, immediate action, cross-country navigation and the adjustment and direction of supporting arms is all-important. Versatility, imagination and innovation make the difference between success and failure in the exploitation of guerrilla contact.

d. Operation DECKHOUSE V was a relatively short amphibious operation with only a small civilian population in the BLT area of operations. These two factors eliminated the possibility of any large scale civic action projects. Psychological Warfare teams were employed on an on-call basis. Once the BLT CP was established ashore and an initial impression of the tactical situation was gained, the Psy War Teams began operations. Leaflets of the standard variety, including the CHIEU HOI (Open Arms) leaflet and a special leaflet informing the people to remain in their homes were employed. Due to the low literacy rate in the area only those leaflets using pictures and drawings proved effective. Loud speakers were used from the ground and from the air to pass out information and to give warnings prior to the bombardment of certain areas. It was planned that civilians would not be evacuated from Thanh Phu, however, most VCS detained were civilians and thus had to be controlled, treated and evacuated. All civilians detained (including VCS) were held under guard in a compound, fed three meals a day, treated if ill or injured and evacuated by boat to Thanh Phu on a daily basis. Rifle company corpsmen treated injured or sick civilians located in their immediate areas.

11. Lessons Learned.

a. Comment. On several occasions troop units were required to hold up in areas totally unsuitable for good defense or individual rest. Swamp water levels rising to knee or waist deep permitted no sleep and only minimum rest at night.

Recommendation. That simple, light weight nylon hammocks be made an item of individual equipment for operations in the Delta region. This would allow off duty personnel to lie down and gain benefit from sleep. DECKHOUSE V terrain was characterized by deep swamps, but many trees which would allow the use of such a hammock.

b. Comment. Some helicopter movements were delayed or prolonged by the availability of only two CH-46 helicopters. Heavy loads beyond the capability of the UH-34 are still prevalent within the standard BLT T/E.

Recommendation. That the allocation of CH-46 helicopters in support of the SLF be increased from two to four.

c. Comment. Radio relay communications provided rapid, reliable, semi-secure communications between BLT CP ashore and SLF CP afloat. This important link was maintained with little interruption in service.

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Recommendation. That Radio relay ship to shore communication be retained as an integral part of the SLF system.

d. Comment. Terrain limitations imposed by swamps, rivers, canals, large paddies and mud created many problems for heavily laden troops. Particularly true in this case is the flame thrower. Targets for this weapon are also few and far between.

Recommendation. That the flame thrower section be held in general reserve to be employed and helilifted into action at a specific site when requested. Immediate retraction of the flame section is also advised which would then put them in a position for re-charging and available for use elsewhere as required.

e. Comment. Rivers, canals, swamps, etc pose obstacles to foot troops. Time or extra equipment is therefore needed to negotiate these obstacles. In search and destroy operations against guerrilla forces, slow movement almost always allows the enemy to escape.

Recommendation. That advance plans for Delta type operations include considerations for many small unit troop lifts by helicopter to leap frog these natural obstacles. This would take maximum advantage of our superior mobility and enable the infantry units to find and fix the enemy.

f. Comment. A lesson to be reiterated is the deceptive establishment of CP's and PPB's. The VC scout friendly positions during daylight so as to be able to deliver accurate fire into the position during hours of darkness.

Recommendation. That unit positions be moved frequently and after dark. This will confuse the enemy as to actual locations and allow friendlies to better observe VC firing positions when they fire into the abandoned positions. This was done by BLT 1/9 during DECKHOUSE V and on at least 3 occasions mortar fire fell on the recently abandoned positions with negative results.

g. Comment. Tidal conditions in the Delta region have a decided effect on troop movement and overall operations. Fields turn into lakes, streams into rivers and expanses of mud into watery swamp land.

Recommendation. That planners and unit leaders pay particular attention to tide tables and terrain studies. Time attacks and troop movement to coincide with the most favorable tidal condition.

h. Comment. RF/PF Guides provided to BLT 1/9 for DECKHOUSE V were incapable of passing on valid information due to their inability to speak English and the inability of the Marines to understand Vietnamese. It's felt that these guides could have been invaluable had the language problem been eliminated.

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Recommendation. That English speaking guides be made available for further operations. An obvious alternate solution would be to provide Marine units with capable Vietnamese-speaking Marines.

i. Comment. Radio equipment shortages on the SLF T/E required the BLT to provide radios for use by the SLF. This resulted therefore, in shortages within the BLT.

Recommendation. That the SLF procure sufficient radios to meet its needs. This would then allow the BLT to take full advantage of assigned radio equipment.

j. Comment. Artillery battery firing positions must be selected by the battery commander. In an amphibious operation preliminary site selection can be made only by map study. As soon as the general area is considered at least semi-secure, a reconnaissance party should be landed to select the specific battery firing position.

Recommendation. That Amphibious Landing Plans include consideration for the early landing of Artillery Reconnaissance Parties. This would allow for early selection of artillery firing positions and the orderly landing of artillery units.

k. Comment. The COI for DECKHOUSE V assigned frequencies for the Artillery Conduct of Fire and the Battalion and Company Tactical nets very close together. This resulted in overlapping signals and the interruption of communication on these extremely vital circuits.

Recommendation. That in the future assignment of radio frequencies, close attention be paid to the net traffic, radio set proximity and traffic volume so that interference and interruption do not occur.

l. Comment. Organic supplies and equipment of the BLT are too voluminous and varied for the type shipping assigned to the ARG/SLF. This excess equipment and supplies destroys the selectivity inherent in proper combat loading and essential to any amphibious landing.

Recommendation. That supplies and equipment in excess of the needs of the BLT for a particular operation be staged ashore prior to departure for the AOA or, and preferably, an additional ship be assigned to the ARG/SLF which could provide follow-on shipping if speed would not allow it to keep pace with main force.

m. Comment. Initial attempts to provide logistical support directly from LPH to the platoons proved unsatisfactory. This system was not responsive in timeliness nor to the needs of the platoon.

Recommendation. That a limited BSA be established ashore, not exceeding 2 DOS' for all common use items. That helo resupply be direct from BSA to using platoons. This would eliminate three echelons of coordination and result in an overall simplification of the resupply chain.

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o. Comment. Plastic assault boats and motors procured for use in a riverine environment proved to have several draw backs. On three occasions boats were swamped and sank rapidly (two sank in shallow water and were recovered, one was lost). The motors designed for civilian use, need modification, to make them suitable for military use.

Recommendation. That assault boats be modified to make them unsinkable. The use of floatation gear is recommended. That the motors be modified doing away with the electric starter and necessary battery and the key actuated switch be removed and a manual start be installed. That a small spare parts bag be affixed to each motor, to include as a minimum 2 spark plugs, spark plug wrench, pliers, screw driver and shear pins.

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