

## HEADQUARTERS

3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Reinf) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

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005750  
1 December 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) ✓ Command Chronology 1-30 November 1966

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(3) S-3 Journal  
(4) Lessons Learned dtd 1 December 1966  
(5) After Action Report for period 060850H - 061900H Nov, 1966  
(6) Operation Order 329-66  
(7) Operation Order 330-66

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1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-30 NOVEMBER 1966

1. Organization Data:a. Designation Location:

- (1) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines
- (2) 1-30 November 1966 occupied Battalion CP vic. (AT 875473)  
(An Hoa)

b. Period covered: 1-30 November 1966c. Commanding Officer, Staff and Principal Subordinates:

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| (1) Commanding Officer | F.D. MAC LEAN, JR., LtCol.<br>1-30 November 1966  |
| (2) Executive Officer  | J.G. METAS, Major<br>1-14 November 1966<br>S.G. FAULK, Major<br>15-30 November 1966           |
| (3) S-3                | G.D. NAVADEL, Captain<br>1-14 November 1966<br>J.G. METAS, Major<br>15-30 November 1966       |
| (4) S-2                | C.S. TUTT, 2ndLt.<br>1-10 November 1966<br>C.J. FYLE, Captain<br>11-30 November 1966          |
| (5) S-4                | W.E. KONRATH, Captain<br>1-30 November 1966   |
| (6) S-1                | H.L. TIEKING, 2ndLt.<br>1-30 November 1966  |
| (7) CO, Co. "I"        | J.J. CLARK, 1stLt.<br>1-30 November 1966  |
| (8) CO, Co. "K"        | J.E. GILES, Captain<br>1-30 November 1966   |
| (9) CO, Co. "L"        | G.E. YARBROUGH, Captain<br>1-17 November 1966<br>G.D. NAVADEL, Captain<br>18-30 November 1966 |
| (10) CO, Co. "M"       | T.T. SHIRLEY, Captain<br>1-30 November 1966   |
| (11) CO, H&S Co.       | W.R. NORTHCUTT, Captain<br>1-30 November 1966   |

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d. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC Officer -----	32
USMC Enlisted -----	988
USN Officer -----	3
USN Enlisted -----	51

2. Significant Events:a. Personnel:

(1) Wounded in Action -----	47 (13 Medevaced)
(2) Killed in Action -----	4 (All Medevaced) -
(3) Died of Wounds -----	0
(4) Non-Battle Casualties -----	23 (17 Medevaced)
(5) Non-Battle Deaths -----	2 (All Medevaced) -

Total Medevaced: 36

b. Intelligence:(1) Situation:

(a) Enemy activity and sightings during the month of November have increased considerably from October. On 6 November contact was made with a large force of Viet Cong (possibly two companies). The Viet Cong attacked the road sweep team and security. Companies "K" and "M" made contact while moving to assist the attacked unit. Viet Cong fired thirty-four rounds 82mm mortar and twelve rounds 60mm mortar.

Sniper and harrassing fire has increased during November but has been fairly ineffectual so far. There was also an increase in mining and boobytrap incidents. On 18 November and 20 November the road was cut by blowing culverts with approximately sixty pounds of explosive.

The night of 19 November the Battalion Command Post was mortared for the first time. Intelligence reports from other sources have reported Viet Cong units of Battalion size moving within the TAOR. Intelligence sources still indicate a minimum of two Viet Cong Battalions operating within the TAOR.

On the second of November two Ralliers were attached and were employed in an operation in the vicinity of La Thap (1) (AT 945517). Their knowledge of the area added to the effectiveness of the operation; Viet Cong documents and other material was uncovered along with large quantities of rice during their employment.

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On 13 November the S-2 Officer and S-2 Chief questioned two Viet Cong deserters from the V-25 Battalion. Information obtained that the Viet Cong are suffering from tropical disease and a shortage of rice.

(b) Scouts

The Battalion Scouts have conducted numerous road reconnaissance patrols this month. They have also assisted Company "M" on a search and destroy operation.

One Scout was stationed on observation point Zulu (AT 865439) during the period covered by this report.

(2) Enemy Losses:

(a) Personnel:

(1)	VC KIA (Conf)	-----	10
(2)	VC KIA (Prob)	-----	28
(3)	VCS	-----	24
(4)	VCC	-----	0

(b) Destroyed/ Captured Enemy Material:

(1)	Tunnel	-----	1
(2)	Bunker	-----	1
(3)	Rice	-----	4400 pounds
(4)	Plasters	-----	2700
(5)	Boats	-----	1
(6)	Misc. Supplies	----	Documents

(c) Destroyed/Captured Equipment:

(1)	Mines	-----	2
(2)	Boobytrap	-----	1 M-26 with trip wire
			1 grenade in hole
			1 homemade explosive device
(3)	Grenades	-----	4
(4)	Other	-----	1 cartridge belt
			1 pack
			1 81mm dud
			1 105mm dud
			1 3.5 dud

(3) Weapons Captured:

(a) 1 - Chinese Communist Type 53 Carbine

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c. Training: Training during this period was directed toward maintaining a high degree of proficiency in combat skills. Special training was conducted for all replacement personnel prior to assignments to Company units. Reference 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Order 1500.1.

d. Communication - Electronics:

During the month of November the communications platoon continued to provide communication support for operations within the An Hoa TAOR.

Classes on radio procedures and transmission security were conducted for all personnel concerned. Classes were also held on the AN PSR-1 (S.I.D.), its use, characteristics, and capabilities to personnel utilizing it.

All communications equipment was tac marked and all records brought up to date. All gear not in use, was packed in mount-out boxes, staged and cargo manifests prepared.

The communication platoon has been preparing continuously for any planned operation and for unit displacement. All personnel were assigned specific duties, and all communication equipment allocated in order to meet the requirement put on the communication platoon.

e. Close Combat:

During the period 1 November - 30 November 1966 the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted search and clear operations, local patrols, ambushes and established PFB'S along Liberty Road, ferry site and within respective Company TAOR's to counter and minimize any enemy activities along and in the vicinity of Liberty Road from An Hoa to the southern bank of the Song Thu Bon river, GS (9253).

Close combat also included during the above period, a VC ambush that was prematurely activated by the Liberty Road sweep security patrol. See "Combat After Actions Report" enclosure (5).

Operation Mississippi: Company "L", 3d Battalion, 9th Marines chopped OPCON to 3d Battalion, 7th Marines for major operation, Mississippi.

271200H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed OPCON of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines assigned TAOR.

300700H, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines commenced movement from An Hoa to replace the 4th Battalion, 503rd Brigade in the Da Nang area.

f. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination:

(1) General: During the month of November Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, in direct support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and in support of the 1st and 3rd Reconnaissance Battalions, fired seventy missions. Of this total thirty-nine were in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and ARVN units operating in TAOR and thirty-one were in support of reconnaissance observation posts. The battery fired fifty-six observed missions and fourteen unobserved, which were fired on reliable intelligence from the S-2. Enemy casualties from these missions, forty-two KIA confirmed and one hundred forty-six KIA probable. Artillery support was excellent and there were no difficulties in obtaining adequate fire support or coordination.

(2) H and I Fires: H and I fires for the month averaged eleven concentrations and twenty-two rounds. The number of H and I were increased during Operation Mississippi in order to cover the Battalion TAOR and operation area.

(3) The 3d Platoon, 1st 8-inch Howitzer Battery joined Battery "F" at An Hoa on 8 November. The mission is general support, reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines; priority of fires to the support of reconnaissance observation posts. Since arriving at An Hoa the platoon has fired fifteen missions in support of reconnaissance observers, resulting in one probable KIA.

g. Logistics:(1) Supply and Distribution

(a) Supply is presently moving from An Hoa to the new Battalion position north of Da Nang.

(b) No operations were supported by supply during the month of November.

(2) Transportation

(a) The entire motor transport section is now located and operating in the new Battalion area north of Da Nang.

(b) Truck support for movement phase from airstrip at Da Nang to present position provided by 7th and 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

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(3) Construction

(a) MCB-6 has completed 83 tropical huts as of this report.

(b) MCB-10 has completed 500 feet on the west end and 300 feet on the east end of the airstrip extension. Resurfacing extension is presently in progress. KC-130 aircraft are not capable of landing as of this report.

h. Air Support:

The following is a synopsis of air activity for the month of November 1966.

(1) 75 medevac missions were flown in support of 3d Battalion 9th Marines and local ARVN units.

(2) 1 fixed wing airstrike

(3) 2 UH-1E air courier and strike missions

(4) One Company air lift to the Battalion position after operation completion.

i. Medical and Dental Support:

(1) The medical status of the Battalion is presently excellent.

(2) There were 398 visits to sickcall this past month; 393 Marines, 4 Navy and 1 Army. This represents a 33% increase over last month. Fifty-three of these men were admitted to the BAS ward. This is approximately the same as last month. There were 52 non-battle casualties evacuated to Da Nang an increase of 12 over last month. The ability of the BAS to hold patients at An Hoa has been limited by the preparation for leaving and lack of electrical power.

(3) There were 7,872 immunizations administered to personnel of this Battalion this month. Ninety percent of the Battalion is up to date on immunizations.

(4) With the addition of 14 new corpsmen and the loss of only 4 the medical platoon is presently 7 men over T/O.

(5) The medical supplies situation is presently the best it has been in six months. There are only shortages in a few items.

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(6) The BAS has increased the Med Cap Program within the past month. 9,480 Vietnamese were treated in spite of only 15 days work. This represents a 10% increase over last month.

(7) There have been 6 cases of venereal disease this month. This is over a 50% drop from last month.

(8) Sanitation of the Battalion CP area at An Hoa and the Company CP areas forward are adequate.

(9) There were 143 laboratory procedures accomplished this month.

(10) Dental: Nine (9) days of this month the Dental Clinic has been without electrical power. 149 Marines were seen this month with 483 procedures accomplished. 32 Vietnamese civilians were seen for 47 procedures.

j. Chaplain Support:

(1) Divine Services:

(a) Protestant

(1) Number of Services --- 20

(2) Total Attendance ----- 439

(b) Catholic Lay Services

(1) Number of Services --- 3

(2) Total Attendance ----- 24

(2) Significant Events:

Participated in Marine Corps Birthday ceremonies at all unit locations, offering prayer and having brief memorial for Marines killed since last Birthday.

(3) Memorial Services:

(a) H&S Company ----- 24 Attending

(b) "M" Company ----- 110 Attending

(c) "K" Company ----- 55 Attending

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SECRET(4) Civil Affairs:

(a) Number of Lectures --- 5

(b) Attendance ----- 204

k. Civil Affairs:

(1) Public Health: The public health activities conducted this month evolved around the Med Cap Program. A total of 9480 civilians were treated medically during this month. 10 persons received evacuation assistance.

(2) Public Welfare: Public Welfare activities included the distribution of 983 bars of soap. Civil Affairs assisted USAID in the transfer of food to refugees in the Nong Son mining area.

(3) The Battalion continued this month with clear and hold operation along Liberty Road designed to provide security for civilian as well as military elements engaged in road improvement and continued to provide special security for civilian vehicles on Liberty Road.

(4) Civilian Improvement: 85 wooden boxes were delivered to Duc Duc District Headquarters for construction of desks for schools in the area.

(5) Education: English language classes have been conducted tri-weekly for 25 persons in the An Hoa Industrial Complex.

(6) Psychological Warfare:(a) Primary Themes:

1. Chieu Hoi
2. Inevitability of Viet Cong defeat
3. Why USMC is in Vietnam
4. Why Liberty Road is important to the people

(b) Means of Dissemination:

1. Movies
2. Land Broadcast
3. Manual distribution of leaflets, magazines and newspapers.

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An Hoa, RVN

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Ref: (a) Maps: South Vietnam, 1:50,000, Dai-Loc Sheet 6640IV,  
Series L 701, Sheet 6560 III  
(b) Chapter 6 DivO PO 2000.2E

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization).1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. Current Intsumsb. Friendly forces.

- (1) 3d Marine Division.
- (2) 1st Marine Division.
- (3) 1st Marine Air Wing.
- (4) 7th Marines.
- (5) 5th Marines.
- (6) 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.
- (7) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (8) "F" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.
- (9) 1st Platoon, Company "A", 1st Amtrac Battalion.
- (10) 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 3d Anti-Tank Battalion.
- (11) 3d Platoon, Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion.
- (12) Detachment, FLSG -A.
- (13) 2nd Platoon, Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion.

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c. Attachments and detachments.

- (1) Four "I" Corps Interpreters (Attached)

2. MISSION. Third Battalion, Ninth Marines coordinates the relief in place of Third Battalion, Ninth Marines by the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines and prepares for, and executes movement to the Phu-Bai area on order, over a four day period.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. On D-Day, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines commences the relief in place of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines by company, (+) increments, daily until relief is completed. As 3d Battalion, 9th Marines units are relieved, they will displace to Phu-Bai on available transportation in company (+) increments daily until relief/movement is completed.

b. Advance party.

- (1) On 19 November 1966, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, advance party displace by air to Phu-Bai. See Annex B (Advance party).

c. Company "I" (Reinf).

- (1) On order stage supplies and equipment, on D-1.  
(2) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai, on D-Day.

d. Company "M" (Reinf).

- (1) Coordinate relief in place by designated elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on D-Day.  
(2) On order move to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP and revert to Regimental Reserve on D-Day.  
(3) On order stage supplies and equipment on D+1.  
(4) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai, on D+2.

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e. Company "L" (Reinf).

- (1) On order stage supplies and equipment, on D-Day.
- (2) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai, on D+1.

f. Company "K" (Reinf).

- (1) Coordinate relief in place by designated elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, on D+1.
- (2) On order move to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP and revert to Regimental Reserve, on D+1.
- (3) On order stage supplies and equipment, on D+2.
- (4) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai, on D+3.

g. H&S Company (-).

- (1) Coordinate relief in place by designated elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (2) On order stage supplies and equipment.
- (3) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai. Elements to be phased to Phu-Bai over a four day period. See Annex C (Movement annex)

h. Command Group "A".

- (1) On order stage supplies and equipment.
- (2) On order embark on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai.

i. Command Group "B".

- (1) On order stage remainder of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines supply and equipment.
- (2) On order embark with final shipment of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines personnel, supplies and equipment on available transportation for movement to Phu-Bai.

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j. Regimental Reserve.

(1) Company "M" (Reinf).

- (a) Be prepared for employment anywhere within the 9th Marines TAOR, on order of the Regimental Commander until relieved by Company "K" (Reinf).

(2) Company "K" (Reinf).

- (a) On reverting to Regimental Reserve, prepare for employment anywhere within the 9th Marines TAOR on order of the Regimental Commander until relieved by designated elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

k. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) All maps within the command pertaining to operational areas within the Battalion TAOR will be turned over to relieving counterparts. S-2 will ensure all maps applicable to operational commitments within the Battalion TAOR are available to the relieving command in case of immediate need.

- (2) All company commanders and section heads will prepare a briefing for relieving counterparts pertaining to all aspects of operations within their assigned areas of responsibility as pertains to their particular function and areas of responsibility to include but not limited to the following subject areas:

- (a) Supporting arms utilization.
- (b) Resupply system.
- (c) VC tactics within assigned TAOR.
- (d) Civil Affairs.
- (e) Tracked vehicle utilization.
- (f) Terrain analysis of TAOR.
- (g) Company defensive positions (i.e. flare, claymore employment).
- (h) Company counterattack plans.
- (i) Current employment of units within the company TAOR (PPB's, OP's, ambushes, etc)

S-3 will prepare a briefing for the relieving unit Advanced Party reporting to include an intelligence briefing by the S-2. (Include KC Scouts use).

- (3) All company commanders and section heads will prepare and submit to the relieving counterparts a complete turn-over file consisting of all aspects of operations within their assigned areas of responsibility.
- (4) S-5 will ensure all inventory of Civil Affairs commodities and building supplies are signed over to the relieving Civil Affairs Officer.
- (5) All units maintaining ammunition bunkers will ensure that an accurate inventory of all types of ammunition on hand is compiled, and that the relieving units signs for all ammunition remaining in place. In the advent a relieving unit commander refuses to sign for a part of the ammunition, that part will be returned to LSL. No ammunition will be left in fighting holes, nor will any individual Marine turn over any ammunition to another Marine in the relieving units.
- (6) S-4 is responsible for the instructions pertaining to staging of gear in case of inclement weather. Individual companies and sections will be responsible for maintaining twenty-four hour security over the units staged gear, and will maintain continuous security throughout the movement phase.
- (7) The Officer-in-charge of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Advanced Party will ensure all members make liaison with the appropriate agency as they arrive in the new 3d Battalion, 9th Marines position. He will further insure that billeting arrangements, transportation requirements and messing facility arrangements are disseminated to the Advanced Party. All Advanced Party personnel will meet their incoming unit commanders and brief them on information gained from liaison meetings.
- (8) In the advent of inclement weather interfering with any phase of the move, a Frag Order will be issued to all units pertaining to the continuation of the movement phase.
- (9) In the advent of a sudden operational commitment of all or part of the Battalion during the movement phase, a Frag Order will be issued including provisions set forth for the completion of the movement phase.

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(10) Command Relationship.

- (a) Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines assumes OPCON of all forces operating within the Battalion TAOR and retains that control pending arrival and emplacement of operating forces, command communications elements and attainment of a readiness posture which will permit relief of responsibility. When the preponderance of combat, communications and control elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines are in position and when mutually agreeable to both the Commanding Officers of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, the latter will assume responsibility for the TAOR.

(11) Unit commanders and section heads will provide guides to facilitate the necessary reliefs.

(12) Priority of movement to relieving unit.

(13) D-Day is to be announced.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See movement Annex C.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

a. (1) Reference (b).

(2) Guard radio nets until embarkation.

(3) Guard radio nets upon debarkation.

b. Command Posts.

(1) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP, until relieved.

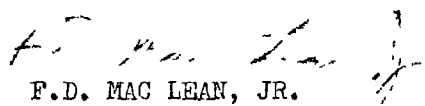
(2) Report location upon debarkation.

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c. Security.

- (1) Security for classified and cryptographic documents and equipment will be positive and is the responsibility of the Communications Officer and S&C Files Officer.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Advance Party Assignments
- C - Movement
- D - Distribution

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3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
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3d Battalion, 9th Marines

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H&S Company (-)

Captain Northcutt

Company "I" (Reinf).

1stLt. Clark

1st Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

2nd Section, 106mm Recoiless Platoon

Forward Observer Team, Battery "F", 2/12

"I" Corps Interpreters

Scout Operator Team

Company "K" (Reinf).

Captain Giles

2nd Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

4th Section, 106mm Recoiless Platoon

Forward Observer Team, Battery "F", 2/12

FAC Team 2

"I" Corps Interpreter

Scout/Operator Team

Company "L" (Reinf).

Captain Navadel

3d Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

3d Section, 106mm Recoiless Platoon

Forward Observer Team, Battery "F", 2/12

"I" Corps Interpreter

Scout/Operator Team

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Company "M" (Reinf).

Captain Shirley

4th Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

1st Section, 106mm Recoiless Platoon

FAC Team 1

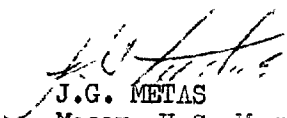
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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Command Group Alpha
- 2 - Command Group Bravo
- 3 - Advanced Party

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Appendix 1 (Command Group Alpha) to Annex A (Task Organization) to  
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Battalion Commander	1
Radio Operator/Driver	1
Battalion Sergeant Major	1
S-3	1
ARVN Liaison Officer	1
Operations Chief	1
NBC NCO	1
Radio Operator/Driver	1
Clerk Typist	1
S-1	1
Clerk Typists	2
S-2	1
Chief Scout	1
Radio Operator (DAO)	1
Radio Operator/Driver	1
S-4 Operations Chief	1
Supply Chief	1
Motor Transport Chief	1
Artillery Liaison Officer	1
Radio Operator	1
Air Liaison Officer	1
Radio Operator	1

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Battalion Aid Station

Battalion Surgeon (Dr. Corbett)

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Appendix 2 (Command Group Bravo) to Annex A (Task Organization) to  
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Battalion Executive Officer	1
Radio Operator/Driver	1
S-3 Liaison Officer	1
Radio Operator/Driver	1
Clerk Typist	1
Clerk Typist	1
S-1 Personnel Officer	1
S-2 Operations Chief	1
Clerk/Drivers	2
S-4	4
Supply Officer/Clerks/Armorers	5
Motor Transport Officer/Dispatcher	2
Artillery Operations Chief	1
Assistant Operations Chief	1
Radio Chief	1
Radio Operator	1
Communications Chief	1
Message Center Chief	1
Wire Chief	1

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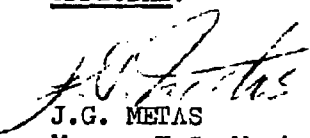
Battalion Aid Station

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

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Appendix 3 (Advanced Party) to Annex A (Task Organization) to  
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S-3A	1
S-2 Assistant Operations Chief	1
Headquarters Commandant	1
Officer representing Company "I"	1
Company "K"	1
Company "L"	1
Company "M"	1
S-4	2
Battalion Medical Section Representative	1
Communications	<u>6</u>
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Annex B (Advance Party Assignments) to Operation Plan 331-66

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- (1) Postal and guard mail service
- (2) Office space (Battalion Administration)
- (3) Security area for S&C and Postal
- (4) Electricity for office machines (mimeograph)
- (5) Pertinent Administrative Directives to the area
- (6) Post Exchange facilities
- (7) Pick-up point for SEC. and RPS material

S-2

- (1) Weather and terrain
- (2) Effects of above on friendly and enemy activities
- (3) Comprehensive and detailed information on enemy situation
- (4) Information on intelligence sources in area (Marine, Army, ARVN, Civilian)
- (5) Information concerning SOP's of intelligence interest
- (6) Obtain as much intelligence and (Turn over) files and maps as possible
- (7) Enemy contact in area of operation during past two months
- (8) Prepare maps for immediate operations upon arrival of command group
- (9) Be prepared to brief Commanding Officer and Staff

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- (1) Tactical mission
- (2) Security, company positions, observation posts unit size of patrols and ambushes
- (3) FEBA, size and composition of manning units
- (4) TAOR (Overlay) location of all friendly units
- (5) Reserve
- (6) Defensive plan
- (7) Barrier Plan
- (8) Anti-Mech Plan
- (9) Counterattack Plan
- (10) Operational CP facilities
- (11) FSCC facilities
- (12) Combat support units
- (13) Combat service units
- (14) C/A Program currently in effect
- (15) Chronic operational difficulties that units in new area have been experiencing
- (16) LZ locations
- (17) Planned operations
- (18) Prepare maps
- (19) Helo/AC support

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- (1) Location of logistic support area (capabilities and services)
- (2) Location of companies (needs for resupply and routes)
- (3) Location of Staff Sections
- (4) On position ammunition (Battalion ammunition dump and locations)
- (5) Supply area in Battalion CP (warehouse space dimensions, office space)
- (6) Source of supply (services provided, accessible by road, personal effects of casualties)
- (7) Class V (quantity left by previous unit)
- (8) Location of motor pool (facilities available)
- (9) 3rd echelon or higher maintenance (turn-in procedures and locations)
- (10) Water and water supply
- (11) Food storage if possible
- (12) Draw stores if possible
- (13) Capacity of mess
- (14) Requirements for company messes
- (15) Sanitary facilities
- (16) Estimated time to have mess in operation
- (17) Inventory facilities in mess if required

Medical Department

- (1) Housing for sickbay
- (2) Drainage
- (3) Central location as to other units of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

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- (4) Potable water supply
- (5) Medevac site
- (6) Medical supplies
- (7) Medical problems, specific to area
- (8) Transportation availability/access
- (9) Electrical power

Chaplain

- (1) Location, capacity of Chapel
- (2) Facilities of Chapel
- (3) Office space

Communications

- (1) Establish temporary communication in new CP
- (2) Survey the existing communication facilities
- (3) Coordinate with other units in area
- (4) Establish communications between old and new CP, during early phase of the move
- (5) Turn over of frequencies

Rifle Companies and H&S Company

- (1) Mission
- (2) Billeting space available
- (3) Laundry
- (4) Disbursing
- (5) Ammunition bunkers
- (6) Water point

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- (7) Post Exchange
- (8) Showers
- (9) Heads
- (10) Perimeter security
- (11) Location of restricted areas
- (12) Supporting arms
- (13) Resupply system

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Annex C (Movement Plan) to Operation Order 331-66

Ref: (a) DivO P 4000.5  
(b) BnO P 4600

Time Zone: Hotel

Unit Strengths: See Appendix 1 Unit Strengths

1. Organization for embarkation.

a. General.

- (1) Company "I" (Reinf)
- (2) Company "K" (Reinf)
- (3) Company "L" (Reinf)
- (4) Company "M" (Reinf)
- (5) H&S Company (-)

b. Assignment to Aircraft. See Appendix 2

2. Supplies and Equipment to be Embarked.

a. Types and amounts to be embarked. Only Class II T/E equipment will be embarked.

b. Preparation for embarkation.

- (1) Marking - All boxes will be marked in accordance with reference (b).
- (2) Palletizing
  - (a) All equipment will be placed on standard pallets (40" X 48").
  - (b) Boxes will not extend beyond edges of pallets.
  - (c) Pallets will be loaded to insure that they do not exceed 40" in height.

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- (d) Material and equipment which by its physical construction precludes use of tactical marking will be identified by tactical marks placed on a piece of lumber and banded to the top of the pallet.
  - (e) Each pallet will be banded four times, twice across the width and twice across the length.
  - (f) All personal gear authorized in paragraph 3c below, will be palletized.
- (3) Vehicles - Gas tanks will be three quarters full. One 5 gallon gas can three quarters full will accompany each vehicle.

### 3. Personnel.

a. Uniform. Utilities, normal arms and equipment, cartridge belt with full magazines, helmet, upper body armor, light marching pack and W.P. bag to include the following; one pair boots, two pair socks, one set utilities, toilet articles, towel, poncho, air mattress, one utility cover, two pair scivvies.

b. Equipment.

- (1) Class I - Two meals per man, two full canteens per man.
- (2) Class V
  - (a) Basic allowance plus two hand fragmentation grenades per man.
  - (b) Each company will carry the following pyrotechnics.

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Grenade, Hand Yellow, Smoke	2 each
Grenade, Hand Green Smoke	2 each
Grenade, Hand Red Smoke	2 each
Adapter, Grenade Proj Chem M-2	1 each
Ctg. 7.62mm Grenade, Rifle M-64	8 each
Grenade Rifle, Smoke W.P.	2 each
Sig. Illum., Grenade G.S. Clus.	4 each
Sig. Illum., Grenade R.S. Para.	4 each
Sig. Smoke, Grenade G. Para.	2 each

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- (1) E-1 through E-5 will be allowed one seabag each.
- (2) Officers and Staff may take three pieces of baggage to include one footlocker.
- (3) All baggage will be tagged inside and out with Marines' name, rank and organization.

d. Security. Each unit will provide, on a continuous basis, two sentries for security around gear pending embarkation and subsequent to debarkation until staged and released from responsibility by the unit commander concerned.

e. Embarkation Rosters. (Manifests)

- (1) S-1 will be given a roster of troops to be embarked. This will be corrected daily or as required.
- (2) Six copies of complete rosters will be kept by each embarking unit. Copies will go to the following: S-1, S-4, Embark Officer, air strip control NCO and plane loadmaster.
- (3) Maximum troop capacity for C-123 is 28 combat loaded troops.
- (4) Each man as he loads aboard the aircraft will be checked against the manifest and his presence indicated thereon. After each unit completes loading, a representative will be dispatched to the Battalion S-1 with a corrected plane team manifest.

4. Movement. See Appendix B

- a. Staging areas located at airstrip and marked by units name on a sign 3' X 4'.
- b. Troop units be prepared on order to muster at air strip, matted area, within five minutes time frame on day of movement.
- c. Staging of gear will commence on morning of 20 November 1966.

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5. Control.

- a. Battalion embarkation NCO, identified by two inch band of white tape around utility cover, will control staging area.
- b. Air Strip Control NCO, identified by two inch band of white tape around a helmet liner, will manifest personnel and cargo, aboard planes according to assigned priorities.

6. Miscellaneous.

a. Progress Reports.

(1) Staging report to Battalion S-4 the following:

- (a) Time Staging begun.
- (b) Time 25% completion.
- (c) Time 50% completion.
- (d) Time 75% completion.
- (e) Time 100% completion.

(2) Manifesting - Air strip control NCO will report following to Battalion S-4:

- (a) Time departure of each plane.
- (b) Personnel/cargo embarked.

b. Damage Reports - Each unit submit damage report as occurring to Battalion S-4 to include the following:

- (1) Item damaged.
- (2) Extent of damage.
- (3) Location.
- (4) Assistance required.

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- c. Accident Reports - Notify Battalion S-4 immediately upon occurrence of an accident including the following information:
- (1) Nature of accident.
  - (2) Location.
  - (3) Assistance required.


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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Unit Strengths
- 2 - Movement Schedule

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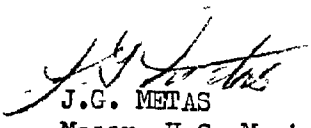
Task Organization.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Company "I" (Reinf)	3	205	0	8
Company "K" (Reinf)	3	198	0	7
Company "L" (Reinf)	3	208	0	8
Company "M" (Reinf)	4	209	0	8
H&S Company (-)	13	160	3	27
Total	(26)	(980)	(3)	(58)

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Appendix 2 (Movement Schedule) to Annex C (Movement Plan) to Operation Plan 331-66

Ref: None

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1. General. The movement will be accomplished over a period of four days (tentatively 21 November to 24 November). Specific personnel and cargo will be assigned priorities on each day. Cargo scheduled to move on a particular day that does not depart on that day will be embarked on the last day of the move.

2. Movement.

a. First Day.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Unit/Cargo</u>	<u>Lbs/cube</u>	<u>Plane Req.</u>
1	Company "I" Personnel	216 men	7.7
2	Company "I" Cargo (Office)	1240/71	0.3
3	Company "I" Mules	4 each	1.0
4	Comm. Platoon Personnel	22	0.7
5	Comm. Generator	2,745/250	0.4
6	Comm. Platoon Cargo-Mule	13,236/720	2.5
7	C.P. Tents W/E (12)	6,800/600	1.0
8	$\frac{1}{2}$ BAS Section	11 men	0.4
9	$\frac{1}{2}$ BAS Cargo	5,587/274	0.8
10	Company "I" Cargo (*Cargo)	21,908/2,099	3.1
11	S-1 Personnel	10 Men	0.4
12	S-2 Cargo	1425/47	0.2
13	S-3 Cargo	2755/127	0.4
14	S-4 Cargo	4670/163	0.7
15	81,106, Spec. Ser., Chaplain	4265/292 13 men	1.0
Totals Men 276 Wt. 51,415 Cube 3923 Vehicles 4 mules Planes 20.6			

b. Second Day.

1	Company "L" Personnel	219 men	7.8
2	Company "L" Cargo, Office Supply, Armory	4225/196	0.4
3	Company "L" mules 5 each		1.8
	S-4 Mite & Trailer 1 each		

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<u>Priority</u>	<u>Unit/Cargo</u>	<u>Lbs/Cube</u>	<u>Plane Reg.</u>
4	S-2, S-1 Mite & Trailer 2 each		1.0
5	Messhall Personnel (24 men)		0.9
6	Messhall Cargo	18,425/1227	2.7
7	Company "L" Cargo (-Supply, Office)	38,060/1449	5.4
Total Men 251 Wt. 60,710 Cube 2872 Vehicles Planes 20.0			
5 Mules			
3 Mites & Trailers			

c. Third Day.

1	Company "M" Personnel	221 men	7.9
2	Company "M" Cargo (Office and Supply)	4,525/266	0.7
3	Company "M" Mules 4 each		1.0
4	Command Group Alpha 23 men		
	Mite & Trailer 2 each (CO's & S-3)		1.0
	Mite & Trailer 2 each (S-3 & BAS)		1.0
	MRC-109 & MRC 83 Radio Jeeps, Personnel remaining		1.0
5	1 BAS Section Personnel 18 men		0.7
6	1 BAS Cargo	6,877/380	1.0
7	Company "M" Cargo (-Office and Supply)	36,155/884	5.4
8	P. Tent W/E (12)	6,800/600	1.0
Totals Men 266 Wt. 53,745 Cube 2130 Vehicles Planes 20.7			
4 Mules			
3 Mites/Trailer			
2 Radio Jeeps			

d. Fourth Day.

1	Company "K" Personnel	208 men	7.5
2	Command Group Bravo	28 men	1.0
	Mite & Trailer (XO's & S&C)		1.0
	MRC-109 & MRC-83 Radio Jeeps and Mule Company "K"		1.0
3	Company "K" Mule 4 each		1.0
4	Company "K" Cargo (-Office)	26,366/1753	4.0
5	H&S Company Cargo/Personnel		
	18 men (Supply, HQ, Flames)		0.6
	Office, Supply, Armory	10,521/454	1.6

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Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines	2
Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	2
 <u>Internal</u>	
Commanding Officer	1
Executive Officer	1
S-3	1
S-2	1
S-4	1
S-1	1
Commanding Officer, Company "I"	1
Commanding Officer, Company "K"	1
Commanding Officer, Company "L"	1
Commanding Officer, Company "M"	1
Commanding Officer, H&S Company	1
Commanding Officer, Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	1
Battalion Medical Officer	1
Communication Officer	1
Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon, Company "A", 1st Amtrac Battalion 1	
Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon, Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion 1	
Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 3d Anti-Tank Battalion 1	

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<u>Priority</u>	<u>Unit/Cargo</u>	<u>Lbs/Cube</u>	<u>Plane Req.</u>
6	Battalion Supply Office	3,115/454	1.6
7	Battalion Supply Personnel 14 men		0.5
8	H&S Company Mules 4 each (1-Mt, 1-Flames, 2 Bn. Supply)		1.0
9	Battalion M.T. Cargo	8734/821	1.3
10	Battalion Supply Cargo	41,175/1765	6.5

Totals Men 276 Wt. 89,914 Cube 4968 Vehicles Planes 27.5  
 9 Mules  
 2 Mites & Trailers  
 2 Radio Jeeps

Grand Totals  
 (All Four Days)

Men	Wt.	Cube	Vehicles	Planes
1069	255,784	13,893	22 Mules 8 Mites & Trailers 4 Radio Jeeps	88.8

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