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Encl: ✓(1) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Downgraded at three (3) year intervals, declassified after twelve (12) years.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 26th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Lieutenant Colonel J.M.CUMMINGS
1-28 Feb 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	Capt, MOTLEY, P.C.	1-28 Feb 1967
Co E	Capt, JOY, J.R.	1-28 Feb 1967
Co F	Capt, LINNEMANN, J.A.	1-27 Feb 1967
	Capt, FORT, G.E.	28 Feb 1967
Co G	Capt, OOTS, S.E.	1-28 Feb 1967
Co H	Capt, SYKES, W.E. Jr.	1-18 Feb 1967
	Capt, ROZMAN, J.J.	19-28 Feb 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1967: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj, LANDERS, J.H.	1-28 Feb 1967
S-1	2d Lt. RHODES, J.L.	1-28 Feb 1967
S-2	2d Lt, BROWN, W.A.	1-28 Feb 1967
S-3	Maj, FOGO, W.E..	1-24 Feb 1967
	Maj, YOUNG, D.L.	24-28 Feb 1967
S-4	Capt, ROZMAN, J.J.	1-18 Feb 1967
	1st Lt, BAKER, L.M.	19-28 Feb 1967
S-5	2d Lt, FELLINGER, B.E.C.	1-28 Feb 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>	
	38 1206	3 52	NONE

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Action during this period consisted primarily of daylight and night patrols, and night ambushes. Emphasis is being made on denying VC infiltration and supply activity in the Tay Loan and Cu De river valleys. These activities for the most part are dispatched from company and platoon patrol bases on the Da Nang perimeter. Some long range patrols have been initiated from the reserve company based at the Battalion CP.

The relative stability and light enemy contact within the TACR has enabled the battalion to concentrate on an active Civil Action program. The Civil Affairs Officer, in close coordination with the Medical Officer, Battalion Combined Action Company Coordinator and Civil officials, has developed and implemented an effective program.

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PART III

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Number of replacements received: 109 USMC Enl, 3 USMC Off and 1 USN Enl

b. Number of personnel rotated: 23

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 51

(1) WIA - 30

(2) KIA - 2

(3) Humanitarian/Emergency transfers - 4

(4) Non-battle injuries - 6

(5) Intra-division/regiment transfers - 5 Enl, 4 Off

d. During February 104 out of country R&R quotas were received, and 51 in country R&R quotas to China Beach were received.

e. Special Services. Movies were shown nightly. A recreation room was established with television. Sporting equipment such as weight lifting sets were obtained. A branch of the enlisted club was established giving the battalion an Enlisted Club, NCO Club, and Officers/Staff NCO Club. CCCCCC

2. Administration

a. Awards

(1) Purple Hearts - 30

b. Promotions

(1) To Corporal - 42

(2) To Lance Corporal - 67

(3) To Private First Class - 5

c. Postal service continues to be satisfactory. Mobile money order unit was provided for use of personnel in the field.

d. Exchange facilities were adequate.

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e. Informational Services. There were 63 Fleet Home Town News Releases during the month.

f. Courts - Martial

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
General Court Martial	1	0
Special Court Martial	5	2
Summary Court Martial	0	0

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INTERVIEW OF

1. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period.

(1) Enemy activity was harassing in nature, consisting of snipers firing small arms at patrols, and mine/booby traps.

b. Enemy initiated incidents during the period.

(1) There were 14 enemy initiated incidents which consisted of:

(a) One incident of attempt to breach/mine perimeter wire.

(b) Three incidents of small arms (sniper fire).

(c) Seven incidents of mine/booby traps.

(d) Three incidents of distributing propaganda leaflets.

c. Summary of enemy casualties, captured, and equipment captured during the period.

(1) KIA 4

(2) KIA (prob) 2

(3) Detainees 9 (Innocent - 8; ARVN deserter - 1)

d. Significant trends during the period.

(1) The enemy appear to be avoiding areas within the Battalion TAOR. Song Cu De River activity indicated this may be one of their supply routes.

e. Enemy situation at the end of the period.

(1) The enemy seem to be avoiding any contact with friendly units. On the occasions when patrols encountered the enemy, contact was broken almost immediately.

d. Weather.

(1) No adverse conditions occurred.

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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. Operations

a. Mission assigned

- (1) Establish and maintain a reconnaissance screen throughout assigned TAOR and in OA's when assigned.
- (2) Conduct unilateral offensive operations within assigned TAOR and in OA's as directed.
- (3) Conduct unilateral and/or coordinated offensive operations in Division area of responsibility as directed.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated offensive operations throughout I Corps Tactical Zone as directed.
- (5) Occupy and defend assigned TAOR
- (6) Be prepared to deploy anywhere in RVN by the most expeditious means within indicated time from first warning order:
 - (a) One reinforced rifle company within four (4) hours.
 - (b) One reinforced battalion (minus above company) within six hours.
- (7) Be prepared to counterattack against possible enemy penetration into Regimental TAOR
- (8) Conduct coordinated U.S./GVN operations including a concentrated and sustained civic action program within TAOR in support of Revolutionary Development.
- (9) Conduct coordinated U.S./GVN psychological warfare program within TAOR.
- (10) Control and maintain routes of communication within TAOR.

b. Major operations conducted: None

c. Command and control

- (1) Task organization. During the month the battalion was task organized as follows:

~~SECRET~~2d Bn, 26th Mar

H&S Co

Co E (Rein)

Co E

Det H&S Co (-)

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Serv Plt

Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co F (Rein)

Co F

Det H&S Co (-)

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Serv Plt

Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

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Co H

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FO team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Direct SupportBtry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar2d Plt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn2d Plt, Co B, 3d AT Bn2d Plt (-), Co A, 3d Amphac Bn

Lt. Col J.M. CUMMINGS

Capt P.C. MOTELY

Capt J.R. JOY

Capt J."A" LINNEMAN

Capt S.E. OOTS

Capt J.J. ROZMAN

Capt LATHROP

GySgt SIMS

2dLt MONAGHAN

2d Lt COUCH

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(2) Location of Command Posts of subordinate units.

(a) 2d Bn, 26th Marines and Headquarters, H&S
Company: AT939782

(b) Company E (Rein): AT939782

(c) Company F (Rein): AT905719

(d) Company G (Rein): AT938866

(e) Company H (Rein): AT898821

(f) Btry B: AT721795

(g) 2d Plt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn: AT898821

(h) 2d Plt, Co B, 3d AT Bn: AT905719

(i) 2d Plt, Co A, 3d Ambac Bn: AT932837

(3) Control. The primary means of control during the reporting period was radio backed up by wire. A minimum of difficulties were encountered.

2. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare

a. Use of any equipment peculiar to CBR warfare: None

b. All major items of CRB equipment are on hand.

3. Training

a. The following training was conducted.

(1) One enlisted Marine was sent to Okinawa for a period of five (5) days to attend MUMMS school.

(2) The battalion's training allowance of M-16 Rifles and ammunition arrived and all members of the battalion trained in the operation, nomenclature and care and cleaning of the M-16. Familiarization firing was also conducted in preparation of the issuing of the M-16 Rifle. Driver training was conducted by the Motor Transport Section of H&S Company. Basic Communications training was conducted by the Communications Section, H&S Company stressing the difficulties encountered at the Company level of communications. The 3d Engineer Battalion conducted Land Mine Warfare training and this battalion sent approximately 90 Marines during the month. Familiarization of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies.

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5. Significant events:

1 Feb 1967

Company F continued to be under the operational control of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines for Operation Independence.

At 0010H a Company H patrol observed three VC at AT917825. The patrol opened fire with approximately 60 rounds of 7.62mm from ambush at AT 918825 resulting in 1 VC KIA. The area was searched at first light and one .45 cal. pistol and one ChiCom grenade were recovered.

Ref: S-3 Journal #2 & 32. Annex A

3 Feb 1967

At 1930H a Company G patrol observed two individuals moving from their proposed ambush site. The patrol leader and one other man moved forward to check the area. Upon their return to the main body of the patrol a member of the patrol fired on them resulting in one Marine being wounded. The wounded Marine was MedEvaced.

Ref: S-3 Journal #237 Annex A

At 1750H received call from 9th Marines to have two platoons and a Company Command group from the reserve company ready to be helo lifted to assist recon unit, which is under fire, and a helicopter which was down at the same location. At 1820H one platoon from Company H was helo lifted to assist, the remainder of the requested force was not required.

Ref: S-3 Journal #244 & 245 Annex A

4 Feb 1967

The platoon from Company H which was sent to assist recon unit returned. Two non-battle casualties were sustained during the operation.

Ref: S-3 Journal #289 Annex A

At 1310H a patrol member from Company H had an accidental discharge with a .45 cal. pistol which resulted in a self inflicted wound in the left rear thigh.

Ref: S-3 Journal #308 Annex A

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5 Feb 1967

At 0043H a Company H patrol was moving into their ambush site at 21395767 when movement was heard to their direct front. The squad opened fire at a range of approximately 50 meters on an estimated 12 VC. They expended 150 rounds of small arms and 3 M-79 rounds and received 50 rounds of automatic fire in return, resulting in one USMC WIA.

Ref: S-3 Journal # 357 Annex A

6 Feb 1967

At 1035 Company H apprehended one detainee at AT091763. The detainee was delivered to the III MAF Brig.

Ref: S-3 Journal #466 & 469 Annex A

7 Feb 1967

At 1025H CAC 11 patrol apprehended one female at AT909783. The patrol confiscated approximately 200 lbs of boxed rice and 70 leaflets. The rice was taken to District Headquarters and the leaflets were delivered to Battalion S-2. Detainee was delivered to III MAF Brig.

Ref: S-3 Journal #540 Annex A

At 1155H Company F returned from Operation Independence. The company sustained 10 WIA and 1 KIA during the operation.

Ref: 2d Bn. 26th Marines msg 091455H Feb 67

10 Feb 1967

At 1600H a Marine from Company H carrying a box of ammo on his shoulder slipped and fell, the box of ammo striking his arm, resulting in a possible fracture. The Marine was MedEvaced to 1st MedBn.

Ref: S-3 Journal #434 Annex A

11 Feb 1967

At 2400H Company F chopped OPCON to the 1st Marines for Operation Stone.

Ref: 9th Mar msg 110143Z Feb 67

13 Feb 1967

At 2040H an L.P. from Company E apprehended one female carrying 10 pounds of meat. The meat was delivered to District Headquarters and the detainee was delivered to the III MAF Brig.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1016 Annex A

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13 Feb 1967 At 2205H two VC attempting to breach the perimeter or set a mine or booby trap in the wire were discovered by a sentry from Company G. The VC fired two rounds and the sentry fired 20 rounds of 7.62mm. The area was searched with negative results, the sentry received a minor wound.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1032 Annex A

14 Feb 1967 At 0935H a patrol from Company E detonated a ChiCom grenade at AT888715 resulting in four USMC WIA, two of which were MedEvaced.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1044 Annex A

At 1942H a Company H patrol ambushed one boat at AT864343 with 4 VC. The patrol opened fire at a range of approximately 25 feet resulting in 2 VC KIA (conf) and 2 VC KIA (prob).

Ref: S-3 Journal #1072 Annex A

15 Feb 1967 At 0915H a patrol from Company H received fire from approximately 6 VC from AT875844 resulting in one USMC WIA.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1110 Annex A

16 Feb 1967 At 0730H a river patrol on board an LVT observed a fast moving boat which was heading toward the village of NAM'O. The patrol fired about 20 rounds of small arms in front of the boat at AT928838. The boat proceeded to the village and put in with other boats. The river patrol called for assistance from Company H. A patrol was dispatched to check the village and apprehended one male with a wound in right arm and one female. The male was turned over to ARVN investigating officers in DaNang and the female was delivered to DaNang police for an ID card check. The male was determined to be an ARVN deserter.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1179 & 1193 Annex A

At approximately 1200H the boundaries of the company TAORs were changed and some company units relocated to enable the Battalion Commander to have one complete company in battalion reserve.

Ref: TAOR overlay Annex B

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Feb 1967 At 1415H Company F returned from Operation Stone. The Company sustained 7 WIA and 1 KIA during the operation.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1341 Annex A

19 Feb 1967 At 1929H a Company H ambush spotted one boat with two VC at AT842855. Engaged the boat with small arms resulting in two VC KIA (conf).

Ref: S-3 Journal #1161 Annex A

At 1535H a Company H patrol returning to the C-P. detonated a mine of unknown type at AT894823 resulting in three USMC WIA.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1204 Annex A

20 Feb 1967 County Fair 9-42 terminated at approximately 0700H.

At 1042H Company F relieved Company E of the responsibility of the southern TAOR of the battalion's area of responsibility.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1366 Annex A

28 Feb 1967 At 1545H a Marine from Company E had an accidental discharge with his M-14 while on a company sweep resulting in a gunshot wound of this left leg. Marine was MedEvaced.

Ref: S-3 Journal #1819 Annex A

At 2130H the battalion was placed on two hour alert for a possible move north to reinforce the 3d Marine Division Forward.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 281415Z Feb 67

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LOGISTICS

1. Logistics

a. Supply

(1) During the month of February the overall supply posture of end items was good with the exception of shortages in individual equipment and clothing. Critical shortages exist in 2d echelon repair parts for trucks, utility M-274A2.

(2) During this month this battalion manned positions in a TAOR outside of Da Nang. Resupply was conducted by truck from a Battalion Supply Point which in turn was replenished by truck from facilities of FLSC "A".

b. Maintenance

(1) Second echelon maintenance continued to be good in all areas except for the truck, utility, M-274A2. Lack of spare parts continued to hamper maintenance efforts.

c. Food services

(1) Company messing facilities remain attached to each company within the battalion TAOR. The battalion was able to serve two hot meals per day to the majority of the troops in the field.

d. Transportation and roads

(1) A daily requirement of six trucks (6x6) is provided this battalion to fill its resupply requirements. Six trucks is the minimum essential requirements for adequate resupply. Improvement of road conditions in the battalion TAOR has been continued. The Third Engineer Battalion is presently repairing a resupply road in area of Company G.

e. Water

(1) Potable water for the battalion is drawn from the water point at the Battalion C.P. Companies in the field are each given two M-107 water tanks for daily resupply. The FLC G-3 Officer indicated that action would soon be taken on the battalion's request to have non-potable water delivered to Companies F and H for shower purposes.

f. Motor transport

(1) Organic vehicles of the battalion were used for administrative runs during the month while the daily household

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(6x6) trucks were used solely for resupply. One M-422A "Mighty Mite" has been on requisition since 15 September 1966 and three others are currently on 3d echelon deadline at 1st FSN. This shortage of available organic transportation for administrative runs was a significant problem during the month.

g. Lubrication

(1) During February lubrication data was updated and improved. Stencils for ships loading plans and battalion landing team templates for vehicles were completed.

h. Hospitalization and evacuation

(1) Daily sick call was held and limited medical services were given at the Battalion Aid Station. All serious medical evacuation cases were evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion by vehicle or helicopter.

None of the above mentioned activities were completed during the month of February. The Battalion Aid Station was not operational during the month of February. The Battalion Aid Station was not operational during the month of February. The Battalion Aid Station was not operational during the month of February.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. Communications-Electronics

a. Wire

(1) Wire work during the month consisted of improving the existing system. It included clearing and replacing unserviceable and useless wire circuits within the Command Post.

b. Radio

(1) All radio circuits continued to operate with a minimum of difficulty.

(2) A basic communications school has been established which deals with problems most commonly encountered at the company level.

c. Radio relay

(1) During the month the radio relay system was changed from an AN/TRC-27 to an AN/MRC-62. Numerous breakdowns were encountered with the AN/TRC-27 due to generator difficulties. No major problems have occurred with the AN/MRC-62.

d. Message center

(1) The Battalion Message Center is still operating with only one teletype. Two AN/TGC-14 teletypes are still on order and an AN/TGC-3 is still at FISC for repairs.

(2) During the reporting period there were 205 incoming messages and 53 outgoing messages.

e. Maintenance/Supply

(1) The following combat equipment is deadlined:

(a)	AN/PRC-25	Radio	3
(b)	AN/mrc-109	Radio Jeep	1
(c)	AN/MRC-83	Radio Jeep	1
(d)	AN/TGC-14A (V)	Teletype	1
(e)	AN/TGC-3	Reperferator	1
*(f)	AN/TPS-21	Radar Set	1

* Deadline for generator PU-422

(2) Handsets H-138 continue to be a problem with many mike elements becoming unserviceable.

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f. Problems encountered

(1) personnel shortages:

- (a) 5931 1
- (b) 2822 1
- (c) 2531 7

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FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Fire support coordination

a. Artillery units providing support/reinforcing fires

- (1) Direct support: Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar (105mm)
- (2) General Support: 1st 8" HowBtry, 1st FldArtyGrp
 - (one 8" How SP)
 - (two 155mm How)
 - (one 155mm How SP)

b. Naval ships providing Naval Gunfire support: None

c. Type and number of missions fired

(1) Artillery

- | | |
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| (a) Observed - 10 | (f) Prep - 1 |
| (b) Unobserved - 3 | (g) Training - 13 |
| (c) H & I fires - 751 | (h) Defensive - 0 |
| (d) Group fires - 1 | (i) Registration - 7 |
| (e) Neutralization - 0 | |

(2) Naval Gunfire: None

(3) 81mm Mortars

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) Observed - 94 | (f) Prep - 2 |
| (b) Unobserved - 553 | (g) Training - 0 |
| (c) H & I - 586 | (h) Defensive - 26 |
| (d) Group fires - 0 | (i) Registration - 0 |
| (e) Neutralization - 33 | |

(4) 106mm Recoilless Rifle

- (a) Observed - 0
- (b) Unobserved - 0
- (c) H & I - 0

d. Ammunition expended by type and caliber

(1) Artillery

(a) 105mm

HE - 1780	ILL - 26
WP - 57	SMK - 0

(b) 155mm

HE - 7	ILL - 26
WP - 12	SMK - 0

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(2) Naval Gunfire: None

(3) 81mm Mortars

HE(med) - 1204	ILL - 196
HE(light) - 58	WP - 74

(4) 106mm Recoilless Rifle: None

2. Significant Events

19 Feb 1967 F.O. from Company G fired a mission on suspected mines and booby traps at AT 906862. One large secondary explosion was observed.

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

1. Combat air support

a. Combat air support was provided by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

(1) The battalion had no close air support strikes or TPQ's during the month of February 1967.

(2) No A/O's were requested during the month of February

(3) Troop lifts conducted during the month of February were as follows:

8 Feb 1967 Twenty nine man security force from Company H for hydrographic survey security was inserted at AT997937.

14, 19 and 25 Feb 1967 Recon flights in preparation of Operation Gulf were conducted.

28 Feb 1967 Twenty nine man security force for hydrographic survey at AT997937 was extracted to Company H C.P.

Periodic changes of personnel for two OP's at AT935782 and AT938778 were conducted throughout the month.

(4) Helicopter supply conducted during the month of February was as follows:

8 to 28 Feb 1967 Helo resupply was conducted on an every day basis in support of the hydrographic survey security force.

1 to 28 Feb 1967 Helo resupply for two OP's was conducted on an every other day basis throughout the month.

28 Feb 1967 Helo resupply for Company E was conducted at AT823756, AT837757 and AT840744.

(5) MedEvacs during the month of February were as follows:

3 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Gunshot wound
5 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Wounds in back
9 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Shrapnel wounds
14 Feb 1967	2 USMC	Shrapnel wounds
15 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Shrapnel wounds
28 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Wrenched back
28 Feb 1967	1 USMC	Gunshot wound

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1st Med Bn.

f. Civil affairs medical support rendered

(1) Number treated: 3,861

(2) Referrals for corrective surgery: 00

(3) Other events affecting civilian health: A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen.

(4) Visits were made to the CAC units by Dr. MILLER and the battalion conducted a two day County Fair. There were five corpsmen assigned to give medical aid to the villagers.

g. Problem areas: None

h. Dental referrals: 63

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT

1. Medical and Dental support

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt J.P. MILLER MC USN

b. Medical trends: None

c. Number of battle casualties treated:

(1) Shrapnel wounds 03

d. Number of non-battle casualties treated:

(1) Heat casualties: 00

(2) Lacerations: 09

(3) Trauma: 74

(4) Burns: 06

(5) Admissions to BAS: 13

(6) Number of consultations to 1st Med Bn and NSA
Hospitals: 71

(7) Cases of significant diseases of the Area:

(a) Malaria: 00

(b) Hookworm: 00

(c) Bacillary Dysentery: 00

(8) Cases of Venereal Disease: 11

(a) acquired out of country: 10

(b) acquired in country: 01

e. Preventive medicine and sanitation

(1) Number of inoculations: 250

(2) Other: The use of mosquito repellent is in effect.

All personnel are participating in the malaria prophylaxis program weekly and have received instructions in personal hygiene.

(3) Camp area was sprayed with Malathion by PMS

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CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Support

- a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. BOLLES
- b. Number of services by type and number of personnel attending:
 - (1) General Protestant Services - 21 - Attendance 595
 - (2) Holy Communion (Episcopal) - 19 - Attendance 161
- c. Personnel receiving counseling - 46
- d. Facilities - excellent

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations.

a. Mission. To conduct a civil action program that will enhance the prestige of the civil government and to conduct psychological operations to further the efforts of the Government of Vietnam in re-establishing its effective control over the people.

b. During the month of February, this unit was involved in the following civic action projects and operations.

- (1) County Fair Operation 9-42.
- (2) Monitor of hog project at four refugee hamlets.
- (3) Daily MEDCAP throughout TAOR treated 3,619 patients.
- (4) DENTCAP totaled 29 Patients.
- (5) Classes on First Aid for PF's at four CAC locations.
- (6) Classes in English for PF's and civilians at four CAC locations.
- (7) Provided transportation for children during TET holiday.
- (8) Made arrangements to have an operation performed on a sixteen year old boy to improve his vision.

c. Psychological Operations by this unit for the month of February 1967 included the following:

- (1) County Fair Operation 9-42 (400 people)
 - (a) Two and one half hours of movies of "Chieu Hoi Program", "Sanitation", "How to Improve Rice Crop" and "The War in Vietnam".
 - (b) Speeches by Village and Hamlet Officials.
 - (c) Chieu Hoi tape played over speaker system.
 - (d) Leaflets, newspapers and magazine given to people.
 - (e) Patriotic music played for people.
 - (f) Radio news program played over speaker system.

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(2) Hand to hand distribution of leaflets, newspapers, magazines and posters amounted to over 5000 items.

d. Materials distributed during the month were:

- (1) 2,270 lbs of food.
- (2) 720 lbs of clothing.
- (3) 465 bars of soap.
- (4) 250 bottles of Iodexine Antiseptic.
- (5) 300 school kits.
- (6) 2,800 lbs of wet garbage to feed pigs.
- (7) Lumber and tin to rebuild two houses destroyed by fire.

e. As a result of this unit's Civic Action Program, the relationship between the civilian population and the Marine units in the area continues to be very good. Local Government operation and control has improved and expanded during this period.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ANNEX A: ✓ EXTRACTS FROM S-3 OPERATIONAL JOURNAL

ANNEX B: ✓ TAOR OVERLAY

ANNEX C: ✓ 2D BN, 26TH MARINES OPERATION ORDER 1-67

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EXTRACT FROM 1967 OPERATIONAL JOURNAL

TIME	CUT NUMBER	EVENT
IN 010025	2	Company H ambush observed three VC leaving village. Fired 60 rds of 7.62mm killing VC. Spot report to COC.
010717	32	Upon search of area Company H found one ChiCom grenade, one .45 cal. pistol. Spot report to COC.
032025	237	Company G fired on a member of their patrol returning to ambush site. Spot report to COC.
032200	244	Company H alerted for Bald Eagle.
032201	245	Company H plt departed on Bald Eagle mission.
040750	289	Company H plt returned from Bald Eagle mission.
041335	308	Member of Company H patrol had accidental discharge wounding self in left thigh. MedEvaced, spot report to COC.
050336	355	Company H patrol opened fire on estimated 12 VC, fire returned, resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Spot report to COC.
061115	466	Company H patrol apprehended one male detainee. Spot report to COC
061245	469	Detainee appeared to be unusually afraid, pointed out bear trap set on trail. Spot report to COC.
071125	540	CAC 11 holding one female detainee and rice for CIT. Spot report to COC.
101820	434	Marine from Company H MedEvaced for broken arm. Spot report to COC.
132145	1016	Company E apprehended one female carrying meat. Spot report to COC.

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140015	1023	Company H sentry fired on VC attempting to breach wire, VC returned fire, sentry wounded. Spot report to COC.
141025	1044	Company E patrol detonated ChiCom resulting in 2 WIA. Spot report to COC.
142210	1072	Company H ambush fired on boat resulting in 2 VC KIA and 2 VC KIA (prob). Spot report to COC.
150950	1110	Company H patrol received fire from unknown number of VC. One USMC WIA. Spot report to COC.
160910	1179	Company H river patrol with assistance from land patrol apprehended one male detainee. Spot report to COC.
161345	1193	Male detainee found to be ARVN deserter. Spot report to COC.
181515	1341	Company F returned from Operation Ssone.
182020	1161	Company H ambush engaged boat with 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA. Spot report to COC.
191624	1204	Company H patrol detonated mine resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Spot report to COC.
221042	1366	Company F relieved Company E.
281915	1819	Marine from Company E shot himself in the left leg with an M-14. Spot report to COC.

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Annex A (Sequence of Actions) to Operation Order 1-67

Time Zone: H

Marine blocking forces assume final positions on the line of encirclement.

Local GVN civil and/or police elements poised at line of encirclement prepared to advance towards the objective hamlet. Key local GVN official, accompanied by USMC representative, delivers prepared message to villagers. (Message can be prepared previously recorded on tape for delivery without requiring presence of official).

Local GVN official, delivers message to villagers in objective hamlet via loudspeaker. Official's message notifies the people of the operation that is commencing, informs them the GVN forces (with Marine assistance) are already positioned around the periphery of the hamlet, and orders all villagers to remain in their homes until further word and not to attempt to leave the hamlet. The official's message stresses that the purpose of the operation is to assist the people of the hamlet, by removing the threat of Viet Cong terrorism, and providing services and assistance to improve the people's welfare.

Curfew terminated. (Villagers within area of operation must remain in homes).

FIRST LIGHT: Local GVN civil and/or police elements (with GVN military security forces, as necessary), tighten the line of encirclement and commence movement towards objective hamlet. Search teams deploy into previously assigned areas to carefully and thoroughly search for Viet Cong personnel or contraband materials. "Control Cadre" equipped with battery-powered portable loudspeakers direct the villagers to assemble at a previously selected central collection area. (Collection area must be easily identifiable to avoid confusion). Marines maintain tight cordon about hamlet, allowing no one to enter or leave.

WHEN DIRECTED: Commander of GVN forces leads civil and military elements into hamlet and establishes command center at central collection point where villagers are being assembled. Hamlet authorities are contacted, informed of the nature of the operation, and invited to assist.

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Villagers are requested to construct detention enclosure, prepare galley facilities, as well as erect tents as required in assisting in the establishment of the collection point. In the presence of a friendly or passive population, the application of force is accomplished with caution. All personnel concerned emphasize that the purpose of the operation is to help the people.

Commence processing (interrogation and segregation) of villagers. Processing sequence is:

- (1) Initial screening. Local GVN authorities identify those persons known to assist the Viet Cong and indicate all strangers to the hamlet.
- (2) Police administrators carefully examine individual and family identification documents, and re-issue documents, as required. Examination to include "census-type" and family background information.
- (3) Persons with inadequate identification papers or otherwise questionable are required to undergo interrogation by ARVN interrogators.
- (4) USMC CI/ITT personnel, equipped with polygraph, are available to provide assistance. (Personnel who are apprehended as suspects as the result of the screening can be temporarily detained in enclosure erected in close proximity to interrogation tent).
- (5) After completion of screening (persons completing screening are marked on forearm with special stamp to facilitate identification) villagers attend psy-war program, to include: newsreels, propaganda movies, news broadcasts, taped messages, daily newspapers, etc. Effort is made to provide this program as "entertainment", which makes the propaganda messages much more palatable.
- (6) Villagers requiring medical assistance are treated by USN doctor (having GVN medical personnel or ARVN interpreter to assist the doctor both helps the doctor and serves to inject GVN participation into this area of the operation).
- (7) Local governmental officials address the people, with emphasis on the concern that the GVN has for the people, the government's future plans, and the assistance that the people can provide.

MEAL HOURS: Galley prepares and distributes staple food ration

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to those villagers dislocated by the operation or otherwise unable to prepare or provide food.

REST OF DAY: Processing continues until all villagers have been screened, all dwellings and family shelters searched, and all suspected hiding places examined for Viet Cong or weapons.

Marine cordon is maintained until termination of the operation.

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TASK ORGANIZATION FOR GULF.

2/26 (-) REIN.

CO. E2/4 CO. H 2/4, BTRY B. (REIN) 1/12 2ND PLT CO. B.

1 TANK BN. 2ND PET CO. B. 3RD AT.BN. PLT, 1ST 8 INCH HOWLTHEER BTRY

DET, 3RD ENG BN, DET H&I 3RD S.P. BN., DET SCOUT DOG PTT, PLT 3RD

AMTRC BN (~~XXXX~~ LVT-6)

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Operation Plan 2-67 (Gulf)

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM AMS Series L7014, sheets 6641 III
 and 6541 II.
 (b) 3dMarDiv OpO 377-66
 (c) 9thMar RegtO 3100.2C
 (d) BLTO 2300.1 (Comm SOP)
 (e) 1stMarDiv COI

Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization:2dBn, 26th Marines (-)(Rein)

Lt.Col. J.M. CUMMINGS

CoE, (Rein)

Capt. J. R. JOY

CoE

1st Sec.(-) 81mm Mortar Plt

Det, Scout Dog Plt(2 teams)

Det, 3dEngr Bn.

Det, HST, 3d Shore Party Bn.

CoH(-)(Rein)

Capt. J.J. ROZMAN

CoH(-)(Rein)

- rifle Plt(Rein) CoG

4th Sec(-) 81mm Mortar Plt

Det, Scout Dog Plt(2 teams)

Det, 3dEngr Bn.

Det H&S Co

Det, Comm Plt

Det, 106 RR Plt

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS and PIRsb. Friendly Forces.(1) Artillery

(a) Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines in D/S

(b) — Plt, 1st 8" How Btry in G/S

(c) — Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co. in D/S

(d) Preparatory fires 1-20min to 5-5min in
 HIZ's BUZZARD and BLUEJAY.

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- (2) 2d Plt CoB, 1st Tank Bn in D/S
- (3) 2d Plt CoA, 3d AmTrac Bn in D/S
- (4) Det, Scout Dog Plt (4 teams) in D/S
- (5) Sqd, 3dEngr Bn in D/S
- (6) Det, HST, 3d Shore Party Bn in D/S
- (7) 1st MAW provides helo troop lift and as feasible fixed wing/helicopter gunships, and helicopter resuppl

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) See Task Organization
- (2) ___ Co(Rein), 2dBn, 4th Marines as Bn Reserve on 2 hour standby for employment.

d. Assumptions.

- (1) That forces indicated in this plan will be available at H-Hour on D-Day.
- (2) That weather will not prohibit the employment of helicopters and fixed wing A/C in the area of operations.
- (3) That the enemy in the objective area will not be substantially reinforced prior to D-Day.

2. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, 2dBn, 26th Marines(-)(Rein) conducts search and destroy operations in area bounded on the North by E-W grid line (AT 89); on the East by N-S grid line (AT 90), on the South by E-W grid line (AT 82) and on the West by N-S grid line (ZC 12) to locate and capture or destroy enemy forces, equipment and supplies.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day one company(Rein) attacks West along the axis of SONG CU DE Valley in assigned ZOA. This force with one Plt LVTH-6s in D/S will provide fire support to the helicopterborne force. Commencing at I-Hour on D-Day, one company lands by helicopter in designated HIZ's and attacks East and Northeast to establish blocking positions in assigned ZOA. Annex A (Concept of Operation)

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b. Co E (Rein)

- (1) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day land by helicopter in HIZ's BUZZARD and BLUEJAY, attack and seize Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- (2) Maintain blocking positions on each assigned objective to prevent enemy egress from the area of operations.
- (3) On order, be prepared to shift blocking positions to prevent enemy exfiltration and also prepared to continue the attack to eliminate enemy forces anywhere within the TAOR.

c. Co H(-)(Rein)

- (1) Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day attack in a mechanized column along route of advance Road-runner and seize objective 6.
- (2) Provide security for the movement of the LVTH-6's and tanks, to a firing position at Objective 6 and there detach security to maintain continuous protection.
- (3) Continue the attack through Objective 6 and on axes of advance ALFA and BRAVO to effect link up with Co E at contact points 1 and 2.
- (4) On order, be prepared to occupy blocking positions to prevent enemy exfiltration from the area of operations and remain prepared to continue the attack to eliminate enemy forces anywhere within the TAOR.

d. Det H&S Co. (Radio relay group)

- (1) Commencing at H-Hour land by helicopter in HIZ Sparrow and establish radio circuits at H+1 to insure continuous communications on the Bn Tac Net and ~~artillery~~ ~~conduct of fire~~ ~~net between~~ attacking companies, Bn Cmdg group, and Bn (Rear)

e. Bn Reserve(1) Co F

- (a) Provide one (1) rifle platoon (Rein) on 30 minute alert for employment anywhere within the Bn TAOR as Bn Reserve.

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(2) Co(Rein), 2d Bn, 4th Marines

(a) Maintain 2 hour standby for employment
anywhere within the 2d Bn, 26th Marines TAOR.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

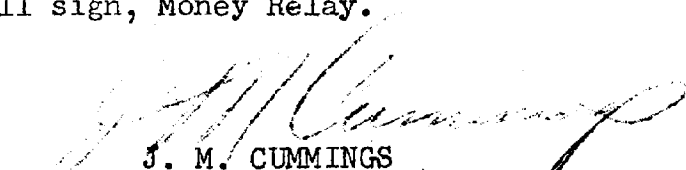
- (1) Annex A (Concept of operation)
- (2) Annex B (Fire support)
- (3) Rules of Engagement, Annex J to Ref (b)
- (4) Tentative; D-Day H-Hour L-Hour
 27Feb67 0700H 1300
- (5) Code name for this Operation, GULF
- (6) This plan effective on order.
- (7) Attachments effective H-12.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for antipersonnel
and anti-vehicular mines.
- (9) Submit Spot Reports IAW ref (c)
- (10) Report locations upon arrival designated **Phase**
Lines, Objectives and Contact Points.
- (11) Estimated duration of Operation, 3 days

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- (1) Individuals carry 4 MCI's, 2 full canteens
- (2) Unit Commanders prescribe ammunition and POL
levels for 3 days.
- (3) Emphasize utilization of water purification
and salt tablets.
- (4) Logistic support exercised from Bn (Rear),
via helicopter.
- (5) Casualties will be evacuated by helicopter to
1st Med Bn.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. References (d) and (e)
- b. CO, 2d Bn, 26th Marines moves with Co H initially.
- c. Radio Relay team call sign, Money Relay.


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ANNEXES.

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION
- B. FIRE SUPPORT
- C. DISTRIBUTION

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Annex B (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Plan 2-67

- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6641 III and 6541 II.
 (b) BnO 8220.1 (FSCC SOP)
 (c) RegtO 3100.1C (9thMar FSCC SOP)
 (d) 3dMarDiv OpO 377-66
 (e) BnFO 2300.1 (Comm SOP)
 (f) 3dMarDiv COI

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces - See current INTSUMS and PIR's
 b. Friendly Forces
- (1) B Btry, 1stBn, 13th Marines in D/S
 - (2) — Plt, 1st 8" Btry (North) in G/S
 - (3) — Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co. in D/S
 - (4) 1st MAW provides fixed wing and UH1-E gunships as feasible.

2. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, 2dBn, 26th Marines (-)(Rein) conducts search and destroy operations in area bounded on the North by E-W grid line (AT 89); on the East by N-S grid line (AT 90), on the South by E-W grid line (AT 82) and on the West by N-S grid line (ZC 12) to locate and capture or destroy enemy forces, equipment and supplies.

EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation - 2dBn, 26th Marines FSCC will coordinate the fires of all supporting agencies in accordance with Ref (b).
 b. Btry B, 1stBn, 13th Marines
- (1) Direct Support
 - (2) From present positions be prepared to support the scheme of maneuver within range.

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c. 1st 8th Btry (North)

- (1) General Support
- (2) From present positions be prepared to support the scheme of maneuver within range.

d. Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co.

- (1) Initially D/S of Co H, move in an armored column under protection of Co H to a firing position at Objective 6.
- (2) At Objective 6 revert to G/S of 2dBn, 26th Marines and occupy a firing position to support the maneuver of the helicopterborne force.
- (3) Provide prep fires in HLZ's BUZZARD and BLUE JAY from L-20 min to L-5 min.
- (4) Be prepared to provide "on call" support throughout the area of operations.

e. Coordinating Instructions

Overall responsibility for planning and coordinating fires in support of Operation GULF will be effected by 2dBn, 26th Marines FSCC.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Scheduled fires and assignments:

Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co prep fires.

Time	Location
L-20 min to L-5 min	LZ BLUE JAY (ZC 195841)
	(ZC 195837)
	(ZC 192839)
	(ZC 197843)
	(ZC 199838)
	(ZC 196845)
	(ZC 191847)
L-20 min to L-5 min	LZ BUZZARD (ZC 130847)
	(ZC 130842)
	(ZC 128844)
	(ZC 133845)
	(ZC 128848)
	(ZC 133849)
	(ZC 131850)

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b. On call fires and assignments(1) Plt, 1st 8" Btry (North)

Target No's	Location
FX 893	Obj 6 (AT 825853)
FX 894	Obj 6 (AT 817871)
FX 895	Obj 6 (AT 832862)

(2) Plt, 1st Armored Amphib Co.

Target No's	Location
BB 501	Obj 1 (ZC 154852)
BB 502	Obj 2 (ZC 180864)
BB 503	Obj 3 (ZC 194868)
BB 504	Obj 4 (ZC 193836)
BB 505	Obj 5 (ZC 172834)
BB 506	HLZ BLUEJAY (ZC 194837)
BB 507	-do- (ZC 196846)
BB 508	HLZ BUZZARD (ZC 127453)
BB 509	-do- (ZC 138847)
BB 510	-do- (ZC 129840)

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

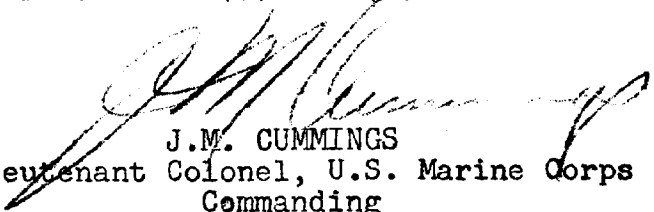
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6. GROUND FORCES SAFETY

In accordance with references (b), (c) and (d).

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

a. In accordance with references (e) and (f).


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Operation Order 2-67 (SPARROWHAWK)

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6640 III & IV,
 6540 I, and 6641 III
 (b) 1st Mar Div Op O 304-66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS and PIR's.b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st MAW provides three (3) UH-34D or two (2) CH-46A troop helicopters escorted by armed UH-1E aircraft.

(2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines in D/S of 2d Bn, 26th Marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION

2d Bn, 26th Marines maintains a capability to rapidly commit a reinforced squad by helicopter to engage and destroy small VC forces sighted in or adjacent to the TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation.--2d Bn, 26th Marines maintains a reinforced squad known as the ready squad on day-light alert for immediate helicopter assault to exploit contacts or sightings of small VC forces. The ready squad lands in the rear or on the flank of the enemy and is utilized as a separate maneuver element on the ground; either as a blocking force, or in a mobile role. The squad will not normally be employed as a reinforcing element. Helicopters will pick up the squad at their helicopter pad and transport them to the requested area. The UH-1E remains on station to provide fire support and the troop helicopters return to the ready squad's helipad to await reinforcements or withdrawal of the squad.

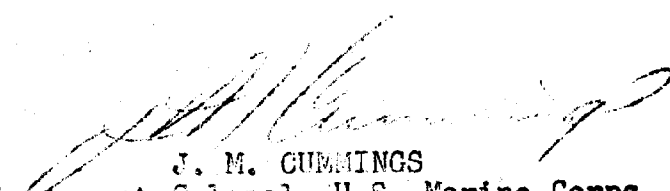
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- (3) Call Sign of the SPARROWHAWK squad will be:
"SPARROWHAWK _____" (Company requesting).
- (4) UH-1E gunship remaining on station will be
contacted via Button Yellow. UH-1E Call Sign
will be passed to SPARROWHAWK squad leader
prior to lift-off by this headquarters.


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ANNEXES:

- A - SPARROWHAWK Request
B - Checklist for Ready Squad

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Company G (2)
Company H (2)
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- (b) The company providing SPARROWHAWK will report lift-off.
- (c) Requesting company report touch-down of SPARROWHAWK and assumption of OPCON.
- (6) Annex B (Checklist for Ready Squad) is for use by personnel concerned with the commitment of a squad within the context of this order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Uniform.--Helmet, flak jacket, T/O weapon, light marching pack with entrenching tool.
- b. Squad Equipment.--A minimum of:
 - Four (4) - M-72 light assault weapons
 - One (1) - M-60 light machine gun
 - One (1) - 3.5" rocket launcher with WP rounds
 - Two (2) - AN/PRC-25 radios with spare batteries
 - One (1) - Compass for squad leader
 - Two (2) - Hand grenades, Smoke - Yellow
 - Two (2) - Hand grenades, Smoke - Red
 - One (1) - Flashlight
- c. Prescribed loads.--Four (4) MCI's, Two (2) full canteens, and Basic Allowance of ammunition per weapon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Command
 - (1) The company assigned responsibility for maintaining the ready squad exercises command until SPARROWHAWK lift-off.
 - (2) The company requesting SPARROWHAWK assumes OPCON of SPARROWHAWK upon lift-off.
- b. Communication
 - (1) Upon alert, the ready squad leader will enter the tactical radio net of the company requesting SPARROWHAWK and Button Yellow to facilitate control of helicopters.
 - (2) Ready Squad Leaders will be prepared to enter tactical radio nets other than those of their parent command.

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 6540 I, and 6641 III
 (b) 1st Mar Div Op O 304-66

Time Zone: H

1. Units requesting SPARROWHAWK employment will submit requests via the Bn Tac Net in the following format:

From: (Requesting Unit)
 To: MONEY

This is a SPARROWHAWK request.

- A. Pick up Coordinates (Leave Blank)
 B. Destination Coordinates
 C. Coordinates of Enemy
 D. Description of Enemy (size, etc.)
 E. Location of Friendly Troops
 F. Call Sign of Unit desiring OPCON of SPARROWHAWK
 G. Remarks:

- (1) Direction Enemy is moving.
 (2) Locations/descriptions of other USMC or ARVN friendly forces in the immediate area of action.

2. The Bn Air Officer will call back to the unit assigned as SPARROWHAWK and indicate the Call Sign of the UH-1E fire support aircraft.
2. The SPARROWHAWK squad will enter the tactical net of the unit exercising OPCON and will also control the UH-1E gunship on station through Button Yellow.


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APPENDICES: None.

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OP ORDER 399-66 (BLUE SPRINGS)

A. MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 SERIES L701 SHEETS 6658, I, II, III AND IV, 6659, I, II, III, AND IV, 6559, III AND IV.

B. DIVISION OP ORDER 411-66

1. SITUATION. ANNEX A (TS) (ISSUED SEPARATELY) TO REF (C). OMITTED2. MISSION. NINTH MARINE'S REGIMENT PROVIDES AN ALERT SECURITY FORCE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERIMETER SECURITY FOR DRONE A/C THAT LANDS WITHIN NINTH MARINES TAOR, AND PREPARES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE FOR DRONE A/C WHICH LANDS OUTSIDE 9TH MARINE TAOR.3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT.

(1) CG, THIRD MARINE DIVISION ALERTS NINTH MARINES THAT A BLUE SPRINGS MISSION IS INITIATED AND PROVIDES APPROXIMATE TIME FOR HELICOPTER PICKUP OF ALERT FORCES, LOCATION OF DRONE RECOVERY AREA AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA REQUIRED FOR FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION.

(2) NINTH MARINE'S DESIGNATES BATTALION TO PROVIDE REIN SQUAD (NO MORE THAN 22 PERSONS) ON ALERT FOR HELICOPTER PICKUP AT DESIGNATED TIME. BATTALION DESIGNATED WILL NORMALLY BE THAT BATTALION IN WHOSE ZONE OF ACTION THE DRONE IS EXPECTED TO BE RECOVERED.

(3) DESIGNATED BATTALION PROVIDES COMMANDING OFFICER, NINTH MARINES WITH THE LZ LOCATION FOR PICKUP OF ALERT FORCE.

(4) NINTH MARINE'S INITIATES ACTION FOR THE NECESSARY FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION TO ENSURE ESTABLISHMENT OF NO FIRE ZONE IN THE AREA OF DRONE RECOVERY DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD.

(5) IF DRONE LANDS WITHIN TAOR, ALERT FORCE MOVES TO DRONE LOCATION AND PROVIDES THE NECESSARY PERIMETER SECURITY WHILE A RECOVERY/SALVAGE CREW COMPLETES ITS WORK.

(6) BATTALION PROVIDING ALERT FORCE WILL BE PREPARED TO RELIEVE AND/OR REINFORCE ALERT FORCE.

(7) SPARROW HAWK FORCE MAY BE USED FOR ALERT FORCE ON APPROVAL THIS HQ. HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL UNIT MUST BE MAINTAINED IN ALERT STATUS TO MEET THIS COMMITMENT.

(8) DETACHMENT 1035TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP RECOVERY CREW ACTS IN ADVISORY.

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REGARDING PROBLEMS RELATIVE TO DRONE RECOVERY.

B. FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION.

(1) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO FURNISH REINFORCED SQUAD FOR BLUE SPRINGS SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE.

(2) BATTALION DESIGNATED: COMPANY TO PROVIDE BLUE SPRINGS SECURITY FORCES AND KEEP THIS HEADQUARTERS INFORMED OF DESIGNATION ON CONTINUING BASIS, TO INCLUDE PICKUP HLZ.

(A) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AS CONTROL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BLUE SPRINGS SECURITY MISSION UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

(B) BE PREPARED TO RELIEVE AND/OR REINFORCE ALERT FORCE IF REQUIRED.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) IN EVENT DESTRUCTION OF DRONE IS DIRECTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

(2) REFER ANY REQUIREMENTS TO USE ALERT FORCE OUTSIDE THIS TO THIS HHC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION- ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND CONTROL HEADQUARTERS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. ALERT FORCE REMAINS UNDER COMMAND GROUND UNIT COMMANDER.


B. COMMUNICATION- ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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S-C (5)


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Annex C to 2nd Bn 26th Mar Command Chronology for 1 - 28 Feb 1967

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6641
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- (b) CG, III MAF Order 3121.3 of 4 Feb 1967
- (c) Ninth Marines OpO 126-66 of 24 Dec 1966
- (d) Third MarDiv OpO 377-66 of 24 Sep 1966
- (e) BLT 0 2300.1 (Comm SOP) of 12 July 1966

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization:

2d Bn, 26th Marines (-) (Rein)

Lt. Col. CUMMINGS

Det H&S Co

Lt. FELLINGER

Det Med Plt
Det Comm Plt
Det, Mess Sect, Serv Plt
Det, MT Sect, Serv Plt

Det 244th Psy War Co

Det 9th CI Team

Det 3d ITT

Co. H (-) Rein

Capt. ROZMAN

Co. H (-)
Rifle Plt (Rein) Co. E
Rifle Plt (Rein) Co. G
Sec, 81mm Mtr Plt
FO, Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines
FO Team 81mm Mtr Plt

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS and special intelligence reports as issued.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines in direct support.

(2) GVN civilian officials conduct census and registration of villages; issue identification documents; introduce villagers to government officials; conduct psy-war operations; reintroduce GVN influences to objective area.

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(3) District PF elements as assigned provide security for GVN officials; conduct deliberate search of hamlets for VC personnel and/or equipment and facilities; supervise movement of citizens to central collection point for processing.

(4) National Police assist in screening and make arrangements for expert interrogation of suspects.

2. MISSION

On 20 Feb 1967, 2d Bn, 26th Marines conducts County Fair Operation in Thuy Tu (1) (AT905830) and Quan Nam (2) (AT905823).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) See references (b) and Annex A to reference (c).

(2) One rifle company (rein) will establish a cordon around the two hamlets. Detachment H&S Company will provide medical and logistic support and assist in control of civilians as required.

b. Det. H&S Co.

(1) Layout administrative area to include erection of tentage, galley, medical/dental facility and holding areas.

(2) Establish interior cordon to hold civilians in administrative area.

(3) Assist in control of civilian populous and provide such other support to GVN officials as may be required.

c. Co H (Rein)

(1) Establish a cordon around the objective hamlets and prevent the entry or departure of all personnel except those cleared through the administrative area.

(2) Prepare defensive positions to defend against attack from inside the hamlet or outside the cordon.

(3) Use of force or fire will be kept to the absolute minimum consistent with the requirement.

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d. Detachment 244th Psychological Warfare Company

(1) Provide tape recorder, tapes, broadcasting equipment, films, film projector and generator to support County Fair.

(2) Be prepared to distribute propaganda leaflets to each villager.

(3) Utilize ralliers to explain to villagers why they left VC and returned to GVN side.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) See Annex A (Sequence of Actions)

(2) Rules of Engagement. Annex J to reference (d).

(3) All Marine personnel will be as unobtrusive as possible. Maximum participation by villagers should be encouraged in all activities.

(4) All dealings with villagers will be conducted through the Village/Hamlet Chief(s) and interpreters. Special deference will be shown to elders.

(5) Estimated duration of operation is two days.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Participating USMC elements, normal. Each individual carry four (4) MCI w/fuel trioxane.

b. County Fair Support

(1) Class I

- (a) 1.1 pound Vietnamese rice per person/per day
- (b) Soup base
- (c) Tea and sugar

(2) Class II

- (a) 10 GP tents
- (b) 5 lister bags
- (c) 1 field range
- (d) 2 pots w/ladles and covers
- (e) Engineer tools for erection of tents and heads
- (f) 3 portable heads

(3) Class III - As required for ranges.

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(4) Class IV

- (a) 500 Feet barbed wire.
- (b) 15-5 foot metal engineer stakes.
- (c) cloth for screening heads.

(5) Water - One 400 gal. water trailer

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. See reference (e)
- b. CO, 2d Bn, 26th Marines exercises command all U.S units.
- c. GVN officials command all Vietnamese units.
- d. Bn S-5 commands detachment H&S Company and coordinates activities within administrative area. CO, Company H commands cordon force

e. CP Locations:

2d Bn, 26th Marines - AT938763
 Company H, 2d Bn, 26th Marines - AT898821
 Det, H&S Co, 2d Bn, 26th Marines - Vic AT900821

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ANNEXES:

A- Sequence of Actions

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CO (1)	Co. F (1)
XO (1)	Co. G (1)
S-1 (1)	Co. H (2)
S-2 (1)	FSCC (1)
S-3 (1)	Det, 244th Psy Co. (1)
S-4 (1)	Det, 3d ITT (1)
S-5 (3)	Det, 9th CI Team (1)
S-6 (3)	Total (26)

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Annex B (Checklist for Ready Squad) to Operation Order 2-67

Ref: (a) 1st Mar Div Op O 304-66

Time Zone: H

1. The following checklist may be used for Ready Squad Leaders:

a. Does the Squad Leader have:

- (1) A map of the Regimental TAOR?
- (2) A compass?

b. Does the Squad Leader know:

- (1) Location of the friendly force in contact?
- (2) Location of the enemy?
- (3) Estimated size of the enemy?
- (4) Direction of enemy movement?
- (5) Call Sign and frequency of unit to exercise OPCON?
- (6) Location of his LZ?
- (7) Call Sign and frequency of the UH-1E fire support helicopter?
- (8) Location/description of friendly forces in the immediate vicinity of action?

c. Have the following been accomplished?

- (1) The squad is separated into seven man heliteams and knows which helicopter they will board.
- (2) A radio check has been performed and the radio is set on the designated frequency. If possible, the squad has checked into the net and contacted the unit to exercise OPCON.


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- (3) The squad contacted the aircraft on the designated frequency as they approached the helipad.
- d. Does the squad have a minimum of:
- (1) Four - M-72 light assault weapons?
 - (2) One - M-60 light machine gun?
 - (3) One - 3.5" rocket launcher with WP rounds?
 - (4) Two - AN/PRC-25 radios with spare batteries?
 - (5) One - Flashlight?
 - (6) Two Yellow and Two Red smoke grenades?
- e. Has the Squad Leader thoroughly briefed his squad on the above details and his tactical plan?


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APPENDICES: None

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