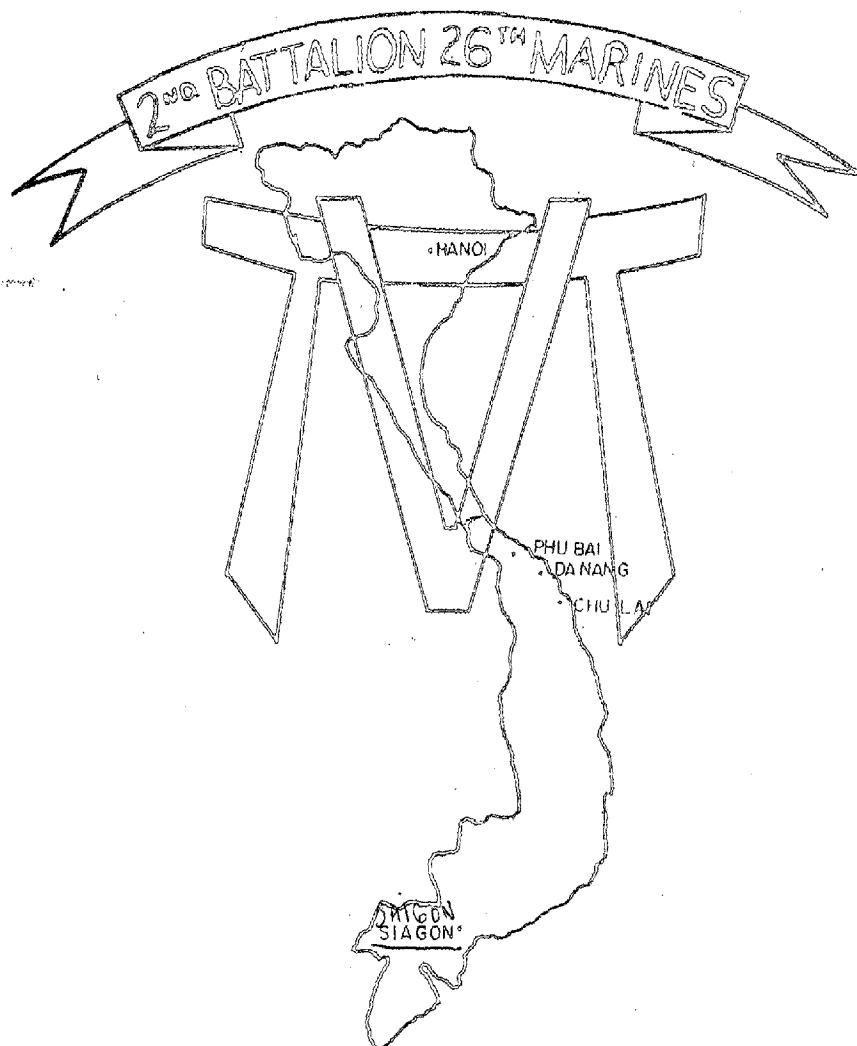


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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

Battalion Landing Team 2/26
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol SPARKS
LtCol SPARKS1-31 Dec
1-31 Dec

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co

1stLt HARRINGTON
1stLt GREENE1-18 Dec
19-31 Dec

E Co

1stLt LEWEY
2ndLt SMITH1-17 Dec
18-31 Dec

F Co

Capt HARTMAN
Capt STOLZ1-11 Dec
12-31 Dec

G Co

Capt SEAL

1-31 Dec

H Co

Capt FARMER

1-31 Dec

ATTACHED UNITS

Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt FRANZEN

1-31 Dec

Mortar Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Mar

1stLt SAUNDERS

1-31 Dec

1stPlt(Rein) Co A, 5th AmTrac Bn

1stLt COX
GySgt MOSQUEDA1-06 Dec
7-31 Dec

1stPlt (Rein) Co A, 5th AT Bn

SSgt HOOKANO

1-31 Dec

2ndPlt (Rein) H&S Co, 3rd S.P. Bn

1stLt O'NEILL

1-31 Dec

2ndPlt (Rein) Co C, 3rd Engr Bn

1stLt ASHCROFT
2ndLt MCPHEARSON1-04 Dec
5-31 Dec

2ndPlt (Rein) Co C, 3rd MT Bn

1stLt LAMBIN

1-31 Dec

4thPlt (Rein) Co A, 5th Tk Bn

1stLt MURPHY
2ndLt JENNINGS1-16 Dec
16-31 Dec

LSU, BLT 2/26

1stLt BURNS

1-31 Dec

Det, HQ Bn, (Postal, Dist, Photo)

1stLt LOVELACE

1-31 Dec

1st Clearing Plt (Rein) Co D, 5thMedBn Lt (USN) HARP

1-31 Dec

Security Det, HQ Co, 9thMAB

Cpl BROWN

1-31 Dec

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team

None
Lt (JG) CASSIDY1-15 Dec
16-31 Dec

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Det, Radio Relay, HQ Co, 26th Mar Sgt BUFFA 1-31 Dec

2. LOCATIONBLT Rear Camp Books BT 934806 1-07 Dec
 USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) 08-31 Dec

BLT CP's

01-07 Dec Vicinity BT 038613
08-15 Dec USS OKINAWA
15-24 Dec Vicinity BT 152515
24-25 Dec USS OKINAWA
26-31 Dec Vicinity BT 1674913. STAFF OFFICERSExecutive Officer Maj D. H. CLARK 01-23 Dec
 Maj J. D. LYNCH 24-31 Dec
S-1 1stLt J. A. MCELROY 01-31 Dec
S-2 SSgt H. E. ROLAND 01-31 Dec
S-3 Maj J. D. LYNCH 01-23 Dec
 Maj D. H. CLARK 24-31 Dec
S-4 Maj J. C. GREGAN 01-07 Dec
 Capt G. BEST 08-31 Dec
S-5 1stLt R. I. MORGAN 01-31 Dec4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN
Off Enl	Off Enl
54 1630	8 89

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2d Plt, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	1stLt ASHCROFT	25Oct - 16Nov
1st Plt, Co A, 5th RECON Bn	1stLt McDONALD	25Oct - 07Nov
2ndLt HELLMAN		07Nov - 16Nov
4th Plt (Rein), Co A, 5th Tank Bn	1stLt MURPHY	25Oct - 16Nov
Det, 2d Plt (Rein), H&S Co, 3rd SP Bn	1stLt O'NEILL	25Oct - 16Nov
2d Plt (Rein), Co C, 3rd MT Bn	1stLt LAMBIN	25Oct - 16Nov
LSU, BLT 2/26	1stLt BURNS	25Oct - 16Nov
Security Det, HQ Co, 9th MAB	Cpl MARKHAM	25Oct - 16Nov
Det, HQ Bn, (Postal, Disb & Photo)	1stLt LOVELACE	25Oct - 16Nov
F Co (Rein), 2d Bn, 1st Marines	Capt HAYES	11Nov - 12Nov

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery

(1) A command detonated mine incident resulted in the FSC and his assistant being medevaced out of country, and all of the FSCC's records being destroyed; no data is available on artillery support used on Operation GARRARD BAY by BLT 2/26.

b. Air

(1) Twenty-four (24) fixed wing sorties.

- (a) Sixteen (16) USMC
- (b) Three (3) USN
- (c) Five (5) USAF

(2) The above does not include:

- (a) Sixteen (16) Aerial Observers USMC
- (b) Twelve (12) Huey Gunships USMC
- (c) One (1) C-130 Flareship USMC
- (d) One (1) AC-47 Gun Flareship USAF

(3) In all cases air support was effective once it arrived on station; the average response time for aerial observers/Huey Gunships was thirty (30) minutes from the time of initial request. The average response time for

fixed wing aircraft was one (1) hour. Sixteen (16) of the fixed wing sorties were LZ prep; eight (8) were in support of troops in contact.

(4) Regimental TACP net was used to request air. This in violation of doctrine which states that the Battalion will use the Tactical Air Request Net (a direct line to DASC). As a result of using Regimental TACP, much time was lost while the request went from Battalion to Regiment to Division-Wing and finally to DASC.

8. Intelligence.

a. Prior to the operation the Dien Ban Local Force Company, the Hoi An Local Force Company and the T-89 Sapper Battalion were known to be operating in the A.O. Further, it was known that the R-20 Battalion which was located in the vicinity of BT 1054, had on occasion conducted operations in the A.O.

b. As the operation progressed the enemy units in the A.O. restricted their activities to intelligence gathering, placement of mines and SFD's with small night probes of the BLT's elements.

9. Mission. Find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations; interdict enemy LOC to Danang and in conjunction with 1st Marines, ARVN Forces, ROKMC and National Police, conduct detailed Cordon and Search Operations in the A.O.A.

10. Concept of Operation. Commencing at H Hour on 25 October through 16 November, BLT 2/26 conducted a series of Amphibious and Land Based assaults against VC/NVA Forces in the A.O. by helicopterborne forces to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations in the A.O.; to interdict enemy LOC to Danang; and in conjunction with 1st Marines, ARVN Forces, ROKMC and National Police, conduct deliberate Cordon and Search Operations in the A.O.

11. Execution.

At 250900H, BLT 2/26 landed to conduct Cordon and Search Operations in accordance with CG III MAF msg 190328Z. On the 25th of October, 15 KBA's at BT 078629, 6 AP SFD's and 3 AT mines were found and one female whose name was on the Black List was detained. At 251530H, Operational Control of BLT 2/26 passed to 1st Marines. BLT 2/26 then commenced Operation GARRARD BAY.

On the 26th, 1 female whose name was on the Black List was detained. At 262345H, an E Company LP exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy unit which resulted in 2 USMC WIA (minor).

At 270850H, BLT 2/26 was helilifted to Phong Ho (BT 062623) sustaining 1 USMC WIA and 1 USMC DOW due to enemy small arms fire while airborne. The days search uncovered 28 bunkers and approximately 3500 lbs of hidden rice caches; the bunkers were destroyed and the rice was sent to 1st Marines. 12 SFD mines were found, one of which was tripped, resulting in 2 USMC WIA's (medevaced) from F Company.

At 280110H, F Company received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from BT 074632 resulting in 5 USMC KIA and 15 USMC WIA (medevaced); counter mortar fire and 106mm RR were used to supress the enemy mortar fire. Found and destroyed 3 AP mines in the vicinity of BT 059628.

At 110730H, F Company, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines chopped OPCON to BLT 2/26. At approximately 110745H, F Company, 2/1 engaged 2 NVA at BT 103650 resulting in 1 NVA KIA (c) and the capture of 1 AK-47 and an NVA pack. At 110730H, F and H Companies were helilifted into the "Horseshoe Lake" area at BT 104635; E Company was helilifted to the vicinity of BT 094643, while G Company moved over land to the vicinity of BT 092633. 2 SFD's were found and destroyed by H Company. G Company set off an SFD resulting in 1 USMC WIA (medevaced). Also found in the operational area on 11 November were 42 bunkers, 2 tunnels, 1 105mm round and 2 60mm rounds all of which were destroyed.

At 120800H, F Company, 2/1 chopped back to the OPCON of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. In the vicinity of BT 075647 a tank detonated a mine resulting in 5 USMC WIA (medevaced). Also on 12 November, BLT 2/26 units in the "Horseshoe Lake" area found 1775 pounds of rice, 18 bunkers, 9 SFD's and 5 dud artillery rounds; the rice was shipped to 1st Marines CP and the ordnance destroyed.

BLT 2/26, while continuing to search in the "Horseshoe Lake" area on 13 November, found 250 pounds of rice, 6 bunkers, 1 bolt action rifle, 2 dud artillery rounds and SFD's of which 3 were tripped resulting in 3 USMC WIA (medevaced). Also found were various documents which were forwarded to 1st Marines S-2.

On 14 November, BLT 2/26 found 1660 pounds of rice, 3 artillery rounds, and 7 SFD's of which 1 was tripped resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA (medevaced). At 142110H, an E Company ambush killed 1 VC/NVA and captured 1 wounded enemy; 1 AK-47 and grenades were captured. The POW proved to be a Lieutenant Company Commander of a Sapper Company.

At 151130H, while E Company was searching the area of the previous night's ambush, they encountered 2 VC/NVA resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA (c) and the capture of 1 M-16 rifle with 4 magazines, 1 AK-47 with 1 magazine and uniforms with 2 wallets containing documents. Elements of G Company while moving to an ambush site came under Machine Gun, AK-47 and M-79 fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA (medevaced); G Company returned fire with small arms, artillery mission and directed 2 Huey Gunship attacks on suspected enemy positions with unknown results.

On 15 November, F and H Companies were helilifted to the vicinity of Cam Sa I in the vicinity of BT 079648. The Cordon and Search resulted in the finding of 5 SFD's and 113 detainees out of 383 screened; the detainees were taken to 2/1 CP for further interrogation. Company F suffered 6 USMC WIA (medevaced) from small arms fire while airborne at 161600H enroute from Cam Sa to the 3rd AmTrac Battalion position. Also on 16 November, E and G Companies were helilifted from their night ambush position to 3rd AmTracs followed by F and H Companies after securing the cordon.

12. Results.

a. Casualties.

Friendly KIA	9
Friendly WIA	39

Enemy KIA

5

Enemy KIA

15

Enemy WIA/POW

2

b. Civilians Screened. 1839c. Civilians Detained. 238d. Enemy Weapons and Equipment Captured or Destroyed.

SFD's

98

AK-47's

2

7.62 Carbine

1

M-16

1

AK-47 Magazines

6

M-16 Magazines

24

Assorted 782 gear and uniforms.

e. Bunkers Destroyed. 94f. Rice Captured. 10,970 poundsg. Dud Artillery Rounds Destroyed.

13. Administrative Matters. Administrative plans were adequate and no administrative problems were encountered. No new problems in logistics, maintenance, transportation and communications were encountered.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. No special equipment or techniques were used during the operation.

15. Commanders Analysis. The landing of the BLT in the 2d Bn, 1st Marines A.C. resulted in a marked decrease of enemy activity. The tactic of employing BLT 2/26 in a constant series of cordon operations either independently or in conjunction with the resident Battalion (2d Bn, 1st Marines), seized all initiative from the enemy. The repeated cordoning of villages and screening of populations resulted in numerous detainees, a factor that tore at the heart of the VC infrastructure. The type of mission initially assigned is believed for an amphibious force in the environment south of Da Nang. It is easier to achieve the essential element of surprise when operating from a sea base, since a helilifted force can be staged out of sight of the enemy. From this factor accrues the advantages of entrapping more enemy, to include infrastructure, within a cordon and also denying the enemy the opportunity to install the large number of SFD's routinely encountered by in-country units.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of December, the BLT was still engaged in Operation MEADE RIVER under the operational control of the 1st Marines. Several subordinate units of the BLT were OPCON to units within 1st Marines. However, by 071600H, all units were chopped back to BLT 2/26 and by 071800H the BLT chopped from the 1st Marine Division and all units returned to the rear position at FLC (Red Beach).

The BLT was now under the operational control of CTG 79.4, and on 08 December commenced embarking aboard ARG shipping. Aboard ship, all units conducted limited rehabilitation and training of its personnel and equipment.

At 0800H on 15 December, the BLT commenced Operation VALIANT HUNT (See OP ORD 120D-68 in Part IV). The four rifle companies, 81mm Mortar Plt., W Battery, 106mm RR Plt., and HQ personnel with the Alfa Command Group landed by helicopter in the vicinity of BT 1451 and BT 1551 (See Ref (d)), and established a cordon around the villages of An Los and Thi Lai. B Battery, 1/13, with elements of the Engineer Plt., and S.P. Plt., landed by surface craft in the vicinity of BT 208575 and established a Fire Support Base. An internal cordon was planned to separate the two villages; but, due to the small number of Vietnamese civilians found in the area, it was cancelled. The company involved was then free to conduct security patrols throughout the A.O..

The BLT helped establish a screening center in the cordon. U.S. Army Civic Action personnel, along with National Police Field Forces, a Provincial Renaissance Unit, and elements of C.I.T. and I.T.T. conducted the screening of civilian personnel while the BLT provided security.

By late on the 23rd, the search of the area and screening of personnel was complete and some BLT units started re-embarking aboard the ships. By the 24th all units were lifted out of the cordon area and returned to the ships. However, the F.S.B. was maintained and all units there remained ashore.

For the next two days the BLT enjoyed Christmas aboard ship and the units conducted a limited rehabilitation of personnel and equipment.

At 0730H on 27 December, the BLT again landed in the A.O. (See FRAG ORD 75-68 in Part IV). The four rifle companies, 81mm Mortar Plt., 106mm RR Plt., Engr Plt., W Battery, and HQ personnel with the Alfa Command Group conducted an all helicopter landing in the vicinity of BT 1549 and BT 1649 and established a cordon around the villages of Ap Bon (2) and Hien Luong. As planned, the Vietnamese civilians in Ap Bon (2) were moved into Hien Luong and the cordon was tightened in order to free one company for security patrols throughout the A.O..

Again, all civilians were moved to a central screening center where U.S. Army C.A. personnel, N.P.F.F.'s, PRU's, C.I.T., and I.T.T. personnel conducted the screening. The civilians' diet was augmented by rice caches discovered by Marines while searching the villages.

On 31 December, Operation VALIANT HUNT was still in progress with a scheduled termination date of 05 January, 1969.

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PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. MISSION/OPERATIONSa. Major Operations

(1) 1-7 December 1968

(a) MEADE RIVER (Continuation from November, see After Action Report, Operation MEADE RIVER in PART IV).

(b) Quang Nam Province, Da Nang area.

(2) 15-31 December 1968

(a) VALIANT HUNT (See Operation Orders 120D-68 in PART IV).

(b) Quang Tin and Quang Nam Province, Da Nang area.

b. Command Relations

(1) During the period of 1-7 December, BLT 2/26 was under the OPCON of the 1st Marines. The Command Headquarters remained with the BLT in the vicinity of BT 0361.

(2) During the period 8-31 December, the BLT was under the operational control of SLF ALFA. The BLT Headquarters was established aboard the USS OKINAWA (LPH-3). Operations conducted during the period utilized ARG shipping.

c. Combat Missions Assigned(1) MEADE RIVER

(a) 1-7 December

(1) Establish cordon around the objective area.

(2) Search and clear villages and adjacent area to destroy enemy forces, caches, material, and installations.

(3) Capture VC infrastructure within the objective area.

(2) VALIANT HUNT

(a) 15-31 December

(1) Establish cordon around the objective areas. (See OP ORD 120D-68 and FRAG. ORD 75-68.

(2) Assist in population screening and searches for caches.

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(3) Conduct patrols and ambushes as necessary to protect the integrity of the cordon.

d. Command Control

(1) During the period 1-7 December the BLT C.P. was located at BT 038613. Due to the size of the objective area, communications with most sub-ordinate units was by radio. The C.P. was only accessible by walking or OTTER type tracked vehicles. The BLT Rear was located at FLC (Red Beach), Da Nang. Daily admin runs were made to the C.P., and radio communications were maintained.

(2) During the period 8-31 December, the BLT was aboard ARG shipping. The Headquarters staff and all company offices were located aboard the LPH-3 in order to facilitate administrative matters. During operations ashore, the C.P. maintained tactical communications utilizing TAC/LOG radio nets. Administrative runs from ship-to-shore were made daily utilizing helos. Btry B, 1st Bn; 13th Marines, 2nd Plt. (Rein), H&S Co, 3rd SP Bn, and 1st Plt (Rein), Co A, 5th Am Trac Bn, landed at Blue Beach (See OP ORD 120D-68 in PART IV) and established F.S.B. and R.S.A.

e. Organic Operations

During the period, the BLT conducted (1) 51 day light patrols, (2) 96 night time LP's, and (3) 90 night time patrol/ambushes.

f. NBC Warfare

During the period 1-30 December there were no NBC type devices used by or against the BLT.

2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Situation at the beginning of the reporting period.

(1) Operation MEADE RIVER At the beginning of the reporting period, BLT 2/26 was concluding Operation MEADE RIVER.

(a) Intelligence provided by the 1st Marine Division indicated the presence of the V25Bn, R20 Bn, U/I elements of the 68B Regt, A82 Bn, and the Q15 IF Co in and around the operating area. The interrogation of the captured DIAN BAN District Economic Chief confirmed the presence of the R20 BN as being located within the cordon area. The above mentioned VCI was captured by E Company.

(b) During Operation MEADE RIVER, VC/NVA forces attempted to evade BLT 2/26 forces and made numerous attempts to pass through the cordon. These attempts were successfully halted by ambushes and LP's. When engaged by friendly fires, the enemy would break contact immediately. Enemy movement was constantly hindered by daily tightening of the cordon and by the use of flareship illumination during the hours of darkness.

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(c) Although exact figures are unavailable, it was determined that the VC control over the civilian populace in the MEADE RIVER area was seriously injured. Counterintelligence officials indicated that the number of VC infrastructure captured as a result of the intensive screening of the detainees was "very high".

b. Operation VALIANT HUNT

(1) Operation VALIANT HUNT was conducted within the known operating area of the Q80 and the Q81 LF companies, with a combined strength of 150 men. The last known locations of the 36th Regt (AT 9656) and the 38th LF/NVA Regt (BT 0254), placed them in a position from which to reinforce the Q80 and Q81 Local Force Company.

(b) During Phase I and the majority of Phase II of VALIANT HUNT no major ground contact was established with organized enemy troops. The enemy did, however, engage BLT 2/26 with sniper fire on a limited basis. When engaged by BLT 2/26 the enemy made every attempt to break contact as soon as possible.

(c) Although Phase II of Operation VALIANT HUNT is still in progress, the effect of this operation will be most readily felt by the local VC government within the operating area. A large number of VC infrastructure were captured as a result of the combined efforts of BLT 2/26, National Police Field Force (NPFF) and both QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Province officials.

c. Enemy initiated incidents During both the latter portion of MEADE RIVER and VALIANT HUNT the enemy engaged BLT 2/26 primarily with harrassing small arms fire. On one occasion during Operation VALIANT HUNT, F Company received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire.

d. Enemy Losses

MEADE RIVER VALIANT HUNT

(1) Casualties

NVA KIA	7	11
VC KIA	15	20
PW's	1	2
CHIEU HOI		1
DETAINEES		3,387
VC INFRASTRUCTURE		23
VC CIVIL DEFENDERS		18
VCS		6

(2) Captured Equipment

- 1 - AK-47
- 1 - US M2 Carbine
- 2 - SKS Carbine
- 1 - Mosin-Nagant Carbine
- 9,301 Pounds of rice
- 9 - CHICOM Grenades
- 4 - Box Mines

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250 - Round Linked 7.62
2 - Claymore mines
2 - M79 Rounds
1 - 106 Round
1 - 60mm Mortar Round
4 - NVA Packs
2 - Cartridge Belts
1 - Canteen
35 - Pounds Medical Supplies
3 - Communist Flags
5 - Sewing Machines
Assorted Documents
Assorted Civilian and Military Clothing

(3) Destroyed Enemy Positions

400 Meters of Trenchline
14 Bunkers
12 Fighting holes
7 Tunnels

- e. Enemy Trends During Operation MEADE RIVER it was noted that with each additional day, the entrapped enemy forces would increase his efforts to escape through the cordon, in small groups.
- f. Weather Conditions During the month of December weather conditions favored friendly operations. The monsoon rains did not appear as anticipated, and therefore had no adverse effect on friendly operations.

3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 Dec. At 0700H, Co H found a VC hiding in a tunnel.
- 01 Dec. At 0700H, Co F spotted 6 people running from them and opened fire resulting in 6 civilians medevaced.
- 01 Dec. At 1700H, Co G spotted 2 VC sitting on top of a bunker and fired a 106MM RR resulting in 2 VC KIA.
- 02 Dec. At 0010H the BLT CP observed 2 VC and took them under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA and the capture of 2 Chi Com grenades and some documents.
- 02 Dec. At 0930H, Co G took 2 VC under fire resulting in 2 VC KIA.
- 02 Dec. At 2050H, Co H called a 82MM mortar mission on 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA.
- 02 Dec. At 2055H, a Co H ambush took 6 VC under fire resulting in 3 VC KIA.
- 03 Dec. At 1150H, Co F captured 1 NVA who was slightly wounded.
- 03 Dec. At 1530H, a Co F patrol found a trench line 2'X3'X400 meters. It contained a VC body and miscellaneous enemy 782 gear and documents.

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03 Dec. At 2030H, a Co G squad leader threw a grenade which fell short resulting in 1 USMC medevac.

04 Dec. At 1120H, Co G took 1 VC under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA.

04 Dec. At 1120H, Co H while sweeping an area after a fire fight found 9 NVA KIA's.

04 Dec. At 1500H, Co H received sniper fire. Returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA.

04 Dec. At 1655H, Co F found 2 partially uncovered graves in the vicinity of BT 026607. One contained a body with a bullet hole in the head the other had shrapnel wounds in the stomach. The graves were recovered.

05 Dec. At 1330H, Co G found 12 one man fighting holes, 4 bunkers, and 3 mines. Bunkers were 5'X8'X4" made of bamboo and dirt. The mines were boxes 5'X5"X12" packed with TNT. All items were blown in place.

05 Dec. At 1530H, Co H found five boxes of documents and one electrical mine. The documents were turned over to 1st Marines and the mine was blown in place.

06 Dec. At 0945H, Co G found one decapitated NVA in the vicinity of BT 022602 believed to have been killed in action that took place on the 5th.

06 Dec. At 2200H, Co F received fire from 2 VC at BT 035601. Returned fire with small arms resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

07 Dec. At 0830H, Co F observed 1 NVA approaching from the west. Took him under fire with M-16 resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 M-1 carbine, 2 Chi-Com grenades and 1 cartridge belt captured.

07 Dec. At 1535H, Co G in the vicinity of BT 024599 set off a box type mine resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA.

08 Dec. to 14 Dec BLT 2/26 embarked aboard ARG/SLF ships, conducting rehabilitation and training in preparation for future operations.

15 Dec. At 1000H, Co F found 2 bunkers at BT 149528. Destroyed them with demo.

15 Dec. At 1250H, a gunship working in support of Co F wounded 1 civilian who was medevaced to the USS Okinawa.

15 Dec. At 1407H, Co E in the vicinity of BT 143509 detained 39 VN. Will be forwarded to the screening center.

15 Dec. At 1615H, Co E picked up 1 VC suspect who had no I.D. Forwarded to S-2 for questioning.

16 Dec. At 1030H Co H in the vicinity of BT 146514 picked up 40 VN civilians, 150lbs of rice and some documents. Civilians and rice were sent to screening center. The documents went to S-2.

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16 Dec. At 1110H, Co H found 14 VN hiding in bunkers located at BT 145516. People were escorted to collection point.

16 Dec. 1210H, Co H picked up 3 VN in a hut located at BT 146516. People were escorted to the collection point.

16 Dec. At 1235H, Co H found miscellaneous documents in 2 bunkers made of brick and bamboo located at BT 145515. Destroyed bunkers with demo and forwarded the documents to S-2.

17 Dec. At 2145H, Co H located at BT 146514, had a man slip and fall while throwing a grenade. The grenade detonated wounding the individual who was medevaced.

17 Dec. At 2345H, Co H received fire from an AK-47 and a light machine gun. Called a mortar mission; good target coverage. Firing ceased.

18 Dec. At 0930H, Co F discovered 1 VN male body at BT 143517 who appeared to have died of shrapnel wounds.

19 Dec. At 0730H, Co G found 1 butterfly bomb with anti-disturbance device at BT 152521. Bomb was destroyed in place.

19 Dec. At 1145H, Co H conducting a sweep in the vicinity of BT 131505, took 7 VC under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA.

19 Dec. At 1620H, Co E observed 1 VC running at the edge of river. Opened fire with machine gun resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).

19 Dec. At 1700H, Co H spotted VC running away from their position. Opened fire on him wounding him in the foot. Evacuated to the BMT S-2 for further processing.

19 Dec. At 1915H, Co G observed 2 VC in the water at BT 171511. Took under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA.

19 Dec. At 1915H, Co G spotted 1 VC in a boat. Opened fire sinking the boat and killing the VC. 1 VC KIA.

19 Dec. At 2000H, a Co H ambush enroute to its ambush site had grenades thrown at them by an estimated 10 VC. Returned fire and the VC fled. Had no casualties.

19 Dec. At 2330H, Co E spotted 1 VC in river and opened fire with M-79's resulting in 1 VC KIA.

20 Dec. At 1400H, Co G found 36 bunkers, 4 spider holes at BT 1657. Bunkers were family type with 12' L shaped tunnels. Destroyed with demolitions.

20 Dec. At 1456H, Co G found 1 VN male in a hut with a leg wound. Turned him over to ITT.

20 Dec. At 1830H, Co F spotted 3 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons entering a ville at BT 171518. Co G sent 2 squads to the ville to engage the enemy. Results were 1 VC KIA, 1 cartridge belt and 1 Chi-Com grenade captured.

20 Dec. At 1830H, Co F spotted 3 armed men in black clothing. Engaged them with 2 squads resulting in 1 NVA KIA (c). Co E supporting Co F by fire observed 3 more NVA KIA. All clothing, arms and equipment forwarded to Co F's CP for further evacuation.

20 Dec. At 1900H, Flareship reported 3 bodies previously reported are still in place and there are 3 more bodies in the same area, total 6 NVA KIA.

21 Dec. At 0650H, a Co H ambush opened fire on 4 VC. VC ducked out of sight. Upon checking area found blood trails leading into a swamp.

21 Dec. At 0800H, Co H found blood trails and many foot prints leading west at BT 141514.

21 Dec. At 0800H, Co G found a tunnel 4'X4'X5' with 1 SKS rifle, 4 clips of ammo, 1 Chi-Com grenade, documents and a small amount of medicine. Destroyed tunnel with demo.

21 Dec. At 0830H, Co G found 31 family funkers, made of bamboo also found 2 dud 105's and 1 155 round. Destroyed all with demo.

21 Dec. At 1250H, Co H spotted approx 12 VC/NVA. Opened fire wounding one. Observed him being carried into a bunker. Called Arty mission on bunker.

21 Dec. At 1700H Co F spotted 2 VC women. VC fired and Co F returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA and 3 detainees captured.

21 Dec. At 1730H Co E found 2 rusty 155 rounds at BT 166520. Destroyed with demo.

21 Dec. At 1900H, ITT reported that 16 VC still remain in ville. Checked all bunkers with negative results.

22 Dec. At 1100H, Co G found 1 male killed by shrapnel, in a fresh grave. 1 VC KIA.

22 Dec. At 1400H, Co E found a fresh grave 50 meters from ambush site of 19 Dec. VC killed by claymore. 1 VC KIA.

22 Dec. At 1700H, Co H while calling in arty mission observed 1 VC WIA entering water. 81's and small arms were fired resulting in 1 VC KIA.

23 Dec. At 2025H, a Co H ambush spotted 8-10 VN, took them under fire with small arms and claymore. VC returned fire with AK-47. Relocated ambush site.

23 Dec. At 2135H, a Co E ambush received ordnance of an undetermined caliber. Shrapnel hit 1 man who was treated by corpsman. 1 USMC WIA.

SPECIAL ENTRY: Elements of BIL 2/26 were reembarked on ARG shipping on 24 Dec. Landed again on 27 Dec., a continuation of Operation VALIANT HUNT.

27 Dec. At 1430H, Co F found 1 Chi-Com grenade wrapped in cloth at BT 170488. Turned it over to S-2.

27 Dec. At 2020H, Co G heard a bell ringing. May have been a warning system. Alerted troops in the area.

28 Dec. At 0940H, Co F heard sniper shooting at fixed wing. Called arty mission and sniper fire ceased.

28 Dec. At 1210H, Co H located at BT 159482 received sniper fire; returned fire with small arms, also called 81MM mortar mission. Results, 2 female WIA medevaced.

28 Dec. At 1345H, Co E found a bunker 8'X3'X4', made of bamboo. A tunnel ran 9' from the bunker. It contained 1 civilian radio and 1 M-26 grenade. Bunker was destroyed with demo.

28 Dec. At 2200H, Co F heard movement in ville located at BT 168494. Opened fire with M-16's and M-26 resulting in 1 VC KIA (c) and 1 Chi-Com grenade captured.

28 Dec. At 2035H, Co F observed 1 person moving along with some cows. Sent 2 men to investigate and discovered 15 people in a hut. Transported them to the collection point.

28 Dec. At 2050H, Co E observed an individual moving toward one of their ambush sites. Employed M-26's resulting in the capture of one VCS. Transported suspect to CIT/ITT.

29 Dec. At 0640H, Co F detained 3 individuals, a fifty year old man, 15 year old boy and a 16 year old girl. All three were sent to collection point.

29 Dec. At 0645H Co F had a VC walk into their lines. When told to halt he started to run. Co F opened fire resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).

29 Dec. At 1120H, Co G discovered a spider hole with a small tunnel containing 1 Chi-Com grenade at BT 165484. Destroyed in place.

29 Dec. At 1130H, VC suspect captured last night, led elements of Co E to 3 Vats which contained approximately 250lbs of rice.

29 Dec. At 1200H, Co E found a camouflaged L shaped tunnel 1 Meter wide, 3 meters long, 3 meters deep. Made of bamboo and dirt. Inside were 4 VCS, ages 20 to 30. They wore blue shirts, dark shorts, but had no weapons. Delivered to collection point.

29 Dec. At 1230H Co E found 1 L shaped tunnel 5' long which led to a bunker made of bamboo and dirt. There were 3 VCS hiding in the bunker. The bunker was destroyed and the 3 individuals forwarded to the collection point.

29 Dec. At 1400H Co E found an L shaped tunnel which contained 1 male who was sent to the collection point. The tunnel was destroyed with demo.

29 Dec. At 1450H Co H while searching a hut found that it had a false floor. Under the floor they discovered 800lbs of grain. The grain was forwarded to the collection point.

29 Dec. At 1950H Co E apprehended 1 VCS who had no weapon. He had a certificate from the Central Bank of China for 820 piastres. VCS was taken to the collection point.

29 Dec. At 2000H Co H fired on movement heard on a trail at BT 155525 and received small arms fire in return. Swept area and found 1 male VC estimated to be 40 years old. Sent to C.I.T..

30 Dec. At 0655H a Co H ambush spotted a man jump up and start to run away 25 meters from their position. He was told to halt and did not. The ambush opened fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (c).

30 Dec. At 1010H the National Police found an AK-47 with 3 rounds hidden in some bamboo. They kept weapon.

30 Dec. At 1100H Co F found 10 gallons of oil buried under the floor of a hut. The hut also contained the following items: clothes, documents, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 1 bottle of penicillin, 1 lighter with a 504 insignia. The oil was destroyed and the remaining equipment sent to C.I.T..

30 Dec. At 1230H Co E found a tunnel which contained a box of medical supplies, 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen and parts of a gas mask. All equipment taken to S-2.

30 Dec. At 1230H BLT CP discovered two 250lb caches of rice at BT 167496 and an additional 200lbs at BT 167495. They also found one 5 gallon of gas at BT 167494. The gas was destroyed and the rice sent to the collection point.

31 Dec. At 1030H the PRU's found a 3 layer tunnel complex which contained the following: 2 women, 3 men, and a 15 year old boy, medical supplies, documents, 5 sewing machines and clothing. People and items were sent to C.I.T..

31 Dec. At 1030H Co E while searching bunkers found 2 claymores and 2 M-79 rounds. Destroyed them in place.

31 Dec. At 1100H BMT CP found a female Vietnamese hiding in a bunker in the vicinity of BT 160497. She had an I.D. and some documents. All were turned over to C.I.T..

31 Dec. At 1150H Co F found 1500lbs of rice buried in vats in the vicinity of BT 170489. Sent rice to C.I.T..

31 Dec. At 1300H Co F found a rice cache of approximately 1700lbs, was found in the vicinity of BT 168491. Rice was turned over to C.I.T..

31 Dec. At 1520H Co F found assorted documents and a 120lb bag of rice in a 6'x8'x4' bunker. The documents and rice were turned over to BMT S-2.

31 Dec. At 1610H Co F found a 15 year old girl with a high fever and pains. With her were 2 women, and 3 children. The girl was medevaced and the others sent to C.I.T..

4. FIRE SUPPORT

a. B Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Marines (105mm)

Note: During the period 1-7 December the Btry was deployed as a provisional rifle company.

(1) Missions fired for the period are as follows:

113 H&I's
53 HE destruction
17 Illumination

(2) Of the above, there were 70 observed missions fired.

(3) Total rounds expended are as follows:

3417 H.E.
287 W.P.
467 Illumination

b. W Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Note: During the period 1-7 December the Btry was deployed as a provisional rifle company.

(1) Missions fired for the period are as follows:

68 H&I's
25 H.E. destruction
14 Illumination

(2) Of the above, there were 39 observed missions fired.

(3) Total rounds expended are as follows:

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1803 H.E.
167 W.P.
244 Illumination

c. Naval Gun Fire

(1) Ships that were available:

Du Pont DD 941	15-16 December
Goldsbrough DDG 20	15-24 December
Davis DD 937	27-31 December

(2) Missions fired for the period are as follows:

5 Prep Fire for a total of 262 rnds.
171 H&I for a total of 2120 rnds.
4 TOT for a total of 36 rnds.
28 Call Fires for a total of 954 rnds.
4 Illumination for a total of 35 rnds.

(3) Of the above, there were 32 observed missions.

d. 81mm Mortar Platoon (Organic)

(1) Missions fired during the period are as follows:

58 H.E. destruction
34 Illumination
49 W.P.

(2) All of the above missions were observed fires.

(3) Total rounds expended are as follows:

1077 H.E.
321 Illumination
119 W.P.

5. SUPPORTa. Units

- (1) 1st MAW
- (2) HMM-362 (SLF "A")
- (3) 7th Air Force

b. Missions

- (1) Resupply - 178
- (2) Close Air Support
 - (a) Missions - 8

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(b) Ordnance - Napalm / 7.62mm (AC-47)

(3) TPQ's - None

(4) Flare Support - 6 (AC-47)

(5) Observation - 25

(6) MED-EVAC - 3 Emergency, 10 Priority.

c. Significant Events

BLT 2/26 made two BLT size landings during the month. Both were supported entirely by HMM - 362. It should be noted that although the squadron operated without gunship support, no missions were aborted even though enemy groundfire was encountered on many occasions. 7th Air Force AC - 47's also rendered timely and effective support during the hours of darkness.

6. PERSONNEL

a. <u>Combat Losses</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
WIA	0	14	0	1
KIA	0	0	0	0
MIA	0	0	0	0
b. <u>NON-COMBAT LOSSES</u>				
Killed	0	0	0	0
Injured	3	45	0	4

c. WIA's returned to duty

Number of personnel wounded and returned to duty with the BLT during the period. Ten (10).

d. R&R Trips—128

e. Personnel Retained (PCS)—180

f. Replacements Received— Officers—8; Enlisted—214

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Accounting

The BLT is composed of four (4) Rifle Companies, one (1) H&S Company and two (2) batteries. Each unit is capable of performing internal administration and each is assigned its own reporting code. While at sea all Company and Battery offices were located aboard the USS Okinawa.

8. LOGISTICSa. Supply/Resupply

(1) During the period 1-8 December, the supply effort was directed toward preparation for reembarkation upon completion of Operation MEADE RIVER and resupply of the tactical elements involved in the operation. Resupply of the battalion for the operation required establishment of an LSA on Hill 55. The LSA drew Classes I, II and V from the 1st Marines and arranged air/ground transportation of supplies to all units. The battalion rear located at Red Beach provided certain Class II items and medical supplies which were delivered directly to the field by ground transportation.

(2) Supplies for the first phase of Operation VALIANT HUNT were drawn from the Basic Allowance aboard the ships and subsequent resupplies of Class V were taken from the LForm of the USS Okinawa and the USS Duluth. Replacement of LForm was accomplished by ammunition technicians from the ship traveling to Da Nang to order and stage gear at Tien Sha Ramp for subsequent transport to the ships. Initially an ICU was used, but it proved insufficient because of the time for transport so a new BA was ordered by message and staged at Tien Sha for pick up by the AKA. The BA was then sent to the LPD where it was staged and used for resupply.

For the second phase of the Operation a day of ammunition was preloaded and sent ashore for a BSA established in the vicinity of Blue Beach. The BSA was further supplied with class V items ordered as LForm replacement which arrived by LCU from Tien Sha and were delivered to the BSA. This prevented further depletion of the LForm and permitted better utilization of aircraft. Items other than Class I and V were resupplied from OP stocks aboard ship and ashore by helicopter to the BSA for further distribution by helicopter on regular resupply runs. The LForm replacement has been ordered and will be staged and ready for pick up after the operation.

General resupply of the BLT has been a problem because of the number of unfilled back requisitions and because of coordination for transportation. Individual equipment was and still is in short supply. At present the equivalent to one company of replacements is without gas masks and body armor. Every effort is being made to walk through a priority O2 requisition to fill this shortage.

b. Food/Water

(1) During the period 1-8 December, the tactical elements of the battalion subsisted on "C" rations. The battalion rear at Red Beach subsisted at the FIC messhall. All units subsisted aboard ship during period 9-14 December. During period 15-24 December, tactical elements subsisted on "C" rations supplemented by one hot meal supplied from the ship and delivered by helicopter. The BLT, minus artillery, was aboard ship during period 24-26 December. During period 27-31 December, tactical elements of the BLT subsisted on "C" rations. Hot meals were provided each unit on a round robin basis.

(2) Water. Period 1-8 December, tactical elements utilized natural sources and received water resupply by helicopter. During period 15-31 December, tactical units ashore utilized available natural sources and because of a critical shortage of water cans received limited water resupply by helicopter.

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M107 water trailers were shuttled between beach and ship to supply BSA and artillery position.

8. Maintenance.

During period 1-8 December, normal 2d and 3rd echelon maintenance were accomplished at Red Beach prior to reembarkation. Certain items requiring 3rd echelon maintenance were left at 1st FSR. During period 15-31 December limited 2d echelon maintenance was performed aboard ship and ashore. Items requiring 3rd echelon maintenance were evacuated to 1st FSR and returned upon completion of repairs. Requisitions for 2d echelon maintenance repair parts for deadlined equipment have been initiated but have not been filled. At present all on hand flamethrowers have been turned in for repair and safety checks prior to the next operation but they have been set aside until completion of BLT 2/26 rehab. These items will not be available for the next operation.

9. NEW TECHNIQUES

During the reporting period there were no new combat techniques or trends developed by the BLT.

10. Training

- (1) Due to the continual tactical deployment of the BLT, the emphasis was placed on on-the-job-training. Operation VALLANT HUNT was the first cordon operation where the BLT was totally responsible for the establishment of the cordon, the search/sweep of the area, and the collection of local people to turn over to the screening center.
- (2) Approximately 200 new personnel were given an indoctrination lecture before they were sent to the field.

11. Civic Action/Psychological Warfare

- (1) BJu, Detachment Foxtrot was assigned to CTG 79.4 and subsequently to BLT 2/26 to provide psyops assistance throughout Operation Valiant Hunt. BJu psyops capabilities consist of two ground loudhailer teams, one helo loudhailer team, and a leaflet preparation-dissemination team.
- (2) The detachment has provided the following psyops support for Operation Hunt:
 - a. One ground loudhailer, consisting of 1 Off/3 enl, was in-country with the Battalion at all times.
 - b. Remaining personnel were on stand-by.
- (3) Actions Conducted:
 - a. The ground loudhailer team has provided initial directions to Vietnamese civilian personnel in each ville via pre-recorded tapes and live broadcasts. In this way, the civ-

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ilians were informed of the cordon's existence and that they must proceed to a central collection for interrogation.

- b. The team was also placed in charge of the Armed Propaganda Teams supplied by CORDS, Hoi An, to help ferret out any pockets of resistance that might be encountered during the sweep operations.
- c. The team further acted as an occasional liaison between the BLT and other units provided by CORDS. These units were: 1 Co. PFF's, 1 Provincial Reconnaissance Unit, 1 Medical Team, 1 Cultural Drama Team.
- d. The team broadcast general information tapes, JUSDAO news and entertainment tapes, Chieu Hoi, and Rewards tapes to the civilian personnel within the interrogation center.
- e. The team passed out Chieu Hoi and Rewards leaflets at the interrogation center and helped coordinate leaflet drops within the AOA.

12. Communications

a. Radio

- (1) From 1-7 December during Operation Meade River, constant radio communications was maintained between the BLT and higher Headquarters, Rifle Companies, and Supporting Arms. The Tactical Air Control Party continued using UHF and VHF radio equipment in support of the BLT.
- (2) From 15-31 December, during Operation Valiant Hunt, constant radio communications was established and maintained between the Rifle Companies, Supporting Arms, attached units and to higher Headquarters ashore and afloat.
 - a. A TAC LOG net was established and maintained between the BLT ashore and the Amphibious Ready Group ships afloat.
 - b. A LOG/ADMIN net was established and maintained between the BLT ashore and afloat.
 - c. A BN TAC net was established and maintained between BLT units and higher Headquarters ashore and was monitored by the BLT Rear afloat.
 - d. The Tactical Air Control Party employed UHF, HF and VHF equipment in support of the BLT.

b. Radio Relay

- (1) During Operation Meade River, the Radio Relay attachment maintained two AN/PCC-1 terminals of communication between the BLT Forward CP and 1st Marines CP.
- (2) During Operation Valiant Hunt, the AN/TRC-27 terminals were not employed.

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c. Wire

- (1) During Operation Meade River, a switching central with trunk lines and dial phones to FLC and units within the BLT Rear CP was maintained. Wire lines also were maintained within the Rear CP for perimeter defense. In the field, the Wire Section maintained a complete wire system between the forward CP, two (2) Provisional Companies, and Rifle Companies.
- (2) During Operation Valiant Hunt, a complete wire system was established and maintained between the Forward CP, attached units, and Rifle Companies ashore. Phones and wire lines were established and maintained to augment telephone communications aboard the USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) between the BLT units/sections.

d. Maintenance/Supply

- (1) Forward and Rear maintenance facilities were established ashore and afloat for repair and maintenance of communications equipment within the BLT.

e. Significant Events

- (1) During the periods from 8-15 December and 24-26 December, all communications equipment underwent a rehab which was performed by the Tech Shop personnel.

13. Medical/Dental Support

a. Medical

- (1) During the period 1-7 December, all BAS Administration was handled by the section at Red Beach, Da Nang. All Sick Call was handled by our medical officers and four to six corpsman utilizing the BAS facilities of FLC, Da Nang.
- (2) During the period 8-31 December, the BAS was located aboard the USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) and utilized the ships facilities.
- (3) Currently, there are two medical officers with the unit - they were distributed so one was with the CP Rear, and the other was assigned within the Alfa Command Group. Corpsman were assigned as follows:

4-6	Rear BAS
8	Each Rifle Company
2	Bravo 1/13
3	Shore Party
1	Tanks
1	Anti-tanks
2	Recon

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2 Engineers
 2 Whiskey 1/12
 1 Dental
 1 Amtracs
 5 Medical Supply
 5 Admin Office
 1 Sanitation
 1 81's

(4) Casualties/injuries treated

- (a) Combat casualties - 34
- (b) Non-combat casualties - 26
- (c) Routine sick call - 256

b. Dental

During the period 01-07 December, our dental clinic was established and operated in conjunction with that of 1st MAW at Camp Books, Da Nang. From 08-31 December, facilities aboard USS Okinawa were utilized. Lt J.C. GABUS, DC, USNR, with the help of DTG3 PANTLIK manned the dental clinic for Battalion 2/26.

C. Significant Events

During the reporting period, DR. G.R. ROWAN, MC, USNR, was embarked aboard USS DULUTH during Operation Tight Jaw from 15-16 DEC 1968 when it transferred prisoners to North Viet Nam.

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIESa. Personnel

- (1) Chaplain assigned: Lt Jerry A. ZANDSTRA, CHC, USNR
- (2) Chaplain's assistant: 1/Cpl Wayne ROBERTS

b. Services conducted:

Type	Number	Attendance
Sunday Worship - Protestant	5	161
Sunday Mass - Catholic	4	132
Weekday Worship - Protestant	15	96
Weekday Mass - Catholic	16	270
Holy Communion - Protestant	11	293
Memorial services	5	519
Christmas Eve services	1	172
Christmas Day services	3	192
New Year's Eve services	2	61

c. Facilities

- (1) A large Butler building was available for services while the BLT Rear was at FLC (Red Beach) Da Nang.

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- (2) In the field, any available spot was used.
- (3) Ready room, forecastle, and hanger deck were available for services when aboard the USS Okinawa.

d. Significant Events

- (1) Received huge quantities of Christmas "goodies" for the troops. These packages and cards were promptly distributed to the various companies and units of the battalion.
- (2) Received excellent cooperation from the two chaplains aboard LPH-5 in arranging for memorial services. They proved helpful in getting memorial bulletins printed and in securing appropriate places for services.
- (3) Sponsored evening prayer sessions for the rear following the movies while at FLC. Four such services were held before we embarked with 179 persons attending.
- (4) Assisted twelve men in arranging and making priority status MARS calls.

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PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Tab A - 2/26: Combat After Action Report, Operation VALIANT HUNT
- Tab B - 2/26: Combat After Action Report, Operation MEADE RIVER
- Tab C - 2/26: Operation Order 120D-68. 12 Dec 1968.
- Tab D - 2/26: Frag Order 75-68. 26 Dec 1968.
- Tab E - Journal, 1 - 7 Dec; 15 - 31 Dec 68.
- Tab F - Pictures

CTG 79.4
0010-69HEADQUARTERS
Battalion Landing Team 2/26
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco, 966020011 69#1
3/HEL/jmm
1 January 1969
003400169

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commander, Task Force 79.4
 Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation VALIANT HUNT

Ref: (a) CTG 79.4 Operation Plan 120A-68
 (b) CTG 79.4 Frag Order 4-68
 (c) CTG 79.4 Frag Order 5-68
 (d) BLT 2/26 Operation Order 120D-68
 (e) MAP: Hoi An, Sheet 6640 I, Series L 7014, 1:50,000

1. Name of Operation. Operation VALIANT HUNT.

2. Dates/Location of Operation. The Operation took place during the period 15 December 1968 to 05 January 1969. The area of operation was within the following grid points of reference (e): BT 1453 to BT 1447 to BT 1847 to BT 1853.

3. Command Headquarters. During the operation the BLT C.P. was located in the following grid points of reference (e):

15-24 December BT 152515
 25-26 December USS Okinawa (LPH-3)
 27 Dec-05 Jan BT 167491

4. Task Organization.

<u>BLT 2/26</u>	LtCol SPARKS
<u>2ndBn, 26th Marines</u>	LtCol SPARKS
<u>H&S Co (-) (Rein)</u>	1stLt HARRINGTON
<u>Company E (Rein)</u>	2ndLt SMITH
<u>Company F (Rein)</u>	Capt STOLZ
<u>Company G (-) (Rein)</u>	Capt SEAL
<u>Company H (Rein)</u>	Capt FARMER
<u>81mm Mortar Plt (-)</u>	2ndLt GREEN
<u>106mm RR Plt</u>	GySgt WHIDDEN

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Tab A

<u>Btry B, 1stBn, 13th Marines</u>	Capt FRANZEN
<u>Btry W, 1stBn, 12th Marines</u>	1stLt SAUNDERS
<u>1stPlt (-), Co A, 5th AmTrac Bn</u>	GySgt MOSQUEDA
<u>2nd Plt, Co C, 3rd Engr Bn</u>	2ndLt MCPHERSON
<u>Det, H&S Co, 3rd SP Bn</u>	1stLt O'NEILL
<u>3rdPlt (Rein), Co G, 2dBn, 26th Marines (SIE Reserve)</u>	SSgt EMMERICK

5. INTELLIGENCE

a. Known enemy units that are carried in current enemy order of battle (OOB) that were anticipated to be in the objective area were the Q81 Company and the Q80 Company. Both of these units are Local Force organizations. The Q81 Company strength is carried at 95 men and the Q80 Company strength is listed at 65. Also located within the operating area are two VC guerrilla platoons who are normally assigned the mission of hamlet security forces. The strength of these two platoons is unknown.

b. During Operation VALIANT HUNT the enemy forces encountered by 2/26 moved in small groups of 1-7 persons primarily. However, on 21 December elements of 2/26 observed 20 VC moving into bunkers in the vicinity of BT141523. These VC were engaged by supporting arms. The destruction of the enemy positions precluded a thorough check of the area. Interrogation of detainees revealed that 16 of the 20 VC were killed as a result of the friendly artillery fire. (NOTE: these KIA's are not reflected in 2/26's enemy KIA totals as there was no definite evidence indicating 16 KIA's.) On one other occasion, 19 December, a pilot spotted 15-20 VC wearing dark green uniforms in the vicinity of BT164514. BLT 2/26 received this information 2-3 hours after the sighting, therefore, no action was initiated by ground elements.

6. MISSION

- a. Establish a cordon surrounding the objective area.
- b. Assist, as required, in population screening and searching for caches.
- c. Conduct patrols and ambushes as necessary to protect the integrity of the cordon.

7. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

At H-Hour on 15 December, 1968, BLT 2/26 initially landed three cordon companies by helicopter assault. At L-Hour, Btry B, and such Engineer/Shore Party support that was required to establish an artillery fire support base, was landed by surface means. BLT 2/26 subsequently landed, by helo, one company (-) to establish an inner cordon. Lastly, Btry W was landed as an ON CALL wave and established a mortar fire support base in the immediate cordon area. All units, except for those at the fire support base, reembarked and spent the period 25 & 26 December aboard ship. At H-Hour on 27 December, BLT 2/26 landed

four infantry companies and necessary combat support units, by helicopter, to establish a new cordon position. They helped establish a screening center and provided security for same. All civilian personnel were moved to a central location enabling the cordon to be tightened thus releasing one company from its original cordon position in order to patrol throughout the AOA.

8. EXECUTION

On 10 December, the BLT Staff Officers started planning for Operation VALIANT HUNT after receiving a warning order from higher headquarters. On 12 December the operation order was issued.

At 0800H on 15 December, BLT 2/26 commenced operations in the VALIANT HUNT AOA (See reference (b)). At 1000H, Co F destroyed two bunkers at BT149528. At 1407H, Co E sent 39 VN to the screening center that were found in the vicinity of BT143509. At 1615H, Co E picked up a VCS who had no I.D. card.

During the morning of 16 December; Co H, working in the vicinity of BT145515, found 57 civilians, 150lbs of rice, various documents, and bunkers. The bunkers were destroyed and the rice and documents turned over to S-2. The civilians were sent to the screening center.

During the day 17 December there was not much activity; however, at 2345H, Co H lines received fire from an AK-47 and light MG. A mortar mission was called and the firing ceased.

At 1145H on 19 December, Co H, while sweeping in the vicinity of BT131505, took 7 VC under fire and killed one. At 1620H the same day, Co E killed one VC with MG fire. At 1700H, Co H wounded a VC running from their position. He was turned over to S-2. At 1915H Co G observed two VC in the river at BT171511 and took them under fire, killing one. At the same time, Co G also spotted a VC in a boat. Opened fire on the boat, sinking it and killing the VC. At 2000H a Co H ambush enroute to its ambush site had grenades thrown at them by an estimated 10 VC. Co H returned fire and the VC fled. There were no casualties. At 1233H, Co E killed one VC in the river with M-79 fire.

At 1400H on 20 December, Co G found and destroyed 36 bunkers and four spider holes in the vicinity of BT1657. At 1456H, Co G found one VN male with a leg wound and turned him over to IIT. At 1456H, Co F spotted three VC, carrying weapons entering a village at BT171518. Co G sent two squads to the village to engage the enemy. The enemy fled, however G was able to kill one and capture a grenade he was carrying. Fox then spotted three NVA in the area and killed one. Co E, who was supporting Fox by fire, observed three more NVA KIA. Later, a flare ship reported 3 more bodies that Echo did not see for a total of 6 NVA/KIA.

At 0650H on 21 December, a Co H ambush fired on four VC. Upon checking the area they found blood trails leading away from the area. At 0830H, in the village in the vicinity of BT167515, Co G found 31 bunkers plus two dud 105mm and one dud 155mm round. All were blown with demo. At 1700H, two VC women fired at Co F. Fox returned fire killing one.

At 1700H on 22 December, Co H fired 81mm and small arms at a VC in the river resulting in one VC KIA.

On 23 December at 2025H a Co H ambush took 8-10 VC under fire with small arms and claymore. There were negative results. At 2135H a Co E ambush was hit with enemy ordnance of undetermined caliber resulting in one USMC WIA.

On 24 December the screening was complete and units of the BIF started reembarkation aboard ARG shipping. By the 25th all units except the FSB, were pulled out of the cordon area. Aboard ship, a Frag Order was issued and on the 27th, the operation continued.

At 0730 on 27 December, BIF units commenced a helicopter lift into the new cordon area. The day was spent in setting the cordon, establishing a screening center, and collecting the local Vietnamese population. At 1430H Co F found one Chi-Com grenade at BT170488, wrapped in cloth. This item was turned over to the S-2. At 2020H Co G heard a bell ringing, all troops were put on extra alert, since in the past this has been a VC warning device.

At 0940H on 28 December Co F heard snipers firing at the helicopters and called in an artillery mission, resulting in the sniper fire ceasing. At 1210H, Co H located at BT159482 received sniper fire, which was returned with small arms and 81mm mortar mission. The results were 2 female WIA medevaced. At 1345H, Co E found a bunker 8'X3'X4" made of bamboo with a tunnel that ran 9' from the bunker. It contained 1 civilian radio and 1 M-26 grenade. The bunker was destroyed with demo. At 2200H, Co F heard movement in a village located at BT168494, and opened fire with M-16's and M-26's. The results were one VC KIA, and one Chi-Com grenade captured. At 2035H, Co F spotted one male herding some cows. Sent two men to check, and discovered 15 people in a hut near by. Transported them all under guard to screening center. At 2050H, Co E observed an individual moving toward their ambush site. The use of M-26's enabled the capture of one VCS. Transported VCS to C.I.T./I.T.T..

On the 29th of December at 0640H, Co F detained three people, a 50 year old man, a 15 year old boy and 16 year old girl. All three were taken under guard to the screening center. At 0645H, Co F had a VC walk into their lines, and when told to halt he ran, resulting in one VC KIA. Co G at 1120H found a spider hole with a small tunnel containing 1 Chi-Com grenade at BT 165484. Spider hole and Chi-Com grenade destroyed in place. VC suspect captured the previous night led elements of E Co to 3 vats which contained approximately 250 lbs of rice at 1130H. At 1200H, Co E found a camouflaged L shaped tunnel 1 meter wide, 3 meters long, and 3 meters deep constructed of bamboo and dirt. Inside were 4 VCS ages 20-30, who wore blue shirts, dark shorts but had no weapons. Both were delivered to the screening center. Another tunnel was found by Co E at 1230H, the tunnel was 5 feet long and led to a bunker made of bamboo and dirt. There were 3 VCS hiding in the bunker. It was destroyed after the individuals were taken to the screening center. At 1400H, Co E found a tunnel which contained 1 male, who was sent to the screening center. The tunnel was blown with demo. Co H, at 1450H, while searching a hut, found it had a false floor under which 800 lbs of grain were discovered.

The grain was sent to the screening center. Co E, at 1950H, apprehended 1 VCS. We had a certificate from the Central Bank of China for 820 piasters. VCS was taken under guard to the screening center. At 2000H, Co H fired on movement heard on a trail at BT 155525 and received small arms fire in return. Swept the area and found one male VC estimated to be 40 years old. Turned man over to CIT team at collection point.

On 30 December at 0655H, a Co H ambush spotted a man which was running about 25 meters from their position. He was told to halt; he didn't. The ambush opened fire and this action resulted in one VC KIA. At 1010H the National Police Field Forces found an AK-47 with 3 rounds hidden in some bamboo. The National Police Field Forces kept the weapon and ammo. Co F, at 1100H found 10 gallons of oil buried under the floor of a hut. The hut also contained the following items: clothes, documents, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 1 bottle of penicillin, 1 lighter with 504 insignia on it. The oil was destroyed and the remaining gear was sent to CIT. At 1230H, Co E found a tunnel, which contained the following items: 1 box of Medical Supplies, 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen, and parts of a gas mask. All the above equipment was turned over to S-2. The BLT CP, at 1230H, discovered, at BT 167495, two 250 lb caches of rice. An additional 200 lbs was found at BT 167495. Also one 5 gallon can of gas was found at BT 167494. The gas was destroyed and the rice sent to the screening center.

The PRU's, at 1030H, on 31 December found a 3 layer tunnel complex which contained the following: 2 men, 3 women, a 15 year old boy, medical supplies, documents, 5 sewing machines, and clothing. All the people and above items were turned over to the CIT team. At 1030H Co E while searching bunkers found 2 claymores and 2 M-79 rounds. All gear was destroyed in place. BLT CP, at 1100H, found a female VN hiding in a bunker in the vicinity of BT 160497. She had an ID card plus some documents in her possession. The female and the items were turned over to CIT. At 1105H, Co F found 1500 lbs of rice buried in vats in the vicinity of BT 170489. Rice was sent to CIT. At 1300H, Co F found a rice cache of approximately 1700 lbs. It was found in the vicinity of BT 168491. Rice was turned over to CIT. At 1520H, Co F found 120 bags of rice and assorted documents in a bunker 6' X 8' X 4' in size. The documents and rice were turned over to the BLT S-2. At 1610H, Co F found a 15 yr. old girl with high fever and pains. With her were two women and three children. The girl was medevaced and the others were sent to CIT. At 2345H, Co G took shrapnel from an enemy M-79 resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

On 01 January at 0830H, Co F with CIT and PRU personnel screened 9 men, 10 women, and 7 teenagers. All personnel were turned over to CIT, IIT teams. At 1130H, a female VCS was apprehended by Co H. She led Co H to two tunnels. One contained a 60mm mortar tube that was home made. The tube and VCS were taken to BLT CP. At 1345, Co H while conducting search and clear in the vicinity of BT 143508 burned a haystack suspected to have a cache hidden inside. As a result, 4 secondary explosions were observed. At 1540H, A PRU triggered a booby trap rigged to a gate at BT 139504. The result of the booby trap was 1 PRU KIA and 4 PRU WIA. At 1500H, Co E at BT 156647, while searching a

putine family bunker, found a false wall. Behind the wall were numerous amounts of medical supplies and cloth. At 0900H Co F at BT 168492, while searching a bunker found a large amount of documents and clothing. All was turned over to S-2. At 1116H Co H, while on search and clear in the vicinity of BT 136504, tripped a M-26 grenade type SFD, resulting in 3 USMC WIA. At 1830H, Co E found a hidden bunker 5'x7'x4' and reinforced with concrete and bamboe in the vicinity of BT 157497. It was blown by the engineers.

At 0700H on the 3rd of January, Co F at BT 168495 found 4 bunkers #1, 16"x6"x4", #2, 5'x3'x2', #3, 8'x8"x2", #4, 4'x3'x3', also found 30 100 lb and 220 lb size cement crocks full of rice. Blew all crocks with C-4, and turned rice over to screening center. At 0730H Co F found a vat containing mens' and women's clothing. Clothing included hats and bras. Also 1 book, some documents and 1 I.D. card. All items were turned over to S-2. At 0900H Co E while searching and probing found a family bunker with 2 false walls at BT 157497. Bunker was searched with negative results and blown in place. At 0910H Co H, on a sweep, received small arms fire from 4 persons. They pursued, which resulted in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. Other VC escaped across a river. VC KIA was approximately 25 years old and had no weapon. VC WIA was approximately 15 years old and was carrying 1 SKS. This incident happed at BT 144485. At 1030H, in the vicinity of BT 167494, Co F found 1 bandoler of 5.56 ammo and 900 lbs of rice buried in a 50 gallon drum. All items were turned over to S-2. At 1130H Co F, while searching bunkers at BT 165494 found 1 blood transfusion kit on top of a bunker. Also found 1 can of vitamins. Both were destroyed. At 1530H Co E, while probing a family bunker, uncovered a false floor at BT 158498. Inside was found 1 sewing machine. It was blown in place.

At 1145H, on the 4th of January, at BT 166495, while searching a grave, Co E found the following articles: 1 fuse from a smoke grenade, 13 ChiCom blasting caps, 9 primers, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of C-4, 6 fuse lighters, 1 spool of trip wire and a dud 105mm round. 105mm round was destroyed and all other articles were sent to S-2. At 1230H Co E at BT 166495 while searching and probing found: 1 175mm round, 1 155mm round, 2 M-79 rounds, 2 W.P. boosters for napalm, 2 rocket heads, and 6 fuses for 105mm rounds. All items were blown by engineers. At 1345H, at BT 151491 Co H came across what was believed to be a SFD. It consisted of a 105mm round with a mine fuse. It was on top of the ground in vegetation. Engineers blew in place. At 1500H Co H, at BT 145501, found a bunker in which 2 persons were hiding. Co H called for people to come out. When people refused, Co H threw 1 M-26 grenade which resulted in 2 VC KIA (e). VC were wearing black pajamas and were both approximately 25 years old. At 1530H, at BT 145488, Co H spotted 2 individuals walking down the trail carrying bags of rice. When they were spotted, they began to run. Co H captured the VCS. One was approximately 20 and the other 30 years old. Both were taken to collection point under guard.

At 0800H on the 5th of January, the helo extraction of BLT 2/26 was initiated and at 1400H was completed. The FSB reembarked the same day using surface craft.

9. Results.(a) Enemy Casualties

NVA KIA	7
VC KIA	27
POW's	5
VCS	8 (These individuals, at the conclusion of the operation, had not been classified)
DETAINEES	3431
VC CIVIL DEF	25
VCI	40
CHIEU HOI	1

(b) Captured Enemy Equipment and Material

12,000 pounds of rice
 100 pounds of medical gear
 5 sewing machines
 3 Communist flags
 Misc documents
 7 - CHICOM grenades
 1 - 60mm Mortar round
 1 - 106mm RR round
 2 - cartridge belts
 2 - claymore mines
 2 - M-79 rounds
 1 - canteen
 250 rounds of 7.62 linked ammo
 7 individual weapons

10. Commanders Analysis

a. The mission assigned of conducting a cordon and search of designated portions of the AO was not new for the BMT. However, having primary responsibility for coordinating all agencies involved in population control and screening was new and posed certain problems. The first phase of the operation involved U.S. Army and Vietnamese support personnel from Quang Nam Province based at Hoi An, and U.S.M.C. elements from III MAF. Dog Teams, ITT, CII, PF's, MIT's NPFF's, PRU's, Cultural Drama Teams, PSYOP Teams, Census Grievance Committees, Army Advisors, Army Liaison personnel and others supported the operation.

b. The problem became complicated during the second phase of the operation when the village of Hien Luong was selected as a target. After the cordon was established and the population had been moved into the screening area, we found that the bulk of the 2,000 people in the compound were from Quang Tin Province. The situation was resolved by officials from Quang Tin when they decided to provide population/screening support units to work in concert with those from Quang Nam. Initially there was some confusion but order was restored and the screening process expedited.

c. Establishing the Cordon. Setting the cordon expeditiously is a prime consideration. The use of multiple LZ's, observation A/C and gunships are necessary to effect an efficient cordon. Once the cordon is established, the

population should be relocated to a screening area utilizing PSYOPS Teams, PRU's and organic troop units. This permits detailed search/probe activity within the village, provides the best possible facility to mass screening/interrogation assets, facilitates the civilian security problem, simplifies census taking and establishes the identity of anyone left in the village as VC/NVA.

d. Civilian Logistic Support. The bulk of the logistic requirements for indigenous personnel were provided by the two Provinces, augmented as necessary by U.S. military assets and captured food stuffs. This included evacuation of VC/VCS/NVA/VC personnel. Agreements were made prior to the operation concerning specific responsibilities in this area. As a result, little or no confusion resulted.

e. Screening/Interrogation Procedures. All screening/interrogation assets were co-located at the screening center. Province personnel were task organized under their respective Army Advisors. An Army Liaison Officer, located with the BLT C.P., was utilized to coordinate the total effort. IIT/CIT personnel, in addition to performing their normal mission of screening captured VCS/POW's, generally supervised activities at the screening center, coordinated intelligence target missions, and served as a link between the BLT command element and screening center authorities.

f. Summary. Perhaps the most significant aspect of the operation was the accidental requirement for two GVN Provinces to become involved in a joint operation. The experience gained by Quang Tin officials from watching and working with the already experienced Quang Nam personnel will certainly pay dividends in future operations of this type.

11. Lessons Learned. Operation VALIANT HUNT was the first time the BLT was responsible for conducting a total cordon operation. In this respect, the operation was a good "training exercise" for the BLT unit leaders. However, there were no significant problems or enemy techniques encountered.


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 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
 (b) OPORD 315-68 (1st Marines)
 (c) OPORD 51-68 (BLT 2/26)

1. Name of Operation and/or Types of Operations. Operation MEADE RIVER
2. Inclusive Dates of the Operation. The operation took place during the period 20 November to 07 December, 1968.
3. Location. Quang Nam Province.
4. Command Headquarters. The Command Headquarters for the BLT 2/26 was located in the vicinity of BT 050691 between 20-25 November and in the vicinity of BT 038613 between 26 November and 07 December.
5. Reporting Officer. BLT 2/26 LtCol SPARKS.
6. Task Organization. Selected elements of BLT 2/26 were employed during Operation MEADE RIVER. The Operational Task Organization was as follows:

<u>BLT 2/26</u>	<u>LtCol SPARKS</u>	<u>20Nov - 7Dec</u>
<u>2ndBn, 26th Marines</u>	<u>LtCol SPARKS</u>	<u>20Nov - 7 Dec</u>
H&S Co (-) (Rein)	1stLt HARRINGTON	20Nov - 7Dec
Co E (Rein)	1stLt STJOHN 1stLt LEWY	20Nov - 1Dec 1Dec - 7Dec
Co F (Rein)	Capt HARTMAN	20Nov - 7 Dec
Co G (Rein)	Capt SEAL	20Nov - 7Dec
Co H (Rein)	Capt FARMER	20Nov - 7Dec
81mm Mortar Plt	1stLt GREEN	20Nov - 7Dec
106mm RR Plt	GySgt WHIDDEN	20Nov - 7Dec

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Btry B (-) (Rein) 1/12	Capt FRANZEN	20Nov - 7Dec
Mortar Btry (Rein) 1/12	1st Lt SAUNDERS	20Nov - 7Dec
1st Plt (Rein) CoA 5th AmTracBn	1st Lt COX	20Nov - 7Dec
1st Plt (Rein) CoA 5th ATBn	SSgt HOOKANO	20Nov - 7Dec
2nd Plt (Rein) CoC 3d Engr Bn	1st Lt ASHCROFT	20Nov - 7Dec
2nd Plt (Rein) H&S Co 3d SP Bn	1st Lt O'NEILL	20Nov - 7Dec
2nd Plt (Rein) CoC 3rd MT Bn	1st Lt LANDIN	20Nov - 7Dec
4th Plt (Rein) CoA 5th Tk Bn	1st Lt MURPHY	20Nov - 7Dec
LSU BLT 2/26	1st Lt BURNS	20Nov - 7Dec
Det, HQ Bn, (Postal, Disp & Photo)	1st Lt LOVELACE	20Nov - 7Dec
1st Clearing Plt (Rein) CoD 5th MedBn	Lt (USN) BALLING	20Nov - 7Dec
Det, Radio Relay, HQ Co, 26th Mar	Sgt BUFFA	20Nov - 7Dec

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery

(1) The 1st Bn, 11th Marines was in direct support of Operation MEADE River and BLT 2/26. The Battalion consisted of two 105mm howitzer batteries, Battery A and Battery B, 1 platoon of 105mm howitzer from Battery C, and W Battery. Reinforcing 1/11 was L/4/11, a 155mm howitzer battery, and a platoon of 8 inch howitzers. Because of the policy to keep friendly Vietnamese property from being destroyed, artillery was used sparingly in the BLT 2/26 A.O. Preparatory fire consisting of a group of targets on each battalion objective were planned but never used as they were not required.

(2) The BLT did call 38 artillery missions on targets inside the cordon during latter phases of the operation. The missions effectively stopped enemy movement and prevented any buildup to the BLT's front.

b. Air

(1) Four (4) fixed wing sorties.

(a) Four (4) USMC

(2) The above does not include:

(a) Sixteen (16) Aerial Observers USMC

(b) Eight (8) Huey Gunships USMC

(c) Thirty-six (36) C-130 Flareship USMC

(d) Seven (7) AC-47 Gun Flareship USAF

(3) In all cases air support was effective once it arrived on station; the average response time for aerial observers/Huey Gunships was thirty (30) minutes from the time of initial request. The average response time for fixed wing aircraft was one (1) hour. Four of the fixed wing sorties were in support of troops in contact.

(4) Regimental TACP net was used to request air. This is in violation of doctrine which states that the Battalion will use the Tactical Air Request Net (a direct line to DASC). As a result of using Regimental TACP, much time was lost while the request went from Battalion to Regiment to Division-Wing and finally to DASC.

8. Intelligences

(a) Prior to Operation MEADE RIVER the V-25 Bn, R-20 Bn, V/I Elements of the 68B Regt, Q-15 L.F. Co and various guerilla platoons were operating in the 2nd Bn, 26th Marines portion or in adjacent portions of the A.O. This intelligence was gained from the "Dodge City - Co Noi Special Study Nov-68" prepared by the First Marine Division.

(b) Interrogation of a POW captured by the BLT confirmed the location of elements of the 68B Regt, A.K.A., 577 Battery and the R-20 Bn. It was also revealed that the Q-82 Bn and the V-25 Bn's were not in the cordon area. The V-25 Bn was said to be conducting training in Duy Xuyen District.

(c) The terrain in the A.O. is characterized by paddyland and is used primarily for farming. The numerous paddy walls and tree lines provided good cover, concealment and fields of fire. The numerous built up areas provided good cover, and concealment while limiting observation and fields of fire. The dominate terrain features in the A.O. were Highway #1, which was the East boundary and the Thanh Quyt and Tam Giap Rivers which were the West, South and North boundaries.

(d) Due to the nature of the operation the civilians in the area were immediately removed to Detention Centers and BLT 2/26 had only limited contact with them. For this reason it is impractical to evaluate the population.

9. Mission. BLT 2/26 mission was to establish a cordon in assigned area; prevent any personnel from entering cordon; prevent any personnel from leaving cordon, except personnel who were authorized to leave the cordon at authorized point to enter 1st Marines screening compound. On order BLT 2/26 swept into the cordon area to new cordon positions.

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10. Concept of Operations: BLT 2/26 staged at 1st Bn 1st Marines CP on D-1. At H-Hour, D-Day, BLT 2/26 conducted a motor march to assigned dismount points and established a tight cordon in the assigned area. On order, BLT 2/26 swept inland by foot to new cordon positions searching and clearing the area as they proceeded.

11. Execution:

BLT 2/26 commenced Operation Meade River at 200715H. The cordon was established by 0800H in the assigned area. At 1200H, F Company received sniper fire from a house, fire was returned with 1 round of 3.5 and sniper ceased. At 202030H, G Company saw 12 enemy moving at BT 046604; opened fire with small arms and called in 60mm and 82mm mortar missions. Search of the area revealed 1 enemy KIA with weapon, grenades and I.D. papers.

On 21 November, G Company received approximately 15 AK-47 rounds of sniper fire; fire was returned and search of the area revealed nothing. At 210100H, H Company received sniper fire. Fire was returned and search at first light revealed 1 enemy KIA(c) with cartridge belt, grenades and documents. At 210950H, W 1/12 saw 3 men, 2 with AK-47's. Enemy took W 1/12 under fire and fire was returned with unknown results.

On 22 November, 2 USMC were wounded due to accidental discharges; investigations are being conducted. F Company delivered 115 detainees to a collection point where they were transported to 1/1 CP during the day. W 1/12 saw 1 enemy at 222040H and fired M-79's at him with unknown results. At 2105H 82mm Mortar Platoon spotted 10-15 enemy moving at BT 041622, north and east of the cordon. They were taken under fire with small arms, enemy withdrew after returning fire with AK-47's; search of area revealed nothing significant.

At approximately 230530H, W 1/12 LP heard movement. The LP threw 2 grenades and search the area; results of the search were 1 VC WIA with AK-47 and 2 grenades captured. An element of E Company observed 3 enemy carrying weapons moving in the vicinity of BT 049593. Enemy were taken under fire with small arms, mortars and artillery with unknown results.

On 24 November, 11 Vietnamese were detained. And the following found and destroyed: 6 M-16 magazines, 1 Chi-Com grenade, and a 40 ft long tunnel/bunker. An SFD accidentally detonated by H Company resulted in 1 USMC WIA. At 2200H G Company received fire from 4 AK-47's spaced about 50 meters apart. The enemy fire was returned with small arms, 82mm mortar and 105mm missions with unknown results.

106mm RR personnel observed rockets being fired at 250100H and called in artillery mission resulting in secondary explosions. The search on 25 November uncovered a weapon's list, legal papers, 30 pictures of Vietnamese, an ID card, 200 lbs. of rice and a body floating downstream believed to have been killed the night before.

At 260930H, B 1/13 and W 1/12 were chopped to 1st Bn, 1st Marines. The

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following items were found on 26 November: 1 SFD, 1 reinforced bunker, 2 ID cards and a pack. Also, civilians were taken to the collection point.

In the vicinity of BT 034605, F Company found and destroyed a bunker and fighting hole complex on 27 November. F Company, at BT 034601, found 56 fighting holes, mortar positions, 2 French 4 cylinder engines, a Hell-Box, 180 SFD's and a water heater. The positions were destroyed and the gear evacuated. The PFF's working with H Company detained 32 civilians who were sent to collection point. G Company found 400 pounds of rice. G Company received 2 rounds of sniper fire from BT 025605; the fire was returned resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA(c) and the capture of 1 7.62mm pistol, 1 Chi-Com grenade and documents. At 1320H, H Company found a SFD which accidentally detonated resulting in 1 USMC WIA (medevaced).

On 28 November, BLT 2/26 units detained 6 civilians and found and destroyed 5 tunnels, 26 bunkers, 400 pounds of rice, 10 SFD's, 2 dud 81mm mortar rounds and forwarded documents to 1st Marines. While moving to an ambush site, An H Company unit heard movement and set up an immediate ambush resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA(c).

On 29 November, Company E captured a POW with 1 7.62mm pistol, pack, medical supplies, 1 Chi-Com grenade. On the same day, G Company had 1 VC WIA surrender with helmet and pack. F Company found 2 fresh graves with bodies that had been killed by shrapnel wounds.

H Company found 2 females, hiding in a bunker at 301520H. One was wounded and the other was caring for her; interrogation revealed that they were VC. At BT 025608, H Company found approximately 1000 pounds of rice buried in concrete vats underground; rice was evacuated to 1st Marines CP. At 301800H, Company E chopped to 3rd Bn, 26th Marines.

At 010700H, H Company found a VC hiding in a tunnel. F Company spotted 6 persons running from them and opened fire with small arms resulting in 6 civilians medevaced. G Company at 011700H spotted 2 VC sitting on top of a bunker and fired 106mm RR resulting in 2 VC KIA(c).

On 2 December, BLT CP spotted 2 VC and took them under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA(c) and the capture of 2 Chi-Com grenades and documents. At 0935H, G Company took 2 VC under fire resulting in 2 VC KIA(c). H Company called 81mm mortar mission on 2 VC at 2050H resulting in 1 VC KIA(c). At 2055, H Company ambush took 6 VC under fire resulting in 3 VC KIA(c).

On 3 December, F Company captured 1 NVA/WIA. An F Company patrol found a trench line which measured 2¹ by 3¹ by 400 meters; the patrol also found a VC body and miscellaneous 782 gear and documents. At 2030H, USMC WIA (medevaced) result from a grenade in G Company.

G Company at 041120H, took 1 VC under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA(c). While

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sweeping the area, after a fire fight, H Company found 9 NVA KIA(c). At 041510H, H Company took sniper fire and returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA(c). F Company found two bodies, one killed by bullet wound, the other by shrapnel wounds; F Company also found 250 rounds of 7.62 linked ammo and 4 NVA packs.

At 051000H, E Company chopped to 1st Bn, 1st Marines. On 5 December, BLT 2/26 units found the following: documents, 4 box mines, 12 fighting holes and 4 bunkers. G Company found one decapitated VC/NVA(c), at 060945H. At 062200H, F Company returned sniper fire resulting in 1 VC KIA(c) and 1 AK-47.

On 7 December, F Company took 1 NVA under fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA(c), 1 US M-2 Carbine, 2 Chi-Com grenades, cartridge belt, and documents. At 071300H, G Company Chopped to 1/1. At 071535, G Company detonated an SFD resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA (medevaced). At 071600H E and G Companies chopped to BLT 2/26; at 071800H BLT 2/26 chopped from 1st Marine Division.

12. Results.

a. Casualties:

Friendly KIA	10 *
Friendly WIA	61 *
Enemy KIA	77 **
Enemy WIA/POW	20 **

b. Enemy Weapons and Equipment Captured or Destroyed:

SFD's	21
SFD's Cache	180
AK-47	2
US M-2 Carbine	1
7.62mm Type 58 Pistol	2
Claymore	1
TNT, Chi-Com	4 cases
Chi-Com Grenades	17
C-4	100 lbs.
RPG 2's	3
Assorted 782 gear and uniforms.	
<u>c. Bunkers Destroyed</u>	46
<u>d. Tunnels Destroyed</u>	7
<u>e. Trench 2'by3'by 400 meters</u>	1
<u>f. Rice Captured</u>	3320 lbs.
<u>g. Dud Artillery Rounds Destroyed</u>	13

* Includes 23 WIA and 1 KIA as result of a command detonated mine on 200735H and casualties suffered by Co's E and G when OPCON to other units.

** Includes activities of Co's E and G when OPCON to other units.

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13. Administrative Matters: Administrative plans were adequate and no administrative problems were encountered. No new problems in logistics, maintenance, transportation and communications were encountered.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: No special equipment or techniques were used during the operation.

15. Commander's Analysis: From the viewpoint of BLT 2/26, Operation Meade River was a complete success. It was well organized, controlled, executed and supported. While the initial troop commitment is large, the concept of cordoning a large area, removing the civilian population, and then closing the cordon to destroy the remaining VC/NVA units was proven to be extremely sound. It is felt that this concept is superior to that of inserting a blocking force and then conducting search and destroy operations toward the block.



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Ref: (a) Map: HOI AN 6640 I
 - (b) SLF COI

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces Intelligence brief
 b. Friendly Forces

- (1) SLF and 1st MAW provide air support.
- (2) 7th Fleet provides NGF support.
- (3) In-country sources provide GIT, ITT, APT, and PPP units.
- (4) CTG 76.4 provides (1) PsyOps team.

c. Attachments and Detachments No change

2. MISSION

BLT 2/26 established a cordon surrounding the village of Thi Lai and An Loc as shown in Annex B (operation overlay); assists, as required, in population screening and searching for caches; conducts patrols and ambushes as necessary to protect the integrity of the cordon.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. BLT 2/26 initially lands three cordon companies by helicopter assault in accordance with Annex C (Landing Plan). BLT 2/26 lands, by surface means, Battery B and such Engineers/Shore Party support as required to establish a coastal artillery fire support base. BLT 2/26 subsequently lands, by helicopter, one company (-) to establish an inner cordon. Lastly, BLT 2/26 lands, by helicopter, W Battery and establishes a mortar fire support base in the immediate cordon area.

b. Company E (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish cordon position IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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Prevent any persons from exfiltrating through cordon in assigned area.

- (3) Be prepared to provide security for a POW compound.
- (4) Be prepared to employ one section 106 RR Plt in rear defence role.
- (5) Plan night activities designed to protect both front and rear of cordon in assigned area.

d. Company G (-) (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish Interior cordon positions IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay). Prevent any persons from moving between the two target villages.
- (3) Be prepared to provide assistance in moving population to designated screening area.
- (4) Be prepared to assimilate 3d Platoon (Rein), Co G into cordon upon release as SLF reserve (Sparrow Hawk).

e. Company H (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish cordon positions IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay).

Prevent any persons from exfiltrating through cordon in assigned area.

- (3) Be prepared to employ one section 106 RR Plt in rear defense role.
- (4) Be prepared to assimilate 81mm Mortar Plt in cordon.
- (5) Plan night activities designed to protect both front and rear of cordon in assigned area.

f. 81mm Motor Platoon

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan). Establish firing positions within Co H sector of cordon.
- (2) D/S BLT 2/26.
- (3) Be prepared to displace to mortar fire support base (to be selected).

g. 106 RR Platoon

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Initially D/S BLT 2/26.
- (3) Be prepared to attach a section each to Companies E,F and H.

h. Battery B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

- (1) On order land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish fire support base as shown in Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (3) D/S BLT 2/26.

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a. W Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

- (1) On order, land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish mortar fire support base in area to be selected.
- (3) G/S BLT 2/26.

j. 2d Platoon, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Initially D/S Btry B. Conduct minesweep of area prior to landing of Btry B.
- (3) Assist Btry B in construction of fixing positions.
- (4) Be prepared to helilift to cordon area on order.
- (5) Be prepared to construct POW compound if required.

k. Det, Hqs Co, 3d SP Bn

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Provide Shore Party support to fire support base.
- (3) On order, provide limited HST support to cordon area.
- (4) Be prepared to establish an ISA in the vicinity of the Fire Support Base, capable of supporting BLT 2/26.

l. ____ Bn (EOD)

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) D/S BLT 2/26.

m. Security Det, Hq Co, 9th MAB

- (1) Land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (2) Provide POW escort from cordon area to District POW collection point.

n. SLF Reserve

- (1) 3d Plt (Rein), Company G (Sparrow Hawk)
 - (a) Be prepared for commitment in any sector of cordon.
 - (b) Be prepared for commitment as security for a downed helicopter (s).
 - (c) On order, land IAW Annex C (Landing Plan) and revert to OPCON, G Company.

o. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day 15 December (To be confirmed).
- (2) L Hour 0800 (To be confirmed).
- (3) H Hour TBA.
- (4) Operation Code name: Valiant Hunt.
- (5) Thrust Points
 - (a) Cigarettes BT 1955 (e) Desserts BT 1752
 - (b) Beer BT 1450 (f) Cars BT 1649
 - (c) Tooth Paste BT 1745
 - (d) States BT 2352
- (6) Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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- (7) Annex C (Landing Plan).
- (8) Be alert to mines and booby traps.
- (9) Troops are to remain aloof from civilian population.
- (10) Rules of Engagement apply.
- (11) Sparrow Hawk Plt Cdr. report to SLF S-3 at H-60 Minutes.
- (12) Companies will carry probes for use in possible subsequent search operation.
- (13) Fire Support Coordination.
 - (a) B Battery is in direct support.
 - (b) W Battery is in general support.
 - (c) B Battery C.O is Artillery Groupment Commander.
 - (d) B Battery Fire Direction Officer will assign battery fire.
 - (e) All artillery F. O.'s and both batteries will be on COF #1 initially (ref. B).
 - (f) COF #2 will be used as directed by the Artillery Groupment Commander.
 - (g) All Artillery F. O's will send fire missions to B Battery on COF #1 (Ref. B).
 - (h) Save-A-Plane clearance will be obtained from the Supporting Arms Coordination Center by the Fire Support Coordination Center using the Fire Direction Net (ref. B).
 - (i) Corrections will be sent directly to the battery which is firing the mission.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Admin and logistics instructions contained in Administration Plan 1-68 except as follows:

- (1) Supplies
 - (a) Basic allowance Class ~~W~~.
 - (b) Three days rations, minimum two canteens.
 - (c) Primary resupply for cordon units and mortar fire support base to be by helicopter. Submit resupply requirements by 1200 the day prior to resupply.
 - (d) Resupply of artillery fire support base to be by surface means. Submit resupply requirements by 1200 the day prior to the resupply.
 - (e) Request for resupply will be submitted on the Admin Net to S-4A at BLT CP.
- (2) Evacuation and hospitalization.
 - (a) All KIA's to USS Okinawa.
 - (b) Routine MEDEVAC Requests to USS Okinawa via S-4A and Admin net to TACLOG net. Other MEDEVAC request use fastest means available.
 - (c) Communication with helicopters in the LZ for routine MEDEVACS is HST Logistics Net. For all other MEDEVACS use TACP Local Net.
 - (d) Civilian and detainee casualties to be MEDEVACED to NSA, Danang.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b)
- b. Guard radio nets commencing 0600 D-Day.
- c. Wire lines will be installed at each company and terminated at a switchboard in the BLT Command Post.
- d. Used dry cell batteries will be destroyed beyond the point of any possible enemy use.
- e. Command Post

- (1) SLF.....USS Okinawa
- (2) BLT 2/26.....Vic BT# 155524
- (3) Companies and Batteries report command post locations ashore when established.

ANNEXES:

- A-Task Organization
- B-Operation Overlay
- C-Landing Plan
- Z-Distribution

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H&S Co. (-) (Rein)

LtCol SPARKS

"A" Cmd Group
 Det, MP Co
 Det, EOD Plt

1st Lt HARRINGTON

Company E (Rein)

2nd Lt SMITH

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co
 FO Tm, Btry B
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 NGF Spot Team
 S-2 Scout

Company F (Rein)

Capt STOLZ

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co
 FO Tm, Btry B
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 NGF Spot Team
 S-2 Scout
 FAC Party

Company G (-) (Rein)

Capt SEAL

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co
 FO Tm, Btry B
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 S-2 Scout

Company H (Rein)

Capt FARMER

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co
 FO Tm, Btry B
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 S-2 Scout

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81mm Mortar Plt (-)

1stLt GREEN

106mm RR Plt

GySgt WHIDDEN

Battery, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

Capt FRANZEN

W Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

1stLt SAUNDERS

1st Plt (-), Co A, 5th Amtrac Bn

GySgt MOSQUEDA

2d Plt, Co, 3rd Engr Bn

2ndLt MCPHERSON

Det, H&S Co, 3rd Shore Party Bn

1stLt O'NEILL

SLE Reserve

Sgt IMMELICK

3d Plt (Rein), Co C, 2d Bn 26th Marines

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Ref: (a) CTG 79,4 OpPlan 120A-68
 (b) NWP 22(B)
 (c) FMFM 6-3
 (d) FMFM 3-3
 (e) NWIP 22-3 (B)

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1. GENERAL.

a. Annex B (Operation Overlay).
 b. This plan provides for a combined surface and helicopter-borne amphibious assault as follows:

- (1) Rifle Companies, BLT CP group, 81mm Mortar Platoon, 106mm RR Platoon, and "W" Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines to be helilifted to the assigned objective.
- (2) Battery B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines, 2d Plt, Co C, 3d Engr Bn, Det H&S Co, 3d SP Bn and Det, BMU to be transported by surface means to establish an artillery Fire Support Base.

2. CONTROL MEASURES

a. Ship to shore control in accordance with reference (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).
 b. BLT Tac-Log will be established in accordance with paragraphs 2905 and 2918c (6) of reference (e).

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ASSAULT SCHEDULE

SERIAL	WAVE	TIME	CRAFT/VEHICLE	UNIT
500	1	H-Hour	4 LVTP-5 1 LCU	Amtrac Plt(-) Engr Plt(-) Det. SP Plt Det. B-1/13
501				
610	ON CALL		1 LCU	SP Plt(-) Det. Engr Plt Det. BMU Det. B-1/13
1100	ON CALL		1 LCM-8	Floating Dump
726	ON CALL		1 LCM-8	Det. B 1/13
727			1 LCM-8	Det. B 1/13
720	ON CALL		1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13
721			1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13
722			1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13
723			1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13
724			1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13
725			1 LCM-6	Det. B 1/13

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	SERIAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE		SHIP	REMARKS
			MATERIAL	TYPE		
500	Amtrac Plt (-)	18		4 LVTP-5	LPD	
	Engr Plt (-)	45				
	Det. SP Plt	4				
	Det. B 1/13	20				
501	Amtrac Plt	4		1 LVTP-5	LPD	
				CMD		
610	SP Plt (-)	40	1 TD-15 1 M-151 1 M-51 1 M-416 1 M-107 1 6000 lb P.L. 1 2M CRANE	LCU	LSD	ALL EQUIP PRELOADED ON LCU
	Det. Engr Plt	3	3 M-274			
	Det. B 1/13	2	1 TD-15			
		1	1 MRC-109			
	Det. BMU		1 TD-25			
			COMM. EQUIP			
720	B 1/13	10	1 M-35 1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
721	B 1/13	10	1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
722	B 1/13	10	1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
723	B 1/13	10	1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
724	B 1/13	10	1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
725	B 1/13	10	1 M-105 (HOW)	LCM-6	LSD	
726	Det. B 1/13	2	1 M-35 1 M-107	LCM-8	LSD	
727	Det. B 1/13	2	1 M-35 1 M-105	LCM-8	LSD	
1100			105mm Ammo, 220 rolls Concertina, long Engr stakes, 8 reels barbed wire, Engr Demo Equip.	LCM-8		ALL TO BE PRELOADED

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APPENDIX 3 to Annex C (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 120D-68

LANDING SEQUENCE TABLE

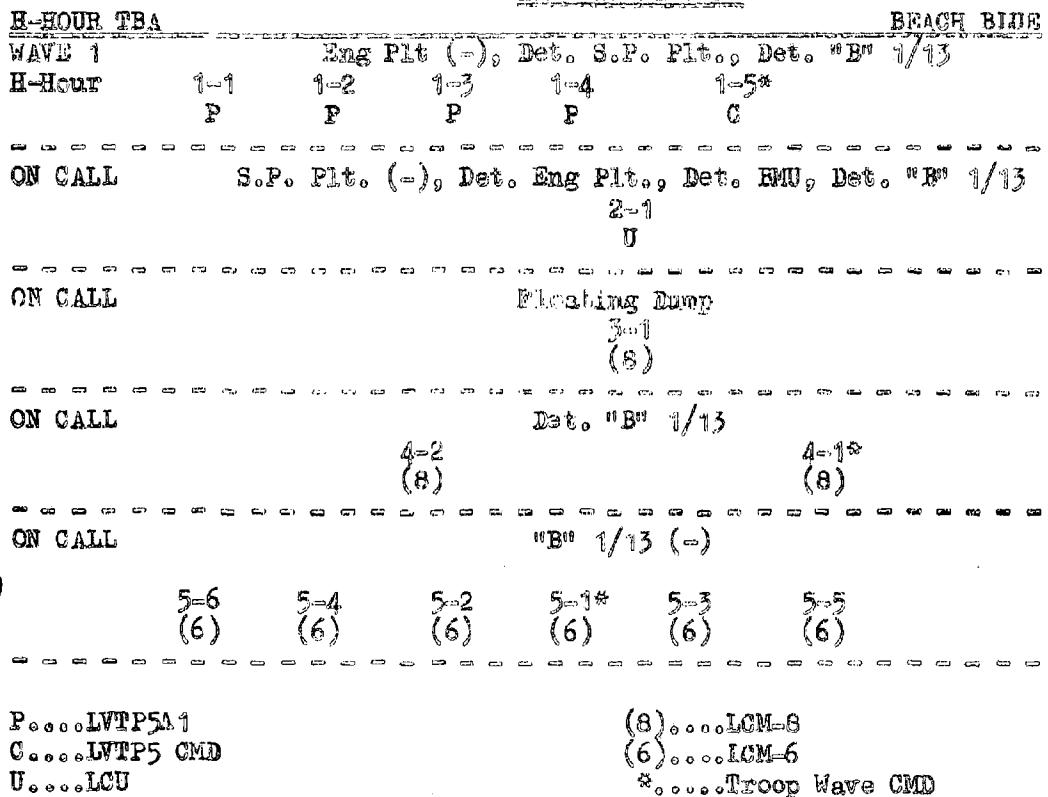
SERIAL	UNIT	ELEMENT	ID. AND TYPE CRAFT	SHIP	REMARKS
610	3rd SP Bn	Det. H&S Co.	1 LCU	LSD	
	3rd Engr Bn	Det. 2nd Flt, C Co.			
1/13		Det. Btry B			
BMU		Det. EMU			
1100	Floating Dump		1 LCM-8	LPD	TO BE OFFLOADED BY SP
726	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
727	1/13	Det Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
728	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
721	1/13	Det Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
722	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
723	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
724	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	
725	1/13	Det. Btry B	1 LCM-8	LSD	

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APPENDIX 5 to Annex C (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 120D-68

LANDING CRAFT AND AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT TABLE

CRAFT	EQUIP AND/OR PERSONNEL	BOAT SPACE	FORMATION
LVTP 1-1	Elem. B 1/13	5	
	Elem. Engr Plt	<u>12</u> 17	1-1 X
LVTP 1-2	Elem. B 1/13	5	1-2
	Elem. Engr Plt	<u>12</u> 17	X 1-3
LVTP 1-3	Elem. B 1/13	5	X 1-4
	Elem. Engr Plt	<u>12</u> 17	1-5 (C)
LVTP-5 1-4	Det. SP Plt	4	
	Elem. Engr Plt	<u>9</u> 13	
LVTP-5	Elem. B 1/13	5	
CMD	Det. SLF Comm	3	
-----	-----	-----	-----
LCU 2-1 (ON CALL)	SP Plt (-) w/preloaded equip.	40	
	Det. Engr Plt w/preloaded equip.	3	
	Det. BMU w/preloaded equip	---	
	Det. B 1/13 w/preloaded equip	<u>3</u> 464	
-----	-----	-----	-----
LCM-8 3-1 (ON CALL)	Floating Dump w/ammo, Engr supply		
-----	-----	-----	-----
LCM-8 4-1 (ON CALL)	Det. B 1/13 w/M-35, M-105	2	4-2 X 4-1
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LCM-8 4-2 (ON CALL)	Det. B 1/13 w/M-35, M-107	2	
-----	-----	-----	-----
LCM-6 5-1 (ON CALL)	Gun # 1, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	5-6

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LCM-6 5-2 (ON CALL)	Gun # 2, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	X
LCM-6 5-3 (ON CALL)	Gun # 3, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	X
LCM-6 5-4 (ON CALL)	Gun # 4, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	X
LCM-6 5-5 (ON CALL)	Gun # 5, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	X
LCM-6 5-6	Gun # 6, B 1/13 (w/M-35)	10	X

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SERIAL	UNIT	EQUIPMENT	A/C NO/TYPE	SHIP	REMARKS
100	1st Plt, E Co	Normal Combat	9 UH-34D	LPD-6	
101	2d Plt CP E Co	Normal Combat	10 UH-34D	LPD-6	
102	3d Plt, E Co	Normal Combat	9 UH-34D	LPD-6	
110	1st Plt, F Co	Normal Combat	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	
111	2d Plt F CP	Normal Combat	11 UH-34D	LPH-3	
112	3d Plt F Co	Normal Combat	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	
120	1st Plt G Co	Normal Combat	10 UH-34D	LPH-3	
121	2d Plt G CP	Normal Combat	10 UH-34D	LPH-3	
122	3d Plt G Co	Normal Combat	7 UH-34D	LPH-3	
130	1st Plt H Co	Normal Combat	10 UH-34D	LPD-6	
131	2d Plt H Co	Normal Combat	8 UH-34D	LPD-6	
132	3d Plt H Co	Normal Combat	8 UH-34D	LPD-6	
140	106mm Plt	106mm RH 2 106mm Ammo	11 UH-34D		
141	106mm Plt	106mm RH Ammo	10 UH-34D	LPD-6	
150	81mm Plt	81mm, Ammo, Japs	5 UH-34D	LPH-3	
151	81mm Plt	81mm, Ammo	5 UH-34D	LPD-6	
152	81mm Plt	81mm, Ammo	5 UH-34D	LPD-6	
153	81mm Plt	81mm, Ammo	5 UH-34D	LPD-6	
154	81mm Plt	81mm, Ammo	5 UH-34D	LPD-6	
160	W/1/12	FDC	1 UH-34D	LPD-6	
161	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	
162	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	
163	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	
164	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	
165	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	
166	W/1/12	1 4.2 Mortar Ammo/Pers	5 UH-34D	LPD-6	
167	"A" Cmd Grp + W/1/12 CP	(Additional Ammo) 15UH-34D Normal Combat	12UH-34D	LPH-3	

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APPENDIX 7 to Annex C (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 120D-68

HELITEAM WAVE AND SERIAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE

WAVE	SERIAL	HELITEAM FLIGHT			WEIGHT			TOTAL	LZ	REMARKS
		UNIT	PERS	ROPT	PERS	EOPT				
1	MURRY 101-109 130/1-9	Co H	45		9000		9000	9000	V	100%
	MURRY 110-118 110/1-9	Co F	45		9000		9000	9000	Eagle	
2	MURRY 201-209 130/10-13 131/1-5	Co H	45		9000		9000	9000	Vulture	
	MURRY 210-218 111/1-9	Co F	45		9000		9000	9000	Skylane	
3	MURRY 301-309 131/6-8 132/1-600 H	Co H	45		9000		9000	9000	Vulture	
	MURRY 310-318 111/10-11 112/1-7	Co F	45		9000		9000	9000	Eagle	
4	MURRY 401-402 132/7-8	Co H	10		2000		2000	2000	Vulture	
	MURRY 403-404 112/8-9	Co F	10		2000		2000	2000	Eagle	
	MURRY 405-416 120/1-10 121/1-2	Co G	60		12,000		12,000	12,000	Hawk	
5	MURRY 501-508 121/3-10	Co G	40		8000		8000	8000	Hawk	
	MURRY 509-516 100/1-8	Co H	40		8000		8000	8000	Hawk	
6	MURRY 601-616 167/1-12 101/1-3 100/9	"A" Cmd	60		12000		12000	12000	Hawk	
		Co E	20		4000		4000	4000	Hawk	

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EQUIPMENT TYPE AND SERIAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE

HOT SEAT FLIGHT		UNIT	S. NO.	EGYPT PERS.		EGYPT	WEIGHT	TOTAL	LZ	REMARKS
WAVE	SERIAL			EGYPT	EGYPT					
7	MURRY 701-716 101/4-10 102/1-9	Co B	60	4 81's	1600	2M-274(x)	16000		Hawk	
6	MURRY 801-813 150/1-3 151/1-5 81mm 152/1-5	81mm	45	4 81's	9000	2000	11000		Vulture	
9	MURRY 901-912 150/4-5 153/1-5 81mm 154/1-5	81mm	45	4 81's	9000	200	11000		Vulture	
	MURRY 1001-1016 102/1-4	106mm	5	1 106 RR	18000	2200	4000		Vulture	
10	MURRY 1101-1104 110/3-6	106mm	8	1 106RR	1500	400	8000		Vulture	
	MURRY 1105-1108 110/7-11	106mm	9	3 106RR	1800	5900	5700		Hawk	
	MURRY 1109-1114 111/4-7	106mm	5	1 106RR	1000	2200	3200		Eagle	
11	MURRY 1101-1104 110/3-10	106mm	7	1 106RR	1400	1300	2700		Eagle	
	ON CALL SERIAL 102/1-7	Co C	35		7000		7000		TBA	
	ON CALL SERIALS 160-2 161/1-4 162/1-4 163/1-4 164/1-4 165/1-4 166/1-5	W/1/12	62	4.2 Mtrs and Ammo	12000	14000	26000		TBA	

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WAVE	HELO UNIT FLT. NO.	HELICOPTER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSAULT LANDING TABLE								
		NO/TYPE A/C	REPORT		FROM	TO	LOAD	LAUNCH	LAND	IZ
1	MURRAY 101-109	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6	L-45	L-20	L Hr	V*	Co H	
	MURRAY 110-118	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3	L-30	L-20	L Hr	E*	Co F	
2	MURRAY 201-209	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				V*	Co H	
	MURRAY 210-218	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				E*	Co F	
3	MURRAY 301-309	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				V*	Co H	
	MURRAY 310-318	9 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				E*	Co F	
4	MURRAY 401-402	2 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				V*	Co H	
	MURRAY 403-404	2 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				E*	Co F	
	MURRAY 405-416	12 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				H*	Co G	
5	MURRAY 501-508	8 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				H*	Co G	
	MURRAY 509-516	8 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				H*	Co E	
6	MURRAY 601-612	12 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3				H*	A Cmd	
	MURRAY 613-616	4 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				H*	Co E	
7	MURRAY 701-716	16 UH-34D	LPH-3	LPD-6				H*	Co E	
8	MURRAY 801-813	13 UH-34D		LPH-3				V*	81mm Plt	

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*V-Vulture
 *E-Eagle
 *H-Hawk

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HELICOPTER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSAULT LANDING TABLE

9	MURRAY 901-912	12 UH-34D	LPD-6	V*	81mm Plt
	MURRAY 913-916	4 UH-34D	LPH-3	V*	106 RR Plt
10	MURRAY 1001-1002	2 UH-34D	LPH-3	V*	106 RR Plt
	MURRAY 1003-1007	5 UH-34D	LPH-3	V*	106 RR Plt
	MURRAY 1008-1010	3 UH-34D	LPD-6	V*	106 RR Plt
	MURRAY 1011-1014	4 UH-34D	LPD-6	V*	106 RR Plt
11	MURRAY 1101-1103	3 UH-34D	LPD-6	V*	106 RR Plt
	ON CALL	7 UH-34D	LPH-3	18A*	Sparrowhawk
	ON CALL	27 UH-34D	LPD-6	TBA*	W/1/12

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(b) BLT 2/26 OP ORDER 120 D-68 w/Ch I
(c) SLF COI

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization) to Reference (b).

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Intelligence Brief.
- b. Friendly Forces. See reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. No change.

2. MISSION

BLT 2/26 establishes a cordon surrounding the village of Hien Luong as shown in Annex A (Operation Overlay); assists, as required, in population screening and searching for caches; conducts patrols and ambushes as necessary to protect the integrity of the cordon.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. BLT 2/26 lands four cordon Companies and necessary combat support units by helicopter as shown in Annex B (Landing Plan). BLT 2/26 closes the cordon and assists, as required, in the establishment of a screening center. BLT 2/26 releases one company from cordon positions to patrol throughout the AOA.
- b. Company B (Rein)
 - (1) Land IAW Annex B (Landing Plan).
 - (2) Establish cordon position. (Operation Overlay).
 - (3) Be prepared to employ one section 106mm RR Plt in rear defense role.
 - (4) Conduct search/probe operations in cordon sector of responsibility.
 - (5) Be prepared to adjust lines on PL APPLE to compensate for removal of Co H from cordon.

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c. Company F. (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex B (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish cordon position. (Operation Overlay).
- (3) Be prepared to employ one section 106mm RR Plt in rear defense role.
- (4) Conduct search/probe operations in cordon sector of responsibility.
- (5) Be prepared to adjust lines on PL APPLE to compensate for removal of Co H from cordon.

d. Company G (-) (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex B (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish cordon position. (Operation Overlay).
- (3) Be prepared to employ one section 106mm RR Plt in rear defense role.
- (4) Be prepared to assimilate 3rd Plt (Rein), Co G, into cordon upon release as SIF reserve.
- (5) Be prepared to provide one platoon to assist PRU in moving population to screening center on D+1.
- (6) Conduct search/probe operations in cordon sector of responsibility.
- (7) Be prepared to adjust lines to compensate for removal of Co H from cordon.
- (8) Be prepared to provide local security for screening center.

e. Company H (Rein)

- (1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).
- (2) Establish cordon position. (Operation Overlay).
- (3) On order, close cordon to PL APPLE. Move population of Ap Bon (2) and other houses in area to Hien Luong.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct Company patrols, in conjunction with PRU, throughout AOA.

f. 81mm Mortar Plt

(1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).

(2) D/S BLT 2/26.

g. 106mm RR Plt

(1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).

(2) Initially D/S BLT 2/26

(3) Be prepared to attach a section each to Companies E, F, and G.

h. Battery B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

(1) Maintain present position.

(2) D/S BLT 2/26.

i. W Battery (-), 1st Bn, 12th Marines

(1) On order, land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).

(2) D/S BLT 2/26.

j. 2nd Plt, Co C, 3rd Engr Bn

(1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).

(2) Initially D/S BLT 2/26. Conduct minesweep of screening center site.

(3) Be prepared to assist in construction of the screening center.

(4) Be prepared to attach engineer teams to Companies E, F, G, and H as required.

k. Det, H&S Co, 3rd SP Bn

(1) Continue to provide support to artillery FSB.

(2) Continue preparation to establish Blue Beach BSA capable of supporting BLT 2/26.

- l. Det, Supply Co, Provisional Serv Bn (EOD).
 - (1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).
 - (2) D/S BLT 2/26.
- m. Security Det., Hq Co, 9th MAB
 - (1) Land IAW Annex B. (Landing Plan).
 - (2) Provide POW escort from cordon area to District POW collection point.
- n. SIF Reserve
 - (1) 3rd Plt (Rein), Co G (Sparrow Hawk)
 - (a) Be prepared for commitment to any sector of cordon.
 - (b) Be prepared for commitment as security for downed helicopters.
 - (c) On order, land IAW Annex B, (Landing Plan), and revert to OPOON, Company G.
- o. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) D-Day 27 December 1968.
 - (2) I-Hour 0730.
 - (3) Operation Code Name: Valiant Hunt.
 - (4) Thrust Points:
 - (a) Cigarette BT 1955
 - (b) Beer BT 1450
 - (c) Toothpaste BT 1745
 - (d) States BT 2352
 - (e) Desserts BT 1752
 - (f) Cakes BT 1649

- (5) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (6) Annex C (Landing Plan) to reference (b).
- (7) Annex B (Landing Plan).
- (8) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (9) Troops are to remain aloof from civilian population.
- (10) Rules of Engagement apply.
- (11) Sparrow Hawk Plt Cdr. report to SLF S-3 at H-60 minutes.
- (12) Companies will carry probes for use in possible subsequent search operation.
- (13) Fire Support Coordination.
 - (a) B Battery is in direct support.
 - (b) W Battery is in direct support.
 - (c) B Battery CO is Artillery Groupment Commander.
 - (d) B Battery Fire Direction Officer will assign battery fire.
 - (e) All artillery F.O.'s and both batteries will be on COF #1 initially (ref. c).
 - (f) COF #2 will be used as directed by the Artillery Groupment Commander.
 - (g) All Artillery F.O.'s will send fire missions to B Battery on COF #1 (ref. c).
 - (h) Save-A-Plane clearance will be obtained from the Supporting Arms Coordination Center by the Fire Support Coordination Center using the Fire Direction Net (ref. c).
 - (i) Corrections will be sent directly to the battery which is firing the mission.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See paragraph 4 of reference (b).

- b. Submit daily ammunition expenditures to S-4A, by 0900 of day following the expenditures.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. See paragraph 5 of reference (b).

- b. Reference (c).

- c. Command Posts

- (1) SLF.....USS Okinawa (LPH-3)
- (2) BLT 2/26.....VIC BT 166493



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- B. Modification to Annex C (Landing Plan) of reference (b).

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Annex C: Disregard sub-paragraph 1., b, (2).

Appendices 1,2,3,4, and 5: Disregard in total.

Appendix 6: (1) For serials 164 and 165, modify "1 4.2 Mortar, Ammo/Pers" under EQUIPMENT to read "Personnel".
 (2) Disregard serial 166 and reduce helos required for additional ammo from 15 to 8.
 (3) The following serials will be added for Frag. Order 75-68:

605 Engr Plt (-) Normal Combat 4 UH-34D LPH-3
 606 3rd Sqd Engr Plt Normal Combat 3 UH-34D LPD-6

Appendix 7: Appendix 7 (Heliteam Wave and Serial Assignment Table), as modified, is reproduced in total as Appendix 1 to Annex B.

Appendix 8: Appendix 8 (Helicopter Employment & Assualt Landing Table), as modified, is reproduced in total as Appendix 2 to Annex B.

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HELITEAM WAVE AND SERIAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE

<u>HELITEAM FLIGHT</u>		<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>EQPT</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT</u>	<u>LZ</u>
1	MURRAY 101-108	CoF	40	N.C.	All Loads 1200#/ALC	JUDY
	110/1-8					
2	MURRAY 109-116	CoH	40	N.C.		JOAN
	130/1-8					
3	MURRAY 201-208	CoF	40	N.C.		JUDY
	110/9 111/1-7					
4	MURRAY 209-216	CoH	40	N.C.		JOAN
	130/9-13 131/1-3					
5	MURRAY 301-308	CoF	40	N.C.		JUDY
	111/8-11 112/1-4					
6	MURRAY 309-316	CoH	40	N.C.		JOAN
	131/4-7 132/1-4					
7	MURRAY 401-408	Co's F/G	40	N.C.		JUDY
	112/5-9 120/1-3					
8	MURRAY 409-416	Co's H/E	40	N.C.		JOAN
	132/5-8 100/1-4					
9	MURRAY 501-508	CoG	40	N.C.		JUDY
	120/4-8 121/1-3					
10	MURRAY 509-516	CoE	40	N.C.		JOAN
	100/5-9 101/1-3					
11	MURRAY 601-608	CoG	40	N.C.		JUDY
	121/4-10 167/1					
12	MURRAY 609-616	CoE/81's	38	N.C.		JOAN
	122/4-7 150/4-5					
	153/1-2					

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HELITTEAM WAVE AND SERIAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE

WAVE	HELI TEAM FLIGHT SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	EQPT	TOTAL WEIGHT	LZ
7	MURRAY 701-708 167/2-9	CP	40	N.C.	All Loads 1200#/ALC	JUDY
	MURRAY 709-716 153/1-5 154/1-3	81's	32	N.C.		JOAN
8	MURRAY 801-808 167/10-13 140/1-4	CP/106's	20			JUDY
	MURRAY 809-816 154/4-5 605/1-4 141/1-2	81's/Engrs	32			JOAN
		106's				
9	MURRAY 901-907 140/5-11	106's	12	(4Ext)		JUDY
	MURRAY 908-916 150/1-3 151/1-5 152/1	81's	47			JOAN
10	MURRAY 1001-1008 141/3-10	106's	15	(4Ext)		JOAN
	MURRAY 1009-1011 606/1-3	Engrs				JOAN
	MURRAY 1012-1015 152/2-5	81's				JOAN
ON CALL	122/1-7	CoG	35	(Sparrowhawk)		TBA
ON CALL	160/1	4.2's	60	N.C./Ammo		TBA
	161/1-4					TBA
	162/1-4					TBA
	163/1-4					TBA
	164/1-4					TBA
	165/1-4					TBA
	168/1-8			Ammo		TBA

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WAVE	HELO UNIT FIT NO	NO/TYPE A/C	FROM	REPORT		LOAD	LAUNCH	LAND	LZ	UNIT
				TO	TIME					
1	MURRAY 101-108	EUH-34D	LPH-3	LPH-3		L-30	L-20	L-hr	JUDY	CoF
	109-1 16	8 "	"	LPD-6		L-45	L-20	L-hr	JOAN	CoH
2	201-208	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	CoF
	209-216	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	CoH
3	301-308	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	CoF
	309-316	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	CoH
4	401-408	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	F/G
	409-416	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	H/E
5	501-508	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	G
	509-516	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	E
6	601-608	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	G
	609-616	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	E/81's
7	701-708	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	CP
	709-716	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	81's
8	801-808	8 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	CP/106's Engrs
	809-816	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	81's 106's
9	901-907	7 "	"	LPH-3					JUDY	106's
	908-916	9 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	81's
10	1001-1008	8 "	"	LPD-6					JOAN	106's
	1009-1011	3 "	"	LPH-3					JOAN	Engrs

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HELICOPTER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSAULT LANDING TABLE

WAVE	FLT NO	NO./TYPE A/C	FROM	REPORT TO	LOAD	LAUNCH	LAND	LZ	UNIT
1012-1015 4UH-34D LPH-3 LPH-3									JOAN 81's
ON CALL	7	"	"	LPH-3	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Sparrow Hawk
ON CALL	21	"	"	LPD-6	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	4.2's



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0615		1	010530H	SITREP # 41	FSR
0925		2	010700H	SptRpt: At BT 025606 WWH while checking area of last nights action found one VC hiding in a tunnel. When marines approached he called Chieu Hoi. It is evident that he called Chieu Hoi to avoid being shot. He is a male 20 years old. Will interrogate while awaiting transport to PH.	FSR
1015		3	011015H	DAY ACTS for 01 December.	FSR
1235		4	011200H	SITREP # 42	FSR
1305		5	011250H	SptRpt: At BT 035601 WWF spotted 6 personal running from them. Took under fire with M-16 and M-79. Check of the area showed them to be VN civilians. All 6 were emergency Medevac.	FSR
1515		6	011500H	Message from WW REAR.	FS
1710		7	011645H	NIGHT ACTS for 01 December.	FSR
1734		8	011700H	SptRpt: At BT 017600 WWG spotted 2 VC sitting on top of a bunker watching arty being fired in the area. They were taken under fire with 106's resulting in 2 VC KIA (c).	FSR
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1839	9	011630H		SptRpt: WWF at BT 027600 found a 155mm round in a bunker. Blown in place with C-4.	FSR
1900	10	011800H		SITREP # 43	FSR
1930	11	011830H		SptRpt: At BT 039603 WWF saw movement which consisted of 5 persons. WWF followed and heard movement in a house nearby. A M-26 grenade was thrown resulting in 9 civilian WIA and 3 enemy WIA. All were Medevaced.	FSR
2330	12	012330H		SITREP # 44	FSR
0020	13	020010H		SptRpt: At BT 039612 WW CP spotted 2 VC and Took under fire with small arms. This resulted in 1 VC KIA (c). He was carrying one Chi-Com grenade and documents. Documents were turned over to S-2 and the grenade was blown.	FSR
0030	14	020030H		SptRpt: WWG at BT 018599 while conducting an arty mission heard 3 secondary explosions.	FSR
0615	15	020600H		SITREP # 45	FSR
0955	16	020935H		SptRpt: At BT 044616 a man from WWF walked into a friendly unmarked mine field while following a blood trail from last nights	

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				action. He was a priority Medevac.	FSR
1045	17	021145H		SptRpt: At BT 026606 WWH found 4 concrete vats of 250 pounds rice each. Rice taken to H CP for Medevac.	FSR
1200	18	021155H		SITREP # 46	FSR
1840	19	021445H		SptRpt: At BT 022605 WNG spotted 2 VC. Took under fire with small arms and LAAW resulting in 2 VC KIA (c).	FSR
1850	20	021830H		SITREP # 47	FSR
2155	21	022050H		SptRpt: At BT 019602 WWH spotted 2 VC. An 81 mission was called resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).	FSR
2200	22	022055H		SptRpt: At BT 025606 WWH spotted 6 or 7 VC. Took under fire with small arms which resulted in 3 VC KIA(c). WWH ambush relocated to cover bodies.	FSR
2330	23	022330 H		SITREP # 48	FSR
0015	24	022358H		Message from WW Rear to WW Forward.	FSR
0040	25	031220H		SptRpt: At BT 043622 WWH was taken under fire by squad sized VC unit. Fire was returned with small arms and M-79.	FSR
0650	26	030530H		SITREP # 49	FSR

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1010		27	030930H	SptRpt: At BT 022605 WWH saw approximately 4 VC. Fired M-79 and 60mm with unknown results.	FSR
1225		28	031150H	SptRpt: At BT 024598 WWF captured one NVA who was minorly injured. Is being held at WWF for questioning while awaiting Medevac to PH. FSR	
1233		29	031200H	SptRpt: REFERENCE TO # 28. Captured NVA is 24 year old Sgt. FSR	
1242		30	031225H	SITREP # 50	FSR
1530		31	031400H	SptRpt: At BT 024601 WNG found a small quantity of propaganda type documents in a hole on the river bank. Documents to be sent to WW CP. FSR	
1625		32	031440H	NIGHT ACTS for 03 December. FSR	
1700		33	031110H	SptRpt: REFERENCE # 28. Captured NVA had the following items in his possession: clothes, food, and a wallet with documents. FSR	
1724		34	031630H	SptRpt: At BT 024606 WWH spotted VC running. VC was carrying weapon that was approx. 8" longer than AK-47. WWH followed with negative results. FSR	
1727		35	031700H	NIGHT ACTS of KMC for 03 December. FSR	
1755		36	031530H	SptRpt: At BT 023599 WWF while on patrol found trench line approx.	

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				10 meters from the river bank. It measured 2' X 3' X 400 meters.	
				At BT 025598 WWF patrol found body of dead VC and one 155mm round.	
				Round was blown in place. WWF patrol also found: photos, ID's, 9mm pistol clip (loaded), map, food, record book, shower shoes,	
				3 battle dressings, unknown pills and medication. All were medevaced to WW.	
1801	37	031740H		SITREP # 51	FSR
2111	38	032030H		SptRpt: At BT 024602 WNG had movement. Squad Leader threw M-26 which fell short resulting one USMC Medevac.	FSR
0010	39	032350H		SITREP # 52	FSR
0545	40	040530H		SITREP # 53	FSR
1210	41	041120H		SptRpt: At BT 023601 WNG spotted 1 VC. Took under fire with small arms resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).	FSR
217	42	041120H		SptRpt: At BT 021606 WWH while working in a sweep found 9 NVA KIA(c). This was believed to be a result of an earlier fire fight.	FSR
1220	43	041130H		SITREP # 54	FSR
1510	44	041510H		SptRpt: At BT 020605 WWH took sniper fire from their rear.	

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				Small arms fire was returned resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).	FSR
1555	45	041500H		SptRpt: At BT 021601 WWG took sniper fire. Small arms fire was returned resulting in 1 VC KIA(c).	FSR
1610	46	041600H		SptRpt: At BT 021601 WWG observed 1 NVA sitting on bunker observing friendly arty mission. Took under fire with LAAW. NVA was seen hit and going down.	FSR
1630	47	041620H		SITREP:# 55	FSR
1745	48	041655H		SptRpt: WWF at BT 026607 found 2 graves partially buried. The grave contained 1 body with bullet hole in the head and the other with shrapnel wounds in stomach, graves were covered after inspection.	FSR
1747	49	041655H		SptRpt: WWF at BT 026608 found 250 rounds of 7.62 linked ammo and 4 NVA packs in a hole, confiscated for own use.	FSR
0050	50	050010H		SITREP:# 56	FSR
1148	51	051100H		POS RPT: WWF chopped to Trailer Park at 1100H.	
1200	52	051125H		SptRpt: At BT 022606 WWF found misc. documents in grass near a grave sight. Documents turned over to PH.	FSR

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1245		53	051225H	SptRpt: At BT 025605 WWH found a booby trap. It was hidden out of sight in the bushes. The SED was a blasting cap in concrete. Was blown in place.	FSR
1300		54	051240H	SITREP # 57	FSR
1430		55	051330H	SptRpt: At BT 022600 WWG found twelve 1 man fighting holes, 4 bunkers, and 3 mines. Bunkers were 5' X 8' X 4', made of bamboo and dirt. Mines were boxes 5" by 5" by 12" packed with TNT. All items were blown in place.	FSR
549		56	051730H	SITREP # 57	FSR
1605		57	051530H	SptRpt: At BT 023605 WWH found five boxes with documents. Also found an electrical operated road mine. Documents were turned over to PH and the mine was blown in place.	FSR
1619		58	051601H	SptRpt: WW Rear at BT 937803 saw one suspicious looking VN worker carrying tae bag. He was stopped and searched. He was carrying a pound and a half of C-4. Turned over to GIT.	FSR
1725		59	051550H	NIGHT ACTS for 05 December.	FSR
2356		60	052345H	SITREP # 58	FSR

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0632		61	060600H	SITREP # 60	FSR
1019		62	060945H	SptRpt: At BT 022602 WWG found one decapitated NVA. Believed to have been killed in yesterday's action.	FSR
1130		63	061100H	Message from WW Rear to WW 3.	FSR
1245		64	061230H	SITREP # 61	FSR
1538		65	061533H	Message from WW Rear to WW Forward	FSR
1715		66	061500H	NIGHT ACTS FOR 06 December.	FSR
1815		67	061735H	SITREP # 62	FSR
2250		68	062200H	SptRpt: At BT 035601 WWF took fire from 2 VC. Returned fire with small arms resulting in 1 VC KIA(c). Numerous personal articles and 1 AK-47 were found on the body.	FSR
0020		69	062355H	SITREP # 63	FSR
0600		70	070545H	SITREP # 64	FSR
1015		71	070830H	SptRpt: At BT 035601 WWF saw one NVA approaching from the west. Took under fire with M-16 resulting in 1 NVA KIA(c). Dead NVA was carrying M-1 carbine, 2 Chi-Com grenades, cartridge belt, and some documents.	FSR

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		73	151115	SPECIAL SITREP	FSR
		74	151250	Spt Rpt. At BT 152518, gunship working in support of SMF wounded 1 civilian who was medevaced to SMR.	FSR
		75	151200	SITREP #1	FSR
		76	151330	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		77	151340	Message from PH3 to SM3.	
		78	151407	Spt Rpt. At BT 143509 SME detained 39 VN, holding at SME CP.	FSR
		79	151310	Pos Rpt LZ Locations	FSR
		80	151000	Spt Rpt At BT149528 SMF found 2 bunkers. Searched then blown.	FSR
		81	151550	Message from PH to SM6.	
		82	151600	Message from PH3 to SM3.	
		83	151605	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		84	151615	Spt Rpt At BT 156521 SME picked up 1 VC suspect, had no ID.	
				Sent to SM.	FSR
		85	151250	Spt Rpt. At BT 143153 SMH spotted 1 man running away in a westerly direction. Called in W mission.	FSR
		86	151435	Message from SM3 to PH3.	

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		87	151640	Night Acts for 15 Dec.	
		88			
		89	151745	Spt Rpt. At BT 146576 SMH captured 1 POW suspect found hiding in a bunker 10m from a hootch. Taken to SM.	FSR
		90	151800	SITREP #2	FSR
		91	151835	Message from SM3 to SM5.	
		92	152000	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		93	152100	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		94	152145	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		95	152300	Message from BM3 to SM3.	
		96	152400	SITREP #3	FSR
		97	160600	SITREP #4	FSR
		98	160900	Message from SM3 to SM5.	
		99	160900	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		100	161045	Day Acts for SMH.	
		101	161030	SPECIAL SITREP	FSR
		102	161030	Spt Rpt. At BT 146514 SMH picked up documents and 40 VN	

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		103	161000	civilians and 150 lbs of rice. Documents to S-2.	FSR
		103	161000	Spt Rpt. At BT 164523 SMG while on patrol found 5 spider holes and 3 L shaped bunkers. Blown with M26.	FSR
		104	161045	Message from SM3 to PH3	
		105	161045	Spt Rpt at BT 159523 SME found a VN going through trash pit and tried to run away but was captured and taken to collection pt. FSR	
		106	161235	Spt Rpt. At BT 145515 SMH found misc documents made of brick and bamboo. Destroyed bunkers.	FSR
		107	161200	SITREP #5	FSR
		108	161400	SPECIAL SITREP	
		109	161110	Spt Rpt. At BT 192513 SMH found a total of 14 VN in bunkers. People escorted to collection point.	FSR
		110	161700	Night Acts SME	
		111	161210	Spt Rpt. At BT 146516 SMH picked up 3 VN in a hootch which had false walls and bottom. People to collection point.	FSR
		112	161145	Spt Rpt. At 146516 SMG was taken under fire by small arms & .30 cal machine gun. SMG returned fire, results unknown.	FSR

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		113	161230	Spt Rpt. At BT 152524 SMF found 6 fighting holes, 2 bunkers, 1 buried body, 10 years old. Neg cause of death. 2 water buffaloes in underground stable. Reburied body.	FSR
		114	161710	Message from Rear to SM6	FSR
		115	161810	SITREP #6	FSR
		116	162000	Message from Rear to SMF lame A	
		117	161230	Spt Rpt. At BT 146518 SMF found 1 bunker 6x6. Contained little bb bottle of alcohol, 2 bags of drugs, 1 ID card. Collected for evacuation.	FSR
		118	162345	SITREP #7	FSR
		119	170600	SITREP #8	FSR
		120	170745	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		121	170845	Message from SM to PH.	
		122	170845	Spt Rpt. At BT 148517 SMH received sniper fire, SMF will check area.	FSR
		123	171140	Message from SM3 to PH3.	FSR
		124	171150	SITREP #9	FSR

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		125	171259	Message from SM3R to SM3A.	
		126	171600	Spt Rpt. At BT 147518 SMF found 2 old M-79 rounds. Destroyed.	FSR
		127	171530	Spt Rpt. At BT 141518 SMF spotted 1 VC suspect running along tree line, opposite side of blue. Suspect ran into hootch, SMF fired LAW, now under observation.	FSR
		128	171715	Night Acts.	FSR
		129	171820	SITREP #10	FSR
		130	171830	Spt Rpt. At BT 137508 SMH received 1 sniper round. Attempting Whiskey clearance.	FSR
		131	171825	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		132	172400	SITREP # 11	FSR
		133	180600	SITREP # 12	FSR
		134	172345	Spt Rpt. At BT 137507 SMH received fire from AK-47 and light machine-gun fire. Called in W Mission.	FSR
		135	172145	Spt Rpt. At BT 146514 SMH had 1 USMC slip and fall while throwing M26. Man was medevaced.	FSR
		136	180900	Message from SM3 to PH3	

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		137	180915	Message from SM3 to PH3	
		138	180930	Spt Rpt. At BT 143517 SMF recovered 1 VN male body. Died from shrapnel wounds. Believed to be man seen crossing river night of the 15th. Searched neg. results.	FSR
		139	181515	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		140	181410	Spt Rpt. At BT 141516 SMH found documents in a bunker. Documents evacuated to PH2.	FSR
		141	181355	Spt Rpt. At BT 181355 SMH found 10 .50 cal casings in a hootch. Blew hootch, continued patrol.	FSR
		142	181200	SITREP #13	FSR
		143	181800	SITREP #14	FSR
		144	181800	Night Acts for 18Dec68	
		145	182045	Message from PH to SM.	
		146	190630	SITREP #16	FSR
		147	190715	Spt Rpt. At BT 146520 SMF spotted 1 VC suspect who ran in a bunker. Fired tango round. Under observation.	FSR
		148	190845	Message from SM3 to PH3.	

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		149	190920	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		150	191010	Message from SM to PH.	
		151	190730	Spt Rpt. At BT 152521 SMG found 1 butterfly bomb armed with Anti-Disturbance device. Was not tampered with. Destroyed.	FSR
		152	191145	Spt Rpt. At BT 131505 SMH while sweeping East drove 7 VC across blue. Taken under fire, results 1 VC KIA (c) BNR. Others ran West. Continue to observe.	FSR
		153	191200	SITREP #17	FSR
		154	191400	Spt Rpt. At BT 132505 SMH while sweeping East drove 1 VC to river bank, taken under fire results 1 VC KIA (c) BNR. Araz under observation.	FSR
		155	191440	Message from SM3 to Pal Joey B-6.	
		156	191510	Message from SM to PH.	
		157	191630	Message from PH to SM.	
		158	191635	Message from SM to PH Bailey.	
		159	191605	Message from PH2 to SM.	
		160	191700	Message from SM3 to Pal Joey Bravo 6.	

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		161	191620	Spt Rpt. At BT 166516 SME spotted VC suspect running at edge of blue. Fired Maching-Gun results 1 VC KIA (c) BNR.	blu FSR
		162	191145	Spt Rpt. At BT 131505 SMH recovered 1 body. Found blood and drag marks.	FSR
		163	191725	Message from PH to SM.	
		164	191700	Spt Rpt. At BT 135506 SMH spotted VC running away. VC was shot in foot by SMH. Evacuated to SM.	FSR
		165	191825	Night Acts 19Dec68	
		166	191850	Night Acts from SM3 to PH3.	
		167	191915	Spt Rpt. At BT 171511 SMG spotted 2 VC in water. Took under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (c) BNR. Other crawled away on opposite shore. Area under observation.	FSR
		168	191915	Spt Rpt. At BT 169520 SMG spotted 1 VC in a boat. Took under fire, boat was sunk, Results 1 VC KIA (c) BNR.	FSR
		169	191950	SITREP #18	FSR
		170	191800	SITREP #19-	FSR
		171	200600	SITREP #20	FSR

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		172	192330	Spt Rpt. At BT 168518 SME spotted 1 VC in river, fired M-79's VC disappeared from view. Results 1 VC KIA (c) BNR.	FSR
		173	191800	Spt Rpt. At BT 168523 SME found 1 VC alone in village. Taken to SM.	FSR
		174	201130	Message from SM3 to PH.	
		175	201240	Spt Rpt. At BT 164513 SME observed secondary explosions as a result of Artillery mission.	FSR
		176	192000	Spt Rpt. At BT 135504 SMH A-2 received incoming M26's while enroute to A site. Estimated 10 VC in contact. Returned fire VC fled.	FSR
		177	192130	Spt Rpt. At BT 144520 SMF spotted 2 boats which appeared to be empty, moving down blue. Destroyed with M-79's.	FSR
		178	192030	Spt Rpt. At BT 169522 SME sprung ambush on 5 VC. Returned fire with LAW, M-79, M-60, s/a. Searched in AM, neg results.	FSR
		179	201200	SITREP #21	FSR
		180	201320	Day Acts SMH for 20Dec68.	
		181	201315	Spt Rpt. At BT 17509 SMF took s/a fire. Returned w/Tangos	

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				Echo to search area.	FSR
	182	201300		Spt Rpt. At BT 173508 SMF took small arms fire from clump of trees. Returned with Tangos and M-60's. SME to search area.	FSR
	183	201330		Spt Rpt. At BT 176509 SME received small arms fire. SMF returning fire with Tangos and M-60's.	FSR
	184	201330		Spt Rpt. At BT 179508 SMF received small arms fire. Returned with Tangos and M-60's.	FSR
	185	192030		Spt Rpt. At BT 137504 SMH taken under fire by light machine-gun M26's. Called Spooky. Contact broken, neg results.	FSR
	186	201230		Message from PH to Rural Tricker 3700.	
	187	201645		SPECIAL SITREP	FSR
	188	201410		Night Acts 20Dec68	
	189	201910		Message from PH3 to SM3	
	190	201600		Message from PH3 to SM3	
	191	201456		Spt. Rpt. At BT 167514 SMG found 1 VN male in hootch w/leg. wound from Tangos. Turned over to ITT.	FSR
	192	201830		Spt Rpt. At BT 171518 SMF spotted 3 NVA had weapons and	

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				wearing black clothing. SMG sent 2 squads toward ville using M-79, 3.5, and small amrs. Results 1 VC KIA (c), 1 M1 cartridge belt, 1 ChiCom. Body buried.	
	193	201830		Spt Rpt. At BT 171518 SMF spotted 3 armed men w/black clothing. SMF sent 2 squads took NVA under fire, results 1 NVA KIA (c)	FSR
				SME supported SMF by fire with M60, M79, SMW, SMFW & Spooky. Flares shwoed 3 NVA KIA (c) BNR. 1 NVA buried, 1 ChiCom destroyed. All clothing, arms, and equip held at SMFCP.	
	194	201400		Spt Rpt. At BT 1657 SMG found 36 bunkers, 4 spider holes. Bunkers were family type. 12' tunnels in L shape w/2 ents. Destroyed with Demo.	FSR
	195	201900		SITREP #22	FSR
	196	201900		Spt Rpt. At BT 169524 Spooky Flares show 3 NVA KIA BNR still in place. SME in place to prevent recovery of 3 bodies. Spooky reports 3 additional bodies. Total 6 NVA KIA (c) BNR 1 NVA KIA (c)	FSR
	197	210700		SITREP # 24	FSR

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		198	210830	Message from SM3 to SM3E8.	
		199	210800	Spt Rpt. At BT 141514 SMH spotted 1 VC running W/side of river. Fired LAW saw body drop. Now searching.	FSR
		200	210850	Day Acts 21D _e c68	
		201	210800 _t	Spt Rpt. (Final) At BT 141514 SMH found blood trails and many foot prints. Leading West.	FSR
		202	210650	Spt Rpt. At BT 154518 SMH while on A site, spotted 4 VC. Opened fire with small arms, VC ducked out of site. Found blood trails leading to ville and swamp. Neg results.	FSR
		203	211050	SPECIAL SITREP	FSR
		204	210800	Spt Rpt. At BT 167515 SMG sent out to check last nights movements, found tunnel 4x4x5 with 1 SKS rifle (no bolt) 4 clips ammo, 1 ChiCom, documents and dairy, small amount of medicine. Destroyed tunnel with Demo.	FSR
		205	210830	Spt Rpt. At BT 1651 SMG found 31 family type bunkers, made of bamboo & L shaped. Found 2 dud 105's & 1 155 dud. Destroyed with Demo.	FSR

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		206	211030	Day Acts SMH	
		207	211130	Message from SM to PH.	
		208	210800	Spt Rpt. At BT 167515 SMG sent unit out to check last nights movement.	FSR
		209	210630	Spt Rpt. At BT 173516 SMF1 swept area of last nights contact with neg results.	FSR
		210	211040	Spt Rpt. At BT 148516 SMH P-2 came across 6 people all males in a rice paddy, ran when told to stop resulting in shot in leg & stomach. Medevaced to NSA.	FSR
		211	211040	Spt Rpt (Refer 199) At BT 177535 SMH found the man, who was wearing white clothes. Approx 45 years old.	FSR
		212	211540	Spt Rpt. At BT 177535 SMF took small arms fire from AK47's Fired Little W and other supporting arms.	FSR
		213	211250	Spt Rpt. At BT 141523 SMH spotted approx 12 VC&NVA. Opened fire wounding 1, who they took into bunker. Arty now being called in on bunker.	FSR
		214	211625	Message from SM to SM3A.	

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		215	211120	Night Acts 21Dec68.	
		216	211800	Spt Rpt. SMF chased 3VC/NVA, and couldn't catch. SMG had contact with 3-4 VC/NVA at BT 174512. Enemy withdrew into tree line.	FSR
		217	211745	At BT 177509 SMG A1 while moving in position received AK47 fire from tree line. Returned fire with small arms, M79. Found AK 47 rounds, called in Big W.	FSR
		218	211800	SITREP #26	FSR
		219	211900	Spt Rpt. At BT 1651 SMG ITT reports that 16 VC remain in ville. Checked bunkers with neg results.	FSR
		220	212010	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		221	211730	Spt Rpt. At BT 166520 SME found 2 rusty 155 rounds. Destroyed	FSR
		222	212035	Spt Rpt. At BT 147514 SMH A5 received 3 M979 rounds. Believed to be for pinpointing position. Neg results.	FSR
		223	212115	Message from PH to SM3.	
		224	211530	Spt Rpt. At BT 173534 SMF received small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and 12 60mm. Continue moving toward enemy.	FSR

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LEN	OUT	STN	DEC	ENCLOSURES, MESSAGE & CORDERS	ADVICE
		225700	211700	Spt Rpt. At BT 177534 SMF spotted 2 VC women. VC fired SMF returned fire with small arms. Results i VC KIA (c) and 3 detainees captured.	FSR
	226		212000	Spt Rpt. At BT 177535 SMF received small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and called Arty mission.	FSR
	227		212350	SITREP #27	FSR
	228		220650	SITREP #28	FSR
	229		220755	Day Acys 22Dec68	
	230		220840	Spt Rpt. At BT 145514 SMH spotted 2-3 at blue trying to cross. SMH now moving to apprehend.	FSR
	231		220950	Spt Rpt. At BT 161516 SMH found 1 155 round. Destroyed.	FSR
	232		221100	Spt Rpt. At BT 175512 SMG found 1 male killed by shrapnel in a fresh grave. 1 VC KIA (c).	FSR

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		233	221110	Spt Rpt. At BT 138502 SMH spotted 4 VN dressed in khakis, hiding behind haystack. After being spotted they disappeared.	
				Now conducting search of the area.	FSR
		234	221125	Spt Rpt. At BT 147502 SMH P-2 spotted approx 6-7 VN dressed in khakis, trying to hide in ville. Arty called in on ville.	FSR
		235	221225	SITREP #29	FSR
		236	221125	Spt Rpt. At BT 147502 SMH checked out area of Arty mission with neg results.	FSR
		237	221400	Spt Rpt. At BT 165523 SME found a fresh grave 50m from A site of 19 Dec 68. VC killed by Claymore. 1 VC KIA (c)	FSR
		138	221700	Spt Rpt. At BT 153529 SMH while calling Arty mission observed 1 VC WIA enter water. 81s and s/a. fired. 1 VC KIA (c) BNR FSR	

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	239	221730		Night Acts 22Dec68	
	240	221801		SITREP #30	FSR
	241	221535		Spt Rpt. At BT 174531 SMF received small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and 60mm, Results unkown.	FSR
	242	221300		Spt Rpt. At BT 177553 SMF received small arms fire. Returned with small arms and 60mm. Results unkown	FSR
	243	221500		Spt Rpt. At BT 174581 SMF received small arms fire. Returned with small arms and 60mm. Results unknown	FSR
	244	230600		SITREP #32	FSR
	245	230747		Message from SM3 to PH3 & SM5.	
	246	230815		Day Acts 23Dec68.	
	247	230800		Message from SM3 to SM5.	
	248	231130		Spt Rpt. At BT 137504 SMH came across a bunker 4x4x8	

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				also found medicine bottle wrapped in a document. Destroyed medicine, document to SM-2.	FSR
249	231155			Spt Rpt. At BT 146517 SMH P-3 found 2 detainees. Taken to SM.	FSR
250	231330			SITREP #33	FSR
251	231535			Night Acts for 23Dec68.	FSR
252	232025			Spt Rpt. At BT 145516 SMH A spotted 8-10 VN. Taken under fire with small arms & claymore. VC returned fire with AK-47. Relocated A, results unknown.	FSR
253	232135			Spt Rpt. At BT 166524 SME received ordnance of an undetermined cal at rear of A site. Shrapnel hit 1 USMC, who was treated by Corpsman.	FSR
254	232355			SITREP # 34	FSR

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	255	240600		SITREP #35	FSR
	256	271050		SITREP #36	FSR
	257	271215		PosRpt.	
	258	271030		Spt Rpt. At 271030H lift off of little people initiated.	FSR
	259	271215		Spt Rpt. SMH at 271205H moved to P.L APPLE.	FSR
	260	271415		Spt Rpt. Fairlane Whiskey in position to fire.	FSR
	261	271505		Change in Pos Rpt.	
	262	271645		At BT 174488 SMF received i round of sniper fire. Returned with small arms, now checking area.	FSR
	263	271720		SITREP #37	FSR
	264	271815		Message from SM to SMR.	
	265	271430		Spt Rpt. At BT 170488 SMF found 1 ChiCom wrapped in cloth.	
				Turned over to SM-2.	FSR

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		266	272110	Message from SM3B to SM.	
		267	271800	Night Acts 27Dec68.	
		268	272115	Message from PH3 to SM3B.	
		269	272020	Spt Rpt. At BT 165482 SMG heard a bell ringing. May have been a warning system. Alerted troops in area.	FSR
		270	272245	SITREP #38	FSR
		271	280500	SITREP #39	FSR
		272	280600	Spt Rpt. At BT 168496 SME heard rushing sound in brush which came within 25 meters. Opened fire resulting in 1 120lb pig KIA.	FSR
		273	280840	Day Acts SMG 28Dec68.	
		274	280940	Spt Rpt. At BT 168484 SMF heard sniper fire shooting at fixed wing. Arty mission now being called.	FSR
		275	281005	Message from SM3 to PH3.	
		276	280900	Spt Rpt. At BT 164483 SMG heard sniper fire, called W mission with unknown results.	FSR
		277	280420	Spt Rpt. At BT 169492 SME heard and saw movement. Fired M-k6s and m-79 with neg results.	FSR

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		278	281030	Spt Rpt. At BT 145479 SMH took sniper fire 5-7 rounds, called W Mission with unknown results.	FSR
		279	281045	SITREP #40	FSR
		280	281210	Spt Rpt. At BT 159482 SMH received sniper fire. Returned with small arsm, called 81s and 79 support, resulting in 2 female WIA. Medevaced.	FSR
		281	281345	Spt Rpt. At BT 158492 SME found 1 bunker 8x3x4 made of bamboo. A tunnel ran 9' from bunker, found 1 Civilian radio, 1 M-26. Bunker blown.	FSR
		282	281210	Spt Rpt. At BT 145486 SMH found approx 30 fresh graves. Are now excavating at random.	FSR
		283	281500	Day Acts 28Dec68.	
		284	281500	Night Acts 28Dec68	
		285	281645	SITREP #41	FSR
		286	281900	Spt Rpt. At BT 166483 SM received small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and 79s, fire ceased.	FSR
		287	282200	Spt Rpt. At BT 168494 SMF heard movement in ville. Opened	

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				fire with M16s and M26 results 1 VC KIA (c) had 1 ChiCom.	FSR
	288	282015		Message from SM3 to PH3.	
	289	281945		Spt Rpt. At BT 168494 SMF2 saw movement. Threw 1 M26 with neg results.	FSR
	290	282050		Spt Rpt. At BT 163501 SME spotted individual moving W-E toward SME A1 position. Employed M26s and captured 1 VC suspect Transported suspect to CIT/ITT.	FSR
	291	282400		SITREP #42	FSR
	292	290500		SITREP #43	FSR
	293	282010		Spt Rpt. At BT 168495 SMF3 heard movement inside ville. Threw M26 with neg results.	FSR
	294	282035		Spt Rpt. At BT 168494 SMF saw 1 person moving along w/cows. Sent 2 USMC to check, found 15 people in hootch. People heli-lifted to CIT position.	FSR
	295	290645		Spt Rpt. At BT 180484 SMF had 1 VC walk into their lines. When told to halt started running. SMF opened fire, results 1 VC KIA (c).	FSR

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1240		301	291130H	Spt Rpt. At BT 162495 SME lead by a captured VCS to 3 vats of rice 750 lbs. Sent to C.I.T.	FSR
1300		302	290930	Spt Rpt. At BT 156486 SMG found a spider trap with a tunnel. Spider trap was 2' by 3'. The tunnel was 2' by 3' by 4'. At Bt 166453 a Chi Com grenade (not SFD) was found in brush. Destroyed Chi Com.	FSR
1315		303	290640	Spt Rpt. At BT 178485 SMF while on the move through the ville, spotted 50 yr old man moving into the ville. Five minutes later SMF spotted 15 yr old boy trying to evaid the patrol. At BT 174485 SMF found 16 yr old girl with a small child, in a hooch. The old man wore grey shirt and black shorts. The boy wore stripped white shirt and tan shorts. The girl wore white top and black pants. All three sent to C.I.T.	FSR
1345		304	291235H	Day Acts for 29 December	FSR
1410		305	291200H	Spt Rpt. At BT 165494 SME found a camoflaged L shaped tunnel 18" to 20" high. 1 meter wide-3meters long, 3 meters deep. It was made of bamboo and dirt. In side were 4 VCS ages 20 to	

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				30 years old. They wore blue shirts, dark shorts and had no weapons. Blew bunker and sent VCS's to C.I.T.	FSR
1425	306	291230H		Spt Rpt. At 166493 SME found 1 L shaped tunnel 5' by 3' by 30" high. It lead to an oval bunker of bamboo and dirt. Inside were 3 VCS. They wore blue shirts, dark shorts. Took VCS to C.I.T. and blew bunker.	FSR
1515	307	291400H		Spt Rpt. At BT 163495 SME found 1 VCS in L shaped tunnel. He wore green shorts and white shirt. Had no weapon. Blew tunnel and took VCS to C.I.T.	FSR
1520	308	291345H		Spt Rpt. At BT 161497 SME found 1 L shaped tunnel entrance under cement grave stone hidden in brush. It was 18" by 30" and bunker was 3 meters by 4 meters. Reinforced with bamboo and dirt. Blew complex.	
1525	309	291330H		Spt Rpt. At BT 167492 SME found L shaped tunnel 1meter by 3 feet by 3 feet. Under a tree. Made with bamboo and dirt.	FSR
1605	309	291450H		Spt Rpt. At BT 143508 SMH while searching a hooch found a false bottom floor in it. In it was 800 lbs of grain. Hooch	

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				was constructed of straw and bamboo. Arrangements were made to take grain to the Detainees point.	FSR
1635	310	291625H		Ref Msg # 291450H. The 800lbs of grain was destroyed by the PRU's.	FSR
1706	311	291650H		Sit Rep # 10 From 291100H to 291700H.	FSR
1720	312	291715H		Msg from SM-5B to SM-3.	FSR
1804	313	291805H		Msg from SM-3 to SM-5.	FSR
1910	314	291500H		Night Aots for 29 December.	FSR
1945	315	291630H		Spt Rpt. At BT 156497 SME spotted 8 to 9 VC at BT 166513. They wore, 1 green uniform and the rest were blue. Called artillery on them. Unknown results.	
2005	316	291950H		Spt Rpt. At BT 156497 SME spotted 1 VCS moving east to west. Was commanded to halt but did not. VCS was captured. Had no weapon. 820 piastres found on him, in a certificate from the Central Bank of China. Wore blue shirt dark shorts. Was taken to C.I.T.	
2040	317	292000H		Spt Rpt. At BT 155525 SMH heard movement on a trail. Took under fire and received small arms fire in return. Checked fire and recovered 1 male VC. Est 40 years old. Found clothing and black pills, on him.	

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2305	318		292300H	Sit Rep. # 11 From 291700H to 292300H.	FSR
2308	319		2922025H	Spt Rpt. At BT 169491 SMF received one 105 round. Checked Pal Joey, found gunners error. Checked sheath and continued night actions.	FSR
2310	320		292100H	Msg. from SM-5 to SM-3.	FSR
0015	321		300015H	Spt Rpt. At BT 190480 SMG heard 1 round ricochay and land at BT 161488. Notified ship to change positions.	FSR
0655	322		300545H	Sit Rep. # 12 from 292300H to 300500H.	FSR
0915	323		301420H	Spt Rpt. At BT 160496 SME-3 found 1 tunnel with 18" to 20" entrance. 5' wide 5' long 5' deep. It had no exit. The entrance was concrete. Blew tunnel and observed a secondary explosion.	FSR
0945	324		292215H	Spt Rpt. At BT 168495 SMF heard movement. They fired 2 rounds M-16. Searched area-negative results.	FSR
0945	325		292240H	Spt Rpt. At Bt 168494 SMF had a trip flare go off by movement. Fired 1 claymore and 1 M-26. Searched area with negative results.	FSR
0953	326		292215H	Spt Rept. At BT 165495 SMF received 5 rounds sniper fire. Returned fire. Checked area with negative results.	FSR
1000	327		300655H	Spt Rpt. I&F At BT 154519 SMH at ambush site spotted a man pop up 25	

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				meter away. He started to run. SMH called Halt with negative results.	
				Opened fire with small arms. Results, 1 VC KIA(c). VC was around 45 years old. He had no I.D., documents or weapon. Found a lighter with 504 insignia on it. Personal effects turned over to CP S-2.	FSR
1145	328	300900H		Spt Rpt. At BT 164496 SMF-3 found 1 picture inside empty rice crock. Is 8" by 10" and believed to be Ho Chi Mien. Also found documents in a bunker at the same grid. Forwarded to SMCP S-2.	FSR
1150	329	301050H		Sit Rep # 13 from 300500H to 301100H.	FSR
1235	330	301010H		Spt Rpt. At BT 164497 National Police found 1 AK-47 with 3 rounds hidden in a bunch of bamboo. Natioal Police kept weapon.	FSR
1300	331	301100H		Spt Rpt. At BT 168493 SMF found 10 gallons of oil buried under floor of a hooch. Also found a secret compartment 3' by 6' with cloths and documents. 1 NVA cartridge belt, 1 bottle of penicillin, 1 lighter with 504 insignia. Oil destroyed and findings forwarded to C.I.T.	FSR
1304	332	301150H		Spt Rpt. AT BT 174485 SMF patrol 1 spotted 3 males Viet Name. All thought to be under 25 years old. Took under fire with small arms with negative results.	FSR

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1330		336	301200H	Spt Rpt. At BT 7167494 SMCP found 3 tubes of glucose, 3 bottles of penicillin. All were hidden in the brush.	
				Also hidden in the brush near the same area were found 3 BA-30's. All findings forwarded to C.I.T.	FSR
1425		337	300900H	Spt Rpt. At BT 158494 SME tripped Chi Com while investigating noise in a bunker. Threw 1 M-26 in bunker resulting in 2 VC POW's not injured. Found 2 Chi Com grenades and 1 106 round. Sent VC's and all findings to C.I.T.	
				Medivaced 1 USMC injured from SFD.	FSR
1435		338	301300H	Spt Rpt. At BT 168495 SMCP found 1 50lbs bag of rice, which was buried under some bricks. At BT 167496 SMCP found 1 60lb and 1 110lb bags of rice in a bunker 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 4' by 8'. Forwarded to C.I.T.	FSR

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1640	339	301530H		Spt Rpt. At BT 156497 SME found 3 VCS while searching a tunnel 18"by20" entrance, 3' by 3' by 4'. VCS were turned over to C.I.T.	FSR
1800	340	301655H		Sit Rep # 14 from 301100H to 301700H	FSR
1805	341	301530H		Night Acts for 30 December	FSR
1850	342	300950H		Spt Rpt. At BT 151516 SMH came across 1 male body, estimate 40 to 45 years old. Was dressed in black cloths. Found no I.D. or any documents. Was killed by shrapnel. Buried the body.	FSR
1905	343	301300H		Spt Rpt. At BT 161496 SMG led by VCS swept the ville. VCS pointed out 3 well camouflaged tunnels. Was near a hooch. At BT 158497 and 156496, VCS pointed out 2 more in hedgerow. A PRU with a loudspeaker broadcasted	

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IN	OUT	SERIAL	INFO	INCIDENT, MESSAGES & ORDERS	ACTION
				Chu Hoi to all tunnels then threw M-26 in each. Searched with negative results.	FSR
2000	344	301600H		Spt Rpt. At BT 158488 SMG took sniper fire. Returned fire with small arms fire and M-79. Checked area with negative results.	FSR
2010	345	301700H		Spt Rpt. At BT 157500 SME found numerous documents and books hidden in a haystack. Turned over to CP S-2.	FSR
2205	345	302115H		Msg from SM-5 to SM-3	FSR
2305	346	302300H		Sit Rep # 15 from 301700H to 302300H	FSR
2335	347	302145H		Spt Rpt. At BT 168497 SMF heard movement. They fired small arms with negative results.	FSR
2340	347	301930		Spt Rpt. At BT 166494 SMF took sniper fire while setting up an ambush site. They returned fire with negative results	FSR

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0500		348	310500H	Sit Rep # 16 from 302300H to 310500H.	FSR
0915		349	310800H	Day Acts for 31 December.	FSR
0925		350	310730H	Spt Rpt. At BT 168496 SMF checked area of last nights action and found personal clothing which they turned over to CP S-2.	FSR
1115		351	311100H	Sit Rep # 17 from 310500H to 311100H.	FSR
1130		352	310825H	Spt Rpt. At BT 167493 SMF threw 1 M-26 in a 12' by 12' 4' bunker and found a hidden room which contained 1 pair of black cloths. The room was 5' by 5' by 4'. Turned cloths over to CP S-2.	FSR
1230	1230	353	311200H	Msg from SM to PH.	FSR
1320		354	311100H	Spt Rpt. At BT 160497 SMCP found 1 female VCS hiding in a bunker. She had an I.D. and documents. VCS, I.D.	

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				and documents forwarded to C.I.T.	FSR
1335	355	311105H		Spt Rpt. At BT 170489 SMF found 1500lbs of rice buried under the ground in vats. Sent rice to C.I.T.	FSR
1340	356	311030H		Spt Rpt. At BT 158495 SME found 2 claymores and 2 M-79 rounds while searching a blown bunker. Blew findings in place.	FSR
1600	356	311030		Spt Rpt. At BT 168495 PRU's found a tunnel complex consisting of 3 layers. Inside were found 2 women, 3 men, and 15 year old boy along with medical suplies, documents, 5 sewing machines and clothing. People and items were sent to C.I.T.	FSR
1625	367	311610H		Spt Rpt. At BT 185479 SMF found a 15 year old girl with a high fever and pains, 2 women, and 3 children. Girl was medevaced and others sent to C.I.T. FSR	FSR
1715	357	311200H		Sit Rep # 18 from 311100H to 311700H.	FSR
1740	358	311520H		Spt Rpt. At BT 168494 SMF found assorted documents in a bunker which was 6' by 8' by 4'. Also found outside of the bunker 120lb bag of rice. Items were turned over to CP S-2.	FSR
1805	359	311300H		Spt Rpt. At BT 168491 SMF found a rice cache with estimate 1700lbs of rice. Cache was buried. Rice sent to C.I.T.	FSR

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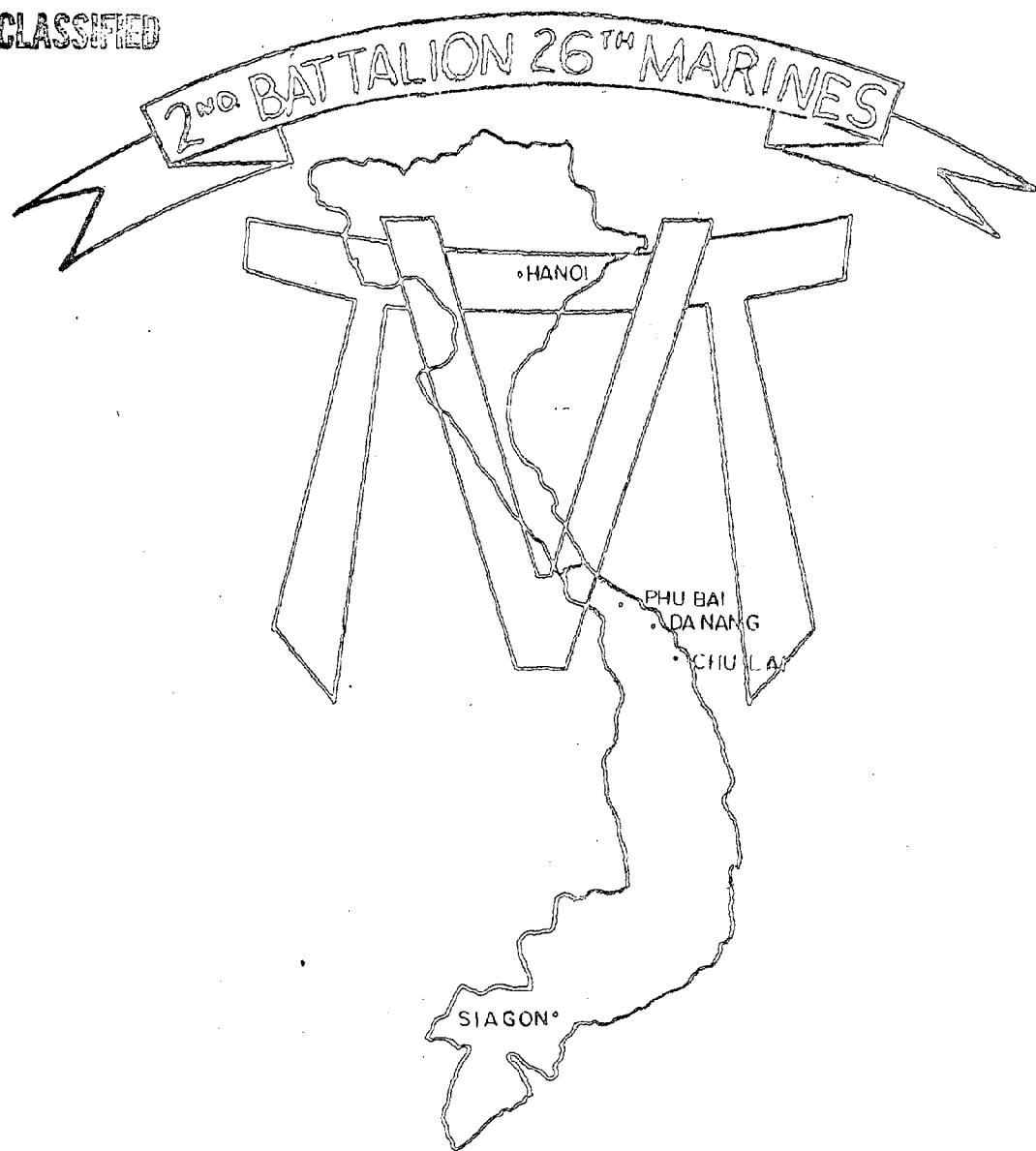
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2030	360	311800H		Spt Rpt. At BT 161496 SMCP found 100lbs of rice while searching a tunnel complex. Rice was destroyed by PRU's. Will continue search in the morning.	FSR
2135	361	311935H		Spt Rpt. At BT 153524 PRU's received information after interrogation on a young female, of a tunnel which contains 1 weapon and some grenades. Area will be checked in the morning.	FSR
2325	362	312300H		Sit Rep # 19 from 311700H to 312300H.	FSR

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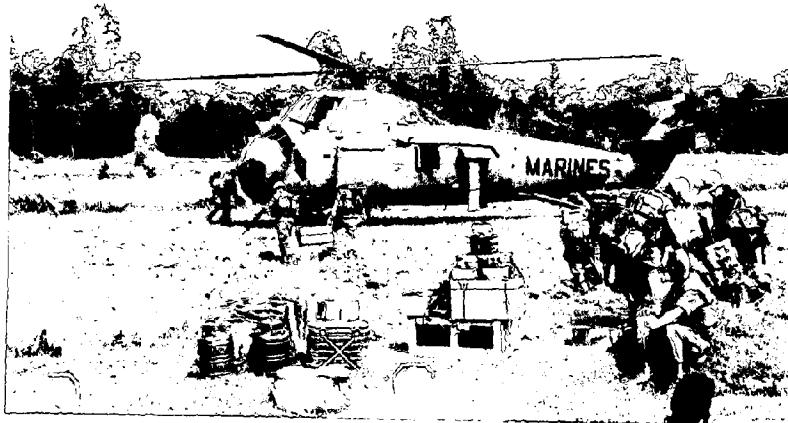
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