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1-31 JULY 68

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 31 July 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Commander Task Group 79.4 Command Chronology

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c).

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COMMANDER TASK GROUP 79.4

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION  
Task Group 79.4COMMANDER  
Col A. I. THOMAS  
1-31 July 1968BLT 2/4  
1-31 July 1968SUBORDINATE UNITSLtCol L. A. RANN  
1-31 July 1968BMM-362  
1-31 July 1968Maj W. H. SHAUER JR  
1-31 July 1968ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATIONUSS PRINCETON (LPH-5)  
1-31 July 1968USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
1-31 July 1968USS POINT DEFIANCE (LSD-31)  
1-31 July 1968USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165)  
1-31 July 19683. STAFF OFFICERS  
EXECUTIVE OFFICERLtCol P. R. FIELDS  
1-31 July 1968

ADJUTANT/S-1

1stLt J. C. SMITH  
1-17 July 19681stLt L. HICKS  
18-31 July 1968

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Capt B. J. BORCHELT  
1-31 July 1968ASST INTELLIGENCE OFFICER/  
AERIAL OBSERVERNOT ASSIGNED 1-12 July 1968  
Capt R. B. LEWIS  
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OPERATIONS OFFICER

LtCol L. C. WITT  
1-31 July 1968

ASST OPERATIONS OFFICER

Maj R. C. LEIDICH  
1-15 July 1968Maj L. J. DES JARDINES  
16-31 July 1968

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Maj G. P. MURPHY  
1-31 July 1968

AIR OFFICER

Maj J. M. BARNHART  
1-31 July 1968

LOGISTICS OFFICER

Maj R. T. MACPERSON  
1-31 July 1968

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Maj W. B. LUDWICK  
1-31 July 1968

## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

Hq Task Group 79.4  
BLT 2/4  
HMM 362

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
11	34	0	0
40	1071	4	99
44	229	1	5

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From 1 July to 100001H July Special Landing Force Alfa participated in Operation Fortress Attack III/Scotland II until ARG shipping departed from the coastal waters of RVN to Subic Bay for an upkeep period.

The highlight of the period at Subic was the amphibious training conducted by the LVT platoon.

On 22 July, Special landing Force Alfa arrived off the coastal waters of RVN aboard ARG shipping to participate in Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II. This operation was to continue the support mission for BLT 2/4(-) which was continuing participation in Operation Scotland II in the Khe Sahn area under the OPCON of the Fourth Marines.

During the first part of the month of July, BLT 2/4(-) conducted operations in support of the evacuation of Khe Sahn Combat Base in the Scotland AO. After the successful evacuation of Khe Sahn, the BLT mission was modified to deploy three of the rifle companies in a mobile forward posture with one rifle company for the defence of Fire Base Cates.

One of the major efforts of the BLT through July was the construction of Fire Base Cates.

Contact was light throughout the month though there was extensive patrolling. Mortar attacks were the primary method of the enemy's tactics.

HMM-362 participated in Operation Fortress Attack III/Scotland II in support of BLT 2/4(-) from 1 July to 9 July when the squadron offloaded from the USS Princeton to Phu Bai Air Facility and chopped to the First Marine Aircraft Wing. HMM-362 backloaded to the USS Princeton on 22 July, chopped opcon to CTG 79.4 and began participation in Operation Fortress Attack IV/ Scotland II. An average of 7.9 aircraft were provided to the First Marine Aircraft Wing daily for augmentation purposes during the periods of 1-8 July and 23-31 July.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

NONE

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- 2 COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 080308Z JUL 68
- 3 CG III MAF MSG 080352Z JUL 68
- 4 CTF 76 MSG 200704Z JUL 68
- 5 HMM 362 MSG 220007Z JUL 68
- 6 CG NINTH MAB MSG 230511Z JUL 68
- 7 CTF 79 MSG 280000Z JUL 68

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BLT 2/4 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-31 JULY 1968 *Filed Sep*

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HMM-362 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-9, 22-31 JULY 1968 *Filed Sep*

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CTG 79.4 COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT OPERATION  
FORTRESS ATTACK IV/SCOTLAND IIENCLOSURE (1)  
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RUMUGRA RUMUHFA RUMJMSA RUYSUAG

DE RUYSUAC 563 1890625

ZNY SSSSS ZYO RUYS

P 070933Z JUL 68

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

TO RUGUL/COMSEVENTH FLT

RUMUGNA/CG III MAF

INFO ZEN/IG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUHHHQA/CINCPAC

RUHNBRA/CINCPACFLT

RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV

RUMUFKA/CG SEVENTH AF

RUHKFM/CG FMFPAC

RUMNAV/CG FIRST MAW

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV

RUAB/L/CG FMFPAC (FID)

RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV

RUMJMSA/COMPHIBPAC

RUMHVP/FIRST AMTRAC BN

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMHNA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

RUMFSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT THREE

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 TO RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR ←  
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 RUHHMQA/CINCPAC  
 RUHHBRAWXCINCPACFLT  
 NRUMU GA/1:9.7.-1;  
 47.71(-/CG SEVENTH AF  
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPJC  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRSTINMAW  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUM BB/COMNAVFORV  
 RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC  
 RUHHVP/FICST AMZ

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 47. ,-/COMNAVUSPPACT DAKANG  
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 RSMFSAA/CTU  
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UTSEVEN PT THREBF  
 DRKMHNH/CTF CLEARWATER

PAGE TWO RUMGUL 0650 S E C R E T  
 RUMFSJAGXCYF SEVEN SIX  
 RUMFSAA/CG SEVEN YIX PT FIVE  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUMFSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE  
 RUMFSAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN  
 RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE  
 RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
 RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 RUMHVP/CO BLT TWO SLANT FOUR ←  
 RUMFSAA/CO HMM 362 ←  
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FORRESS ATTACK III TERMINATION(C)

A. YOURS07053Z JUL 68

SUBJ CONCURRENCE III MAF TERMINATE OPERATION FORRESS ATTACK III.

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 RUMHNB/CTF CLEARWAT  
 ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
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 RUMHVP/CO BLT TWO SLANT FOUR  
 ZEN/CO HMM THREE SIX TWO

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FORTRESS ATTACK III TERMINATION (C)

A. CG III MAF 241030Z JUN 68 NOTAL

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 021432Z JUL 68 NOTAL

C. CTG 76.4 020550Z JUL 68

1. REF A PROPOSED ARG/SLF SKED 1 JUL 68-5 OCT 68 AND WAS NOTED APPROVED  
 BY CINCPAC IN REF B. REF C PROVIDES FOR THE OFLD HMM 362 IN COUNTRY

PAGE THREE RUYSUAC 563 S E C R E T

ON 09 JUL 68

2. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS, RELEVANT TO OP FORTRESS ATTACK II,  
 ARE PERTINENT:

A. BLT 2/4 (REAR) WILL BE SHIFTED ASHORE ON 07 JUL.

B. LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF BLT 2/4 WILL TERMINATE 081900H8 JUL 68

C. HMM 362 WILL CHOP TO CG FIRST MAW 091800H8 JUL 68

D. BLT 2/4 MEDEVAC RESPONSIBILITY WILL SHIFT TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
 081900H8 JUL 68.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AND SUBJ CONCURRENCE CG III MAF.

REQ TERMINATE OP FORTRESS ATTACK III AT 100001H2 JUL 68.

4. NINETY-SIX HOUR REACTION TO OPNS IN ICTZ WILL BE CONTINUED  
 THRUOUT SUBIC UPKEEP PERIOD. TG 76.4 UNITS TO DEPART ICTZ FOR  
 ENR/UPK 10JUL-22JUL 68.

5. CTG 79.4 CONCURS.

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 RUMHAW-T- HMM 332  
 RUYSUAC-T- CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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EJVV DDKE727

PP RUMFSAA

DE RUMUGRA 100 000352

ZNY CCCCC

P 080352Z JUL 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV SGN

RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V PHB

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH

RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMFSAA/BLT TWO SLANT FOUR

RUMFSAA/HMM THREE SIX TWO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FORTRESS ATTACK III TERMINATION (C)

A. CTG 76.4 070533Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. CONCUR TERMINATION OF FORTRESS ATTACK III 100001H JUL 68.

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FM CTF SEVEN SIX

TO MMSUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

FFNUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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S E C R E T

ARG/SLF ALFA MISSION (U)

1. (S) ARG ALFA IS SKED TO ARRIVE OFF ICIZ 22 JULY. UNTIL SITUATION INVOLVING BLT 2/4 BACKLOAD RESOLVED, RECOMMEND COMSEVENTHFLT DIRECT ARG/SLF ALFA TO COMMENCE OPERATION FORTRESS ATTACK IV ON 22 JULY.

2. (S) RECOMMENDED MISSION OF FORTRESS ATTACK IV IS TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SLF ELEMENTS ASHORE AND TECONDUCT WITHDRAWAL WHEN DIRECTED.

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 RUMUGRA RUWMFKB RUWMDA RUWMMFA RUYACR RUYECR RUYSOR RUYNBA RUYNBUL  
 DE RUYEUAC 053 2040023

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P 220007Z JUL 68

FM MAR MED HELRON THREE SIX TWO

TO AIG SIX ZERO

INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

ZEN/USS PRINCETON

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FM CG NINTH MAB  
TO RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR ✓  
INFO ZEN/HQCO NINTH MAB  
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UNCLAS E F T O  
COL A. I. THOMAS 045440/9906 USMC  
1. EFF 28JUL68 ASSIGN COL THOMAS TO GO HQCO NINTH MAB FOR FUR-  
TRANS TO CONUS.  
2. CITE THIS MSG AS SOTH.  
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P 280000Z JUL 68

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TO RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR L  
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UNCLAS

A. YR 24233Z JUL 68

1. YOUR REQ FOR CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT DATE TO 1AUG68 CONTAINED  
REF A APPR. LTCOL P. R. FIELDS 049848/0302 USMC ASSIGNED CTG  
SEVEN NINE PT FOUR EFFECTIVE YOUR DEPARTURE.

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Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT 201 Plan  
(b) CTF 79 120 Plan

Encl: ✓ (1) Commander, Task Group 79.4 After Action Report, Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II

*Filed 24 Aug 68* ✓ (2) HMM-362 After Action Report, Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II

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MAP REFERENCES: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series 17014 Sheets 6342I, 6342 II, 6342 III, and 6341 IV

1. General

a. Operation Fortress Attack IV commenced at 220800 July 68 upon return of ARG/SLF Alfa from upkeep/rehab at Subic Bay, R.P. An amphibious operation was not conducted to commence this operation.

b. BLT 2/4(-) was Opcon to the Fourth Marines as part of Task Force Hotel operating in the Scotland II area during the entire period of Fortress Attack IV.

c. Commander Task Group 79.4 embarked aboard ARG/SLF shipping, retained operational control of HMM - 362 and provided helicopter, medical, and logistical support for BLT 2/4(-) during Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II.

d. Operation Scotland II is a continuing search and destroy operation being conducted by Task Force Hotel in Quang Tri Province in the vicinity of Khe Sahn. BLT 2/4(-) was assigned the task of keeping Route 9 open from Khe Sahn to the East by occupying the high ground to the North of Route 9.

2. Task Organization.

Operation FORTRESS ATTACK IV/SCOTLAND II (22 July - 13 August)

Task Group 79.4

Colonel A. I. THOMAS  
22-31 July  
8-13 August  
LtCol PAUL R. FIELDS  
1-7 August

HMM - 362

Major W. H. SHAUER

3. Intelligence

a. Terrain. The BLT area of operation (AO) was located in the western portion of Quang Tri, Province, RVN. The general area in which the BLT operated is bounded on the north by XD 8263, on the east by YD 0163, on the south by YD 1040 and on the west by XD 8240. The landscape throughout the AO is mountainous, characterized by extremely steep slopes that are covered by dense undergrowth and double canopy forest. Concealment and cover is fair to good throughout the area. The most prominent terrain features are hills: 950 (XD 845455), 1015 (XD 855454), 691 (XD 927443), 504 (XD 967466)

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1123 (XD 855513), and 606 (XD 884495).

**b. Enemy Situation**

(1) General. Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the enemy would attempt to interdict Highway 9. Also that enemy units were moving out of KHE SAHN area. Part of these units were deploying south and others deploying into LAOS and NVN.

**(2) Order of Battle**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
102 REGT 308th DIV	XD 8738	1,850	UNK
4th BN 95th REGT 325 DIV	XD 8443	280	UNK
6th BN 95th REGT 325 DIV	XD 7749	375	UNK
78th ARTY REGT 325 DIV	XD 8836	1,950	UNK

(3) Operation Effect on Enemy. The enemy has been avoiding large contact in the operational area. He limited himself to only a few large contacts and mostly employed small scale tactics. The enemy left behind numerous pieces of equipment and gave up base camps without a major contact. He also gave up a large cache of weapons and ammunition without a large contact. At this time, indications are the enemy is avoiding contact to resupply and prepare for a possible large scale offensive in CA LU/ROCKPILE/CAMP CARROLL area.

**4. Mission**

a. Fortress Attack IV. COMSEVENTHFLT directed SLF/ARG Alfa to provide BLT 2/4(-) helicopter, logistic, and medical support during Scotland II.

b. Scotland II. Fourth Marines directed BLT 2/4(-) to deny the NVA interdiction and infiltration routes from the north to Route 9.

**5. Concept of Operations.**

a. CTG 79.4 maintained a liaison net with Third Marine Division, Fourth Marines and BLT 2/4(-). CTG 79.4 made daily liaison visits to In-Country Commands that BLT 2/4 was under Opcon of.

b. The embarked squadron (HMM-362) maintained a medevac standby and provided liaison, logistic, and Command and Control flights. Additionally, an average of 7.9 aircraft were provided daily to augment the First Marine Aircraft Wing in-country helo assets.

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## 6. Execution.

a. Fortress Attack IV. Due to the support nature of this operation, execution of the mission was generally an extension of procedures used during Fortress Attack III. Due to the distance from BLT 2/4(-), medical and logistic support was limited somewhat compared to the time frame in which BLT 2/4(-) was in the vicinity of Cua Viet River (5 March-31 May 68).

b. Scoutland II. BLT 2/4(-) was under Opcen of Fourth Marines and conducted search and destroy operations in the mountainous terrain East of Khe Sanh. BLT 2/4(-) also assisted in the construction of fire bases at their positions for USMC artillery units.

## 7. Results. See enclosure (2).

8. Commander's Analysis. This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The HMM Commander's analysis is included in his report, enclosure (2).

### a. Planning

(1) Since Operation Fortress Attack IV did not commence with an amphibious operation, no planning, as such, was necessary or required prior to initiating the operation.

(2) Throughout the operation continuous liaison was conducted with Opcen and supporting commands, particularly 3d MarDiv and Task Force Hotel, as well as BLT 2/4(-). Communications liaison teams were established to maintain communication between the SLF, BLT 2/4(-), and medical facilities.

### b. Command Relationships

(1) BLT 2/4(-) was under Opcen of the Fourth Marines.

(2) HMM - 362 was under Opcen of CTG 79.4 during Operation Fortress Attack IV.

c. Air Support. None on Operation Fortress Attack IV.

d. Supporting Arms. Not applicable.

### e. Logistics.

#### (1) Planning

(a) At the conclusion of Operation Fortress Attack III liaison was effected with III MAF and ForLogComd to resume ANG/SLF assistance to BLT 2/4 upon commencement of Operation Fortress Attack IV.

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(b) BLT 2/4 was to continue at LZ Cates under operational control of Task Force Hotel. Class II supply source was to remain at FerlogCand; source of other supplies was to continue to be at FLSG Bravo. The BLT LSA was located at Dong Ha, with an advance echelon at LZ Stud. BLT access to supplies and equipment afloat was to be limited to that which could be surface-landed.

## (2) Execution

(a) Upon the return of the ARB/SLT from Subic, logistic assistance was resumed as planned. ARB landing craft carried personnel and material to and from the ships and Dong Ha at least once each week. In-country sources provided essential consumable supplies to the BLT.

(b) BLT 2/26 was activated 26 Jul 68 and liaison and planning for the off-load of BLT 2/4 (Rear) and the embarkation of BLT 2/26 commenced. Planning was directed primarily at a BLT rotation date of 1 Sep 68, but alternate plans were developed for the possibility of an earlier back-load. Limited technical inspections of BLT 2/26 elements were conducted by 3d FSR in preparation for MARS.

(c) In response to the tactical situation ashore BLT 2/4 (Rear) displaced ashore on 3-4 Aug. BLT 2/26 was authorized to embark for amphibious training and executed combat loading 6-8 Aug. Helicopters in route to augment 1st MAW were used to off-load a few high-priority personnel of BLT 2/4; the remainder of the BLT was effected entirely by surface; ARB landing craft were augmented by a few NSA craft "dead-heading" from Dong Ha to DaNang.

(d) Both the off-loading of BLT 2/4 and the embarkation of BLT 2/26 were impeded by the curfews on the Cua Viet River and on Highway #1 between Dong Ha and Quang Tri, and by the limited number of boats available. The necessity of delivering the BLT 2/4 Log Support Unit to DaNang and embarking the BLT 2/26 LSA there made the LPD and two LCMs unavailable for a full day. Attached units were still reporting to BLT 2/26 during the loading, and large quantities of supplies and equipment were being received on priority requisitions. These problems were overcome with highly flexible assistance from the PHIBRON-7 staff and cooperation of ARB ships.

(e) Logistic coordination with BLT 2/4 continued until the termination of Operation Fortress Attack IV, but all logistic support ended when the BLT Rear had completely displaced ashore. Logistic support of BLT 2/26 commenced upon embarkation for training and continues.

(f) The USS Princeton was designated Primary Casualty Receiving Ship (PCRS) and SLT casualty liaison representatives were stationed at Company D, 3d Medical Bn (Delta Med), Dong Ha. The MEDEVAC comm guard for BLT 2/4 remained with 3d MarDiv because of time/space factors. MEDEVAC guard was established for the ashore training of BLT 2/26.

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f. Casualty Reporting. Casualty reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives. The 9th MAB CRCC ALFA was located aboard the USS Princeton (LPH-5), which was designated the Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. BLT 2/4 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned at Co 'D', 3d Medical Bn, Dong Ha, RVN, to collect and pass casualty information concerning Special Landing Force ALFA personnel on to the 9th MAB CRCC ALFA.

CASUALTY RECAPITULATION

22 July 1968 - 13 August 1968.

FORTRESS ATTACK IV/SCOTLAND IIa. FriendlyEnemy

KIA	11
DOW	0
WIA	17
MIANE	10
Non-Hostile casualties	21
DAI	0
Total	59

KIA	7
POW	0

g. Civic Action. No civic action program was conducted due to the area of operation and the operational commitments.

h. ISO. A photographer was sent ashore with BLT 2/4 to provide international services coverage.

i. Communications. Communications were established IAW Task Group 79.4 OP Plan 120A-1 (IR), TG 79.4 COM's dtd 13 June and 5 August 68. A Message Center was maintained afloat in conjunction with the USS Princeton Naval Communication Center. CTG 79.4 maintained message distribution responsibility for BLT 2/4, BLT 2/26 and BBN - 362. The following nets were established/entered during operation FORTRESS ATTACK/SCOTLAND II.

(1) 3d Marine Tac # 2 (FM). CTG 79.4 entered this net establishing communications (plain/ciper) with 3d Marine, 1st Marines, 3d Marines, 4th Marines and 1st AmphBn.

(2) 1st Marine Tac # 1 (FM). CTG 79.4 entered this net upon backload of BLT 2/26 establishing communication (plain/ciper) with 1st Marines and BLT 2/26.

(3) SLF Tac # 1 (FM). CTG 79.4 established this net with SLF ALFA liaison teams in the field. Equipment and personnel were utilized basically in the same manner as for operation Fortress Attack III/Scotland II.

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BLT 2/4 Rear located at Dong Ha also entered this net to provide direct communications between the BLT Rear CP and SLF units afloat. SLF liaison teams stations were established in the following manner.

(a) ALFA. Located at BLT 2/4 CP (LZ Cates) for passing of traffic between BLT 2/4 and CTG 79.4. SLF equipment utilized was PRC-25 and RC-292. BLT 2/4 made its MRC-109 (with KY-8) available to the SLF operators for passing of Classified Traffic.

(b) BRAVO. Located at Dong Ha (Delta Med Bn) for passing of casualty reports; this station was used as a relay in passing traffic from/to BLT 2/4 Rear and SLF ALFA. Equipment utilized was MRC-110 (with KY-8), PRC-25 and RC-292.

(c) CHARLIE. Located at Camp Carroll for relay of traffic between ships and units in the field. Team was deactivated 28 July 1968; relay services not needed as communications were established directly between the ships and operating units in the field.

Outstanding cooperation and assistance were again provided by FLC and FLSC Bravo in repairing down Comm-Elec equipment during the operation.



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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation  
Task Group 79.4

Commander  
Col A. I. THOMAS  
1 Aug 1968  
LtCol P. R. FIELDS  
2-6 Aug 1968  
Col A. I. THOMAS  
7-24 Aug 1968  
Col J. F. MCMAHON JR.  
25-31 Aug 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/4  
1-13 Aug 1968  
BLT 2/26  
13-31 Aug 1968

LtCol L. A. RANN  
1-13 Aug 1968  
LtCol T. OWENS  
13-17 Aug 1968  
LtCol W. F. SPARKS  
18-31 Aug 1968  
Maj W. H. SHAUER, Jr.  
1-31 Aug 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

- HMM 362  
1-31 Aug 1968  
None  
2. Location

USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)  
1-31 Aug 1968  
USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
1-31 Aug 1968  
USS POINT DEFIANCE (LSD-31)  
1-31 Aug 1968  
USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165)  
1-25 Aug 1968  
USS TOM GREEN COUNTY (LST-1159)  
25-31 Aug 1968

3. Staff Officers  
~~Executive~~ Officer

LtCol P. R. FIELDS  
1 Aug 1968  
LtCol L. C. WITT  
2-6 Aug 1968  
LtCol P. R. FIELDS  
7-31 Aug 1968

Adjutant/S-1

1stLt L. HICKS  
1-31 Aug 1968

Intelligence Officer

Capt B. J. BROCHELT  
1-31 Aug 1968

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Assistant Intelligence Officer/  
Aerial Observer

Capt R. B. LEWIS  
1-31 Aug 1968

Operations Officer

LtCol L. C. WITT  
1 Aug 1968  
Maj L. J. DES JARDINES  
2-6 Aug 1968  
LtCol L. C. WITT  
7-31 Aug 1968

Assistant Operations Officer

Maj L. J. DES JARDINES  
1 Aug 1968  
Not Assigned  
2-6 Aug 1968  
Maj L. J. DES JARDINES  
7-17 Aug 1968  
Not Assigned  
18-25 Aug 1968  
Maj J. R. RUFFINI  
26-31 Aug 1968

Fire Support Coordinator

Maj G. P. MURPHY  
1-31 Aug 1968

Air Officer

Maj J. M. BARNHART  
1-31 Aug 1968

Logistics Officer

Maj R. T. MACPHERSON  
1-18 Aug 1968  
Maj T. A. WILLIAMSON  
19-31 Aug 1968

Communications Officer

Maj W. B. LUDWICK  
1-22 Aug 1968  
Capt M. D. GALLIGAN  
23-31 Aug 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Hq Task Group 79.4	11	42	0	0
BLT 2/4	51	1109	4	41
BLT 2/26	38	1076	3	49
HMM-362	44	229	1	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 August to 13 August Special Landing Force Alfa participated in Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II in support of BLT 2/4(-).

On 6-8 August, the Second Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines embarked aboard ARG shipping for amphibious training prior to being designated the SLF BLT. On 7-9 Aug extensive shipboard training was conducted in shipboard emergency evolutions, helicopter familiarization, and embark/debark evolutions. On 10-11 Aug a combined heliborne and waterborne Landing Exercise was made by 2/26 into an AO south of the Cua Viet River. On 13 Aug 2/26 was designated the BLT for SLF Alfa. On 15-16-17 Aug a separate reinforced company was heli-lifted in to the same AO used for the BLT LANDEX. The next day, another company would relieve in place.

On 18 Aug, SLF Alfa commenced Operation Proud Hunter at 1200H with a combined heliborne and waterborne amphibious assault into the Napoleon/Saline AO. This freed the Second Battalion, First Marines to conduct a raid into the DMZ area. Operation Proud Hunter terminated at 211800H with no contact during the three day period.

On 25 Aug a reinforced company was landed by helo into an assigned AO within the Napoleon/Saline AO for recon operations on the south bank of the Cua Viet River. On 27 Aug "G" Company was relieved by "F" Company in place.

On 28 Aug, SLF Alfa commenced Operation Swift Pursuit at 1230H with a heliborne amphibious assault into the vicinity of Mai Loc YD 105510 (Lancaster II AO). There was no contact during the landing phase and Blt 2/26(-) was chopped opcon to the Third Marines at 281730H.

HMM-362 was opcon to Commander Task Group 79.4 during the entire month of August participating in Operation Fortress Attack IV/Scotland II, Operation Proud Hunter, and Operation Swift Pursuit/Lancaster II. HMM-362 exceeded 2000 flight hours for the second consecutive month and provided 6.6 aircraft daily for augmentation purposes during 22 days in August when not in direct support of BLT 2/26.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Aug 1968	MajGen R. G. DAVIS, CG 3d MarDiv, aboard for visit.
2 Aug 1968	LtCol P. R. FIELDS relieved Col A. I. THOMAS as CTG 79.4.
7 Aug 1968	Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. F. CHAPMAN JR. aboard for visit.
7 Aug 1968	Col A. I. THOMAS relieved LtCol P. R. FIELDS as CTG 79.4.
14 Aug 1968	MajGen PEACHERS (Reserve) aboard for visit.
16 Aug 1968	LtGen R. E. CUSHMAN JR., CG III MAF, aboard for visit.
25 Aug 1968	Col J. F. MCMAHON JR. relieved Col A. I. THOMAS as CTG 79.4.

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 10 - COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 202340Z AUG 68  
 11 - CTG 79.4 MSG 250557Z AUG 68

TAB 2 - BLT 2/4 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-31 AUGUST 1968

TAB 3 - BLT 2/26 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

TAB 4 - HMM-362 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-31 AUGUST 1968

TAB 5 - CTG 79.4 COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT OPERATION PROUD HUNTER 18-21 AUG 68

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CHANGE OF COMMAND TG 79.4

1. LTCOL PAUL R. FIELDS 049848 USMC RELIEVED COLONEL ALFRED I. THOMAS  
045440 USMC AS COMMANDER SPECIAL LANDING FORCE ALFA (CTG 79.4) AT  
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RUMHFA/COMUSMACV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC

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AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 021452Z AUG PASEP

1. INVIEW OF IMMINENT THREAT POSED BY 320TH NVA DIVISION AND THE TACTICAL RISK OF EXTRICATING BLT 2/4 AS STATED REF A, CONCUR EARLIEST BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 (O/A 6 AUG) AS SLF ALFA BLT VICE BLT 2/4 TO COMMENCE RAPID AND INTENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING.

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THIS RECONSTITUTED AMPHIB FORCE TO BE PREPARED TO LAND AS REQUIRED TO COUNTER ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPNS WHICH MAY DEVELOP FROM THE VICINITY OF THE EASTERN DMZ.

2. CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 DESIGNATED CAIF AND CLF RESPECTIVELY FOR TRAINING, PLANNING AND EXECUTION IF REQUIRED, DIRLAUTH ALCON.

3. DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ABOVE PRECLUDES REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULED REEQUIP AND REHAB OF BLT 2/26 EARLIEST, AS TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS GP-4

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ASSIGNMENT TO COMMAND (U)

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY COL A. I. THOMAS IS REASSIGNED

AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF SLF ALPHA. COL THOMAS

ARRIVING DANANG VIA MAC FLT H-06 DEPARTING OKINAWA 071730I

AUG. REQUEST ASSISTANCE ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO

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RUYJSYB/1 FMFPAC (PMD)

RUYPSYF/1 FIRST MARDIV

RUYPSYB/1 THIRD MARDIV

RUYPSYF/1 FIRST MAW

RUMLMPA/1 FORLOS COMD

RUYWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RHYEWQU/CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUADDB/MAC ONE FIVE

RUYJSYB/RLT TWO SIX CREAS

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CHANGE OF COMMAND IG 79.4

1. COLONEL ALFRED I. THOMAS 005440 USMC RELIEVED LTCOL PAUL R. FIELDS

049343 USMC AS COMMANDER SPECIAL LANDING FORCE ALFA (CTG 79.4) AT

070300H AUG 68. ALL ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MY PREDECESSORS

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 FRAG ORDER ONE DASH SIX LIG HP FOR LA DEX H (C)

- A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000, QUANG TRI SHEET 6442 IV, EDITION 2 - AM
- B. HQ CHART 5211
- C. CTG 79.4 OPLAN 120A - (12)
- D. MWP 22 (3)
- E. CTG 79.4 080718Z AUG 65

#### 1. SITUATION

##### A. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) IAW ANNEX (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.
- (2) CURRENT INSTUMS

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- (3) CTG 79.4 INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ISSUED SEPARATELY

##### B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- (1) IAW REF C
- (2) OF 3RD MARDIV PROVIDES ACTUAL ARTILLERY SUPPORT. SEE PARA 3D (12).

##### C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

- (1) IAW ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION) TO REF C.
- (2) ONE USMC AND ONE ARVN INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO BLT 2/26

#### 2. MISSION

A. SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE OF LIMITED SCALE WITHIN THE ASSIGNED AOA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PROFICIENCY IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

#### 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT AT H & L HOURS ON D - DAY SLF ALFA LANDS BY AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE, LANDING CRAFT, AND HELICOPTER OVER RED BEACH AND IN HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES OAK AND ASH, SEIZES OCCUPIES AND DEFENDS LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2 CONDUCTS COORDINATED TANK, LVT, AND INFANTRY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA TO IMPROVE PROFICIENCY IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. A COVERED WITHDRAWAL IAW REF D WILL BE CONDUCTED AT W - HOUR ON D - 1.

B. BLT 2/26

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- (1) IAW REF C.
- (2) AT H HOUR LAND BY AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE AND LANDING CRAFT OVER RED BEACH, AND AT L HOUR BY HELICOPTER IN H LZ OAK AND ASH.
- (3) SEIZE, OCCUPY AND DEFEND LAND IN FORCE OBJECTIVE 1 AND 2.
- (4) CONDUCT COORDINATED TANK, LVT, AND INFANTRY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA TO DEVELOP PROFICIENCY AND SPEED OF MOVEMENT IN THESE OPERATIONS.

(5) ESTABLISH NECESSARY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROLS ALONG THE AOA BOUNDARY TO PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF THE LANDING FORCE.

(6) AT W HOUR ON D-1 CONDUCT A COVERED WITHDRAWAL.

(7) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY FOR USE AS LANDING FORCE RESERVE.

C. HMM-350

(1) IAW REF C.

D. LANDING FORCE RESERVE. BLT 2/26 WILL DESIGNATE ONE RIFLE COMPANY AS LANDING FORCE RESERVE WHICH WILL BE COMMITTED ONLY WITH LANDING FORCE AUTHORITY. THE SPARROW HAWK FORCE WILL COME FROM THIS COMPANY.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) IAW REF C.

(2) D-DAY IS 10 AUG 53

(3) H-HOUR IS 101100H3 AUG 53. L-HOUR IS 101130H6 AUG 53.

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BOTH TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED.

(4) LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVE ONE IS AT YD353578/19. LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVE TWO IS AT YD343575/4.

(5) AVOID CONTACT WITH CIVILIANS IN AREA, AND DAMAGE TO CROPS OR PROPERTY.

(6) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLY. ANNEX B (RULES OF ENGAGEMENT) TO REF C.

(7) ECI ANNEX C (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.

(8) LAND AOA FROM YD 353691/7 ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO TRAIL AND ROAD JUNCTION AT YD333677/4; THEN WEST ALONG ROUTE 559 TO CULVERT AT YD331563/7, THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG A LINE 500 METERS EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO ROUTE 559 TO YD339559/5, THEN EAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO YD353575/2.

(9) RED BEACH. CENTERED AT YD353539/6. BEACH IS 600 METERS WIDE.

(10) REPORTS IAW ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO REF C.

(11) HLZ OAK LOCATED YD342575/5. HLZ ASH LOCATED YD332677/0.

(12) FIRE SUPPORT. IAW REF C AND THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ALL SUPPORTING ARMS FOR LEX WILL BE COORDINATED AND CONTROLLED BY SACC.

(B) BLT 2/26 WILL ESTABLISH AN ASOC.

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(C) PREARRANGED ON CALL SE. CHART AND LZ PREP FIPS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CLF FOR COORDINATION WITH CTF.

(D) RESTRICTIVE FIRE AREAS LAW, CG 79.4 RESTRICTIVE FIRE OVERLAY (SEPARATELY ISSUED) (NOTAL)

(E) SAVE-A-PLANE REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECT TO SACC THROUGH FSOC CHANNELS IN FOLLOWING FORMAT.

(1) TGT NR

(2) GRID SQUARE FIRING ARCM.

(3) GRID SQUARE OF TGT

(4) MAX ORDNATE

(5) TIME OF OPENING FIRE

(F) SAP'S WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE FIRING UNIT TO SACC, AND THE MISSION WILL BE CONSIDERED CLEARED TO FIRE WHEN THE FIRING UNIT RECEIVES THE SAP DESIGNATOR FROM SACC.

(G) SAP'S MUST BE TERMINATED BY THE FIRING UNIT. SACC WILL NOT TERMINATE SAP UNTIL A CEASE FIRE IS RECEIVED FROM THE FIRING UNIT.

(H) UPON ESTABLISHMENT A SHORE, BLT FSOC WILL MONITOR ALL SAP REQUESTS AND SILENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED CONSENT.

(I) SACC WILL COORDINATE ALL SAP WITH DOM NA DACC.

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(J) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE USED WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY. THE RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE CALLED CHECKMATE AND WILL FOLLOW THE FORMAT FORM 7-1.

(K) REQUESTS FOR RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS WILL BE INITIATED BY THE LOWEST FSOC AND APPROVED BY SACC. IN NO CASE OTHER THAN EMERGENCY WILL SACC IMPOSE A RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN OTHER THAN RECOMMENDED BY FSOC.

(L) ALL MISSIONS WITHIN 1000 YD OF THE ACA BOUNDRIES WILL BE CLEARED WITH ADJACENT UNITS BY SACC.

(M) ARTILLERY UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LZ'S WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THE LZ CONTROL ELEMENT AND WILL NOTIFY THEM ON A TIMELY BASIS OF ALL FIRING.

(N) ALL FIRING UNITS WILL ESTABLISH AIR SENSITIVES AND CHECK FIRE WHEN NECESSARY.

(O) REL'S, FOL'S, FSOL'S AND OTHER COORDINATING MEASURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY CLF BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

(P) ARTY UNITS SUBMIT FIRECAPS AS SOON AS ESTABLISHED.

(Q) FIREREPS WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH FSOC TO SACC UPON COMPLETION OF EVERY MISSION. FIRECAPS TO BE IN FOLLOWING FORMAT:

(1) TGT NR

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- (4) BDA  
 (R) ARTY COMMUNICATION FOR LEX IAW BOX AS FOLLOWS  
 (1) ALL FORS ON C OF F NR 1  
 (2) ALL FIRING UNITS ON C OF F NR 1, CND/FD AND ARTY AIR  
 SPOT.  
 (3) BLT FSCC AND SACC ON C OF F NR 1, C OF F NR 2, CND/FD  
 AND ARTY AIR SPOT.  
 (4) SLF AD ON ARTY AIR SPOT.  
 (5) C OF F NR 2 WILL BE USED BY FSCC AND SACC AS COORDINATION  
 NET FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES.

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(S) SAP & RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS, FIRECAPS & FIREPEPS  
 WILL BE PASSED OVER ARTY CND/FD.

(S) IF THE BLT IS CHOPPED TO "IN-COUNTRY FORCES" FIRE SUPPORT  
 COORDINATION WILL BE EFFECTED THROUGH NORMAL FSCC CHANNELS ESTABLISHED  
 ASHORE.

(I) ACTUAL FIRE SUPPORT, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE CONTROLLED AND  
 COORDINATED BY 1ST MAR FSCC IAW FOLL. PLAN:

SPT REQ	CONTACT	FREQ	DESIG
ARTILLERY	TERRIFIN	45.65	M 737
AIR	HAWORTH 1A	42.80	M 1140
NOF	HAWORTH 2G COMAR	34.10	M 212

(U) FOR ACTUAL FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION MATTERS, BLT FSCC  
 CONTACT 1ST MAR FSCC (HAWORTH BALS) ON FD/CND, FREQ 6665, M-1140.

(13) HELO/CAS IAW REF (C) AND THE FOLLOWING:

1. HELO LANDING ZONES-COORDINATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) OAK-PRIMARY-Y0342473/S, 000 DEGREES RADIAL, 6.5 NAUTICAL  
 MILES, DOW HATCAN

(2) ASH-SECONDARY-Y0552672/D, 000 DEGREES RADIAL, 6 NAUTICAL  
 MILES, DOW HATCAN

3. HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANE S-COORDINATES ARE AS

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FOLLOWS:

(1) PRIMARY ROUTE (REGION, PT OF DEPARTURE, PT MEDFORD, 047 DEGREES RADIAL 17.5 NAUTICAL MILES, DONO-44 TO CAN CH 109 THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO 045 DEGREES RADIAL 13.5 NAUTICAL MILES, PT PORTLAND, THEN TO IP, PT SALTM AT 049 DEGREES RADIAL 3.5 NAUTICAL AND DIRECT TO LZ OAK. INBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 15,200 FT MSL AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 25,400 FT MSL.

(2) SECONDARY ROUTE (NEW JERSEY, PT OF DEPARTURE, NEWARK, 050 DEGREES RADIAL 17.5 NAUTICAL MILES-0015 HANTACAN CH 109 THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO PT TRENTON 052 DEGREE RADIAL 3 NAUTICAL MILES THEN DIRECT TO LZ ASH. INBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 15,000 FEET MSL AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 25,000 FT MSL.

C. HELO rendezvous point IS LPH-5 OR LPD-3 AS REQUIRED.

D. IF ARTY/AGF FIRES IN AREA, SAVE-A-PLANE WILL BE USED.

SAVE-A-PLANE AVAILABLE FROM DONO-44 DASC ON PRIMARY 264.2 SECONDARY 333.4.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. IAW ANNEX AE (ADMIN AND LOGISTICS) TO REF C.

B. IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY SOURCES ARE AUTHORIZED.

C. USS PRINCETON IS DESIGNATED PRIMARY CASUALTY RECEIVING SHIP.

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D. CIVILIAN AND POW CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO DELTA MED IF FEASIBLE.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

##### A. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

(1) IAW ANNEX C (COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS) TO REF C.

(2) CALL SIGNS IAW TG 79.4 COL DTD 5 AUG 68. ISSUED SEPARATELY

(3) RADIO PLAN ISSUED SEPARATELY.

##### B. COMMAND POSTS

###### (1) AFLOAT

CATF (CTG 76.4)

CLF (CTG 79.4)

BLT 2/26

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###### (2) ASHORE: REPORT WHEN ESTABLISHED

C. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. IAW ANNEX C (COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS) TO REF C. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

1. LTCOL W. F. SPARKS 050309 USMC RELIEVED LTCOL THURMAN OWENS 046869

USMC AS COMMANDER BATTALION LANDING TEAM TWO SLANT TWO SIX AT

121700H AUG 68. ALL ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MY PREDECESSORS  
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 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF  
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 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
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1. TERMINATE OPERATION FORTRESS ATTACK IV

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 ADCON SHIFT (C)

A. CE NINTH MCB 050519Z AUG 68

1. IAW REF. A DLT 2/26 REPORTS TO CTG 79.2 FOR COMMAND  
 LESS OPCON, EFFECTIVE 122400Z AUG 68.

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 OPERATION PROUD HUNTER (U)  
 A. YOUR 171054Z AUG 68  
 B. COMSEVENTHFLT 171416Z AUG 68  
 C. MY 171800Z AUG 68

1. (S) REF A REQ EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26 IN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO FOR APT TWO DAYS TO RELIEVE BN 2/1 FOR CONDUCT OF A RAID IN THE DMZ.
2. (S) REF B APPROVED EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF ALFA TO RELIEVE BN 2/1 AND TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO (PROUD HUNTER AOA).
3. (U) THE ABOVE ACTION WAS IMPLEMENTED BY REFERENCE (C).

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4. (S) AT THE PRESENT TIME TWO COMPANIES OF BN 2/1 HAVE RESUMED THEIR ASSIGNED POSITIONS WITHIN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE REMAINING TWO COMPANIES ASSUME THEIR NAPOLEON SALINE POSITIONS ABOUT 211200H.
5. (S) IN VIEW RETURN OF BN 2/1 TO NAPOLEON SALINE AO 21 AUG AND THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM SHIRLEY, INTEND TO BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 FOR POSSIBLE STORM EVASION AND TO BE READY FOR POSSIBLE SPECOP ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO BLT 2/26 SEPT REHAB PERIOD, COMMENCING BACKLOAD OF SELECTED ELEMENTS AT 210800H AND COMPLETING BACKLOAD OF THE BLT BY 211800H.
7. (C) FOR COMSEVENTHFLT: REQ TERMINATION OPERATION PROUD HUNTER AT 211800H.
8. (U) FOR OS III MAF: REQUEST CONCURRENCE.

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 CHANGE OF COMMAND TG 79.4  
 1. COLONEL JOHN F. MCMAHON JR., 032949 USMC RELIEVED COLONEL  
 ALFRED I. THOMAS 045440 USMC AS COMMANDER SPECIAL LANDING FORCE ALFA  
 (CTG 79.4) AT 250800H AUG68. ALL ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MY  
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Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT 201 Plan  
(b) CTF 79 120 Plan

Encl: (1) Commander, Task Group 79.4 After Action Report, Operation Proud Hunter

✓(2) BLT 2/26 After Action Report, Operation Proud Hunter  
✓(3) HMM-362 After Action Report, Operation Proud Hunter

1. Enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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MAP REFERENCES: VIETNAM 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6442 IV

1. General

a. Operation Proud Hunter commenced at 181200H Aug 68 with a combined heliborne and waterborne amphibious assault into the Napoleon/Saline AO.

b. BLT 2/26 was Opcon to Commander Task Group 79.4 as the force to relieve Second Battalion, First Marines of the responsibility of the Napoleon/Saline AO. 2/1 conducted a raid into the DMZ during Operation Proud Hunter.

c. Commander Task Group 79.4 embarked aboard ARG/SIF shipping, retained Opcon of HMM-362. HMM-362 provided helicopter, medical and logistic support for BLT 2/26 during Operation Proud Hunter.

2. Task Organization

Task Group 79.4  
BLT 2/26  
HMM-362

Col A. I. THOMAS  
LtCol W. F. SPARKS  
Major W. H. SHAUER

3. Intelligence

a. Terrain. The Amphibious Operating Area (AOA) was located in the extreme northeastern portion of Quang Tri, Province, RVN. The assigned area was the Napoleon/Saline AO. The landscape throughout the AOA is coastal lowlands. It is compartmented into two segments of terrain, both generally aligned with the coast and paralleling each other. They progress inland from gently rolling sandy beaches and dunes to a low area of rice cultivation. The most prominent terrain features are the Ben Ngu (Jones Creek) and Cua Viet Rivers.

b. Enemy Situation

(1) Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the enemy would possibly make an attempt to interdict the Cua Viet River and attack Dong Ha or installations farther south. There were no confirmed enemy units within the AOA.

(2) Order of Battle. The below listed units were those capable of infiltrating or attacking into the AOA within 24 hours.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
27 IND REGT (NVA)	YD 1384	1,725
270 IND REGT (NVA)	YD 1787	900
KY ANH ARTY BN	YD 1885	UNK
138 REGT (NVA)	YD 2284	UNK
U/I BN 52ND REGT (NVA)	YD 1088	450
27 IND BN (NVA/VC)	YD 1667	350
126 NAVAL SAPPER REGT	UNLOCATED N. E. DMZ	UNK
U/I UNIT OF PT-76 TANKS	UNK	UNK (POSSIBLY 50 TANKS)
C-59 CO	UNK	UNK

(3) Operational Effect on Enemy. The enemy avoided contact in the area during the operation. However, the BLT did discover four decomposed NVA bodies. Three of these bodies were three to four weeks old and the fourth was a skeleton wearing NVA belt and utilities. Recent events have indicated that the overall effect of this operation, in conjunction with other allied operations within this general area, was to deny the enemy use of the DMZ area for the commencement of his 3rd General Offensive for an unknown period of time. This does not preclude his initiating this offensive presently, as any disruption to his schedule has been overcome by this time.

#### 4. Mission

a. Special Landing Force Alfa assigned mission was to conduct an amphibious assault at H and L hours on D-Day to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, installations, and material within the AOA (Napoleon/Saline AO) and withdraw on order.

#### 5. Concept of Operations

a. Special Landing Force Alfa landed at H and L hours on D-Day by amphibian vehicle and landing craft over assigned beaches and by helicopter to relieve 2/1 in place, and conducted ambushes, combat patrols and sweeps in the assigned AOA.

#### 6. Execution

a. Proud Hunter. Execution of the mission was generally an extension and refinement of the procedures used in deploying the BLT in a landing exercise south of the Cua Viet River on 10-11 August and company sized landing exercises/operations conducted on 15-17 August. CG III MAF msg 171034Z Aug requested BLT 2/26 land in Napoleon Saline AO with AO as AOA at about 181200H August. At 181200 the BLT landed by helicopter, LVT, and LCM-8; the landing was completed by 181540H. Commander Task Group 79.4 assumed Opcon of all Third Division units in

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AOA effective 181200. This included the First Amtrac Battalion and 1st Battalion, Eleventh Marines. On 21 August as units of 2/1 returned to their former positions, BLT 2/26 began their covered withdrawal. At 21-1800H Operation Proud Hunter terminated with the BLT(minus) F/2/26 and LVT platoon) reembarked aboard ARG shipping. The entire backload was completed at 221000H.

7. Results. See enclosures (2) and (3).

8. Commander's Analysis. This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The BLT and HMM Commander's analysis are included in their reports, enclosures (2) and (3).

a. Planning.

(1) Informal liaison with CG, III MAF had indicated that ARG/SIF Alfa would possibly land in the Napoleon/Saline AO or one of three areas near Danang. Planning was commenced on the four possible AOAs.

(2) CG Third Mar Div msg 161750Z Aug proposed a one day battalion raid in the DMZ north of Con Thien to exploit shock action of arclight strikes; the raid would be conducted by 2/1. CG III MAF msg 171034Z directed the landing of BLT 2/26 to relieve 2/1 of the Napoleon/Saline AO.

(3) Throughout the operation continuous liaison was conducted with Third Marine Division, BLT 2/26, First Amtrac Battalion and 1/11. Close liaison was conducted with 2/1 during their return to the Napoleon/Saline AO.

b. Command Relationships

(1) The following units were under the Opcon of CTG 79.4 during Operation Proud Hunter: BLT 2/26, HMM-362, First Amtrac Battalion, and First Battalion, Eleventh Marines. Elements of 2/1 were Opcon to CTG 79.4 upon return to their positions until termination of the operations.

(2) CTG 79.4 was Opcon to CTG 76.4 (Commander, Amphibious Task Force) during Operation Proud Hunter.

c. Enemy Contact. None on Operation Proud Hunter.

d. Supporting Arms.

(1) Supporting Arms Available.

(a) Artillery

1. The following artillery batteries provided artillery support within the Amphibious Objective area.

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- d W/1/11
- e 3rd Plt, 1st Armored Amphibian Co. (LVTH-6)

2 General Support Artillery fires were available from 12th Marine Regiment.

(b) Naval Gunfire

- 1 USS Arnold J. Isbell (DD-869) D/S BLT 2/26
- 2 USS Turner Joy (DD-951) relieved USS Isbell on station while Isbell rearmed.

(c) Air

- 1 No close air support was scheduled, but diverted by Dong Ha DASC when required.

(2) Concept of Employment

(a) In order to provide rapid and effective artillery support to the landing force and at the same time maintain control of the numerous artillery units within the area, the firing batteries were grouped under the tactical control of the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, whose command post was located within the Amphibious Operation Area. The 1st Battalion, 11th Marines thus had tactical control over all artillery fires within the Amphibious Objective Area and ran technical fire direction for the LVTH-6 Plt., A/1/11 and W/1/11. B/1/13 and W/1/12 ran their own fire direction center.

(b) Naval Gunfire support was provided by the direct support ship in accordance with normal procedures and was planned to be utilized primarily for counter-battery fire into the DMZ area utilizing the naval gunfire spotters located at Ocean View vic YD 294750 and C-4 vic YD 313722 as well as the SFCP attached to the BLT.

(3) Fire Support Coordination

(a) Control and coordination of fire support remained afloat for the entire operation.

(b) To ensure complete control and coordination of Supporting Arms, the Amphibious Objective Area was broken down into two areas of operation with a Fire Coordination line between them; one area was controlled by BLT 2/26 and the other by 1st Amtrac Bn. Both Battalions ran their own FSCC's and reported to 1st Marines FSCC, who coordinated fire between the

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two Battalions. The 1st Marines reported to SACC aboard USS Princeton (LPH-5) who controlled all fires within the AOA and coordinated with 3D Mar Div FSCC all fires adjacent to the AOA boundaries and those general support fires coming into the AOA from other areas. Save-a-Plane information and Restrictive fire plans were issued by SACC and coordinated with Dong Ha DASC.

#### (h) Fire Support Utilized

(a) The following fire support was utilized during operation Proud Hunter.

Artillery	Missions	RDS Expended
105 MM	13	65
4.5 Mortar	33	731
Naval Gunfire		
5"/38	195	1687
5"/54	6	7

(b) The Naval Gunfire includes H&I missions into the DMZ.

#### e. Logistics

##### (1) Planning

(a) BLT 2/26 embarked with the following:

1	Class I	3 days MCI
2	Class II	On hand stocks
3	Class III	15 days operational stocks packaged goods
4	Class IV	20,000 Sand bags
5	Class V	Basic Allowance

(b) BLT 2/26 remained under the operational control of CTG 79.4 with initial supply being accomplished from ARG shipping.

(c) BLT was directed to draw resupply from in-country sources. FLSG Bravo was to be used for resupply of Class I, MCI's.

##### (2) Execution

(a) Class I resupply was accomplished as planned, augmented with A and B rations from the host unit, Second Battalion, First Marines.

(b) Class II and IV were not issued nor were additional supplies requested in country.

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(c) Class III, e. g. MUGAS and DIESEL were replenished from in country sources, notably First Amtrac Battalion located at the mouth of the Cua Viet River.

(d) Class V not expended

(e) Helicopters and ARG landing craft carried personnel, supplies and equipment between the ships and the AQs.

(f) No insurmountable supply problems were encountered. As noted above, in-country supply sources provided essential supplies to the BLT.

(g) In-country maintenance facilities were available, notably First Amtrac Battalion where six of the BLT's LVTP-5s were worked on.

(h) The USS Princeton was designated as primary Casualty Receiving Ship (PCRS).

f. Casualty Reporting. Casualty reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives. The 9th MAB CRCC AIFA was located aboard the USS Princeton (LPH-5), which was designated the Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. BLT 2/26 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned at the BLT CP to collect and pass casualty information concerning Special Landing Force AIFA personnel on to the 9th MAB CRCC AIFA.

#### CASUALTY RECAPITULATION

18 August 1968-21 August 1968

##### PROUD HUNTER

##### a. Friendly

KIA	00
DOW	00
WIA	00
WIANE	00
Non-Hostile	
Casualties	11
DAI	00
TOTAL	11

##### b. Enemy

KIA	00
POW	00
DET	00
TOTAL	00

g. Civic Action. No civic action program was conducted due to the area of operation and the operational commitments.

h. ISO. A photographer was sent ashore with BLT 2/26 to provide informational services coverage.

i. Communications. Communications were established IAW Task Group

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79.4 Op Plan 120-(YR), TG 79.4 COI dtd 5 Aug 68 with change 1. A Message Center was maintained afloat in conjunction with the USS Princeton Naval Communications Center. CTG 79.4 maintained message distribution responsibility for BLT 2/26 and HMM-362. The following nets were established/entered during operation PROUD HUNTER.

3d Mar Div Cmd #2 (AM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net, established communications with 3d Mar Div. Net was utilized when the TG was out of range with VHF equipment.

3d Mar Div Tac #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net, establishing communications (plain/cipher) with 3d Mar Div, First Marines and First Amtrac Battalion.

1st Marines #1 (S) (FN)

CTG 79.4 entered this net, establishing communications (plain/cipher) with First Marines.

SLF Tac #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 established this net with BLT 2/26, First Amtrac Battalion. There were no SLF (ALFA) Radio Liaison teams in the field for this operation as direct communications were well established with the field and the USS Princeton was designated as the primary facility for BLT's Casualties.

BLT Tac #1 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net and monitored with the capability to enter if communications with BLT 2/26 were lost by other means.

12th Marines Arty Cmd/Fire Direction

CTG 79.4 entered this net and established communications with 3d Mar Div, First Marines, 1st Bn, 11th Marines and 12th Marines.

1st Bn, 11th Marines Arty Air Spot (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net and established communications with "ON STATION AIRCRAFT" as required.

CONDUCT OF FIRE #1 and #2

The two Conduct of Fire nets established with First Battalion, 11th Marines, BLT 2/26 and BLT 2/26 forward observers as required during practice landing, but the two nets were not used during the actual operation.

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION  
TG 79.4

COMMANDER  
Col J. F. MCMAHON, JR  
1-30 September 1968

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/26  
1-30 Sep 1968

SQDN HMM 362  
1-6 Sep 1968  
HMM 363  
6-30 Sep 1968

LtCol W. F. SPARKS  
1-30 Sep 1968

Maj W. H. SHAWER, JR  
1-6 Sep 1968  
Maj J. L. HARRISON  
6-30 Sep 1968

## ATTACHED UNITS

2. LOCATION

SHIP  
USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)  
1-30 Sep 1968  
USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
1-30 Sep 1968  
USS PT DEFIANCE (LSD-31)  
1-28 Sep 1968  
USS CARTER HALL (LSD-3)  
1-30 Sep 1968  
USS TOM GREEN COUNTY (LST-1159)  
1-30 Sep 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS  
Executive Officer

LtCol P. R. FIELDS  
1-30 Sep 1968

S-1/Adjutant

1st Lt L. HICKS  
1-30 Sep 1968

Intelligence Officer

Capt B. J. BORCHELT  
1-30 Sep 1968

Assistance Intelligence Officer/  
Aerial Observer

Capt R. B. LEWIS  
1-30 Sep 1968

Operations Officer

LtCol L. C. WITT  
1-15 Sep 1968  
LtCol K. L. LYNN  
16-30 Sep 1968

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Asst Operations Officer

Maj J. R. RUFFINI  
1-21 Sep 1968  
Maj D. B. TOWNSEND  
22-30 Sep 1968

Communications Officer

Capt M. D. GALLIGAN  
1-30 Sep 1968

Air Officer

Maj J. M. BARNHART  
1-30 Sep 1968

Fire Support Coordinator

Maj G. P. MURPHY  
1-30 Sep 1968

Logistics Officer

Maj T. A. WILLIAMSON  
1-30 Sep 1968

## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
SIF HQ	11	50	0	0	0	0
BLT	35	1024	9	49	0	0
SQDN HMM 362	46	211	1	3	0	0
HMM 363	49	194	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	141	1479	11	55	0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 2 September HMM 362 offloaded elements of BLT 2/26 admin rear to Dong Ha Combat Base. BLT 2/26(-) was OPCON to Third Marines participating in Operation Lancaster II. The same day HMM 362 offloaded to Marble Mountain Air Facility and chopped OPCON to the First Marine Aircraft Wing at 021630H Sep.

ARG/SLF ALFA departed the coastal waters of RVN to Subic Naval Base, P. I. for ship repair/upkeep on the evening of 2 September. On 18 Sep ARG/SIF ALFA departed Subic for a port visit at Singapore. On 27 Sep ARG/SLF ALFA departed Singapore for the coastal waters of RVN. On 30 Sep HMM 363 embarked aboard USS PRINCETON for duty as SLF HMM.

During September, BLT 2/26(-) participated in Lancaster II. HMM 363 operated from Phu Bai Air Facility OPCON to Marine Aircraft Group 36 during September.

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INFO RUHCCYA/CNO

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RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT

RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC

RUXRSYB/COMPHIBPAC

NIRUABGL/CG FMFPACUS(FWD)

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RHMSWAB/COMUSMACV

RUYJWBC/CTF SEVEN THREE

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RHYESAA/NEU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

RUYP5AA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUYP5YE/CTF CLEARWATER

RUYP5AA/CTF SEVEN SIX

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RUYP5AA/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUYP5AA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO

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1-31 Oct 1968

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## ATTACHED UNITS

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1-31 Oct 1968  
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1-31 Oct 1968  
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1-2 Oct 1968  
USS ~~W~~ HILL (LSD-7)  
3-26 Oct 1968  
USS PT DEFIANCE (LSD-31)  
27-31 Oct 1968  
USS T-1 GREEN CITY (LST-1159)  
1-13 Oct 1968  
USS WIDHAM COUNTY (1170)  
13-31 Oct 1968

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Executive Officer

LtCol P. R. FIELDS  
1-3 Oct 1968

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LtCol K. L. LYNN  
1-3 Oct 1968  
Maj D. B. TOWNSEND  
4-31 Oct 1968

## Asst Operations Officer

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1-3 Oct 1968  
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4-31 Oct 1968

## Communications Officer

Capt M. B. GALLIGAN  
1-27 Oct 1968  
Capt R. L. FOSTER  
28-31 Oct 1968

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1-4 Oct 1968  
Maj H. P. JONES  
5-31 Oct 1968

## Fire Support Coordinator

Maj G. P. MURPHY  
1-31 Oct 1968

## Logistics Officer

Maj P. A. WILLIAMSON  
1-31 Oct 1968

## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
SLF HQ	12	49	0	0	0	0
BLT 2/26	39	1011	9	48	0	0
HMM 363	48	185	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	99	1245	10	51	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 October to 16 October 1968, SLF ALFA participated in Operation Swift Pursuit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North/Lancaster II in support of BLT 2/26 conducting search and destroy mission south of Bien Hai River in the vicinity of Route 1022 (YD 0068) in the DMZ.

On 16 October 1968, selected elements of BLT 2/26 Rear, commenced reembarkation from Dong Ha, Camp Carroll and Vandergrift Combat Base to ARG shipping for at sea REHAB of personnel and equipment, Company and Battalion administrative functions were established aboard the LPH.

From 17 October to 21 October 1968, SLF ALFA participated in Operation Swift Pursuit II/Napoleon Saline in support of BLT 2/26 search and destroy operations. Reembarkation of the BLT heavy equipment and specified personnel was directed and coordinated by the SLF during this period. Selected equipment was transported to FLC at DaNang for repair and replacement.

On 22 October 1968, backload of BLT completed, ARG shipping departed Cua Viet holding area for DaNang.

From 25 October to 28 October 1968, Service Battalion, 1st FSR, FLC, DaNang accepted from BLT 2/26 approximately seventy items of rolling stock for repair/replacement. REHAB of major equipment being completed by 27 October.

From 29 October to 31 October 1968, ARG shipping involved in moving U. S. Army units from DaNang area to Vung Tao debarkation point.

From 30 September to 27 October 1968, HMM 363 was OPCON to Commander Task Group 79.4 participating in Operation Swift Pursuit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North, Swift Pursuit II/Napoleon Saline and Eager Hunter/Garrad Bay. HMM 363 accumulated 1752.0 flight hours for a total of 5880 sorties. They transported 142.9 tons of Cargo, medevaced 319 individuals and carried a total of 7756 passengers.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 Oct 1968 BGen John E. WILLIAMS, CG 9th MAB aboard for briefing  
11 Oct 1968 Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Paul R. IGNATIUS,  
visited SLF/ARG.  
18 Oct 1968 OPCON BLT 2/26 transferred at 181600Z from 1st BDE, 5th  
INF DIV to 79.4 (CG III MAF MSG 210111Z Oct 68)  
18 Oct 1968 Planning Conference attended by SLF at III MAF on future  
operations to be conducted in First MARDIV AO and AMERICAL AO.  
21 Oct 1968 SLF liaison and planning conference at AMERICAL DIV Hq.,  
Chu Lai, concerning operation to be conducted BATANGAN Area.  
21 Oct 1968 Terminated Operation Swift Pursuit II (CTG 79.4 MSG 2300-  
13Z Oct 68)  
22 Oct 1968 Planning conference at First MARDIV Hq., DaNang for execution  
of Operation Eager Hunter/Garrad Bay.  
22 Oct 1968 SLF conducted Memorial Service aboard USS Princeton for 47  
officers and enlisted of BLT 2/26 KIA during the period of  
1 September - 22 October 1968.  
24 Oct 1968 Doctors James J. BUSSE and Gerald C. BARNEY, G-3 HQMC,  
aboard to discuss methods of SLF employment.  
25 Oct 1968 Conducted helicopterborne assault landing BLT 2/26 at VIEM  
DONG (BF 0965) in First Mar AO, Operation Eager Hunter/  
Garrad Bay to execute cordon and search mission.  
27 Oct 1968 SLF coordinated tactical lift of BLT 2/26 by HMM 363 from  
VIEM DONG to PHONG HO(2) (vic BF 0662) to execute cordon  
and search mission.



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OPSUM FOR 17 OCT 68, OPERATION SWIFT PURSUIT II (U)

1. POSITIONS: BLT 2/26 OF 308716  
 E CO 325632  
 F CO 314718  
 G CO 322719  
 H CO 365682

## 2. SUMMARY

A. GENERAL. BLT 2/26 CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN OFN  
 NAPO/EON/SALINE. HMM 363 MAINTAINED 15 MIN MEDEVAC STANDBY,  
 MADE ADMIN AND LIAISON FLIGHTS AND PROVIDED 8 ACFT FOR AUG-  
 MENTATION TO FMAN.

B. TG 79.4

(1) MADE A LIAISON VISIT TO 3RD MARDIV.

C. BLT 2/26

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 BRIGADE, 5TH INFANTRY (MECH).

D. HMM 103

## (1) HELO STATISTICAL DATA.

SERIES 350  
 TASKS 111  
 HOURS 106.8  
 PAY 498  
 RECEIVED 32  
 (7/10/68) 3.4

## 3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TWO ATTEMPTS AND ONE TANK IN 200 200 200 200 200 200  
 MINES AND 200 200 200 200 200 200. RESULTING IN ONE 200 200 200 200 200 200  
 AMTRAC AND ONE TANK REACHED.

4. CASUALTIES ES. PLO-CE 200 200 200 200 200 200  
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 MIA 1 1  
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 FM CP III MAF DNG RVN  
 TO AIG 7532BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION TWO OF THREE

(A) AMERICAN DIV (198TH INF BDE) CONT C&S  
 OP IN QUANG TRI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT FOR PD.  
 SUMMARY: OF BURLINGTON TRAIL CONT W/ALL UNITS COND  
 CRT PTL AND SWEEPS IN AO.

AT 241615H D/1/46 VIC (BT 259145) PD 1 VC KIA.  
 AT 241715H D/1/46 VIC (BT 254134) ENGAGED 3 VC: 1 VC  
 KIA.

AT 241844H D/1/46 VIC (BT 260130) ENGAGED 3 VC W/ARTY:  
 1 VC KIA.

PLANS: SAME AS SUMMARY.  
 CAS FOR PD 203001H TO 203400H WERE: USA: NONE; EN: 3 KIA.  
 9. PLANS SUMMARY.

(1) OP KENTUCKY. 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV TO CONT  
 C&S OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.  
 (2) OP NAPOLEON-SALINE. 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV TO  
 CONT C&S OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.

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 (3) OP LANCASTER II. 3D MAR TO CONT C&S OP IN  
 QUANG TRI PROV.

(4) OP SCOTLAND IISM TF HOTEL TO CONT C&S OP  
 IN QUANG TRI PROV.

(5) OP JEB STUART III 1ST ACD TO CONT C&S  
 OP IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROV.

(6) OP COMMANCHE FALLS. 1ST ACD TO CONT  
 C&S OP IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROV.

(7) OP NEVADA EAGLE. 1ST ACD TO CONT C&S OP  
 IN THUA THIEN PROV.

(8) OP NAMELIKE THRUST. 1ST MAR DIV TO CONT C&S  
 OP IN QUANG NAM PROV.

(9) OP VICTORY DRAGON III. 2D ROXMC BDE TO CONT  
 C&S OP IN QUANG NAM PROV.

(10) OP WHEELER-MALLOWA. 196A2JH INF BDE

C&S OP IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TRI PROV.

(11) OP BURLINGTON TRAIL. 198TH INF BDE TO CONT  
 C&S OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.

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FORCE PERSONNEL

NATL KIA PW

TYPE/UNIT-DAM-CPTR

C2A. US 6 8

1WC/FA/3/CPTR

C3. FND LOSSES BY

FORCE PERSONNEL

NATL KIA/MIA/MIA

TYPE/UNIT-LOST-DAM-DEST

C3A. US 3/170 NONE

C4. NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS BY

SIDE FORCE 1/2 CONTACT

1/20 CONTACT

US

C4A. FTM

1

24

C4B. SDD

1

251

C4C. PLAT

1

38

C4D. CO

812

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1. MAJOR UNIT OF

(1) OP KENTUCKY (PD) FM 191800H TO 201800H

FND LOSSES:

EN LOSSES:

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HEMC:

3477 KIA

432 KIA

373 DET

1914 MIA (MED EVAC)

5 PW/VC

606 MIA (SUNK/LOST)

101 PW/NVA

1 MIA (1\* 777)

4 PW/VC

USA

3 : 5.55/NVA

37 KIA/VC CPTR

EP

OUR CIV DEF

273 MIA (MED EVAC)

83 IN CIV

45 MIA (MINOR)

595 IWC

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CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 2550

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86 CSWC

CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 2913

CUM NGF: NONE

(4) OP SCOTLAND II (PD FM 191330H TO 201300H)

FND LOSSES:

EN LOSSES:

USMC:

3016 KIA

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235 DET

1839 WIA(MED EVAC)

60 PW/NVA

303 WIA (MINOR)

834 IVC

223 REFUGEES

224 CSWC

USA

25 KIA

123 WIA(MED EVAC)

34 WIA(MINOR)

CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 4035

CUM NGF: NONE

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1. POSITIONS: ABOARD ARG
2. SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

ARG/SLF TERMINATED OPN SWIFT PURSUIT II 2100Z/1. CONTINUED  
 LIMITED REHAB AT SEA OF BLT 2/26 HAM 363 CONTINUED ADMIN/  
 LOGISTIC AND LIAISON FLIGHTS.

B. TG 79.4

(1) CONT PLAN AMPHIB OPNS

C. BLT 2/26

(1) CONT LIMITED REHAB AT SEA AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES/  
 EQUIP AT FLC.

D. HAM 363

(1) HELO STATISTICAL DATA.

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SORTIES	71
TASKS	19
HOURS	26
PAX	127
MEDEVACS	0
CARGO TONS	1.5

(2) RETURN OF 4 A/C FR OPN MIGHTY YANKEE.

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. NEGATIVE

4. CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE

5. INTENTIONS:

A. CTG 79.4 - ATTEND PLANNING CONF FIRST MARDIV BODS PENDING  
 OPN

B. BLT 2/26 - CONDUCT REHAB OF PERS/EQUIP AT SEA AND AT FLC.  
 ATTEND PLANNING CONF FIRST MARDIV AND FIRST MARINES.

C. HAM 363 - CONDUCT ADMIN/LIAISON FLIGHTS, MAX MAINT EFFORT.

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To: Commander, Task Force 79

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Ref: (a) Comseventhfl 201 Plan  
(b) CFF 79 120 Plan

Encl: (1) ✓ Commander, Task Group 79.4 After Action Report, Operation  
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—(2) BLT 2/26 After Action Report, Operation Swift Pursuit II/  
Scotland II/Trousdale North/Napoleon Saline

(3) ✓ HMM 363 After Action Report, Operation Swift Pursuit II/  
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*MIGHTY YANKEE/EAGER HUNTER/PHILADELPHIA, 30 Sep-31 Oct 68 F/W Nov 68*

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6442 IV1. General

a. Operation Swift Pursuit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North/Lancaster II/Napoleon Saline commenced for Task Group 79.4, in support of BLT 2/26, on arrival of ARG/SLF vic Cua Viet River mouth, 1 Oct 1968. HMM 363 embarked aboard LPH-5 on 30 Sept 68.

b. BLT 2/26 continued operating in Lancaster II AO, along axis Red, under OPCON 3rd Marines. BLT 2/26 CP initially located vic XD 988671.

c. Commander Task Group 79.4 embarked aboard ARG/SLF shipping, retained OPCON of HMM 363. HMM 363 provided helicopter, medical and logistical support for BLT 2/26 during the operation.

2. Task Organization

Task Group 79.4  
BLT 2/26  
HMM 363

Col J. F. MCMAHON JR.  
LtCol W. F. SPARKS  
Maj J. L. HARRISON

3. Intelligencea. Terrain

(1) Operation Swift Pursuit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North - The BLT area of operation (AO) was located in the north western portion of Quang Tri Province, RVN. The general area in which the BN operated is in the vicinity of AD 990680. The landscape throughout the area is mountainous, characterized by extremely steep slopes that are covered by dense undergrowth and double canopy forest. Concealment and cover is fair to good throughout the area.

(2) Operation Swift Pursuit II/Napoleon Saline - The BLT area of operation (AO) was located in the north eastern portion of Quang Tri Province, RVN. The general area in which the BN operated is bounded on the north by the southern boundary of the DMZ, then west from the coast three to four thousand meters inland and south to the Cua Viet River.

b. Enemy Situation

(1) Operation Swift Pursuit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North - Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the enemy was attempting

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to locate heavy caliber artillery south of the BEN HAI River to fire deeper into South Viet Nam. The enemy's most concerted effort was made in the central DMZ employing delaying tactics against 2/26 Marines apparently to cover the withdrawal of an unknown number of artillery pieces and vehicles.

(a) Order of Battle. The following identifiable units were believed located in the area.

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH	WEAPONS
48th REGT HQ	XD 8962	450	UNK
1st BN	XD 8962	450	UNK
2nd BN	XD 9562	450	UNK
3rd BN	XD 9463	450	UNK

Units operating south of the river could be supported by any of the (5) five Arty units located just north of the BEN HAI including the 164th, 54th and the 84th, elements of the 52nd Regiment were also reported in this area.

(b) Operational Effects on the Enemy. During the operation the enemy avoided contact in the area; however, the BN did discover large caches of ammo. A total of 330 rounds of 152/130 MM were found along with small amounts of rice and medical supplies. The BN received incoming mortar fire on two separate occasions totaling 30 rounds. The operation spoiled the effect of the enemy in his attempt to locate heavy artillery below the DMZ and disrupted his LOC's in the area.

(2) Operation Swift Pursuit II/Napoleon Saline- Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the enemy had increased his effort to block the major LOC in the area. Special attention had been placed on the Cua Viet River and mining incidents were frequent.

(a) Order of Battle. The following identifiable units were believed located in the area.

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH	WEAPONS
138th (INDEP) REGT	UNKNOWN	500	UNK
1st BN	EASTERN DMZ AREA	TOTAL STRENGTH IS EST-	UNK
2nd BN	EASTERN DMZ AREA	IMATED AT 500 MEN DUE TO	UNK
3rd BN	EASTERN DMZ AREA	LOSSES IN PREVIOUS EN-	UNK
		GAGEMENTS.	
126th SAPER REGT	EASTERN CUA VIET RIVER	300, WHO ARE HIGHLY TRAINED AND SPECIALIZED IN SABOTAGE.	UNK

(b) Operational Effect on Enemy. The enemy avoided all contact. No significant caches were discovered, however, several small bunkers,

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fresh trenches, as well as emplaced AT mines, were discovered and destroyed. Indications are that the enemy moved out of the area upon or prior to the arrival of friendly forces.

#### 4. Mission

a. Special Landing Force ALFA assigned the mission of finding, fixing and destroying enemy forces, installations and material within the assigned AO.

#### 5. Concept of Operation

a. Task Group 79.4 in direct support of BLF 2/26, by providing an emergency floating dump for Class I through Class V supplies, medical evacuation with PCRS and helicopter service.

#### 6. Execution

a. CTG 79.4 provided administrative and logistical support through C & C flights, casualty evacuation, emergency resupply from ARG shipping, Command Communication nets and liaison with "D" Mod, Camp Carroll by SLF radio relay teams.

7. Results. See enclosures (2) and (3).

8. Commander's Analysis. This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The BLF and HMM Commander's analysis are included in their reports, enclosures (2) and (3).

#### a. Planning

(1) Informal liaison with CG, Third Marine Division was reestablished 1 Oct 1968, with the return of ARG/SLF to RVN, in support of BLF 2/26 ashore.

(2) On 5 Oct 1968, CTG 76.4 and CTG 79.4 conducted a liaison visit to G-3, III MAF, reference, future employment of BLF 2/26.

(3) Throughout the operation continuous liaison was conducted with Third Mar Div, First Bde Fifth Inf Div (mech), BLF 2/26 and First Amtrac Bn.

#### b. Command Relationships

(1) HMM 363 was under the OPCON of CTG 79.4 during the entire operation.

(2) BLF 2/26 relieved by 1/3 (Lancaster II AO) with OPCON of 2/26 passing from Third Mar Div to First Bde, Fifth Inf Div (Mech) and return

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further passed to First Amtrac Bn. (Napoleon Saline AO), effective 161900H Oct 1968.

(3) Effective 131600H Oct 1968, BLT 2/26 chopped OPCON from First Bde, Fifth In Div (Mech) to CG 79.4 for reembarkation of BLT aboard ARG Shipping.

c. Enemy Contact. (See Para. 3b,(1)(b) and 3b,(2)(b) this report)

d. Supporting Arms. Supporting arms availability and coordination was provided and accomplished by in-country commands. ARG/SLF did not function in this capacity.

e. Logistics

(1) Planning

(a) BLT under operational control of Third MarDiv.

(b) BLT drew supply/resupply from in-country sources.

(2) Execution

(a) BLT supply rear established at Dong Ha 020800H Sep 1968.

(b) All requisitioning of supplies Class I through V accomplished ashore.

(c) BLT 2/26 admin rear reembarked aboard ARG shipping 3 Oct.

(d) ARG/ALFA w/HMM 363 remained in holding area in support of operations ashore from 1 Oct 1968, until termination of the operation and reembarkation of BLT 2/26, 210001H Oct 1968.

(e) HMM 363 provided helicopter, (eg.). C & C, liaison, medevac and logistical flights for BLT 2/26.

(f) ARG ALFA established liaison net with 3D Mar Div and 3D med Bn. HMM 363 maintained 15 minute medevac standby.

(g) Medevac guard and casualty reporting for BLT 2/26 was assumed by TG 79.4 on reembarkation of BLT 2/26 Admin Rear.

(h) No insurmountable supply problems were encountered.

(i) The USS Princeton was designated as Primary Casualty Receiving ship (PCRS).

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f. Casualty reporting. Casualty reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives. The 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA was located aboard the USS Princeton (LPH-5), which was designated the Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. BLT 2/26 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned at 3rd Medical Battalion., Quang Tri, RVN to collect and pass casualty information concerning Special Landing Force ALFA personnel on to the 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA.

CASUALTY RECAPITULATION

a. 1-17 OCTOBER 1968

## Friendly

KIA	11
WLA	48
WLANE	42
Non-Hostile	65
Total	166

b. 18-19 OCTOBER 1968

## Friendly

KIA	0
WLA	1
WLANE	3
Non-Hostile	16
Total	17

g. Civic Action. No civic action program was conducted due to the area of operation and the operational commitments.

h. ISO. A photographer and journalist were attached to BLT 2/26 and went ashore with BLT 2/26 to provide Information Service coverage.

i. Communications. Communications were established IAW Task Group 79.4 120 (YR), and TG 79.4 COI did 5 Oct 1968. A message center was maintained afloat in conjunction with the USS Princeton Naval Communication Center. CTG 79.4 maintained message distribution responsibility for BLT 2/26 and HMA 363. The following nets were established/entered during operation Swift Pursit II/Scotland II/Trousdale North/Napoleon Saline.

3rd Div Tac #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net establishing communications (plain and cipher) with 3rd Mar Div.

3rd Marines Tac #2

CTG 79.4 entered this net establishing communications with (plain and cipher) 3rd Marines.

SLF Tac #2

CTG 79.4 established this net with TG 79.4 Liaison Team at Camp Carroll and Med Rep at 3rd Med Bn., Quang Tri.

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
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(c) BrigO 5750.1C

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation  
TG 79.4

Commander  
Col J. F. MCMAHON JR  
1-30 November 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/26  
1-30 November 1968

HMM 363  
1-30 November 1968

LtCol W. F. SPARKS  
1-30 November 1968

Maj J. L. HARRISON  
1-28 November 1968  
Maj T. J. CRONIN JR  
29-30 November 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

2. Location

Ship  
USS Princeton (LPH-5)  
1-24 November 1968  
USS Okinawa (LPH-3)  
24-30 November 1968  
USS Dubuque (LPD-8)  
1-24 November 1968  
USS Duluth (LPD-6)  
24-30 November 1968  
USS PT Defiance (LSD-31)  
1-24 November 1968  
USS Fort Marion (LSD-22)  
24-30 November 1968  
USS Windham County  
1-24 November 1968

3. Staff Officers  
Executive Officer  
S-1/Adjutant

LtCol K. "L" LYNN  
1-30 November 1968  
1st Lt L. HICKS  
1-30 November 1968

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Intelligence Officer	Capt B. J. BORCHELT 1-9 November 1968
Aerial Observer	Maj R. B. LEWIS 1-30 November 1968
Operations Officer	Maj D. B. TOWNSEND 1-30 November 1968
Asst Operations Officer	Maj J. R. RUFFINI 1-9 November 1968 Maj T. A. WILLIAMSON 1-30 November 1968
Communications Officer	Capt R. L. FOSTER 1-30 November 1968
Air Officer	Maj H. P. JONES 1-30 November 1968
Fire Support Coordinator	Maj G. P. MURPHY 1-30 November 1968
Logistics Officer	Maj A. A. SLEPICKA 1-30 November 1968

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
SLF HQ	10	51	0	0	0	0
BLT 2/26	36	983	9	48	0	0
HMM-363	47	190	1	3	0	0

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 November, SLF/ARG ALFA enroute to Vung Tao, Viet Nam from DaNang, Viet Nam with 15th Transportation Corps Bn, 1st Air Cav (Air Mobile) Division, United States Army aboard, (OPN Liberty Canyon).

On 2-3 November, above unit debarked, Vung Tao, Viet Nam.

On 4 November, SLF/ARG ALFA returned to DaNang, Viet Nam holding area. Liaison visit with CG III MAF accomplished.

On 12-13 November, SLF/ARG ALFA enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines for ARG shipping upkeep.

On 14 November, SLF/ARG ALFA (LPH-5) arrived Leyte Pier Subic Bay, Philippines.

On 20 November, SLF supplies and equipment offloaded from ARG shipping and moved to SLF camp area, Subic Bay.

On 21 November, LPH-5 moved from Leyte Pier to bouy anchorage, Subic Bay.

On 24 November, SLF ALFA transferred its headquarters from USS Princeton (LPH-5) to USS Okinawa (LPH-3).

From 24 November to 30 November, the SLF Staff set up all assigned spaces on LPH-3, obtained resupply as required, updated SLF directives and commenced planning for future Special Operations.

From 23 November to 2 December, Task Group 79.4 S/4 and Embarkation Chief and PHIBRON V Combat Cargo Officer conferred with embarkation representatives of 1st Marine Division, BLT 2/26 and HMM 363 in preparation for embarkation of the BLT and the Squadron aboard PHIBRON V shipping. In conjunction, meetings were conducted with NSA Da Nang representatives concerning the use of Da Nang Harbor facilities and staging areas. Meetings were held in Da Nang, Vietnam.

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-3 NOV 1968	SLF/ARG ALFA participated in OPN Liberty Canyon
4 NOV 1968	Planning conference attended by SLF at III MAF on future SPEC OPS to be conducted in 1st Mar Div AO and Americal Div AO.
5 NOV 1968	Commander Task Group 79.5 visited CTG 79.4 aboard LPH-5
6 NOV 1968	Continued planning conference with CG III MAF
7 NOV 1968	LtCol K. L. LYNN departed SLF to attend SEVENTHFLT planning conference, Okinawa.
8 NOV 1968	BGen John E. WILLIAMS CG 9th MAB aboard for brief- ing. Further liaison between SLF and CG III MAF was conducted.
10 NOV 1968	Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony and dinner held aboard LPH-5
12 NOV 1968	CTG 79.4 departs SLF for conference with CG 9th MAB at Okinawa. Detachment HMM-363 embarked aboard LPH-5. SLF/ARG underway for Subic Bay, Philippines.
14 NOV 1968	SLF/ARG arrived, Leyte Pier, Subic Bay, Philippines
17 NOV 1968	CTG 79.4 returned from conference with CG 9th MAB
19 NOV 1968	LtCol K. L. LYNN returns from SEVENTHFLT planning conference
24 NOV 1968	TG 79.4 transferred all personnel and equipment from LPH-5 to LPH-3
23 NOV/2 DEC 1968	TG 79.4 S-4 and PHIBRON V CCO confer with 1st Mar Div, BLT 2/26, HMM 363 and NSA Da Nang, reference embarkation of BLT 2/26 HMM 363 aboard SLF/ARG shipping.

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I. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES: INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

B. FRIENDLY FORCES,

(1) 1ST MARINES CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN AO.

(2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER AIR SUPPORT

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A S REQUIRED.

(3) SLF PROVIDES HELICOPTER SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(4) 2D BN, 1ST MARINES CONTINUES OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN AO.

(5) ROXMC BDE ESTABLISHES CORDON SOUTH OF BLT 2/26 AO.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

(1) PLT, POLICE FIELD FORCES ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 250800H.

OKWL DET, CIT ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 240930H.

(3) DET, 1ST MP BN (DOG TEAM) ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 250800H.

(4) ITT ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 240930H.

2. MISSION

BLT 2/26 CONDUCTS A CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION OF THE VIEM DONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. IN ORDER, BLT 2/26 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE PHONG HO (PHILADELPHIA) VILLAGE RUINS COMPLEX.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. BLT 2/26 LANDING ALL RIFLE COMPANIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LANDING PLAN AND ESTABLISHES A CORDON AROUND THE VIEM DONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORDON, PFF AND DOG TEAMS WILL BE HELILIFTED TO THE BLT CP. THESE UNITS WILL BE ESCORTED BY A RIFLE PLATOON (JIN) INTO VIEM DONG TO CONDUCT SEARCH OPERATIONS.

B. CO E (REIN)

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(1) LAND I.A.W. LANDING PLAN.

(2) INITIALLY ESTABLISH CORDON BETWEEN LZ GIANTS AND VIC

BT 10648. (OP OVERLY).

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SEARCH OPERATIONS ALONG TRAILS INTO VIEM DONG.

(4) BE PREPARED TO ADJUST LINES SOUTHWARD FROM LZ GIANT TO COMPENSATE FOR INSERTION OF CO F (-).

(5) BE PREPARED TO ADJUST LINES NORTHWARD TO LZ GIANTS TO COMPENSATE FOR EXFILTRATION OF CO F (-).

(6) ON ORDER, EXTRACT BY HELICOPTER, DESTINATIONS TBA.

C. CO G (REIN)

(1) LAND I.A.W. LANDING PLAN.

(2) INITIALLY ESTABLISH CORDON BETWEEN LZ'S EAGLES, FALCONS AND VIC BT 103658 (OP OVERLAY).

(3) ON ORDER, PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (REIN) TO ACCOMPANY VILLAGE SEARCH ELEMENT AND TO SEARCH VILLAGE AREA OUTSIDE HOUSES.

(4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SEARCH OPERATIONS ALONG TRAILS LEADING TO VIEM DONG.

(5) BE PREPARED TO ADJUST LINES TO COMPENSATE FOR INSERTION AND EXFILTRATION OF CO F.

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(6) ON ORDER, EXTRACT BY HELICOPTER. DESTINATION TBA.

E. CO H (REIN)

(1) LAND I.A.W. LANDING PLAN.

(2) ESTABLISH CORDON BETWEEN LZ'S OYLERS, PACKERS AND VIC BT 10358 (OP OVERLY).

(3) CONDUCT MINESWEEP OF RT. 538 BETWEEN BR 112650 AND BT 104660. VDRUHIMNKJG BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SEARCH OPERATIONS ALONG TRAILS LEADING TO VIEM DONG.

(5)

(5) ON ORDER, 3/EXTRACT BY HELICOPTER.

DESTINATION TBA,

F. SLF RESERVE.

(1) CO F (REIN)

(2) ON ORDER (UPON CHOP OF BLT TO 1ST MARINES), LAND CO F (-) I.A.W. LANDING PLAN.

(3) ESTABLISH CORDON BETWEEN LZ FALCON AND VIC BT 090650. (OP OVERLAY).

(4) SCOUT EXFILTRATION ROUTES TO ASSEMBLY AREA VIC BT 105663.

(5) ON ORDER, EXFILTRATE TO SELECTED ASSEMBLY AREA TO CONDUCT "STAY BEHIND" AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(6) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (REIN) AS BLT REARVE (SPARROW HAWK) LOCATED ABOARD THE PRINCETON.

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(7) ON ORDER, EXTRACT BY HELICOPTER, EXTRACT LZ AND DESTINATION

TAB.

FG. BLT RESERVE.

(1) PLT (REIN), CO F (AFTER LANDING OF CO F(-)).

(2) MAINTAIN 15 MINUTE ALERT STATUS.

(3) ON ORDER, LAND AND CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST

KNOWN AND FIXED ENEMY POSITION/UNITS.

H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) D-DAY 25 OCT 68.

(2) L-HOUR 0800.

(3) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATED THROUGH 1ST MARINES FSCC.

(4) CORDON, ONCE ESTABLISHED, WILL BE CRINTED BOTH INBOARD

OUTBOARD.

(5) CURFEW IS IMPOSED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2000 AND 0600 DAILY.

PERSONS OBSERVED OUTSIDE VILLAGE BETWEEN THESE HOURS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED WITHOUT CHALLENGE UNLESS THE PERSON (S) IS CARRYING A BURNING TORCH. IF THE PERSON (S) IS CARRYING A BURNING TORCH, A CHALLENGE WILL BE ISSUED AND THE PERSON (S) CHECKED. DO NOT RELEASE WITHOUT BLT HEADQUARTERS PERMISSION.

(6) TROOPS MUST BE WIDELY DESPERSED WHEN MOVING IN ORDER TO

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MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF A TRIGGERED BOBBY TRAP.

(7) REAFFIRM USE OF WHITE STAR CLUSTER SHOULD ACTIVE MORTAR OR ROCKET BE OBSERVED.

(8) COMPANIES WILL NOT FIRE 60MM MORTARS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF BLT HEADQUARTERS.

(9) HELITEAM LEADERS WILL HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A DESTINATION CARD TO BE GIVEN TO THE CREW CHIEF UPON BOARDING.

(1) CODE NAME FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS PORTION OF THE OPERATION IS EAGER HUNTER.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. PRESCRIBED LOAD CLASS V (TBA).

B. NO EQUIPMENT OR CLASS V WILL BE LEFT IN ANY POSITION CO COMMANDERS WILL MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF ALL CLASS V ISSUED. POSITIONS OCCUPIED WILL BE THOROUGHLY POLICED PRIOR TO REPATRE OF UNIT.

C. TWO DAYS OF CLASS I.

D. MINIMUM OF TWO FULL CANTEENS.

EM PROBES AND GRAPPLING HOOKS AS ISSUED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

A. REF. (B) AND SEPARATELY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS.

B. THRUST POINTS

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- (1) 0767-782 GEAR
- (2) 1066-BOYS NAMES
- (3) 0964-VEHICLES
- (4) 1162-GIRLS NAMES
- (5) 06397DISEASE
- (6) 0363-TOOTHPASTES

C. COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

- (1) CTG 79.4
- (2) BLT 2/26

AFLOAT  
USS PRINCETON  
USS PRINCETON

ASHORE  
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BT 098659

ANNEXES:

- A. OPERATION OVERLAY (TO BE ISSUED SEPERATELY )
  - B. BREVITY CODE
  - C. COMMUNICATIONS (TO BE ISSUED SEPERATELY)
  - D. LANDING PLAN (59 73 (TO BE ISSUED SEPERATELY)
- ANNEX B (BREVITY CODE) TO OPERATION PLAN 128C-68

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I. TIMES

- A. ALFA - 0300

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AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS (INTELLIGENCE) TO CTG 79.4 FRAG ORDER 3-68  
FOR OPERATION EAGER HUNTER (C)

A. AMS SERIES L7014, SHEETS 66401, AND 66401V

B. TG 79.4 OPERATION PLAN 120A- (YR)

C. TG 79.4 SOP FOR INTELLIGENCE

D. CURRENT III MAF AND 1ST MARDIV INTSUM.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

S A. SEE 79.4 INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE DTD 22 OCT 68 (PUBLISHED  
SEPARATELY)

B. SEE REF D.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

A. SEE REF B.

B. REPORT BY FLASH SPOT REPORT ANY SIGHTING OF ROCKET FIRE.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

A. SEE REF B.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING POW'S AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS.

A. SEE REF B AND C

B. DETAINEES WILL BE HELD BY THE BLT UNTIL THEIR STATUS IS  
DETERMINED BY ITT PERSONNEL WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE BLT.  
DETAINEES DETERMINED TO BE POW'S, WILL BE INTERROGATED BY THE ATTACHED  
ITT AND THEN FORWARDED TO THE FIRST MARDIV BY IN COUNTRY CHANNELS.

C. INTERROGATION REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ITT PERSONNEL TO  
THIS HEADQUARTERS UPON COMPLETION OF INTERROGATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS  
THEY CHOP.

D. CAPTURED WEAPONS WILL BE HANDLED IAW REF B AND C. THE PLF  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IS DESIGNATED THE INTELLIGENCE AND SCREENING  
AND WAR TROPHY REGISTRATION OFFICER. HE WILL APPROVE APPROPRIATE  
MATERIAL AS LEGAL WAR TROPHIES.

E. WOUNDED POW'S OR DETAINEES WILL BE HANDLED IAW PARA 4 (ADMIN/  
LOGS) TO BASIC FRAG ORDER.

5. DOCUMENTS AND OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

A. REF A IS DESIGNATED AS THE STANDARD MAP FOR THIS OPERATION.

B. MAPS AND CHARTS WILL BE ISSUED AS REQUIRED.

6. REENTER INTELLIGENCE SEE REF B.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION. IAW REF B AND C AND FIRST MARDIV SOP.

8. UNITS IN CONTACT MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO TAKE PRISONERS DAILY.

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 CG III MAF  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 COMNAVFORV  
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OPERATION EAGER HUNTER (C)

A. MAPS: AMS SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6640 I, IV

B. NO CHART - 5209, 17472-25, 26

C. CTG 79.4 OP PLAN 120A-(YR)

D. COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 231932Z OCT68

E. MWP 22 (B)

F. SOP FOR TG 79.4

SCOPE: THIS IS CTG 79.4 FRAG ORDER THREE DASH SIX EIGHT FOR OPERATION EAGER HUNTER

I. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) IAW ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C

(2) CURRENT INTSUMS

(3) CTG 79.4 INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ISSUED SEPARATELY

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) IAW REF C

(2) IN COUNTRY FORCES AS PROVIDED BY CG III MAF.

C. ATTACHMENTS

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(2) SUB UNIT FIRST MAR ITT.

2. MISSION: SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY EN FORCES, CACHES AND INSTALLATIONS IN AOA AND WITHDRAWS ON ORDER.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPS

(1) BLT 2/26 CONDUCTS HELO ASSAULT AT H-HR IN ASSIGNED AOA AND CONDUCTS CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CG IIIMAF PACIFICATION OFFENSIVE.

(2) OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY) (NOTAL)

B. BLT 2/26

(1) IAW REF C

(2) AT H-HR CONDUCT HELO ASSAULT IN DESIGNATED LZ S.

(3) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO ABOARD LPH-5 FOR USE AS LANDING FORCE RESERVE. REPORT UNIT DESIGNATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. TO BE COMMITTED ONLY ON ORDER OF CLF. SPARROW HAWK FORCE TO COME FROM THIS COMPANY.

C. WMM 363

(1) PROVIDE HELO SPT IAW REF C

(2) PERFORM ADDITIONAL MISSIONS AS ASSIGNED BY CLF.

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D. LANDING FORCE RESERVE. BE PREPARED TO LND BY HELO IN ASSIGNED WYFOGP17(;;.716891;3 19))928,4 .889,;

WOL REINFORCE OR RELIEVE ANY COMMITTED UNIT IT.

(2) EXPLOIT ANY TACTICAL ADVANTAGE.

(3) PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK FORCE AS REQUIRED IAW REF F.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) IAW REF C

(2) D-DAY IS 25 OCT 68

(3) H-HR IS 0800 (TO BE CONFIRMED)

(4) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW FIRST MARDIV O 003330.2A AND REF C.

(5) EEI'S IAW ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.

(6) HELO LANDING ZONES (ALL BT)

A. GIANTS 088657

B. FALCONS 099659

C. PACKERS 105657

D. OILERS 106648

E. EAGLES 092647

(7) HELO LZ'S CONTROLLED BY WONDER WHY 14 9, 7300 PRIMARY AND 53.20 SECONDARY.

(8) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES IAW OPS OVERLAY.



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(9) ALL SUPPORTING ARMS CONTROLLED AND COORDINATED BY FIRST MARINES FSCC

(10) THRUST POINTS (ALL BT)

- (A) 0268 CIGARETTE
- (B) 0363 TOOTH PASTE
- (C) 0659 DISEASE
- (D) 1758 NUMBER
- (E) 0058 CLOTHING
- (F) 0572 U. S. CITY

(11) LANDWARD AOA CONTAINED W/I FOL BOUNDARIES (ALL CORD BT) SOUTH CHINA SEA AT 117647 SW TO 100635 TO 080631 SOUTH TO 010622 THEN WEST TO MSR THRU QUANG HA (2) AT 073620 ALONG 62 GL TO SONG VINH DIEN AT 057620 NORTH ALONG RIVER TO 057630 NE TO ROAD AT 067636 THEN NW ALONG LINE 100 METERS EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO 067630 THEN NORTH ALONG EAST SIDE OF ROAD TO 067680 THEN NE TO TAN AN AND SOUTH CHINA SEA AT 091692.

(12) NICKNAME ASHORE PHASE UNDER OPCON 1ST MAR: DADE GLADE

(13) REPORTS

- (A) IAW ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO REF C
- (B) SUBMIT INITIAL SITREP MLT H PLUS 30 MIN.

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(C) UPON CHOP TO IN-COUNTRY COMMAND INFO CTG 79.4 ON ALL SITREPS, SPOT REPS AND CASUALTY REPORTS.

## 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

- A. IAW ANNEX AE (ADMIN/LOGISTICS) TO REF C.
- B. BLT OP STOCK WILL REMAIN ABOARD ARG SHIPPING ANI WILL BE AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED.
- C. CLASS I THRU V FOR REPLENISHMENT OF BLT OP STOCKS WILL BE DRAWN FROM SUPPLY BN FLC DANANG.
- D. SLF MEDEVACS IAW CTG 79.4 EMO 3HPJ/DKH OVER 3046 TO 24 OCT 68.
- E. USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) IS DESIGNATED PRIMARY CASUALTY RECEIVING SHIP (PCRS).
- F. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO IN-COUNTRY CIVILIAN MEDICAL FACILITIES.
- G. POW CASUALTIES WILL BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST IN-COUNTRY U. S. MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY.
- H. EMERGENCY MEDEVAC, REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY, WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE PCRS. IT IS PREFERRED THAT ALL NON-U. S. CASUALTIES BE EVACUATED AS NOTED IN E AND F ABOVE.

## 5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

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A. ANNEX G TO REF C AS MODIFIED BELOW.

(1) RADIO PLAN. CTG 79.4 COI OF 22 OCT 68.

(2) CRYPTOGRAPHIC

(A) KAX 3237 FOR KY 8 OPERATIONS

(B) KAC - GAG FOR AUTHENTICATION CODE

(C) KAC PAG FOR OPERATIONAL CODE

(3) RADIO SILENCE AS DIRECTED BY CATF.

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLOAT

CATF (CTG 76.4)

CLF (CTG 79.4)

BLT 2/26

HMM 363

USS PRINCETON LPH-5

USS PRINCETON LPH-5

USS PRINCETON LPH-5

USS PRINCETON LPH-5

(2) ASHORE

FIRST MARINES

2ND BN 1ST MARINES

BLT 2/26

AT 991675

BT 070656

REPORT WHEN ESTABLISHED AND CHANGES  
AS OCCURRING

C. COMMAND RELATIONS. IAW ANNEX C (COMMAND RELATIONS) TO REF C.  
ACTION ADDRESSEES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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 RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

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OPN EAGER HUNTER SITREP 01 AS OF 250001Z OCT 68 (U)

1. (C) ARG ALFA COMP: PRINCETON, DUBUQUE, OAK HILL, WINHAM CTY,  
 LDT 12 DET ECHO, BMU ONE DET ALFA SIX, ACU ONE DET ALFA, COMSECTEAM  
 TWO ALFA, TACRON 13 DET ALFA, BJU ONE WPD FOXTROT, AND SURGICAL  
 TEAM ALFA,

2. (C) ACTION TAKEN:

A. ARG/SLF ALFA

(1) EXECUTED OPN EAGER HUNTER. FIRST HELOS TOUCHED DOWN IN H LZ  
 RED LION AT 0800H. L HOUR, ONTIME WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

B. ARG ALFA

(1) CONDUCTING OPN EAGER HUNTER

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(2) OAK HILL RECEIVING FLT FRT FM MANATEE

C. SLF ALFA

(1) POSITIONS:UABOARD ARG

(2) SUMMARY

(A) GENERAL

BLT 2/26 CONTINUED PREP FOR LANDING

HMM 363 MAINTAINED MEDEVAC STANDBY, MADE ADMIN FLIGHTS AND  
 LIAISON FLIGHTS.

(B) TG 79.4

(1) CONT PREP FOR LANDING

C)

BLT2/26

(1) CONT LIMITED REHAB AT SEA AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES, EQUIP  
 AT FLC

(2) EST LIAISON OFFICER AT FLC TO COORD CONT REHAB.

(D) HMM 363

(1) HELO STATISTICAL DATA.

SORTIES	99
TASKS	31
HOURS	21.7
PAX	147

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MEDEVACS V0

CARGO (TONS) 0.3

(3) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

(4) CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE

3. (C) COMMENT

A. PRINCETON HELO DATA: TASK 75, SORTIES 71, PAX 236, CARGO 5.1 TONS  
HOURS 10.3.

4. (S) INTENTIONS

- . ARG/SLF ALFA:

(1) CONTINUE CONDUCT OPN EAGER HUNTER.

(2) CHOP ELEMENTS SLF ASHORE TO CG III MAF 25OCT68.

(3) SUBMIT NEXT SITREP AT 252000H OCT 68.

B. ARG ALFA

(1) REMAIN IN HOLDING AREAS OFF DANANG PROVIDING SUPPORT TO  
BLT 2/26 OPERATING ASHORE.

C. SLF ALFA

(1) BLT 2/26 CONTINUE OPERATIONS ASHORE AND CHOP TO IN-  
COUNTRY COMMANDER.

5. ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTH: NONE

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 CO BN TWO SLANT ONE  
 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTF SEVEN NINE  
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OPN EAGER HUNTER CHOP/AOA DISETABLISHMENT (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 231932Z OCT 68

1. (S) SELECTED ELEMENTS OF THE LANDING FORCE HAVE BEEN FIRMLY  
 ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND COMMAND. COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORTING ARMS  
 COORDINATION HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ASHORE. SELECTED ELEMENTS OF SLF  
 ALFA WILL CHOP TO CG III MAF AT 251530H6 OCT 68 AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON

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BY CATF, CLF AND CG III MAF. EAGER HUNTER AOA DISESTABLISHED AS OF  
 251530H6. ARG ALFA REMAINS IN SUPPORT OF OPS ASHORE.

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OPN EAGER HUNTER/GARRARD BAY SITREP NR 97 AND FINAL AS OF 230001Z OCT 68 (U)

1. (U) ARG ALFA COMP: NO CHG
2. (S) ACTION TAKEN

A. ARG/SLF ALFA:

- (1) COMPL OFF LOAD BLT 2/26 AND HMM 363
- ((2) TERMINATED OPN EAGER HUNTER A S OF 271800Z OCT 68
- (3) CTG 76.4 CCO CONTINUES ENBARK PLANNING AT FIRST CAV DIV CP

B. ARG ALFA

- (1) COMPL OFLD OF HMM 363 AND BLT 2/26.
- (2) TG 76.4 CONDUCTED A UNREP WITH ZELIMAN

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- (3) WINDHAM CTY/PT DEFIANCE/DUBUQUE STEAMING IN HOLDING AREAS OFF HUE MAKING PREP TO LOA LEMENTS FIRST CAV DIV.
- (4) PRINCO HOLDING OFF DANANG

## C. SLF ALFA

- (1) EMBARKED IN PRINCETON CONDUCTING PLANNING FOR FUTURE SPECOPS.

## D. MEDICAL

## (1) ADMISSIONS

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	LAST 24 HOURS	TOTAL FOR OPERATION
(1) ADMISSIONS	12	21
(A) NON-COMBAT	9	18
(B) COMBAT	3	3
(C) KILLED IN ACTION	1	1
(2) DISPOSITIONS		
(A) DISCHARGED	15	15
(B) TRANSFERED	1	1
(C) DIED OF WOUNDS	0	0
(D) REMAINING IN SICKBAY	5	5

3. (U) COMMENT: NONE

4. INTENTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF ALFA

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- (1) CONTINUE PREP FOR CONDUCT OPN LIBERTY CANYON.

## B. ARG ALFA:

- (1) TG 76.4 (LESS PRINCETON) REMAIN IN HOLDING AREAS OFF HUE PREPARED TO EMBARK ELEMENTS FIRST CAV DIV.
- (2) PRINCETON REMAIN IN HOLDING AREA OFF DANANG

## C. SLF ALFA

- (1) CONTINUE PLANNING FOR FUTURE SPEC OPS

4. (U) ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTH: NONE

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DATE

**COMMANDER  
SPECIAL LANDING FORCE ALFA**



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To: Commander, Task Force 79

Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation Eager Hunter/Garrard  
Bay

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT 201 Plan  
(b) CTF 79 120 Plan

Encl: (1) Commander, Task Group 79.4 After Action Report: Oper-  
ation Eager Hunter/Garrard Bay

(2) BLT 2/26 After Action Report, Operation Garrard Bay 15 Dec 66

(3) HMM-363 After Action Report, Operation Swift Pursuit II/  
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1. Enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted in accordance with  
references (a) and (b).

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## COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT, OPERATION EAGER HUNTER/GARRARD BAY

1. NAME OF OPERATION: EAGER HUNTER/GARRARD BAY

2. INCLUSIVE DATES AND LOCATION OF OPERATION: 250800H Oct 1968/27 1800Z Oct 1968, MAP REFERENCE: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6640 I and 6640 IV. The assigned force beachhead was in the southeastern corner of QUANG NAM Province, on the coast at BT 0969, then south west to BT 068678, then south to BT 068637, then west to BT 058630, south along the river to BT 058620, then east to BT 074620, then north east to the coast at BT 120644.

3. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: Commander, Task Group 79.4 embarked aboard SLF/ARG shipping. BLT 2/26 OPCON to Commander TG 79.4. BLT chopped to CG, IIIMAF, 2515300H Oct 1968 (CTG 79.4 MSG 250708Z Oct 68) simultaneously chopped to 1st MARINES, commencing Operation Eager Hunter/Dade Glade later renamed OPN Eager Hunter/Garrard Bay.

4. TASK ORGANIZATION:

TASK GROUP 79.4	Col. J. F. MCMAHON JR.
BLT 2/26	LtCol W. F. SPARKS
HMM 363	Maj J. L. HARRISON

5. INTELLIGENCE: (CTG 79.4 MSG 240045Z OCT 68)

a. Enemy Situation: General Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the enemy was using the area to move men and equipment with the help of the local population, to within striking distance of Marble Mountain and DaNang Air Base.

b. Order of Battle: The following identifiable units were believed located in the area:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
R20 MAIN FORCE BN	BT 064612	240/300	UNK
QUANG DA BN (SAPPER)	BT 086659	120	UNK
	BT 095654		
	BT 103655		

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c. Operational Effect on Enemy: The enemy has been avoiding large scale contact in the operational area, and left behind many booby traps, mines, and delay action type devices. A few small bunkers were blown. All indications are that the enemy will continue to avoid any large scale contacts in the AOA.

6. MISSION: Special Landing Force ALFA assigned mission was to conduct an amphibious assault at H-Hour on D-Day to assist in cordoning targeted hamlets with the intent of isolating VC Cadre from the local civilian population, to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations and material within the AOA and withdraw on order.

7. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, Task Group 79.4 in direct support of BLT 2/26 provided an emergency floating dump for Class I through Class V supplies/medical evacuation with PCRS and helicopter services using HMM 363 and ARG shipping. SLF/ARG ALFA conducted an amphibious assault in the AOA by helicopter borne forces to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installation in the AOA; to interdict enemy LOC to Da Nang; and in conjunction with 1st MAR, ARVN Forces and National Police conduct deliberate cordon and search operations in the AOA. After assuming OPCON of BLT 2/26, 1st MARINES Reinforced with one USMC Battalion, in conjunction with ARVN Forces conducted cordon and search operations in the Vien Dong Village complex (AT 0767) to find, fix, capture and/or destroy enemy forces, material, caches and installations. BLT 2/26 assumed responsibility for battalion size TAOR, clockwise from BT 113651 to BT 089641 to BT 086705 to BT 996780. BLT 2/26 conducted, in conjunction with ARVN Forces cordon and search operation of Viem Dong Village complex (AT 0767) to find, fix, capture and/or destroy enemy forces, material, caches, and installations. Inserted MEDCAP for utilization during search of complex. BLT 2/26 in conjunction with other USMC forces conducted search and clear operations in Phong Ho (1) (BT 0662) and Phong Ho (2) (BT0763) to find, fix, capture and/or destroy enemy forces, material, caches and installations and fortifications.

8. EXECUTION: (CTG 79.4 MSG 240047Z Oct 68; BLT 2/26 MSG 240416Z Oct 68; CTG 76.4 MSGS 250253Z Oct 68, 250708Z Oct 68, and 280144Z Oct 68)

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CTG 79.4 commenced Operation Eager Hunter, 250800H Oct 68. Cordon and search operations in the objective area commenced with the initial move into the area and were continued uninterrupted through out the operation. Following is a chronological listing of significant events commencing with pre-D-Day planning through to termination of OPN Eager Hunter on departure of SLF/ARG ALFA from the operating area.

a. 18/24 Oct: CTG 79.4 conducted liaison with 1st Mar. Div., 1st MAW and 1st Marines completing coordination for amphibious OPN Eager Hunter, 1st Marines AO.

b. 240001Z Oct: Initiating directive for OPN Eager Hunter received by CTG 79.4.

c. 240650Z Oct:

(1) CG, 1st Mar. Div., prepares to assume OPCON of BLT 2/26 and concurrently chop to 1st Marines Reinforced on completion of lift to Battalion.

(2) CTG 79.4 conducts supporting operations in waters adjacent to 1st Mar (Rein) TAOR.

d. 250001Z Oct:

(1) 0800H: SLF/ARG ALFA executed OPN Eager Hunter. First helos touched down in LZ Red at 0800H, L-Hour, on time, without opposition. BLT 2/26 executed cordon of objective area and continued search.

(2) 250830H: UH-34D received small arms fire from vic BT 092647. Helo received two hits and developed engine trouble and remained in LZ. Aircraft was lifted out to Marble Mountain by CH-53.

(3) 251050H: AO vic BT 078629 observed 15 VC in open and called fixed wing. Resulting in 1 VC KIA.

(4) 251200 - 1800H: BLT 2/26 supported by HMM-363 continued cordon and search operations vicinity Vien Dong Village Complex. Negligible contact. Area almost devoid of civilians.

(5) 251530H: CATF passed OPCON selected elements of BLT 2/26 ashore to CG III MAF IAW COMSEVENTHFLT 231932Z Oct 68. BLT 2/26 participates in Eager Hunter/Dade Glade under OPCON 1st Marines. HMM 363

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remains aboard LPH-5. SLF/ARG ALFA continues in support.

(6) Positions:

(a) SLF/ARG ALFA - Holding area off DaNang.

(b) BLT 2/26 CP - BT 094665  
E CO - BT 085647  
F CO - BT 087657  
G CO - BT 095654  
H CO - BT 105656

e. 261200Z Oct: BLT 2/26 continued cordon and search operation vic Viem Dong, supported by GVN elements. Detailed screening of civilian populace continued to reveal large numbers of females in area several of which appeared on CIT blacklist.

f. 270001Z Oct:

(1) Positions:

(a) SLF/ARG ALFA - Holding area off DaNang.

(b) BLT 2/26 CP - BT 094665  
E CO - BT 089649  
F CO - BT 089656  
G CO - BT 099656  
H CO - BT 093657

(2) BLT 2/26 participating in OPN Eager Hunter/Garrard Bay. Name of OPN ashore changed from Dade Glads to Garrard Bay. Mission remains the same.

g. 271200Z Oct:

(1) SLF/ARG ALFA conducting off load of BLT 2/26 admin/log rear and HMM-363 in preparation for ARG participation in OPN Liberty Canyon.

(2) 270840 Oct: BLT 2/26 conducted a helicopterborne assault vic Phong Ho (BT 0662) to conduct search and clear operations. Lift terminated at 1330H. Battalion Command Group relocated to Bn 2/1 CP. Helicopters received enemy small arms fires in all helicopter LZ's and enroute. Eighty-two hostile fire incidents were reported resulting in nine aircraft receiving battle damage. Requirements of OPN Liberty Canyon resulted in movement of all BLT supplies and equipment ashore.

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to FLC, DaNang, and all HMM-363 material to MMAF.

(3) 271600Z Oct: HMM-363 chopped ashore to III MAF.

h. 280001Z Oct:

(1) Completed off load of BLT 2/26 and HMM 363.

(2) 271800Z Oct: SLF/ARG ALFA terminated OPN Eager Hunter.

(3) ARG ALFA continues preparation for OPN Liberty Canyon and embarkation of elements of First Cav. Div., U.S. ARMY.

1. On termination of SLF/ARG ALFA participation, casualties were as follows:

Friendly		Enemy	
KIA	1	KIA	1
WIA	2	WIA	UNK

Civil affairs and Psychological activities were limited to MEDCAP and loud speaker broadcasts directing civilians out of target areas.

9. RESULTS: See para 5.c. above. Friendly losses are outlined in para 10 f below, enemy losses covered in closing remarks of para 8 i above. Friendly equipment lost or destroyed was negligible, all damaged helicopters, a total of ten (10) were returned to duty.

10. COMMANDER ANALYSIS: This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The BLT and HMM Commander's analysis are included in their reports, enclosure (2) and (3).

a. Planning

(1) Planning Conference with III MAF, First Mar Div., First MAW, First Marines and CTG 79.4 commenced on 18 Oct and was completed by D-Day.

(2) Prior to and throughout the operation continuous and close planning and liaison was conducted with pertinent commanders.

b. Command Relationships

(1) HMM-363 was under OPCON of CTG 79.4 during the entire

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operation.

(2) BLT 2/26 initially under OPCON of CTG 79.4, chopped to CG, III MAF, 251530 Oct 68, simultaneously chopped to First Marines.

c. Enemy Contact: (See para 5.c., above)

d. Supporting Arms: Supporting Arms coordination was provided by in-country commands. SIG/ARG did not function in this area other than for the initial landing 25 Oct 68.

e. Logistics:

(1) Planning

(a) Liaison established with FLC DaNang.

(b) BLT drew supply/resupply from in-country sources.

(2) Execution

(a) BLT supply rear established at FLC, DaNang.

(b) All requisitioning of supplies I through V accomplished ashore through FLC, DaNang.

(c) BLT 2/26 admin rear initially aboard ARG shipping moved ashore by 272000Z Oct 68.

(d) SLF/ARG w/HMM 363 remained holding area in support of operations ashore from 25 Oct 1968, until termination of the operation and debarkation of BLT admin rear and HMM-363 on 272000Z Oct.

(e) HMM-363 provided helicopters for command and control, liaison, MEDEVAC, and logistical flights for the SLF and BLT 2/26.

(f) HMM-363 maintained 15 minute MEDEVAC Standby.

(g) MEDEVAC guard and casualty reporting for BLT 2/26 terminated by TG 79.4 at 272430 Oct 1968 and passed ashore.

(h) No insurmountable supply problems were encountered.

(i) The USS Princeton was designated as Primary Casualty Receiving Ship (PCRS).

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f. Casualty Reporting: Casualty reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives. The 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA was located aboard the USS Princeton (LPH-5), which was designated the Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. BLT 2/26 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned at NSA DaNang RVN to collect and pass casualty information concerning Special Landing Force ALFA personnel on to the 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA.

CASUALTY RECAPITULATION  
25-28 October 1968

Friendly

KIA	1
WIA	2
WIANE	0
Non-Hostile	10
TOTAL	13

g. Civic Action: No civic action program was conducted due to the area of operation and the type of operation conducted.

h. ISO: A photographer and journalist were attached to BLT 2/26 and went ashore with the BLT to provide information service coverage.

i. Communications: Communications were established IAW Task Group 79.4 OP Plan 120 (YR), and TG 79.4 COI dtd 22 October 1968. A Message Center was maintained afloat in conjunction with the USS Princeton Naval Communications Center. CTG 79.4 maintained message distribution responsibility for BLT 2/26 and HMM-363. The following nets were established/utilized during operation Eager Hunter/Garrard Bay.

1st Div Special purpose #1 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net, establishing communications (plain and cipher) with 1st Mar Div.

1st Marines Tac #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net, establishing communications (plain and cipher) with 1st Marines.

SLF Tac #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 established this net with TG 79.4 Liaison Team at BLT CP and TG 79.4 Relay Team at 2/1 CP.

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Additional Nets Established/Entered

CTG 79.4 also entered Fire Support Coordination Net/Air Observer Net and Arty Conduct of Fire #1 net during landing and until OPCON of BLT was assumed ashore. BLT Tac #2, Tac Log and Log Admin Nets were monitored/entered as situation required.

Radio Relay

Radio Relay between 1st Division and CTG 79.4 was tried unsuccessfully, with CTG utilizing the USS Princeton relay equipment. The 1st Div received our signal, but the TG was unable to receive the signal from 1st Div. More relay shots will be tried on future operations.

10. LESSONS LEARNED: Prior to this operation the BLT had been operating for sometime in the northern portion of I Corps, where few, if any, booby traps, mines, or delay action devices are encountered by our men. Just the reverse is true of the area just operated in, where the majority of enemy encountered are VC, who are extremely industrious at planting booby traps, etc. In anticipation of expected conditions, extensive ashore schooling was conducted for the men in the techniques of locating and identifying possible booby traps. As noted, our casualties were light; a considerable number of booby traps and mines were successfully located and destroyed without injury to our men or equipment. It is felt that the instruction given was extremely beneficial. Helicopters, lifting units out of previously used LZ's, came under extensive small arms fire. It is anticipated that during future operations, LZ's will be shifted, if at all possible to preclude enemy forces securing fixes on our exact locations.

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(c) BRIGO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Commander Task Group 79.4 Command Chronology

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with references (a), (b) and (c).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION  
TG 79.4COMMANDER  
COL J. F. MCMAHON JR.  
1-31 December 1968

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/26  
1-31 December 1968LTCOL W. F. SPARKS  
1-31 December 1968HMM 363  
1-7 December 1968  
HMM 362  
8-31 December 1968MAJ T. J. CRONIN JR  
1-7 December 1968  
LTCOL J. E. SCHLARP  
8-31 December 1968

## ATTACHED UNITS

## 2. LOCATION

## SHIPS

USS OKINAWA (LPH-3)  
1-31 December 1968  
USS DULUTH (LPD-6)  
1-31 December 1968  
USS FORT MARION (LSI-22)  
1-31 December 1968  
USS WINSTON (AKA-94)  
1-31 December 19683. STAFF OFFICERS  
Executive OfficerLTCOL K. "L." LYNN  
1-31 December 1968

S-1/Adjutant

1STLT L. HICKS  
1-31 December 1968

Intelligence Officer/Aerial Officer

MAJ R. B. LEWIS  
1-31 December 1968

Operation Officer

MAJ D. B. TOWNSEND  
1-31 December 1968

Asst Operation Officer

MAJ T. A. WILLIAMSON  
1-31 December 1968

Communications Officer

CAPT R. L. FOSTER  
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Air Officer

MAJ H. P. JONES  
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Logistics Officer

MAJ A. A. SLEPICKA  
1-31 December 1968

Fire Support Coordinating Officer

MAJ G. P. MURPHY  
1-31 December 1968

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
SLE HQ	10	46	0	0
BLT 2/26	55	1612	8	91
HMM 363	47	190	1	3
HMM 362	55	217	1	3

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Dec - SLF S-4 and Embark NCO returned from Da Nang to Subic Bay with BLT 2/26 rep. and load plans for ARG ships.
- 5 Dec - Completed transfer and stowage of all LFORM, LSU Blocks and SIF equipment aboard ships of PHIBRON V.
- 6 Dec - SLF Staff departed Subic Bay, P.I., for RVN aboard USS Okinawa. Planning conducted enroute to Viet Nam for Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 8 Dec - Brig Gen JOHN E. WILLIAMS, CG 9th MAB, aboard USS Okinawa for visit with SLF 'ALFA'.  
Received advance party HMM 362 aboard USS Okinawa.  
Commenced loading of BLT 2/26 personnel and equipment aboard USS Okinawa  
USS Duluth, USS FORT MARION.  
OPCON of HMM 362 passed to CTG 79.4.
- 9 Dec - Completed embarkation aboard USS Okinawa of elements of BLT 2/26 and HMM 362.  
Deputy C/S, 9th MAB, Col COFFEEN, aboard USS Okinawa in conjunction with Admin/Logistics Inspection.
- 10 Dec - Selected members of SLF Staff conducted liaison visit to IZ Baldy, 196th Light Inf. Bde., Americal Div. in preparation for Opn Valiant Hunt.  
Completed embarkation of elements of BLT 2/26 aboard USS Duluth and USS Fort Marion.
- 11 Dec - C/S, 9th MAB, Col John LOWMAN, visited CTG 79.4/76.4 and RON USS Okinawa.  
CTG 79.4 and Staff made liaison with III MAF and GVN Forces of Quang Nam Prov concerning Opn Valiant Hunt at III MAF HQ.  
CTG 79.4 visited CG 2D ROKMC BDE.  
Commenced embarkation of remaining BLT 2/26 equipment aboard USS Winston
- 12 Dec - Col GILDO S. CODISPOTI, Representative TF 76 aboard USS Okinawa for briefing and visit.  
CTG 79.4 issued Frag Opn Order 4-68 for Opn Valiant Hunt.  
Embarkation aboard all ARG ships completed.  
Coordination with FLC Da Nang for emergency resupply, if necessary, of Class I and V during Opn Valiant Hunt
- 13 Dec - Final briefing conducted by CTG 79.4 Staff for all units aboard USS Okinawa in preparation for Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 15 Dec - D-Day helicopter assault on villages of An Lac and Thi Lai to establish cordon combined with waterborne landing of artillery over Blue Beach commenced Valiant Hunt.

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- 15-24 Dec - Logistics Support for Opn Valiant Hunt. Two 105 Howitzers evacuated to FLC Da Nang for repairs. Twice weekly run by USS Winston to Da Nang for resupply.
- 17 Dec - Brig Gen Carl W. HOFFMAN, G-3, III MAF aboard USS Okinawa for visit. Brig Gen COOKSEY, ADC, Americal Div., aboard USS Okinawa for visit.
- 18-19 Dec - Reembarked and helo-landed G Co in surprise assault and cordon on fortified Hamlet Tay Thanh adjacent to Op Area to reduce anti-A/C and sniperfire encountered by BLT 2/26 and HMM 362.
- 20 Dec - Helo lift of F Co to GS BT 1651 to assist G Co. in cordon and search and destruction of 67 enemy bunkers and trenches.
- 24 Dec - BLT 2/26(-) reembarked aboard ARG shipping. B/1/13 remained at Blue Beach, FSB, in support of GVN Forces.
- 25 Dec - SLF ALFA with BLT 2/26 and HMM 362 observed Christmas aboard ship while preparing for helo assault, 27 Dec, on Hein Luong Village.
- 25-26 Dec - Resupply in Da Nang Harbor by selected elements of ARG. Initial liaison conference between III MAF, Americal Div., TF 79 TF 76 and lesser included commands conducted at III MAF HQ on Opn Bold Mariner.
- 27 Dec - Heliborne assault launched on Hein Luong Village by BLT 2/26, supported by HMM 362 for continuation of Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 27-28 Dec - Established BSA dump ashore at Blue Beach with two days Class I; selected items Class II, III, and V; and DOA Class V for weapons ashore. Provided logistics support to units ashore for BSA. Replenishment of BSA dump from ARG ships and by LCU directly from FSR, Da Nang.
- 28 Dec - Lt Cmdr GRAY, Royal Australian Navy, Medical Corps, visited elements of BLT 2/26 ashore and medical facilities aboard LPH-3 to observe evacuation and medical procedures.
- 27-31 Dec - Logistic Support for Opn Valiant Hunt. Two 105 Howitzers returned to action. Twice Weekly runs by LCU and USS Winston to Da Nang for resupply. Continued prosecution of Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 1-5 Jan - Operation Valiant Hunt continued with operation being terminated at 051400Z Jan 69.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 6 Dec - SLF ALFA and PHIBRON V, aboard ARG shipping, depart Subic Bay, P.I. for Da Nang, RVN.
- 8 Dec - Brig Gen John E. WILLIAMS, CG 9th MAB, aboard USS Okinawa.
- 9 Dec - Completed embarkation of BLT 2/26 aboard USS Okinawa, Da Nang Harbor. OPCON HMM 362 passed to CTG 79.4. Deputy C/S, 9th MAB, Col COFFEEN, Aboard USS Okinawa, in conjunction with admin/logistics inspection.
- 15 Dec - D-Day Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 17 Dec - Brig Gen Carl W. HOFFMAN, G-3 III MAF, aboard USS Okinawa for visit Brig Gen COOKSEY, Acting Div. Cmdr., Americal Div., aboard USS Okinawa for visit.
- 24 Dec - BLT 2/26(-) reembarked aboard ARG shipping.
- 25 Dec - SLF ALFA with BLT 2/26(-) and HMM 362 observed Christmas aboard ship while preparing for assault on 27 Dec 68.
- 27 Dec - Heliborne assault launched on Hein Luong Village by BLT 2/26 in continuation of Opn Valiant Hunt.
- 31 Dec 68 - 5 Jan 69 - Operation Valiant Hunt continued until termination 051400Z Jan 69.

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OPERATION VALIANT HUNT INITIATING DIRECTIVE (U)

A. MY CPLAN 121-59

B. MWP 22 (D)

1. SITUATION: CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE I CTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE 76.4/79.4 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION.

2. — **MISSION** COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF) CONDUCT A1-

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- AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/MPA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG NAM/QUANG TIN PROVINCE OF I CTZ IN ORDER TO CLEAR SELECTED AREAS AND TO ESTABLISH A CORDON FOR SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION BY INDIGENOUS FORCES AS PART OF ACP OR OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.
5. CIG 75.4 (COMPHIBRON FIVE) EMBARKED IN USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) DESIGNATED CATF.
  4. CIG 79.4 (COMMANDER SLF ALFA) EMBARKED IN USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).
  5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW 3X. (2) AND (3) OF REF A.
  6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE GAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B(1) OF REF U.
  7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
  8. SCHEDULE FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE VALIANT HUNT WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 15 DEC. SO-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL GFORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.
  9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
  10. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND

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B. CTG 79.4 OP PLAN 120A-(YR)

C. COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 120038Z DEC 68

D. NWP 22 (B)

E. YG 79.4 ORDER P05000.1

SCOPE: THIS IS CTG 79.4 FRAG ORDER FOUR-SIX EIGHT FOR OPN VALIANT HUNT IN AMPLIFICATION OF REF C.

ANNEX A OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEP)(NOTAL)

ANNEX AA FIRE SUPPORT CORD (PASEP)(NOTAL)

ANNEX AC ARTILLERY (PASEP)(NOTAL)

ANNEX AD NAVAL GUNFIRE (PASEP)(NOTAL)

TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 79.4 COL MCMAHON

BLT 2/26 (REIN) (-) LTCOL SPARKS

HMM 362 (REIN) LTCOL SCHLARP

DET VMO

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) EAW ANNEX D (INTEL) TO REF B.

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(2) CURRENT INT SUMS

(3) CTG 79.4 INTEL ST ISSUED SEPARATELY

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) IAW REF B

(2) GVN FORCES AS PROVIDED BY III MAF

(3) CG FIRST MAW PROVIDES CAS AS DIR BY III MAF. TWO (2)

CAS A/C O/S FROM H/L HR-15 TO H/L HR PLUS 240. FOUR (4), ARMED,  
ONE SLICK UH-1E AND FIRE FLY ON CALL.

(4) CTU 70.8.9 PROVIDES NGF SPT; TWO 5" 54 DESTROYER.

(5) CTG 115.1 PROVIDES MARKET TIME SUPPORT.

C. ATTACHMENTS

(1) BJU DET FOXTROT TU 76.4.0.4

(2) DET 11TH ITT

(3) DET 5TH CIT

2. MISSION: COMMENCING H/L-HOUR ON D-DAY SLF CONDUCTS AMPHIB  
OPN IN AOA TO CLEAR OBJ AREA AND EST CORDOVS WITHIN WHICH ARVN;  
RF/PF, WFFF AND PRU'S CAN CONDUCT DETAILED SEARCH FOR AND  
DEST/CAPTURE OF VCI/VC/HAMLET GUERRILLAS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SLF CONDUCTS HELIBORN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT

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INTO VIC OF HAMLETS AN LAC AND THI LAI (2) CONDUCTS CORDON AND  
SEARCH OPNS IN COORD WITH GVN FORCES TO ELIMINATE LOCAL VC/VCI  
AND TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES IN AO.

B. BLT 2/26: AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELIBORNE,  
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT INTO SELECTED LANDING ZONES AND EST  
CORDON OF HAMLETS AN LAC (GS-BT 1551) AND THI LAI (2)  
(GS-BT 1451) CONDUCTS SEARCH OPNS IN SUPPORT III MAF ACCELERATED  
PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN (APC) IN COORD WITH ASSIGNED GVN FORCES.  
DESIGNATE RESERVE COMPANY TO BE COMMITTED ON ORDER CTG 79.4.  
RES CO TO MAINTAIN PLAT SIZE SPARROW HAWK FORCE IAW REF B AND  
E WHILE EMB. ON ORDER LAND B-1-13 (REIN) OVER BLUE BEACH AND  
EMPLACE VIC BT 208572, D-S, BLT 2/26. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT  
FURTHER OPNS IN AO OR WITHDRAWAL ON ORDER CTG 79.4.

C. HMM 362 (REIN). PROVIDE HELO SPT IAW REF B AND BLT LANDING  
PL. PROVIDE SUPPRESSIVE FIRES AND OBSERVATION IN SPT OF HELO  
AND TROOP MOVEMENTS. PROVIDE ADD MISSIONS AS ASSIGNED BY CLF.

D. DET 11TH ITT. EFF 150700H DEC ATTACHED TO BLT 2/26.

E. DET 5TH CIT. EFF 150700H DEC ATTACHED TO BLT 2/26.

F. BJU DET FOXTROT 76.4.0.4. ON ORDER CTG 79.4 LAND BY  
HELO IN DESIGNATED LZ IN SUPPORT OF BLT 2/26.

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G. LANDING FORCE RESERVE: BE PREPARED TO LAND BY HELO IN ASSIGNED HLZ TO A ME ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS:

- (1) REIN OR RELIEVE ANY COMMITTED UNIT
- (2) EXPLOIT ANY TACTICAL ADVANTAGE
- (3) CONDUCT HELO PATROLS WITHIN AO
- (4) PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK FORCE IAW REF B AND E WHILE EMB.

H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF B
- (2) REF E
- (3) D-DAY IS 15 DEC 68
- (4) H/L-HOUR IS 0800H (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- (5) ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY)
- (6) MAP GRID DESIGNATOR BRAVO TANGO (BT)
- (7) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW REF B
- (8) EEI'S IAW ANNEX D (INTEL) REF B AND CURRENT ESTIMATE
- (9) AIR OPNS IAW ANNEX G, REF B AND THE FOLLOWING:
  - (A) 2 CAS A/C WITH BOTH HARD AND SOFT ORDNANCE FROM L-15 TO L PLUS 240 ON STATION/ON CALL TO BE RELIEVED ON STATION.
  - (B) CAS A/C ON CALL FROM D-DAY TO D PLUS 5 FOR SUPPORT OF GROUND OPNS.

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(10) FIRE SUPPORT COORD IAW ANNEX ALFA-ALFA REF B AND ANNEX ALFA-ALFA THIS FRAG.

(11) NAVAL GUNFIRE IAW ANNEX ALFA-DELTA REF B AND ANNEX ALFA-DELTA THIS FRAG.

(12) ARTILLERY IAW ANNEX ALFA-CHARLIE REF B AND ANNEX ALFA-CHARLIE THIS FRAG.

(13) BLUE BEACH LOC COORD FM BT 206569 TO BT 209572.

(14) HELO LANDING ZONES (ALL BT)

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| (A) EAGLE   | 149520 |
| (B) HAWK    | 154519 |
| (C) CROW    | 146515 |
| (D) VULTURE | 149511 |

(15) HELO LZ'S CONTROLLED BY SILENT MAN 14 ON 31.70 PRIMARY

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(16) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES. SEE ANNEX A - (OPN OVERLAY)

(17) THRUST POINTS (ALL BT)

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| (A) CIGARETTE   | 1955 |
| (B) BEER        | 1450 |
| (C) TOOTH PASTE | 1745 |

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ZEN/NNN THREE SIX TWO  
INFO RUMHQA/CINCPAC  
RUYNSYB/CINCPACFLT  
RUMHQA/COMUSMACV  
RUYNSYA/CS FMFPAC  
RUYNSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUYPSYD/CS III MAF  
RUYPSYB/CS FIRST MARDIV  
RUYPSYF/CS FIRST NAV  
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RUYNSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE (AAS49)  
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(D) STATE 2352  
(E) DESERTS 1752  
(F) CARS 1649

(16) LANDWARD AAA CONTAINED W/I FOLLOWING BOUNDRIES (ALL COORDS IN  
LAND WARD  
EXTENSION FROM 222372 TO 219373 THEN SE ALONG NORTH BANK SONG TWO SON  
RIVER TO 199566 TO 182550 THENCE WEST TO 173398 TO 141534 THEN SE TO  
122502, SE TO 158450, NE TO 171470, NE TO 164424 THENCE ALONG QUAN  
QUE SON-QUAN THANG BINH DIST BOUNDARY EAST TO 169496, THEN ALONG  
TINH QUANG NAM-TINH QUANG TIN PROV BOUNDARY TO THE SEA.

(19) NICKNAME: VALLENT HUNT  
(20) REPORTS:

(A) IAW ANNEX E (REPORTS) REF B  
(B) SUBMIT INITIAL SITREP BLT L-PLUS 30 MIN.

#### 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMIN AND LOG INSTR CONT REF (B) EXCEPT AS FOL:

(1) SUPPLIES

(A) CLASS V PRESCRIBED LOAD (MINIMUM) IS BASIC ALLOWANCE  
(B) FOR UPON LANDED.

(C) ALL CLASSES SHIP AVAIL FM BLT OF STOCK AND LFORM OF



1. DELIV 6 ESTAB TAC-LOG OF CDR.

2. USS FORT MARION DESIG PRI CONT SHIP (PCS)

(D) RESUPPLY

1. ITEMS OF SUP TO BE STAGED ON EACH SHIP AS REQ FOR DELIV ASHORE BY SURFACE, HELO OR COMB BOTH AS APPROP.

2. SHORE PARTY BE PREP ESTAB LIMITED LSA ASHORE FOR CLASS I, III AND V LFORM IF REQUIRED.

3. RESUP REQUESTS DIRECT FM BLT S-4-00 TAC-LOG AND USS OKINAWA.

4. UNIT DIST BY SURFACE OR HELO AS APPROP. REQ HELO THRU PRI TAC-LOG

5. PRI WATER RESUP FM USS DANANG. ALTERNATE USS FORT MARION OF LSA IF ESTAB.

6. ITEMS STAGED ON SHIP AS REQUIRED. SEE TAC-LOG.

7. TAC-LOG RPT ISSUED BY SHIP OF CLASS I, III, IV, AND V SUP TO TAC-LOG AS SHOWN DAILY AS OF ISSUED. DISTINGUISH LFORM AND OF RESUPPLY OF SHIP AS SHOWN.

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(E) RPT CAPTURED FUGITIVES TO CTR 79.4 ISSUED FOR BIRM.

(F) CAPTURED FUGITIVES, WEPS AND EQUIP, EXCEPT EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND ITEMS IN PARAGRAPH (G) BELOW, WILL BE EVAC TO CTR 79.4 TAC-LOG OR USS OKINAWA.

(G) EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

(A) EVAC

1. USS OKINAWA DESIG CAS EVAC CONT SHIP (CECS).

2. ALL REAS TO USS OKINAWA.

3. ROUTINE MED EVAC REQ TO USS OKINAWA OVER TAC-LOG NET OTHER MED EVAC REQ OTHER FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.

4. COMM WITH HELOS IN LE FOR ROUTINE MED EVAC IS NET LOG NET. ALL OTHER MED EVACS USE TAC-LOG LOCAL NET.

5. EVAC ALL CIVILIAN EQUIP AND WEPS WITH CAS EXCEPT CLASS V ITEMS WHICH WILL BE CAS ASHORE PRIOR TO EVAC.

6. CIVILIAN AND RETAINED CAS EVAC TO NSA DANANG.

(B) MOP AS PRESCRIBED BY CECS.

(C) CASUALTY REPORTING

1. BLT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAS RPT.

2. CAS IN REAS TO BE ESTAB AT NSA DANANG TO COLLECT INFO ON MED EVACS FOR FORWARDING TO 9TH MAR CHCC ALFA AND USS OKINAWA.

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3. CAS CARDS OF PERS WITH MINOR HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE WOUNDS AND INJURIES, IF RET DUTY W/O EVAC, WILL BE SUB TO 9TH MAB CRCC ALPHA ON USS OKINAWA FOR RPT SOONEST.

## (3) SERVICE

(A) IF REQUIRED AUTH TO DRAW LFORM/OP RES ASSETS MAYBE REQ FROM 79.4 COMMENCING D-DAY. ISSUE ONLY WHEN COMBAT ESSENTIAL. RPT EXPEND IAW ANNEX B REF (B), AND PARA (1) (D) & ABOVE. LFORM WILL BE REPL EARLIEST.

(B) LIMITED MAINT ASSIST AVAIL THRU LSU ORGANIC TO BLT REG THRU TAC-LOG.

## (4) PERSONNEL

(A) CAPTURED PERS WILL BE SCREENED BY BLT. DETAINEES WILL BE DELIV W/EQUIP AND DOC FOUND ON THEIR PERSON TO CI/ITI TEAMS OPERATING WITH LOCAL FORCES. MEDEVAC AS PER PARA (2) (A) & ABOVE.

(B) CIVIC ACTION. NONE DUE TAC SIT AND NATURE OF OPS.

## (7) MISCELLANEOUS

(A) ISO PHOTO/JOURNALIST WILL ACCOMP BLT ASHORE WITH UNIT DESIG BY BLT CDR.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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## A. IAW REF B EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN.

(1) CALL SIGNS IAW 79.4 COI DTD 14 DEC 68.

(2) RADIO PLAN ISSUED SEPARATELY.

(3) ARTILLERY COMM IAW REF B AND CURRENT COI'S

(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE COMM, SEE ANNEX G TO 76.4 OPLAN 101-68

(5) AIR SUPPORT COMM, SEE ANNEX H TO TG 76.4 OPLAN 101A-68.

## (6) CRYPTOGRAPHIC

(A) CURRENT KAK FOR KY-S OPNS

(B) KAC-QAG AND KAC-QY FOR AUTHENTICATION AND NUMERAL CODE.

(C) KAC-PAG AND KAC-PY, FOR OPNS CODE.

(7) RADIO SILENCE AS DIR BY CATF.

## B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLOAT: CTG 79.4, CTG 76.4, BLT 2/26, HMM 362, USS OKINAWA (LPH-3)

(2) ASHORE: BLT 2/26 REPORT LOCATIONS INCLUDING COMPANY CP'S WHEN EST.

C. COMMAND RELATIONS. IAW ANNEX C (COMMAND RELATIONS) TO REF B. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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L (C) EXECUTE MY OPORD 309-68.

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VALIANT HUNT (U)  
1. (S) H HOUR CONFIRMED AS 150830H7 DEC 68  
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FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
TO BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX  
HMM THREE SIX TWO  
O 220632Z DEC 68  
FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
TO WIG ONE SIX

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VALIANT HUNT (U)

WITHDRAWAL ORDER (S)

A. CTG 76.4 OPLAN 101A-68, ANNEX INDIA, APPENDIX VII.

1. (S) TWENTY-THREE DECEMBER 1968:

A. W-HOUR IS 230000H3 RPT 230000H3 TO BE CONFIRMED.

B. HELIBORNE WITHDRAWAL OF GOLF AND FOXTROT COMPANIES, ENG PLAT (-), TWO SECT 106MM RR FROM LZ CLARK BT173515/2 TO USS OKINAWA.

2. (S) TWENTY-FOUR DECEMBER 1968:

A. W-HOUR IS 240000H4 RPT 240000H4 TO BE CONFIRMED.

B. HELIBORNE MOVEMENT FROM LZ HAWK BT154519/5 OF HOTEL AND ECHO COMPANIES, TWO SECT 81MM MTR, TWO SECT 106MM RR, MTR BTRY 1/12 TO BLUE BEACH.

C. BN CP GRP AND TWO SECT 81MM MTR FROM LZ HAWK BT154519/5 TO USS OKINAWA.

D. WATERBORNE WITHDRAWAL OF HOTEL AND ECHO COMPANIES AND TWO

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SECT 81 MM MTR, TWO SECT 106MM RR, MTR BTRY 1/12 FROM BLUE BEACH (BT206579/9) TO USS DULUTH AT W PLUS ONE HOUR.

3. (S) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

A. WITHDRAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

B. 105MM HOW BTRY REMAIN EMPLACED AT BLUE BEACH TO COVER BOTH WITHDRAWALS AND THEREAFTER UNTIL ABOUT TWO JANUARY.

C. SHORE PARTY AND BMU REMAIN WITH ARTY BTRY AT BLUE BEACH.

D. UDT DET CONTINUE DAILY CHECK SURVEY OF BLUE BEACH AND BOAT

LANE.

E. PCS USE BOATS FROM FORT MARION AND DULUTH AUGMENTED AS PCS DEEMS

NEC.

F. CAS/HALO AUGMENT AS SEP REQ.

G. HEAVY WEATHER: ALL LIFES BY HALO.

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CTF SEVEN SIX

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

CTF SEVEN SEVEN

CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO

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VALIANT HUNT (U)

WITHDRAWAL ORDER CH 1. (S)

A. CTG 76.4 220632ZS DEC 68

1. (S) DUE WEATHER FORECAST W-HOUR FOR 23 DEC IS CHANGED TO 231200H8  
 RPT 231200H8 TO BE CONFIRMED

2. REF A DOWNGRADING GP-4(C)15 JAN 69

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VALANT HUNT WITHDRAWAL

A. 220032Z9 DEC 68

1. W-HR CONFIRMED AS 240000H4 DEC. USE PRIMARY PLAN.

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O P 251004Z DEC 68  
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
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INFO RUHHHQA/CINCPAC  
RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT  
RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV  
RUYHSA/CG FMFPAC  
RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUYPSYD/CG III MAF  
RUYPSYE/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUYPSYF/CG FIRST MAW  
RUYVSYD/COMNAVFORV  
RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE  
RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX  
RUSVTP/DSA I CORPS  
ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
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OPERATION VALIANT HUNT (U)

REF: A. MY MSG 121300Z DEC 68 (FRAG ORDER 4-68)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 212340Z

SCOPE: THIS IS CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR CHANGE NUMBER ONE TO  
FRAG ORDER 4-68.

1. GENERAL INFO: REF A APPLIES FOR CONTINUATION OF OPN VALIANT  
HUNT EXCEPT FOR MODIFICATION/CHANGES DIRECTED PARA 2 BELOW.

REF B APPROVED EXT OF OPNS AND CHANGE OF AOA.

2. A. CH PARA 1. B. 3 TO READ: CG FMAW PROVIDES CAS AS DIR BY  
III MAF. TWO (2) CAS A/C O/S FROM L-HR PLUS TWO HOURS TO  
L-HR PLUS THREE HOURS. FOUR (4) ARMED, TWO (2) SLICK UH-1E  
FROM L-HR MINUS 15 TO L-HR PLUS 90.

B. CH PARA 3.A. NAME OF OBJECTIVE HAMLET, TO READ: HEIN  
LUONG VIC GS-BT 1549 AND 1649.

C. CH PARA 3.B. TO READ AS FOLLOWS: BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX AT  
L-HR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELIBORNE AMPHIB ASSAULT INTO SELECTED  
PRIMARY LANDING ZONES AND EST CORDON OF HEIN LUONG HAMLET VIC  
GS-BT 1549 AND 1649. CONDUCT SEARCH OPNS IN SUPT OF III MAF  
ACP CAMPAIGN IN COORD WITH ASSIGNED GVN FORCES. DESIGNATE  
RESERVE CO TO BE COMMITTED ON ORDER CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR. RES

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CO PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK FORCE. BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX WILL MAINTAIN AND REINFORCE THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE (BT 207577) FROM 24 DEC TO TERMINATION OF OPN.

D. PARA 3.H. (COORDINATING INST)

- (1) CHANGE 3.H. (3) TO READ: D-DAY IN 27 DEC 68 (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- (2) CHANGE 3.H. (4) TO READ: L-HR IS 0700-(TO BE CONFIRMED)
- (3) CHANGE 3.H. (9) (A) TO READ: 2 CAS A/C WITH BOTH HARD AND SOFT ORD FROM L PLUS 120 TO L PLUS 180 ON STATION/ON CALL TO BE RELIEVED ON STATION IF REQD.
- (4) CHANGE 3.H. (14) HLZ'S TO READ:
  - (A) PRIMARY: JOAN-150498 AND JUDY-167487
  - (B) ALTERNATE: JERRY-162491 AND SALLY-162498
  - (C) AND (D) DELETE LZ'S SHOWN.

E. PARA 3H(18) FIRST SENTENCE AFTER COORDINATE 171470 CHANGE TO READ: THENCE ALONG GRID LINE 47 EAST TO THE SEA.

F. PARA 5A(5) ADD: BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX WILL MONITOR TAR/HR NET (FREQ 7300) ON 24 HR BASIS DURING OPN ASHORE.

G. WHERE SHOWN IN REF A ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) FOR THIS PORTION OF OPN VALIANT HUNT WILL REFER TO OPN OVERLAY ISSUED

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AND DATED 25 DEC 68 (NOTAL).

H. CHANGE SUB PARA 4(D)2 TO READ: ESTABLISH LIMITED LSA ASHORE FOR CLASS I, III, AND V IF REQUIRED. LSA SUPPORT NOT TO EXCEED:

- (1) CL I-TWO DAY MCI, WATER AS REQUIRED.
- (2) CL III POL AS REQ FOR VEH ASHORE.
- (3) CL V CHN FOR VEH ASHORE.

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT THIS MSG.

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 RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
 RUMFSAA/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUIYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RHMMAWA/COMUSMACV  
 INFO RUEMAAA/CMO  
 RUHHQA/CINCPAC  
 RUEMAAA/CHC  
 RUHMBRA/CINCPACFLT  
 RUHUGAD/COMNAVFORV  
 RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC  
 RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RJABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
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 RUHMLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
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 RUMFSAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN  
 RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 RUMFSUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 RUWDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE  
 RUMFSAA/CG AMERICAL DIV  
 RHMCSDG/CG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
 RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 RUMFSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NIN;  
 RUYNAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE  
 RHYSSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO  
 RUYSYC/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE P ONE  
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OPERATIONS VALIANT HUNT (U)

1. TERMINATE OPERATION VALIANT HUNT AT 051400Z JAN 69.

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Encl: (1) Commander Task Group 79.4 After Action Report; Operation Valiant Hunt *Per: 1st General*  
(2) BLT 2/26 After Action Report; Operation Valiant Hunt  
(3) HMM 362 After Action Report; Operation Valiant Hunt

1. Enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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2. INCLUSIVE DATES AND LOCATION OF OPERATION: 150800H Dec 68/051400Z Jan 69; MAP REFERENCE: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 66401. Amphibious Objective Area located in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces of ICTZ. Three changes to AOA were made during the operation. The landward AOA initially was that area encompassed by a line drawn from BT 222572, westward to BT 210573, thence southwest along the north bank of the SONG CAU DAI to BT 199566, thence to BT 180550, thence west to BT 173550, thence west BT 141534, thence southwest ward to BT 122502, thence southeast to BT 153450, thence northeastward to BT 122502, thence northwest to BT 164484, thence east along the MAE SON/THANG BINH district boundary eastward to BT 169496, thence along Quang Nam/Quang Tin Province boundary to the sea. The seaward AOA is that sea area encompassed by a 15 NM arc centered at BT 222550, traced on the north by a line drawn 45 degrees seaward from BT 100674 and excluding the surface area of the offshore islands CAO LAO, CHAM, HAN GIAI, HON LAI, AND HON TAI. On 24 Dec 68 the AOA was extended south by a line drawn from BT 171470, thence along grid line 47 east to the sea. The AOA, with extension, included all of Barrier Island north of 47 east-west grid line. Extension was requested to support greater coverage of cordon and search operations, and approved by higher Headquarters. On 271140Z Dec 68 that portion of SLF/ARG AOA as follows, returned to 2nd ROKMC BDE to support their planned operation west of SONG THU BON: from BT 128510 east along grid line 51 to BT 143510, thence north along center of SONG THU BON River to NS grid line 15 and north to original boundary at coordinates BT 150540. On 010834Z Jan 69 CTG 76.4 requested that 2nd ROKMC BDE relinquish that portion of the AOA ceded to them on 27 Dec 68 to support further operations until withdrawal on 5 Jan 69. 2nd ROKMC BDE agreed, CG III MAF concurred and COMSEVENTHFLT approved. Transfer effected on 27 Dec 68.

3. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: CTG 76.4 (COMPHIBRON FIVE) embarked aboard USS Okinawa (LPH-3); designated Commander Amphibious Task Force (CATF). CTG 79.4 (Commander SLF 'ALFA') embarked aboard USS Okinawa (LPH-3); designated Commander Landing Force (CLF). BLT 2/26 was not chopped to an in-country command. Command relations were in accordance with Annex C (Command Relations), to CTG 79.4 Op Plan 120. CATF retained OPCON throughout the operation.

4. <u>TASK ORGANIZATION:</u>	TASK GROUP 76.4	CAPT G. W. STROUD USN
	TASK GROUP 79.4	COL J. F. MCMAHON JR.
	BLT 2/26	LTCOL W. F. SPARKS
	HMM 362	LTCOL J. E. SCHLARP

5. INTELLIGENCE

a. Terrain. The area was generally flat, covered with flooded rice paddies and dry landcrops. Cover and concealment was good for individuals and small

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groups but against flat trajectory fire only. There were no significant obstacles.

b. Enemy Situation

(1) General. Intelligence prior to the operation indicated that this area was along the normal enemy infiltration/exfiltration route to and from HOI AN area. The entire area was VC sympathetic, reported growing crops for the VC, and suspected to be a VC base camp.

(2) Order of Battle

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
Q 80th LF Co.	BT 1758	65	82/60 MM Mortars, RPG-2's and 7's, Individual weapons
Q 81st LF Co.	BT 1053	95	81/60 MM Mortars, RPG-2's Individual weapons
36th NVA Regt.	BT 9656	780	82/60 MM Mortars, 75 MM RR and 12.7 MG, Individual weapons
38th NVA Regt.	BT 0254	1380	82/81/60 MM Mortars, M-79's LMG, 57 MM RR, RPG-2's and Individual weapons

(3) Operational Effect on Enemy. The enemy had been avoiding large scale contact in the operational area. He limited himself to harassing fires and the employment of surprise firing devices. Numerous bunkers and large tunnel complexes were discovered with large caches of medical supplies, clothing and moderate caches of rice. Many VC Infrastructure were captured inflicting significant damage to VC cadre in the area. All indications were that the enemy would continue to avoid large scale contacts in the AOA.

6. MISSION: Commencing H/L-Hour on D-Day SLF conducted amphibious operations in AOA to clear objective area and establish a cordon within which ARVN, RF/PF, NPFF and PRU's could conduct a detailed search for and destroy/capture of VCI, VC, and Hamlet Guerrillas.

7. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day, SLF/ARG 'ALFA' in direct support of BLT 2/26 provided a floating dump for Class I through Class V supplies, utilizing BA, LForm and contingency blocks, medical evacuation with Primary Casualty Receiving Ship (PCRS) and helicopter support utilizing HMM 362. SLF/ARG conducted a Heliborne, Amphibious Assault at H/L Hour on D-Day into vic of Hamlets An Lac and Thi Lai(2) to cordon and search, in coordination with GVN forces to eliminate local VC/VCI and to locate and destroy enemy supplies and facilities and to withdraw at W-Hour on order. Subsequently SLF/ARG conducted heliborne, amphibious assault at H/L Hour on D-Day into selected Primary Landing Zones and established a cordon of Hein Luong Hamlet

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and conducted search operations in support of III MAF APP Campaign in coordination with GVN Forces and withdrew at W-Hour on order.

8. EXECUTION:

a. SLF/ARG 'ALFA' commenced Operation Valiant Hunt at L-Hour on D-Day at 150800H Dec 68, (CTG 76.4 MSG 141512Z Dec 68 and 142224Z Dec 68).

b. BLT 2/26 conducted helo assault into assigned AOA supported by HMM 362. First wave landed on schedule; BLT formed cordon around THI LAI(2) and AN IAC

c. B1/13 Arty Btry landed across Blue Beach at H-Hour, D-Day 150830H Dec 68 and established Fire Base in support of BLT.

d. Cordon of target area completed prior to end of D-Day 15 Dec 68. Initial screening of detainees commenced.

e. Initial CP locations were established as follows:

BLT 2/26 CP: BT 153515  
E Co: BT 153520  
F Co: BT 149523  
G Co: BT 147514  
H Co: BT 146513

f. Period ending 152400H Dec 68, CP locations changed as follows:

BLT 2/26 CP: BT 142514  
E Co: BT 155515  
F Co: BT 146520  
G Co: BT 153524  
H Co: BT 150523

g. Period ending 16 1200H, G Co. location changed to BT 167523

h. Period ending 172000H, G Co. location changed to BT 140492

i. Period ending 181200H, CP locations changed as follows:

BLT 2/26 CP: BT 153517  
E Co: BT 153521  
F Co: BT 150522  
G Co: BT 140492  
H Co: BT 146512

j. Period ending 181600H, G Co/ CP moved to BT 157493

k. Period ending 182000H, G Co. moved to BT 152520. G Co. extracted and helo-landed in a surprise cordon and assault on the fortified hamlet of TAY THANH, adjacent to OPN area to reduce antiaircraft and sniper fire encountered by BLT 2/26 and HMM 362.

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1. Period ending 192000H, CP locations changed as follows:
  - BLT 2/26 CP: BT 153517
  - E Co: BT 163519
  - F Co: BT 150522
  - G Co: BT 173515
  - H Co: BT 145512
- m. Period ending 202000H, CP locations changed as follows:
  - BLT 2/26 CP: BT 153517
  - E Co: BT 161519
  - F Co: BT 173516
  - G Co: BT 165515
  - H Co: BT 149519
- n. Period ending 212000H, F Co. helo-lifted to GS BT 1651 to assist G Co. in cordon, search and destruction of 67 enemy bunkers and trenches. E Co. CP moved to BT 153519.
- o. Period ending 222000H, CP locations changed as follows:
  - E Co. BT 163519
  - F Co. BT 173520
  - G Co. BT 173514
- p. Period ending 232000H, BLT 2/26 redeployed forces to reinforce FSB at Blue Beach. F and G Companies with attached units reembarked aboard LPH-3 at 1200H, W-Hour, W-Day, to prepare for planned helo assault on 27 Dec. The extraction of F and G Companies and 2nd Plt., C Co., 3rd Eng. Bn. to LPH-3 was completed by 1630H. During withdrawal, HMM 362 continued to support Operation Valiant Hunt, having seven aircraft damaged from small arms fire. All aircraft were able to return to LPH-3. (CTG 76.4 MSG 220632Z Dec 68 and 221224Z Dec 68)
- q. Period ending 242000H, W-Hour confirmed as 240800H Dec 68. BLT 2/26 CP group helo-lifted to LPH-3; E and H Companies returned to LPD-6 by surface completing lift by 1430H. Four aircraft damaged from small arms fire. All aircraft were able to return to LPH-3, (CTG 76.4 MSG 232314Z Dec 68).
- r. 24-27 Dec, FSB Blue Beach, fired on call fires for GVN Forces. BLT 2/26 conducted limited rehabilitation of personnel and equipment and completed planning for reemployment within presently established AOA, (CTG 79.4 MSG 251004Z Dec 68).
- s. Period ending 272000H, Operations commenced with a helo assault of four companies and necessary combat support units of BLT 2/26 into LZ's JUDY and JOAN at L-Hour 0700 on D-Day, 27 Dec, into established AOA to cordon the hamlet of Hien Luong BT 1649. The BLT conducted patrols and ambushes as required to protect the integrity of the cordon. GVN forces assisted in population

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screening and searching for caches. Initial CP locations were established as follows:

BLT 2/26 CP: BT 163491  
E Co: BT 157494  
F Co: BT 170488  
G Co: BT 161488  
H Co: BT 146501

Portion of AOA relinquished to 2nd ROKMC BDE, see para. 2, above.

t. Period ending 282000H, CP locations changed as follows:

E Co: BT 156498  
H Co: BT 151481

A compound was erected for the retention of all detainees, e.g. all Vietnamese men, women, and children apprehended with the cordon area. Screening/Interrogation by ITT and CIT was commenced to determine/isolate VC, VCI and VCS from innocent civilians. Operations supported by PF's, RF's, NPFF's and PRU's.

u. Period ending 302000H, CTG 79.4 requested extension of the operation through to 5 Jan 69, due to increase in results being obtained and expected.

v. Period ending 312000H, The BLT continued their detailed search of cordon area discovering several tunnels and bunkers including a tunnel complex consisting of two levels, estimated 50 meters in length, 3ft X 3ft, with adjoining storage rooms, which contained two women nurses, three men and a fifteen year old boy. Also in the tunnel were five sewing machines, clothing and NVA uniform cloth and a sizeable quantity of medical supplies and documents. GVN Forces from Quang Tin Province screened civilian detainees that claimed to be from Quang Tin.

w. Period ending 012000H Jan 69, H Co. CP moved to BT 141504. Previously discovered tunnel complex continued to yield quantities of food stuffs, medical gear, documents and other miscellaneous equipment and supplies.

x. Period 202000H, CP locations changed as follows:

G Co: BT 161488  
H Co: BT 161494

Four 2.75 U. S. manufactured aerial rockets, minus war heads and packed in original cartons were found. The rockets were in operational condition. Liaison was conducted with 2nd ROKMC BDE concerning that portion of our AOA previously relinquished. See Para 8.5, above. ROKMC BDE agreed to return area to us. The area continued as a part of 76.4 AOA through 5 Jan 69.

y. Period ending 032000H, H company CP moved to BT 161489. It was noted by the Battalion commander that the BLT had completed a detailed search of 85 to 90% of the cordoned area.

z. Period ending 042000H, E Co. CP moved to BT 167494. F Co. CP moved to BT 161489.

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aa. Period ending 052005H, BLT 2/26 commenced backload at W-Hour, 0730H with helo-lift of H&S Co.(-), F and G Companies to LPH-3 and balance to Blue Beach for surface lift to ARG. Backload completed by 2005H. Detailed search of cordoned area completed. HMM 362 reported a total of 33 fire incidents, resulting in eight A/C being hit by SA fire during extraction. All A/C were able to return to LPH-3. Helo Lift was augmented by 4 UH 46's from SLF 79.5 Operation Valiant Hunt terminated at 051400Z Jan 69, (COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 051404Z Jan 69).

bb. A recapitulation of enemy losses and captured equipment and supplies as follow:

NVA KIA	7
VC KIA	28
POW	5
VCS (DETAINED)	8
CHIEU HOI	1
RICE CACHES	12,001lbs uncovered and used to feed detainees
IWC	7

Large quantities of medical supplies were also located and recovered.

cc. Detainees: 3431 of which 1400 were screened. The balance 2031, were children under the age of twelve and consequently were not considered to be VCS.

dd. Enemy contact through out the operation was restricted to sporadic SA, hit and run sniping by single individuals or small groups of three or four, usually firing from distant tree lines or cleverly concealed spider holes.

ee. Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations were limited to occasional utilization of Socio-Drama Team. Civic action limited to MEDCAPS and the issuance of food stuffs to the detainees.

9. RESULTS: See Para 5.b.(3), above. Friendly Losses are outlined in para 10.f., below, enemy personnel and equipment and supply losses covered in para 8.bb., above. Detainees screened covered in para 8.cc., above.

10. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS: This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The BLT and HMM Commander's analysis are included in their reports, enclosures (2) and (3).

a. Planning

(1) Planning conferences with III MAF, First Mar Div, Americal Div, First MAW and CTG 76.4 commenced the first week in December and continued intermittently up to D-Day.

(2) Prior to and throughout the operation continuous and close planning and liaison was conducted with pertinent commanders. Americal Div. sent a liaison officer to CTG 79.4/

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(1) BLT 2/26 and HMM 362 under OPCON of CTG 79.4 throughout the operation. CTG 79.4 designated CLF.

(2) CTG 76.4 designated CATF. Retained OPCON of the operation from H/L-Hour, D-Day through W-Hour, W-Day.

c. Enemy Contact: (See para. 5.b.(3) above)

d. Supporting Arms: Supporting Arms coordination was provided by and under the OPCON of CATF throughout the operation. A recapitulation of the number of missions and rounds fired and the organizations involved as follows:

NGF (5"54)		B/1/13(105MM HOW)		W/1/12(4.2 MORT)	
MISSIONS	RDS	MISSIONS	RDS	MISSIONS	RDS
163	2793	265	4089	149	2016
TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED - 577					
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED - 8898					

e. Logistics(1) Supply

(a) The BLT landed with prescribed load as designated in Op Order. Shortages in Class V Basic Allowance were made up from LFORM. Class IV LFORM was authorized for use in construction of a fire support base at Blue Beach.

(b) During the first phase of the operation (15-24 Dec), resupply was by helo from the USS Okinawa and the USS Duluth, after the latter ship completed Operation Tight Jaw and rejoined the ARG.

(c) During the period 24-27 Dec when only the 105 battery was ashore, sufficient stocks of supplies at Blue Beach were established on 24 Dec for the entire period. No resupply was necessary during this period.

(d) During the second phase of the operation (27 Dec 68 - 5 Jan 69) resupply was by helo from a beach support area (BSA) established at Blue Beach. Resupply requests were submitted by the units ashore to the BSA. Resupply of BSA stocks was effected by boat. Resupply of BLT stocks was accomplished twice weekly by either the LCU or the USS Winston from FLC Da Nang to AOA. A limited replenishment of supply was also accomplished in Da Nang Harbor on 26 Dec.

(e) Class V items of LFORM were authorized for use as the need arose throughout the operation. Items were placed on requisition as soon as drawn; and replenished on a continuous basis by the twice-weekly resupply trips to Da Nang.

(f) No resupply difficulties were encountered except on 4 Jan 69. The weather and surf conditions on this day permitted neither helicopter nor

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boat operations. As a result, stocks of 4.2 inch, 81mm and 60mm mortar ammunition at the weapon sites were used up except for contingencies of basic supplies maintained on position. By noon on 4 Jan, all company ration supplies had been expended. Sufficient ammo and ration resupply was available at the Blue Beach BSA, but could not be transported to the users. Had the weather the following day prevented the planned withdrawal, emergency resupply overland by foot or LVT would have been necessary and could have been conducted.

## (2) Transportation

(a) Helicopters were used as the primary means of transportation for both tactical and administrative movements. Except for 4 Jan, weather conditions permitted helo operations every day.

(b) Resupply from Da Nang, and transportation for incoming BLT personnel replacements, were by water. Twice weekly, the USS Winston or the LCU with the Embarked Assault Craft Unit made the round trip from the AOA to Da Nang Harbor.

(c) Landing craft were used to land the artillery battery, the Shore Party, and to resupply the BSA from the ships.

(d) LVT's were landed at Blue Beach and had limited use ashore between the fire support base and the BSA.

## (3) Service

(a) The Beach Support Area was established by the Shore Party at Blue Beach during the second phase of the operation. This BSA was for the sole purpose of resupply. No maintenance, medical, or other service facilities were established.

(b) First and second echelon maintenance was performed as necessary on equipment ashore. Items requiring third or higher echelons of maintenance were evacuated to FLC, Da Nang by means of the twice weekly resupply runs. Items evacuated were reported in daily sitreps.

(c) Commencing on D plus One, one hot meal was served to one company of the BLT per day. The meals were provided by the ships of the ARG on a rotating basis, and were helo lifted in to the company positions.

## (4) Medical

(a) All Marine casualties were evacuated by helo directly to the USS Okinawa, the Casualty Evacuation Control Ship, where complete medical and hospital facilities were available.

(b) One Vietnamese civilian casualty was erroneously evacuated to the USS Okinawa, and was subsequently transferred to NSA, Da Nang.

f. Casualty Reporting: Casualty reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives. The 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA was located aboard the USS Okinawa (LPH-3, PCRS). BLT 2/26, HMM 362 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned aboard the USS Okinawa to collect and pass casualty

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information concerning SLF 'ALFA' personnel on to the 9th MAF CRCC 'ALFA'

CASUALTY RECAPITULATION: 15 Dec 1968 - 5 Jan 1969

Friendly	USMC	USN
KIA	2	0
WIAE	23	0
WIANE	2	1
DOW	0	0
NBC	51	3
TOTAL	78	4

g. Civic Action: Civic action was restricted to MEDCAP teams and the distribution of food stuffs.

h. ISO: A photographer and journalist were attached to BLT 2/26 and went ashore with the BLT to provide information service coverage.

1. Communications: Communications were established IAW Task Group 79.4 Op Plan 120 (YR), and TG 79.4 COI dtd 14 Dec 68 with change 1. A Message Center was maintained afloat in conjunction with the USS Okinawa Naval Communications Center. CTG 79.4 maintained message distribution responsibility for BLT 2/26 and HMM 362. The following nets were established/entered during Operation Valiant Hunt.

(1) III MAF TAC # 1 (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net to establish communications with III MAF. (Plain and Cipher) This net also provide a means for relaying operational traffic to Americal Div.

(2) III MAF CMD # 2 (AM-RATT)

CTG 79.4 entered this net to establish orestes teletype communications, with III MAF and Americal Div. Due to problems with radio equipment this net did not become fully operational until the final week of the operation.

(3) SLF TAC # 1 (AM)

CTG 79.4 established this net as a back-up for SLF TAC #2, to provide communications, plain and cipher, with BLT 2/26 when conditions precluded use of FM.

(4) SLF TAC #2 (FM)

CTG 79.4 established this net for indirect communications, plain and cipher with BLT 2/26. SLF relay teams set up in BLT CP and B/1/13 artillery position to function as shore stations on this net. This net was also used as primary MEDEVAC net.

(5) ARTY CMD/FD (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net for coordination of supporting arms.

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(6) ARTY AIR SPOT (FM)

CTG 79.4 entered this net for coordination of supporting arms.

(7) AIR OBSERVATION (FM)

CTG 79.4 established this net for receipt of intelligence info from SLF AIR OBSERVOR.

(8) BLT TAC # 1 (FM)

CTG 79.4 monitored this net for tactical information.

11. LESSONS LEARNED: The unique qualities and capabilities inherent in the SLF/ARG concept were fully exploited during Operation Valiant Hunt. Of particular note was the element of surprise achieved during the second helo-lift. It was quite evident that the local populace did not expect us to return. The maintenance of an AOA in lieu of chopping the BLT to an in-country command was, in itself, beneficial giving the SLF/ARG an opportunity to fully exercise its built-in potential. It is recommended that future operations be molded along the lines of Valiant Hunt.

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TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0800		1		(LATE ENTRY) Opened journal on 150837 Dec 68.		
0800		2	050130Z	Rec'd III MAF MSG - Concept for Amphib Opn America Area	S	
1300		3	051542Z	Rec'd 7THFLT MSG - Concur and direct liaison with 76.4 for Planning	S	
0542		4	060542Z	79.4 Request for direct liaison with 9th MAB	S	
1415		5	071415Z	Rec'd 9th MAB approval of liaison.		
1330		6	101330H	Initial Planning conference with 196 BDE. U.S. ARMY		
1500		7	111500H	Meeting at HOI AN with ITT, CIT COORDS and PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES.		
121400		8	121400H	Rec'd 7THFLT MSG 120038Z initiating directive		
2145H		9	122145H	OP ORDER 4-68 to Commander (DTG 121300Z)		
0930		10	130930H	Briefing, Liaison, Planning with Col TIN, Province Chief, LtCol DIXON, Dep Prov Sped Advisor, Coords, Cit ITT, PHIB RON, SLF, BN aboard LPH-3.		
1445		11	131445	Liaison with ROKMC and Coastal Group 14		

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In	Out					
2015		12	132015H	Annex A OPN overlay to BLT 2/26 and HMM 362	S	
2200		13	132200	Annex AA (Fire Support) to Comm Center (DTG		
2200		13 <del>14</del>	132200 <del>141730</del>	Annex AC (Artillery) to Comm Center (DTG		
1730		14	141730	Brief of Tactical Sit for Presail Conference  Conference with APC, NPFF, M OBILE INTER.. TEAM, PRUF/H OI AN, ARMED PROP TM(CHUHOI) in reference to forth coming operation.		

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15 0001H TO 2400H

Quang Nam Prov, Viet nam

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In	Out					
2224		1	142224H	(LANTE ENTRY) MSG from CTG 79.4 to Commands concerned - EXECUTE PLANNED OPERATION -	S	
0750		2	150750	DETROYERS have started prearranged fires into suspected enemy posits in AOA. Only 50 min -		
0759		3		First wave touch down at LZ Eagle and LZ Hawk		
0815		4		1 A/C took one enemy round in fuel cell in LZ Eagle, proceeded to Marlbel Mt. Air Fac. for repairs under own power.		
0859		5		35% of troops from LPH-3 debarked and ashore		
0910		6		H-Company 100% debarked in to LZ Vulture. HOTEL Co. debarked from USS DULUTH.		
1100		7		One aircraft down on blue beach. Crew being picked up by SAR.		
1115		8		One suspected POW <del>WIA</del> (wounded) was interrogated by ITT, and SLF S-2. Subject was determined to innocent civilian. Follow-up report will follow.		
1145		9		SPOTREP TO ENTRY 6. 1UH-34D re'd 10 rds aw fire from coord. 148520. Aircraft reported down in no.6 will be picked up by CH53A		

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In	Out					
1347		10	151200	Landing Force firmly established ashore. (Sitrep No.1)	SSR	
1505		11		S QDN commander suspended all aircraft opns do to wheather.	S	
1630		12		Sparrow Hawk placed on One Hour alert by Commander SLF.	S	
1400		13		(Late Entry)SLF. Commander departed OKI for BLT 2/26 CP.	S	
1645		14		SLF Commander arrived OKINAWA.	S	
1820		15	151413	BLT SITREP MSG Rec'd, Cordon installed effective 1110. G Co BLT completed interior sweep. - CTG 79.4 C.O. asks that SLF S-3 pass on sitrep to higher command.	S	
2000		16		REC'D list of night of acts from Bn. line companies. CP change to BT 155515.	S	
2040		17	151735H	SPOT REP No 3 H, co reported capture of one suspected VC, suspect had no I.D., POW Held for interrogation.	S	
2050		18	151820H	ECHO, First Plt., Picked up one VC suspect with no I.D. card. Suspect was found in rice patty observing trail. 2\$ were found	S	

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TASK GROUP 79.4

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TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
2110		20	152110H	SPL SPT REP - F Co BLT 2/26 rec'd 6-60MM rds from the west. Planning fire mission on location of tube. Elements of BLT thru gren. in area at night noises and suspected movement.	S	
2045		21	152115H	Box Co reported observing log moving across river ina westernly direction blew log with M-79. Reiver runs north and south.	S	
2345		22		CLOSING OUT JORNAL FOR 15 DECEMBER 1968 B LT all quiet continuing routine night acts.		

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16 0001H TO - 2400H Dec 68  
OP-VALLANT HUNT QUANG NAM PROV.  
(LOCATION) VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0730		1		Sparrow Hawk Platoon debarked to 2/26 Posit	S/BLT	
0738		2		CTG 79.4 to III MAF		
0745		3		One UH34D. Rec'd 10 fds SA fire. The A/C took fire at BT 1954. RDS hit structure braces and the tail rotor drive shaft cover. The A/C continued to fly; mission not complete.	S	
1035		4		G Co BLT 2/26 found numerous spider holes and S tunnels. No people, caches. Screening process started including MEDCAP Team.		
1330		5		CTG departed Okinawa for BLT 2/26 CP ashore	S	
1512		6		Liaison Officer (Capt HOLBROKE) reported aboard LPH-3 for liaison with SLF S-3 and fire coordination.	S	
1547		7		CTG aboard LPH-3		
1800		8		VC's captured in tree line while observing friendly positions. Captives will be sent to collection point.		
1000		9		(Late Entry) G Co checked surrounding area and found several bunkers <del>and</del> while probing area.		

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TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1600		10	161555H	INSSUM-5 GCo. recieved ACF only incident of en enemy ground. (LATE ENTRY)		
1640		11	161635H	H Co found document in uninhabited bunker at document brought to H Co CP.(LATE ENTRY)		
1030		12	161050H	H Co found suspected detainee about 24 years old in bunker. Had no I.D. was dressed in shirt and white shorts. no weapon or ammo or documents were found in bunker.(LATE ENTRY).		
2030		13		H Co found misc. documents in bunkers at BT 145515. Bunker was made of bamboo, brick and dirt. Bunker was reported to be well built.		
2050		14		H Co found one bunker 6'by 6' containing small bottles of alcohol, two bags of unk drugs and numerous miscellaneous materials		
2340		15		F Co while searching area found one body approx ten years old in bunker, also found six fighting holes and 2 water buffalos. one w/b was in under ground stable, large enough for one buffale.		
2345		16		One VC security chief detainee. Unverified report of same being held for interrogation.		
2400		17		JOURN AL CLOSED FOR 16 DEC 68		

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 OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV,  
 (LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0105		1		JOURNAL FOR 17 DEC 68 OPERATION VALIANT HUNT NOW OFFICIALLY OPENED.		
0730		2		BLT reports moderate rain showers.		
0730		3		Commenced Resupply for BLT 2/26 from LPH-3 and LSP-22		
0745		4		G Co to move to wic HAMMS right 0.5 down 1.5.		
0747		5		VCI security chief held at HOI AN by ARVN - ARVN refuses to give up VCI.		
0840		6		VCI security chief is in control of XUYEN TAN ville which covers all of DUY XUYEN dit. He states he knows the hiding places of VC.		
0900		7		H Co rec'd one round of sniper fire.		
1050		8		HDC reports one pilot reported receiving SA fire from coord BT 148517		
1140		9		Security Chief escapes. PFF patrol taking subject to area of hiding VC. POW's hands were tied at time of escape.		
1105		10		(LATE ENTRY) BGen HOFFMAN Aboard to visit CTG 79.4		
1315		11		BGen HOFFMAN, CTG 79.4 ashore to visit 2/26		

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(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1545		12		CP and will observe processing of civilians in LZ Eagle. will visit arty pos B/1/13 then proceed to III MAF		
1610		13		CG 196th BDE Americal Div aboard LPH-3.		
2000		14		Search for VC Security Chief continues.		
2400		15		BLT 2/26 recieved one sniper rd. Closing Journal for 17 Dec 1968.		

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180001H TO - 2400H Dec  
OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV.,  
(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0001		1		OPENED JOURNAL FOR 18 Dec 1968.		
0730		2		Commenced resupply lift to BLT.	S	
0900		3	180900	BLT continues general sweep of Cordon. With sporadic enemy contact.		
0915		4	180915	Search for escaped VC security chief will continue ASAP with using scout dogs provided by Americal Division.		
1030		5	181030	Search for VC security chief continues with negative results.		
1045		6	181045	H co took sniper fire and saw three VC at BT 138512. Returned fire with s/a and 81 mort. Results unk.		
1035		7		LATE ENTRY - Received word of H Co being in first fire fight of OP.		
1240		8		BLT reports supporting arms to slow request clearing of mission be speeded up.		
1210		9	181210	BLT reports total detainees are 370.		
1435		10	181435	Received listing of night acts from BLT		

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18 0001H TO 2400H Dec 68 \*

TASK GROUP 79.4

(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
<del>2111</del>	2111	11	182111	CTG 79.4 request blocking force for Arvn forces operation to the NorthEast. Request sent to BLT.		
2031		12	182115	Interrogation of Detainees revealed that last VC unit in this area was <del>in</del> one month ago. Unit was comprised of 100 men and two light machine guns on wheels. Document found in hooch indicate that escaped security chief has been party member since 1950.		
2115		13		BLT informs CTG 79.4 that it will provide blocking force.		
2200		14	182200	BRIEF - BLT summary indicates that area is producing food far in excess of local requirements. Also there is undoubtedly a absence of adult males in the area.		
2400		15		CLOSING OUT JOURNAL FOR 18 DEC 68		

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19 0001H TO - 2400H Dec 68

OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV,  
(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0001		1		OPENED JOURNAL FOR 19 DEC 68		
0830		2		CTG 79.4, Maj TOWNSEND, Maj LEWIS to III MAF for liaison visit.		
1200		3		Friendlies sweeping to east drove 7 VC into blocking force provided by BLT. Resulting into one VC KIA (C).		
1300		4		Rec'd info from HMM 362 pilot of 20-30 men dressed in Green/Blank uniforms Vic BT 1750		
1330		5		CTG, S-2, BN 5, departed to 2/26 CP for planning and execution of mission to capture ment refereed to in insert no. 4.		
1430		6		Frag Order 5-68 issued to BLT and SQDN for execution.		
1510		7		BLT ACK receipt of Frag Order.		
1510		8		G Co 2/26 landed in LZ to execute mission.		
1640		9		CTG 79.4 returned to LPH-3		
1640		10		Pilot reports seeing 6 VC in tree line w/ weapons. Tree line reported to be behind G Co position.		

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19 0001H TO 2400H Dec 68

OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
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TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1600		11		LATE ENTRY - AO spotted 30 - 35 VC in green uniforms vic BT 1751.		
1530		12		LATE LATE ENTRY- A total of three UH43D have received a total of approx. 30 rounds in the landing of golf company.		
1700		13		Awaiting results of above mentioned mission		
1845		14		Ship (USS OKINAWA) heading out to see for Under way replenishment.		
1845		15		Have passed MEDEVAC Guard to USS DULUTH.		
1915		16		Have lost all comm with the beach.		
2130		17		ARE now 87 miles north of operating area. Will be steaming north for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour longer on under way replenishment.		
2400		18		Am very disgusted with Navy am CLOSING JOURNAL FOR 19 DEC 68		

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20 0001H TO - 2400H Dec 68  
 OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
 (LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0001		1		OPENING JOURNAL FOR 20 DEC 68		
0030		2		STILL WITH OUT RADIO CONTACT WITH BLT .		
0200		3		AM STILL WITH OUT RADIO CONTACT WITH BLT.		
0435		4		RADIO CONTACT WITH BLT IS STILL NEGATIVE. SHIP REPORTS WILL BE CLOSE ENOUGH BY 0530.		
0845		5		One UH34D rec'd 10 rds sa fire at BT 170516 Aircraft shot down at LZ Hawk will be external- led by 53 at 1330H.		
0845		6		Col MCMAHON, Maj TOWNSEND, Mag LEWIS ashore to BLT 2/26 Posit.		
1200		7		Col MCMAHON and party returned to LPH-3		
1600		8		Elements of BLT receiving sporadic sniper fire. Light contact. HAVE passed MED GRD. to USS DULUTH.		
1835		9		Total detainees for 20 Dec are 295. Of total only 50 have I.D. cards.		
2155		10		BLT reports contact with believed NVA at BT 171519. Resulting in NVA KIA and 3 NVA KIA BNR.		
2401		11		CLOSING JOURNAL FOR 20 DEC 68		

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210001H TO 212400H Dec 1968  
 OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV.  
 (LOCATION) VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0830		1		Col MCMAHON and Party visite BLT 2/26 CP	S	
1015		2		Col MCMAHON AND Party return form visit.	S	
1050		3	211050	BLT began screening of civilian population		
1105		4		HDC reporting of pilot spotting 2 VC at BT 185551.		
1135		5	211135	BLT reports screening of population finished one male VN MEDEVACED.		
1330		6		Elements of BLT ashore rec'ing sporatic sniper fire and having light enemy contact.		
1345		7		Col MCMAHON Departs for III MAF.		
1550		8		Col MCMAHON returns to LPH-3.		
1825		9		BLT reports rec'ing sporatic enemy fire with light contact. Enemy believed to be NVA		
1830		10		Interrogation of civilian reveal 16 VC remained in side of prep fired ville. All 16 VC are believed to KIA.		
2215		11		Primary challenge and password for 21 Dec. Compromised, Alternate effective immediately		
2400		12		JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 21 DEC 68.		

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220001H TO 222400H Dec 68

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(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0830		1		Col MCMAHON and Party visits BLT CP ashore	S	
0900		2		BLT will conduct daytime security and search and destroy patrols throughout GS 1651 and 1751.		
1000		3		1UH34D Rec'd 10 rds sa fire at BF 178508.		
1135		4		Col MCMAHON returns .		
1545		5		CTG seven Nine Four issues warning order to BLT to be prepared to conduct withdrawal. Withdrawal scheduled for 230800H & 240800H/		

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230001H TO 232400H Dec 68  
 OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
 (LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0700		1		Lift of BLT for withdrawal postponed till PM		
1050		2		CTG 79.4 sends: designate one section W/1/12 to remain at BLUE BEACH for providing close counter mortar fire. Direct F Co CO to provide sparrow Hawk forde.		
1230		3		Withdrawal of BLT begins.		
1700		4		Lift of all BLT 2/26 elements scheduled date completed W/no casualties to BLT. HMM 362 had one WIA and 7 a/c with battle damage.		
24001		5		JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 23 Dec 68		

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24 0001H TO 24 2400H Dec 68  
OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
(LOCATION) VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0830				ALL BLT Personnel in scheduled planes and planning continues for Phase Two for Oper- ation VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV, VIETNAM		

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270001H TO 272400H Dec 68  
OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0640		1		First Wave Airborne.		
0700		2		First Wave Landed with no enemy opposition.		
1340		3		All BLT elements in position and are resuming prior mission of cordon and search.		
1400		4		CTG 79.4 and Party visits BLT 2/26 and III MAF		
1640		5		BLT performing mission with little opposition sporadic sniper fire and discovery of small quantities of rice and medicine		
1615		6		(LATE ENTRY) CTG 79.4 and party returns.		
1900		7		BLT reports 600 VN detainees being held for screening.		
2240		8		Elements of BLT set up for night activities Have had light to no enemy activity.		
2400		9		CLOSING JOURNAL FOR 27 Dec 68		

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23001H TO 23 2400H Dec 68  
OP VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0800		1	03	Helo 362 reported rec'ing 10 rds s/a fire at BT 164489. No hits, no casualties. Sweep of cordon begins. Estimated 1100 civilian detainees are being held.		
1050		2		BLT intend to heavy hand DONG LAM.		
1135		3		Blt rec'ing light sniper and general harassment activity.		
1210		4		BLT while searching bunkers found a roster of the whole 1st Marine Division.		
1231		5		H co found 30 freshly dug graves. Are digging up a few to determine contents.		
1615		6	281615	Rec'd Blt Night acts. Night acts LPs, and extensive ambushes.		
1655		7	281655	BLT hold estimate 1100 detainees. Confusion at collecting point is holding up screening process.		
1900		8	281900	Confusion and hold up of screening is do to the fact that out of 2156 detainees only 1443 are from Quang Nam Province. Must obtain Blacklist from Quang Tin Prov before further screening can be done.		
1900		9	281945	BLT elements rec'ing sporadic sniper fire.		

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28 0001H TO 28 2400H Dec 68

TASK GROUP 79.4

(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
2015		10	282015	BLT reports sweep of ville completed at 1200 Local people on grave bueatification kick.		
2050		11	282120	E Co reports capture of one 19 year-old VCS.		
2300		12	282325	F Co took one VC suspect under fire with M16 VC armed with home makde grenade, resulting in one VC KIA.		
2400				CLOSING JOURNAL FOR 28 DEC 68		

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29 0001H TO 29 2400H Dec 68  
 OpN VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
 (LOCATION) VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0645		1	290645	CP 2 F Co Opened fire on one VC suspect when suspect ran when told to halt. 1 VC KIA.		
		2	291130	BLT elements plan detailed probe of HIEN LUONG through out day.		
1200		3	291200	BLT with NPFF will escort VC suspects in attempt to locate tunnels and caches.		
1130		4	291250	Captured VC led E Co to vats containing 750 LBS of polished rice.		
1200		5	291340	E Co found 1 L shaped, camouflaged tunnel 4 VC age 20-30 inside. Blew bunker sent VC to CIT. VC wearing Blue shirts, dard shorts.		
1230		6	291410	E Co found 1 Lshaped tunnel with 3 VC in bunkel. 3 VC suspect POW. Clothing same.		
1345		7	291510	E co found another L shaped tunnel and blew in ppace.		
1400		8	291511	E Co found one VC suspect in L shaped tunnel		
1450		9	291555	H Co found hooch with false bottom, resulting in finding 800 lbs of rice.		
1500		10	291500	NIGHT ACTS. Patrols, LPs, and ambushes.		

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29 0001H TO 29 2400H

TASK GROUP 79.4

(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1725		11	291845	H Co found one 50 year old male and 4 males approx 45 years old. Hled for interrogation Also found rice levy list for VC rice collection.		
2000		12	292015	H Co on way to ambush site rec'd small arms fire. Returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA.		
2145		13	292145	1 Male captured when he tried to run when halted.		
2400		14		JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 29 DEC 68		

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30 0001H TO 30 2400H Dec 68

OPN VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV

(LOCATION)

VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0845		1	300925	PRU with H Co enroute to Ap Bon(1) to attempt pick up of VCE in area.		
0900		2	300955	F Co found picture in BICE Creek believed to be HO CHI MEIN.		
1010		3	301230	National Police found one AK 44.		
1230		4	301305	While propping area E Co found L shaped tunnel with one box of medical supplies, 1 cart. belt. 1 canteen and part of gas mask.		
1335		5	301335	BLT elements found three tubes Glucose, 3 bottles of penicillin. And three battery.		
1345		6	301345	E co while investigating noise in bunker tripped thicom grenade. Resulting in 2 POW 2 thicom grenades and 1 60MM round and ONE USMC WIA.		
1345		7	301345	BLT request 3 scout dog teams asap.		
	1445	8	301445	CTG 79.4 request don teams for BLT.		
1340		9	301340	BLT 2/26 found 700 lbs of rice and 5 gl. of of gas at BT 167496.		
1415		10	301415	220 Lbs of rice found at BT 168495		
1420		11	301420	ONE SKS rifle found in L shaped tunnel.		

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\_\_\_0001H TO \_\_\_2400H \_\_\_\*

TASK GROUP 79.4

(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1425		12	301425	Elements BLT found 2725 lbs of rice in hooches at 167490		
1530		13	301530	E Co captured 3 VC suspects in tunnel.		
1700		14	301710	4 VCI and 3 VC evaced to Hoi An by NPFF.		
2115		15	302115	BLT XO sends info about request Flame Thrower to BLT Ashore.		
2400		16		CLOSING JOURNAL FOR 30 DEC 68		

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310001H TO 312400H Dec 68

OPN VALUANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
(LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0825		1	310825	F Co searched area of last nights incident found clothing and personnel belongings.		
0835		2	310835	Day Act recieved from BLT - include roving patrols and search and probe of cordon.		
1050		3		E Co found 2 CM and 2 M-79 rds in previously blown tunnels.		
1110		4	311110	BLT while searching bunkers found 1 female VCS HIDING BEHIND false wall. Also found documents and I.D. card,		
1315		5		F Co found 150 LBS of rice buried underground in concrete vats.		
1445		6		PRU's while searching in area of BT 168495 found a tunnel complex consisting of 3 stories Recovered 2 women, 3 men, and 145 year old boy, also found was medical supplies, documents , 5sewing machines, clothing and cloth. tunnel complex destroyed.		
1640		7	310817Z	III MAF sends: 3 scout dogs will be available for pick up at 0630.		
<del>1633</del>	1655	8		CTG arranges transportation for scout teams.		
1710		9		PRU THREW M-26 INTO CAVE; Resulting in 2 VCKIA.		

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31-2001H TO 2400H \*

TASK GROUP 79.4

(LOCATION)

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1630		10	311630	F Co found assorted documents and 1700 lbs of rice in floor of hooches at BT 168491.		
1720		11	311720	TUNNEL complex located in false bottom of family bunker.		
2030		12	312030	Interrogation report on classification of detainees recieved from BLt. out 58 screened 6 were found to be VCS.		
2100		13	312100	Young female VC suspect reveals hiding place of rifle and grenades to PRU.		
2400		14		JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 31 DECEMBER 1968  CTG 79.4 WISHES ALL MARINES AND FOLLOW SERVICE MEN A VERY HAPPY AND PROPEROUS NEW YEAR. "MAY PROSPERITY BE CELEBRATED AT THE EXPENCE OF OUR ENEMY."		

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## UNIT JOURNAL

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01 0001H TO 01 2400H JAN 1969  
 OPN VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
 (LOCATION) VIET NAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
1230		1	011230	H Co led by VC female found two tunnels one had home made 60MM mortar tube inside. Both tunnels destroyed in place.		
1140		2	011500	BLT elements found 100 kilos of rice in tunnel at BT 159497.		
1400		3	011530	F Co found assorted med supplies food stuffs and hack saw blades at BT168495.		
1915		4	011915	While on patrol elements of H Co walked into a command detonated Clay more resulting in one KIA and 2 emergency medevac.		
2000		5	012000	While moving in to check house. Pru's tripped SFD killing one and wounding 2, also one SMI6 wia.		
	2200	6	012200	KO BLT notifies BLT ashore of 206 replacements this posit., Also sends brief on critical shortage of 782 gear.		
2400		7		JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 1 JAN 69		

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02 0001H TO 02 2400H JAN 69  
 OPN VALIANT HUNT, QUANG NAM PROV  
 (LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0900		1	020910	Elements BLT found 4 2.75 FFAR missiles, US made with out warhead.		
1000		2	021000	Found eating utensils, Budist pray book, 250 lbs of rice, plastic cloth and kerosene.		
1040		3		F co found metal cylinder containing toilet articles and vitamins, med supplies and dried food.		
1116		4		H Co while sweeping area at BT 136504 tripped booby trap believed to be M-26 <del>xxx</del> resulting and three USMC Emergency MEDEVACS.		
1830		5	021830	9 VN males were removed from tunnel/bunkers throughout day.		
1920		6		BLT reports G-3 PRU found 2 tunnels believed to be used as med center for wounded VC. Tunnels were approx. 15'X20'x 4'.		
2040		7		BLT 5 notifies 6 ashore of command and staff change of <del>xxx</del> SLF and BLT on 5 JAN for planning in connection in future operations.		
2230		8		F Co found 3 VCS in tunnel at BT 168494.		
2345		9		F Co found 1500 LBs of rice at BT 165494.		
2347		10		F Co found 2 and Pru found 4 VCS at BT 165494		

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030001H TO 03 2400H JAN 69  
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 (LOCATION) VIETNAM

TASK GROUP 79.4

TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0730		1	030735	F Co found large cement vat with misce. articles of clothing and documents.		
0900		2	030945	E Co found one bunker in cave and two false walls. Cave blown.		
0910		3	030910	H Co Killed one and capture one VC on sweep at BT 144885		
1030		4	031330	F Co found 900 lbs of rice and 140 rds M-16 ammo, and 7 M-16 mag.		
1955		5		B Co found <del>for</del> numerous tunnels and 30 100 lbs and 200 lbs cement crodks.		
2110		6	032106	BLT est 85% of ville has been searched/probed		
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TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
0830		1	040830	SLF Commander issues warning order. STRESSING policing of operation area to deny enemy of possible scroungings.		
1145		2	041240	E Co found one dud 105 rd and misce. firing devices in grave.		
1115		3	041135	F Co found vat with 250LBX of rice inside.		
1230		4	041420	E Co searching and probing found one 155 rd 7 M-79 rds, 2W/P boosters, 4 napalm, 2 rocket heads, and 6 fuses for 105 rd. Destroyed.		
1335		5	041450	H Co uncover one 105 rd rigged as bobby trap.		
1430		6	041430	SLF Commander cancels planned movement of H company to blue beach for extract security Bravo Battery 1/13. Informed BLT that 2 CH-46's will be available at 051300H for movement of ARVN to HOI AN.		
1500		7	041610H	H Co 2nd Plt. while on patrol found bunker with two male VN inhabitants. Told VC to come out, VC refused, blew tunnel with VC inside. Result; 2 VC kia and one capt. M26.		
1630		8		H Co Captured two VC suspects when suspects ran when they were challenged. JOURNAL CLOSED FOR 04 JAN 69		

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05 0001H TO 2400H CONTINUED

TIME IN OUT		SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS
1600		8		SQDN reports a total of eight planes hit by sniper fire. No casualties to HMM/BLT.		
1605		9		No different report of the extract by land at this time. BLT personnel and equip at BLUE BEACH continue to be extracted by boats.		
1800		10		Termination of surface extraction of BLT personnel and equip from BLUE BEACH is estimated to be 1930.		
2005		11		BLUE BEACH closed all personnel and equip of BLT 2/26 extracted by surface to ARG shipping.		
2030		12		FOR ALL PRACTICAL AND TACTICAL PURPOSES OPN VALIANT HUNT IS NOW TERMINATED.		

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TIME		Ser No.	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken	REMARKS
In	Out					
	0711	21	042248Z	W-Hour confirmed by CTG 76.4 and passed to BLT ashore by CTG 79.4 042248Z		
	0830	2		Lift of BLT personnel and equip begins.		
	0800	3		STAFF AUGMENTATION TO CTF 79 PLANNING CON., SUBIC BAY, DEPART LPH-3  COL MCMAHON CTG 79.4 MAJ TOWNSEND SLF S-3 MAJ JONES SLF AIR OFF MAJ LEWIS SLF S-2  OPN CHIEF E-7 S-2 CHIEF E-7 POTO. INT. E-3 S-2 ASST. E-5 S-2 CLERK E-4  AND AUGMENTATION FROM BLT. LTCOL LYNN ACTING CTG 79.4. MAJ J. D. LYNCH S-3. MAJ PRAT ACTING AIR OFF.		
1053		4		ONE UH 34 reports that it has taken small arms fire from tree line west of H Co posit.		
1100		5		FIRE in above entry was reported coming from BT 144488.		
1130		6		EET 4-1 reports receiving fire from 218515 Did take hits. Down on Blue Beach to assess damage, no casualties.		
1505		7		Extract of BLT personnel and equip completed except for scattered small numbers of personnel at Hoi An, Blue Beach and Smitty Yankee. <del>HE</del> This is air lift of cordon only.		

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