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To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 1969

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

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

TG 79.4

COMMANDER

COL W. C. DOTY
1-31 Aug 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 1/26
8-31 Aug 69

LTCOL J. G. GOODIN
1-31 Aug 69

HMM 265
1-31 Aug 69

LTCOL R. L. GRAY JR.
1-31 Aug 69

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1-5 Aug 69; Subic Bay, P. I.
6-7 Aug 69; Enroute RVN
8-31 Aug 69; Danang Operating Area

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LTCOL J. D. PRATER
1-31 Aug 69

S-1/Adjutant

CAPT E. F. HODGINS JR.
1-31 Aug 69

Intelligence Officer

CAPT C. E. LARBY
1-31 Aug 69

Operations Officer

MAJ R. C. MILLER
1-31 Aug 69

Fire Support Coordinator

MAJ W. A. WILE
1-31 Aug 69

Air Officer

MAJ G. E. PRATT
1-31 Aug 69

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Communications Officer

CAPT P. L. FOSTER
1-31 Aug 69

Logistics Officer

MAJ W. FLOWERS
1-2 Aug 69MAJ G. E. BRENNAN
2-31 Aug 694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
SLF HQ	9	36	0	0	0	0
BLT 1/26	61	1713	7	94	0	0
HMM 265	49	195	1	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-5 August 1969, Special Landing Force "ALFA", embarked in Amphibious Ready Group "ALFA", continued a program of rehabilitation and upkeep at Subic Bay Naval Base, Republic of the Philippines. Special Landing Force/Amphibious Ready Group "ALFA" departed Subic Bay on 6 August 1969, arrived off the Republic of Vietnam on 8 August, and began embarkation of BLT 1/26 from Danang Harbor and detachment "ALFA", HMM 265 from the Marble Mountain Air Facility. Operational control of BLT 1/26 and Det "ALFA", HMM 265 was assumed by CTG 79.4 at 081200H Aug 69.
2. On 11 August, SLF "ALFA" began rehabilitation and afloat training for BLT 1/26. HMM 265 conducted night carrier landing qualifications during the period of afloat training. On 19 August, ARG/SLF "ALFA" conducted a demonstration and staff briefing for UNSECNAV John W. Warner. Helicopter augmentation was provided III MAF during the period 20 August to 31 August. This support consisted of resupply aircraft for the 2d ROKMC Brigade and command and control aircraft for the First Marine Air Wing.
3. On 25 August, a joint planning conference was held at Second ROKMC Ho concerning an amphibious operation in the Barrier Island Area. On 27 August 1969, COMSEVENTHFLT approved the concept of operations for Operation Defiant Stand to be conducted on northern Barrier Island beginning on 8 Sep 1969. During the period 27 August through 31 August, ARG/SLF "ALFA" continued planning and preparations for Operation Defiant Stand. On 31 August, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, visited ARG/SLF "ALFA" aboard the USS Iwo Jima. A demonstration and briefing was conducted highlighting the capabilities of the ARG/SLF.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND THE SLF

- a. Combat missions assigned: None.
- b. Significant operations conducted: None.
- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.
- d. Casualties Sustained:

(1) <u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	0	0
WIA	0	0
WIANE	0	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	22	1
DAI	0	0

- e. New techniques employed: None.

f. Command Relations:

(1) OPCON of HLT 1/26 was assumed by CTG 79.4 upon embarkation of BLT at 081200H Aug 69.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 79.4 msg 081159Z Aug 69

(2) OPCON of Detachment "ALFA", HMM 265 was assumed by CTG 79.4 at 081200H Aug 69.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 79.4 msg 081159Z Aug 69

g. Equipment and Logistics

(1) Background.

(a) Prior to departure for the rehab period at Subic Bay, the majority of Battalion Landing Team 1/26's personnel and equipment was offloaded from ARG shipping to their CP located in the vicinity of HILL 34 RVN. Additionally, a detachment of HMM 265 was offloaded to Marble Mountain.

(b) Eight CH-46 helicopters and 150 squadron personnel remained aboard to accomplish the required maintenance, repair and modifications on the above helos during the rehab.

(2) General.

(a) SLF "ALFA" arrived Subic Bay, Philippine Islands at 220830H July 1969 and began offloading procedures for the rehab of certain items of equipment. The SLF Upper Camp was utilized to house personnel of HMM 265 while SLF and BLT personnel remained aboard ARG shipping. The rehab period continued to the 6th of August 1969, at which time the ARG departed for the Republic of Vietnam.

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(b) During the rehab period at Subic Bay, the SLF's communication vehicles were serviced and placed in a satisfactory readiness condition.

(c) Five M50A1 Ontos organic to the BLT were replaced by FSR while the battalion was at Hill 34.

(d) Other essential equipment returning from deadline included two M48 tanks, one RFK-60 forklift, one TD-15 tractor and one M543A2 wrecker. Still remaining on deadline are the two cranes, crawler, model 2N, M52's that were evacuated to the Third FSR for repair. Considerable improvement in the equipment status area has been noticeable since the SLF initiated daily reporting procedures.

(3) Supply.

(a) The replacement of all the M14 rifles with the M16 rifle for applicable members of the SLF Staff was completed.

(b) Discussions held with the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 9th MAB insures that future members reporting in to the SLF, will have the required amount of individual equipment and special clothing items in their possession.

(c) As a result of the Navy's forthcoming decommissioning program being applicable to certain ships within the ARG, it became necessary to shift personnel and cargo to conform to the characteristics of the new ARG shipping.

(4) Medical.

(a) The SLF received twenty (20) pallets of medical supplies earmarked for Medical Allowance Code 670 in order to bring it into alignment with certain revised requirements published by Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

(5) Transportation.

(a) ARG shipping and HMM aircraft were utilized during the period for administrative purposes both between ships and for ship to shore movements.

(b) HMM 265 also provided aircraft to the 1st MAF for support purposes.

h. Civic Action: None.

i. Administration:

(1) SLF "ALFA" resumed responsibility for casualty reporting of HMM 265 at 081200H Aug 69.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 79.4 msg 050901Z Aug 69

(2) SLF "ALFA" resumed responsibility for casualty reporting of BLT 1/26 at 081500H Aug 69.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 79.4 msg 050900Z Aug 69

j. Personnel: None.

k. Intelligence: None.

l. Communication:

(1) 1-31 Aug: Maintained message center for CTG 79.4 and HMM 265 and conducted maintainance and training.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 79.4 msgs 030019Z Aug 69

150225Z Aug 69

220212Z Aug 69

290307Z Aug 69

(2) 1-15 Aug: Conducted study for Comm/Elect allowance list for SLF Hq. Forwarded recommendation.

REF: See Tab A for CG Ninth MAB 310744Z Jul 69

CTG 79.5 120347Z Jul 69

CTG 79.4 140235Z Jul 69

(3) 15-31 Aug: Conducted training, test and evaluation of Wheel Code. USKAK-288.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 76.4 msg 131502Z Aug 69

CTG 76.4 msg 140150Z Aug 69

m. Weather: N/A

n. Fire Support: None.

o. Air support: None.

p. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignation: None.

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b. TAB B BLT 1/26 Command Chronology 8-31 Aug 69. *[Under 3/c for entire month]*

c. TAB C HMM 265 Command Chronology 1-31 Aug 69.

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 R 081159Z AUG 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO RUADAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE
 RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
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DAILY SIT REP NR 1 FOR PERIOD 072000H TO 082000H AUG 69 (U).

1. (S) UNIT LOCATION:

- A. SLF "ALFA" CP: NO CHANGE
- B. BLT 1/26 CP: ADD USS CLEVELAND
- C. HMM 265 CP: NO CHANGE

2. (C) SUMMARY:

- A. SLF "ALFA".

(1) COMMENCED EMBARKATION BLT 1/26 AND DET "ALFA" HMM 265 BEGINNING

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080830H AUG 69.

(2) ASSUMED OPCON BLT 1/26 AND DET "ALFA" AT 081200H AUG 69.

(3) CTG 79.4 VISITED III MAF REGARDING FUTURE SPECOPS.

B. BLT 1/26.

(1) BEGAN EMBARKATION OF CO'S AT 080830H AUG 69.

(2) BLT CP ESTABLISHED ADD USS CLEVELAND.

C. HMM 265.

(1) SUPPORTED SLF "ALFA" WITH TROOP LIFT, ADMIN, AND C & C HELP MSGS.

(2) COMPLETED EMBARKATION DET "ALFA" 12 MAF.

3. (U) CASUALTIES: NONE

4. (S) LOGISTICS:

A. EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE

B. AVIATION AT START OF OPS

(1) ACFT ASSE 22

(2) ACFT ON HAND 17

(3) ACFT AVAIL 9

(4) ACFT WORM 2

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SUPPLY.

(1) CONTINUE EMB BLT PERS, EQUIP AND SUPPLIES TO ARG SHIPPING.

(2) CERTAIN ITEMS OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIP OF HMM 265 EMB TO ARG SHIPPING
FR MDAF.

5. (5) HELO OPS:

	SPT SLF	TOTAL
A. FLT HRS	25.1	25.1
B. SORTIES	92	92
C. TASKS	26	26
D. PAX	203	203
E. MEDEVACS	0	0
F. CARGO (TONS)	25.6	25.6

6. TOTAL FLT HRS FOR MONTH: 128.3

6. (U) FIRE SUPPORT DURING RPT PERIOD AS FOLLOWS: NONE

7. (U) CLOSE AIR SPT: NONE

8. (9) INTENTIONS:

(1) CONTINUE EMBARKATION BLT 1/26.

(2) CONTINUE PLANNING AND LN FOR FUTURE SPEC OPS.

9. (U) ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR WEEKLY SUMMARY, PERIOD 30 JULY- 5 AUG 1969(U)

1. (S) OPERATIONS: CONTINUED COORD AND TRNG FOR RECON PLAT, BLT ONE SLANT TWO SIX THROUGHOUT PERIOD. 5 AUG; DEPART SUBIC BAY P.I.

2. (C) ADMINISTRATION: 30 JULY- 5 AUG; CONTINUED ROUTINE ADMIN FUNCTIONS FOR SLF "ALFA".

3. (S) PLANNING: CONTINUED PLANNING FOR FUTURE SPECOPS.

4. (S) LOGISTICS: 30 JULY- 5 AUG; CONT RENAB, 4AUG; COMMENCED BACKLOAD VEH AND EQUIP TO ARG SHIPPING FOR DEPARTURE FROM SUBIC. 5 AUG; BACKLOAD PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT OF MM 265 FOR DEPARTURE FROM SUBIC.

5. (S) COMMUNICATIONS: 30 JULY- 5 AUG; MAINTAINED MGS CENTER FOR CTG 79.4 AND MM 265. CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF COMM EQUIP AND TRNG OF PERSONNEL.

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R 150225Z AUG 69

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INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR WEEKLY SUMMARY, PERIOD 13-19 AUG 69 (U).

1. (S) OPERATIONS: 13-19 AUG; CONT'D REHAB/TRNG BLT 1/26. 13 AUG;

CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATION REHEARSAL FOR UNSECNAV VISIT. 19 AUG;

UNSECNAV JOHN W. WARNER VISITED ARB/SLF.

2. (C) ADMINISTRATION: 13-19 AUG; CONT'D ROUTINE ADMIN AND CASUALTY REPORTING FUNCTIONS FOR SLF ALFA.

3. (S) PLANNING: 13-19 AUG; CONT'D LIASION FOR FUTURE SPECOPS.

4. (C) LOGISTICS: 13-19 AUG; AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

5. (S) COMMUNICATIONS: 13-19 AUG; MAINTAINED MSG CENTER FOR CTG 79-4 AND HMM 265, CONDUCTED MAINT AND TRNG FOR COMM SECTION, OPERATED TASK GROUP RADIO NETS AND CONDUCTED TRNG ON WHEEL CODES FOR TG 79.4 IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHIBRON THREE.

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5. (S) COMMUNICATIONS: 14-26 AUG: MAINTAINED MESSAGE CENTER FOR
ETC 79.4 AND HMM 265. CONDUCTED TRAINING AND COMMENCED TEST
EVALUATION OF WHEAT CODES IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHILBON THREE.
CONTINUED MAINTENANCE THROUGHOUT PERIOD.

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R 290307Z AUG 69

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR WEEKLY SUMMARY, PERIOD 27 AUG-2 SEP 69 (U).

1. (S) OPERATIONS: 27 AUG-2 SEP; CONT'D REHAB/TRNG BLT 1/26. 31

AUG; SLF/ARG "ALFA" CONDUCTED BRIEF/DEMONSTRATION FOR CNO,

ADMIRAL THOMAS A. MOORER.

2. (C) ADMINISTRATION: 27 AUG-2 SEP; CONT'D ROUTINE ADMIN AND

CASUALTY REPORTING FUNCTIONS FOR SLF "ALFA". 29 AUG; COL C.W. BOYD,

ASST C/S G-3, 9TH MAB, AND COL J.H. KEITH, ASST C/S G-4, 9TH MAB,

ABD USS IWO JIMA FOR STAFF VISIT.

3. (S) PLANNING: 27 AUG-2 SEP; CONT'D PLANNING/LN FOR FORTHCOMING

OPN. 27 AUG-1 SEP; CONT'D PLANNING/PREP FOR SHIFT OF UNITS/CARGO TO

CONFORM TO NEW ARG SHIPPING. 29 AUG; S-2, S-3 ATTENDED CONFERENCE

ON SUPPORT FOR SLF AT III MAF.

4. (S) LOGISTICS: 29 AUG; COMMENCED INITIAL SHIFT OF PERSONNEL/CARGO

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TO CONFORM TO NEW ARG SHIPPING. 01 AUG; BEGAN DEBARK OF AM-TRUCK

PLAT TO CP AREA OF 3D AMTRAC BN AND COMMENCED SHIFT OF TANK PLAT.

1 SEP; BEGAN SHIFT OF UNITS/CARGO TO NEW ARG SHIPPING. 2 SEP;

CONT'D SHIFT OF UNITS/CARGO.

5. (S) COMMUNICATIONS: 27 AUG-2 SEP; MAINTAINED MSG CTR FOR CTG 79.4

AND HMM 265, CONDUCTED MAINTENANCE AND TRNG, OPERATED TASK GROUP

RADIO NETS, AND CONT'D TEST AND EVALUATION OF WHEEL CODES.

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(A218) (B272)

ALLOWANCE LIST COMM ELEC FOR SLF (U)

A. CTG 79.5 120347Z JUL 69 (PASEP)

1. (C) REQUIREMENT FOR A STANDARDIZED COMM ELEC ALLOWANCE LIST FOR THE SLF'S IS RECOGNIZED. REF A PROVIDES BACKGROUND ON THIS SUBJECT AND RECOMMENDED LIST COMPILED BY CEO 9TH MAB AND MEMBERS OF 79.5.

2. (C) REQUEST YOU REVIEW RECOMMENDED ALLOWANCE LIST CONTAINED REF A FOR POSSIBLE DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, AND/OR CONCURRENCE. ALSO REQUEST LISTING OF EXCESSES AND SHORTAGES EXISTING IN REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDED ALLOWANCE LIST. REQUEST REPLY NLT 15 AUG 69.

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TO RUAOAJA/CG NINTH MAB

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ALLOWANCE LIST COMM ELEC FOR SLF (U)

A. CG NINTH MAB 310744Z JUL 69

B. CTG 79.5 180347Z JUL 69

1. (U) IAW REF A FOLLOWING COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBMITTED.

2. (C) CONCUR WITH REF B WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

A. RECOMMEND TWO OFFICE SUPPLY SET, TYPEWRITER, 15", VICE ONE.

(1) ONE REQUIRED IN MSG CTR FOR GENERAL USE.

(2) ONE REQUIRED IN RADIO ROOM FOR TYPING RADIO MESSAGES.

B. RECOMMEND TWO RADIO SET, AN/PRC-25, VICE FOUR.

(1) TWO SETS DROPPED WOULD BE REPLACED BY AN/PRC-77'S.

C. RECOMMEND FOUR ANTENNA, RC-292, VICE THREE.

(1) OVER THE PAST YEAR, THIS SLF HAS CONSISTENTLY ESTABLISHED THREE TO FIVE STATIONS ASHORE.

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(2) DISTANCES INVOLVED PRECLUDED USING WHIP ANTENNAS.

(3) AS-2236 ANTENNAS LISTED ARE DIRECTIONAL AND WOULD HAVE LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS IN NETTING WITH MOVING SHIPS AND OTHER STATIONS ASHORE.

D. RECOMMEND FOUR RADIO SET, AN/PRC-77, VICE TWO.

(1) THE TWO ADDITIONAL SETS WOULD REPLACE TWO AN/PRC-25 LISTED ABOVE.

(2) WITH A MINIMUM OF THREE STATIONS NORMALLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, THREE AN/PRC-77 WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

(3) WITH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE STATIONS NORMALLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, THE FOUR SETS RECOMMENDED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT IF THE AN/MRC-110 COULD BE UTILIZED.

(4) DUE TO TERRAIN AND WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS, AND HELICOPTER CAPABILITY/AVAILABILITY, AN/MRC-110 CANNOT BE UTILIZED ASHORE, IN ALL CASES.

(5) WHILE FIVE AN/PRC-77 WOULD BE DESIREABLE, FOUR IS CONSIDERED TO BE A REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

(6) REMOTE SYSTEMS ABOARD SHIP MAKE SWITCHING FROM PLAIN TO CIPHERED MODE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND UNDESIRABLE.

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NETS INVOLVING STATIONS ABOARD SHIP SHOULD REMAIN IN ONE MODE OR THE OTHER WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR SWITCHING. THIS WOULD RARELY BE POSSIBLE WITH LESS THAN FOUR AN/PRC-77'S.

- E. RECOMMEND FOUR SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT, KY-38, VICE TWO, TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL AN/PRC-77'S REQUESTED.
- F. RECOMMEND FOUR MANUAL CODE CHANGER, KYX-28, VICE TWO, TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL KY-38'S REQUESTED.
- G. RECOMMEND ONE SWITCHBOARD, SB-22, BE ADDED TO REF B.
 - (1) OCCASIONALLY USED ABOARD SHIP IN CONJUNCTION WITH RADIO RELAY.
 - (2) SITUATIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE USE OF AN/MRC-62 WOULD PROBABLY ALSO REQUIRE USING A SWITCHBOARD.
- H. RECOMMEND ONE MULTIMETER, ME-25 A/U, BE ADDED TO REF B.
 - (1) MULTIMETER USED DAILY IN MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.
 - (2) NAVY MULTIMETER PRESENTLY BEING USED IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, AND CAN ONLY BE CHECKED OUT FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME.

3. (C) THE FOLLOWING EXCESSES/SHORTAGES EXIST IN REGARD TO ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS.

ITEM	EXCESS	SHORT
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RADIO SET, AN/PRC-25	5	
CONTROL GROUP, AN/GRA-39	2	
RADIO SET, AN/PRC-47	2	
TELEPHONE SET, TA-312	2	
CHARGER, BATTERY, PP-4967		2
CHARGER, BATTERY, PP-5048	1	
ANTENNA, RC-292		1
REMOTE, AN/GRA-6	2	
TOOL KIT, UEN-15	1	
ANTENNA, AS-2236		2
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 Sep 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.10

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

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

TG 79.4

COMMANDER

COL W. C. DOTY
1-17 Sep 69

COL C. W. ROYD JR.
18-30 Sep 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 1/26
1-20 Sep 69

LTCOL J. C. GOODIN
1-20 Sep 69

HMM 265
1-30 Sep 69

LTCOL R. L. GRAY JR.
1-30 Sep 69

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1-20 Sep 69: Danang Operation Area
21-22 Sep 69: Enroute Hong Kong, BCC .
23-28 Sep 69: Hong Kong, BCC.
29-30 Sep 69: Enroute Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LTCOL J. D. PRATER
1-30 Sep 69

S-1/Adjutant

1STLT C. F. SCHUETTE
1-30 Sep 69

Intelligence Officer

CAPT C. E. LARRY
1-30 Sep 69

Operations Officer

MAJ R. C. MILLER
1-21 Sep 69

Assistant Operations Officer

MAJ J. F. GEAR
22-30 Sep 69

MAJ R. C. MILLER
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Fire Support Coordinator

MAJ W. A. WILE
1-30 Sep 69

Air Officer

MAJ C. E. PRATT
1-30 Sep 69

Communications Officer

CAPT R. L. FOSTER
1-30 Sep 69

Logistics Officer

MAJ C. E. BRENNAN
1-30 Sep 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
SLF HQ	10	35	0	0	0	0
BLT 1/26	66	1749	7	92	0	0
HMM 265	41	164	1	2	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-6 Sep 1969, Special Landing Force Alfa continued planning and preparations for Operation Defiant Stand. On 4 Sep 1969, CTG 76.4 and CTG 79.4 hosted UNSECNAV for Manpower HON James D. PITTLE aboard Iwo Jima for a briefing and tour.
2. On 6 Sep 1969, S-Day (D-Day for SLF Alfa) for Operation Defiant Stand was advanced one day from 8 Sep to 7 Sep 1969. H and L-Hours were designated as 0700H and 0800H, respectively.
3. From 7 Sep 69 through 19 Sep 69, SLF Alfa conducted Operation Defiant Stand, a joint amphibious operation, with the 2d FOKMC Brigade on the northern portion of Barrier Island. (See TAB A for Operation Defiant Stand Combat After Action Report). On 18 Sep 69, COL C. W. BOYD JR. assumed command of SLF Alfa. On 19 Sep BLT 1/26 commenced an amphibious withdrawal which was completed at 191219H Sep 69 without incident. Operation Defiant Stand terminated at 191700H Sep 69.
4. On 20 Sep 1969 SLF Alfa off-loaded BLT 1/26 at Danang RVN and chonned Opcon of the BLT to CG 1st MARDIV at 201200H Sep 69. Upon completing the offloading, ARG/SLF "Alfa" departed Vietnam waters to visit in the port of Hong Kong, BCC from 23-28 September 1969. 29 and 30 September found ARG/SLF Alfa underway for Okinawa to off-load the SLF Alfa staff during ARG Alfa's participation in Operation Keystone Cardinal.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FIF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND THE SLF

a. Combat Missions Assigned: 7-19 Sep 1969: SLF Alfa conducted Operation Defiant Stand on Barrier Island,
REF: See TAB A for COMSEVENTHELT msg 290052Z Aug 69

b. Significant Operations Conducted: Operation Defiant Stand.
REF: See TAB A for Operation Defiant Stand Combat After Action Report

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: Operation Defiant Stand: KIA, AA VC/NVA; POW, 6 VC/NVA.
REF: See TAB A for Operation Defiant Stand Combat After Action Report

d. Casualties Sustained: 7-19 Sep 1969:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	4	1
MIA	38	1
WIA/NE	12	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	20	0
DAI	0	0
TOTAL	74	2

REF: See TAB A for Operation Defiant Stand Combat After Action Report

e. New techniques employed: Utilized sensor devices (PSIDS and MINISIDS) for first time in amphibious operation area. Results indicated further use of this type of device is warranted.

REF: See TAB A for Operation Defiant Stand Combat After Action Report

f. Command Relations: OPCON of BLT 1/26 was assumed by CG 1st MARDIV upon debarkation of the BLT at 201200H Sep 69.

g. Equipment and Logistics: Nothing of significance to mention.

h. Civic Action: None

i. Administration: SLF Alfa relinquished responsibility for casualty reporting for BLT 1/26 at 201200H Sep 69.

j. Personnel: None

k. Intelligence: None

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1. Communications:

(1) 1-30 Sep 69: Maintained message center for CTG 79.4 and HMM 265 and performed maintenance and training.

(2) 1-20 Sep 69: Maintained message center for BLT 1/26.

(3) 1-15 Sep 69: Conducted test and evaluation of wheel code (USKAC-288) in conjunction with Phibron 3.

REF: See TAB A for CTG 76.4 msgs 131502Z Aug 69 and 110150Z Aug 69

(4) 5-11 Sep 69: Assisted 2d ROKMC Brigade in installation of communication equipment aboard Iwo Jima.

m. Weather: Not applicable

n. Fire Support: Nothing of significance.

o. Air Support: Nothing of significance.

p. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations: None

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OPERATION DEFIANT STAND INITIATING DIRECTIVE (U)

A. MY OPLAN 101-69

B. NWP 22(B)

1. SITUATION: CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE IOTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE TG

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76.4/79.4 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B.

2. MISSION: COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF) CONDUCT A COMBINED SEARCH AND CLEAR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION EMPLOYING SLF ALFA AND ELEMENTS OF 2ND ROKMV BRIGADE AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCE OF ICTZ OR OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. UIC 76.4 (COMPHIBRON 3) EMBARKED IN USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2) DESIGNATED CATF.

4. UIC 79.4 (COMMANDER SLF ALFA) EMBARKED IN USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF) OF SOUTHERN LANDING FORCE FOR USMC OPS. CHIEF OF STAFF 2ND ROKMC BDE EMBARKED IN IWO JIMA (LPH 2) DESIGNATED CLF NORTHERN LANDING FORCE FOR ROMC OPS.

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X.(2) AND (3) OF REF A. WHEN UNITS OF SECOND ROKMC BDE ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO CATF AND CLF NORTHERN LANDING FORCE, ONE RLT OF 2ND ROKMC BDE WILL CHOP DIRECTLY TO CG 2ND ROKMV BDE.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT

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FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE GAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B(1) OF REF A.

7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE DEFIANT STAND WITH TENTATIVE S-DAY 8 SEPT 69 AND D-DAY 12 SEP 69. S AND D DAYS AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING S AND D-DAYS, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON S AND D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

B. EXPECTED LENGTH OF OPN IS TWELVE DAYS.

C. S-DAY IS DAY FOR LANDING OF SLF ALFA IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF AOA AND D-DAY IS DAY FOR LANDING OF ROKMC IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AOA.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

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To: Commander, Task Group 79

Subj: Combat After Action Report; Operation Defiant Stand

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT 201 Order
(b) CTF 79.4 120 Plan

Encl: (1) Commander Task Group 79.4 After Action Report; Operation Defiant Stand
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(5) BLT 1/26 After Action Report; Operation Defiant Stand
(6) HMM 265 After Action Report; Operation Defiant Stand

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) are hereby submitted in accordance with the provisions contained in references (a) and (b).

2. The CTG 79.4 After Action Report for Operation Defiant Stand describes, in general terms, the operation from a Special Landing Force viewpoint. Specific details applicable to BLT 1/26 and HMM 265 may be found in the unit After Action Reports submitted by the BLT and HMM. (Enclosures (5) and (6) respectively.)

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1. NAME OF OPERATION Operation Defiant Stand2. INCLUSIVE DATES AND LOCATION OF OPERATION

a. Inclusive dates: 070700H Sep 69 to 191700H Sep 69.

b. Location: Map reference; Vietnam 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6640I. The Amphibious Objective Area (AOA) was located in Quang Tin Province of ICTZ. The landward AOA was that area encompassed by a line drawn from BT 220516 SW along the Cua Dai River to BT 172542 to BT 165532 to BT 160530 to BT 150530 to BT 145523, thence southward to BT 144513, thence SW to BT 133505, thence southward along the Ly Ly River to BT 146460, then trace to BT 175443, thence NE to the Truong Giang River at BT 220460, NE along trail to the South China Sea at BT 243480, including the air space from 0-25,000 feet, Mean Sea Level.

c. The boundary between the Republic of Korea Marine Corps (ROKMC) Regimental Landing Team (RLT) AOA and the Special Landing Force ALFA AOA is defined as follows: from the Ly Ly River at BT 144480, east along the 48 grid line to the provincial boundary at BT 156480, thence NE along the provincial boundary at BT 183500, thence to BT 190504 to BT 200509, to BT 210510, to BT 215520, to 220523, thence east to the junction of the provincial boundary and the South China Sea. (See enclosure (2).)

3. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. CTG 76.4 embarked aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2); designated Commander Amphibious Task Force (CATF). CTG 79.4 (Commander SLF "ALFA") embarked aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2); designated Commander Landing Force (CLF). Command relations were in accordance with LFM 01.

4. TASK ORGANIZATION

Task Group 79.4

BLT 1/26

HMM 265

Col W. C. DOTY

Col C. W. BOYD JR.

LtCol J. C. GOODIN

LtCol R. L. GRAY JR.

5. INTELLIGENCE

a. Terrain. The study area was located in the southeastern corner of Quang Nam Province and northeastern corner of Quang Tin Province, on the coast of the South China Sea, generally that area south of the Cua Dai River and east of highway one. The area is southwest of the district capital of Hoi An and commonly known as Barrier Island. The area had long been reported

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under VC/NVA control with the enemy having full support of the local population.

b. Enemy Situation. Intelligence before the operation indicated that approximately 395 men from the following units were operating in the AOA: the V. 25th LF Bn (160 men) plus elements of the Q. 80th Bn (85 men) in addition to 100-150 guerillas. On 3 and 4 Aug, sightings were made of enemy forces totaling 27 men. On 24 Aug, a 60 man force was taken under fire by arty and fixed wing aircraft resulting in 50 enemy KIA. During the attack 50 Cal. fire was received by the aircraft. A later report indicated that elements of the Q. 80th Bn had been crossing the river into the AOA on the night of 6 Aug, and a number of VC were killed, one reported to be the adjutant of the Q. 80th Bn.

c. Order of Battle

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
V. 25th Bn	BT 1851	160	4X81MM Mort. 5X60MM Mort. 75RR, 57 RR B-40's, B041's RPG-2's, RPG-7's
Q. 80th Bn	BT 1752	75	82MM Mort. 60MM Mort. B-40's, B-41's

d. Operational Effects on the Enemy. The enemy evaded large contacts with friendly forces. Enemy initiated activities were limited to small unit encounters at night. The companies in night defensive positions received occasional mortar/RPG fire followed by small arms and sniper fire. However, on one occasion enemy forces used tear gas, however no casualties were sustained. The gas was standard U.S. CS type fired by U.S. M79 grenade launcher. The retainers were recovered.

6. MISSION. (As stated by COMSEVENTHFLT) Commander Amphibious Task Force (CATF) conduct a combined Search and Clear Amphibious Operation employing SLF ALFA and elements of 2nd ROKMC Brigade against VC/NVA forces in Amphibious Objective Area in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces of ICTZ or other operations as agreed upon with CG III MAF or his designated representative. The mission as stated by Commander Landing Force; commencing at H-Hour, on 3-Day,* SLF "ALFA" conducts heliborne and surface amphibious assault in AOA. Conduct search and clear operations in AOA to locate/capture or destroy all enemy forces and to locate/capture or destroy all enemy caches or installations. Sweep AOA to the north and establish a blocking position on northern boundary

* S-Day is defined as D-Day for SLF ALFA or Southern Landing Group.

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of southern portion of AOA in coordination with ROKMC BLT-2 assault in northern portion of AOA. Be prepared to conduct operations in western portion of AOA.

7. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. Commencing at L-Hour on S-Day, SLF ALFA, designated Southern Landing Force, conducts amphibious helo assault, landing two companies in central portion of assigned portion of AOA. At H-Hour conduct a two company surface assault over Green Beach and establish a FSB and BSA. When directed sweep to the north conducting search and clear operations. At S+3, BLT to be in blocking positions on the northern boundary of the assigned portion of AOA to block southern boundary of ROKMC BLT-2 portion of AOA. (See enclosures (2), (3), and (5).)

8. EXECUTION

a. S-Day (Period 070700H to 071800H)

(1) SLF "ALFA" commenced Operation Defiant Stand at 070700H Sep 69. The surface assault across Green Beach was unopposed, and companies A and B immediately assaulted and seized Landing Force Objective Charlie, and began clearing the area selected for the FSB/BSA. The heliborne assault into LZ's Eagle and Quail was delayed for 62 minutes due to poor visibility in the LZ's and over the AOA caused by heavy rain squalls. The weather cleared sufficiently to allow Co. "C" to land unopposed in LZ Quail at L+62 minutes followed by Co. "D" on LZ Eagle.

(2) Heliborne companies, after insertion into LZ's Quail and Eagle, attacked and seized Landing Force Objectives Alfa and Bravo by 071100H Sep. The heliborne force encountered no opposition during the landing or assaults upon Landing Force Objectives.

(3) Heliborne insertion of the BLT Command Group into the FSB in the vicinity of Green Beach commenced without enemy opposition at 071220H and was completed by 071300H. (See enclosure (5).)

(4) Upon securing the initial Landing Force Objectives, assault companies began search and clear operations in their respective AO's. Detainees were moved to a collection point for screening by Interrogator Translator Team (ITT).

(5) During the first day of the operation, ground contact with the enemy was very light with only two incidents reported with one VC WIA. (POW)

(6) Initial CP locations were as follows:

SLF "ALFA" CP:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT 1/26 CP:	BT 238487

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Co A:	BT 233497
Co B:	BT 226476
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
HMM 265:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
BSA/FSB:	BT 238487

b. Period 071800H to 081800H

(1) During the hours of darkness, units of the BLT conducted night activities consisting of reconnaissance and ambush patrols. During this period Company C reported receiving seven 60mm mortar rounds from enemy positions at BT 194486, BT 191488 and BT 194488. Casualties sustained were four friendly WIA's. 60mm mortar and artillery fire was employed against the suspected mortar positions, and close air support in the form of one USAF C-118 (Shadow) aircraft was called. Fire from "Shadow's" miniguns produced two secondary explosions in the vicinity of the suspected enemy locations and no further enemy fire was reported. No enemy contact was reported by the remainder of the Landing Force during this period.

(2) During daylight hours of the period, units of the BLT continued extensive search and clear operations. Contact with the enemy was light and limited to sniper fire. Small groups of enemy were observed in widely scattered areas of the AOA and contact with them resulted in 4 NVA/VC KIA. All detainees were moved to a collection point for screening by ITT. Ground Psyops Teams, working from LVTP-5's, moved along the eastern half of the AOA broadcasting evacuation directions to the civilian populace. The indigenous personnel were told to gather their cooking utensils and move southward and out of the AOA to a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) located at BT 165416.

(3) Government of Viet Nam Province authorities placed restrictions on the AOA as set forth in CG III MAF message 071330Z Sep. (See enclosure (4).) Commander Landing Force instructed all LF units not to maneuver or fire into the prescribed area except in response to enemy fire or other hostile actions initiated by enemy forces.

(4) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SIF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima

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Co A:	BT 233497
Co B:	BT 226476
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

c. Period 081800H to 091800H

(1) Landing Force offensive operations were limited to patrols and ambushes in accordance with instructions from higher headquarters. (North Vietnam truce for death of Ho Chi Minh.)

(2) During the period, contact with enemy units was light, however movement of small groups of enemy increased in the western portion of the AOA. Friendly units received sniper fire from positions west of the Truong Giang River. Employment of recon units into the western portion of the AOA significantly reduced enemy fire from that area. Numerous groups of 5-6 enemy were observed moving southward toward the AOA from the vicinity of BT 2252 and BT 2253. Artillery and NGF were employed in these areas, however results remain unknown since these areas were outside the AOA. Six enemy were killed during the period as patrols made point contact with small groups of enemy. Detainees continued to be screened by Interrogator Translator Team at the BLT collection point.

(3) One LVTP-5 was destroyed by an unknown type mine at BT 240480. The vehicle was on a resupply mission, and loaded with 106mm RR rounds. The LVT was completely destroyed by the explosions and fire.

(4) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SIF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484
Co B:	BT 226476
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

d. Period 091800H to 101800H

(1) During the period, Landing Force units conducted extensive patrolling

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in the AOA. In contrast to previous days of the operation, most contact with enemy forces occurred during daylight hours. However, contact continued to be light. One patrol received automatic weapons fire, RPG rounds, and small arms fire from outside the AOA to the north. Fire was returned with small arms and artillery. The enemy positions were not swept because of their location.

(2) A heliborne patrol force was inserted into the western portion of the AOA to search a river crossing site at BT 195480 and along the river from BT 175485 to BT 182470. Nothing significant was found during the search.

(3) From 100830H to 100930H an aerial Psyops Team conducted a Chieu Hoi appeal over the AOA, and from 101100H to 101145H the team conducted an aerial broadcast in the western portion of the AOA instructing civilians to move south to the CHIC.

(4) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484
Co B:	BT 226476
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

e. Period 101800H to 111800H

(1) During daylight hours of the period, Landing Force units continued search and clear operations. Three rifle companies were maneuvered into blocking positions along the northern AOA boundary to support ROKMC operations to the north. No enemy contact was reported during this period. (See enclosure (5).)

(2) During the hours of darkness a platoon from B/1/26 received an attack by fire consisting of RPG's, automatic weapons fire, and small arms fire resulting in one Marine killed and one M-48 tank disabled. Fire was returned, artillery missions were called, and close air support ("Spooky") was called to neutralize enemy fire. Sweeps of the enemy locations at daylight revealed blood trails and drag marks.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
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BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 226517
Co B:	BT 203508
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

f. Period 111800 to 121800H

(1) During the period, the Landing Force maintained blocking positions along the northern AOA boundary in support of ROKMC operations. Search and Clear operations and patrolling activities continued in the central and southern portions of the AOA.

(2) Contact with the enemy forces continued to be light with only two enemy initiated contacts occurring during the period. Two company positions received six 60mm mortar rounds each at 111930H and 112050H, resulting in 5 USMC WIA. Counter mortar fire was directed against enemy mortar sites at BT 220460 and BT 223462. The above sites were swept at daylight with one mortar increment container found at BT 223462.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SIF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 226517
Co B:	BT 203508
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

g. Period 121800H to 131800H

(1) During the period, units of the BLT continued extensive search and clear operations. Night activities consisting of reconnaissance and ambush patrols were carried out. Between the hours of 2245 and 2400 two company positions received 60mm mortar rounds, RPG's, and small arms fire, resulting in five

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USMC WIA. Fire was returned and artillery fire missions called, but results of these fires remain unknown. Landing Force units continued the collection of civilian personnel for screening by ITT.

(2) Between 130830 and 130930, a ground Psyops Team conducted a loudspeaker broadcast to the civilians in the ROKMC AOA informing them that they must not move south, but had to move north as directed by the ROKMC.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484
Co B:	BT 226476
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

h. Period 131800H to 141800H

(1) Contact with the enemy remained light during this period. Landing Force units continued search and clear operations during daylight hours and patrolling during the hours of darkness. Blocking positions along the northern AOA boundary in support of ROKMC operations were maintained. At 1840H, D/1/26 killed 11 enemy who were attempting to cross the Truong Giang River by boat at BT 201468. At 132045H an enemy force estimated at platoon size, employed CS gas. The gas was standard U.S. type fired by M-79 grenade launchers. The enemy attempted to exploit the gas attack with small arms, but were beaten off by the quick reaction of D/1/26. The enemy broke contact immediately and fled to the east. There were no U.S. casualties. D/1/26 immediately swept the area of enemy contact under illumination with negative results.

(2) At 1830H, a group of approximately 300 civilians gathered near B/1/26 position at BT 2052. Psyops Teams instructed these people to move to the coast and southward to the BLT collection point.

(3) During the period a total of 11 enemy were killed.

(4) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487

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HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484
Co B:	BT 203508
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

i. Period 141800H to 151800H

(1) During the period, Landing Force units maintained blocking positions in support of ROKMC operations and continued search and clear, and patrolling activities. Enemy contact remained light with the exception of an enemy attack by fire at 141415H. B/1/26, in a blocking position, received RPG rounds, automatic weapons fire, and M-79 grenades from BT 205506. The company returned fire with small arms fire, mortars, and 90mm tank guns. The enemy position was swept, and blood trails, ammo casings, and drag marks found.

(2) At 141855H, an ambush patrol killed one VC, captured one VC, and captured two rifles and assorted ammunition and military equipment.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484
Co B:	BT 203508
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

j. Period 151800H to 161800H

(1) Units of the BLT continued search and clear operations in the AOA. Contact with the enemy continued to be light and of little significance.

(2) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SIF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 177484

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Co B:	BT 203508
Co C:	BT 193488
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

k. Period 161800H to 171800H

(1) Landing Force units continued search and clear operations during daylight hours and extensive patrolling during the hours of darkness.

(2) Contact with the enemy was very light with no significant contact reported.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 232498
Co B:	BT 210492
Co C:	BT 207485
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

l. Period 171800H to 181800H

(1) Rifle companies in blocking positions on the northern boundary of the AOA conducted search and clear operations southward in their zones, and were prepositioned in preparation for heliborne and surface withdrawal from the AOA.

(2) Contact with the enemy remained light and the only notable action occurred at 172045H, when A/1/26 and B/1/26 were simultaneously attacked with 60mm mortars, automatic weapons fire, and RPG's from BT 209490, BT 209494, and BT 212494 by an enemy force estimated at platoon size. 4 Marines were wounded during this attack. All enemy positions were engaged with small arms, mortars, artillery, and naval gunfire. An early morning sweep of enemy positions revealed blood trails and numerous drag marks, indicating probable enemy casualties.

(3) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
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BLT:	BT 238487
HMM:	Aboard USS Iwo Jima
Co A:	BT 238486
Co B:	BT 214466
Co C:	BT 214466
Co D:	BT 214466
Battery A/1/13:	BT 238487
Battery W/1/11:	BT 238487
FSB/BSA:	BT 238487

m. Period 181800H to 191800H

(1) SLF "ALFA" began a heliborne and surface tactical withdrawal of BLT 1/26 from the Operation Defiant Stand AOA at 190700H Sep 69. Reembarkation of the BLT was completed without incident and the operation terminated at 191700H Sep 69.

(2) At the end of the period, CP locations were as follows:

SLF:	Embarked
BLT 1/26:	Embarked
HMM:	Embarked

9. RESULTS

a. Enemy Casualties

(1) KIA	44
(2) POW	6
(3) Detainees	928
(a) VCI	1
(b) VC Civil Defendants	7
(c) Chieu Hoi	1

b. Enemy Equipment/Supplies Captured

(1) IWC	2
(2) CSWC	0
(3) Bunkers destroyed	63
(4) SFD (Discovered)	14
(5) SFD (Detonated)	1
(6) Rice (Pounds)	640
(7) Potatoes (Pounds)	350
(8) Tobacco (Pounds)	50
(9) Fertilizer (Pounds)	1500

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10. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS. This analysis is limited to matters at the TG 79.4 level. The BLT and HMM Commander's Analyses are included in their reports. (See enclosures (5) and (6).)

a. Planning

(1) Conferences with III MAF, First Mar Div, Second ROKMC Bde, First MAF, Quang Tin and Quang Nam Province officials, and CTG 76.4 commenced on 24 August and continued intermittently up to S-Day.

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

b. Command Relations

(1) BLT 1/26 and HMM 265 were under the OPCON of CTG 79.4 throughout the operation. CTG 79.4 designated Commander Southern Landing Force.

(2) CTG 76.4 designated CATF.

(3) Liaison officers were assigned to Tam Ky TOC (Quang Tin CHIC), Quang Nam TOC at Hoi An, and to the ROKMC RLT-2.

c. Enemy Contact. (See enclosures (5) and (6).)

d. Supporting Arms. (See enclosure (2).)

(1) Artillery: Battery A/1/13

Battery W/1/11

(2) Naval Gunfire: USS Taussig (DD 746)

Coastal Group 14 (WPB)

(3) Air: 1st MAF

(4) Total expenditures:	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
105 Howitzer	281	4479
4.2 Mortar	165	2237
Naval Gunfire		3872
Air: Bombs		131
Rockets		404
Napalm Tanks		10
7.62mm Rds		137,200
Flares		247
Total Ordnance (Pounds)		82,620

e. Logistics

(1) Equipment

(a) Ten (10) LVTP-5's were utilized in the landing, thereafter their primary function was that of resupply. The performance of the LVTP-5's was considered satisfactory. One LVTP-5 hit a single unknown sized land mine and began burning while on a resupply mission. The vehicle was loaded with

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Class V supplies which exploded and resulted in the destruction of the vehicle. During the later stages of the operation two additional LVTP-5's were evacuated to Danang for repair and were not returned.

(b) The five (5) M50A1 Ontos's organic to the BLT were not used extensively during the operation. One (1) vehicle was damaged by salt water emersion during the offloading from the LSD and was evacuated to the fourth echelon repair facility.

(c) Five (5) M48A3 Tanks were used during the operation. One M48A3 Tank was damaged and disabled from a RPG direct hit, another was dead-lined due to an oil leak. Both vehicles were evacuated.

(d) One M62, 2N Crane Crawler with operator was provided for the operation by the First Marine Division.

(e) Two M49 Truck, Tank, Refuelers were used during the operation. One was filled with MOGAS and the other with diesel. It is considered that based on the type of missions performed by the tactical and tracked vehicles during this amphibious operation that an additional refueler for MOGAS would have been desirable.

(f) The refuelers were refilled from the bulk fuel assets of the LSD's.

(2) Supply

(a) A BSA was established on S-Day. Two days of Class I and Class V were maintained at the BSA for resupply of all elements within the BLT. Class II, III and IV supplies were available aboard ARG ships as required.

(b) Resupply requests were submitted to the BLT S-4 thru the BSA Taclog Net. BLT supply stocks were maintained aboard the LPH, LSD, LKA and LST.

(c) Resupply of the rifle companies was by LVTP-5's from the BSA and Ch-46A8s from the ships. All other units were supplied directly from the BSA.

(d) Resupply requests for replenishment of Class I, certain categories within Class III and Class V supplies for the BSA commenced on S-Day with subsequent pickup and delivery by ARG ships scheduled for the next day. Resupply requests thereafter were submitted to FIC on S plus 2, S plus 4, S plus 6 and S plus 7.

(e) The policy of having no more than two days, and no less than one day of supplies on the beach at any one time proved to be impracticable because of the following reasons:

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a. ARG shipping not being available for scheduled pickup and delivery due to initial debark damage to ship/s concerned.

b. Unavailability of a loading berth at the staging area for supply pickup.

c. Modifications to ARG shipping schedules for pickup and delivery of resupply requests.

d. Time frame allowed for no safety margin.

e. Resulted in poor usage data being used as a basis for future requisitions.

(3) Medical

(a) The USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) was designated as the Casualty Evacuation Control Ship.

(b) Most friendly military casualties were evacuated by helo to the USS Iwo Jima, with serious head injuries being evacuated to NSA, Danang.

(4) Transportation

(a) All types of transportation organic to the ARG, BLT and HMM.

(b) Helo's were used for the movement of personnel from the AOA's to Danang for administrative purposes.

f. Casualty Reporting

(1) Casualty Reporting was conducted in accordance with current directives.

(2) The 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA was located aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2). BLT 1/26, HMM 265 and TG 79.4 casualty representatives were positioned aboard the USS Iwo Jima and at in-country medical facilities to collect and pass casualty information concerning SLF ALFA personnel to the 9th MAB CRCC-ALFA.

(3) Casualty Recapitulation: 7-19 September 1969

FRIENDLY	USMC	USN
KIA	4	1
WIA	38	1
WIANE	12	Ø
DOW	Ø	Ø
NBC	<u>2Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>
TOTAL	74	2

g. Civic Action. There was no civic action conducted during Operation Defiant Stand.

h. ISO. Journalists from LEATHERNECK Magazine and the Stars and Stripes

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collected information from the Landing Force during the operation.

i. Psyops

(1) Psychological operations conducted in support of Operation Defiant Stand were designed to prevent animosity between the civilian populace and the Allied Forces and to reduce the combat effectiveness of the VC/NVA combatants in the AOA.

(2) To aid in population control, a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) was established in Quang Tin Province by Province officials. Aerial loudspeaker broadcasts and a ground psychological operation team was used by BLT 1/26 to inform the populace of the operation and to direct them to move from the AOA. The civilians were directed to move to collection points where they were provided medical care, food, and water before proceeding on their own to the CHIC.

(3) The VC/NVA combatants in the AOA were urged to Chieu Hoi by aerial and ground psychological operations broadcasts. They were advised that they were surrounded and given the opportunity to become Hoi Chanh in order to avoid a senseless death and burial in an unmarked and unattended grave.

(4) As a result of the psychological operations conducted in Operation Defiant Stand, 928 innocent civilians were moved to safety in the CHIC and 1 VC returned to the GVN under the Chieu Hoi program.

j. Communications. Communications were established in accordance with Task Group 79.4 Operation Plan 120 (-YR) and Task Group 79.4 Communication Operation Instructions (COI) of 5 Sep 69. Reliability of communications was greatly improved by the effort of the USS Iwo Jima to remain within the AOA. The following information is accompanied with notations of problems encountered during operation, corrective actions taken, and/or recommendations and opinions.

(1) Equipment

(a) AN/PRC-77:

Problem: There were difficulties in cipher mode using the PRC-77 with the KY-38. The PRC-77 would operate in plain mode, but, when in cipher mode, a continuous alarm was experienced with no transmission. This same problem was experienced by BLT 1/26 with their PRC-77. Action: Returned PRC-77 to Fifth Comm. replaced PRC-77 and KY-38 with RT-524 and KY-8. Recommendation: Reevaluate the cipher circuit within the PRC-77.

(b) RT-524:

No problems encountered with this equip.

(c) KY-8

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Problem: Failure to transmit, and receiving only tone burst. During long transmissions (3-5 minutes or more) the KY-8 would drop all signal, causing no emission. This is possibly caused from overheating or strain on circuitry. Action: Used other sets and instructed operators and user to keep transmission short.

(d) AN/GRA-39:

No problems encountered with this equip.

(2) Personnel. Problem: Nine radio operators were sent TAD from Comm Co., 9th MAB due to shortage of personnel in this command. All personnel were unfamiliar with radio equipment (KY-8, PRC-77, KY-38), Codes and Keylists used aboard ship and in-country. Action: Held classes on equip., codes and keylists, and conducted O.J.T. for all personnel. Recommendation: All personnel in Comm Co, 9th MAB should be trained in all codes, keylists, and equip. used aboard ship and in-country.

(3) Message Center. A message center was maintained afloat in conjunction with USS Iwo Jima Naval Communication Center for the distribution of message traffic to CTG 79.4, HMM-265, and BLT 1/26. No problems encountered with message center.

(4) Radio

(a) III MAF CMD #2 (AM-RATT): was entered and maintained by USS Iwo Jima Communication Center to provide orestes teletypewriter communication with III MAF C.O.C. (No other III MAF nets entered during the Operation.) No problems encountered with this net.

(b) SLF TAC #1 (FM): was established for Nestor Communication. Difficulties on this net due to failure of PRC-77 radio sets. AN/PRC-77 sets replaced as previously noted. Stations included on this net:

- a. SLF HQ (NCS)
- b. BLT CP
- c. LNO HOI AN
- d. LNO CHIC

(c) Fire Support Coord and Arty C.O.F. #1: was entered for coordination of supporting arms. No problems encountered with this net. Stations included on this net:

- a. SLF FSC (USS Iwo Jima SACC)
- b. BLT 1/26 FSCC
- c. Alfa Battery 1/13

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d. Whiskey Battery 1/11

(5) Security

(a) Wheel Codes (USKAK-288) were tested from 070700H Sep 69 to 150001H Sep 69. Used on the following nets and proved to be rapidly and easily used, requiring a minimum of training.

- a. BLT TAC LOG
- b. ARTY Nets
- c. NGF Nets
- d. AIR Nets

(b) Security violations decreased greatly over past operations.

k. Sensors

(1) Operation DEFIANT STAND is believed to be the first amphibious combat operation in which seismic intrusion devices were utilized. The capability of planting, monitoring and recovering hand-emplaced sensors was developed within the ARG/SLF. Liaison was established with III MAF Special Projects Branch who in-turn provided necessary training and equipment for selected personnel of the Phibron/SLF and the BLT. Patrol Seismic Intrusion Devices (PSID's) were issued to the companies to provide security for CP's, and to enhance the effectiveness/security of the night activities (patrols/ambushes). Miniature Seismic Intrusion Devices (MINISIDS) were hand-emplaced (three strings of three each) at points where intelligence holdings indicated probable infiltration/exfiltration routes existed within the AOA. Initial Minisid monitoring was to be done from the LPH, utilizing the Portatale (a seismic intrusion device monitoring unit) connected to a ground plane antenna, however, the sensor implantation and simultaneous establishment of the BLT CP ashore indicated a more efficient/effective monitoring readout could be conducted from a shore station.

(2) General observations on use and effectiveness of the implanted sensors:

(a) PSIDS were considered effective and were well received by units once their use and effectiveness were demonstrated/experienced. They should be valuable tools for small units in the conduct of night activities, perimeter defense of CP's and ambushes, however, specific data on their effectiveness has not yet been assembled. On occasion, the PSID's were considered too sensitive, taking too long to settle down following an activation due to the impact of supporting arms fire nearby. Some activations were also believed to be the result of artillery/NGF projectiles passing overhead.

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(b) Minisids-with few exceptions, were effective and worked well. Many artillery/NGF missions were conducted based on activations obtained.

(3) Comments

(a) Maximum effectiveness in the utilization of sensing devices depends on their acceptance as reliable indicators of activity by unit commanders. This necessary level of confidence can only result from training, experience, and command interest prior to their use. These conditions were not satisfied for Operation Defiant Stand.

(b) A site selected for the implantation of a string was apparently too close to a local village, resulting in many insignificant/meaningless activations. The normal local traffic in and around the village, especially during daylight hours, made detection of military targets difficult if not impossible to detect due to excessive ambient "noise" level.

(c) It is also believed that the sensors were planted too close together to take maximum advantage of the sensors' capabilities. (The sensors were planted approximately 35-40 meters apart.

(d) Failure to readout any activations on the two northern most strings was believed to be due to improper setting/implantation, however, activation readout toward the end of the operation confirmed the proper functioning of the sensors, and the failure on the part of the monitor station to recognize that the negative activation was due to inactivity in the area, as opposed to faulty equipment/implantation.

(e) The availability of only one Portatale hindered the effective readout of all strings in view of the fact that not all MINISIDS furnished were on the same channel (three were on channel 30 and six were on channel 29, necessitating switching channels on the portatale frequently and detracting from the effective/efficient monitoring of the enemy activity.)

1. An after action critique was not conducted due to the scheduled withdrawal of the BLT and their immediate offload from ARG shipping to assume defensive positions and free BLT 2/26 for embarkation. All key participants from the BLT, HCM, SLF and Phibron should be available to conduct an after action critique to identify areas in which improvement or corrective action are desired to insure efficiency of future operations.

11. LESSONS LEARNED

a. More effective use can be made of artillery and naval gunfire by utilizing surprise fire, consisting of batteries firing for effect with fuze

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mixed without adjusting individual rounds on each fire mission. This technique can be used with normal FDC and observer procedures; if shift from previously fired targets, registering on possible points of contact, and accurate initial target location. By utilizing a radar beacon team to provide accurate ranges and bearings, the naval gunfire ships are capable of firing surprise fire also, depending upon danger element to troops. Radar beacon teams should be requested for future operations.

b. Over confidence on supporting arms complicates the ground tactical effort, leads to wasteful ammunition expenditures, and detracts from the proper use of small unit tactics and weapons. This is particularly true in the use of illumination, where each contact seemed to require rapid and continuous light from all available sources. Illumination is most effective when used sparingly, employing acceptable observer and FDC techniques in coordination with aggressive ground action. Primarily, illumination should be used as a defensive measure when a unit is seriously threatened and unable or does not desire to exploit a contact. Extensive use of illumination is an indication of a nervous, defensive attitude toward night operations that can assist an enemy in location of their own position relative to the defenders position being probed. Night Observation Devices (NOBs) should be available to the SLF to provide the capability of observing avenues of approach into the AOA and/or unit positions. When these NOBs indicate a worth while target, then HE and ILL fires can be used to destroy the intruder. In addition NOBs can assist in increasing the effectiveness of sensors without prematurely revealing to the enemy that they have been detected.

c. In combining the search and destroy mission with that of providing a blocking force along the Northern Boundary of the AOA, units had a tendency to move rapidly through the approach area to the blocking position, missing possible areas of enemy concealment or positions. Upon reaching the blocking positions, the majority of the forces available were emplaced to provide for strong blocking positions to prevent enemy entrance into the AOA. Defense against enemy activity originating within the AOA was a secondary concern. As a result enemy activity from by passed forces posed a significant threat, particularly at night when by harassment and probes the attention of the blocking forces could be diverted from their primary mission. Therefore, when the scheme of maneuver chosen is one that produces a perimeter of blocking forces and lightly swept area all units should be prepared for harassment and probes from 360 degrees.

d. On several occasions, small unit leaders found it necessary to call for

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heavy supporting arms fire into areas fringing the assigned AOA. In most cases, called artillery silenced small arms and crew served weapons being fired from these areas, but it was virtually impossible to estimate damage on casualties. Through close coordination with adjacent units buffer zones and areas contiguous to the AOA should be swept by recon elements to establish accurate evaluation of the effectiveness of the total amphibious operation.

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 RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUYPSTG/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYPSTG/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMLLIB/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUHGVDJ/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
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OPERATION DEFIANT STAND (C)

1. (S) OPORDER 4-69
- A. (C) MAPS: AMS SERIES 1, 7014, MAP SHEET 66401
- B. (C) LFM 01 (NOTAL)

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- C. (S) CTG 79.4 OPPLAN 120-YR (NOTAL)
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TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 79.4

BLT 1/26

HMM 269

COL W. C. DOTY

LTCOL J. C. GOODIN

LTCOL R. L. GRAY, JR.

1. (S) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY

- (1) CURRENT INT SUMS
- (2) INTEL EST (IBI)

B. FRIENDLY

- (1) 111 MAP CONTINUES OFFENSIVE OPS.
- (2) ROKMC CONDUCTS BN OPN IN WESTERN PORTION AOA FROM S-3 TO S PLUS 5. COMMENCING S PLUS 4 CONDUCTS ONE (1) BN HELD ASSAULT AND ONE (1) BN SURFACE ASSAULT IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AOA, W/ONE (1) ROK MAR BN IN BLOCKING POSITION NW OF AOA.
- (3) FIRST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARY WING SUPPORT
- (4) CTG 70.8 PROVIDES NGF SUPPORT
- (5) CTF 115 PROVIDES SWIFT BOAT SUPPORT

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

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- (1) ONE CTT
- (2) ONE ITT
- (3) FOUR INTERPRETERS
- (4) THREE SCOUT DOG TEAMS
- (5) FOUR KCS
- (6) TWO MINE DETECTION DOG TEAMS
- (7) ONE PRU OR NPFF

2. (S) MISSION:

COMMENCING H-HOUR, ON S-DAY, SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AIRBORNE AND SURFACE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN AOA. CONDUCTS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN AOA TO LOCATE/CAPTURE OR DESTROY ALL ENEMY FORCES AND TO LOCATE; CAPTURE OR DESTROY ALL ENEMY CACHES OR INSTALLATIONS. SWEEPS AOA TO NORTH AND ESTABLISHES A BLOCKING POSITION ON NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF SOUTHERN PORTION OF AOA IN COORDINATION WITH ROKMC BLT-2 ASSAULT IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AOA. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN WESTERN PORTION OF AOA.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

AT L-HOUR ON S-DAY, SLF ALFA DESIGNATED SOUTHERN LANDING FORCE, CONDUCTS AMPHIBIOUS HELO ASSAULT OF TWO COMPANIES INTO CENTRAL PORTION

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OF ASSIGNED PORTION OF AOA. AT H-HOUR CONDUCTS A TWO COMPANY SURFACE ASSAULT OVER SOUTHERN BEACH IN AOA AND ESTABLISHES FSB AND BSA, AND BE PREPARED TO SWEEP TO THE NORTH CONDUCTING SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS. AT S PLUS 3, BLT TO BE IN A BLOCKING POSITION ON NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ASSIGNED PORTION OF AOA TO BLOCK SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF ROKMC RLT PORTION OF AOA.

B. BLT 1/26.

(1) AT "L" HOUR CONDUCT TWO COMPANY HELO ASSAULT INTO CENTRAL PORTION OF AOA, SEIZE LF OBJ'S A & B, EST. BLOCKING POSITION ALONG PROVINCE BOUNDARY TO DENY EGRESS TO NVA/VC FORCES IN N. PORTION AOA.

(2) AT "H" HOUR CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SURFACE ASSAULT INTO SOUTHERN PORTION OF AOA AND SEIZE LF OBJ'S.

(3) ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS OF NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF SOUTHERN PORTION OF AOA NLT 1600 S. PLUS 3.

(4) ESTABLISH ARTY/MORT. FSB AND BSA VIC OF GREEN BEACH.

(5) CONDUCT THOROUGH SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS. IN AOA, SWEEPING INITIALLY FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, KILL OR CAPTURE ALL ENEMY FORCES LOCATED THEREIN. LOCATE, CAPTURE OR DESTROY ALL EQUIP/INSTALLATIONS.

(6) PROVIDE LANDING FORCE RESERVE OF ONE PLATOON LOCATED AT FSB ASHORE.

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(7) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ARTILLERY FIRE (WHEN FILLED IN)

(8) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT AN AIRBORNE LANDING AT THE
CLUSION OF THE OPERATION.

C. LANDING FORCE AVIATION (NMM 265).

(1) PROVIDE HELICOPTER SUPPORT TO BLT 1/26.

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OTHER AIR OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED BY
SLF ALFA.

(3) ANNEX B.

D. LANDING FORCE RESERVE

(1) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME MISSION OF OR REINFORCE ANY ASSAULT
UNIT.(2) MAINTAIN SPARROW HAWK IN FIFTEEN MIN. ALERT STATUS DURING
ING ASSAULT LANDING. SIXTY MIN. ALERT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS SUBSEQUENT
TO ASSAULT LANDING.(3) MAINTAIN BALD EAGLE IN SIXTY MINUTE ALERT STATUS AT ALL
TIMES.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ANNEX A OFN OVERLAY

(2) S-DAY 8 SEP

(3) H-HOUR 0700

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(4) L-HOUR 0800

(5) CMD RELATIONS

(A) WITHIN ASSIGNED PORTION AOA IAW CHAP TWO REF B

(B) ENTIRE AOA: COOPERATION/COORDINATION

(C) LIAISON OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS (1) SLF LNO TO QUANG TIN
PROVINCE HQ ON S-1, (2) SLF LNO TO HOI AN TOC S-1, (3) BLT LNO TO 3DBN
2D ROKMC BDE ON S-1, ON S PLUS 4 TO 2D ROKMC BDE HELO ASSAULT BN, (4)
BLT LNO TO SURFACE ASSAULT BN ON S PLUS 3.

(D) CIG 79.4 DESIGNATED COMMANDER SOUTHERN LANDING FORCE.

(6) BLT NOTIFY C SLF WHEN BLOCK IS ESTABLISHED.

(7) USE RIOT CONTROL AGENT AUTH.

(8) REPORTS IAW CURRENT SOP.

(A) VERBAL REP UPON EST BLY CP ASHORE

(B) SITUATION REPORT: H PLUS 5 AND EVERY 6 HOURS THEREAFTER

AFTER

(C) SPOT REPORTS: AS OCCURRING

(D) AFTER ACTION REPORT: 10 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF OPN.

(9) CIVILIANS WILL BE DIRECTED TO PROCEED SOUTHWARD OUT OF THE

AOA TO THE CHIC. LOCATED VIC BT 236467.

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(10) THRUST POINTS

- (A) BASEBALL TEAMS BT 1951
- (B) CARS BT 1746
- (C) BODY PARTS BT 2345
- (D) CITIES BT 2148

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(11) EST DUR OPN: 11 DAYS

(12) AIR: ANNEX B

(13) FSC: ANNEX C

(14) NGF SUPPORT: ANNEX D

(15) ARTY: ANNEX E

(16) ALTERNATE PLAN: ANNEX F

(17) LANDWARD AOA BNDRY: FROM BT 220576 SW ALONG GUA DAI RIVER TO BT 172542, SW TO BT 165532 TO BT 160530 TO BT 150530 SW TO BT 145523 S TO BT 144513 SW TO BT 133503 S FOLLOWING SONG LY LY TO BT 146460 SE TO BT 175443 NE TO TRUONG GIANG RIVER AT BT 220460 NE ALONG TRAIL TO SEA AT BT 243480.

(18) THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE ROKME RLY AOA AND THE SLF AOA AOA IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SONG LY LY AT GRID BT 144482 EAST ALONG THE 48 GRID LINE TO THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY AT GRID BT 216480, NORTH-EAST ALONG THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY AT GRID BT 183503, THEN TO GRID BT 190503, TO GRID BT 200509, TO GRID BT 210518, TO GRID BT 213522, TO GRID BT 220523, THEN EAST TO THE JUNCTION OF THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

(19) PRIMARY LZA (ALL BT)

- (A) QUAIL 175495

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PRIL, FIVE, AS 2152, 11, 11, 11
 (21) GREEN BEACH LOCATED BT 234482 TO BT 242432
 (22) OPN CODE NAME: DEFIANT STAND
 (23) TE 76.4, 0.0 CHOPS TO BLT 1/26 AT 200600H SEP 80
 (24) SENSOR DEVICES: EMPLACE MINISIDS VIC BT 208403 TO BT

213461, BT 195470 TO BT 195467 AND BT 172488 TO BT 177403 TO COVER RIVER
 CROSSING SITE. REPORT EXACT LOCATIONS IN SIX DIGIT COORDINATES WHEN
 EMPLACED. EMPLACE PSIDS AS REQUIRED BY SITUATION. BLT MAINTAIN RECORDS
 OF MINISID AND PSID PERFORMANCE FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES.

4. (S) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS:

A. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS LAW INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED ANNEX AE TO
 REF C, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

(1) SUPPLY

- (A) PRESCRIBED LOAD CLASS V IS BA.
- (B) BSA ESTABLISH VICINITY BT 236491.
- (C) NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS OR LESS THAN ONE DAYS SUPPLIES

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STAGED ASHORE AT ANYTIME EXCEPT ON AUTHORITY OF CTG 79.4.

(D) USS WHETSTONE (LSD-27) DESIG PCS BY CTG 76.4.

(E) BLT 1/26 ESTAB TACLOG ABOARD EACH SHIP. PRI TACLOG
 ESTAB ABOARD USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2).

(F) WATER SUPPLY AVAIL FROM USS IWO JIMA AND OTHER ARG
 SHIPS.

(G) BLT WILL LOAD ONE M49 REFUELER WITH MOGAS AND ONE
 M49 REFUELER WITH DIESEL.

(H) M49 (DIESEL) AND M49 (MOGAS) MAY BE REPLENISHED FROM
 THE USS COLONIAL (LSD-18) AND USS WHETSTONE (LSD-27).

(I) HMM 265 SUP NO CHANGE.

(2) RESUPPLY

(A) RESUPPLY REQ THRU BLT S-4 VIA PRI TACLOG. REQ FOR RE-
 SUPPLY BY HELO TO SLF S-4 BY 1700 DAY PRIOR.

(B) UNIT DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS I AND V BY SURFACE OR AIR
 AS APPROPRIATE.

(C) SURFACE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE FROM BSA.

(D) AIR DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE DIRECT FROM SHIPS OR
 BSA.

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(E) REPLENISH BSA CLASS I, IV AND V SUP BY SURFACE CRAFT FROM RAMP TO BE DESIGNATED AT DANANG EVERY 48 HOURS COMMENCING 0600Z PLUS 1. REPLENISH OTHER CLASSES SUPPLY FROM SOURCES ABOARD USS IWO JIMA. (WHEN FILLED IN)

(F) BLT S-4 SUBMIT RESUPPLY REQUESTS TO FLC DAY PRIOR TO DATE OF PICKUP. INITIAL REQUEST TO BE SUBMITTED ON S-DAY.

(G) ARG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SHIPPING EVERY 48 HOURS FOR RESUPPLY RUN TO DANANG COMMENCING AM OF S PLUS 1.

(H) BLT PROVIDE LN WITH FLC TO COORDINATE REQUESTS AND STAGING OF SUPPLIES AT RAMP FOR PICKUP BY DESIGNATED SHIP.

(I) HMM 265 PROVIDE HELD SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

(3) CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

(A) CAPTURED DOCUMENTS WPNS AND EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT EXPLOSIVES WILL BE EVACUATED TO THE SLF S-2 ABOARD THE USS IWO JIMA.

(B) DOCUMENTS FOUND AS PART OF CACHE BUT WITH NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH PERSONS CAPTURED VICINITY OF CACHE WILL BE EVACUATED TO SLF S-2.

(C) DOCUMENTS FOUND ON PERSON WILL BE COLLECTED, MARKED AND EVACUATED WITH DETAINEE/POW TO ENHANCE INTERROGATION.

(4) EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

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(A) USS IWO JIMA DESIGNATED CECS.

(B) TAR/HR TO BE USED FOR MEDEVAC REQUESTS. IF TAR/HR NOT AVAILABLE, USE FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE. CASUALTY REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CTG 79.4.

(C) WOUNDED POW'S, CIVILIANS AND DETAINEES FROM QUANG NAM PROVINCE WILL BE EVACUATED TO HOI AN.

(D) WOUNDED POW'S, CIVILIANS AND DETAINEES FROM QUANG TIN PROVINCE WILL BE EVACUATED TO TAM KY.

(E) CASUALTY CARDS OF PERSONNEL WITH MINOR HOSTILE AND NONHOSTILE WOUNDS OR INJURIES, IF RETURNED TO DUTY W/O EVAC, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SLF S-1 FOR REPORT SOONEST.

(F) BLT ESTABLISH CASUALTY ASSISTANCE TEAM ABOARD USS IWO JIMA TO COORDINATE COLLECTION OF MEDEVACS EQUIPMENT AND PER EFFS.

(G) SLF ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAS REPT.

(5) PERSONNEL

(A) DETAINEES WHO ARE DETERMINED BY CIT/ITT TO BE POW'S WILL BE TAGGED AND EVACUATED TO III MAF POW COMPOUND.

(B) ALL OTHER DETAINEES WILL BE EVACUATED TO THE CHIC LO-CATED AT BT 236461 FOR FURTHER PROCESSING.

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(C) PERSONNEL REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION TO DANANG FOR
 ROUTINE MATTERS, EG: R&R, LEAVE, TRANSFER, WILL TRAVEL BY AVAIL
 TRANSPORTATION COMMENCING 5 PLUS 1.

(6) MISCELLANEOUS

(A) PRI TACLOG REPT DAILY THE ISSUES BY SHIP 1 THROUGH

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V BY 2000H.

(B) BLT S-4 REPT INFO FOR SITREP TO SLF S-4 BY 1800H
 DAILY TO REFLECT DATA AS OF 1600H.

(C) BRAVO REPT ON AMMO STATUS TO BE SUBMITTED TO SLF
 BY BLT S-4 BY 2000H DAILY AS OF 1800H.

(D) UPON COMPLETION OPERATION, REPORT ALL CLASSES SUPPL
 EXPENDED/CONSUMED IAW ANNEX R TO REF C.

5. (S) COMMUNICATIONS:

A. REF (120-YR PLAN) EXCEP AS MODIFIED HEREIN.

B. CALLSIGNS, RADIO PLAN, AND FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS IAW
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C. ARTILLERY COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX E AND CURRENT C.O.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX D, CURRENT C.O.
 AND CTG 76.4 OPORD.

E. AIR SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX B, CURRENT C.O.
 AND CTG 76.4 OPORD.

F. CRYPTOGRAPHIC IAW REF D AND PARA 5.X. BELOW.

G. COMMAND POSTS

(1) CATF/CTG 76.4

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(2) CSLF/CTG 79.4

(3) HMM 265

(4) BLT 1/26

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REPORT CP LOCATION WHEN
ESTABLISHEDH. RADIO SILENCE COMMENCING ON ORDER APPROX 080001H SEP 69 UNTIL
LIFTED BY CATF/CLF.I. TAR/HR NET WILL BE UTILIZED FOR MEDEVAC REQUESTS. IF TAR/HR
NET NOT AVAILABLE, UTILIZE FASTEST MEANS POSSIBLE.

J. TERMINAL CONTROL IN LZ'S WILL BE OVER LZ CONTROL NET.

K. USKAC-288 /HEEL CODE WILL BE USED FOR AUTHENTICATION/NUMERAL
CODING ON AIR, ARTY, NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND TACLOG NETS, NOT TO INTERFERE
WITH SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS, UNTIL 15 SEP 69.

ANNEXES:

A. OPN OVERLAY (NOTAL)

B. AIR OPNS (TBI)

C. FSC (TBI)

D. NGF SUPPORT (TBI)

E. ARTY (TBI)

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F. ALTERNATE PLAN (TBI)

THIS OPORD EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT, EXECUTION AS DIRECTED.
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RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUYPSTYF/CG FIRST MAW

RUYPSTYE/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMLLIB/CG AMERICAL DIV

RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMHCK/CG SECOND ROKMC BDE

RUYPSTYF/CG MAG ONE SIX

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ANNEX B (AIR OPERATIONS) TO CTG MSG OPOD 4-69 FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND

A. MAPS, AMS SERIES L 7014, MAP SHEETS 6640 IV AND 6640 I

B. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR MSG OPOD 4-69 FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND

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C. CTG SEVEN NINE OPLAN 120 DASH YR (NOTAL)

D. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR ORDER P05000.1A (NOTAL)

E. CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR OPOD 308-69 FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND (NOTAL)

F. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR COI (NOTAL)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

AIR OPERATIONS

1. (S) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES: AIR SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO LANDING FORCE AVIATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY CG III MAF.

2. (S) MISSION: LANDING FORCE AVIATION WILL PROVIDE TACTICAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE LANDING FORCE.

3. (S) EXECUTION: IAW REF B AND C EXCEPT WHERE AMPLIFIED OR MODIFIED HEREIN.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. HMM TWO SIX FIVE WILL OPERATE FM LPH-2 IN SUPPORT OF BLT ONE SLANT TWO SIX IN THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT AND AS DIRECTED BY CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR HELICOPTER FRAGMENTARY ORDERS.

B. LANDING FORCE AVIATION (HMM TWO SIX FIVE)

(1) CONDUCT PRE D-DAY OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.

(2) PROVIDE AND EMPLOY HELICOPTERS IN THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT

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IAW EMPLOYMENT AND ASSAULT LANDING TABLE AND HELO LANDING DIAGRAM (SEE OPERATION OVERLAY AND PAR 3.C.(3) (THIS ANNEX). (WHEN FILLED IN)

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) MEDEVAC (TWENTY FOUR NR FIFTEEN MEN ALERT STATUS)
- (B) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT
- (C) PROVIDE COMMAND A/C FOR ASSAULT
- (D) DAWN/DUSK PATROL OF AOA.
- (E) SEARCH AND RESCUE.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) HELICOPTER CONTROL AND PROTECTION IAW EXISTING IN COUNTRY DIRECTIVES AND APPENDIX 6 (HELICOPTER CONTROL AND PROTECTION) TO ANNEX D (AIR OPERATIONS) OF REF C AS MODIFIED THEREIN.

(A) DISREGARD PAR 1, 2H AND 2I.

(B) MODIFY PAR 2.F TO READ: WHEN HELICOPTERS ARE CLEARED BY HDC TO LZ CONTROL AT THE IP, TERMINAL CONTROL THEN PASSES TO THE HST, UPON REACHING THE IP, PROCEEDING BACK TO THE LPH/LPD, HELICOPTERS WILL CONTACT HDC FOR CONTROL.

(2) AIDS TO NAVIGATION: SEE REF E AND F.

(3) HELICOPTER LANDING DIAGRAM (PLOTING THE FOLLOWING POINTS AND ROUTES WILL DEPICT THE LANDING DIAGRAM). (ALSO SEE OPERATION OVERLAY).

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(A) HELICOPTER TRANSPORT AREA WILL NOT BE DESIGNATED. HDC WILL VECTOR HELOS FROM LPH-2 DIRECT TO PENETRATION CONTROL PTS (PCP).

(B) PENETRATION POINTS (PP):

DALLAS BT 221571

WACO BT 229524

GALVESTON BT 241485

(C) FT. WORTH BT 173541

AUSTIN BT 178496

HOUSTON BT 216462

(D) HELICOPTER ROUTES

ARCHER-PRESIDIO-TRINITY

(E) PRIMARY LANDING ZONES (LZ)

QUAIL BT 175495

EAGLE BT 215467

(F) ALTERNATE LZ'S: HAWK BT 189498

ROBIN BT 225476

(4) HELICOPTER REQUESTS

(A) ASHORE: SUBMIT HELICOPTER REQUEST VIA THE TAR/HR NET.

(B) AFLOAT: IAW REF D.

(5) MEDEVAC/SAR

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(A) GENERAL: ALL CONTROL AGENCIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO DIVERT HELICOPTERS FOR ACTUAL CASUALTY EVACUATION OF AN EMERGENCY PRIORITY MAT-
 URE AND FOR SAR MANS. MEDEVAC ALERT A/C WILL BE LAUNCHED ONLY FOR EMER-
 GENCY/PRIORITY MEDEVACS FM SUNRISE TO SUNSET, AND ONLY FOR EMERGENCY
 MEDEVACS FM SUNSET TO SUNRISE.

(B) ALL MEDEVACS DURING THE HELO ASSAULT PHASE WILL BE LIFTED
 TO LPH-2.

(C) AFTER ASSAULT PHASE, VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES WILL BE LIFTED
 AS FOL:

CIVILIANS: DANANG SURGICAL HOSPITAL

CIVILIANS: (HIGH) NSA G4 HOSPITAL

POW : NSA G4 HOSPITAL

(D) ALL US CASUALTIES WILL BE LIFTED TO LPH-2 UNLESS OTHERWISE
 DIR BY HDC/TACC.

(E) MEDEVAC REQUESTS. MEDEVAC REQUESTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA
 THE TAR/HR NET. IN EVENT A MEDEVAC REQUEST CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED VIA THE
 TAR/HR NET, UTILIZE THE FASTEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AVAILABLE, E.G.,
 BN TAC NET/TACLOG.

(F) SAR REFERENCE PT. DANANG TACAN CH 77.

(G) SAR OPERATIONS IAW APPENDIX D OF REF C.

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(H) HMM TWO SIX FIVE WILL PROVIDE ONE SAR A/C FOR THE INITIAL
 ASSAULT WAVE. AFTER INITIAL ASSAULT WAVE, ALL EMPTY HELICOPTERS MAY BE
 USED FOR ON CALL SAR.

(6) WEATHER MINIMA (ALL MISSIONS)

MISSION PRECEDENCE	CEILING (AGL)	VISIBILITY
ROUTINE	1500	2N M
PRIORITY	1500	1N M
EMERGENCY	500	1N M
MANDATORY	REQUIRES PERSONAL APPROVAL BY CTS SEVEN NINE PT FOUR.	

(7) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION IAW ANNEX C (FIRE SUPPORT COOR-
 DINATION) REF B.

(8) SAVE - A - PLANE

(A) WITHIN AOA: IAW ANNEX C, (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION)
 REF B.

(B) OUTSIDE AOA: IAW EXISTING IN COUNTRY PROCEDURES.

(9) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS IAW ANNEX C (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION)
 REF B.

(10) AIRCRAFT RECOVERY UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION OF A RECOVERABLE
 DOWN A/C HMM TWO SIX FIVE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREPARE THE A/C

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 RUMLLIB RUAOAJA RUMHGK.
 ZNY SSSSS ZYO RUMFSHH
 R 050420Z SEP 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO ZEN/BLT ONE SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/HMM TWO SIX FIVE
 INFO RUYP SYD/CG III MAF
 RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUYP SYF/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYP SYE/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMLLIB/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUMHGK/CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
 RUYP SYF/CG MAG ONE SIX
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SECRET SECTION TWO OF TWO
 FOR RETRIEVAL. AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY MAINTENANCE CREWS ARE PROCEEDING
 TO THE DOWN A/C, TO PREPARE IT FOR RECOVERY, CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR WILL
 REQUEST A HEAVY LIFT A/C FM CG III MAF.

(11) NON RECOVERABLE HELICOPTERS. IN THE EVENT THAT A HMM TWO SIX

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PAGE TWO RUYPXXG2223 ~~SECRET~~ FIVE HELICOPTER IS DOWN IN AN UNSECURE ZONE AND THE ENEMY ~~SECRET~~/WEATHER/NIGHT FALL/PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE A/C PRECLUDES RECOVERY, CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION WHETHER ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ SECURITY FORCE OR DESTROY THE A/C.

(12) AIR SUPPORT REQUESTS. (OTHER THAN LF AVIATION) ALL REQUESTS FOR AIR WILL BE REQUESTED FROM TACC VIA TAR/HR NET.

(13) AIR OPERATION (OUTSIDE OF AOA) IAW CURRENT IN COUNTRY DIRECTIVES.

(14) IN EVENT PRIMARY LZ UNSUITABLE EXECUTE ANNEX F (ALT PLAN) ~~SECRET~~ B.

(15) POWS: ALL POWS WILL BE HELD LIFTED TO LZ 20.

(16) NIGHT MEDEVAC GUN SHIP ESCORT: CG III MAF WILL PROVIDE ~~SECRET~~ A/C FOR NIGHT MEDEVAC. MEDEVAC A/C WILL RENDEVOUS WITH ESCORT A/C ~~SECRET~~ SHORE PT DALLAS (BT 221571) 2500 FT.

4. (S) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS IAW REF D AND PAR 4 REF B.

5. (S) COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

A. AIR COMMUNICATIONS IAW APPENDIX III TO ANNEX D OF REF C. TAB A, APPENDIX III TO ANNEX H OF REF E, AND REF F.

B. LOCATION OF CONTROL AGENCIES

COMPONENT	AGENCY	LOCATION
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TG 76.4	SACC/TACC	LPH-2
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TG 79.4	AIR OFFICER	LPH-2
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USS IWO JIMA	HDC/TOWER	LPH-2
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C. CONTROL FUNCTIONS:

(1) CONTROL OF ALL AIR OPERATIONS WITHIN AOA EXERCISED BY CTG 76.4.

(2) CTG 79.4 WILL EXERCISE CONTROL OF LANDING FORCE AVIATION THROUGH THE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES OF HDC OR TACC. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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R 050429Z SEP 69
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
TO ZEN/BLI ONE SLANT TWO SIX
ZEN/HMM TWO SIX FIVE
INFO RUYPsyD/CG III MAF
RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT
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RUMLLIB/AMERICAL DIV
RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX
ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUMHGX/CG SECOND ROKMC BDL
RUYPsyF/CG MAG ONE SIX
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ANNEX C (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE
FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND. SHEET NO 66401 1:50-000

FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND.
A. MAPS: VIET NAM AMS SERIES L7814, SHEET NO 66401, 1:50,000

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B. ANNEX E (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO CTF SEVEN NINE OPLAN
120-(YR)

C. TGO P05000.1A (TG 79.4 SOP)

D. NWIP 22.2A

E. FMFM 7-1

TIME ZONE: POTEL

1. (S) SITUATION:
 - A. ENEMY FORCES; INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND CURRENT INTSUMS.
 - B. FRIENDLY FORCES; PARA 1B BASIC OPORD.
2. (S) MISSION: TASK GROUP SEVEN NINE PT FOUR FSC WILL ASSIST TASK GROUP SEVEN SIX PT FOUR SACC IN PLANNING, CONTROLLING, AND COORDINATING ALL FIRES SUPPORTING THE LANDING FORCE THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.
3. (S) EXECUTION:
 - A. IAW REF B PARA 3 SUB PARA A, B, D, F, AND H.
 - B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTION:
 - (1) FROM S-DAY TO D-DAY AT 0800H FIRES WITHIN THE AOA ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY AND EAST OF THE NORTH-SOUTH 18 GRID LINE NEED NOT BE COORDINATED WITH ADJACENT UNITS. HOWEVER, FROM 0800H D-DAY ALL FIRES WITHIN 500 METERS OF AOA BOUNDARIES MUST

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BE COORDINATED WITH ADJACENT UNITS.

(2) THE AREA WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GRIDS IS DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE: FROM THE AOA BOUNDARY AT GRID BT 172496 SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE TRUONG GIANG RIVER TO THE AOA BOUNDARY AT GRID BT 219468 WEST ALONG THE BOUNDARY TO GRID BT 212457, NORTH-WEST TO GRID BT 192468, THENCE NORTH-WEST TO GRID BT 188481, AND NORTH-WEST TO THE AOA BOUNDARY AT GRID BT 170488, THEN NORTH ALONG THE BOUNDARY TO GRID BT 172496. ALL FIRES WITHIN THIS ZONE MUST BE COORDINATED WITH BLT FSOC/SACC.

(3) THE AREA WEST OF THE RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE (SEE PARA 3, B, (2) THIS MSG) AND WITHIN THE SOUTHERN (SLF) AOA IS DESIGNATED A FREE FIRE ZONE, WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF COORDINATING FIRES WITHIN 500 METERS OF THE BOUNDARIES.

(4) THE AREA ENCOMPASSED BY AN ARC DRAWN FROM THE NORTHERN TIP OF BARRIER ISLAND (BT 221571) AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1000 METERS IS DESIGNATED A NO FIRE ZONE.

(5) LN TEAMS WILL INSURE ALL FIRE REQUESTS ARE CLEARED BY SACC.

4. (U) TARGET INFORMATION: SEE INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE.

5. (S) AIRCRAFT SAFETY:

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A. IAW REF B PARA 4, C, AND PARA 5, SUB PARA A AND B.

B. RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS

(1) FORMAT IAW REF C PARA 5103.

C. SAVE-A-PLANE (SAP)

(1) ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE REQUESTS FROM BLT UNITS WILL BE FORWARDED TO SACC BY BLT FSOC FOR PROCESSING. FIRE REQUESTS FROM ROKMC UNITS FOR BLT ARTILLERY SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY LN TEAM AT ROKMC FSOC, TO SACC VIA BLT FSOC. REQUESTS FOR FIRE SUPPORT FROM ROKMC ARTILLERY MUST BE CLEARED BY SACC VIA BLT FSOC AND SUBMITTED TO LN TEAMS LOCATED AT ROKMC FSOC.

(2) FORMAT FOR ALL SAVE-A-PLANE REQUESTS FOLLOW:

(A) TARGET NUMBER

(B) FIRING UNIT CALL SIGN

(C) TARGET LOCATION (SIX PLACE GRID)

(D) ESTIMATED TIME OF FIRING (FROM-TO)

(E) MAXIMUM ORDNATE (IN FT)

(F) NATURE OF TARGET

(G) OBSERVER CALL SIGN

(3) UPON APPROVAL OF MISSION, SACC WILL PROMULGATE THE SAP AND INFORM THE BLT FSOC OF SAP DESIGNATOR. THIS NOTIFICATION

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CONSTITUTES CLEARANCE TO FIRE.

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(4) ONCE SAP IS ISSUED IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A/C
COMMANDER TO REMAIN CLEAR OF DESIGNATED AREA. THIS ALSO APPLIES
A/C SUPPORTING SPECIAL REQUESTS SUCH AS SPOOKY AND SHADOW A/C.
SHOULD CONFLICT ARISE CATF SACC WILL DECIDE ON PRIORITY OF
MISSIONS AND INSURE SAFETY OF A/C AS WELL AS CONTINUING CON-
VENTIONAL SUPPORT MISSIONS.

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R 050426Z SEP 69

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO ZEN/BLT ONE SLANT TWO SIX

ZEN/HMM TWO SIX FIVE

INFO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUYPSYE/CG FIRST MAW

RUYPSYE/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMLLIB/CG AMERICAL DIV

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RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/SEVEN SIX

ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMHGM/CG SECOND ROKMC FOUR

RUYPSYF/CG MAG ONE SIX

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ANNEX D (NAVAL GUNFIRE TO OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND.

A. MAPS: VIET NAMS SERIES L7014, SHEET NO 6640 I, 1:50,000

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B. ANNEX C (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE.

C. ANNEX G (NAVAL GUNFIRE) TO CTG 76.4 OPORD.

NWIP 22-2(A)

1. (S) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES: PARA 1, B BASIC OPORD.

2. (S) MISSION: ASSIGNED NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIP CONDUCT PRE L AND H-HOUR PREP FIRES COMMENCING AS SCHEDULED FRP C. SUPPORT LANDING FORCES WITH ON-CALL MISSIONS.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. USS TAUSSIG (DD746) DIRECT SUPPORT BLT 1/26 AND ROKMC

RLT-2 PERIOD 8-19 SEP 69.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) FSA'S AS ASSIGNED

(2) DETAIL OF SCHEDULE OF FIRES FOR S-DAY AND D-DAY IAW REF C.

(3) COORDINATION OF AIR SUPPORT, ARTILLERY, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE IAW REFS B AND C

(4) SFCPS ESTABLISH COMM WITH DIRECT SUPPORT SHIP AS SOON AFTER LANDING AS PRACTICABLE. SHIPS MAY USE HAIR OR OFFSHORE

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SPOT AS APPROPRIATE UNTIL SFCPS ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS.

4. (S) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: AMMO RESUPPLY IAW REF C.

5. (S) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: IAW EFFECTIVE COI, AND FEF C.

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 RUMLLIB RUAPAJA RUMHGK.
 ZNY SSSSS ZYP RUMFSHM
 R 050427Z SEP 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO ZEN/BLT ONE SLANT TWO SIX
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 RUMLLIB/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUAPAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN /SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUMHGK/CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
 RUYPSYF/CG MAG ONE SIX
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ANNEX E (ARTILLERY) TO OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE, FOR OPN
 DEFIANT STAND.

A. MAPS: VIET NAM AMS SERIES L7014, SHEET NO6640 I.

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B. ANNEX C (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO OPORD FOUR
 DASH SIX NINE

C. FMFM 7-4

TIME ZONE HOTEL

1. (S) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES; INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND CURRENT INSTUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES: PARA 1, B BASIC OPORD.

2. (S) MISSION: LANDING FORCE ARTILLERY LAND AS DIRECTED AND
 SUPPORT OPERATIONS OF BLT AND ROCKMC RLT-2 IS REQUIRED.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF ARTILLERY EMPLOYMENT.

(1) A-1-13 AS DIRECTED LAND, PROCEED, AND OCCUPY BATTERY
 POSITION VIC GRID BT 236492, TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT
 ARTILLERY FIRE FOR THE LANDING FORCE.

(2) W-1-11 AS DIRECTED LAND, PROCEED, AND OCCUPY BATTERY
 POSITION VIC GRID BT 236492 TO PROVIDE GENERAL SUPPORT
 FIRES FOR THE LANDING FORCE.

(3) BOTH BATTERIES BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BEACH AND LZ
 PREP PRIOR TO ROKMC RLT-2 LANDING ON S PLUS 4. IF

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REQUIRED.**B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**
(1) S-DAY 8

(2) D-DAY 12 SEP 69

(3) BLT H-HOUR 0800H, L-HOUR 0800H

(4) ROKMC H-HOUR 0930H, L-HOUR 0800H

(5) FIRE CAP TO FSCC/SACC WHEN ESTABLISHED ASHORE.

(6) SURVEY CONTROL AND MET WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH
IN COOUNTRY UNITS.

(7) COUNTER BATTERY POLICY: EFFECTIVE.

(8) FIRE REQUESTS ON TRAGETS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE AOA
MUST GO THROUGH FSCC/SACC CHANNELS TO BE COORDINATED
WITH ADJACENT UNITS.

4. (S) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: PARA 4 OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE.

5. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT: PARA 5 OPORD FOUR DASH SIX NINE.

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HMM TWO SIX FIVE
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CG FIRST MAW
CG FIRST MARDIV
CG AMERICAL DIV
CIR SEVEN NINE
CTF SEVEN SIX
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX
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(AA-037)

CHANGE NR 1 TO CTG 79.4 OPORD 4-69 FOR OPN DEFIANT STAND (S)

1. (S) CHANGE PARA 3 E (19) (A) TO READ BT 188498 VICE BT 173495.
2. (S) DELETE PARA 3.D(3).

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CG AMERICAL DIV
CTF SEVEN NINE
CTF SEVEN SIX
TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX

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(AA-041)

CHANGE NR 2 TO CTG 79.4 OPORD 4-69 FOR OPERATION DEFIANT STAND (S)

1. (S) IN ANNEX B (AIR OPERATIONS) CHANGE PAR 3.C.(3)(E) TO READ

BT 188498 VICE BT 175495.

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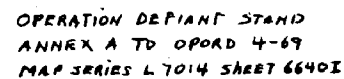
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FM CG III MAF
TO RUMFXXG/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUMFXXG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
INFO RUMLLIA/CG AMERICAL DIV

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RESTRICTIONS ON FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES IN AOA (C)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 290710Z AUG 69

B. CG AMERICAL DIV 070215Z SEP 69

1. (S) REF A SETS FORTH THE AOA FOR OPERATION DEFIANT
STAND. REF B STATES THAT GVN PROVINCE AUTHORITIES HAVE
PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:
FROM BT 158480 SOUTH ALONG QUANG NAM/QUANG TIN PROVINCE
BOUNDARY TO BT 153467, THENCE SOUTHEAST TO BT 157460, THENCE
EAST TO BT 220460, THENCE SOUTHWEST ALONG AOA BOUNDARY TO
BT 175442, THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG AOA BOUNDARY TO BT 144479,
THENCE EAST TO BT 158480.

2. (S) FRIENDLY FORCES WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, MANEUVER OR
FIRE INTO THE AREA DESIGNATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 EXCEPT IN

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RESPONSE TO FIRE OR OTHER HOSTILE ACTIONS INITIATED BY
ENEMY FORCES.

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BLT 1/26 COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR OPERATION
DEFIANT STAND TO BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY

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(c) BrigO 5750.10

Encl: (1) Commander, Task Group 79.4 Command Chronology

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

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MAJ G. D. BRENNAN
 1-22 Oct 69

MAJ W. A. WILE
 1-22 Oct 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
SJF HQ	7	26	0	0	0	0
HMM 265	41	164	1	2	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 Oct 69 through 2 Oct 69, Special Landing Force/Amphibious Ready Group "ALFA" continued enroute from Hong Kong B.C.C. to Okinawa for offload of the SLF. On 3 Oct 69, due to tropical storms near Okinawa, ARG ships were diverted to Danang, RVN for the loading of troops for Operation Keystone Cardinal.
2. ARG/SLF "ALFA" arrived in Danang, RVN on 5 Oct 69, completed the embarkation of Keystone Cardinal troops on 6 Oct 69, and departed for Okinawa on 7 Oct 69. The ARG arrived in Okinawa on 10 Oct 69 and offloaded SLF "ALFA" to Camp Hansen and the aircraft of HMM 265 to the Air Facility at Futen. HMM 265 was chopped to 9TH MAB upon the commencement of the aircraft offload.
3. During the period 11-31 October SLF "ALFA" commenced initial coordination in preparation for the predeployment training of BLT 2/9, and conducted General Military Subjects training for the enlisted personnel of the SLF staff.
4. On 25 Oct 69, the T/O of the SLF staff was revised in accordance with the instructions contained in CG MFPac Message of 252117Z Oct 69.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND THE SLF

- a. Combat missions assigned: None.
- b. Significant operations conducted: None.
- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.
- d. Casualties sustained: None.
- e. New techniques employed: None.
- f. Command relations: HMM 265 was CHOPPED to 9TH MAB on 101600I

Oct 69.

Ref: See TAB A for CTG 794 msg 092317Z Oct 69.

- g. Equipment and Logistics: None.
- h. Civic Action: None.
- i. Administration: Continued routine admin functions.
- j. Personnel: None.
- k. Intelligence: None.
- l. Communications: None.
- m. Weather: N/A
- n. Fire Support: None.
- o. Air Support: None.
- p. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations: None.

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P 092317Z OCT 69

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUADAJA/CG NINTH MAB

RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUADKUA/MARAIRGRU ONE FIVE (REIN)

ZEN/MARMEDHELON TWO SIX FIVE

INFO RUEBHOA/CMC

RUHHERA/CINCPACFLT

RUADAJA/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

RHMAFA/CG III MAF

RUWJGFB/CG THIRD MAW

RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW

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A. CG NINTH MAB 290728Z SEP 69 (S)

B. MCO P3040.3C MARCORCASPROCMAN (U)

1. (S) IAW REF A OPCON HMM-265 PASSED EFFECTIVE 1016001 OCT 69 TO CG NINTH MAB.

2. (S) IAW REF B CASUALTY REPORTING PASSED EFFECTIVE 1016001 OCT 69 TO MARMEDHELON TWO SIX FIVE WHILE ENROUTE CONUS.

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 November 1969

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

Encl: (1) Commander, Task Group 79.4 Command Chronology

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Task Group 79.4

COMMANDER

COL H. B. WILSON
1 Nov 69 - 19 Nov 69

COL G. G. CHAMBERS, JR.
20 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/9

LTCOL J. R. VAN DEN ELZEN
7 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69

HMM 165

LTCOL T. E. RAINES
7 Nov 69 - 23 Nov 69

LTCOL D. H. MITCHELL
24 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 8 Nov 69; Camp Hansen, Okinawa
8 - 27 Nov 69; Camp Schwab, Okinawa
28 - 30 Nov 69; USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10), Buckner Bay, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1/Adjutant

CAPT C. E. SCHUETTE
1 - 30 Nov 69

Intelligence Officer/
Aerial Observer

CAPT C. E. LABBY, JR.
6 - 30 Nov 69

Operations Officer

LTCOL J. D. PRATER
8 - 30 Nov 69

Assistant Operations Officer

MAJ R. C. MILLER
1 - 17 Nov 69

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Fire Support Coordinator/
Assistant Operations Officer

MAJ J. H. WHITE
3 - 30 Nov 69

Aerial Observer/
Assistant Operations Officer

1ST LT J. D. FORTUNE
27 - 30 Nov 69

Logistics Officer

MAJ W. J. REILLY, JR.
14 - 30 Nov 69

Communications Officer

CAPT R. D. L'HEUREUX, JR.
8 - 30 Nov 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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HMM 165	43	153	1	2	0	0
BLT 2/9	68	1589	5	75	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 Nov 69 through 7 Nov 69, Special Landing Force "ALFA" continued initial coordination in preparation for embarkation of BLT 2/9 and HMM 165. On 6 Nov 69 SLF "ALFA" assumed OPCON of BLT 2/9 and HMM 165.
2. On 8 Nov 69 SLF "ALFA" moved to Camp Schwab and during the period of 9 - 27 Nov 69 continued planning for the deployment of BLT 2/9 and HMM 165. On 20 Nov 69, COL G. G. CHAMBERS, JR. assumed command of SLF "ALFA".
3. On 28 Nov 69 the SLF "ALFA" L-Form was loaded aboard the USS Tripoli and the USS Ogden. The SLF "ALFA" staff embarked aboard the USS Tripoli.
4. During the period of 29 - 30 Nov 69, loading of staged cargo and vehicles was commenced aboard USS Tripoli, USS Ogden, USS Pt. Defiance, and USS Seminole.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND THE SLF

- a. Combat missions assigned: None
- b. Significant operations conducted: None
- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None
- d. Casualties sustained: None
- e. New techniques employed: None
- f. Command relations: SLF "ALFA" assumed OPCON of BLT 2/9 and HMM 165 effective 070001I Nov 69.

Ref: See TAB A for CTF msgs 290438Z Oct 69 and 290456Z Oct 69

- g. Equipment and Logistics: During the period of 1-30 Nov 69, SLF "ALFA" S-4 reps assisted their counterparts within BLT 2/9 and HMM 165 on matters relating to embarkation, ammunition requirements, supply support blocks, and other logistical matters. Also, the S-4 reps assisted BLT 2/9 and HMM 165 in the inspections of their equipment and personnel.
- h. Civic Action: None
- i. Administration: SLF "ALFA" assumed responsibility for casualty reporting for BLT 2/9 and HMM 165 at 010001 Dec 69.
- j. Personnel: None
- k. Intelligence: None
- l. Communications:
 - (1) 1-30 Nov 69: Assisted 2/9 in communication matters.
 - (2) 2-30 Nov 69: Drew all communication equipment including crypto and RPS material.
 - (3) 28-29 Nov 69: Embarked aboard USS Tripoli.
 - (4) 29-30 Nov 69: Established Task Group 79.4 message center utilizing BLT 2/9 communication personnel.

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- m. Weather: N/A
- n. Fire Support: None
- o. Air Support: None
- p. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations: None

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FM CTF SEVEN NINE

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUHJRLA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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A. CTF 79 270634Z OCT 69 (S)

1. (U) REF A REFERS.

2. (S) FOR CTG 79.3;

A. PASS OPCON HMM-165 TO CTG 79.4 EFF061501Z NOV 69 AS AVIATION ELEMENT

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B. PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON HMM-165 TO CTF 79 EFFECTIVE 241501Z NOV 69.

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 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
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A. CTF-79 120219Z OCT 69 (S)

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Task Group 79.4

COMMANDER

COL G. G. CHAMBERS, JR.
1 DEC 69 - 31 Dec 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/9

LTCOL J. R. VAN DEN ELZEN
1 DEC 69 - 31 DEC 69

HMM 165

LTCOL D. H. MITCHELL
1 DEC 69 - 31 DEC 69

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31 Dec 69: USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10); USS OGDEN (LPD-5); USS POINT DEFIANCE (LSD-31); USS SEMINOLE (LKA-104)
1-4 Dec 69: Enroute Subic Bay, RPI
5-14 Dec 69: Inport Subic Bay, RPI
15-27 Dec 69: Enroute RVN (15-16 Dec 69); Ready Group Operations in contiguous waters of RVN (17-25 Dec 69); Enroute Subic (26-27 Dec 69).
28-31 Dec 69: Inport Subic Bay, RPI

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief/Adjutant

CAPT C. E. SCHEUTTE
1-31 Dec 1969

Intelligence Officer/
Aerial Observer

CAPT C. E. LARBY, JR.
1-31 Dec 1969

Operations Officer

LTCOL J. D. PRATER
1-31 Dec 1969

Fire Support Co-ordinator/
Assistant Operations Officer

MAJ J. H. WHITE
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Aerial Observer/
Assistant Operations Officer

Logistics Officer

Communications Officer

1STLT J. D. FORTUNE
1-31 Dec 1969

MAJ W. J. REILLY, JR.
1-31 Dec 1969

CAPT R. D. L'HEUREUX, JR.
1-31 Dec 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>ENL</u>
SLF HQ	8	12	0	0	0	0
HMC 165	42	151	1	2	0	0
ELT 2/9	66	1576	5	75	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 1 December 1969, SLF ALFA completed loading of all troops and equipment aboard the USS TRIPOLI, USS OGDEN, USS POINT DEFIANCE, and the USS SEMINOLE. On 2 December 1969, SLF ALFA/ARG ALFA departed Okinawa enroute Subic Bay, RPI where ELT 2/9 and HMM 165 were offloaded upon arrival on 5 December 1969.
2. From 6 December 1969 through 11 December 1969, ELT 2/9 and HMM 165 conducted training ashore while the SLF Staff continued planning for Zambales Phiblex 1-69. On 9 December 1969 CTG 79.4 hosted Major General W. K. JONES, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force/3rd Marine Division. After a briefing and tour aboard the USS TRIPOLI, the general visited ELT 2/9 at the SLF Camp. ELT 2/9 and HMM 165 were backloaded aboard ship on 12 December 1969 in preparation for Zambales Phiblex 1-69 which was conducted on 13 December 1969, with L and H Hours at 1300 H. A repeat of Zambales Phiblex was conducted on 14 December 1969 with L and H Hours at 1200 H.
3. SLF ALFA/ARG ALFA departed Subic Bay, RPI on 15 December 1969 enroute littoral RVN to conduct Ready Operations off coast of RVN. SLF ALFA/ARG ALFA reached coast of RVN on 17 December 1969 and continued to conduct Ready Operations until departing for Subic Bay on 26 December 1969.
4. SLF ALFA/ARG ALFA arrived Subic Bay, RPI on 27 December 1969 and offloaded ELT 2/9 to SLF Camp and HMM 165 to NAS, Cubic Point. Planning and

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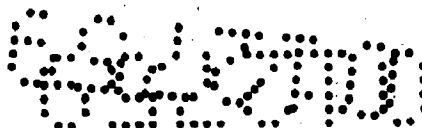
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- (a) Combat missions assigned: None
- (b) Significant operations conducted: None
- (c) Casualties sustained: None
- (d) Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None
- (e) New techniques employed: None
- (f) Command relations: None
- (g) Equipment and Logistics: Continued routine logistics functions.
- (h) Civic Action: None
- (i) Administration: Continued routine admin. functions.
- (j) Personnel: None
- (k) Intelligence: None
- (l) Communications: Conducted maintenance and training while operating communications systems to support Task Group 79.4.
- (m) Weather: N/A
- (n) Fire Support: None
- (o) Air Support: None
- (p) Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations: None

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