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From: Commander  
To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 3-31 January 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPAGO 5750.8  
(c) BRIGO 5750.1e

Encl: (1) Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) through (c), the Command Chronology for the Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) is submitted as Enclosure (1).

2. Operation BADGER CATCH commenced on 23 January. Due to the nature of this operation it appears that it will not terminate in the near future. As a result all TG 79.5 Combat After Action Reports for this operation will be submitted with the February Command Chronology.

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY

3-31 January 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONSpecial Landing Force  
(TG 79.5)COMMANDER

Col. M. W. SCHMIDT

DATES

3-31 January 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 3/1

LtCol M. MCQUOWN

3-31 January 1968

HMM 262

LtCol M. J. STEINBERG

3-10 January 1968

HMM 165

LtCol R. E. ROMINE

10-31 January 1968

ATTACHED UNITSNONE2. LOCATION

USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH -8)

3-31 January 1968

USS NAVARRO (APA 215)

3-31 January 1968

USS ALAMO (LSD 33)

3-31 January 1968

USS WHETSTONE (LSD 27)

3-31 January 1968

USS VERNON COUNTY (LST 1161)

3-31 January 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol R. A. MASCO

3-31 January 1968

MO/S-1

1stLt C. G. COMER

3-31 January 1968

S-2

Maj W. B. MAYHERRY

3-31 January 1968

Asst S-2/AC

1stLt R. T. WALLACE

3-31 January 1968

S-3

LtCol W. M. OLIVER

3-31 January 1968

Asst S-3/FSC

Maj E. P. RICHTER Jr.

3-31 January 1968

Asst S-3/Air Officer

Maj W. T. MCFALL

3-15 January 1968

Asst S-3

Maj J. P. SHEEHAN

3-31 January 1968

Asst S-3

Capt J. H. STRASSER

3-31 January 1968

S-4

Maj J. F. SHOVAN

3-31 January 1968

CommO

Capt C. C. ENTWISTLE

3-31 January 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SLF STAFF: USMC OFF - 11 USMC ENL - 43 USN OFF - 0 USN ENL - 0

BLT

64

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8

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HMM 262

41

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HMM 165

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 3 through 9 January 1968 the ARG/SIF underwent a REHAB period in Danang RVN. On 10 January the ARG/SIF sailed from Danang, RVN. From 11-22 January the ARG/SIF remained in a 24 hour reaction status for operations in I CTZ, RVN. On 11 January the ARG/SIF was visited by CMC.

Operation BADGER CATCH commenced on 23 January with the landing of BLT 3/1 by helicopters and landing craft in QUANG TRI Province, RVN. On 31 January the BLT was still engaged in the operation with no apparent termination foreseen. On 26 January selected elements of the Landing Force were OPCON III MAF who simultaneously passed it to Third MarDiv who in turn passed it to the First Amphib Bn.

On 10 January 1968 HMM 262 was rotated in-country and came under the command of the First MAF. On the same date HMM 165 embarked aboard the ARG shipping to become the SIF Squadron.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSDATEEVENTS

3-9 Jan

ARG/SLF BRAVO remained vicinity Da Nang harbor and accomplished rehabilitation of equipment. Regained OPCON HMM 262 effective 041600H and dissolved Det ALPHA HMM 262.

10 Jan

HMM 262 rotated in-country and was replaced by HMM 165. CG III MAF requested the ARG/SLF deploy to a position off the CUA VIET in preparation for possible deployment in northern I CTZ.

Ref: III MAF 110110Z Jan68  
CG 1st MAW 292345Z Dec67  
CTG 79.5 091010Z Jan68

11-22 Jan

The ARG/SLF remained off the CUA VIET I CTZ, RVN ready for possible deployment on short notice.

11 Jan

CMC visited the ARG/SLF

15 Jan

CG III MAF requested planners report to CG Third MarDiv for planning for a possible operation.

Ref: III MAF 150306Z Jan68

16-22 Jan

CTG 79.5 and planners visited Third MarDiv daily to keep abreast of the developing situation in northern I CTZ.

20 Jan

CG III MAF requested planners report to CG Third MarDiv to plan for Operation BADGER CATCH an Amphibious Operation to be conducted in I CTZ with a tentative D-Day as 23 Jan 68

Ref: III MAF 200754Z Jan68

22 Jan

CG III MAF issued mission for ARG/SLF BRAVO.

Ref: III MAF 220400Z Jan68

23-31 Jan

Operation BADGER CATCH

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26 Jan

OPCON BLT 3/1 (Less 1st Plt Co "A" 1st MT Bn, Ctrg Plt Co "C" 1st Med Bn, Dental Co 9th MAB, LSU) passed to CG III MAF at 261400H Jan68.

Ref: CTG 76.5 260542Z Jan68

CG III MAF passed OPCON selected elements of the LF to CG 3d MarDiv at 261400H Jan68.

Ref: III MAF 261546Z Jan68

CG 3d MarDiv passed OPCON selected elements of the LF to 1st Amtrac Bn at 261400H Jan68

Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 270130Z Jan68

31 Jan

Selected elements of the LF still engaged in Operation BADGER CATCH.

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PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- 1 III MAF 110110Z Jan68
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- 6 CG 3d MarDiv 270130Z Jan68
- 7 CG 1st MAW 292345Z Dec67
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Command Chronology BLT 3/1

## Appendix 3

Command Chronology HMM 262, 4-10 Jan 68

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Command Chronology Det ALPHA HMM 262, 3-10 Jan 68

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Command Chronology HMM 165, 10-31 Jan 68

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O P 110110Z JAN 68

FM CG III MAF

TO CTG 76.5

INFO CTF 76

CTG 79.5

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1. DUE ENEMY THREAT NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND UNLESS  
OTHER REQUIREMENTS PRECLUDE, REQUEST ARG REMAIN VIC CUA VIET  
QUANG TRI CITY AO. UNTIL RETURN ARG/SLF ALPHA O/A 19JAN68.

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O 50306Z JAN 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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

REQUEST ARG/SLF BRAVO PLANNERS REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO 3RD MARDIV  
CP (DONG HA).

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NNNN 200754Z JAN 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT  
 RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 INFO RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
 RUMFUL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMFUV/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 ZEN/CG FLC  
 RUYEUAK/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 RUYEUAK/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
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S E C R E T

OPN BADGER CATCH (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 152316Z JAN 68 (S)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 170636Z JAN 68 (S) PASEP (NOTAL)

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PAGE TWO RUMWAA 2173 S E C R E T

1. REQUEST PLANNERS REPORT TO 3D MARDIV CP ASAP TO PLAN SUBJ OPN IAW REF A.

2. REF B REFERS.

3. DESIRE OPN COMMENCE O/A 23 JAN 68.

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Z 220400Z JAN 68

FM CG III MAF DANANG

TO RUYEUAK/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUAUBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHGUUV/CTG SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTG SEVEN NINE

RUYEUAK/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMFCR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

ZEN/CG FIRST MAW

ZEN/CG FIRS MARDIV

ZEN/CG FORLOGCMD

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S E C R E T

EMPLOYMENT ARG/SLF ALPHA AND BRAVO

1. SITUATION KHE SANH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE REIN BY ONE BATTALION  
I DESIRE TO DEPLOY 1/9 FROM CAMP EVANS TO KHE SANH. REQUEST SLF

PAGE TWO RUMMWAA 2339 S E C R E T

ALPHA (BLT 2/4) DEPLOY

IMMEDIATELY BY HELO TO CAMP EVANS WITH

THREE RIFLE COMPANIES TO EFFECT RELIEF

F 1/9 AND ASSUME RESPON-

SIBILITY THAT AREA. FOURTH RIFLE COMPANY TO BE HELD IN RESERVE.

ELEMENTS OF 1ST ACD WILL RELIEVE BLT 2/4 O/A 25 JAN 68 AT WHICH  
TIME, I DESIRE TO RECONSTITUTE SLF ALPHA AS CORPS RESERVE. SHOULD  
YOU DESIRE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REQUEST BY AN AMPHIB OPN, I DEFER  
TO YOUR JUDGEMENT, HOWEVER, SPEED OF THE ESSENCE. REQUEST ARG  
REMAIN IN SUPPORT.

2. REQUEST ARG/SLF BRAVO CONDUCT AMPHIB OPN VIC CUA VIET TO CLEAR  
RIVER BANKS AND ADJACENT AREAS OF ENEMY FORCES. COORDINATE WITH  
CG THIRD MARDIV. ARG TO REMAIN IN SUPPORT. ENEMY HAS SUCCEEDED  
IN CLOSING CUA VIET TO LOGISTIC TRAFFIC FOR PAST TWO DAYS.  
EVEN TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THIS VITAL LOC IS UNACCEPTABLE.  
SUBSEQUENT TO CLEARING OPERATION ON CUA VIET DESIRE TO COMMIT  
BLT 3/1 TO SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN AREA WEST OF ROUTE 561 AND  
NORTH OF ROUTE 9 IN CONJUNCTION WITH ONE ADDITIONAL MARINE  
BATTALION.

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P 261546Z JAN 68

FM CG III MAF DANANG

TO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE-

RUYSUAE/BLT THREE SLANT ONE-

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A. CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE 260542Z JAN68

1. IAW REF A CG III MAF CHOPS BLT 3/1 (-) TO CG THIRD MARDIV

EFF 261400H JAN68. CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS PASSES TO

CG THIRD MARDIV SAME DTG.

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O 270130Z JAN 68

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF

ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN

INFO RUMEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE

RUMEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE

ZEN/TWELTH MARINES

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S E C R E T

OPCON

A. CG III MAF 261546Z

1. IAW REF A THIS HQ ASSUMES OPCON OF BLT 3/1 LESS SELECTED UNITS,  
61400H JAN68 & PASS SAME TO FIRST AMTRAC BN SAME DTG.

2. THIS HQ ASSUMES CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS SAME DTG.

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292345Z DEC 67

FM CG FIRST MAW

TO MAG THREE SIX

INFO CG FMFPAC

CG NINTH MAB

CG III MAF

COMSEVENTHFLT

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

MAG ONE FIVE

ZEN/HMM ONE SIX FIVE

MAY TWO SIX TWO

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S E C R E T

FMFPAC (F-058)

MOVEMENT ORDER HMM-165 CH ONE

A. CG FMAW 020050Z DEC 67

B. CG FMAW 280238Z OCT 67

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S/B, DET "A"

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C. CG FMFPAC 160114Z NOV 67

D. CG III MAF 081348Z DEC 67

E. CTF SEVEN SIX 090002Z DEC 67

F. CG FMAW 201026Z DEC 67 (NOTAL)

G. CG FMFPAC 280238Z DEC 67

REF A DIRECTED MOVEMENT HMM-165 O/A 2JAN68 WITH EIGHTEEN  
 AIRCRAFT IAW SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY REF B AND APPROVED BY REF C.  
 REF D PROPOSES AND REF E CONCURS HMM-165 AND HMM-262 ROTATE  
 O/A 10-11 JAN 1968. REF F APPROVED BY REF G PROPOSED HMM-165  
 DEPLOY WITH TWENTY-ONE AIRCRAFT AND ESTABLISHED PROPOSED  
 RANK/MOS STRUCTURE.

2. CHANGE REF A AS FOLLOWS: DELETE O/A 2JAN68 WHEREVER  
 IT APPEARS AND SUBSTITUTE WHEN DIRECTED O/A 10JAN68. CHANGE  
 PARAGRAPH FOUR ALPHA (4A) SQUADRON ROTATES WITH TWENTY-ONE  
 AIRCRAFT.

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 RUYSUAD RUMFKRE RUHGUZ RUMFCR RUMMWUA RUHGUU RUMFUE RUYSUAK  
 RUYSR RUMVHE RUAUBAC RUAUDB RUMHVP  
 DE RUYSUAE 113 0260542

ZNY SSSSS

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RUMCR 1 CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 UUMSE MACV COC  
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUYSR ZOK FFN  
 Z 260542Z JAN 68 ZYO RUYSR  
 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 TO RUMFUL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
 RUMMWAA/CG III MAF  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 RUMFCR/TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 INFO AIG FOUR SIX ONE  
 ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT ONE  
 RUYSUAD/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE  
 RUMVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
 ZEN/MARMEDHELTON ONE SIX FIVE  
 RUAUBAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT EIGHT  
 RUMFCR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
 RUHGUU/USS MT MCKINLEY  
 RUMHVA/MASS TWO DONG HA  
 ZEN/USS BLUE  
 RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE

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 S E C R E T  
 BADGER CATCH LANDING FORCE CHOP ASHORE  
 A. COMSEVENTHFLT 152316Z JAN 68  
 B. CTG 76.5 251237Z JAN 78 (NOTAL)  
 C. CG III MAF 260128Z JAN 68 (NOTAL)  
 1. LANDING FORCE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE.

PAGE TWO RUYSUAE 113 S E C R E T  
 2. IAW PARA 9A REF A, AND AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY CATF AND  
 CG III MAF (REF B & C) OPCON BLT 3/1 LESS 1ST PLT CO "A"  
 1ST MT BN, CLRG PLT CO "C" 1ST MED BN, DENTAL CO 9TH MAB,  
 LSU PASSES TO CG III MAF AT 261400H3 RPT 261400H3.  
 AOA DISSOLVED AND CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS PASSES TO CG III  
 MAF AT THAT TIME.  
 3. ARG/SLF BRAVO REMAINS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.  
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O 091010Z JAN 68

FR CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO ZEN/HMM TWO SIX TWO

INFO CG FMFPAC

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

IN/USV VALLEY FORGE

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MOVEMENT ORDER

4. CTG 79.5 080612Z JAN 68

1. EXECUTE PROVISIONS REF A 10JAN 68. REPORT TO OPCON CG FIRST MAW

EFFECTIVE 101600H JAN 68.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (TG 79.5)	Col. M. W. SCHMIDT Col. W. A. BUTCHER	1-28Feb68 28Feb-3Mar68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 3/1	LtCol. M. MCQUOWN	1Feb-3Mar68
HMM 165	LtCol. R. E. ROMINE	1Feb-3Mar68

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8) ✓	1Feb-3Mar68
USS VANCOUVER (LPD 2) ✓	28Feb-3Mar68
USS NAVARRO (APA 215) ✓	1-29Feb68
USS ALAMO (LSD 33) ✓	1-28Feb68
USS WHETSTONE (LSD 27) ✓	1Feb-3Mar68
USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST 1169) ✓	1Feb-3Mar68

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol R. A. MASON	1Feb-3Mar68
AO/S-1	1stLt C. G. COMER	1-17Feb68
S-1	1stLt M. PALLO	17Feb-3Mar68
S-2	Maj W. B. MAYBERRY	1Feb-3Mar68
Asst S-2/AO	1stLt R. T. WALLACE	1Feb-3Mar68
S-3	LtCol W. M. OLIVER	1-28Feb68
	LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER	28Feb-3Mar68
Asst S-3/FSC	Maj E. P. RICHTER Jr.	1Feb-3Mar68
Asst S-3/Air Officer	Maj C. F. MOSER	7Feb-3Mar68
Asst S-3	Maj. J. P. SHEEHAN	1Feb-3Mar68

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Asst S-3/AO	Capt J. H. STRASSER	1Feb-3Mar68
S-4	Maj J. F. SHOVAR	1Feb-3Mar68
COMMO	Capt C. C. ENTWISTLE	1-12Feb68
	Maj D. W. ANDREWS	12Feb-3Mar68
Asst COMMO	Capt C. C. ENTWISTLE	13-29Feb68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SIF Staff:	USMC OFF - 13	USMC ENL - 42	USN OFF - 0	USN ENL - 0
BLT	64	1561	8	87
HMM 165	46	188	1	3

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 - 18 February 1968 the ARG/SLF remained in support of the LF engaged in Operation BADGER CATCH/SALINE, maintaining liaison with the Third Marine Division, 1st AMTRAC Bn, 1st ARVN Regt, and those elements of the landing force ashore. SLF provided helicopter support to the Third Mar Div for logistical lifts and for an ARVN troop lift. During the period 12-15 February the SLF also provided helicopter support to III MAF for the off-load of critical cargo from Seventh Fleet shipping to the Phu Bai Combat Base.

On 19 Feb 1968 Operation BADGER CATCH was terminated and ARG/SLF Bravo departed for Subic Bay, PI.

During the period 20-29 Feb 1968 while in Subic Bay the ARG/SLF Bravo underwent REHAB/UPKEEP and exchanged shipping, with the USS Vancouver (LPD 2) replacing the USS Navarro (APA 215) and the USS Alamo (LSD 33). Colonel W. A. BUTCHER relieved Colonel M. W. SCHMIDT as CTG 79.5 on 28 Feb 1968.

The ARG/SLF departed Subic Bay, PI on 29 Feb and arrived off PHU BAI, RVN on the morning of 2 Mar 1968, at which time HMM 165 commenced off-load from the USS Valley Forge to PHU BAI AF.

On 3 Mar 1968 HMM 165 completed off-load and reported to OPCON CG First MAW effective 031200H. HMM 164 embarked aboard the USS Valley Forge and reported to OPCON CTG 79.5 effective 031200H.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
1-18Feb	The ARG/SLF Bravo remained in support of the LF conducting Operation BADGER CATCH/SALINE
1-2Feb	HMM 165 provided helicopter support for an emergency ARVN Troop lift from DONG HA and QUANG TRI to HUE Ref: III MAF 011716Z FEB68
5-7Feb	HMM 165 provided helicopters for an emergency logistics lift for the Third Mar Div
12-15Feb	HMM 165 provided helicopters to off-load high priority cargo items from Seventh Fleet shipping to PHU BAI Ref: III MAF 081640Z FEB68
16-18Feb	BLT 3/1 (REAR) displaced ashore to the 1st AMTRAC Bn CP and HMM 165 reported to OPCON First MAF for the period since ARG/SLF Bravo would be in REHAB/UPKEEP Subic Ref: (1) CTG 79.5 170049Z FEB68 (2) CTG 79.5 180253Z FEB68
19Feb	Operation BADGER CATCH terminated Ref: COMSEVENTHFLT 180930Z FEB68
19-20Feb	ARG/SLF enroute Subic Bay, PI
20-29Feb	ARG/SLF Bravo underwent a REHAB/UPKEEP period in Subic Bay, PI
28Feb	Col W. A. BUTCHER relieved Col M. W. SCHMIDT as CTG 79.5 Ref: CTG 79.5 280610Z FEB68
29Feb-2Mar	ARG/SLF Bravo underway for RVN
2Mar	ARG/SLF Bravo arrived off the coast of RVN vic PHU BAI and commenced to off-load HMM 165
3Mar	HMM 165 and HMM 164 rotated between PHU BAI AF and the USS Valley Forge with HMM 165 reporting OPCON CG First MAF and HMM 164 reporting OPCON CTG 79.5 Ref: CTG 79.5 030930Z MAR68

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PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 ✓

1 III MAF 011716Z FEB682 III MAF 081640Z FEB683 CTG 79.5 170049Z FEB684 CTG 79.5 180253Z FEB685 COMSEVENTHFLT 180930Z FEB686 CTG 79.5 280010Z FEB687 CTG 79.5 030930Z FEB68

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Command Chronology BLT 3/1, *1 Oct - 3 Mar 68*

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Command Chronology HMM 165, *1 Sep - 3 Mar 68*

✓Appendix 4

SLF After Action Report BADGER CATCH, *23 Jan - 18 Feb 68*

✓Appendix 5

BLT 3/1 After Action Report BADGER CATCH/SALINE, *23 Jan - 18 Feb 68*

✓Appendix 6

HMM 165 After Action Report BADGER CATCH/SALINE, *23 Jan - 18 Feb 68*

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ZNY SSSSS  
 Z 011710Z FEB 68  
 FM CG 1.1 YR DANANG  
 TO RUEUAE/CTG SEVEN FIVE PT FIVE  
 INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MAW  
 ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 RUMGUV/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUMKVK/DSA 1 CORPS  
 RUMKVK/1 CORPS ADVISORY GRP  
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ATTN: 1 CORPS ADVISORY GRP (G-3)

HELICOPTER LIFT FOR 4TH BN 2 ARVN REGT

1. REQ YOU PROVIDE LIFT FOR 144 ARVN TROOPS FROM DONG HA TO HUE CITADEL ON 2 FEB 68.
2. PICK-UP POINT IS DONG HA AIRFIELD AT 0300H OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS WEATHER PERMITS. DROP POINT IS HOSPITAL (COORD XD 753244), HUE CITADEL. CALL SIGN FIERCE BLYNKER ON FREQ THREE NINE PT EIGHT MC PRIMARY, FOUR EIGHT PT SEVEN MC SECONDARY.
3. CG THIRD MARDIV (G-3/DIV AIR OFF) WILL COORDINATE LIFT WITH ARVN

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REGT. FIXED WING EXCORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY FMAW. REQ YOU CONTACT THIRD MARDIV THROUGH FSCC/DASC FOR COORDINATION. GUNSHIP ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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O 031540Z FEB 63

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUEBUAL/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUEBUAL/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

ZEN/CG FIRST MAW

INFO ZEN/CG FORLOGCWD

FUMFOR/USC COMSTOCK

RUMFOR/USC ALAMO

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CRITICAL CARGO ASSIST

REF A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 281150Z FEB 63 (S) (NOTAL)

REF B. CG III MAF 281222Z FEB 63 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REQUESTED INFO ON OFFLOAD CRITICAL CARGO INTO PHU BAI.
2. REF B ADVISED OF PLANS TO TRANSFER HST, SLINGS AND PENDANTS TO ALAMO FROM COMSTOCK UPON COMPLETION COMSTOCK LIFT.
3. DESIRE COMMENCE ALAMO LIFT ASAP UPON COMPLETION TRANSFER OF HST.
4. DROP ZONE: YD 862140
- CALL SIGN ANTHILL NOVEMBER, 4527 LZ COMMON.
5. FOR FIRST MAW: REQUEST ADVISE APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LINES TO

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USE.

6. FOR COMSTOCK: REQUEST ADVISE ALAMO WHEN LIFT COMPLETED AND HST TRANSFERRED.

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ZNY S9666  
O 170049Z FEB 68 ZYO RUYS  
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
TO RUABGL/CG NINTH MAB  
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
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CASUALTY REPORTING (U)

A. MY 131158Z FEB 68

1. REFERENCE A REFERS.

2. BLT THREE SLANT ONE ADMIN SECTION MOVED ASHORE EARLY MORNING  
17FEB68.

3. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV: REQUEST YOU ASSUME CASUALTY REPORTING RESPON-  
SIBILITY DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE A AT 171002H FEBRUARY 1968.

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0 130253Z FEB 68 ZYD RUYS

01 CIG SEVEN NINE PI FIVE

00 RUHAW/CG FIRST MAW

INFO RUHAW/CG FMFPAC

RONGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHAW/CG III NAF

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUHAW/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHAW/DAG ONE FIVE

RUHAW/CTF SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE

RUHAW/CTF ONE SIX FIVE

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P E C P E I

OPCON HMM ONE SIX FIVE (U)

1. HMM ONE SIX FIVE REPORTS TO OPCON CG FIRST MAW EFFECTIVE

110000Z REQUEST CG FIRST MAW ASSUME CASUALTY REPORTING RES-

PONSIBILITY FOR HMM 165 AT SAME TIME. REQUEST CG NINTH MAR AND

CTF SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE BE MADE ADDEE ON CASUALTY REPORTS

CONTAINING HMM ONE SIX FIVE PERSONNEL

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 O 134930Z FEB 68 Z RUMGOS  
 FM CG SEVENTHFLT  
 TO RUYSUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 RUENAAA/CNO  
 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC  
 RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT  
 INFO RUYSUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 RUMFOR/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 RUMFOR/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
 RUMMWA/CG III MAF  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV  
 RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC  
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE  
 RUMSEJ/CMDR SEVENTH AIR FORCE  
 RUYEOR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

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 RUYSOR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUYSUAK/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 RUYSUAK/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 RUMFOR/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 RUMFOR/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
 RUMFOR/CTF SEVEN THREE  
 RUMFKRE/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 CTE 76.5.1.1 PASS ADVANCED COPY TO COMUSMACV  
 A. MY 152316Z JAN 68  
 OPERATION BADGER CATCH (U)  
 1. FOR CTG 76.5: TERMINATE OPERATION BADGER CATCH.  
 2. FOR CNO, CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT; CANCEL NICKNAME BADGER CATCH 19 FEB 68.  
 3. DOWNGRADE REF TO CONFIDENTIAL (C) GP-4.  
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2. 0300Z

0300Z MAR 68 ZIG RING

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMHAW/CG FIRST NAW

JFO RUMJUA/COMNAVAIRFAC

RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC

RUAUBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHFWAA/IG III MAF

RUMJAP/CG SEVEN SIX

RUMJEL/CG SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMHAW/MMS THREE SIX

RUALDB/MMS ONE FIVE

RUMHAW/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

RUMHAW/HMM ONE SIX FIVE

ZEN/MS VALLEY FORGE

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ROTATION HMM 154/155 CDD

1. LEATHER DELAYS ROTATION OF HMM'S ESTIMATED COMPLETION

ROTATION HMM 154 HMM 151200H MAR 68.

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2. EFFECTIVE 031200H MAR 68 HMM 165 REPORTED O'CON CG FIRST NAW.

EFFECTIVE SAME TIME CTG 78.5 ASSUMED O'CON HMM 164.

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Map Reference: AMS, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L 7014 Sheet 6442 IV

1. General

a. Operation BADGER CATCH was an amphibious operation conducted in accordance with MWP 22(B) employing both helicopter and surface craft assault forces. The operation was conducted in QUANG TRI Province, I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of VIETNAM. The landward AOA was that area encompassed by a line drawn from YD 353690 along east west grid line YD 69 to YD 319690, thence along the north bank of the CUA VIET River southwestward to the small stream at YD 266634, thence north along the east bank of the small stream to YD 240678, thence northward along north south grid line YD 24 to the southern boundary of the DMZ, and thence along southern boundary of DMZ to the sea at YD 281771. On 25 January 1968 the AOA was modified and enlarged as follows: a line drawn from the coast at YD 357684 southwest to YD 328665, thence along the south bank of DAM CHO CHUA through YD 330650 to YD 306630, thence westward along grid line YD 63 to YD 271630 thence along a line northwestward to small stream at YD 266634, thence northward along east bank of small stream to YD 240678 then north along north-south grid line YD 24 to the southern boundary of the DMZ, thence along southern boundary of the DMZ to the sea at YD 281771.

b. The inclusive dates of Operation BADGER CATCH were 23 January to 18 February 1968. COMSEVENTHFLT 152316Z JAN68, BADGER CATCH Initiating Directive, assigned SLF Bravo the mission of conducting a search and destroy amphibious operation against VC/NVA Forces within the AOA.

c. ARG shipping departed 190001H FEB68 for an upkeep period at Subic. BLT 3/1 remained in the area, participating in Operation SALINE, with a search and destroy mission while OPCON to Third Marine Division. HMM 165 disembarked on 18 February 1968 and CHOPPED to First MAW. No amphibious withdrawal was conducted. COMSEVENTHFLT 180930Z FEB68 terminated Operation BADGER CATCH on 190001H FEB68.

2. Task Organization

Special Landing Force  
HMM 165  
BLT 3/1

Colonel M. W. SCHMIDT  
LtColonel R. E. ROMINE  
LtColonel M. MCQUOWN

3. Intelligence

a. Enemy Situation. The enemy forces reported operating in the AOA were the Third Battalion, 803rd NVA Regiment; elements of the Fourth Battalion, 270th NVA Regiment, and the K400 LF Unit. Artillery positions

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employing 82mm, 100mm, 130mm, and 152mm pieces were located in and north of the DMZ. 122mm and 140mm rockets were also located in this area. The estimated strength of enemy units in the AOA was 1035.

b. Enemy Capabilities. The enemy was capable of:

- (1) Attacking with a force of one reinforced battalion or less with artillery support, or
- (2) Defending in previously prepared positions with one reinforced battalion or less supported by artillery, or
- (3) Delaying in prepared positions with elements of local forces mentioned in paragraph 3. (a), or
- (4) Reinforcing with units located outside the AOA.

c. Enemy Tactics. The enemy used all capabilities. His force initially delayed with elements of the 4th Battalion, 270th NVA Regiment in the vicinity of MY LOC Hamlet (YD 3068). The unit was identified from documents in the hamlet. Defensive positions consisted of family shelters converted into fighting bunkers in the hamlet, and fighting holes located throughout the area. The enemy employed all normal small arms, automatic weapons, as well as RPG's and .50 caliber machine guns. Artillery support was provided from positions within the DMZ, in the vicinity of LAM XUAN Hamlet (YD 2869), the enemy conducted a vigorous defense with elements tentatively identified from the 803rd NVA Regiment, and possibly reinforced by an element of the 812th NVA Regiment. (A wounded POW claimed to be from a unit of the 812th NVA Regiment, but this was not confirmed). Another sweep of LAM XUAN (YD 2869) was required after discovering an enemy unit had infiltrated back into the area. Once more the enemy force made a tenacious defense of his position. In this instance the defense was followed by a pre-dawn attack by a probable battalion-sized unit which was supported by artillery and mortars. The attacking unit was repulsed and received 141 casualties. The attack was characterized by aggressiveness as the enemy continued his attack after daylight. The attack was terminated by mid-day. Contact continued to be sporadic, consisting of sniper fire, artillery and mortar fire, and sightings of NVA moving in small groups. The enemy was well-equipped as evidenced by the large amount of excellent weapons, ammunition, and new equipment captured. His state of training was very good as indicated by the tenacious defense employed, and his aggressive night attack. Units initially encountered were probably reinforced by replacement units from north of the BEN HAI River. The enemy's employment of artillery while engaged in a fluid situation indicated a forward observer capability with a good communication system.

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d. Terrain and Weather. During the operation the area was under the influence of the northeast monsoon. Mornings were characterized by cloud cover ranging from low scattered to overcast conditions.

#### 4. Mission

SLF conducts an amphibious operation in QUANG TRI Province to clear the north bank of the CUA VIET River and adjacent areas of enemy forces and conduct such other operations as agreed upon with CG III MAF or his designated representative.

#### 5. Concept of Operations

a. Landing Plan/Scheme of Maneuver. The SLF lands on D-Day in the vicinity of the CUA VIET River mouth by helicopter and waterborne assault and conducts operations in four phases.

(1) Phase I. Rapidly build-up the landing force ashore to secure LF Objectives and establish a screen to the north.

(2) Phase II. Conduct search and destroy operations along the axis of the CUA VIET River to open it for friendly logistical traffic.

(3) Phase III. When firmly established ashore and when mutually agreed upon by III MAF and CATF, selected elements of the SLF CHOP to CG III MAF for such other operations as agreed upon with CG III MAF or his designated representatives.

(4) Phase IV. When directed, conduct an amphibious withdrawal.

#### b. Supporting Fires

(1) Air Support. Conduct LZ preparation by CAS immediately followed by helicopterborne assaults. Provide CAS aircraft on-station from L-Hour to L plus 150 minutes and thereafter on-call. Armed UH-1E's with TAC(A) provide escort for assault helicopter lifts and limited CAS for assault troops. Unarmed UH-1E's provide tactical CP, observation, reconnaissance, artillery and NGF air spotting.

(2) Naval Gunfire. CA(8") in general support provides beach and LZ preparation as required and conducts counterbattery fire against NVA artillery positions in the vicinity of DMZ and Cap Lay. DD(5"38) in direct support provides beach and LZ preparation as required. Both ships provide call fires against targets of opportunity.

(3) Artillery. Provide initial artillery support from in-country resources which are capable of supporting the assault, i. e.,

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the LVTH-6 Platoon located at 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (AMTRAC) CP. Land, on call, the SLF artillery and mortar batteries respectively by surface and helicopter means as soon as possible after L and H Hours with the artillery battery exercising tactical fire direction over all landing force artillery.

#### 6: Execution

a. Operation BADGER CATCH, in support of III MAF in ICTZ, was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT 152316Z JAN68. CG III MAF 220400Z JAN68 specified the mission which was approved by COMSEVENTHFLT 220536Z JAN68. CTG 79.5 230205Z JAN68 assigned tasks for the execution of this mission.

b. D-Day was initially established as 24 January 1968 with H-Hour at 0830H and L-Hour at 0900H. CG III MAF 230148Z JAN68 requested immediate execution and D-Day was changed to 23 January 1968 with H-Hour at 1800 and L-Hour at 1830. COMSEVENTHFLT 231000Z JAN68 ordered execution.

c. The basic plan for Operation BADGER CATCH was to execute a surface assault over RED BEACH (YD 349698), BLUE BEACH (YD 340700), and YELLOW BEACH (YD 343699) and a helicopterborne assault into LZ CROW (YD 300698) and LZ PARAKEET (YD 306704). This plan was modified upon change of D-Day to include a surface assault over RED BEACH (YD 349698) and thence over BLUE BEACH (YD 340700), and a helicopterborne assault into LZ ROBIN (YD 343697), and thence a surface assault over BLUE BEACH.

d. On D-Day at 1825H I/3/1 landed in LZ ROBIN for further movement by LVT to the north bank of the CUA VIET River. At 1845H L/3/1 landed by LVT's over RED BEACH and thence over BLUE BEACH. At 1915H I/3/1 moved by LVT over BLUE BEACH. The CP Group landed in LZ ROBIN at 1925H followed by K/3/1 at 2000H, and at 2100H the CP and K/3/1 landed by LVT over BLUE BEACH. G/1/11 landed over YELLOW BEACH (YD 343699) by LCM's at 2145H. At 2325H the Tank Platoon (-), and at 240140H the AT Platoon (-) landed by LCU over BLUE BEACH. All units ashore established night defensive positions.

e. On D plus 1, I/3/1 moved west along the north bank of the CUA VIET River to secure LZ SPARROW (YD 317696) and Objective 1, the village of XOM CON TONG on the north bank of the CUA VIET, (YD 318692). Helicopter movement ashore to LZ SPARROW of M/3/1 and Mortar Btry 2/11 commenced at 241030H and was completed at 241550H. The landing was interrupted at 1130H when the LZ was hit by mortar fire. At 251615H in response to CG III MAF 240344Z JAN68, L/3/1 was helo-lifted from LZ SPARROW to LZ FINCH (YD 302661) to conduct search and destroy operations on an island which was located in the CUA VIET River and opposite from Objective #2, the village of MY LOC (YD 305680). Objective #1 was swept and all units established night defensive positions.

f. On D plus 2, K/3/1 engaged a large enemy unit while moving toward



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Objective #2 (YD 305680). Blocking positions were established and extensive CAS, NGF, and ARTY preparations were conducted. At 251500H, K/3/1 attacked the objective and by nightfall had secured half of it while I/3/1 maintained blocking positions to the north. L/3/1 continued search and destroy operations to secure the southern bank of the CUA VIET Channel.

g. On D plus 3, K/3/1 and M/3/1 secured Objective #2 and conducted a detailed search of the area as L/3/1 continued operations on the south bank. At 261400H OPCON of selected elements of the Landing Force was passed to CG III MAF and then simultaneously to CG Third Marine Division and First AMTRAC Battalion. Control of supporting arms, scheduled to be passed at the same time, was delayed until 261925H. This was due to heavy utilization of supporting arms during the afternoon of the 26th. ARG/SLF Bravo remained in the area and continued to provide medevac and other logistical support until 18 February 1968, after which date, the support was provided by the Third Marine Division. The ARG/SLF then departed for a REHAB/UPKEEP period at Subic Bay at 190001H.

## 7. Commander's Analysis

### a. Planning

(1) On 15 January 1968 III MAF requested that planners from ARG/SLF report to Third Marine Division CP at DONG HA (CG III MAF 150306Z). No firm concept emerged, but possibilities were discussed. Planners returned on 16 January and it appeared that the employment of the ARG/SLF would be a short-fuzed reinforcement of QUANG TRI or CON THIEN if the situation dictated.

(2) SLF/ARG planners continued to visit Third Marine Division on a daily basis to keep abreast of the changing tactical situation.

(3) On 20 January 1968 CG III MAF requested that planners report to the Third Marine Division (CG III MAF 200754Z) to coordinate planning for a proposed operation in the CUA VIET area to commence on 23 January 1968. Planners returned to the Division CP the following day and the planning for Operation BADGER CATCH commenced.

(4) The planning continued through the issuance of the final order on 23 January 1968. During the planning phase the following steps were accomplished:

(a) Intelligence was obtained from current INTSUMS, area studies, and by liaison with in-country units. Maps were obtained from the Third Marine Division. No interpreter or interrogator/translator support was available. A Provincial Reconnaissance Unit and two scout dog teams were provided from III MAF and Third Marine Division assets.

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- (b) Logistic support procedures were arranged.
- (c) Radio frequencies were obtained and the communications plan was issued.
- (d) The AOA was agreed upon and command relationships were finalized.
- (e) Arrangements were made for the establishment of liaison teams at the Third Marine Division, the 2nd ARVN Regiment, and the 1st AmTrac Battalion.
- (f) Naval gunfire support was requested and initially one cruiser and one destroyer were assigned.
- (g) Close air support requirements were determined and requested. Additional helicopter support consisting of four armed and one unarmed UH-1E's was requested.

b. Command Relationships. Operation BADGER CATCH was an amphibious operation with command relationships in accordance with NWP-22(B). Liaison was established with Headquarters Third Marine Division, the 2nd ARVN Regimental Headquarters, and the First AmTrac Battalion.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Artillery Support

- (a) Artillery support for the Landing Force was provided by the attached batteries of the BLT (Btry C, 1stBn, 11th Mar and Mortar Btry, 2ndBn, 11th Mar) and the 2nd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company (LVTH-6) attached to the 1st AmTrac Battalion.
- (b) The LVTH-6 Platoon initially provided direct support until the landing and establishment ashore of Btry C, 1stBn, 11th Mar on D plus 1. The platoon then reverted to a reinforcing role and answered calls for fire from both the landing force and the 1st AmTrac Battalion. Battery C assumed direct support of the landing force and exercised tactical fire control of the LVTH-6 platoon.
- (c) Late on the afternoon of D plus 1 the Mortar Battery of the 2ndBn, 11thMar landed via helicopter in LZ SPARROW and reinforced the fires of Battery C.
- (d) Medium artillery reinforcing fires were provided by 12th Marines units located at DOMG HA.
- (e) While fire support coordination was afloat, 75 artillery

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missions were fired expending 995 rounds of mixed caliber.

(2) Naval Gunfire

(a) The USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA 148) and the USS BLUE (DD 744) were assigned in direct support of the Amphibious Task Force. The USS OWENS (DD 776) relieved the USS BLUE on station during the morning of D plus 3.

(b) The USS EDWARDS (DD 950), the USS HAMMER (DD 718) and the USS MASON (DD 852), although not assigned to the ATF, conducted numerous direct and counter-battery missions in support of the landing force.

(c) Although NGF support was not used by the landing force during the amphibious assault on D-Day and D plus 1 as no opposition was encountered, it was nevertheless available. Commencing late on D plus 1 NGF was employed extensively by the landing force against enemy troops, bunkers, and known or suspected mortar and artillery positions.

(d) While coordination of supporting arms was afloat a total of 417 rounds of 8" and 2306 rounds of 5" ordnance were expended in support of the landing force.

(3) Air

(a) Close Air Support (CAS) by fixed wing aircraft was used extensively on D plus 1 and 3. Landing zone prep was planned but when D-Day landing zones were changed, all requests were cancelled. Most sorties were directed against MY LOC (YD 305680) and IAN XUAN (YD 283689). On D plus 3 emergency requests went to CTF 77.3 (USS CORAL SEA) to provide aircraft when in-country assets were all committed. Four A-4E A/C were provided. A total of twenty five attack sorties were flown in support of Operation BADGER CATCH prior to supporting arms control being passed ashore. 45,750 pounds of bombs, 57 napalm tanks, 76 2.75 rockets, and 3,200 rounds of 20mm were expended.

(b) Augmentation of 1 unarmed UH-1E, 4 armed UH-1E, and 2 CH-53's was requested. Due to change in tactical plans CH-53's were not required to lift the 105mm howitzer battery. 1 unarmed UH-1E and 2 armed UH-1E A/C were utilized commencing on D plus 1. A total of 61 sorties (in escort and TAC(A) roles) were flown and 25 2.75 rockets were expended.

(4) Fire Support Coordination

(a) Coordination of supporting arms was in accordance with current amphibious doctrine with control and coordination under the CATE in the supporting arms coordination center of the Flagship.

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(b) Liaison was established in the Third Marine Division FSCC at DONG HA to coordinate the fires of the 12th Marines in the AOA. Liaison was also established with the 2nd ARVN Regiment at DONG HA to coordinate the fires of ARVN supporting arms.

(c) Clearance to fire within the AOA required coordination with and final ground clearance by the 2nd ARVN Regiment.

(d) Control of supporting arms was passed ashore to the Third Marine Division at 261925H (D plus 3). Fire support coordination responsibility was retained by CATF beyond the scheduled CHOP time of 1400 since the Landing Force at that time was heavily committed in the attack and was making maximum use of supporting arms. The control of supporting arms was passed to the Third Marine Division at 1925H when the attack had terminated.

#### d. Communications

(1) Communications during Operation BADGER CATCH were characterized by short range circuits, with reliability ranging from good to excellent on all nets. Two problem areas caused concern during the operation.

(a) Many of the frequencies assigned to the SLF were used by units close to the objective area. This caused interference. Many call signs tentatively identified as U. S. Army units were logged in and out of SLF Nets which caused a breakdown of net discipline. Due to the concentration of units in the northern end of I Corps, it is difficult to develop SLF frequency plans which eliminate interference.

(b) Many BA 386 batteries used by the BLT were found to be defective. Lack of waterproof plastic wrappings and the obvious age of the batteries accounted for low power output and limited life span. The BLT Communications Officer was requested to submit a UER on the batteries that were improperly packaged.

(2) Two SLF liaison teams were employed during the initial phase of the operation. One team was located at the Third Marine Division Headquarters (DONG HA) and the other team was located with the 2nd ARVN Regiment. In addition BLT 3/1 established liaison with the 1st AmTrac Battalion. When the Battalion reported OPCON to the 1st AmTrac Battalion the SLF liaison team was relocated from the Third Marine Division CP to the 1st AmTrac Battalion CP.

(3) The KY-8 (NESTOR) crypto system was utilized to cover the SLF tac net and also to enter the Third Marine Division tac net with voice encryption. Radio monitoring of the BLT circuits by NAVSECGRUACT personnel aboard the LPH revealed room for improvement on uncovered

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circuits. Plans presently call for operator training between operations. This training will include refresher drills with the KAC-PX/KAC-QX codes, and expanded use of KY-8 assets.

(4) Radio relay was not employed during the operation since the shipboard GRC-10 terminal was undergoing repair at Electronic Maintenance Company in DANANG.

(5) The SLF staff was augmented for the operation by four enlisted communicators from Comm Support Company, Ninth MAB. These men were rotated between duty in the field with the liaison teams and watches on the SLF radios aboard the Flagship.

#### e. Logistics

(1) SLF planners attended conferences at Third Marine Division and 1st AmTrac Battalion concerning the supportability of Operation BADGER CATCH. It was mutually agreed that supplies embarked in ARG/SLF shipping would be used to support the amphibious operation. Upon changing operational control, logistical support would change from afloat to the in-country LSA located at DONG HA Combat Base. Due to the location of the operation in relation to the location of the ship and the LSA at DONG HA, it was determined that all resupply would be from ARG shipping.

(2) During the period 23 January to 19 February 1968, 1,000 tons of supplies were lifted from the LPH to BLT 3/1 in support of the operation. Continual reconstitution of required supply levels was accomplished by ordering supplies from FLC and dispatching ships of the ARG to DANANG for pick-up. Upon return of the resupply ship to the operating area, supplies were transferred to the LPH for packaging and further delivery by helicopter to BLT 3/1 in the Amphibious Objective Area.

(3) No major logistical problems were encountered during this operation.

f. Civil Affairs. The complete absence of a civilian population in the area of operations precluded the development of a civil affairs program. A Psychological Warfare Team was utilized at MY LOC to broadcast calls for surrender, with negative results.

#### g. Readiness of the SLF

a. SLF Bravo embarked in ARG shipping consisting of USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8), USS NAVARRO (APA 215), USS ALAMO (LSD 33), USS WHETSTONE (LSD 27), USS WHITFIELD COUNTY (LST 1169), is prepared to respond to any contingency which may arise within the Seventh Fleet Area of Operations. Continuous emphasis is being placed on personnel, training, supply, and equipment readiness.

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9. Comments. The following comments on BLT 3/1 and HMM 165 After Action Reports are included:

a. BLT 3/1

(1) Paragraph 2. b. and 6. The mission assigned SLF Bravo was to conduct an amphibious operation in QUANG TRI Province to clear the north banks of the GUA VIET River and adjacent areas of enemy forces and to conduct such other operations as agreed upon with CG III MAF or his designated representatives. CG III MAF 240344Z directed the BLT to conduct an additional company-sized search and destroy operation on the south banks of the GUA VIET River, and COMSEVENTHFLT 251124Z JAN68 modified the AOA accordingly.

(2) Paragraph 8. a. (3) (a). The tank mentioned as submerged and destroyed during combat operations was a BLT 2/4 asset attached to BLT 3/1 by the in-country commander.

(3) Paragraph 9. a.

(a) The temporary termination of artillery and naval gunfire for the introduction of CAS or medevac/emergency resupply support was based, as during previous operations, on the priority established for supporting arms and medevac/emergency resupply by the BLT Commander through his Air Officer.

(b) Check fires were initiated only when the alternate routes around active surface fires could not be established and the trajectory of artillery and naval gunfire interfered with priority helicopter or close air support missions requested by the BLT.

(c) During helicopter medevac and emergency resupply missions, required check fires initiated by SACC were not placed in effect until the A/C had reached the coastline near the mouth of the GUA VIET River, which for most flights was a position within 4 minutes of the landing zone. At no time was the BLT advised by SACC that the medevac helicopters would not leave the ship until all supporting fires were in a check fire status. However, a review of the tactical air request net log indicated on 26 January 1968, the BLT Air Officer was informed that a medevac helicopter mission in progress would not return to the hot zone until a UH-IE gunship was available to escort the flight. This statement may have been misinterpreted by the BLT net operator.

(d) Communications with the respective supporting arms agencies was effective throughout the period when fire support coordination was the responsibility of CATF. Some difficulty was experienced on the tactical air request net between SACC and the BLT Air Officer. The BLT was able to monitor transmissions of the TACC in a loud and clear manner. However, the BLT transmissions were not always strong

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enough to be received clearly by the TACC. This may be attributed in part to the BLT's inability to communicate consistently during the operation on the primary HF TAR net due either to a shortage of batteries or a defective PRG-47. The tactical situation apparently prevented employment of the Air Liaison Officer's radio jeep which would have provided the power source necessary for effective communications.

(e) On the 25th and 26th of January, check fires required for artillery and naval gunfire within the BLT's area of operation were coordinated with the BLT Air Officer, and were in the majority of the cases, placed in effect by the BLT FSCC prior to action by SACC.

(f) Although the BLT coordinated supporting fires within the BLT's area of operation, the overall coordination of supporting arms within the AOA, as during previous SLF Bravo operations, remained afloat under SACC and was the responsibility of the Commander Amphibious Task Force.

(4) Paragraph 10. c. and d. CONCUR.

(5) Sufficient planning time was not available to implement a comprehensive collection plan and still evaluate and disseminate the intelligence gained. However, all available intelligence data was provided to subordinate units by the SLF. In the future, stronger emphasis will be placed on early and sustained intelligence collection so that timely, accurate intelligence may be provided.

(6) Paragraph 10. f. and g. CONCUR.

(7) Paragraph 10. h.

(1) No interpreters were available due to a shortage of personnel at in-country units.

(2) Screening and evaluating captured intelligence material and documents is not considered appropriate at an engaged tactical unit's position. SOP requires that captured materials be forwarded immediately to SLF Headquarters for screening, evaluating, and disposition. Prisoner interrogation at the capturing unit level should be limited to immediate tactical information. POW's should then be forwarded to a headquarters which has the time, personnel, and facilities for interrogation.

(3) CONCUR.

(4) The employment of PRU's has been successful in previous operations. Future requests for employment of PRU's will be based on their ability to provide the intelligence required.

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(5) CONCUR.

(6) CONCUR.

b. HMM 165

(1) Paragraph 2. a. and Paragraph 3. a. (Enclosure (2))

It is recognized that such a procedure is not desirable and should be avoided. However, the decision to change D-Day from the 24th to the 23rd of January was based on the request of CG III MAF to execute the amphibious operation immediately. This message was received at 231021H. To allow maximum time for planning and preparation, H-Hour was confirmed at 1800H. To minimize inherent dangers the helo assault began before dark and the LZ was changed to LZ ROBIN, a secure zone, with a secure approach from the sea in the 1st AmTrac Battalion compound.

(2) Paragraph 3. b. This problem has been resolved aboard ship. Every precaution will be taken to preclude its recurrence.

(3) Paragraph 4. a. CONCUR.

(4) Paragraph 4. b. Greater utilization of aircraft in combining missions has always been the guiding principle in SLF flight operations. Incorporation of medevac and resupply/admin missions is now SOP.



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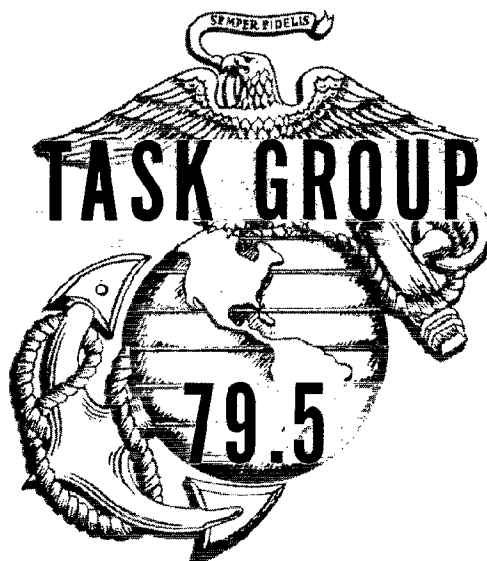
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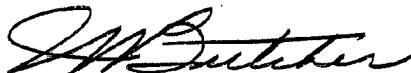
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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BRIGO 5750.1e

Encl: (1) Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the Command Chronology for Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5) is submitted as enclosure (1).

  
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Special Landing Force

Col W. A. BUTCHER

4-31Mar68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 3/1

LtCol M. MCQUOWN

4-31Mar68

HMM 164

LtCol R. F. RICK

4-31Mar68

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

4-31Mar68

USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8)

4-31Mar68

USS VANCOUVER (LPD 2)

4-16Mar68

USS WHETSTONE (LSD 27)

15-31Mar68

USS THOMASTON (LSD 28)

4-15Mar68

USS WHITFIELD CTY (LST 1169)

14-31Mar68

USS TERRELL CTY (LST 1157)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol R. A. MASON

4-31Mar68

S-1

Capt M. PALLO JR.

4-31Mar68

S-2

Maj W. B. MAYBERRY

4-31Mar68

Asst S-2/AO

1stLt R. T. WALLACE

4-31Mar68

S-3

LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER

4-31Mar68

Asst S-3/Air Officer

Maj C. F. MOSER

4-31Mar68

Asst S-3

Maj J. P. SHEEHAN

4-31Mar68

Asst S-3/FSC

Maj E. P. RICHTER

4-26Mar68

Capt J. D. BERGER

26-31Mar68

AO/Asst S-3

Capt J. H. STRASSER

4-31Mar68

S-4

Maj J. F. SHOVAR

4-26Mar68

Maj J. R. CATON

26-31Mar68

CommO

Maj D. W. ANDREWS

4-31Mar68

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

SLF Staff	USMC Off - 12	USMC Enl - 44	USN Off - 0	USN Enl - 0
BLT 3/1	57	1447	8	90
HMM 164	45	192	1	3

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the SLF/ARG remained in support of landing force elements ashore, providing helicopters for medevac, administrative, and logistic flights. The landing force ashore, under the operational control of Third Marines, was initially engaged north of the CUA VIET in support of Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE. On 5 March the Third Battalion, 1st Marines Reinforced was helo-lifted to the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL and commenced participation in Operation LANCASTER II by providing security for CAMP CARROLL, CA LU, and Route Nine. The remaining elements of BLT 3/1 (Artillery batteries, tank, ontos, and LVT platoons) remained in the vicinity of the CUA VIET under OPCON Third Marines (Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE). On 15 March the 107mm Mortar Battery was helo-lifted to CAMP CARROLL under OPCON of 3/1 and commenced participation in Operation LANCASTER II. The SLF established liaison teams with Company D, 3d MedBn DONG HA and with the Fourth Marines at CAMP CARROLL. The liaison team with the Third Marines was returned to the LPH upon movement of the Third Battalion First Marines to CAMP CARROLL.

During the period 14-16 March, the ARG/SLF exchanged shipping at DANANG. USS THOMASTON (LSD 28) replaced the USS WHETSTONE (LSD 29), and the USS TERRELL CTY (LST 1157) replaced the USS WHITFIELD CTY (LST 1169).

On the 20th of March the Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade (CTF 79) visited elements of the Landing Force ashore in the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL and the CUA VIET. In a formal ceremony aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8) he presented decorations to members of the Special Landing Force.

The Commander, Special Landing Force Bravo conducted liaison trips to all major commands in I Corps and discussed future SLF employment with III MAF. On the 21st of March he awarded battlefield promotions to members of BLT 3/1 while visiting their locations near CAMP CARROLL.

During the period 16-31 March the SLF provided augmentation aircraft to MAG 36A at QUANG TRI for support of the Third Marine Division. Four CH-46A's were provided on a daily basis, with additional aircraft available if needed. This support was provided daily during the period except when poor weather or operational commitments precluded their availability. This occurred on only three days during the reporting period.

On 26 March the nickname BADGER CATCH II was assigned by COMSEVENTHFLT to the current supporting operations of the SLF/ARG.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4-5Mar The ARG/SLF Bravo remained in support of the Landing Force ashore, participating in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE.

5Mar SLF Bravo provided helo support for the exchange of elements of BLT 3/1 on the north bank of the CUA VIET with the elements of BLT 2/4 in the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL.

6-31Mar The ARG/SLF Bravo remained in support of the landing force ashore, participating in Operation LANCASTER II/BADGER CATCH II and NAPOLEON/SALINE.

6Mar Casualty reporting assumed by SLF Bravo from Third Marine Division.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 060320Z MAR68  
One CH-46 from HMM 164 while on a maintenance test flight experienced engine failure and landed at sea. One crewman was not recovered.  
Ref: HMM 164 060810Z MAR68  
SLF Bravo requested the sunken helo be located and inspected to disclose the cause of engine failure.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 061010Z MAR68

8Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to CG FMAW and III MAF.

10Mar CTG 79.3 visited CTG 79.5 aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE.  
CTG 79.4 visited CTG 79.5 aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE.

11Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF and Force Logistic Command.

12Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to CTG 79.4.

14-15Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF.

15Mar SLF Bravo provided helo support to off-load HMM 363 from the USS IWO JIMA.  
SLF Bravo provided helo support for the exchange of Mortar Battery 2/11 at MAI XA THI (YD 280670), with the Mortar Battery at CAMP CARROLL.

15-31Mar SLF Bravo provided augmentation aircraft on a daily basis to MAG 36A at QUANG TRI.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 151225Z MAR68

16Mar CTG 79.5 and CTG 76.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF.

19Mar CTG 79.5 and CTG 76.5 conducted a liaison visit to CTF 79 and CTF 76 aboard the USS ESTES.

20Mar CTG 79.5 accompanied CTF 79 on visits to Third Marine Division, 4th Marines, 3rd Marines, BLT 3/1 and BLT 2/4. CTF 79 while on board USS VALLEY FORGE awarded decorations to members of TG 79.5.

21Mar CTG 79.5 awarded battlefield promotions to members of BLT 3/1 in the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL.

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- 23Mar SLF Bravo provided helo support to lift M/3/1 from CA LU to the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL.  
USS IMPERVIOUS found sunken helo after a five day search.  
Ref: USS IMPERVIOUS 23000Z MAR68
- 24Mar CTG 79.5 and CTG 76.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF to discuss future ARG/SLF employment.
- 25Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF and Force Logistic Command.
- 26Mar Nickname BADGER CATCH II assigned for current supporting operations of ARG/SLF.  
Ref: COMSEVENTHFLT 260700Z MAR68  
CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Third Marine Division Rear.
- 27Mar CTG 79.5, accompanied by G-1 Ninth MAB, made liaison visits to CG Third Marine Division, CO 4th Marines, and CO BLT 3/1.
- 28Mar CTG 79.4 conducted a liaison visit to CTG 79.5.
- 29Mar CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to CO Third Marines.
- 31Mar SLF Bravo provided helo support to lift K/3/1, M/3/1 and Command Group from the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL to YD 145515.  
CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Deputy CG Provisional Corps VIETNAM and Task Force XRAY.



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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 ✓

- 1 CTG 79.5 060320Z MAR68
- 2 HMM 164 060810Z MAR68
- 3 CTG 79.5 061010Z MAR68
- 4 CTG 79.5 151225Z MAR68
- 5 USS IMPERVIOUS 230400Z MAR68
- 6 COMSEVENTHFLT 260700Z MAR68

Appendix 2 ✓

SPOT REPORTS

- 1 CTG 79.5 280225Z MAR68
- 2 CTG 79.5 301133Z MAR68
- 3 CTG 79.5 311319Z MAR68

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- 1 CTG 79.5 090307Z MAR68
- 2 CTG 79.5 260551Z MAR68
- 3 CTG 79.5 311157Z MAR68

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Command Chronology, BLT 3/1, 4-3170268  
 Lw/A/A, 040200 CATCH/SALINE/NAPOLEON SALINE, 23 Jan - 5 Mar  
 Command Chronology, HMM 164, 1-5 Mar 68

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CASUALTY REPORTING (UD)

RE LIAISON VISIT LIPALLO (TG 79.5) TO G- SEC (CAS REP CTL CENTER)  
 THIRD MARDIV ON 5 MAR 68.

1. DURING REF A IT WAS AGREED THAT CTG 79.5 WOULD ASSUME CASUALTY  
 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR BLT 3/1 EFFECTIVE 06:200H MAR 68. BLT  
 3/1 ADMIN SECTION BACKLOADED MORNING 6 MAR 68.

2. THIS CONFIRMS REF A.

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RJAUDA/COMFATWESTPAC

RJMHAW/CG ILL HAW

RJMHAW/CG FIRST MAG

RJMHAW/CG SECOND MAG

RJWBRA/CG THIRD MAG

RJABOL/CG FIFTH MAG

RJMHAW/MAG ONE SIX

RJMHAW/MAG THREE SIX

RJAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE

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RUCILMA/COMNAVAFIPAC

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 ERNA/NAVPLANT/RYSCOM (HOB ON PA)  
 RUMFCR/DIRECTOR AFM FOR THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
 RUMHBR/CINCPACFLT  
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PRELIMINARY MESSAGE REPORT OF AIRCRAFT 700 DENT

A. OPNAVINST 85550.1

1. 4 MARCH 1968, 10:00 H. 100

2. CH46A, 151945, HOB-104, 3-381

3. 107 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH, 107 DEGREES 10 MINUTES NORTH

4. RICHARD G. SOUSA, CAPT, 30141, 1000, 7-13, 1000

5. WAYNE T. HENDERSON, 1ST LT, 30141, 1000, 7-13, 1000, CO-PILOT, GOLF.

GERALD W. ALTE, CPL, 30141, 1000, 7-13, 1000, AIRCRAFT GUNNER, GOLF.

GARY L. COLOMBO, CPL, 30141, 1000, 7-13, 1000, CREW CHIEF, LINA.

6. AIRCRAFT SANK IN 132 FEET OF WATER, ALPHA.

7. 111, ZERO POINT FIVE.

8. IN FLIGHT

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AIRCRAFT WAS ON ROUTINE FLIGHT CONTROL POST MAINTENANCE INSPECTION FLIGHT. FOLLOWING FUEL JETTISON CHECK, NUMBER ONE ENGINE QUIT. PILOT LOWERED COLLECTIVE TO KEEP ROTOR TORQUE AND NUMBER TWO ENGINE QUIT. AUTOCROTATIVE LANDING WAS MADE TO THE WATER. THE PLEXIGLASS UNDER THE PILOT BURNED AND THE AIRCRAFT ROLLED TO THE RIGHT AND SANK. CAUSE FACTOR UNKNOWN SUSPECT INADEQUATE FUEL SHUT OFF FOLLOWING FUEL JETTISON OR FUEL CONTAMINATION CAUSED BY IN LINE FUEL FILTER BY PASSING FOREIGN MATTER IN FILTER.

12. WIND 15000, SEA STATE 5-600 FT. HIGH TENETS HIGH THEN SCATTERED, CEILING NONE, TEMPERATURE 58.3, LOW POINT 47.3, VISIBILITY 7 MILES.

11. UNKNOWN DOUBTFUL IF AIRCRAFT COULD BE RECOVERED.

12. PENDING RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT.

13. PILOT EGRESS NORMAL THROUGH STARBOARD ESCAPE HATCH.

CO-PILOT EGRESS NORMAL THROUGH PORT ESCAPE HATCH. AERIAL GUNNER EGRESS NORMAL THROUGH PORT GUNNERS HATCH. CREW CH 15 LAST SEEN ATTEMPTING EGRESS THROUGH STARBOARD ENTRANCE HATCH.

14. NONE

15. SUSPECT ENGINE FAILURE OF ENGINES 1113 9 AND 270727

16. CAPTAIN JAMES T. BUTLER 302 54, AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER

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B. HMM 154 1558 02 1 01 01

1. RFP A REPORT D 3-1000 OF CV-43 BU NO 191848. RFP B PROVIDED AMPLIFYING INFORMATION.

2. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE CHANCES FOR LOCATING THE A/C ARE GOOD IF THE ROPER NAVAL AGENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. LOCATION OF THE A/C WOULD ASSIST THE COMMAND BOTH FROM THE STANDPOINT OF POSSIBLE

REPLY OF THE BODY OF THE MISSING AIRMAN BELIEVED TO BE IN CABIN

ON DETERMINING THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT BY EITHER A VISUAL OR PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT OF CENTER CONSOLE SWITCH POSITIONS.

3. IT IS FEL THAT CO III RFP CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE NAVAL COMMAND TO DETERMINE IF SUCH ASSISTANCE CAN BE RENDERED.

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1. TYPING OF SELF HELICOPTERS (CH)  
2. TO BE LIAISON VISIT WITH FIRST MAR 6-3 ON 11MAR68  
3. PROPOSED DUE TO REF A CTG 79.5 EFFECTED LIAISON WITH MAG 36A  
4. NO TIE TO 150 A/C.  
5. 3 FIVE CH-40'S WILL RPT QUANG TRI IN AUGMENTATION  
6. TIE TO 150 A/C. ALL MISSIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED ON DIRECT  
7. 301 A/C IS LIAISON MAG 36A AND FLIGHT LEADER.  
8. IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRAGGING WILL R

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1. 110000Z APR 68  
2. OUTLINE AND PRIORITY MISSIONS WITHIN DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS;  
3. TO BE LIAISON COORDINATING AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS. A/C ARE TO  
4. 110000Z APR 68 AFTER 10 DARKNESS DAILY.  
5. 110000Z APR 68 AUGMENTATION WILL CONTINUE ON A DAILY BASIS AS LONG  
6. 110000Z APR 68 AVAILABILITY POSTURE EXISTS AMONG TO 79.5 A/C. A/C WILL  
7. 110000Z APR 68 SUCH NUMBERS AS SELF REQUIREMENTS PERMIT AND IT IS UNDER-  
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SEARCH SITREP NR 11 230330Z I

MY 230135Z MAR 68

1. BINGO! CONTACT C-9 REF A IS DOWNED HELO.

2. DIVERS HAVE MADE ONE DIVE AND OBTAINED SOME OF RQRD  
INF BUT RQR ONE MORE DIVE TO COMPLETE MISSION, ANTICIPATED  
ABOUT 230800Z.

3. HAVE SIX ADDITIONAL BUOYS TO RECOVER. UNODIR WILL RECOVER DAN  
BUOYS, MAKE THE RQRD DIVE, UNREP FROM TOLOVANA, THEN PATROL  
THIS AREA. EXPECT SOME DAN BUOYS WILL HAVE TO BE RECOVERED  
AFTER UNREP. WILL RETURN DIVERS DANANG FIRST LIGHT 24 MAR.
4. NEXT AND FINAL SITREP COMPLETION DIVING OPS AND BUOY RECOVERY.

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TO PROVIDE FOR EMPLOYMENT IDENTIFICATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND HISTORICAL RECORD, THE FOLLOWING NICKNAMES ARE ASSIGNED ARG/SLF

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CURRENT SUPPORTING OPERATIONS:

1. OTS 70.4/OTS 70.4 (ARG/SLF ALPHA): NICKNAME FOR CURRENT SUPPORTING OPERATION FORRESS/ ATTACK II RPT FGJTRESS ATTACK II.

2. OTS 70.5/OTS 70.5 (ARG/SLF BRAVO): NICKNAME FOR CURRENT SUPPORTING OPERATION BADGER CATCH II RPT BADGER CATCH II.

3. CONTINUE DAILY SITREPS. SPOT REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO DAILY SITREPS TO REPORT INFORMATION OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST. IDENTIFY SUPPORTED OPERATIONS BY DESIGNATED NICKNAMES.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF ELEMENTS OF SLF'S TO BE CONDUCTED LAW ANNEX

BRAVO OF REP A.

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 DE RUYEUE 022 0880225  
 ZNY CCCC  
 P 280225Z MAR 68 ZYO RUYE  
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 TO RUMWAA/00G III MAF  
 RUWHAW/00 FIRST MAW  
 INFO RUMHNA/PCV PHU BAI  
 RUMHVP/00 30 MARDIV

*For 25 MAR 11094/WT/11*  
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OT REPORT

- A. HMM 184
- B. 271330H MAR 68
- C. YD 123533
- D. CH 404 ON LIAISON MISSION FLYING AT 130 KNOTS AT 10 FEET  
 RECEIVED LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE, SUSTAINED ONE HIT IN THE APP  
 COMPARTMENT, TAIL OF AIRCRAFT. SERIAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT  
 150933. FIRE CAME FROM VILLAGE VIC ABOVE COORDS. NO CASUALTIES.  
 CONTINUED MISSION, NO SUPPRESSIVE FIRE BY AIRCRAFT.

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OP RUMHAW RUMHAW RUMHAW RUMHVP

DE RUYELAC 168 090113Z

ZNY CCCC

P 30113Z MAR 68 ZYO RUYE

FM CTG 1 AN NINE PT FIVE

TO RUMHAW 08 III MAF

RUMHAW 11 ST MAW

INFO RUMHAW 113 PCV PHU SAI

RUMHVP

11 MAR DIV

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

SPOT RE (U)

A. HMM

B. 2915 08 68

C. YD

D. CHA 1 ROUND 30 CAL SA FIRE, 20 FT HGL, 120 KTS, NO HITS

E. COM 1 MISSION

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PP RUMHAW RUMHAW RUMHAW RUMHVP  
DE RUYE 283 2911419

ZNY CCG

P 31131 AR 68 ZYO RUYE

FM CTG NINE PT FIVE

TO RUMHAW III MAF

RUMHAW ESTY MAW

INFO RUMHAW 3 PROV CORPS V

RUMHVP 1 ARD MARDIV

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

SPOT RECD (U)

A. HMM

B. 3014

C. YD20

D. CH46 DEDEVAC MSN RECD MOD AW FIRE WHILE LEAVING ZONE AT ABOVE  
COORDINATE HIT,

E. RETURN FIRE AT AREA THOUGHT TO BE WHERE AW FIRE WAS COMING FROM.  
NOTICE BY AO (SEAWORTHY A/C) VIA RADIO THAT ARVN WERE  
OPERATING IN AREA.

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 RUYSUAE 040 0690307

ZNR UUUUU

R 090307Z MAR 68 ZYO RUYS

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO RUYSUAK/USS IWO JIMA

INFO RUAUBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFKRP/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYSUAK/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE

ZEN/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

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UNCLAS

SAR OPERATIONS BY USS IWO JIMA (U)

1. ON 6 MAR A CH-45 HELO FROM HMM 154 MADE A FORCED LANDING AT  
 SEA. ONLY TWO MINUTES ELAPSED FROM THE TIME THE A/C HIT THE WATER

UNTIL THE IWO JIMA HELO WAS OVER THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT. AS

A RESULT TWO PILOTS AND ONE CREW MEMBER WERE SAVED. THIS OUTSTANDING

DISPLAY OF READINESS AND PROFESSIONALISM IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE

OF THE CAN DO SPIRIT OF THE IWO.

2. A HEARTY WELL DONE AND OUR SINCERE THANKS.

BT

*TOR 09/1246H/000/TT  
 S/3*

**ROUTINE**

*App 3-1*

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R RUNGUL RUMMWAA RUMSBB RUMHNA RUMVND RUABQL RUMFKRP RUGCR  
DE RUYEUA 089 0860551

ZNY EEEEE

R 260551Z MAR 68 ZYO RUYE

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO RUGCR/US IMPERVIOUS

INFO RUNGUL/CONSEQUENTFLT

RUMMWAA/CG III MAF

RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV

RUMHNA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

RUMVND/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAF

RUMFKRP/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

1. THIS COMMAND IS DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT RENDERED BY USS IMPERVIOUS AND ASSIGNED DIVERS IN LOCATING THE SUNKEN A/C YT-7. THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE WILL ASSIST IMMEASURABLY IN DETERMINING THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND WILL THEREFORE MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHERANCE OF AVIATION SAFETY. THE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION, UNDER ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, IS THE OBVIOUS RESULT OF OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM, DOGGED DETERMINATION, AND A "CAN DO" SPIRIT. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR ADMIRATION AND OUR THANKS.

ROUTINE

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ROUTINE

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 ZNY EEEEE  
 R 311157Z MAR 68 ZYO RUYE  
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 TO ZEN/HMM ONE SIX FOUR  
 INFO RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB  
 RUMFKRP/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 RUMHAW/MAG ONE FIVE

*for 31/2236H/PTT*

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 UNCLAS E F T O  
 HELO SUPPORT

1. FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED FROM COMMANDING OFFICER FOURTH MARINES  
 FOLLOWING TROOP LIFT OF BLT'S 3/1 AND 3/9 ON 31 MARCH  
 QUOTE. APPRECIATE OUTSTANDING HELICOPTER SUPPORT ON SHORT NOTICE.  
 A MOST PROFESSIONAL JOB. WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED. UNQUOTE.  
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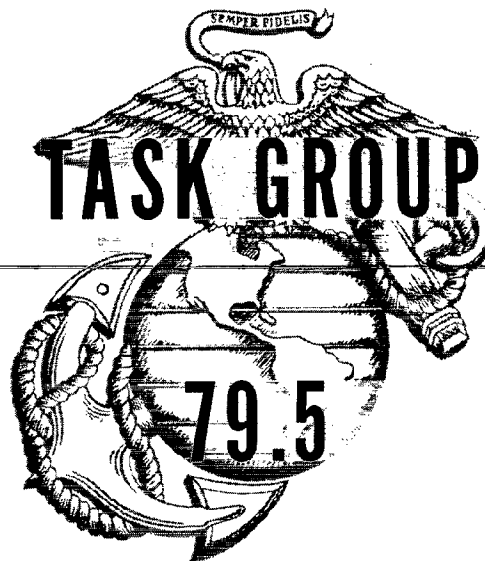
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# COMMANDER SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO



## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1--30 APRIL 1968

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FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commander  
To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 to 30 April 1968.

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BRIGO 5750.1e

Encl: (1) Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5) Command Chronology

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

  
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Special Landing Force  
Bravo (CTG 79.5)

COMMANDER

Col W. A. BUTCHER

DATES

1-30Apr68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 3/1  
HMM 164

LtCol M. MCQUOWN

LtCol R. F. RICK

1-30Apr68

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ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-30Apr68  
1-30Apr68  
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USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8)  
USS VANCOUVER (LPD 2)  
USS THOMASTON (LSD 28)  
USS TERRELL COUNTY (LST 1157)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

Asst S-2/AO

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Asst S-3/Air Officer

Asst S-3

Asst S-3/FSC

AO/Asst S-3

S-4

CommO

LtCol R. A. MASON

Capt M. PALLO JR.

Maj W. B. MAYBERRY

1stLt R. T. WALLACE

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LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER

Maj C. F. MOSER

Maj J. P. SHEEHAN

Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN

Capt J. D. BERGER

Capt J. H. STRASSER

Maj J. R. CATON

Maj D. W. ANDREWS

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	OFF	USMC	ENL	OFF	USN	ENL
SLF STAFF	12		48	0		0
BLT 3/1	45		1194	8		55
HMM 164	45		196	1		3

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS (SLF Staff)

USMC ENL - Joined

Transferred

Promoted

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Sgt -3, Cpl-4, LCPL-1

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Special Landing Force (SLF) Bravo participated in Operation BADGER CATCH II in the Republic of VIETNAM and conducted REHAB/UPKEEP of landing force equipment at SUBIC BAY, Republic of the PHILIPPINES during the period.

Participation in Operation BADGER CATCH II entailed providing helicopters for medevac, administrative, and logistic support for Battalion Landing Team 3/1 during 1-15 April 1968.

Liaison teams were maintained with Company D, 3d MedBn at DONG HA and with the Fourth Marine Regiment at CAMP CARROLL. These teams kept the SLF informed of the tactical developments ashore and the requirements for medevac helicopter support.

HMM 164, on board the USS VALLEY FORGE, provided helicopter support until 13 April when they debarked ashore to PHU BAI Airfield. Debarkation was completed on 14 April and OPCON passed to the First Marine Air Wing effective 141600H APR68.

Four CH-46s were provided daily to MAG 36A at QUANG TRI, with additional aircraft available if required during the period 1-11 April.

Battalion Landing Team 3/1 (BLT 3/1) operating in the vicinity of CAMP CARROLL under OPCON of the Fourth Marine Regiment participated in Operation LANCASTER II. On 2 April K/3/1 and M/3/1 were transferred to OPCON Ninth Marines for participation in Operation KENTUCKY together with L/3/1 which had commenced participation in Operation KENTUCKY during March. These units were returned to OPCON of the Fourth Marine Regiment and resumed participation in Operation LANCASTER II on 9 April. On 12 April BLT 3/1 commenced participation in Operation CHARLTON conducting search and destroy operations. This operation was still in progress upon the departure of the SLF for SUBIC BAY.

The 105mm Howitzer Artillery Battery, Tank Platoon, Ontos Platoon, and LVT Platoon participated in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE under the OPCON of the Third Marine Regiment, during the entire reporting period.

BLT 3/1 (REAR) displaced ashore to DONG HA upon commencement of preparations for the SLF's departure for SUBIC BAY. Casualty reporting and medevac responsibilities for BLT 3/1 were assumed by the Third Marine Division.

Operation BADGER CATCH II terminated 150001H April 1968, and the SLF/ARG Bravo departed for SUBIC BAY. SLF Bravo conducted REHAB/UPKEEP operations on BLT 3/1 equipment and vehicles until 26 April when the SLF/ARG Bravo departed SUBIC BAY for RVN.

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Upon arrival off the coast of RVN on the morning of 28 April, HMM 164 embarked aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE and OPCON of HMM 164 was assumed by CTG 79.5 effective 280800H April 1968. BADGER CATCH III commenced upon the arrival of the SLF/ARG Bravo off the coast of RVN.

BLT 3/1 (REAR) embarked aboard ARG shipping, and casualty reporting and medevac responsibility were resumed by SLF Bravo effective 301200H April 1968. Liaison teams were re-established at DONG HA and CAMP CARROLL. Operations in support of the landing force elements ashore were resumed by SLF Bravo on 29 April and continued through the end of the reporting period.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1Apr CTG 79.5 made liaison visits to the CO, 4th Marines and CO, BLT 3/1.

1-15Apr SLF Bravo participated in Operation BADGER CATCH II.

1-11Apr SLF Bravo provided augmentation A/C on a daily basis to MAG 36A at QUANG TRI.

3Apr CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to III MAF.

5Apr CTG 79.5 conducted inspection tour of SLF personnel, equipment, and vehicles aboard USS THOMASTON (LSD 28).

6Apr SLF Bravo provided helo-support for lift of I/3/1 from (YD 146518) to LZ EAGLE (CAMP CARROLL).

7-8Apr CTG 79.5 attended planning conference at III MAF on future SLF Operations.  
Ref: CG III MAF 050632Z APR68

9Apr CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to Third Marine Division.

12Apr BLT 3/1 (REAR) displaced ashore to DONG HA. Casualty reporting and medevac responsibility transferred to Third Marine Division.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 111025Z APR68

13Apr CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to First MAF.

13-14Apr HMM 164 debarked ashore to PHU BAI. OPCON passed to First MAF.  
Ref: CG III MAF 111452Z APR68  
CTG 79.5 141100Z APR68

15Apr Operation BADGER CATCH II terminated.  
Ref: ADMINS COMSEVENTHFLT 110154Z APR68

15-16Apr ARG/SLF Bravo enroute to SUBIC BAY, R. P.

17-26Apr SLF Bravo underwent REHAB/UPKEEP period in SUBIC BAY, R. P.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 101259Z APR68

22-23Apr Chief of Staff, TF 79, conducted liaison visit with CTG 79.5.

26-28Apr ARG/SLF Bravo enroute to RVN.

28Apr HMM 164 embarked aboard VALLEY FORGE. OPCON resumed by CTG 79.5.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 250115Z APR68  
CG III MAF 270228Z APR68  
CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to III MAF.  
Operation BADGER CATCH III commenced.  
Ref: CTF 76 280420Z APR68

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29Apr CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visits to CTG 79.4, Third Marine Division, Fourth Marines, and BLT 3/1.

29-30Apr BLT 3/1 (REAR) backloaded to ARG shipping.

30Apr Casualty reporting and medevac responsibility resumed by CTG 79.5.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 290815Z APR68  
CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to III MAF, 1st MAF, and SLF Bravo elements at BRIDGE RAMP (DANANG).

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
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FRAG ORDER FOR SLF BRAVO UPRREP PERIOD (U)

1. SITUATION: ON 01 ABOUT 19 APR CG ARG/SLF BRAVO WILL DEPART FOR A RENAB/UPREP PERIOD AT SUBIC BAY PI RETURNING ON 02 ABOUT 28 APR 68.
2. MISSION: SLF BRAVO HQ WITH SELECTED PERSONNEL OF BLT 3/1 AND HMM

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154 ENGINEER ABOARD ARG BRAVO SHIPBOARD MOVED TO SUBIC BAY PI FOR RENAB/UPREP DURING PERIOD 10-26 APR 68.

## EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT: THE RENAB/UPREP PERIOD WILL BE EXECUTED IN 4 PHASES

- (1) PHASE I: THE ORDERLY UNLOADING OF BLT 3/1 (CREW) TO PRESELECTED AREAS.
- (2) PHASE II: THE RETURN OF SLF HQ LIAISON TEAMS AND EQUIP.
- (3) PHASE III: THE ORDERLY UNLOADING OF SELECTED ELEMENTS OF HMM 154 TO AN AIRFIELD TO BE DESIGNATED BY CG FIRST MAJ.
- (4) PHASE IV: THE RENAB/UPREP OF EQUIP AT SUBIC BAY.

## B. SLF HQ

- (1) ON 12 APR RETURN LIAISON TEAMS FROM DONG HA AND CAI/ CARROLL TO LPR-8.

(2) PREPARE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR PREPARE OF CASUALTY REPORTING AND OPCON OF HMM.

(3) SEND ADVANCE PARTY TO SUBIC BAY 10 APR 68.

(4) SUPERVISE & COORDINATE RENAB OF EQUIP AT SLF C BAY.

## C. BLT 3/1

- (1) OFF LOAD DISBURSING/ADMIN/SUPPLY SECTIONS BY 0600 10 APR

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(3) CONDUCT RENAB OF SCOPED TO INTERESTS IN EACH ATTORNEY'S FIRM

(3) CONDUCT RENAB OF SCOPED TO INTERESTS IN EACH ATTORNEY'S FIRM

(4) SEA BAGS CURRENTLY

3 ABOVE) MAY BE LEFT ON

(5) PROVIDE SELF S-1 NLT 1974 TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

REMAINING ON ARG SHIP YING. DEPENDENT ON THE REAR AND OFF BOARD

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B. KID AND R&B FOR PERIOD 11-30. ALL INFORMATION RELAYED TO THE  
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TO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF  
RUMHAW/HMM ONE SIX FOUR  
INFO RUYNBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB  
ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
RUADOB/MAG ONE FIVE  
ZEN/USS VALLEY FORGE  
RUMHVP/BLI THREE SLANT ONE

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BACKLOAD OF HMM ONE SIX FOUR (U)

A. CG III MAF 081412Z APR 68

1. FOR CG III MAF. ARG/SLF BRAVO WILL ARRIVE OFF PHU BAI AT ABOUT  
280800H APR. DESIRE COMMENCE BACKLOAD HMM 164 AT THAT TIME. REQUEST  
HMM 164 BE DIRECTED TO COMMENCE EMBARKING USS VALLEY FORGE AT 280800H.  
RECOMMEND CHOP TIME OF 280800H. REQUEST COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE, AND

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DIRLAUTH CG FMAW. NEW SUBJ: REQUEST ADVISE IF BACKLOAD OF BLI 1/1 AS  
PROPOSED REF A, HAS BEEN APPROVED.

2. FOR HMM 164. IF PARA 1 IS CONCURRED IN BY CG III MAF, REQUEST  
2 A/C BE PROVIDED AT 280800H FOR CTG 79.5. MISSION NUMBER WILL BE  
28-81B, BRIEF WILL BE PROVIDED ABOARD VALLEY FORGE.

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FM CG III MAF DANANG

TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUYEUAE/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

INFO RUMHAW/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMHJW/HAG THREE SPX

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RUMFCR/USS VALLEY FORGE

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BACKLOAD IF HMM ONE SIX FOUR (U)

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FOR CG FIRST MAW. CONCUR RECOMMENDATIONS PAR 1 REF A.

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2. FOR CTG 79.5: REF B RECOMMENDED DISAPPROVAL

BACKLOAD BLT 3/1 AT THIS TIME.

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INFO RUYNB00/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUAB00/CTF SEVEN NINE

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RUMFUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMWAA/CB III MAF

RUYSUAK/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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MISSION ASSIGNMENT (U)

1. UNODIR COMSEVENTHFLT, FOL MISSION ASSIGNED OPN BADGER CATCH III:  
UPON ARRIVAL TG 76.5 IN RVN WATERS RECONSTITUTE ARG BRAVO AND  
PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SLF BRAVO ELEMENTS OPERATING IN-COUNTRY.

2. CONFER WITH ARG/SLF ALFA FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT AND BRIEFING COVERING  
TIME TG 76.5 OFF THE LINE.

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CASUALTY REPORTING/MEDEVAC RESPONSIBILITY (U)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 111025Z APR 68

B. LIAISON BETWEEN S-1 TG 79.5 AND G-1 REP, 3D MARDIV FWD ON  
 29 APR 68.

1. CASUALTY REPORTING FOR BLT THREE SLANT ONE WAS TRANSFERRED TO  
 3D MARDIV AT 121200H APR 68. BY REF A.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, THIS COMMAND WILL RESUME CASUALTY  
 REPORTING AND MEDEVAC RESPONSIBILITY FOR BLT 3/1 EFFECTIVE  
 301200H APR 68.

3. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE WILL MAINTAIN TWO MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT ON  
 STANDBY ABOARD USS VALLEY FORGE TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY AND  
 PRIORITY MEDEVAC REQUESTS FROM BLT 3/1. ROUTINE MEDEVACS WILL  
 BE EVACUATED TO USS VALLEY FORGE ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED ADMIN  
 FLIGHTS TO BLT 3/1 CP

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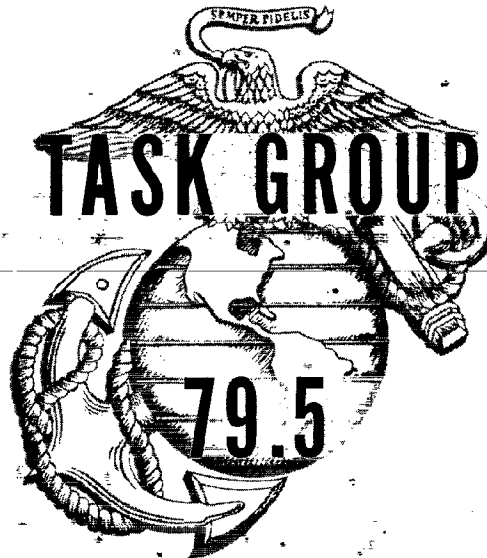
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 May 1968.

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BRIGO 5750.1E

Encl: (1) Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5) Command Chronology.

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

  
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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION  
Special Landing  
Force Bravo

COMMANDER  
Col W. A. BUTCHER

DATES  
1-31 May 1968

BLT 3/1  
HMM 164

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
LtCol M. MCQUOWN  
LtCol R. F. RICK

1-31 May 1968  
1-31 May 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31May68  
1-31May68  
1-31May68  
1-13May68  
13-31May68

USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)  
USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2)  
USS THOMASTON (LSD-28)  
USS TERRELL COUNTY (LST-1157)  
USS WASHBURN (AKA-108)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol R. A. MASON	1-31May68
S-1	Capt M. PALLO JR.	1-31May68
S-2	1stLt R. T. WALLACE	1-31May68
S-3	LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER	1-31May68
Asst S-3	Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN	1-31May68
Asst S-3/Air Officer	Maj C. F. MOSER	1-31May68
Asst S-3/FSC	Capt G. D. BERGER	1-31May68
AO/Asst S-3	Capt J. H. STRASSER	1-31May68
S-4	Maj J. R. CATON	1-31May68
CommO	Maj D. W. ANDREWS	1-31May68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
SLF STAFF	11	47	0	0
BLT 3/1	58	1426	8	83
HMM 164	43	198	1	3

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS (SLF Staff)

USMC ENL - Joined	2
Transferred	4
Promoted	1 to Cpl
	4 to LCpl

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Extension 1 Career SNCO

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, SLF BRAVO participated in Operation BADGER CATCH III, an operation in support of landing force elements ashore in QUANG TRI Province, Republic of VIETNAM.

Liaison teams were maintained with Company D, 3rd MedBn at DONG HA and with the Fourth Marine Regiment at CAMP CARROLL. These teams kept the SLF informed of tactical developments ashore and the requirements for medevac helicopter support.

HMM 164, operating from the USS VALLEY FORGE, provided helicopters for medevac, administrative, and logistics support of landing force elements ashore. During the period 1-5 May, helicopter support was provided to CTG 79.4 for medevac and logistic flights. In addition helicopters were provided to support scheduled requirements of First Marine Air Wing, on a daily basis from 5 May until the end of the reporting period. During the month carrier qualification and refresher training was conducted on the USS VALLEY FORGE, USS VANCOUVER, and USS THOMASTON.

BLT 3/1 operating in the vicinity of CA LU under OPCON of the Fourth Marine Regiment participated in Operation LANCASTER II providing security for Route 9 in their operating area. On the 8th of May, in response to a request from CG, Third Marine Division, 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Motor Transport Battalion was debarked at CUA VIET and OPCON passed to Third Marine Division.

"C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was under the operational control of the 12th Marines during the entire period, and the 3rd Platoon, Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion; 4th Platoon, Company "B", 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion were under the operational control of the Third Marines. These units participated in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE from 1 through 31 May 1968.

The Commander SLF BRAVO conducted liaison trips to major commands in I Corps discussing SLF employment and helicopter support and availability. CTG 79.5 and staff planners attended a conference at III MAF on utilization of helicopter assets on 11 May 1968. On the 12th of May, staff planners attended a conference at FMAW on procedures for employment of SLF BRAVO helicopters. During the month, planning commenced on the future exchange of HMMs and BLTs in June, and the subsequent modified REHAB and training period at SUBIC BAY. A training program was developed and promulgated. Training requirements, facilities, naval gunfire, air, training ammunition, and communication frequencies were requested. Liaison was effected with HMM 265 and BLT 2/7.

During the period 12-13 May the ARG/SLF exchanged shipping at DANANG. The SS WASHBURN (AKA 108) replaced the USS TERRELL COUNTY (LST 1157).

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-31May SLF BRAVO participated in Operation BADGER CATCH III.

1-5May SLF BRAVO provided helicopter support to CTG 79.4 for logistic and medevac missions.

1-2 May SLF BRAVO launched A/C to assist in SAR operations of downed CH-53.

2May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit with CTG 79.4 and Third Marine Division.

3May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit with CTG 79.4.

4May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit with BLT 3/1, Third Marines, and Fourth Marines.

5-31May SLF BRAVO provided augmentation A/C in support of First Marine Air Wing, as requested and available on a daily basis.

5 May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit with CG FMAW and III MAF.

8May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit with CG BLT 3/1 and CG Third MarDiv.  
At 081905H OPCON of 1stPlat, Co A, 1st MT Bn was passed to CG Third MarDiv.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 081230Z MAY68

11May CTG 79.5 and cognizant staff attended conference at III MAF on utilization of helicopter assets.  
Ref: CG III MAF 090942Z MAY68  
CG III MAF 110015Z MAY68

12May TG 79.5 staff planners attended conference at First MAF on procedures for employment of SLF BRAVO helicopters.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 121535Z MAY68

13May BGen HILL (Asst First MAF Cmdr) visited CTG 79.5, CTG 76.5, and VALFOR for orientation and briefing.  
At 1800H CH-46 BUNO 151919 lost engine and made forced landing vic XD866415. Crew recovered w/o injury.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 131315Z MAY68

14May CTF 79, while on a tour of TF 79 units, visited BLT 3/1 with CTG 79.5, and attended a conference on board USS VALLEY FORGE. Salvage operations conducted on CH-46 BUNO 151919.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 141400Z MAY68.

18May VAdm SMITH, prospective COMPHIBPAC, was briefed by CTG 79.5 and staff. CTG 79.5 accompanied VAdm SMITH on tour of ARG shipping and demonstration lift by CH-46 from HMM 164 aboard USS CLEVELAND.

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21May Movement order for exchange of HMM 164 and HMM 265 published.  
Ref: CTG 79.5 211109Z MAY68.

23May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to III MAF.  
C/S 9TH MAB made liaison visit to CTG 79.5.

25-27May C/S and Asst C/S G-4 9th MAB made liaison visit to CTG 79.5.

25May At 1822H CH-46 BUNO 150933 lost one engine and hovered on  
surface of water for 18 minutes while pax, crew and cargo were  
evacuated. Attempts to lift A/C were unsuccessful and A/C  
was abandoned at sea vic 16-55.5N/107-27.3E.  
Ref: HMM 164 251810Z MAY68

27 May CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to First MarDiv and First  
MAW.

29May SLF BRAVO provided 2 CH-46s for emergency medevac lift  
from USS REPOSE to USS SANCTUARY.

31May CTG 79.5 and staff planners attended conference at First  
MarDiv.  
Ref: CG III MAF 290308Z MAY68

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
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## Appendix 1

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1. CTG 79.5 231530Z MAY68
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3. CTG 79.5 250356Z MAY68

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. CTG 79.5 151010Z MAY68

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Command Chronology BLT 3/1

## Appendix 6

Command Chronology HMM 164

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TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF BLT 3/1 TO CG THIRD MARDIV (C)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 060340Z MAY 68

B. CTG 79.5 080345Z MAY 68

1. AS REQUESTED REF A 1ST PLT, CO A, 1ST MT BN CONSISTING OF 1 OFF  
30 ENL AND EQUIP LISTED REF B WAS OFF LOADED TO CEMENT RAMP CUA  
VIET RIVER MOUTH COMPLETING OFF LOAD AT 081905H

2. OPCON OF 1ST PLT, CO A, 1ST MT BN IS PASSED TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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HELICOPTER ASSAULT OPERATIONS (U)

A. CG III MAF MEMO "HELICOPTER ASSAULT OPERATIONS"

1. RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A) INDICATES THE NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH III MAF AD HOC GROUP TO REVIEW HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY, ASSIGNMENT AND UTILIZATION IN ORDER TO UPDATE III MAF AIR-GROUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF MARINE CORPS HELICOPTERS IN ICTZ.

2. A III MAF HELICOPTER STUDY GROUP IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF A MINIMUM OF 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH ADDRESSEE AND G-3, III MAF. DEPUTY III MAF (USMC) IS DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN.

3. THE GROUP WILL REVIEW THE RESPONSES RECEIVED ON REFERENCE (A) AS WELL AS EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON THE

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ASSIGNMENT AND UTILIZATION OF MARINE CORPS HELICOPTERS IN SUPPORT OF MARINE CORPS AND ROK UNITS WITH THE VIEW TO IMPROVING THE MARINE AIR-GROUND CAPABILITY IN ICTZ. THE REVIEW WILL INCOMPASS:

- A. AVAILABILITY OF HELICOPTERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF SLF'S
- B. ASSIGNMENT AND CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES
- C. ASSIGNMENT PRIORITIES
- D. PLANNING
- E. UTILIZATION

4. THE GROUP WILL CONVENE AT 1300, 11 MAY AT HEADQUARTERS, III MAF.

5. FOR CTF 79. REPRESENTATION YOUR COMMAND IS INVITED.

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TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

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RUABOL/CTG SEVEN NINE

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EMPLOYMENT OF SLF HELOS (U)

A. LIAISON VISIT BY CTG 79.5 REPS WITH 13 MAY 68-3 OPERATIONS ON 12 MAY 68

1. THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES CTG 79.5 UNDERSTANDING OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE RE: A CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF SLF BRAVO HELOS. PARAGRAPH 1 ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. EACH NIGHT 1ST MAW HELO FRAG OPTION WILL BE 12 BRAVO (CALL SIGN GREEN GLADE) FOR 8 HOURS' MISIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. BRIEF WILL BE GIVEN 24 HOURS IN THE PM OF

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A/C WILL BE DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIED LOC FOR BR-4.

B. THESE FRAGS WILL BE PASSED FROM JOYRIVE LEADER TO ICE PACK BRAVO ABOARD THE LPH FOR RELAY TO THE SLF.

C. IF DURING THE DAY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HELOS ARISE, THE SAME COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES WILL BE USED.

D. SLF BRAVO WILL PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE HELOS TO SLF FRAGS RECEIVED. WHEN NUMBER OF FRAGS REQUESTED EXCEEDS THE NUMBER AVAILABLE, THE SLF WILL ADVISE JOYRIVE AS TO THE NUMBER OF A/C THAT CAN BE PROVIDED.

2. CONSIDER THIS SYSTEM PROVIDING A HIGH UTILIZATION OF SLF ASSETS AND WILL GIVE FIRST MAW 100% POSITIVE CONTROL.

3. REQUEST CG FMWV COMMENTS/ADVICE.

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TO III MAF CCG

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DOWN AIRCRAFT (U)

PASS TO FIRST MAW CCG

1. AT ABOUT 131800H MAY 68 (1) CH-46, BU NR 151919 FROM HMM 164  
 LOST ENGINE AND MADE FORCED LANDING AT BASE OF WATER FALLS, COORD  
 CXD 866415. ON WING MISSION NR 106 (TROOP LIFT). NO TROOPS  
 ABOARD. A/C IN ABOUT 6 FEET OF WATER.

2. CREW RECOVERED BY WING MAN. NO INJURIES TO CREW.

3. ALL EQUIPMENT REMAINS ON A/C, INCLUDING (2) .50 CALIBER MACHINE  
 GUNS AND ALL RADIO EQUIPMENT.

4. WEATHER PERMITTING, A/C OF HMM 164 WILL MAKE RECONNAISSANCE  
 EARLIEST ON 14 MAY TO EVALUATE SITUATION.

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PASS TO CG, FMAW

A. CTG 79.5 131315Z MAY 68

1. ALL SALVAGABLE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING, ENGINES, RADIOS, 50 CALS,  
AND ALL INSTRUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECOVERED FROM DOWNED A/C REF A.2. SALVAGE OFFICER STATES THAT GEAR IS WEDGED BY HEAVY BOULDERS IN  
5 FT OF WATER AND BELIEVES RECOVERY OF A/C WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.SALVAGE OFFICER AND XO OF SQUADRON, WHO WAS ON SCENE, DO NOT BELIEVE  
ANYTHING ELSE IS SALVAGABLE ON A/C AND RECOMMEND DESTRUCTION.

3. HMM 164 CONCURS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION.

4. REQUEST ADVICE OF CG, FMAW AS TO FURTHER DISPOSITION OF A/C.

DESTRUCTION IS NOT WITHIN CAPABILITY OF TG 79.5.

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AGREEMENT' ORDER (U)

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SITUATION: AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A HMM 164 AND HMM 265

AGE TO ROUTE 159 S E C R E T

DELEGATE BETWEEN USS VALLEY FORGE AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR  
SQUADRON. THIS IS A ROUTINE INTRA-THEATRE ROTATION.

MISSION: HMM 164 RELOCATES FROM USS VALLEY FORGE TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY.

## EXECUTION

## CONCEPT

4) ON OR ABOUT 11 JUN 68 HMM 134 COMMENCES OFFLOAD OF  
S&D EQUIP FROM USS VALLEY FORGE TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN  
AIR FACILITY.

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10) SUBMIT NECESSARY OPSTATS WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER REPORTING  
OPCOR CG FMAW.

(2) MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY DURING MOVEMENT.

(7) MAINTAIN CAPABILITY OF SUPPORTING TG 79.5 AND BL 3/1  
AS REQUIRED DURING ROTATIONS

(4) SUBMIT 15 COPIES OF COMMAND CHRONOLOGY THROUGH DATE OF CHOP (TO INCLUDE REPORT OF MOVEMENT) TO THIS HQ WITHIN 10 DAYS FOLLOWING CHOP IAW BRIGO 5750.2A.

(G) COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NWIP 10-13. ENSURE CG FMFRAC, COMSEVENTHFLT, CG III MAF, CG FIRST MAW, CTF SEVEN SIX,

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MSG 79, MAG 15, AND CTG 79.5 ARE ADDRESSEES ON ALL MOVEMENT REPORTS AND CHOP MESSAGES.

- (1) SUBMIT ROSTER OF OFFICERS BY NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, MOS, AND RTD TO CG NINTH MAB BY MESSAGE, SUBMIT RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL DEPLOYING INTO COUNTRY TO ARRIVE CG NINTH MAB NLT 14 JUN 68. INFO CG FMAW, CG FMFPAC, AND CTG 79.5.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) USS VALLEY FORGE ETA OFF DNE AT OR ABOUT 110800H JUN 68.  
(2) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING UPON RECEIPT AND EXECUTION ON ORDER.

D. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMIN

- (1) HMM 164 SQD FILES WILL ROTATE. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH MAB/CTF 79 WILL BE TURNED OVER TO CTG 79.5 FOR DELIVERY TO HMM 265.  
(2) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING REQUESTS IAW FMFPACO 2700.3D AND NINTH MAB 250803Z MAY 67.  
(3) ENSURE GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS, ID CARDS, ID TAGS AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT.

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- (4) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

B. LOGISTICS

- (1) HMM 164 OFFLOAD WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT  
(B) INDIVIDUAL EQUIP AND WEAPONS  
(C) AUTHORIZED NAVY SECTION H EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE TOOL BOXES WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF CONSUMABLE TOOLS.  
(D) COMPLETE NAVY ALLOWANCE PLUS FOLLOWING SECTION H EQUIP:  
1 TRK M67S  
1 TRK M38A1  
1 TRL M100  
1 TRLR FLOODLIGHT 5 KW-AC-2  
1 GEN SET PU 990-M  
(E) ALL MARCOR I/E ITEMS

C. COMMAND AND COMM ELECT

- A. UPON ARRIVAL MARBLE MOUNTAIN REPORT TO CG, FMAW FOR COMMAND.  
B. DIRLAUTH W/FMAW AND USS VALLEY FORGE. KEEP THIS HQ INFORMED.

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 RUMHAW/MAG ONE SIX  
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 RUWJNUA/COMNAVIAIRPAC  
 RUAUDA/COMFAIRWESTPAC  
 RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE  
 RUMHAW/PROMAG THREE NINE  
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUCINVA/CG FMFLANT  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN FIVE PT NINE  
 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUEBNLA/CG SECOND MAW  
 ZEN/USS VALLEY FORGE  
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PRELIMINARY/SUPPLEMENTARY MESSAGE REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. 251832H, DAY
2. 107 DEGREES 27.3E 16 DEGREES 55.5N
3. CH-46A, 150933
4. HMM-164, 10-68A
5. ALFA, AIRCRAFT LOST AT SEA
6. BROWN JON L., 1STLT, 0101571, USMCR, 7562, PILOT, G, 792.6, 202.9
7. REMAINING THREE CREW MEMBERS UNINJURED
8. REMAINING TEN PASSENGERS WERE UNINJURED
9. ADMINISTRATION, 4.6, VFR
10. LANDING ABOARD LPH-8
11. AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM DA NANG TO USS VALLEY FORGE WITH TEN PASSENGERS AND 500 POUNDS OF MAIL. WHILE ENROUTE AIRCRAFT CONTINUALLY LOST POWER ON NUMBER ONE ENGINE AND COMPLETE FAILURE ON FINAL TO SHIP. CAUSE UNKNOWN. AIRCRAFT LANED IN THE WATER ONE HUNDRED YARDS BEHIND SHIP AND STAYED AFLOAT UNTIL ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS DEPARTED AIRCRAFT. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AIRCRAFT SANK.
12. 140 DEGREES 12 KNOTS, 360 DEGREES, 17 KNOTS, 2 FOOT SWELLS, 3000° SCATTERED, 5000° SCATTERED, 11 THIN BROKEN, 84.9F, 77.4F, 10 MILES UNRESTRICTED.

13. NONE  
14. NUMBER ONE ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER 210444  
15. NONE  
16. AIRCRAFT REMAINED AFLOAT UNDER NUMBER TWO ENGINE POWER UNTIL 251850H. DURING 18 MINUTES AFLOAT TIME ALL PASSENGERS, AND TWO CREW MEMBER EXITED AND ALL CARGO AND REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT JETTISONED. SEVERAL SINGLE ENGINE TAKE OFFS WERE ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS. WHEN WATER CONTINUED TO FILL CABIN SECTION, NUMBER TWO ENGINE AND ROTORS WERE SECURED AND PILOT AND CO-PILOT ABANDONED AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT REMAINED AFLOAT 45 SECONDS AFTER ROTORS SECURED. NO EGRESS OR CREW RECOVERY PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED.  
17. PETRAS, T. A. , CAPT, ASSISTANT ASO, 881

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EMPLOYMENT OF SLF BRAVO BLT

A. CG III MAF 280214Z MAY 68 (NOTAL) 0

1. A DESCRIBES INTENDED EMPLOYMENT SLF BRAVO.

2. COMMIT NAMES REPS TO FIRST MARDIV FOR PLANNING CONFERENCE

TO BE HELD FIRST MARDIV HQS 310900H MAY 68.

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1. FOLLOWING THREE FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED WHILE IN SUPPORT OF  
 PROV MAG-39:

A. UNIT: HMM 164  
 DTG OF INCIDENT: 051530H  
 COORD OF ACTY: YD 220675  
 DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: 5 FT AT 120 KTS, YT 14 AND YT 21,  
 MOD SA/AW WHILE FLYING OVER FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN FRIENDLY AND  
 ENEMY TROOPS EACH A/C 1 HIT. MISSION WAS A TACTICAL TROOP LIFT.

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ACTION TAKEN: A/C RETURNED 150 RDS OF 50 CAL FIRE.  
 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE  
 B. UNIT: HMM 164  
 DTG OF INCIDENT: 051545H  
 COORD OF ACTY: YD 2463  
 DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C TOOK FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF AND  
 LANDING, INT SA/AW 30 TO 50 CAL NO HIT. TROOP LIFT MISSION.  
 ACTION TAKEN: RETURNED 400 ROUNDS 50 CAL. CONTINUED MISSION.  
 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE  
 C. UNIT: HMM 164  
 DTG OF INCIDENT: 051545H  
 COORD OF ACTY: YD 252638  
 DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C ON GROUND, TOOK INT SA/AW 30  
 PLUS 50 CAL. 10 HITS. TOOK FIRE FROM VILL. TROOP LIFT MISSION.  
 ACTION TAKEN: A/C RETURNED 200 RDS 50 CAL W/UNK RESULTS.  
 CONTINUED TO FLY.  
 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE.

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DATE OF INCIDENT: 5715 001

CLASS OF ACTS: ~~NO~~ ~~CLASS~~

THE END OF THE LINE A/C TOOK HIT FROM SNIPER OF 177TH

WHILE SHUT DOWN ON GROUND (AIRSAC) REVEALING 01 050V

NOT RELEASABLE

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1. FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT REPORT OCCURRED WHILE IN SUPPORT OF PROV MAG 39.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

DIG OF INCIDENT: 111102H

COORD OF ACTY: YD 134635

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: WHILE FLYING INTO C-2 AT 30-50 FT.  
 120 KTS, A/C RECEIVED INTENSE AW 32 CAL. 10 HITS. FIRE  
 CAME FROM BOTH SIDES OF A/C.

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ACTION TAKEN: A/C FORCED DOWN IN C-2 CREW RETURNED TO SHIP.

A/C NOT FLYABLE

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE.

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SPOT REPORT (U)

A. HMM 164

B. 131830H

C. YD 420610

D. CH46A RCVD MOD SA/AV FIRE FROM TREE LINE AT 700-900 FT AGL,  
130 KNOTS. NO HITS.

E. RETURNED 50 CAL MG AND M-79 FIRE. ENEMY FIRE CEASED. A/C  
CONTINUED MISSION.

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ZEN/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

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FIRE INCIDENTS (U)

1. FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURED WHILE IN SUPPORT OF MAG 16.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 141305H

COORD OF ACTY: VIC AT 968559

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: CH46A WHILE ON GROUND IN LZ RECD

S/A. NO HITS.

B. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 141315H

COORD OF ACTY: VIC AT 972620

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: CH46A WHILE ON GROUND IN LZ RECD

SNIPER FIRE. NO HITS.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE IN SUPPORT OF MAG

16. A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 191515H AND 191700H

C. COORD OF ACTY: YD 245596

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C WAS EXITING LZ ON  
EMERGENCY TROOP LIFT WHEN IT TOOK ONE ROUND OF ESTIMATED

122MM ROCKET FIRE AT ABOVE COORD ON BOTH DTG'S ABOVE. NO HITS.

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FIRE INCIDENTS (U)

1. FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED WHILE IN SUPPORT OF MAG 16.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 191623H

COORD OF ACTY: VIC AT 165530 AND AT 170538

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: LEAVING THE LZ RECEIVED LIGHT

S/A FIRE. NO HITS.

B. UNIT: HMM 164

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DTG OF INCIDENT: 191630H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 102590

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: TOOK TWO SNIPER ROUNDS DURING

APPROACH TO LSA. NO HITS.

C. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 191645H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 086618

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: DEPARTING SCORCHER A POSIT TOOK

S/A FIRE. A/C TOOK TWO HITS.

ACTION TAKEN: A/C RETURNED 50 CAL. FIRE.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 231530H

C. COORD OF ACTY: AT 960625

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C TOOK 5 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE  
WHILE ON APPROACH TO LZ. ONE HIT. MINOR DAMAGE.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED

A. UNIT: HMM 174

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 201530H

C. COORD OF ACTY: AT 960625

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C ON APPROACH TO LZ, TOOK  
 SNIPER ROUNDS SA FIRE. ONE HIT MAIN ROTOR. MINOR DAMAGE.

E. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: COMPLETED MISSION.

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FIRE INCIDENT(U)

1. THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS OCCURED

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 211815H

C. COORD OF ACTY: AT 845583

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT 50 CAL. TRACER WHILE ENROUTE ON CARGO CARRIER MISSION, AT 1500 FT., 100 KTS, NO HITS.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

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B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 211830H

C. COORD OF ACTY: BT 938623

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT 50 CAL. TRACER WHILE ON CARGO CARRIER MISSION, AT 1500 FT., 100 KTS. NO HITS.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 211515H

C. COORD OF ACTY: AT 826486

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: FLT OF 6 CH-46A RECVD INT SA/AW 30/50 FIRE WHILE ON TROOP LIFT MSN LEAVING THE LZ. ONE A/C RECVD ONE HIT, SLIGHT DAMAGE. A/C FLYING AT 50 FT/50 KTS.

E. ACTION TAKEN: ONE A/C RETURNED 50 CAL. FIRE.

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A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 211530H

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C. COORD OF ACTY: AT 856496

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECVD LT SA/AW FIRE WHILE ON TROOP LIFT AT 1500 FT. 70 KTS. ONE HIT. MINOR DAMAGE.

E.-N.:NEGATIVE

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RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF  
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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURED

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 221845H

C. COORD OF ACTY: XD 952449

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C IN LZ ON EMERGENCY MEDEVAC  
MISSION, RECEIVED SA/AW 30 CAL. FIRE. NO HITS.

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INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURED

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 230915H

C. COORD OF ACTY: XD 955449

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C LANDED IN ZONE (HILL 512). 60MM  
MORTARS IMPACTED APPROX 50-75 METERS FROM A/C'S POSITION AT 5  
O'CLOCK. NO HITS.

E. ACTION TAKEN: A/C TOOK NO ACTION. "K" CO CALLED IN AIR  
STRIKES ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

## 1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 250940H

C. COORD OF ACTY: BT 075582

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT 30 CAL FIRE WHILE  
TAKING OFF FROM LZ. A/C TOOK ONE HIT ON FWD ROTOR BLADE. FIRE  
CAME FROM TREE LINE 200 METERS FROM A/C AT 8 O'CLOCK.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 251000H

C. COORD OF ACTY: BT 055515

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT 30 CAL FIRE WHILE  
FLYING AT 400 FT. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM A TREE LINE 500 METERS  
FROM THE A/C AT 7 O'CLOCK.

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## 2. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C TOOK EVASIVE ACTION.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 251745H

C. COORD OF ACTY: XD 952448

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED ONE ROUND OF ROCKET  
FIRE WHILE IN LZ. ROCKET IMPACTED 200 YDS FROM A/C. 15 ROCKET  
ROUNDS LANDED IN LZ 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO A/C'S ARRIVAL. ROCKETS  
CAME FROM WEST. NO HITS.

A. UNIT: HMM 164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 251500H

C. COORD OF ACTY: BT 100627

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT 30 CAL FIRE WHILE  
FLYING AT 1200 FT. ONE HIT.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

## 1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED

A. UNIT HMM-164

B. DTG OF INCIDENT: 251645H

C. COORD OF ACTY: ZC141565

D. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C WHILE TAKING OFF AND

LANDING ON GROUND, RECEIVED SA 30 CAL AND RIFLE GRENADE  
FIRE. 9 HITS. A/C WAS FORCED TO LAND AND TAXIED TO SAFE  
ZONE WHERE IT WAS LEFT.

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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

## 1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED:

## A. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 251600H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 032510

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED 30 CAL. SA FIRE DURING LANDING AND TAKEOFF WHILE ON RESUPPLY MISSION. LT SA WAS COMING FROM VIC. (AT 988753) (AT996574) AND (AT 987555). A/C WAS LOST AT SEA AT 251858H AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE. PILOT STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT A/C HAD TAKEN ANY HITS. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CHANGED APPROACH PATTERN, RETURNED 100 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL. FIRE AND CONTINUED MISSION.

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## B. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 252000H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 165550

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT. SA FIRE WHILE IN ZONE. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM TREE LINE ACROSS RICE PADDY 400 METERS FROM A/C AT 11 00CLOCK.

## C. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 260905H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 129610

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT. SA FIRE WHILE LANDING IN LZ. A/C TOOK NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.

## D. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 260927H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 027570

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED INT. SA/AW 30 CAL. FIRE WHILE LANDING IN LZ. ONE HIT. MODERATE DAMAGE. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CONTINUED MISSION. A/C LATER GROUNDED BECAUSE OF FUEL LEAK CAUSED BY HIT.

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E. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261400H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 993578

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED MOD. SA FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. 2 HITS. MODERATE DAMAGE TO A/C, FROM HITS IN ROTOR BLADE AND NOSE GEAR. FIRE CAME FROM TREE LINE 100 METERS AT 5 O'CLOCK FROM A/C. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C DROPPED SMOKE FLARE AND CONTINUED MISSION. ROTOR GEAR AND NOSE GEAR LATER REPLACED.

F. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261030H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 123612

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED MOD. SA/AW 30 CAL. FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM AND LANDING IN LZ. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM VILLE 400 METERS AT 9 O'CLOCK FROM A/C. A/C HEADING 270 DEGREES.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: EXPENDED 10 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL. FIRE AT SOURCE AND CONTINUED MISSION.

G. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261100H

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COORD OF ACTY: BT 016510

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT. SA FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C MADE SWEEP CLIMB TO AVOID FIRE AND CONTINUED TO FLY.

H. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261115

COORD OF ACTY: BT 074514

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C TOOK LT. SA/AW FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM TREE LINE 300 METERS AT 1 O'CLOCK FROM A/C. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C MADE SWEEP CLIMB AND HARD TURN TO EVADE FIRE AND CONTINUED TO FLY.

I. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261130H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 082626

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT. SA FIRE WHILE LANDING IN LZ. FIRE CAME FROM TREE LINE 150 METERS NORTH OF LZ. NO HITS. ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C EXPENDED 150 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL. FIRE AT THE SOURCE. RESULTS OF SUPPRESSIVE

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FIRE UNK. CONTINUED MISSION.

J. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261330H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 074514

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED SA FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.

K. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261345H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 082626

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT. SA FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM 600 METERS FROM A/C AT 250 DEGREES FROM A/C. FIRE CAME FROM A TREE LINE.

L. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261500H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 993578

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA SNIPER FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM TREE LINE ACROSS RICE PADDY 400 METERS AT 9 O'CLOCK FROM A/C.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C MADE SWEEP CLIMB AND HARD TURN TO AVOID FIRE. CONTINUED TO FLY. PILOT BELIEVES FIRE CAME FROM

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AN AK-47 RIFLE.

M. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 261630H

COORD OF ACTY: XD 958454

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C: 8,98, & 8,59 ZONE TO PICK UP MEDEVAC, TOOK FIRE, SA. THREE HITS. FIRE CAME FROM 20 METERS FROM A/C.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C LEFT ZONE AND RETURNED TO SHIP.



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FIRE INCIDENT (U)

## 1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED:

## A. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291312H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 993578

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED INT SA/AW FIRE WHILE LANDING AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. 6 HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED. ALSO ONE MORT ROUND HIT 100 METERS FROM A/C WHILE IN LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: A/C FORCED TO LAND IN SAME LZ BECAUSE OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED DUE TO HITS.

## B. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291312H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 993578

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED INT SA/AW FIRE WHILE AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED. ALSO 1 MORTAR ROUND HIT 100 METERS FROM A/C IN LZ.

## C. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 281615H

COORD OF ACTY: ZC 101574

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE LANDING IN LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.

## D. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291315H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 995590

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C OBSERVED 3 AIR BURSTS 1500 METERS FROM A/C. BURST DIAMETER 15 FT. COLOR, BLACK.

## E. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291600H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 102538

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED MOD AW FIRE WHILE TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE WAS A VILLE 500 METERS FROM LZ, TO THE WEST.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 100 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL.

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 SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. ENEMY FIRE CEASED. CONTINUED MISSION.

F. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291620H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 074514

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE ON  
 GROUND AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE BELIEVED  
 TO BE HOUSES 600 METERS NORTH OF LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 300 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL.  
 SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. RES UNK. CONTINUED MISSION.

G. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291645H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 055515

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE ON  
 GROUND AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE  
 BELIEVED TO BE HOUSES 300 METERS NORTH OF LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 400 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL.  
 SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. CONTINUED MISSION.

H. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291700H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 106570

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DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED MOD SA/AW FIRE WHILE  
 ON GROUND AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE  
 WAS HOUSES 200 METERS FROM WEST OF LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 200 ROUNDS OF 50 CAL.

SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT SOURCE. ENEMY FIRE CEASED. CONTINUED  
 MISSION.

I. UNIT: HMM-164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 291635H

COORD OF ACTY: BT 063554

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE ENROUTE  
 AT 3000 FT. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.

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RUMUGRA/CG III MAW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FIRE INCIDENT(U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED:

A. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 300900H MAY 68

COORD OF ACTY: BT002572

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE  
LANDING LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE WAS HITS 500 METERS  
W OF LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 200 RDS 50CAL AT SOURCE,  
EN FIRE CEASED, CONTINUED MISSION.

B. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 300930H MAY 68

COORD OF ACTY: AT992685

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA/AW FIRE WHILE  
LANDING LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE NOT OBSERVED.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CONT MISSION.

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C. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 300945H MAY 68

COORD OF ACTY: AT942520

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA/AW FIRE WHILE  
LANDING LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE NOT OBSERVED.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CONTINUED MISSION.

D. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 301045H MAY 68

COORD OF ACTY: AT812877

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED INTENSE SA/AW FIRE  
WHILE LANDING, ON GROUND, AND TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS.  
SOURCE OF FIRE RIDGELINE SW OF LZ.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 450 RDS 50CAL AT SOURCE,  
CONT MISSION.

E. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 301530H MAY 68

COORD OF ACTY: BT095685

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE FROM  
WOODED AREA ON BEACH WHILE ENROUTE AT 500 FT. NO HITS

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ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CONTINUED MISSION

F. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 301630H MAY68

COORD OF ACTY: AT989585

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE

LANDING LZ. NO HITS. FIRE CAME FROM HUTS IN AREA.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: FIRED 500 RDS 50CAL AT SOURCE.

CONT MISSION.

G. UNIT: HMM 164

COORD OF ACTY: ZC158565

DTG OF ACTY: 301930H MAY68

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C REC MOD AW FIRE WHILE ENROUTE

AT 2500 FT. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: CONT MISSION

H. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 331915H MAY68

COORD OF ACTY: AT825553

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C OBSERVED 2 AIRBURSTS, WHITE IN

COLOR, 5 TO 10 FOOT BURST RADIUS, AT 2500 FT.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: NONE

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I. UNIT: HMM 164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 311030H MAY68

COORD OF ACTY: YD025505

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE

ENROUTE AT 1000 FT. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE WAS BOMB CRATER.

A/C FLEW OVER SAME COORD 45 MIN LATER AND REC NO FIRE.

ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS: 45 MIN AFTER ABOVE FIRE INCIDENT

A/C PASSED SAME AREA AND FIRED 150 RDS 50CAL AT SOURCE

WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF  
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 FIRE INCIDENT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED:

A. UNIT: HMM164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 311600H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 935598

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED MOD 30 CAL FIRE WHILE  
 LEAVING ZONE. NO HITS.

B. UNIT: HMM164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 311500H

COORD OF ACTY: AT 792593

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE  
 LANDING IN LZ. ONE HIT. LIGHT DAMAGE. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT  
 OBSERVED.

C. UNIT: HMM164

DTG OF INCIDENT: 311000H

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COORD OF ACTY: AT 971585

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A/C RECEIVED LT SA FIRE WHILE  
 TAKING OFF FROM LZ. NO HITS. SOURCE OF FIRE NOT OBSERVED.  
 CONTINUED MISSION.

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INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

INFO RUAUD3/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUMMWUA/FMFPAC LNO SUBIC

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

SLF BRAVO REHAB/TRNG PERIOD (U)

1. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ONE DD FOR 3FCP TRNG. DESIRE DD FOR TWO PERIODS. PERIOD 15-20 JUNE WITH PREFERABLE DATES 18-19 JUNE AND PERIOD 26-29 JUNE WITH PREFERABLE DATES 27-28 JUNE. THESE DATES DESIRED SO THAT TRNG CAN BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMPHIB TRNG EXERCISE.
2. REQUEST 2 A4 A/C FOR PERIOD 26-29 JUNE TO PROVIDE FAC TRNG IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMPHIB TRNG EXERCISE. IF REQUEST APPROVED, REQUEST DIRLAUTH WITH CTG 79.3
3. IF AVAILABLE REQUEST EOD TEAM BE ASSIGNED CTG 79.5 FOR USE DURING LIVE FIRING EXERCISES.

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 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
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CTG 79.5 TRAINING PROGRAM (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE USED BY SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (SLF) BRAVO AS A GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIT TRAINING SCHEDULES. ALL TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REHAB/UPKEEP PERIOD WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE READINESS OF THE SLF TO EXECUTE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

A. EFFECTIVE DATE: TRAINING WILL COMMENCE UPON COMPLETION OF EMBARKATION IN TG 76.5 SHIPPING.

B. REFERENCES.

(1) TRAINING WILL BE IN CONSONANCE WITH APPROPRIATE U. S. NAVY

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AND MARINE CORPS DOCTRINAL PUBLICATIONS, NWP'S, LFM'S AND FMFM'S. REFERENCES REQUIRED BUT NOT HELD BY SUBORDINATE COMMANDS WILL BE REQUESTED FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) CG NINTH MAB HAS PREPARED A TRAINING PACKET WHICH CONTAINS TRAINING DIRECTIVES PROMULGATED BY CG FMFPAC, COMNAVBASE SUBIC AND CG NINTH MAB. THESE DIRECTIVES ARE APPLICABLE TO SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, TREATMENT OF HEAT CASUALTIES, M-16 RIFLE INSTRUCTION, AND A DESCRIPTION OF SUBIC BAY TRAINING AREAS. THESE PACKETS WILL BE REQUESTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE LANDING FORCE.

C. TRAINING TIME.

(1) DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD, ORGANIC SLF EQUIPMENT AND ARG SHIPPING WILL UNDERGO REQUIRED MAINTENANCE REPAIR, AND UPKEEP. TRAINING SCHEDULES MUST BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO PERMIT VARIATION OF TRAINING SEQUENCES WITHOUT LOSS OF CONTINUITY OR TRAINING TIME. SCHEDULES MUST PERMIT THE ARG AND SLF TO OBTAIN OPTIMUM MUTUAL BENEFIT DURING THE UPKEEP PERIOD OF ARG SHIPPING.

(2) THE TIME TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAM SUBJECTS WILL BE

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LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF BLT AND HMM COMMANDERS WHERE PRACTICABLE. SCHEDULING OF SUBJECTS MUST PERMIT REQUIRED MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM LOSS OF TRAINING TIME.

- D. PROCUREMENT OF TRAINING AREAS. REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATE TRAINING AREAS AND OTHER REQUIRED SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY MESSAGE. CTG 79.5 WILL CONSOLIDATE AND SUBMIT ALL BLT AND HMM REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SUPPORT.
- E. TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

(1) PHASE I. (ENROUTE SUBIC BAY)

- (A) BLT - TRAINING DURING THIS PHASE WILL CONSIST OF INDIVIDUAL TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: SHIP'S EMERGENCY DRILL RESPONSE; HELO ENPLANING AND DEPLANING PROCEDURES; FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS; PHYSICAL CONDITIONING; UNIT LEADER INSTRUCTION ON CONDUCT ASHORE; MORAL GUIDANCE; HMM CONTROL; DANGERS OF NARCOTICS AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE EVENT OF ATTEMPTED SUBVERSION; OJT IN FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC TE CLASS II TYPE I EQUIP; THOROUGH REVIEW OF CASUALTY REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES; STAFF

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ORIENTATION ON THE MISSION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SLF.

- (B) HMM - TRAINING FOR SQUADRON PERSONNEL WILL CONSIST OF THOSE SUBJECTS LISTED IN PARA 1.E. (1)(A) ABOVE AND ADDITIONALLY WILL INCLUDE FIRING OF HELO MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS, OJT SQUADRON LEVEL A/C MAINTENANCE, AND DAY/NIGHT CARQUALS.
- (2) PHASE II. (ASHORE SUBIC BAY)
- (A) BLT TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THIS PHASE WILL BE PRIMARILY ORIENTED TOWARD THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT BY A HELICOPTERBORNE, WATERBORNE OR COMBINATION CONFIGURED LANDING FORCE. THIS PHASE WILL CONCLUDE WITH A SLF CPX DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO TEST COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES. TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS PHASE: PHYSICAL CONDITIONING; WET NET TRAINING; MOVEMENT TO CONTACT; COMPANY TACTICS; LVT EMBARK AND DEBARK TRAINING; OJT FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC EQUIPMENT; SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENTS; HST CONTROL OF HELO ZONES; LOADING AND TACTICAL MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY HELO, LVT, AND LANDING CRAFT; LOADING AND MOVEMENT



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OF ARTILLERY BATTERY BY HELO, LVT, AND LANDING CRAFT; COORDINATION AND USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS; JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING; FIELD FIRING OF CREW SERVED WEAPONS; SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY TRAINING; FAC TRAINING; COMMUNICATION TRAINING TO INCLUDE COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES; COMMUNICATION SECURITY; USE OF KAC-SAG AND KAC-PAG CODES; HELO LANDING AND MOVEMENT OF RADIO JEEPS AND RADIO RELAY EQUIPMENT; A COMMUNICATION EXERCISE; SLF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS; CIVIC ACTION TRAINING; RULES OF ENGAGEMENT; AND AMPHIBIOUS OPNS STAFF PLANNING PROCEDURES.

(B) HMM TRAINING DURING THIS PHASE WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD EXECUTION OF THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT. OTHER TRAINING WILL CONSIST OF JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING; OJT IN SQUADRON LEVEL A/C MAINTENANCE; QUALIFICATION OF HELICOPTER A/C COMMANDERS; CREW MEMBER TRAINING IN AERIAL GUNNERY; HELO SYSTEMS TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES TRAINING.

(3) PHASE III. LEX - (AFLOAT AND ASHORE ZAMBALES/TABONES AREA) TRAINING DURING THIS PERIOD WILL INCLUDE AN ARG/SLF

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AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE TO LAND THE LANDING FORCE IN THE ZAMBALES AREA. MEDEVAC AND CASREP PROCEDURES WILL BE EVALUATED DURING THE LEX. A REHEARSAL WILL BE CONDUCTED ON D-1. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THIS WILL BE A SURFACE/HELO LANDING SUPPORTED BY FIXED WING A/C. CONCURRENT WITH THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT A LIVE NGF SHOOT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT TABONES UTILIZING NGF SUPPORT SHIP AND BLT SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY PERSONNEL. PHASE III WILL TERMINATE WITH AN AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF THE LANDING FORCE TO ARG SHIPPING IN A COMBAT LOAD CONFIGURATION.

(4) PHASE IV. (ENROUTE RVN)

THIS PHASE WILL COMMENCE WITH A CRITIQUE OF THE LEX. TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD THE PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF IN A SPECIFIC AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IF THIS INFO IS AVAILABLE. OJT IN FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC EQUIPMENT; STAFF PLANNING PROCEDURES; PHYSICAL CONDITIONING AND TRAINING REQUIRED AS INDICATED BY CRITIQUE.

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SLF BRAVO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIOD 15-30 JUNE 68. (U)  
 A. NAVSTA SUBIC INST 5000.2/9TH MABO 5300.1 (SOP FOR SLF CAMP)  
 1. DURING THE PERIOD 15-30 JUNE 68 SLF BRAVO WITH THE BLT AND HMM  
 WILL BE IN SUBIC FOR REHAB AND TRNG. IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE  
 BEST TRNG PROGRAM POSSIBLE. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING  
 THE FOLLOWING RANGES AND SCHOOLS FOR SLF BRAVO USE. DETAILED TRNG  
 REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS TRNG SCHEDULES ARE FIRM.

(A) ALL ZAMBALES TRNG AREAS FOR ENTIRE PERIOD

(B) MINIMUM OF TWO SUBIC TRNG AREAS PER DAY DURING ENTIRE  
 PERIOD (SEE PARA 403 OF REF A)

(C) TWO COMPLETE CLASSES FOR THE 21 HOUR COURSE OF JUNGLE  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRNG

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(D) TABONES RANGES DURING ENTIRE PERIOD

2. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN AREA ADJACENT TO  
 THE CUBI SEAPLANE RAMP FOR THE PARKING/MAINT/OPERATIONS OF 21  
 OH-46A A/C DURING ENTIRE PERIOD.

3. SFOP TRNG AND CAS EXERCISES IS THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE  
 MESSAGE.

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INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE (U)

1. ON 13 MAY, A CH 46A FROM HMM 164 MADE A FORCED LANDING IN AN UNSECURE AREA NEAR KHE SANH. THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE OF THE REACTION FORCE (2NDPLIH/2/1) WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PROTECTION OF THIS A/C AND SECURITY OF WEAPONS AND COMPONENTS/RADIOS UNTIL SALVAGE OPERATIONS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED ON 14 MAY.

2. THIS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE, COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND WILLING ASSISTANCE RESULTED IN RECOVERY OF ALL SALVAGABLE EQUIPMENT/COMPONENTS. THE EFFORTS OF ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED UNDER EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS ARE HIGHLY COMMENDABLE AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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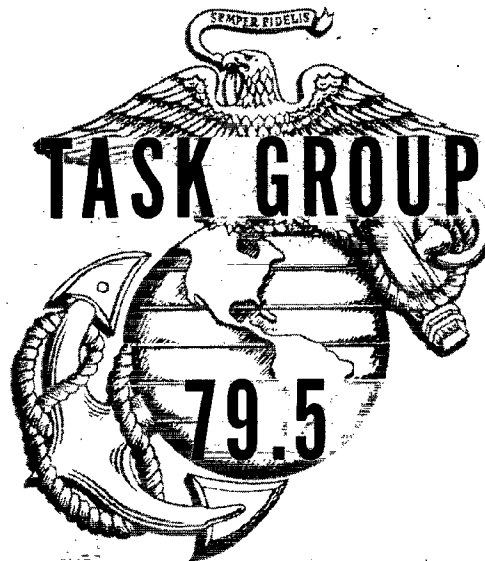
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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BRIGO 5750.1E

Encl: (i) Command Chronology; Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5)

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 through 30 June 1968.

  
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PART I  
Organizational Data

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Special Landing Force Bravo (CTG 79.5)	Col W. A. BUTCHER	1-30 Jun68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

241	LtCol M. MCQUOWN	1-4 Jun68
242	LtCol D. J. QUICK	5-15 Jun68
243	LtCol R. F. RICK	1-16 Jun68
244	LtCol C. E. MUELLEN	16-30 Jun68
245	LtCol R. J. EDWARDS	16-30 Jun68

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

<u>2. Location</u>	
1/30 June 68	USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)
1/30 June 68	USS VANCOUVER (LSD-2)
1/30 June 68	USS THOMASTON (LSD-28)
1/30 June 68	USS WASHBURN (AKA-108)

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol R. A. MASON	1-30 June 68
S-1	Capt M. PALLO JR.	1-30 June 68
S-2	1st Lt R. T. WALLACE	1-23 June 68
	Capt J. H. STRASSER	24-30 June 68
S-3	LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER	1-30 June 68
Asst S-3	Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN	1-30 June 68
Asst S-3/Air Officer	Maj C. F. MOSER	1-30 June 68
Asst S-3/FSC	Capt G. D. BERGER	1-30 June 68
AO/Asst S-3	Capt J. H. STRASSER	1-23 June 68
S-4	Maj J. R. CATON	1-30 June 68
CommO	Maj D. W. ANDREWS	1-27 June 68
	1st Lt S. D. RAMSBERGER	28-30 June 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC OFF</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
SLF STAFF	<u>11</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BLT 2/7	<u>54</u>	<u>1598</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>79</u>
HMM 265	<u>48</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
LT 3/1	<u>56</u>	<u>1503</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>75</u>
HMM 164	<u>40</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

	<u>USMC OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Joined	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Returned	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Promoted	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>



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## PART II

Narrative Summary

During the reporting period, SLF BRAVO participated in Operation LANCASTER II/BADGER CATCH III, executed Operation SWIFT SABER in Elephant Valley, and conducted a training/rehab period in Subic Bay, Republic of PHILIPPINES, for the personnel and equipment of HMM-265 and BLT 2/7.

Participation In Operation LANCASTER II/BADGER CATCH III during the first three days in June entailed BLT 3/1 providing security for Route 9, CA LU combat base and LSA CAMEO while under OPCON of Fourth Marines and HMM-164 providing helicopters for medevac, administrative, and logistic support. As well, liaison teams were maintained at Company D, 3rd MedBn at DONG HA and Fourth Marines at CAMP CARROLL, while HMM-164 provided augmentation A/C to FIRST MAW.

On 3 June, BLT 3/1 was relieved by 2/9; terminated participation in Operation LANCASTER II/BADGER CATCH III; returned to OPCON of CTG 79.5; and commenced backloading aboard ARG shipping. This backloading, from CA LU, DONG HA and CUA VIET, utilized both helicopter and surface craft and was completed at 031915H.

During the period 4-6 June, SLF BRAVO conducted liaison/planning with First MarDiv for Operation SWIFT SABER, an amphibious operation employing both helicopter and surface assault forces. The operation was conducted in the HOA VANG and HIEU DUC districts of QUANG NAM province, RVN from 7-14 June. Pre D-Day activities included the prepositioning of Btry C 1/11; Co A, 5th ATBn; First Plt, Co A, First MT Bn and preparatory strikes by A/C from the Seventh Air Force and FIRST MAW.

The operation was conducted in two phases. Phase I commenced at 070700H June 1968 with LVT borne elements landing over BLUE BEACH simultaneously with helicopterborne forces landing in LZ EAGLE. These units linked up at Objective #1 in the SONG CU DE (Elephant) Valley to form a fire support base from which future operations could be conducted. At H+2 two rifle companies landed in LZ FALCON and, after being joined by the prepositioned mechanized unit, seized Objective 2 and 3 and conducted combat sweep operations in the AOA east of phase line TORO.

Also, during Phase I, at 081040H June 1968, CTG 79.5 determined that the Landing Force was firmly established ashore and advised the CATF of this fact. At 081400H June 1968 operational control of SLF BRAVO was passed to CG III MAF who simultaneously passed OPCON to CG 1st MarDiv. This placed the entire SLF (Hq, BLT, and Squadron) under OPCON of CG 1st MarDiv. The Alpha Command group of the SLF had been co-located with the BLT Command Post. While it was determined that the function of command may be satisfactorily exercised from an advance position such as this, it soon became apparent that the relatively sophisticated means of communication and control aboard the LPH could be of great assistance and should be utilized. Ultimately, the SLF Commander divided his time between his CP on the LPH and the small command group in the

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field. ~~This method~~ worked well.

Phase II consisted of efforts to find, fix and destroy enemy forces to the west of phase line TORO by inserting a helicopterborne force at the western end of SONG CU DE (Elephant) Valley which swept through the AOA to its eastern limit.

Operation SWIFT SABER terminated at 140800H June 1968 with OPCON of SLF BRAVO being passed to CG III MAF and CTG 76.5 concurrently. CTG 79.5 passed OPCON of BLT 3/1 to CG III MAF at 150600H June 1968 and received OPCON of BLT 2/7 at the same time. CTG 79.5 passed OPCON of HMM-164 to CG III MAF effective 150700H June 1968. CG III MAF chopped HMM-265 (minus) to CTG 79.5 with eight fully operational aircraft. Detachment Alpha, HMM-265 remained at Marble Mountain in support of FIRST MAW.

BLT 2/7 and HMM-265 (minus) completed embarkation aboard ARG shipping at 161300H June 1968.

The reconstituted SLF BRAVO in ARG shipping departed for training/rehab period at NS Subic Bay RP. Extensive training for both the BLT and the Squadron was conducted while enroute. Arriving at 180900H June 1968, the BLT relocated ashore in the SLF Camp and carried out further training, planning and preparation for Exercise HILLTOP. A rehearsal of this exercise was conducted on 30 June.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 June 68 CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 aboard the USS ESTES to discuss future operations.  
Commanding Officers of BLT 2/7 and HMM-265 visited CTG 79.5 aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE.

3 June 68 CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit at the First MarDiv CP.

6 June 68 CTF 79 visited CTG 79.5 aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE.  
CTF 79 and CTG 79.5 visited III MAF AND First MarDiv.

7 June 68 Operation SWIFT SABER initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT.

14 June 68 Operation SWIFT SABER terminated by COMSEVENTHFLT.

21 June 68 CG III MAF and CTF 79 inspected SLF BRAVO Training/Rehab.

22 June 68 COMSEVENTHFLT VADM Bringle Inspected SLF Training/Rehab.

23 June 68 CG First MarDiv (designate), MajGen Youngdale, visited CTG 79.5

27 June 68 Deputy Commander, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, MajGen Tharin, inspected SLF Training/Rehab.

28 June 68 Col R. H. Mample, G-3 Plans, FMFPac, Col W. R. Gould, Engineer, FMFPac, and LtCol E. W. Gilbert, G-4 representative, FMFPac, visited CTG 79.5.

30 June 68 Rehearsal for Exercise HILLTOP XX conducted.

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## PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Appendix A	Messages
✓ Appendix B	Command Chronology for BLT 3/1
✓ Appendix C	Command Chronology for HMM 164
✓ Appendix D	Command Chronology for BLT 2/7
✓ Appendix E	Command Chronology for HMM 265
✓ Appendix F	After Action Report SWIFT SABER

## APPENDIX A

- ✓ 1. CG III MAF 290308Z May 68 - SLF BRAVO planners directed to report to 1st MarDiv CP.
- ✓ 2. COMSEVENTHFLT 040354Z Jun 68 - Initiating Directive for Operation SWIFT SABER.
- ✓ 3. CTG 79.5 050110Z Jun 68 - CTG 79.5 Frag Order for Operation SWIFT SABER.
- ✓ 4. COMSEVENTHFLT 131230Z Jun 68 - Directs termination of Operation SWIFT SABER.
- ✓ 5. SEVENTH MAR 150414Z Jun 68 - The 7th Marines assume OPCON of BLT 3/1 and pass OPCON of 2/7 at 150600H Jun 68.
- ✓ 6. CG 1st MarDiv 160212Z Jun 68 - OPCON of SLF BRAVO passed to CG III MAF at 140800H Jun 68.
- ✓ 7. CG III MAF 160720H Jun 68 - OPCON of SLF BRAVO passed to CTG 76.5 at 140800H Jun 68.
- ✓ 8. CG III MAF 071218Z May 68 - Intra-theater rotation schedule for squadrons.
- ✓ 9. CTG 79.5 250355Z May 68 - SLF BRAVO Training Program.
- ✓ 10. CTG 79.5 130851 Jul 68 - SLF BRAVO Post Training Report.

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FM ADMINO III MAF DANANG

TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DANANG

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF DANANG

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYNBJC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYNBJC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMFOR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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EMPLOYMENT OF SLF BRAVO BLT

A. CG III MAF 280214Z MAY 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A DESCRIBES INTENDED EMPLOYMENT SLF BRAVO.

2. SUBMIT NAMES REPS TO FIRST MARDIV FOR PLANNING CONFERENCE  
TO BE HELD FIRST MARDIV HQS 310900H MAY 68

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 O 040354Z JUN 68  
 FM COMMSEVENTHFLT  
 TO RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN SIXPT FIVE  
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 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN SIX  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUMUMFA/COMUSMACV  
 RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV  
 RUMFKRE/CHE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE  
 RUHGUZ/CTF SEVEN THREE  
 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAR  
 INFO RUENAAA/CNO  
 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC  
 RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT  
 RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC  
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

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 RUMSBJ/CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE  
 RUMFCR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE  
 RUMFCR/CHF SEVEN SEVEN  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIC  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHPD/CTF CLEARWATER  
 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 RUAUDB/CHG SEVEN NINE PT THREE  
 RUMFCR/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 RUMFCR/HU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
 RUMNVHD/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
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 A. MY OPLAN 101-67

1. SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLE

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IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE I CTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE TG 76.5/79.5. 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.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED ON OR ABOUT 7 JUNE, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN THE AO, IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND LOGISTIC CACHES, INTERDICT ENEMY RESUPPLY AND OR SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARKED IN USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8) IS DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8) IS DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X, (2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B(1) OF REF A.

7. AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA). THE LANDWARD AOA IS THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN FROM AT 8784 NORTHEAST TO AT 8385 THENCE NORTH ALONG THE 88 GRID LINE TO THE BORDER OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE AT

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AT 3891. THENCE WEST AND SOUTH ALONG THE BORDER TO ZC 077902, THENCE WEST ALONG THE 90 GRID LINE TO ZC 0690 THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE 06 GRID LINE TO ZC 0680. THENCE EAST ALONG THE 80 GRID LINE TO AT 7780 THENCE NORTH TO AT 8784. DURING THE SURFACE SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT A CORRIDOR WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AOA TWO HUNDRED METERS INLAND FROM THE HIGH WATER MARK ON THE BANKS OF THE CU DE RIVER FROM DANANG BAY TO THE LANDWARD AOA. THIS CORRIDOR WILL BE DISSOLVED ON D-DAY FOLLOWING THE SURFACE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT. THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN FROM THE COAST AT AH 945820 NORTHEAST TO BT 00180, THENCE NORTH TO THE COAST AT BT 000930, THENCE SOUTH AND WEST ALONG THE COAST TO AT 930848. THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THE LANDWARD APA FROM THE SURFACE TO 18000 FEET MSL SHALL BE REQUESTED FOR INCLUSION TROL AREA. SHOULD CONDITIONS REQUIRE

OPERATION OF THE LPH OUTSIDE OF DANANG HARBOR IN ADDITION A CORRIDOR FOR HELO TRANSIT FROM OUTSIDE THE SEAWARD APA TO MOUTH OF THE CU DE RIVER FROM THE SURFACE TO 10000 FEET MSL TO BE REQUESTED.

8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE SWIFT SABER WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY O/A 7 JUNE DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION. H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED BY CATF AND D-DAY CONFIRMED BY CATF. UPON DETERMINATION OF

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 CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT  
 HO ORIG SHATE OF READINESS. FINAL RECO MMENDATIONS CONCERNING D-DAY  
 H AD L HOURS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THIS OPERATION. COMMAND  
 TO EXECUTE WILL BE BY SEPERATE MESSAGE. SUBMIT FORMAL JEQUESTH FOR  
 EXECUTION AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNICATION DELAYS  
 IF ORIGINATOR EXECUTE MSG NOT RECEIVED AT RECOMMENDED TIME FMR EXEC  
 UTION, ASSUME APPROVAL, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, INFORMING ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF  
 AND CG III MAF. REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER,  
 CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OP RATIONS ASHORE.

C. BLT 3/1 WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN, BUT IT IS PLANNED TO BE REPLACED  
 BY BLT 2/7.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

12. ACTION ADDEES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

13. DOWNGRADED TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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 FM ADMINO FIRST MARDIV  
 TO ZEN/FIRST TANK BN  
 ZEN/ 2ND BN SEVENTH MARINES  
 INFO CG III MAF  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG FLC  
 CG NINTH MAB  
 CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE  
 FIRST MARDIV OPCON (LESS ACTION ADDEES)

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A. CG FIRST MARDIV 040404Z MAY 68 (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 260502Z MAY 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A PUBLISHED TASK ORG FOR BLT 2/7 TO INCLUDE  
 2D PLAT, CO A (AT), 1ST TANK BN. REF B DELETES  
 REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH AT PLAT FROM IN-COUNTRY ASSETS.  
 AT PLAT TO COME FROM 9TH MAB ASSETS.
2. ACCORDINGLY, 2ND PLAT, CO A (AT) 1ST TANK BN  
 DELETED FROM REF A.

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 CG FMFPAC  
 COMPHIBPAC  
 CG III MAF  
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 COMNAVFORV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG 1ST MARDIC  
 CG 3RD MARDIV  
 CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE  
 COMNAVSUPPACT DNAANG  
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 CTGF  
 CTF SEVEN THREE

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 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTF SEVEN SEVEN  
 CTF SEVEN NINE  
 CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE  
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 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
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 OPERATION SWIFT SABER (U)

A. CTG 76.5 132826Z JUNE 68 NOTAL

1. TERMINATE OPERATION SWIFT SABER AT 140300H3 JUNE 68.

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FM SEVENTH MAR

TO CG FIRST DIV

INFO ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT ONE

RUYEUAE/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN

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A. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 121825Z JUN 68

B. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 131525Z JUN 68

1. IAW REF A AND B 7TH MARINES ASSUMED COMMAND OF BLT 3/1  
AND PASSED COMMAND OF BLT 2/7 TO CG FIRST MARDIV EFFECTIVE

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O 160212Z JUN 68  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV  
TO RUMUGRA.CG III MAF  
RUYSUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE  
INFO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB  
RUMHFL/CG FLC  
RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX  
RUYSUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE  
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CHOP OF SLF BRAVO

1. OPCON SLF BRAVO PASSED TO CG III MAF AS OF 140800H JUN68

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 O 160720Z JUN68  
 FM CG III MAF DANANG  
 TO RUYSUAB/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 INFO RUMHFA/COMUSMACV SAIGON  
 RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUHGUL/COMMSEVENTHFLT

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DANANG  
 RUMYPP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW DANANG  
 RUMHFL/CG FORLOGCMD DANANG  
 RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN DIX  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB OKINAWA

RUYSUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FOUR  
 RUYSUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 RUYSUAS/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
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CHOP SLF BRAVO

A. CG FORST MARDIV 160212Z JUN 68 (NOTAL)

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 1. CG FIRST MARDIV CHOPPED SLF BRAVO TO CG III MAF 140800Z  
 JUN68 BY CNF AJWAJELI MAF CHOPS SLF BRAVO TO CTG 76.5 SAME TIME  
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 CG FMFPAC HAW  
 CG FMFPAC SBK OKI  
 CG FIRST MAW DSX  
 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTF SEVEN NINE  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
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INTRA THEATRE SQUADRON ROTATION

A. CG NINTH MAB 030730Z MAY 68 NOTAL

B. CG FIRST MAW 310217Z MAY 68 NOTAL

1. REF A REQ APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR SLF HELO SQUADRON ROTATION.

2. FOLLOWING PORTIONS REF 3 AS MODIFIED HEREIN ARE APPROVED

AT THIS LEVEL AND HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED AT COMSEVENTHFLT

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QUARTERLY SCHEDULING CONFERENCE. FINAL ACCEPTANCE DEPENDENT PUBLICATION COMSEVENTHFLT QUARTERLY SCHEDULE.

UNIT	FROM	TO	DATE
HMM-164	SLF B	MAAF	11-12 JUN 68
HMM-265	MAAF	SLF B	11-12 JUN 68
HMM-362	SLF A	PHU BAI	1-2 JUL 68
HMM-363	PHU BAI	SLF A	1-2 JUL 68
HMM-363	SLF A	MAAF	1-2 SEPT 68
HMM-362	PHU BAI	SLF A	1-2 SEPT 68
HMM-265	SLF B	PHU BAI	8-9 SEPT 68
HMM-364	PHU BAI	SLF B	8-9 SEPT 68
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1. THE FOLLOWING TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE USED BY SPECIAL LANDING  
 FORCE (SLF) BRAVO AS A GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIT TRAINING  
 SCHEDULES. ALL TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REHAB/UPKEEP PERIOD  
 WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE READINESS  
 OF THE SLF TO EXECUTE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.  
 A. EFFECTIVE DATE: TRAINING WILL COMMENCE UPON COMPLETION OF  
 REHAB/UPKEEP IN TG 76.5 SHIPPING.  
 B. REFERENCES:  
 (1) TRAINING WILL BE IN CONSONANCE WITH APPROPRIATE U. S. NAVY

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TO: 79 B TRAINING PROGRAM (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE USED BY SPECIAL LANDING  
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 SCHEDULES. ALL TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THE REHAB/UPKEEP PERIOD  
 WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE READINESS  
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B. REFERENCES:

(1) TRAINING WILL BE IN CONSONANCE WITH APPROPRIATE U. S. NAVY

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AND MARINE CORPS DOCTRINAL PUBLICATIONS, NWP'S, LFM'S AND  
 FMFM'S. REFERENCES REQUIRED BUT NOT HELD BY SUBORDINATE  
 COMMANDS WILL BE REQUESTED FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) CG NINTH MAB HAS PREPARED A TRAINING PACKET WHICH CONTAINS  
 TRAINING DIRECTIVES PROMULGATED BY CG FMFPAC, COMNAVBASE  
 SUBIC AND CG NINTH MAB. THESE DIRECTIVES ARE APPLICABLE  
 TO SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY,  
 TREATMENT OF HEAT CASUALTIES, M-16 RIFLE INSTRUCTION, AND  
 A DESCRIPTION OF SUBIC BAY TRAINING AREAS. THESE PACKETS  
 WILL BE REQUESTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION  
 WITHIN THE LANDING FORCE.

C. TRAINING TIME.

(1) DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD, ORGANIC SLF EQUIPMENT AND ARG  
 SHIPPING WILL UNDERGO REQUIRED MAINTENANCE REPAIR, AND  
 UPKEEP. TRAINING SCHEDULES MUST BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO  
 PERMIT VARIATION OF TRAINING SEQUENCES WITHOUT LOSS OF  
 CONTINUITY OR TRAINING TIME. SCHEDULES MUST PERMIT THE  
 ARG AND SLF TO OBTAIN OPTIMUM MUTUAL BENEFIT DURING THE  
 UPKEEP PERIOD OF ARG SHIPPING.

(2) THE TIME TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAM SUBJECTS WILL BE

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LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF BLT AND HMM COMMANDERS WHERE PRACTICABLE. SCHEDULING OF SUBJECTS MUST PERMIT REQUIRED MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS TO BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM LOSS OF TRAINING TIME.

1. PROCUREMENT OF TRAINING AREAS. REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATE TRAINING AREAS AND OTHER REQUIRED SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY MESSAGE. CTG 79.5 WILL CONSOLIDATE AND SUBMIT ALL BLT AND HMM REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SUPPORT.

E. TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

(1) PHASE I. (ENROUTE SUBIC BAY)

(A) BLT - TRAINING DURING THIS PHASE WILL CONSIST OF INDIVIDUAL TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: SHIP'S EMERGENCY DRILL RESPONSE; HELO EMPLANING AND DEPLANING PROCEDURES; FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS; PHYSICAL CONDITIONING; UNIT LEADER INSTRUCTION ON CONDUCT ASHORE; MORAL GUIDANCE; W/ CONTROL; DANGERS OF NARCOTICS AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE EVENT OF ATTEMPTED SUBVERSION; OJT IN FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC IE CLASS II TYPE I EQUIP; THOROUGH REVIEW OF CASUALTY REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES; STAFF

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ORIENTATION ON THE MISSION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SLF.

(B) HMM - TRAINING FOR SQUADRON PERSONNEL WILL CONSIST OF THOSE SUBJECTS LISTED IN PARA 1.E. (1) (A) ABOVE AND ADDITIONALLY WILL INCLUDE FIRING OF HELO MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS, OJT SQUADRON LEVEL A/C MAINTENANCE, AND DAY/NIGHT CANQUALS.

(2) PHASE II. (ASHORE SUBIC BAY)

(A) BLT TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING THIS PHASE WILL BE PRIMARILY ORIENTED TOWARD THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT BY A HELICOPTERBORNE, WATERBORNE OR COMBINATION CONFIGURED LANDING FORCE. THIS PHASE WILL CONCLUDE WITH A SLF CPX DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO TEST COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL PROCEDURES. TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS PHASE: PHYSICAL CONDITIONING; WET NET TRAINING; MOVEMENT TO CONTACT; COMPANY TACTICS; LVT EMBARK AND DEBARK TRAINING; OJT FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC EQUIPMENT; SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENTS; HST CONTROL OF HELO ZONES; LOADING AND TACTICAL MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY HELO, LVT, AND LANDING CRAFT; LOADING AND MOVEMENT

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OF ARTILLERY BATTERY D; HELO, LVT, AND LANDING CRAFT; COORDINATION AND USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS; JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING; FIELD FIRING OF CREW SERVED WEAPONS; SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY TRAINING; FAC TRAINING; COMMUNICATION TRAINING TO INCLUDE COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES; COMMUNICATION SECURITY; USE OF KAC-QAG AND KAC-PAG CODES; HELO-LANDING AND MOVEMENT OF RADIO JEEPS AND RADIO RELAY EQUIPMENT; A COMMUNICATION EXERCISE; SLF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS; CIVIC ACTION TRAINING; RULES OF ENGAGEMENT; AND AMPHIBIOUS OPS STAFF PLANNING PROCEDURES.

(B) HMM TRAINING DURING THIS PHASE WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD EXECUTION OF THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT. OTHER TRAINING WILL CONSIST OF JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING; OJT IN SQUADRON LEVEL A/C MAINTENANCE; QUALIFICATION OF HELICOPTER A/C COMMANDERS; CREW MEMBER TRAINING IN AERIAL GUNNERY; HELO SYSTEMS TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES TRAINING.

(3) PHASE III. LEX - (AFLOAT AND ASHORE ZAMBALES/TABONES AREA) TRAINING DURING THIS PERIOD WILL INCLUDE AN ARG/SLF

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AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE TO LAND THE LANDING FORCE IN THE ZAMBALES AREA. MEDEVAC AND CASREP PROCEDURES WILL BE EVALUATED DURING THE LEX. A REHEARSAL WILL BE CONDUCTED ON D-1. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THIS WILL BE A SURFACE/HELO LANDING SUPPORTED BY FIXED WING A/C. CONCURRENT WITH THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT A LIVE NGF SHOOT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT TABONES UTILIZING NGF SUPPORT SHIP AND BLT SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY PERSONNEL. PHASE III WILL TERMINATE WITH AN AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF THE LANDING FORCE TO ARG SHIPPING IN A COMBAT LOAD CONFIGURATION.

(4) PHASE IV. (ENROUTE RVN)

THIS PHASE WILL COMMENCE WITH A CRITIQUE OF THE LEX. TRAINING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD THE PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF IN A SPECIFIC AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IF THIS INFO IS AVAILABLE. OJT IN FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC EQUIPMENT; STAFF PLANNING PROCEDURES; PHYSICAL CONDITIONING AND TRAINING REQUIRED AS INDICATED BY CRITIQUE.

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SLF BRAVO POST TRAINING REPORT

REF: A. CG NINTH MAR DISTRICT MAY 68  
 1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING TRAINING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY UNITS OF  
 SLF BRAVO PRIOR TO BOARDING SHIP FOR SUBIC, ENROUTE TO SUBIC  
 AND DURING THE SUBIC OVERSEAS PERIOD FROM 17 JUNE TO  
 5 JUL 1968.

A. PHASE I (VIETNAM)

(1) BLT 2/7

(a) LEADERSHIP-ONE HOUR

(b) SHIPBOARD LIFE-ONE HOUR

(c) HANDLING OF POW'S, CAPTURES, SURRENDER AND DOCUMENTS-ONE  
 HOUR

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(d) SAFETY PROCEDURES-ONE HOUR

(e) FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF TWO WEAPONS-SEVEN HOURS

(f) CARE AND CLEANING OF TWO WEAPONS-SEVEN HOURS

(g) PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS INSPECTION-SEVEN HOURS

(h) PREPARATION FOR EMBARKATION-TWELVE HOURS-PHASE I  
 TOTAL OF THIRTY SEVEN HOURS

B. PHASE II ENROUTE SUBIC

(1) BLT 2/7

(a) SHIP EMERGENCY DRILL-ONE HOUR

(b) CARE, CLEANING AND SAFETY OF TWO WEAPONS-TWO HOURS

(c) FIRST AID AND CASUALTY REPORTING-ONE HOUR

(d) V. O. AND BAROOLICH-ONE HOUR

(e) CONDUCT ASHORE-ONE HOUR

(f) PHYSICAL CONDITIONING-TWO HOURS

(g) MORAL GUIDANCE-ONE HOUR

(h) INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY-ONE HOUR

(i) MISSION AND ORGANIZATION OF SLF-ONE HOUR

(j) HELD EXPLAINING AND DECLASSIFYING-ONE HOUR

(k) GJT 1ST AND 2ND DIVISION MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIC  
 EQUIPMENT-TWO HOURS, PHASE II TOTAL FOURTEEN HOURS.

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C. PHASE III SUMMARY

(1) B-1 2-1

- (A) WEAPON REPAIR-ONE HOUR
- (B) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT-ONE HOUR
- (C) CIVIC ACTION-ONE HOUR
- (D) PHYSICAL TRAINING-ONE HOUR
- (E) ATTACK ON ENEMY-ONE HOUR
- (F) NBC WARFARE-ONE HOUR
- (G) CARE AND CLEANING OF WEAPONS-TWO HOURS
- (H) FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF TWO WEAPONS-FOUR HOURS
- (I) SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY TRAINING-ONE HOUR
- (J) COMMUNICATION SECURITY AND PROCEDURES-ONE HOUR
- (K) MAP READING-TWO HOURS
- (L) SUPPORTING ARMS-TWO HOURS
- (M) SQUAD TACTICS-TWO HOURS
- (N) PLATOON TACTICS-SEVEN HOURS
- (O) PATROLLING-TWENTY FOUR HOURS
- (P) WET NET TRAINING-FOUR HOURS
- (Q) LVT EMBARK/DEBARK TRAINING-ONE HOUR
- (R) HELICOPTER EMBARK/DEBARK TRAINING-TWO HOURS

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- (K) TANK/INFANTRY COORDINATION-FOUR HOURS
- (L) CO/PLATOON IN THE OFFENSE-TWENTY TWO HOURS
- (M) CO/PLATOON IN THE DEFENSE-TWENTY HOURS
- (N) GORDON AND SEARCH-FOUR HOURS
- (O) REHEARSAL EXERCISE HILLTOP XX-TEN HOURS
- (P) EXERCISE HILLTOP XX-FORTY EIGHT HOURS
- (Q) WITHDRAWAL FROM EXERCISE HILLTOP XX-SIXTEEN HOURS

PHASE III TOTAL HOURS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX

2. THE AVIATION ELEMENT W-51F CONDUCTED TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- (A) PILOT TRAINING INCLUDING NIGHT CARRIER QUALIFICATION
- (B) JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING-1 NIGHT PILOTS AND EIGHT CREWMEN
- (C) HELICOPTER EMBARK/DEBARK TRAINING
- (D) GUNNERY PRACTICE
- (E) REHEARSAL OF EXERCISE HILLTOP XX
- (F) EXERCISE HILLTOP XX
- (G) WITHDRAWAL EXERCISE HILLTOP XX

3. THE TWO F-4B AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY W-51F DURING EXERCISE HILLTOP XX AFFORDED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING TO W-51F FORWARD:

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 CONTROLLERS AT THE... STABLE EXERCISE  
 4. LIVE FIRE... WAS CONDUCTED DURING  
 TWO SEPARATE PERIODS... TRAINING... WAS  
 CONDUCTED IN... HELLION EX AND WAS  
 CONSIDERED TO BE...  
 5. THIRTY PERSONNEL OF BLT 2/7 COMPLETED THE 24 HOUR COURSE  
 IN JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAINING.  
 6. A SHORT COURSE IN MAINTENANCE AND HANDLING OF PLASTIC  
 ASSAULT BOATS WAS CONDUCTED FOR PERSONNEL OF THE 5TH STAFF  
 AND BLT 2/7.  
 7. BLT COMPANY ADMINISTRATOR... INTO THE TRAINING  
 SYLLABUS.  
 8. TIME FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRAINING WAS DEEMED ADEQUATE WITH  
 NO MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.  
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To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Seventh Fleet  
Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation SWIFT SABER

Encl: (1) SLF BRAVO After Action Report, Operation SWIFT SABER  
filed -> (2) - BLT 3/1 After Action Report, Operation SWIFT SABER  
sep (3) - HMM 164 After Action Report, Operation SWIFT SABER

1. Enclosure (1) contains Special Landing Force BRAVO After Action Report for Operation SWIFT SABER. Enclosures (2) and (3) amplify enclosure (1).

  
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COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT - SWIFT SABER

Map References: AMS, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6641 III, 6541 II.

1. GENERAL

a. Operation SWIFT SABER was an amphibious operation conducted in accordance with NWP 22 (B) employing both helicopter and surface craft assault forces. The operation was conducted in HOA VANG and HIEU DUC Districts, QUANG NAM Province, I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of VIETNAM. The landward AOA was that area encompassed by a line drawn from AT8784 northeast to AT8885, thence north along the 88 grid line to the border of THUA THIEN Province at AT8891, thence west and south along the border to ZC077900, thence west along the 90 grid line to ZC0690, thence south along the 06 grid line to AT7780, thence north to AT8784. During the surface ship-to-shore movement a corridor was included in the AOA two hundred meters inland from the high water mark on the banks of the SONG CU DE from DANANG Bay to the eastern boundary at the landward AO.

b. The inclusive dates of Operation SWIFT SABER were 7-14 June 1968. COMSEVENTHFLT 040354Z Jun68 directed an amphibious operation to be conducted against VC/NVA forces in the AOA. COMSEVENTHFLT 131230Z terminated the operation at 140800H June 1968.

2. TASK ORGANIZATION

Special Landing Force BRAVO  
BLT 3/1  
HMM-164

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LtCol RICK

3. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation. Information received prior to Operation SWIFT SABER indicated that the AO contained rocket sites, possible base areas, some fortified positions, arms caches, and supplies. Enemy personnel strength within the AO was estimated to be 600-700 from the following units: 4th NVA Regiment, 3rd Bn 368B Arty Regiment (NVA), T-87 Main Force Sapper Bn, and the Q-55 Local Force Co. These units were known to be operating in and around the AO.

b. Enemy Capabilities. The enemy was capable of:

- (1) Attacking with a force of up to two battalions.
- (2) Defense of a position at a time of his choosing with the aforementioned force.

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(3) Evading direct contact and resorting to small scale actions, employment of mines, surprise firing devices, sniper harassment, and ambushes in an effort to inflict maximum casualties on our forces and decimating small units beyond effective friendly support.

(4) Withdrawing to the triple canopy and high mountains over established trails, utilizing snipers, mines, and surprise firing devices whenever possible to delay our forces.

c. Enemy Tactics. For the most part, the enemy elected to evade and withdraw with only one attack which was broken up before it started. Approximately 100 enemy were spotted attempting to execute a surprise attack on the established Recon outpost/Relay station on DONG DEN mountain. They were repelled by the combined efforts of the defenders and supporting arms. Enemy casualties were unknown in this encounter. Co M 3/1 made contact with the enemy on 11 June as the enemy was attempting to withdraw. There were two instances of mining along Route 545.

d. Terrain and Weather

(1) Terrain Features. The terrain on the AO was predominately mountains lying on an east-west axis bisected by the SONG CU DE and Elephant Valley. There were numerous streams throughout the area. The mountains on the north side of the AO ran up to 5000 ft and up to 2000 ft on the south. Route 545 bisected the AO along Elephant Valley in an east-west direction.

(2) Weather. The area was under the influence of the SW monsoon during the operation. The mornings were hazy, clearing up around 0800H-0900H and remaining clear until afternoon when thunder storms took over and lasted until evening.

4. MISSION. SLF BRAVO conducts an amphibious operation in QUANG NAM Province to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, caches, and installations in the AO and/or such other operations as agreed with CG III MAF or his designated representatives.

5. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

a. Landing Plan/Scheme of Maneuver. On D minus 1, conducted air operations to interdict enemy movement and eliminate obstacles. On D-Day SLF conducts a coordinated amphibious assault landing helicopterborne and waterborne forces in the AO making maximum use of CAS, artillery, and NGF prep fires. The operation was conducted in two phases.

b. Phase I. Commencing at H-Hour, elements of the landing force landed over BLUE BEACH in LVT's and by helicopter in LZ EAGLE. Surface landed forces conducted linkup with helicopterborne forces at objective No. 1 in the SONG CU DE (Elephant) Valley in order to establish a fire support base for future operations. Two rifle companies were helo landed in LZ FALCON at about H

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plus 2. Also, during Phase I, at 081040H June 1968, CTG 79.5 determined that the Landing Force was firmly established ashore and advised the CATF of this fact. At 081400H June 1968 operational control of SLF BRAVO was passed to CG III MAF who simultaneously passed OPCON to CG 1st MarDiv. This placed the entire SLF (Hq, BLT, and Aquadron) under OPCON of CG 1st MarDiv. The Alpha Command group of the SLF had been co-located with the BLT Command Post. While it was determined that the function of command may be satisfactorily exercised from an advance position such as this, it soon became apparent that the relatively sophisticated means of communications and control aboard the LPH could be of great assistance and should be utilized. Ultimately, the SLF Commander divided his time between his CP on the LPH and the small command group in the field. This method worked well.

Mechanized forces attacked westward along Route 545 to assist helicopterborne forces in seizing Objective No. 2 and 3 and in conducting

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search and destroy operations in and adjacent to Elephant Valley east of Phase line TORO.

~~Phase~~ Phase II. The landing force conducted operations to find, fix and destroy enemy forces in AO west of Phase line TORO by establishing a helicopterborne force at the western end of Elephant Valley and sweeping through the entire AO to the eastern limit.

#### b. Supporting Fires

(1) Air Support conducted LZ preparation followed by helicopterborne assaults. CAS was provided on call during the entire operation. Armed UH-IE's with TAC (A) provided escort for assault helicopter lifts and limited CAS for assault troops. Unarmed UH-IE's provided tactical CP, observation, reconnaissance, and NGF/artillery/air spotting support.

(2) Naval Gunfire. Provided LZ preparation fires and conducted counter battery fire as necessary. Call fires were utilized against targets of opportunity.

(3) Artillery. Artillery support was provided for the assault from a pre-positioned direct support artillery battery and from in-country resources. The attached 4.2 inch Mortar Battery was landed as soon as possible to reinforce the fires of the artillery battery. The artillery battery exercised tactical control over all landing force artillery.

#### 6. EXECUTION

a. Operation SWIFT SABER, in support of III MAF in ICTZ, was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT 04035Z June 1968 (initiating directive). 1st MarDiv recommended the assigned mission which was approved by COMSEVENTHFLT. CTG 79.5 050112Z Jun68 assigned tasks for the execution of this mission.

b. D-Day was established as 7 June 1968 with H-Hour at 0700H. COMSEVENTHFLT 060802Z June 1968 ordered execution.

c. The operation was conducted in two phases. During Phase I, the basic plan for Operation SWIFT SABER was to conduct a surface landing over BLUE BEACH in LVT's in coordination with a helicopter landing in LZ EAGLE (AT861856). The two forces linked up on Objective No. 1 in order to establish a fire support base for further operations. Two rifle companies were landed in LZ FALCON (AT819865) at H plus 2. The mechanized force attacked westward along Route 545 to assist in seizing Objectives No. 1 and No. 3, and in conducting search and destroy operations in and adjacent to Elephant Valley east of Phase line TORO. During Phase II, the landing forces were to conduct operations to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces within the AO west of Phase line TORO establishing a helicopterborne force at the western end of Elephant Valley and by sweeping through the entire AO to the eastern limit.

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d. On D-Day at 0700H, L/3/1 moved by LVT across BLUE BEACH (AT932845) and up the SONG CU DE to the assembly area (AT895825) where the BLT's tanks had been pre-positioned on D minus 1. M/3/1 moved simultaneously by helicopter to LZ EAGLE (AT861856), securing that portion of Objective No. 1 and dispatching a mine sweeping platoon to clear Route 545 between Objective No. 1 and the assembly area. Link-up with the armored convoy took place at 1000H. M/3/1 was followed into LZ EAGLE by Mortar Btry, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines and the Battalion CP. One VC KIA in vicinity of LZ FALCON by HU-1E gunship.

e. At 1105H, K/3/1 was landed in LZ FALCON (AT819865) securing that portion of Objective No. 2 for the immediate arrival of L/3/1. L/3/1 moved with an armored column of tanks and amphibious tractors along Route 545, linked up with M/3/1 at Objective No. 1 and continued to AT830858 where the Battalion Command Post was established. M/3/1 continued searching Objective No. 1 as K/3/1 and I/3/1 began searches in Objective No. 2. Mortar Btry was established in a fire support base at LZ EAGLE with C Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines, with one platoon from L Co. supporting that maneuver from the vicinity of the Assembly Area.

f. On D plus 1, Co M completed search of Objective No. 1 and was helo lifted together with Mortar Btry and C Btry to the location of the Bn CP (AT830858) where a fire support base was established by 0945H. Co L searched along Route 545 up to and including Objective No. 3. Co K and Co I continued searching Objective No. 2 and found no evidence that the enemy had been there recently. SLF BRAVO chopped to the 1st MarDiv at 081400H June 1968.

g. On D plus 2, Co I and Mortar Btry were helo-lifted into LZ CONDOR VIC (ZC 131843) at 1020H. Btry C was relocated at Objective No. 3 (ZC 204 845) by CH-53 helicopters. The LVT's and Co M remained in place with the CP. Searches were conducted in Search Areas (SA) "E" AND "H".

h. On D plus 3, the CP and Co M were helo-lifted to LZ CONDOR at 0700H. The tanks and LVT's with one platoon from Co M returned via Route 545 to the LSA (AT939783). Upon reaching its destination, the escort platoon was helo-lifted back to Co M at LZ CONDOR. Co L searched SA "I" as Co I conducted search operations in SA "I". SA "K" was covered by a platoon from Co M as Co K moved toward SA "G". The only evidence of enemy activity discovered was small campsite found in SA "L" by Co I at vicinity of grid ZC 194858.

i. An aerial gunner, while on a medevac mission to DONG DEN (AT836827) at 1815H, spotted movement of enemy force 50 meters below the radio relay outpost. Heavy protective fire was brought to bear on the enemy position by the transport and gunship helicopters, "Sparrow Hawk" aircraft were launched, inserting a platoon of "M" 3/1 and 400 pounds of ammunition in the radio relay position atop DONG DEN. The drops were accomplished as clouds and darkness settled over the area.

j. On D plus 4, the platoon on DONG DEN Mountain was joined by the remainder of Co M which began a sweep to the west. Two platoons from Co L established blocking positions for the sweep and Co K was returned to LZ

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~~CONDOR to provide security for the fire support base and CP located there.~~  
 The sweep conducted by Co M produced negative results.

k. On D plus 5, the search and destroy operations in Phase II of the AO were continued. Co I moved through SA "H" to the CP. Co K Searched SA "D" and "E". One platoon from Co K was helo-lifted into SA "C", and a platoon from Co L was lifted into SA "M". A second platoon from Co L was lifted into SA "C". Upon completion of their missions, these three platoons were lifted from their respective Search Areas and placed in Objective No. 3 at 1945H. All companies maintained night defensive positions in the vicinity of LZ CONDOR and Objective No. 3.

l. On D plus 6, Co L investigated a probable escape route used by the enemy in AT8084 grid square. Withdrawal of the Battalion commenced at 0710H and was completed by 1015H. The CP was moved to the position of the 2nd Bn, 7th Marines at 1210H. By 1200H, Co L had been lifted from LZ RAVEN. CH-53 helicopters lifted Btry C at 1200H. The relay station on DONG DEN Mountain was the last element of the LF to be removed. By 1915H, all helo-lifts had been completed.

## 7. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

### a. Planning

(1) On 30 May 1968, III MAF requested that planners from ARG/SLF report to the 1st Marine Division CP at DANANG (CG III MAF 290308Z).

(2) SLF/ARG planners continued to visit the 1st Marine Division on a daily basis in order to keep abreast of the situation.

(3) The planning continued until the issuance of the final order on 4 June 1968. During the planning phase, the following tasks were accomplished:

(a) Intelligence was obtained from current INTSUMS, area studies, and through liaison with in-country units. Maps were obtained from the 1st Marine Division.

(b) Logistic support procedures were arranged.

(c) Radio frequencies were obtained and the communication plan was issued.

(d) The AO was agreed upon and command relationships were finalized.

(e) Arrangements were made for the positioning of a liaison team with the 1st Marine Division.

(f) A Naval Gunfire support ship was requested and a destroyer was assigned in support of the SLF.

(g) General support artillery was assigned its initial tasks.

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and coordination for the pre-positioning of the direct support artillery battery was completed.

(h) Close air support requirements were determined and requested. Additional support consisting of four armed and one unarmed UH-1E A/C was requested.

b. Command Relationships. Operation SWIFT SABER was an amphibious operation with command relationships in accordance with NWP-22 (B). Liaison was established with Headquarters, 1st Marine Division.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Artillery

(a) Artillery support of the landing force was provided by the batteries attached to the BLT (Btry "C", 1st Bn, 11th Marines and Mortar Btry, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines) and the 11th Marine Regiment which was in general support of the landing force for the entire operation.

(b) Btry "C" was pre-positioned on D minus 1 in the vicinity of "G" Co, 2/7. This enabled the battery to provide direct support to the operation in the form of "prep fires" and "on-call" fires as the operation commenced.

(c) The Mortar Btry was landed by helicopter early on D-Day in LZ EAGLE in order to establish a fire support base within the AO and to reinforce the fires of the artillery battery.

(d) On D plus 1, Btry "C" was helo-lifted by CH-53 helicopters from its initial position vicinity grid (AT898821) to fire support base within the AO.

(2) Naval Gunfire

(a) The USS HULL (DD-945) was assigned in direct support of the Amphibious Task Force and provided fire support throughout the operation.

(b) The USS HULL was on station and firing prep fires prior to H-Hour.

(c) While the USS HULL was under the OPCON of the Amphibious Task Force, a total of 1743 rounds of 5"/54 ordnance was expended in support of the landing force.

(3) Air Support

(a) Close Air Support (CAS) by fixed wing aircraft was used extensively on D minus 1 to prep landing zones and burn off any vegetation which might endanger A/C on D-Day.

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(b) A total of 40 attack sorties were flown in support of Operation SWIFT SABER expending 27.70 tons of bombs, 21.75 tons of napalm, 256 rockets and 11,500 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

(c) Augmentation of 1 unarmed UH-IE and 4 armed UH-IE's was requested for D-Day (two were requested thereafter) to serve as escorts and to provide timely CAS. A total of 240 sorties were flown, 88 rockets expended, and 22,000 rounds of 7.62 machine gun ammunition fired in support of the operation.

#### (4) Fire Support Coordination

(a) Coordination of supporting arms was in accordance with current amphibious doctrine with control and coordination under the CATF in the Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC) aboard the Flagship.

(b) Liaison was established in the First Marine Division FSCC at DANANG to coordinate the fires of the 11th Marines and to clear requested areas for the fires of the First Marine Division artillery.

(c) Clearance to fire within the AO was initially issued from the SACC aboard the flagship. At 070918H, the BLT FSCC announced that it was established ashore. Ground clearance was coordinated through that agency for the duration of the exercise. Due to poor communications and the high volume of air traffic, control of supporting arms was retained in SACC until 091520H, at which time control was passed ashore. SACC continued to assist the BLT FSCC whenever possible.

#### d. Communications

(1) During Operation SWIFT SABER, radio silence was in effect on tactical nets until H minus 1. The SLF TACLOG net continued normal operations between the TACLOG groups aboard ARG shipping. On-line and off-line encryption were employed on this net as required. Any curtailment of traffic over this net would in itself have been suspicious. The same principle applied to air control nets which are in use 24 hours a day regardless of whether or not there is an operation in progress. Naval gunfire and artillery nets were activated at about H minus 12 in order to control prep fires.

(2) Geographic features of the AO made it necessary to place a radio relay team on top of DCH DEN Mountain in order to relay message traffic from point to point within the AO, and to and from the units outside the AO. The altitude of this position, its inaccessibility by road, and the restrictive limitations of its boundaries prohibited placement of on-line cryptographic equipment there. Thus, effective use of the KY-8 was denied SLF units throughout the operation. Appropriate use was made of off-line encryption materials such as the KAC-QAC and KAK-PAG, however, although the KAK-QAC numeral code was useful, the KAK-PAG operational code proved to be clumsy and overly time consuming for rapidly changing tactical situations.

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(3) The requirements to manually relay traffic pointed up a need for retransmission equipment. Additionally, in the planning phase, it became clear that personnel augmentation would be necessary. The subsequent operation showed that permanent additions to the SLF T/O would be feasible.

(4) Other than the demands made by geography, the greatest problem in maintaining satisfactory communications was the number of units assigned to each FM frequency. In many instances, there were inordinate delays in passing traffic due to inadvertent interference by friendly units.

e. Logistics

(1) SLF planners attended conferences at First Marine Division Headquarters concerning the supportability of operation SWIFT SABER. It was mutually agreed that an LSA would be established ashore at LZ #460 in the vicinity of 2nd Bn, 7th Marines CP. All supplies and equipment embarked in ARG/SLF shipping, except LFORM and mount-out blocks, were to be off-loaded and staged near the LSA. All resupply was accomplished from the ARG/SLF shipping. The one exception to this was Class III (POL), which was obtained from the FLC POL farm nearby.

(2) On D-1 (6 June) the AT Plt, Truck Plt, and 105mm Battery were offloaded over RED BEACH CAUSEWAY. The following day general unloading commenced at 1100H with the AKA unloading over TIEN SHA RAMP and the LPH, LPD, and LSD utilizing RED BEACH CAUSEWAY. All ships were completely offloaded by 081630H Jun68.

(3) The LSA was run by BLT 3/1 with the ELT S-4 as the overall coordinator. All resupply requests were relayed from the LSA via the SLF TACLOG net to the LPH where arrangements were made requiring resupply.

(4) Two minor logistical problems were encountered during operation SWIFT SABER.

(a) Supplies and equipment were offloaded and staged at the LSA before they were properly organized and set up. This created confusion during the first two days of operation but it never hindered the resupply effort from the LSA.

(b) Company commanders were waiting until late in the afternoon on many occasions to request resupply, when they should have been ordering one day prior to need. Night resupply was required on some occasions because the resupply request were received so late in the afternoon.

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8. READINESS OF THE SLF

a. SLF BRAVO embarked in ARG shipping, consisting of the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), the USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2), the USS THOMASTON (LSD-28), and the USS WASHBURN (AKA-108), is prepared to respond to any contingency which may arise within the Seventh Fleet Area of Operations. Continuous emphasis is being placed on personnel, training, supply and equipment readiness.

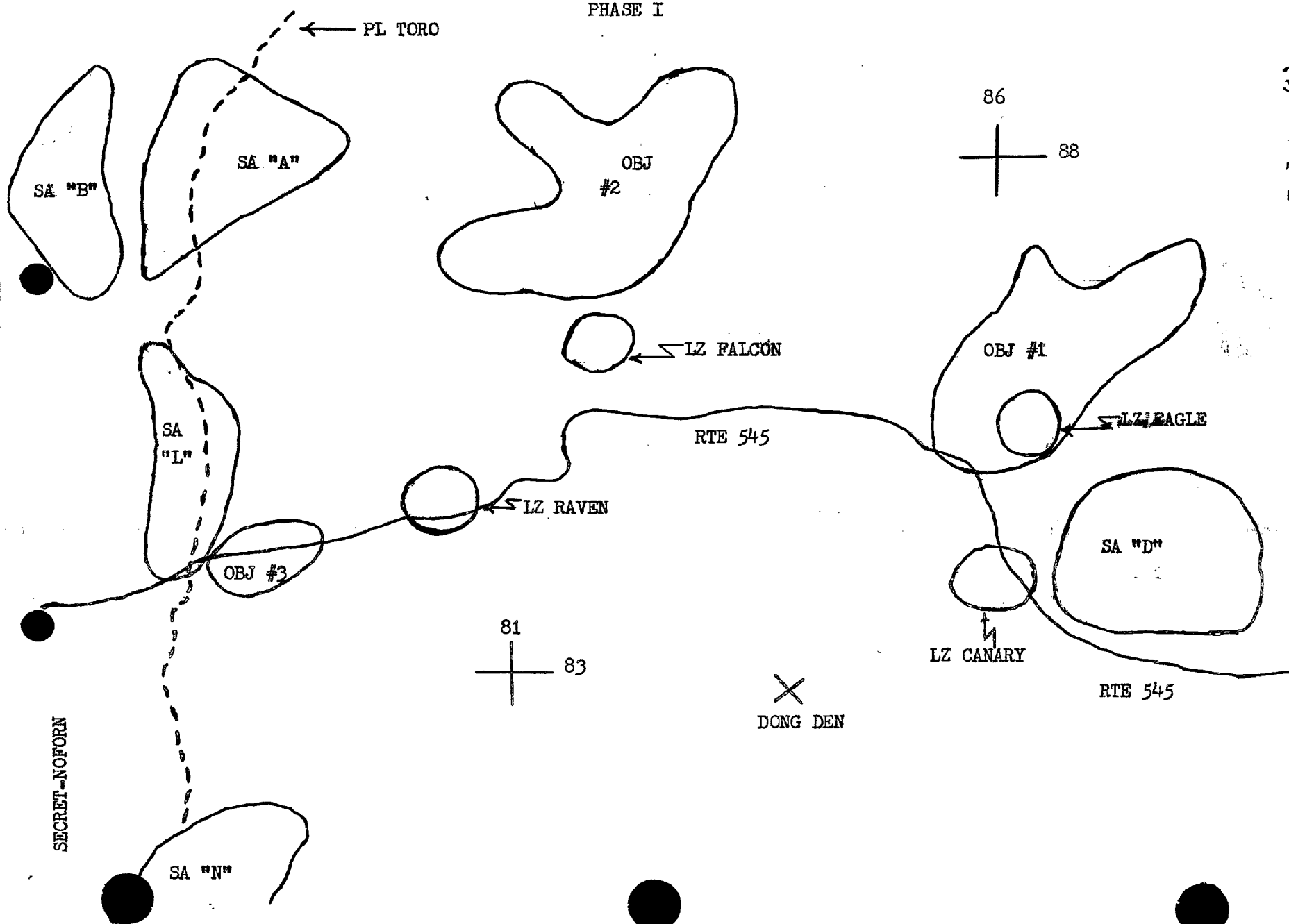
9. COMMENTS. The following comments on BLT 3/1 and HMM-164 After Action Reports are included:

a. BLT 3/1 comments favorably on the establishment of the relay station on DONG DEN Mountain. The SLF also depended heavily upon the services of the relay station and intends to establish sufficient relay stations in the future to maintain vital nets whenever terrain or distances involved indicate that normal communication arrangements might prove inadequate.

b. Comments as contained in the HMM-164 AFTER ACTION REPORT for Operation SWIFT SABER have been reviewed by SLF BRAVO and appropriate action is being taken. Objective evaluation of this type is vital to increased efficiency and successful future operations.

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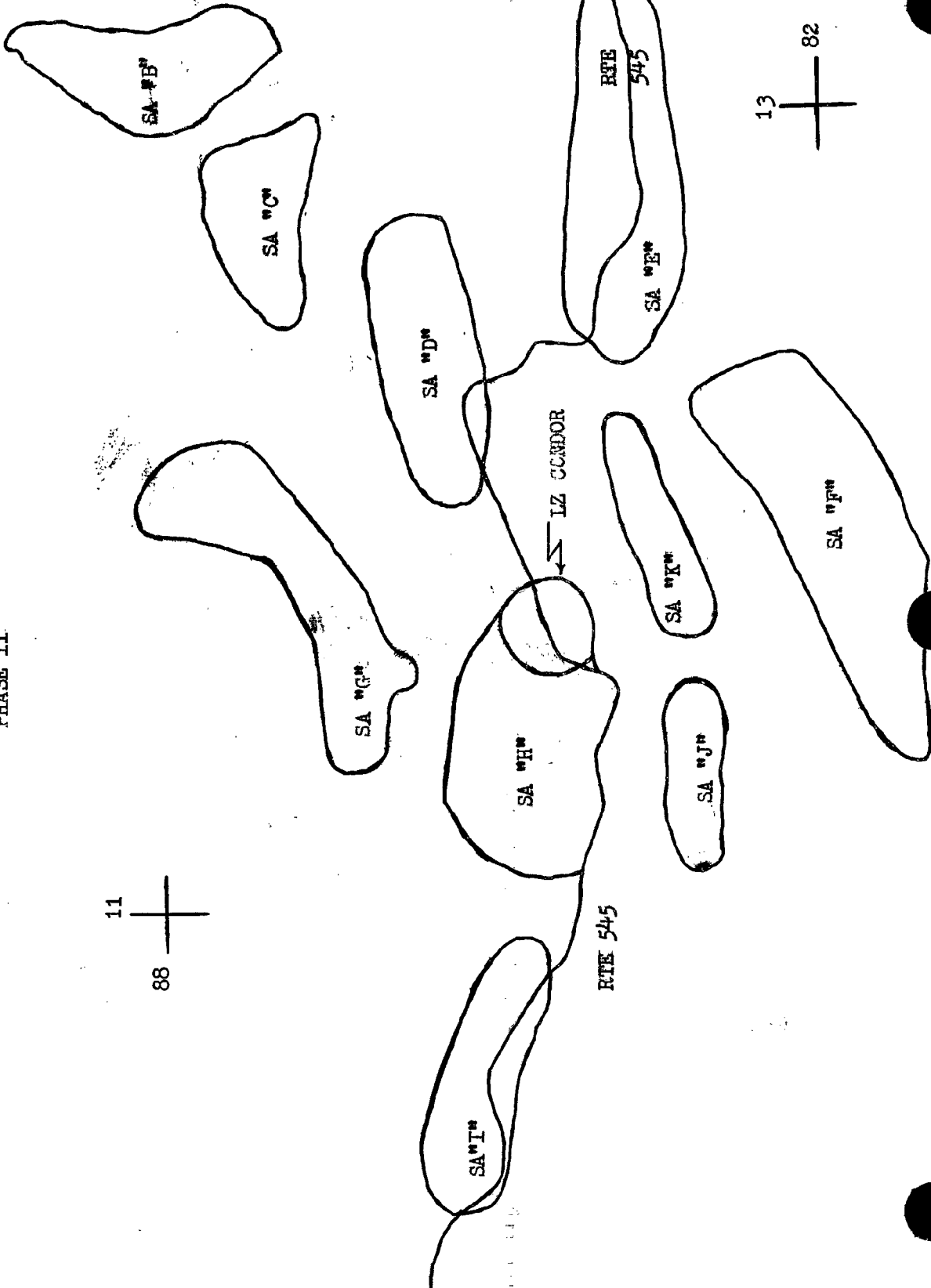
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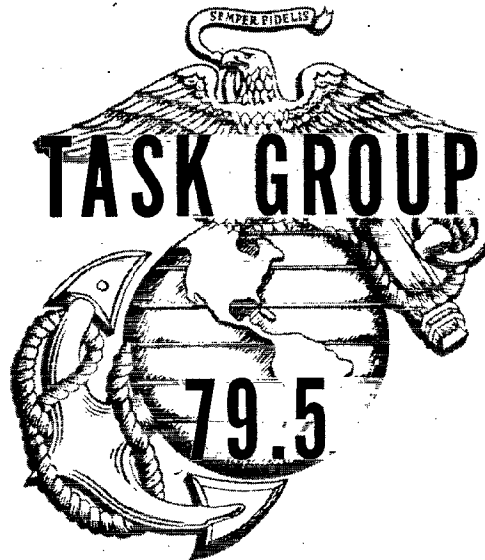
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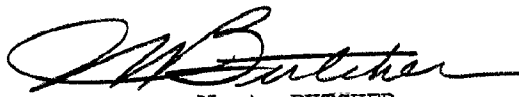
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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) NINTH MABO 5750.1E

Encl: (1) Command Chronology; Special Landing Force BRAVO (TG 79.5)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
for period  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERDATES

Special Landing Force

Colonel W. A. BUTCHER

1-31 July 1968

Bravo (TG 79.5)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

BLT 2/7

LtCol C. E. MUELLER

1-30 July 1968

LtCol L. E. WATSON

31 July 1968

HMM-265

LtCol R. J. EDWARDS

1-31 July 1968

ATTACHED UNITSNONE2. LOCATION

1-3 July 1968

4-31 July 1968

1-31 July 1968

1-31 July 1968

1-30 July 1968

31 July 1968

USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)

USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)

USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2)

USS THOMASTON (LSD-28)

USS WASHBURN (AKA-108)

USS MERRICK (AKA-97)

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol R. A. MASON	1-9 July 1968
	LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER	10-17 July 1968
	LtCol R. B. SPENCER	18-31 July 1968
S-1	Capt M. PALLO JR.	1-31 July 1968
S-2/AO	Capt J. H. STRASSER	1-31 July 1968
S-3	LtCol R. D. ALEXANDER	1-9 July 1968
	Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN	10-20 July 1968
	LtCol L. E. WATSON	21-27 July 1968
	Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN	28-31 July 1968
Asst S-3	Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN	1-9 July 1968
	-do-	21-27 July 1968
Asst S-3/Air Officer	Maj C. F. MOSER	1-31 July 1968
FSC	Capt C. D. BERGER	1-2 July 1968
	Maj C. L. MCELHENY	3-31 July 1968
S-4	Maj J. R. CATON	1-31 July 1968
Comm Officer	1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER	1-31 July 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
SLF. STAFF	11	47	0	0

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	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
BLT 2/7	60	1659	4	59
HMM-265	46	199	1	3

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL
Joined	2	2
Transferred	3	0
Promoted	0	3

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 July ARG/SLF-BRAVO was located at Subic Bay, Republic of the PHILIPPINES. The first three days of July for BLT 2/7 and HMM-265 were devoted to training in EXERCISE HILLTOP XX. On 3 July EXERCISE HILLTOP XX was terminated, final liaison was conducted with the 9th MAB REHAB coordinator and BLT 2/7 was back-loaded on ARG shipping. The transfer of BLT 2/7, HMM-265 and SLF Staff personnel and equipment from the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8) to the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) was accomplished on 3-4 July.

During the period 5 to 7 July the ARG/SLF was enroute to the Republic of VIETNAM. During this time planners from the SLF attended a conference at First Marine Division Headquarters at DANANG and then proceeded to PHU BAI for a pre-operation conference with Task Force X-Ray.

On 7 July the ARG/SLF was off DANANG harbor and liaison and planning for Operation EAGER YANKEE continued with personnel of the SLF and various in-country units. CTG 79.5 presented final plans for Operation EAGER YANKEE to the CG First Marine Division on 8 July. The plans, as presented, were concurred in.

Operation EAGER YANKEE began on 9 July with H-hour at 0500H and L-hour at 0600H. BLT 2/7 conducted a coordinated amphibious assault with Company E landing in two waves of LVT's over GREEN BEACH (ZD 065147) at 0500H. At 0600H, HMM-265 simultaneously helolifted Company G into LZ PINE (ZD 085097) and Company H into LZ CEDAR (ZD 070102). All landings were unopposed. BLT 2/7 expanded their positions and continued their operation in the VINH-LOC/PHU TU Districts of THUA THIEN Province. Operational Control of BLT 2/7 passed to Task Force X-Ray on 12 July. On 13 July BLT 2/7 commenced wide ranging operations in the PHU THU District which continued until 15 July. At 160700H BLT 2/7 was helolifted to LZ OAK (YD 948008) and BIRCH (YD 953996) and chopped to the OPCON of 5th Marines to participate in Operation HOUSTON IV. BLT 2/7 operated with the 5th Marines in the vicinity of Troy Mountain (YD 9498), uncovering large quantities of weapons, ammo, food and other supplies. On 22 July an amphibious withdrawal was conducted. Operation EAGER YANKEE terminated at 221200H July and the amphibious withdrawal was completed at 221535H July 1968.

During the period of time Operation EAGER YANKEE was in progress, planners from TG 76.5 and 79.5 met with representatives of the First Marine Division regarding Operations in the vicinity of GO NOI ISLAND. This was later changed to the area as defined in COMSEVENTHFLT msg 211138Z July as supplemented by msg 211400Z. The code name SWIFT PLAY was assigned to the operation and final plans were completed and presented to CG First Marine Division on 22 July. The plans, as presented, were concurred in and H-hour was set for 230900H. It is worthy of note at this point that within a timespan of 17 hours the landing force withdrew from combat, embarked aboard ships, sailed to an operating area 68 miles south of the VINH LOC area, executed an amphibious assault and was in combat again. Operation SWIFT PLAY commenced on the morning of 23 July with an artillery prep of landing zones SHEPHERD (BT 005476) and CHAPMAN (BT 046480) from 0730H to 0855H. The first helo wave touched down in LZ SHEPHERD at



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0903H. BLT 2/7, lifted by HMM-265, continued the build up in the LZ and developed the positions. No enemy contact was reported. By 24 July the landing force was firmly established ashore and at 1600H OPCON of BLT 2/7 was passed to CG III MAF who in turn passed OPCON to the First Marine Division who further passed it to 27th Marines. ARG/SLF BRAVO remained in support of Operation SWIFT PLAY to the end of the reporting period.

During the period 28 to 30 July, cargo from the seatail shipping, USS WASHBURN (AKA-108), was transferred to the USS MERRICK (AKA-97) which joined the ARG on 31 July.

The 9th MAB inspection team conducted an inspection of BLT 2/7, HMM-265 and SLF Staff during the period 29 to 31 July.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3 July Exercise HILLTOP XX terminated. Began transfer of BLT 2/7, HMM-265 and SLF Staff from USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8) to USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Backloaded BLT 2/7 into ARG shipping.

4 July Transfer from USS VALLEY FORGE to USS TRIPOLI completed.

5-7 July ARG/SLF enroute to RVN

5 July SLF planners made liaison with representatives of the 1st Marine Division for planning Operation EAGER YANKEE.

8 July CTG 79.5 presented plans for Operation EAGER YANKEE to CG 1st Marine Division-plans were concurred in.

9-22 July SLF BRAVO participated in Operation EAGER YANKEE.

10 July CG 1st Marine Division visited BLT 2/7 in the field.

12 July CG Task Force X-Ray visited CTG 79.5 aboard USS TRIPOLI.

16 July CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to G-3, 1st Marine Division.

20 July SLF planners effected liaison with personnel of the 1st Marine Division in preparation for a forthcoming amphibious operation.

22 July CTG 79.5 and Staff Representatives presented final plans for Operation SWIFT PLAY to CG 1st Marine Division; plans were concurred in; Operation EAGER YANKEE terminated, BLT 2/7 backloaded on ARG/SLF shipping. Completed loading at 1535H.

23 July Operation SWIFT PLAY commenced 0900H and continued into the next reporting period.

28-30 July Transfer of cargo and vehicles of seatail shipping from the USS WASHBURN (AKA-108) to USS MERRICK (AKA-97).

30 July LtCol L. E. WATSON assumed command of BLT 2/7 from LtCol C. E. MUELLER.

29-31 July Inspection team from 9th MAB inspected BLT 2/7, HMM-265 and SLF Staff.

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- 2 ✓ CTG 76.5 021552Z JUL68
- 3 ✓ CG 1st Marine Division 060012Z JUL68
- 4 ✓ CTF 76 060750Z JUL68
- 5 ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 062340Z JUL68
- 6 ✓ CTG 76.5 071256Z JUL68
- 7 ✓ CTG 76.5 080825Z JUL68
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- 12 ✓ CTG 79.5 111841Z JUL68
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Command Chronology, BLT 2/7

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Command Chronology, HMM-265

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SLF After Action Report EAGER YANKEE

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HMM-265 After Action Report EAGER YANKEE

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COMFUR/CTF SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
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RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DMS  
RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF DMG  
RUMPSAA/CTF SEVEN SIX  
RUMGL/CTF SEVEN NINE

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AMPHIB OPN IOTZ (S)

- A. CG III MAF 241030Z JUN 68
- B. COMUSMACV 18831/301116Z JUN 68 (NOTAL)
- C. CG FIRST MARDIV 10336Z JUN 68 (NOTAL)
1. REF A PROPOSED SPECOP PERIOD FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO DURING PERIOD 7-19 JULY. REF B CONCURRED IN REF A. REF C REQUESTED AMPHIB OPN IN THE VINH LOC/PHU THU DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE.
2. SUBJECT CONCURRENCT CONSEVENTHFLT, REQUEST ARG/SLF BRAVO PLANNERS REPORT TO CG FIRST MARDIV 3 JULY TO PLAN SUBJECT

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OPN REQUESTED BY REF C.

3. FOR CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE. PASS TO III MAF MGFO LCDR CAMPBELL. REQUEST YOU RETURN WITH ARG/SLF PLANNERS.

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RUMHAN/CG FIRST MAF  
RUMGUL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
RUMHAN/MAAIGRU ONE SIX  
RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMFHRV/CTF SEVEN SIX  
ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
RUMHAWA MARMEDHELOR TWO SIX FIVE DET ALFA  
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AMPHIB OPS 10TZ (S)

A. CG III MAF 020240Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 021134Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. THIS IS A JOINT CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 MSG

2. ARGO/SLF BRAVO PLANNERS WILL REPORT CUBI PT FIRST AVAIL  
AIR TRANS. ANTICIPATE ARR AFTERNOON 3 JUL. WILL CONTACT  
FIRST MARDIV IMMEDIATELY ON ARR. DESIRE BILLETING AND

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MESSING ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FROM 3-6 JUL FOR FOLLOWING  
PERSONNEL IN PARTY:

RANK	NAME	BILLET
LCOL	R. D. ALEXANDER	S-3 (CTG 79.5)
CDR	B. I. JOY	N-3 (CTG 76.5)
MAJ	J. R. RUFFINI	S-3 (BLT 2/7)
LCDR	G. D. CAMPBELL	OIC TACRON 13 DET BRAVO
CAPT	J. H. STRASSER	S-2 (CTG 79.5)
LT	J. R. DOTHARD	N-2 (CTG 76.5)
LT	R. R. BROESAMLE	NGF COORD. (CTG 76.5)
1STLT	G. D. RAMSPERGER	COMMO (CTG 79.5)

2. NGFO 651 MAF LCDR W. CAMPBELL, JR. WILL ACCOMPANY.  
3. CTF 79.5 DESIRES THAT MAJ YANKE (OIC HMM-265 DET A) ATTEND  
PLANNING CONF AS HMM-265 REP.  
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FROM CG FIRST MARDIV

TO RUEUAE/CTG SEVENTY SIX POINT FIVE

RUMFUA/CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE

INFO CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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PROPOSED INITIATING DIRECTIVE REQUEST (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-67

B. CTG SEVENTY SIX OPLAN 101-68

C. NWP 22B

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO AND FIRST MARDIV/TF XRAY PLANNERS HAVE DISCUSSED OPN FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO IN THE VINH LOC/PHU THU DISTRICTS OF THUA THIEN PROV DURING THE PERIOD 8-20 JUL 68. FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED FOR REQUESTED INITIATING DIRECTIVE.

2. MISSION: WHEN DIRECTED ON OR ABOUT 8 JUL, CATF CONDUCT AND AMPHIB OPN AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN THE AOA, IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX,

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AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS, AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPNS AS AGREED WITH CG THIRD MAF OR HIS DESIG REP.

3. CTG SEVENTY SIX POINT FIVE (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIB TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG SEVENTY NINE POINT FIVE (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. THIS WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS OPN IAW REFS A THROUGH C.

6. USS TRIPOLI TO BE DESIG PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.

7. COMUSMACV REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT ANDW TO PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER AERIAL SUPPORT AS AGREED ON WITH CATF IAW REF A.

8. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS IAW REF A AND C.

9. TWO FIVE INCH THIRTY-EIGHT NGFS SHIPS WILL BE REQUESTED FROM CTU SEVENTY POINT EIGHT POINT NINE BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

10. THE PROPOSED AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) IS AS

FOLLOWS: THE LANDWARD AOA IS THAT AREA ENCOMPASSED BY AREA FROM COAST GRID YD923266/8 TO YD 852195/0 SW ALONG EAST BANK SONG LOI NONG /SONG DAI GIANG/SONG HA TA/SONG CONG QUAN TO YD971102/0 THEN NORTH AND SOUTHEAST ALONG COAST TO ZD029092/2

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1. ZD047102/4, THEN EAST ALONG COAST TO ZD122102/8 THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A TWENTY FIVE MILE ARC STRUCK TO SEAWARD FROM ZD020186/7. THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THAT FROM SURFACE TO 25,000 FT MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE AOA. A FREE TRANSIT AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL EXIST ABOVE 7,000 FT IN AOA.

**11. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY CATF AND CG THIRD MAF, SELECTED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG THIRD MAF.

B. UPON CHOP OF SELECTED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO OPCON OF IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

12. TENTATIVE D-DAY IS 8JUL: H AND L HOUR TO BE DESIGNATED BY CATF.

13. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

14. NECESSARY AMPLIFYING INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN RECEIVED.

15. CTG SEVENTY SIX POINT FIVE/CTG SEVENTY NINE POINT FIVE LIAISON REPS SEND. THIS IS SITREP TWO.

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INFO RUMHLA/CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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3. CTG SEVENTY SIX POINT FIVE (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIB TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG SEVENTY NINE POINT FIVE (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. THIS WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS OPN IAW REFS A THROUGH C.

6. USS TRIPOLI TO BE DESIG PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.

7. COMUSMACV REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER AERIAL SUPPORT AS AGREED ON WITH CATF IAW REF A.

8. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS IAW REF A AND C.

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SURFACE TO 25,000 FT MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE AOA. A FREE TRANSIT AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL EXIST ABOVE 7,000 FT IN AOA.

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

COMUSMACV

COMNAVFORV

CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

CTF SEVEN THREE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

CG III MAF

INFO CNO

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

COMPHIBPAC

CG FMFPAC

CG FMFPAC (FWD)

CG PCV

CG FIRST MAW

CTF ONE ONE FIVE

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CMNR SEVENTH AIRFORCE

CTF SEVEN SEVEN

CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

CG THIRD MARDIV

CG FIRST MARDIV

CTF CLEARWATER

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

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CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO

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S E C R E T

CTE 73.2.1.1 PASS ADVANCE COPY TO COMUSMACV

EAGER YANKEE INITIATING DIRECTIVE (U)

A. MY OPLAN 101-67

1. SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLF  
IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE ICTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE TG**DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
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1. 79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATION DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION, WHEN EXECUTED WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AOA IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE OF ICTZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY

MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3. (2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B(1) OF REF A.

7. AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA), THIS LANDWARD AOA IS THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN FROM THE COAST AT YD923266/8 RPT YD

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TO YD 852195/0 RPT YD 852195/0 SOUTHEAST ALONG EAST BANK SONG LOI NONG/SONG DAI GIANG/SONG HA TA/SONG CONG QUAN TO YD 971102/0 RPT YD 971102/0 THEN NORTHERN SOUTHEAST ALONG COAST TO ZD 029092/2 RPT ZD 029092/2 TO ZD047102/4 RPT ZD 047102/4, THEN EAST ALONG COAST TO ZD 122101/8 RPT ZD122102/8, THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A TWENTY-FIVE MILE AREA

STRUCK TO SEAWARD FROM ZD020186/7 RPT ZD223186/7. THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM SURFACE TO 25,000 FM MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CONTROL AREA. A FREE TRANSIT AREA EXISTS ABOVE 7,000 FT MSL OVER THE LANDWARD AND SEAWARD AOA.

8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE EAGER YANKEE WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY O/A 8 JULY DEPENDING ON TACTICAL SITUATION. H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED BY CATF AND D-DAY CONFIRMED BY CATF. UPON DETERMINATION OF CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS, FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING D-DAY H AND L HOURS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THIS OPERATION. COMMAND TO EXECUTE WILL BE BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXECUTION EARLY WR PRACTICAJTERQONXKOW FOR COMMUNICATIONDELAY. IF ORIGINATOR EXECUTE MSG NOT RECEIVED AT RECOMMENDED TIME FOR EXECUTION, ASSUME

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APPROVAL AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, INFORMING ALCON.

## 9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND CG III MAF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF.
- B. UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER. CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.
- C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.
- 10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.
- 11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.
- 12. ACTION ADDEES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.
- 13. DOWNGRADE TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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OPERATION EAGER YANKEE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (U)

1. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE AND INSURE  
 OPERATIONAL SECURITY DURING THE INITIAL PHASE OF OPERATION  
 EAGER YANKEE INTEND TO INSERT BY HELO DURING DARKNESS, THREE  
 RPT THREE RECON TEAMS BETWEEN 082000H AND 082200H AT APPROXIMATELY  
 THE FOLLOWING GRID POSITS ZD093088/8 RPT ZD093088/8, ZD055146/4  
 RPT ZD055146/1 AND YD936252/7 RPT YD936252/7 TO ESTABLISH TERMINAL

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 GUIDANCE FOR LZ'S.

2. THE MAJOR COORDINATED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT FOR THE OPERATION WILL  
 COMMENCE ON D-DAY, 9 JULY 68 WITH A SURFACE LANDING BEING CONDUCTED  
 UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS COMMENCING AT H-HOUR 0500H AND  
 CONSISTING OF TWO WATERBORNE WAVES OF LVT'S TRANSPORTING ONE  
 ASSAULT COMPANY OVER GREEN BEACH AT GRID POSIT ZD065147/3 RPT  
 ZD054147/3. THE WATERBORNE ASSAULT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HELIBORNE  
 ASSAULT INSERTING TWO COMPANIES AT DAWN (L-HOUR 0600H) INTO LZ  
 PINE, GRID COORDINATES ZD085097/9 RPT ZD085097/9 AND LZ CEDAR  
 ZD070102/0 RPT ZD070102/0.

3. CAS, ARTILLERY AND NGF PREP FIRES WILL BE USED AS REQUIRED.  
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 RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT  
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 RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
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EAGER YANKEE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 062340Z JUL 68

1. D-DAY 9 JUL 68 H-HOUR 0500H, L-HOUR 0600H. READY FOR EXECUTION.

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 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF  
 RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
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CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF BRAVO TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER. (S)

A. CONSEQUENTLY 062340Z JUL 68

1. THE LANDING FORCE IS ESTABLISHED ASHORE TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR  
CHOP OF SELECTED ELEMENTS TO CG III MAF IF DESIRED.

2. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ANY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA IN FULFILLMENT  
OF THE MISSION ASSIGNED IN REF A BE CONTINUED UNDER PRESENT COMMAND  
ARRANGEMENTS.

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CONCEPT FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPNS ARG/SLF

1. REQUEST AN ARG/SLF CONDUCT AMPHIB OPN IN GO NOI ISLAND/DUY XUYEN DISTRICT AREA OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE DURING PERIOD 25 JULY - 10 AUG 1968.

2. INTELLIGENCE. GO NOI ISLAND HAS BEEN STAGING AREA FOR EN OPS AGAINST DIEN BAN, HIEU KHON AND SOUTHERN HOA VANG DISTRICTS. CURRENTLY 36TH NVA REGT HQ, 3D BN 36TH REGT AND 3D SAPPER BN ARE KNOWN TO BE OPERATING IN EASTERN REGION GO NOI. ADDITIONALLY 2D BN 36TH REGT, R-20TH BN AND Q-32 LOCAL FORCE BN HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN

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DIEN BAN DISTRICT TO THE NORTH. TO SOUTH IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE 3D NVA REGT AND FORWARD ELEMENTS OF 2D NVA DIVISION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. AGENT REPORTS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS INDICATE GO NOI ISLAND TO BE FOCUS OF CONTINUING EN OPS.

3. MISSION. COMMENCING L-HOUR ON D-DAY ARG/SLF CONDUCTS AMPHIB OPN IN AOA TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY EN FORCES, CAPTURE OR DESTROY EN MATERIEL AND DESTROY EN FORTIFICATIONS IN THE AREA.

4. PROPOSED CONCEPT OF OPNS. ARG/SLF CONDUCTS HELO BORNE ASSAULT TO SEARCH OUT CAPTURE OR DESTROY EN FORCES AND MATERIAL AND DESTROY EN INSTALLATION BY ATTACKING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH IN AOA.

5. AREA OF OPERATION. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES PROPOSED LANDWARD AOA

IS AREA FROM GRID BT0055 S TO BT0047 THENCE E TO BT1147 THENCE NW TO SONG CAU LAU GRID BT074545 THENCE W ALONG S BANK SONG CAU LAU/DIEN BINH/KY LAM TO BEGIN GRID BT0055. REQUIRE AIR CORRIDOR FROM AMPHIB TRANSPORT AREA IN S CHINA SEA TO LANDWARD AOA.

6. RECOMMENDED D-DAY: 25-27 JUL 1968.

7. DURATION: 15 DAYS.

8. PROPOSED AMPHIB OPN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPN ALLENBROOK IN CONTIGUOUS AO TO WEST. EMPLOYMENT OF SLF ALSO CONTEMPLATES AVAILABILITY OF SLF AS RESERVE FOR EMPLOYMENT

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IN MAMELUKE THRUST NORTHERN OPNS IN SONG TRUOI/RUOI RUOI/ELEPHANT VALLEY AREAS.

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A. CG FIRST MARDIV 101010Z JUL 68

1. AFTER LF FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND AT A TIME MUTUALLY  
 AGREEABLE WITH CTG 79.5, REQ BLT 2/17 COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING ELEMENTS  
 CHOP TO CG III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO CG FIRST MARDIV:

A. 2ND BN, 7TH MAR

B. DET, HQ CO, 7TH MAR

C. 1ST PLAT, CO E, 1ST RECON BN

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D. 2ND PLAT, CO C, 1ST ENGR BN

E. MORTAR BTRY, 3/11

F. DET, 1ST SP BN

G. DET, HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV

H. DET, LSU, FLC

I. 2ND PLAT, CO A, 1ST MT BN

2. FURTHER REQ SLF/ARG REMAIN IN SPT.

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CHOP ASHORE OF REG ELEMENTS OF SLF BRAVO (U)

A. CG III MAF 111531Z JUL 68 (PASEP)

B. CGO TASK FORCE XRAY MEMO 10/BMM/GOB 2003 DTD 7 JUL 68 (S) (NOTAL)

C. CG TASK FORCE XRAY 100357Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. EFFECTIVE 120000H JUL 68 BLT 2/7 COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS  
 WILL CHOP TO CG III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO FIRST MARDIV:

A. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES

B. DET, HQ CO, 7TH MAR

C. 1ST PLAT, CO "E", 1ST RECON BN

D. 2D PLAT, CO "C", 1ST ENGR BN

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E. MORTAR BTRY, 3/11

F. DET, HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV

H. DET, LSU, FLC

I. 2D PLAT, CO "A", 1ST MT BN

2. ALL OTHER ELEMENTS OF SLF BRAVO ASHORE WILL BE BACKLOADED TO ARG  
 SHIPPING ON ORDER3. UPON CHOP COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF REFERENCE B, AND ACTIVATE  
 CIRCUITS LISTED IN REFERENCE C.

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RUABOL/CTG SEVEN NINE

RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE

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CHOP OF ELMS SLF BRAVO

A. CG III MAF 112203Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

B. CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE 111823Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. IAW REFS A ANB CG 1ST MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON BLT 2/7 EFFECTIVE  
120800H JUL 68 AND PASSES OPCON TO CG TFX RAY SAME TIME.

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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR OPN HOUSTON (SUPPORT OF 2CD BN (REINN 7TH  
MARINES

PASS TO TROOPS OPS

QM GENERAL

A. D-DAY: 16 JULY 1968

B. L-HOUR: 0700H

C. UNIT TO BE LIFTED: 2ND BN (REIN), 7TH MARINES

D. LZ'S/ COORDINATES:

(1) LZ OAK/YD 948008

(2) LZ BIRCH/YC953996

(3) LZ PINE/ VIC YD 930200

E. DURATION: EST 5 DAYS

F. LSA LOCATIONS/ COORDINATES:

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(1) CAO DOI / ZD 055025

(2) ICE PACK BRAVO/TBA

(3) LZ 405/YD878140

G. MEDEVAC LOCATIONS: COORDINATES:

(1) ICE PAC BRAVO/TBA

(2) PHU BAI / YD 886148

H. COMMAND POST LOCATIONS/COORDINATES:

(1) 5TH MARINES- PHU BAI/ YD884138

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES - IN THE FIELD/ TBA

2. TASKS (FOR THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING).

A. PREPARE /NEUTRALIZE LZ'S OAK AND BIRCH FOR ASSAULT  
LANDINGS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) EVENT 1. AT L-HOUR MINUS 1 HOUR ON D-DAY TAC(A)  
COMMENCE PREPARATION LZ'S OAK AND BIRCH. REQ  
3 SECTIONS VMA/VMFA AIRCRAFT WITH D2X ORD. FIRST  
TOT AT L-HOUR JINUS 1 AND AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS  
THEREAFTER.

(2) EVENT 2 AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY TAC(A) COMMENCE  
NEUTRALIZATION OF COMMANDING TERRAIN VIC LZ'S  
OAK AND BIRCH. REQ 5 SECTIONS VMA/VMFA AIRCRAFT

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WITH 02X ORD. FIRST TOT AT L-HOUR AND AT 20 MINUTE INTERVALS THEREAFTER.

B. REQ UH-1E GUNSHIPS SERVE AS TAC(A) FROM L-HOUR MINUS 1 TO L-HOUR PLUS 1 HOUR AND 40 MINUTES. REQ UH-1E GUNSHIPS ESCORT ALL HELICOPTER TROOP LIFTS.

C. REQ UH-1E SLOC FOR GROUND UNIT COMMAND AND CONTROL FROM L-HOUR MINUS 31 MINUTES UNTIL TROOP LIFT IS COMPLETE OR AIRCRAFT RELEASE BY GROUND UNIT COMMANDER.

D. REQ STANDARD MEDEVAC PACKAGE FOR PHU BAI AREA ASSIST IN 2/7 CASUALTY EVACUATION AS NECESSARY.

E. REQ AO ON STATION FROM L-HOUR PLUS 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES TO 1900H D-DAY. THERE AFTER REQ AO FROM 0700H-1900H DAILY.

F. REQ NORMAL UH-34D C&C/DS PACKAGE IN SUPPORT OF 3TH MARINE'S OPN HOUSTON.

G. REQ VNA/VNFA AIRCRAFT SUPPORT OPN ON COND 3 FROM L-HOUR PLUS 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES ON D-DAY TO TERMINATION OPN.

3. TASKS (FOR SLF) CTG 79.5

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A. LIFT PPOOPS OF 2ND BN, 7TH MARINES WITH FULL COMBAT EQUIPMENT 2000 LBS OF CARGO, AND EIGHT 81MM MORTARS (1160) AS FOLLOWS:

(1) EVENT 1, LIFT 210 TROOPS OF G 2/7 FROM LZ PINE INTO LZ OAK AT L-HOUR, REQ 100 TROOPS MINIMUM 1ST WAVE. REQ 110 TROOPS IN 2ND WAVE.  
(2) EVENT 2. LIFT 210 TROOPS OF F CO 2/7 FROM LZ PINE INTO LZ BIRCH AT APPROX L-HOUR PLUS 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES. REQ 100 TROOPS MINIMUM 1ST WAVE.

REQ 110 TROOPS IN 2ND WAVE.

3. EVENT 3. LIFT 160 TROOPS OF H&S CO, 2/7 PLUS 2000 LBS OF CARGO AND EIGHT 81MM MORTARS FROM LZ PINE INTO LZ OAK AT APPROX L-HOUR PLUS 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES. REQ MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OF TROOPS PER WAVE.

4. EVENT 4 LIFT 210 TROOPS OF H CO 2/7 FROM LZ PINE INTO LZ OAK AT APPROX L-HOUR PLUS 3 HOUR 20 MINUTES REQ MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF TROOPS PER WAVE.

5. EVENT 5. LIFT 125 TROOPS WITH 4.2 INCH MORTARS, M274S M106S AND MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT FROM LZ PINE. TO SNOW CHIEF. REQ EXPEDITE BY ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT.

6. EVENTS. LIFT 210 TROOPS OF E CO 2/7 FROM LZ PINE INTO LZ OAK AT APPROXIMATELY L-HOUR PLUS 6 HOURS. REQ MAX ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF TROOPS PER WAVE.

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J. REQ SLF PROVIDE TWO CH-46 C&C/DS AIRCRAFT TO BE POSITIONED AT CAO DOI LSA ON A DAILY BASIS FROM 0600H TO 1900H DURATION OPN. REQ THIS MISSION BECOME EFFECTIVE ON D-DAY AFTER COMPLETION OF TROOP LIFT. RECOMMEND IN PLACE RELIEF OF C&C/DS AIRCRAFT AND

CREWS AT 1230H DAILY AT CAO DOI LSA. RESUPPLY REQUIREMENTS ANTICIPATED TO BE 14 TONS PER DAY WITH 4 COMPANY MANEUVER ELEMENTS REQUIRING 3 TONS EXTERNAL RESUPPLY PER DAY AND H&S CO REQUIRING 2 TONS RESUPPLY PER DAY.

C. REQ SLF PROVIDE MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT TO BE PRE-POSITIONED AT PHU BAI AIR BASE. 2/7 CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO ICE PACK BRAVO.

#### 4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. REQ UH-1E GUNSHIPS ESCORT ALL HELO TROOP LIFTS

B. REQ VMA/VMFA ORD BE BANDED SNAKEYES FOR MODIFICATION TO D2A IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. NORMAL CONDITIONS DESIRE FREE FALL ORD.

C. REQ PLARESHIPS ON COND 4 SUNSET TO SUNRISE D-DAY TO TERMINAWMPHH OPN.

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D. LZ PINE MARKED WITH SMOKE ON CALL D-DAY. THERE AFTER LZS MARKED WITH SMOKE/FLARES AS TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS.

E. REQ UTILIZE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE AIRCRAFT FOR COMMITMENT OF REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

F. OPN IN HEAVY CANOPY REQ NIEL-ROBERTSON LITTER AND FOREST PENETRATOR BE AVAILABLE TO MEDEVAC PACKAGES. IN ADDITION REQ C&C/DS AIR CRAFT CARRY LITTERS TO SUPPLEMENT MEDEVAC PACKAGES.

4. SAV-A-PLANE WILL APPLY FOR THIS OPN EFFECTIVE FROM 0500H D-DAY TO TERMINATION OPN. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CONTACT PHU BAI DASC ON CHARTREUSE FOR SAV-A-PLANE INFO. HELICOPTERS CONTACT GUNSMOKE 14 ON 39.5 (PRI) YH 47.0 (SEC) FOR SPECIFICS -A-PLANE/AIR STRIKE INFO IN OPN HOUSTON AREA.

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. HELICOPTER FORCE LIFTING 2ND BN, 7TH MARINES, TAC(A), HC (A) AND UNIT COMMANDER C&C AIR CRAFT CONTACT NATIVE BIRD 14 "F" ON 47.0 AT LZ BIRCH ON D-DAY.

B. HELICOPTERS IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 OPNS CONTACT GUNSMOKE 14 OR NATIVE NATIVE BIRD 14 ON R47.0 D-DAY TO TERMINATION OPN.

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C. HELICOPTERS IN SUPPORT OF 5TH MARINE OPNS OUTSIDE 2/7 AO CONTACT

GUNSMOKE 14 ON 39.5 FOR GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

D. HELICOPTERS BE PREPARED TO UTILIZE 39.5 (5TH MARINES TACP 2 )  
WHEN DIRECTED.E. AT CAO DOI LSA CONTACT FROSTY GOLD ON 35.6 FOR MISSIONS IN SUPPORT  
OF 2/7.F. ALL FIXED WING AIRCRAFT USE LIME OR TAN AS DIRECTED BY PHU BAI DASC  
SEG. (G. CONTACT NATIVE BIRD 14 (2ND BN 7TH MARINES) ONR4;. 8. 5 3 ND BN 7TH MA  
INES) ONR47.9 IN THE FIELD

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FRAG ORDER 28-68 (OPERATION HOUSTON IV) (U)

1. FOR FIFTH MARINES:

A. COMMENCING L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELIBORNE ASSAULT FOLLOWED BY OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SOA WITH ONE REINFORCED BATTALION IN CONTINUATION OF OPERATION HOUSTON IV.

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B. BLT 2/7 FORCE AVAILABLE SPECIFICALLY THIS ATTACK.

2. FOR ALL COORDINATING INST:

A. SOA: UPPER LEFT YD 8804, LOWER RIGHT YD 9597

B. D-DAY- 16 JUL 68 L-HOUR- 0700H

C. DURATION OF OPERATION: 4 DAYS.

D. BLT 2/7 CHOPS OPCON FIFTH MARINES COMMENCEMENT OF HELILIFT.

E. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

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TO ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN

ZEN/FIFTH MAR

INFO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

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CHOP OF BLT 2/7 (U)

1. EFF 160700H JUL 68 TF XRJY CHOPS BLT 2/7 TO FIFTH MAR.

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TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

INFO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

RUMLMFA/CG FLC

ZEN/CG TF XRAY

RUYNUBA/CTG SEVEN SIX

RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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**SECRET**EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF

A. CG 1ST MARDIV 110200Z JUL 68

1. REF A REQUESTS ARG/SLF OPN GO NOI ISLAND/BUY XUYEN AREA COMMENCING 25 JUL 68. BLT 2/7 COMMITTED YESTERDAY TO OPN HOUSTON AS EXTENSION OF OPN EAGER YANKEE. RECOMMEND UNLESS SIG CONTACT DEVELOPED PRESENT OPNS TERMINATED AND BLT 2/7 BACK LOAD 22 JUL.

2. PRESENT INDICATIONS EN WILL ATTEMPT TO REOCCUPY GO NOI ISLAND AREA. ACCORDINGLY REQ MODIFICATION SLF/ARG EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE TO PERMIT COMMENCEMENT OPN OUTLINED REF A ON 23 JUL 68. VICE 25 JUL 68.

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INFO RUMUGA/CG III MAF

O 170000Z JUL 63

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RUMUGA/CG FLC

ZEN/CG IF XRAY

RUMUGA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN SIX POINT FIVE

RUYSUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE POINT FIVE

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EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF (U)

A. CG 1ST MARDIV 110000Z JUL 63

1. REF A REQUESTS ARG/SLF OPN GO NOI ISLAND/DOY XUYEN AREA COMMENCING 25 JUL 63. ELI 2/7 COMMITTED YESTERDAY TO OPN HOUSE ON AS EXTENSION OF OPN EAGER YANKEE. RECOMMEND UNLESS SIG CONTACT DEVELOPED PRESENT OPNS TERMINATED AND ELI 2/7 BACKLOAD 22 JUL.

2. PRESENT INDICATIONS EN WILL ATTEMPT TO REOCCUPY GO NOI ISLAND AREA. ACCORDINGLY REQ MODIFICATION SLF/ARG EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE TO PERMIT COMMENCEMENT OPN OUTLINED REF A ON 23 JUL 63 VICE 25 JUL 63.

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 RUYGSL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
 RQUNBUL/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 RUMHRA/CG IF XRAY CP HOCHMUTH  
 RUMHE/CG FNAW DNG  
 RUMHRA/CG FORLOGCOMD DNG  
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 CHOP OF ELEMENTS OF SLF BRAVO (U)  
 A. CG III MAF 191206Z JU

68 (NOTAL)

1. REK

A ISSUED GUIDANCE FOR BACKLOADING BLT 2/7 ON WLJ JULY TO BE  
 EMPLOYED IN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF PHUKY (GO NOI) ISLAND  
 COMMENCING 23 JULY. NEW OPN SUBJ SEPARATE MSG.  
 2. FOR CG FIRST MARDIV: REQ YOU CHOP BLT 2/7 TO CG III MAF

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220600H JUL FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO CTG 76.5.

3. FOR CTG 76.5/79.5: SUBJECT CONCURRENCE COMSEVENTHFLT, REQ  
 YOU RECONSTITUTE SLF BRAMK A/LOAT IAW SCHED PARA 1 FOR AMHIB  
 OPNS FIRST MARDIV TAOR O/A 23 JUL 68. PLANS TO BE DEVELOPED  
 AT PLANNING CONF SCHED BY SEP MSG.

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TO RUMUCRA/CG III MAF

INFO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

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RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMHWA/COMUSMACV SGN

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMHLA/CG TF XRAY CP HOCH MUTH

RUMHAW/CG FNAW DNG

RUMHWA/CG FORLOGCMD DNG

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**SECRET**CHOP OF ELEMENTS OF SLF BRAVO (U)

A. YOUR 200312Z JUL 68

1. CONCUR RECONSTITUTION SLF BRAVO AFLOAT.

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PROPOSED INITIATING DIRECTIVE REQUEST (U)

- A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-67
- B. CTF 76 OPLAN 101-68
- C. NWP 22(B)

1. (S) ARG/SLF BRAVO PLANNERS HAVE DISCUSSED AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO IN THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE OF I CTZ DURING THE PERIOD 23 JUL TO 8 AUG 1968. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR REQUESTED INITIATING DIRECTIVE.

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- 2. (S) MISSION: WHEN DIRECTED ON OR ABOUT 23 JUL, CATF CONDUCT A HELIBORNE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN THE AOA, IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.
- 3. (C) CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).
- 4. (C) CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) TO BE DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).
- 5. (U) THIS WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IAW REF A THRU C.
- 6. (C) USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) TO BE DESIGNATED PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.
- 7. (C) COMUSMACV REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND TO PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER AERIAL SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW REF A.
- 8. (U) COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW REF A AND C.
- 9. (C) ONE EIGHT INCH CRUISER NGFS SHIP WILL BE REQUESTED FROM CTU 70.8.9 BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
- 10. (C) THE PROPOSED AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) IS AS FOLLOWS: THE LANDWARD AOA IS THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN FROM

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BT0052/7 RPT BT0052/7 SOUTH TO BT0047/1 RPT BT0047/1 THENCE  
 BT1147/3 RPT BT1147/3 THENCE NW TO BT039513/6 RPT BT039513/6  
 THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SOUTH BANK SONG BA REN/SONG CAU CHIEH/SONG  
 CHIEH SON TO BEGIN GRID BT0052/7 RPT BT0052/7. THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT  
 SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A 25 NAUTICAL MILE ARC CENTERED AT BT2157/5  
 RPT BT2157/5 BEGINNING TO SOUTH AT COASTAL GRID BT445170/1 RPT  
 BT445170/1 N ELY TO SEAWARD TO BU0000/4 RPT BU0000/4 THENCE A  
 STRAIGHT LINE TO COASTAL GRID BT080735/3 RPT BT080735/3. THE AIR  
 SPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM SURFACE TO 25,000 FT MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED  
 WITHIN THE CONTROL AREA. A FREE TRANSIT AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL EXIST  
 ABOVE THE 5,000 FT MSL IN THE SEAWARD AOA AND 10,000 FT MSL IN THE  
 LANDWARD AOA. ALTHOUGH NOT A PART OF THE AOA, AN AIR CORRIDOR 1000  
 METERS WIDE IS ESTABLISHED CONNECTING THE SEAWARD AND LANDWARD AOA  
 ALONG A LINE FROM BT217574/6 RPT BT217574/6 TO BT146526/4 RPT  
 BT146526/4 TO BT138506/3 RPT BT138506/3 TO BT091411/7 RPT  
 BT091411/7 INCLUDING AIRSPACE FROM THE SURFACE TO 5000 FT MSL.

## 11. (C) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY  
 CATF AND CG III MAF SELECTED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF.

B. UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO OPCON OF IN-COUNTRY

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COMMANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF (A).

12. (S) TENTATIVE D-DAY IS 04A 23 JUL DEPENDING ON TACTICAL  
 SITUATION; H-HOUR TO BE DESIGNATED, AND D-DAY CONFIRMED BY CATF.

13. (U) TERMINATION OF OPERATION WILL BE REQUESTED IAW ANNEX B TO  
 REF (A).

14. (U) NECESSARY AMPLIFYING INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN RECEIVED.

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TO RUMF SAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMF SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMF SAA/CHF SEVEN SIX

RUMHFA/COMUSMACVNN

RUABQL/CHF SEVEN NINE

RUMSBB/COMNAVFORVN

RUMFKJE/CTE SEVEN ZERO PH TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUMF SAA/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

RUMF SAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

INFO RUENAAA/CNO

RUHHHQA/CINCPAC

RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT

RUMJMA/COMPHIBPAC

RUHHEHA/CG FMFPAC

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)N

RUMSBB/CG PCV

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

RUMNVHD/CHF ONE ONE FIVE

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RUMUFA/CMDR SEVENTH AIRFORCE

RUMF SAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PH SEVEN PT ONE

RUMF SAA/CHF SEVEN SEVEN

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHVP/CHF CLEARWATER

RUMF SAA/CHG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMF SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUABQL/CHG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUMF SAA/CHG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUMF SAA/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PH NINE

RUMNVHD/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

RUMF SAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO

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INITIATING DIRECTIVE (U)

A. MY OPLAN 101-67

1. SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN AGR/SLF

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 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE I CTZ. CONSEQUENTLY WILL PROVIDE TG 76.5/79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR HIS OPERATION, WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.  
 2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NWVA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG NAM PROVINCES OF I CTZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.  
 3. CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ONE) EMBARDED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).  
 4. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARDED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).  
 5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X(2) AND (3) OF REF A.  
 6. COMUSMACV REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE GAS ANDEROSUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF PARA 1B (1) OF REF A.  
 7. (C) ONE EIGHT INCH CRUISER MISSILE SHIP WILL BE REQUESTED FROM CTU 70.3.9

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 8. AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA), THE AOA WILL BE PUBLISHED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.  
 9. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE SWIFT PLAY WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 23 JUL. H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED BY CATF AND D-DAY CONFIRMED BY CATF. UPON DETERMINATION OF CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS, FINAL RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING D-DAY H AND L HOURS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THIS OPERATION. COMMAND TO EXECUTE WILL BE BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST FOR EXECUTION AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNICATIONS DELAYS. IF ORIGINATOR EXECUTE MSG NOT RECEIVED AT RECOMMENDED TIME FOR EXECUTION, ASSUME APPROVAL, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, INFORMING SAIGON.  
 10. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
 A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF.  
 B. UPON CHOP REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.  
 CM WITHDGAVAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.  
 10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.  
 11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.  
 13. DOWNGRADE TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.  
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 DDKC/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 MMSB/CTF SEVEN NINE  
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 WNDH/COMPHIBPAC  
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF  
 JCKN/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 MMSB/CG FMF PAC (FWD)  
 DDKRB/COMNAVFORV  
 ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN  
 ZEN/HNM TWO SIX FIVE  
 DDKC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 DDKC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
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 DDKC/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 DDKC/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
 WNAAC/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE  
 DDKI/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO  
 RUMFKRE/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE  
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**S E C R E T**

COVERED WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/7 (S)

- A. CG III MAF 200310Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)
- B. COMSEVENTHFLT 201202Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)
- C. CTG 76.5 OPLAN 101-68 (NOTAL)
- D. CTG 76.5 OPLAN 301-69 (NOTAL)
- E. NWP 22(B)

F. MY 141205Z JUN 68 (NOTAL)

1. THIS IS CTG 76.5 ORDER FOR THE CONDUCT OF COVERED HELICOPTER WITHDRAWAL DERIVED FROM REF A AND B. TASK ORGANIZATION IAW REF C AND D.

2. SITUATION: COMSEVENTHFLT HAS CONCURRED IN THE CONDUCT OF A WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/7 IN THE THUA THIEN PROVINCE OF RE I CTZ.

A. ENEMY FORCE, IAW REF D.

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES IAW REF D.

3. MISSION: COMMENCING AT W-HOUR ON W-DAY, CONDUCT A COVERED HELICOPTER WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/7 TO ARG SHIPPING AND RECONSTITUTE ARG/SLF BRAVO IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

4. EXECUTION:

A. THIS OPERATION WILL BE A COVERED HELICOPTER WITHDRAWAL CONDUCTED IAW REF C THRU E AND AS DIRECTED BY CATF. CATF WILL CONDUCT A HELICOPTER WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/7 COMMENCING 220600H JUL 63, FROM LANDING ZONE Y 934075, THUA THIEN PROVINCE.

B. TG 76.5:

- (1) TAKE STATION IN ALICE AREAS AS FOL: TRIPOLI, I-1; VANCOUVER, J-1; THOMASTON, I-2; WASHBURN, J-2.
- (2) TRIPOLI CEGS AND CRS.
- (3) CONDUCT WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX I REF C AND THIS ORDER.
- (4) THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT FOR PLANNING AND FOR OPERATION AT 220300H7.

C. TRIPOLI: CONDUCT HELICOPTER WITHDRAWAL OPERATIONS IAW ANNEX I REF C, AND THIS ORDER.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) W-DAY 22 JUL 63, W-HOUR 0600H, TO BE CONFIRMED.

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(2) ALL SHIPS REMAIN UNDERWAY.

(3) TG PROCEED TO ASSIGNED AREAS TO ARRIVE NLT 220300H JUL 63.

(4) VANCOUVER: BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7.

(5) WASHBURN: DEBARK 4 LOVP'S TO ACT AS HELO SAFETY BOATS.

(6) SAFETY BOATS: TAKE STATION AS DIRECTED BY TRIPOLI.

(7) SAR PROCEDURES IAW REF F.

(8) TRIPOLI/VANCOUVER SUBMIT SITREPS TO CTG 76.5 AND CTG 79.5 IAW REF C.

5. ADMIN/LOGISTICS/MEDICAL

A. ADMIN/LOGISTIC/MEDICAL IAW REF C.

6. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

A. CATF (CTG 76.5/COMPHIER ON ONE) EMBARKED IN TRIPOLI.

B. SECOND IN COMMAND CO TRIPOLI.

C. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SPECIAL LANDING FORCE) EMBARKED IN TRIPOLI.

D. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX N REF C AND D.

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
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PROPOSED INITIATING DIRECTIVE CHANGE REQUEST (U)

- A. CTG 76.5 201459Z JUL 68  
B. CG 1ST MARDIV 201355Z JUL 68 NOTAL  
C. MAPS: AMS SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6040 I, III AND IV  
D. CONSEVENTHFLT 210118Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)  
1. (S) REQ FOR CHANGES TO PROPOSED INITIATION DIRECTIVE REF  
A DUE RECENT CHG IN AREA OF EMPLOYMENT OF ARG BRAVO, REF B REFERS.  
A. DELETE PARA 9 REF A.

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B. DELETE PARA 10, REF A. REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING: THE  
PROPOSED AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) IS AS FOLLOWS: THE  
LANDWARD AOA IS THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN  
FROM GRID AT9351/8 RPT AT9351/3 SOUTH TO AT9343/9 RPT  
AT9343/9 THENCE EAST TO BT004430/1 RPT BT004430/1 THENCE NE'LY  
ALONG QUAN DUY XUYEN/QUAN ONE CON BOUNDARY TO RAILROAD BT068477/2  
RPT BT068477/2 THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF  
RAILROAD TO BT025513/6 RPT BT025513/6 THENCE WEST ALONG SOUTH  
SIDE OF RAILROAD TO AT9351/3 RPT AT9351/3 THENCE WEST TO BEGIN  
GRID AT9351/3 RPT AT9351/8. THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT SEA AREA  
ENCOMPASSED BY A 25 NAUTICAL MILE ARC CENTERED AT BT2157/5  
RPT BT2157/5 BEGINNING TO SOUTH AT COASTAL GRID BT445170/1  
RPT BT445170/1 NE'LY TO SEAWARD TO BU4000/4 RPT BU4000/4  
THENCE A STRAIGHT LINE TO COASTAL GRID BT030735/3 RPT BT030735/3.  
THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM SURFACE TO 25,000 FT MSL  
SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CONTROL AREA. A FREE TRANSIT  
AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL EXIST ABOVE 5,000 FT MSL IN THE SEAWARD AOA  
AND 10,000 FT MSL IN THE LANDWARD AOA. ALTHOUGH NOT PART OF THE AOA,  
AN AIR CORRIDOR 500 METERS EITHER SIDE OF A LINE CONNECTING THE  
SEAWARD AND LANDWARD AOA IS ESTABLISHED FROM BT250475/3 RPT

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BT250475/3 TO BT055475/6 RPT BT055475/6 INCLUDING AIRSPACE  
FROM THE SURFACE TO 5,000 FT MSL.

2. THIS ANSWERS REF D.

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INFO DOKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

MMSS/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV

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RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

DDKN/CG FIRST MAW

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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A. CTG 76.5 210612Z JUL 68

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DEFINITION OF AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (S)

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1. THE LANDWARD AOA WILL BE THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE DRAWN

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N BOUNDARY TO RAILROAD BT 063477/2 RPT BT 063477/2  
 THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF RAILROAD TO BT 325513/6  
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 SEAWARD AOA IS THAT SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A 25 NAUTICAL MILE ARC  
 CENTERED AT BT 2157/5 RPT BT 2157/5 BEGINNING TO THE SOUTH AT COASTAL  
 GRID BT 445170/1 RPT BT 445170/1 NE'LY TO SEAWARD TO BU 4000/4 RPT BU  
 4000/4 THENCE A STRAIGHT LINE TO COASTAL GRID BT 080735/3 RPT BT 080735/  
 3. THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM SURFACE TO 25,000 FT MSL SHALL BE  
 INCLUDED WITHIN THE CONTROL AREA. A FREE TRANSIT AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL  
 EXIST ABOVE 5000 FT MSL IN THE SEAWARD AOA AND 10,000 FT MSL IN THE  
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FRAG- ORDER NR ONE FOR OPERATION SWIFT PLIY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT INITIATING DIRECTIVE

B. CTG 79.5 120-YR PLAN

C. CTG 79.5 COI SER : 011 (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

D. MAPS: AMS RVN 1:50,000, SERIES L7041 SHEETS 66401, 6640IV, 6641II, 6641III.

E. INTELLIGENCE ANNEX (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

TASK GROUP 79.5 (SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO) COLONEL BUTCHER

BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN LTCOL MUELLER

HMM TWO SIX FIVE LTCOL EDWARDS

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SEE REF E (INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY)  
 ENEMY FORCES IN OR NEAR THE AOA WHICH UTILIZE BASE AREA 116 ARE  
 ELEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS: R-20BN, V-25BN, D-7BN, 3RD SAPPER

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(NVA) BN, GROUP 44 MR-5 HQ, U/I (NVA) REGT (POSS 141ST) 1ST BN 38TH ARTY REGT, 1ST AND 2ND BNS 36TH (NVA) REGT AND 2ND BN 38TH (NVA) REGT. THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF ELEMENTS OF THESE UNITS WITHIN THE AOA CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO FLUCTUATIONS AND MOVEMENTS OF THESE UNITS INTO AND FROM BASE AREA 116.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. UNITS OPERATING CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AND WITHIN THE AOA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ATF (76.5) CONDUCTS AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING THE LANDING FORCE ASHORE.

(2) CG III MAF PROVIDES CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, GUNSHIPS AND COMMAND AND LIAISON (C AND L) A/C, AS REQUIRED.

(3) ROKMC OPERATING ON EASTERN AND NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF AOA.

(4) ELEMENTS OF 3/7 OPERATING ON WESTERN BOUNDARY AND IN NORTHEAST.

(5) ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAL DIVISION OPERATING ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

(6) ELEVENTH MARINES PROVIDES G/S (REIN) ARTILLERY FIRE.

C. ATTACHMENTS. CG III MAF PROVIDES INTERPRETERS, ITT, SCOUT DOGS, CI, KIT CARSON SCOUTS AND PSYOP TEAM DETACHMENTS PRIOR TO

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D-DAY.

2. MISSION. ON OR ABOUT 23 JUL 68 SLF BRAVO CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN AOA TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND DESTROY ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS IN THE AREA.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. PRIOR TO H-HOUR FIXED WING AND ARTILLERY INTERDICTION AND PREPARATION FIRES TO CLEAR AND DENY LZ'S TO ENEMY FORCES. AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY SLF CONDUCTS HELICOPTER BORNE ASSAULT INTO THE AOA. THE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES.

(1) PHASE I - THIS PHASE WILL COMMENCE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LANDING FORCE IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AOA AND THE SUBSEQUENT CONDUCT OF SWEEP OPERATIONS SOUTH TO SOUTHERN AOA BOUNDARY, SUPPORT BY A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF LZ SHEPHERD (TWO TO THREE DAYS DURATION).

(2) PHASE II - OPERATIONS SIMILAR IN CHARACTER TO THOSE CONDUCTED DURING PHASE I WILL ALSO BE EMPLOYED DURING PHASE II NORTH OF PHASE LINE TROOPER. A FIRE SUPPORT BASE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN AN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT SWEEP OPERATIONS TO THE NORTHERN AND LATERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE AOA. (TWO DAYS DURATION).

B. BLT 2/7

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(1) AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELICOPTER BORNE LANDING IN LZ'S GREENE, SHEPHERD AND CHAPMAN

(2) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FIRE SUPPORT BASE VICINITY GRID BT 055477.

(3) CONDUCT SWEEP OPERATIONS IN SEARCH AREA NR. 1, NR.2, AND NR. 3.

(4) DESIGNATE ONE RIFLE COMPANY AS LF RESERVE TO BE COMMITTED ONLY ON ORDER OF CLF.

(5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SWEEP OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AOA ON ORDER.

C. HMM-265

(1) PROVIDE HELO SUPPORT IAW LANDING PLAN.

(2) BE PREPARED TO LIFT CONTINGENCY FORCE FROM LPD.

(3) PROVIDE HELOS FOR C AND C, MEDEVAC, AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY.

(4) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AOA, AS DIRECTED.

D. LF RESERVE. DESIGNATE ONE RIFLE PLATOON FOR SPARROW HAWK FORCE TO BE COMMITTED ONLY ON APPROVAL OF CLF.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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(1) OPERATION CODE NAME: SWIFT PLAY.

(2) D-DAY 23 JUL 68 H-HOUR - TBA.

(3) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW ANNEX H, REFERENCE B.

(4) UNODIR RIOT CONTROL AGENTS ARE AUTHORIZED, MINIMIZE DOWN WIND HAZARDS TO NON-COMBATANTS OUTSIDE OF AOA CONSISTENT WITH MISSION.

(5) PSYOPS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH TACTICAL SITUATION.

(6) FSC IAW ANNEX E REFERENCE B.

(7) PASSWORDS AND COUNTERSIGNS (TO BE ISSUED)

(8) THRUST POINTS.

CITIES - BT 0444

SPORTS - BT 0150

COLORS - AT 9449

AUTOS - AT 9449

(9) REPORTS IAW ANNEX K, REFERENCE B.

(10) OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

(11) GRID DESIGNATORS ARE (AT) AND (BT) AND WILL BE USED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF ALL GRID COORDINATES DURING THIS OPERATION.

(12) LANDING PLAN IAW ANNEX I, REFERENCE B. BLT 2/7 PREPARE

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RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHL

DDKN/CG FIRST MAW

DDKC/CTF SEVEN SIX

MMSB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMHGK/CG 2ND ROK MAR BDE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMNVHD/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

DDKC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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DETAILED PLAN.

(13) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LINES (SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY).

(14) AIR OPERATIONS IAW ANNEX G, REFERENCE E.

(15) LANDWARD AOA IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

THE LANDWARD AOA IS THAT AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A BOUNDARY FROM GRID AT 9351 SOUTH TO AT 9343 THENCE EAST TO BT 004430 THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG QUAN DUY XUFEN/QUAN QUE SON PROVINCE BOUNDARY TO RAILROAD BT 068477 THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF RAILROAD TO AT 9851 THENCE WEST TO BEGIN GRID AT 9351 THE SEAWARD APPROACH TO THE AOA IS THAT CORRIDOR 500 METERS EITHER SIDE OF A LINE CONNECTING THE SEAWARD AND LANDWARD AOA BETWEEN BT 250475 TO BT 055475 INCLUDING AIRSPACE FROM THE SURFACE TO 5000 FT MSL. THE PRIMARY HELO LANE CONNECTING THE LANDWARD AND SEAWARD AOA IS 500 METERS EITHER SIDE OF A LINE CONNECTING THE FOLLOWING DANANG (CH-77) TACAN FIXES. 137/19.2 (PT GARY) ALONG CORRIDOR "INDIANA" TO 154/15.6 (PT TERRE HAUTE) ALONG CORRIDOR "INDIANA" TO 168/14.5 (PT MUNCLE).

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(16) LANDING ZONE CENTER COORDINATES AND TACAN FIXES  
PRIMARY

LZ GREENE AT 946445 189/15.2

LZ SHEPHERD BT 005477 180/14.1

LZ CHAPMAN BT 046480 172/14.2

ALTERNATES

LZ SHOUP AT 963456 187/15.4

LZ CATES AT 981462 184/15

LZ BUTLER BT 030475 174/14.3

## 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. SEE ANNEX J TO REFERENCE B.

B. BLT 2/7 MAINTAIN TAC LOG DETS ABOARD LPD, LSD, AND AKA TO OPERATED UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SLF S-4 TAC LOG WHICH WILL FUNCTION AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LOGISTICAL COMMAND NET.

C. BLT 2/7 WILL LAND WITH FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED LOAD.

(1) CLASS I - 1 DAY MCI W/TRIOXANE

(2) CLASS II - AS REQUIRED

(3) CLASS III - FULL TANKS PLUS FIVE GAL CAN PER VEHICLE

(4) CLASS IV - AS REQUIRED

(5) CLASS V - B/A PLUS ADDITIONAL SMALL ARMS AS REQUIRED.

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D. RESUPPLY WILL BE BY HELO FROM ARG SHIPS UNTIL CHOPPED ASHORE. AFTER CHOP, BLT 2/7 COORDINATE WITH 1ST MARINE DIVISION FOR UTILIZATION OF INCOUNTRY LSA FOR RESUPPLY.

E. UNIT DISTRIBUTION BY HELO WILL BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

F. CATF HAS DESIGNATED THE LPH AS PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.

G. CTG 79.5 IS CASUALTY REPORTING CONTROL CENTER "BRAVO".

H. BLT AND HMM CASUALTY REPORTING OFFICER HOLD CASUALTY REPORTING BRIEFING IAW PARA 204 9TH MABO P3040.1B (SOP FOR CASREP AND MANAGEMENT).

I. ALL BLT 2/7 AND HMM 265 CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO LPH.

J. ALL BLT AND HMM SERVICE RECORDS, PAY RECORD, HEALTH/DENTAL RECORDS WILL BE LOCATED ABOARD LPH.

K. INSURE ALL RECORDS EMERGENCY DATA AND SGLI FORMS ARE CORRECT.

L. FIELD MEDICAL TAGS WILL BE UTILIZED ON ALL CASUALTIES (HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE).

M. INSURE ALL PERSONNEL HAVE ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS ON THEIR PERSON.

N. FIELD CASUALTIES REPORTING WILL BE IAW PARA 317 9TH MABO P3040.1B (SOP FOR CASUALTY REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT).

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O. CIVILIAN AND ARVN MEDEVAC TBA.

P. ENEMY MEDEVAC TBA

C. POW'S TO LPH FOR INTERROGATION, THENCE TO FIRST MARDIV POW COMPOUND.

R. REFUGEES TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

S. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS WILL BE TAGGED AND FORWARDED TO CTG 79.5.

T. CAPTURED FOOD WILL BE FORWARDED TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

U. MISC.

(1) BLT 2/7 INSURE ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PACKED AND IDENTIFIED AND THAT ADEQUATE SECURITY IS PROVIDED PRIOR TO DEBARKATION.

(2) LPH WILL PROVIDE 451 BATTERY CHARGE SERVICE.

(3) LSU MAINTENANCE CONTACT TEAMS ABOARD LPH AND AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

(4) HST PERSONNEL WILL INSURE ALL EMPTY WATER CANS ARE RETURNED TO LSA BY PLACING CANS ON AVAILABLE HELOS RETURNING TO LSA.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX L OF REF B AND IAW REF C.

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) CTG 79.5 - LPH 10 (USS TRIPOLI)

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(2) BLT 2/7 - REPORT LOCATION ASHORE WHEN ESTABLISHED.

C. MEDEVAC REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED ON TAR/TACF LOCAL NET (M-125)

D. LANDING ZONE CONTROL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY HST ON (M1202) HE

C/LZ CONTROL

E. BLT 2/7 WILL MAINTAIN CAPABILITY FOR COVERED CIRCUIT ON SLF TAC NR 1 WHEN DIRECTED.

F. MAXIMUM COMMUNICATION SECURITY WILL BE MAINTAINED TO INCLUDE PROPER USE OF

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2. CONCUR REF B BY REF B OPCON OF ELEMENTS OF SLF  
 BRAVO PASSES TO CG III MAF AT 241600H JUL.

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3. CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR  
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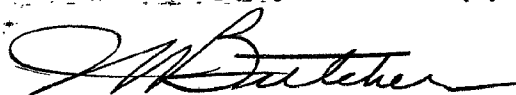
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(2) BLT 2/7 After Action Report, Operation EAGER YANKEE  
(3) HMM-265 After Action Report, Operation EAGER YANKEE

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted herewith. Enclosures (2) and (3) amplify enclosure (1).

  
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## COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT (Operation EAGER YANKEE)\*

- Appendix (a) Chieu Hoi leaflet  
 (b) Operations Overlay  
 (c) THUA THIEN, HUE RVN 220354Z Jul68

(1) Type of Operation. Amphibious

(2) Inclusive Dates and Location of the Operation. Operation EAGER YANKEE was conducted from 090500H through 221200H July 1968 in the VINH LOC/ PHU TU/NAM HOA Districts of THUA THIEN Province, RVN.

(3) Command Headquarters. Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force BRAVO) embarked in the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

(4) Task Organization

Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force BRAVO)  
 Battalion Landing Team 2/7  
 HMM-265

Colonel ~~W. A.~~ BUTCHER  
 LtCol C. E. MUELLER  
 LtCol R. J. EDWARDS

(5) Intelligence

(a) Intelligence developed from external sources prior to the execution of this operation indicated the possibility of two company size VIET CONG units operating within the AOA. The presence of elements of the K-15 NVA Battalion, the K-10 NVA Battalion and the C117 and C118 LF Companies was suspected despite reports that they had dispersed and moved to the mountains southwest of the Amphibious Objective Area (AOA).

(b) Enemy Capabilities

1. Capability #1. To ATTACK with a force comprised of elements of two battalions or two companies.

2. Capability #2. To DEFEND with this force at a time and place of his choosing.

3. Capability #3. To EVADE contact and conduct small unit actions with local guerrilla forces to include the use of mining, sniping, and surprise firing devices.

4. Capability #4. To WITHDRAW all or part of his forces prior to or at the onset of friendly operations, utilizing small unit actions by local guerrilla forces to delay our operations.

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(c) Enemy Tactics. Initially on VINH LOC the enemy employed evasion and withdrawal tactics. Surprise firing devices constructed of 105mm rounds, 155mm rounds, and M-26 hand grenades were employed extensively. Many random surprise firing devices and punji pits were found. Interrogation of detainees indicated that local force guerrilla units had withdrawn from the VINH LOC portion of the AOA. As BLT 2/7 moved to the PHU TU peninsula the enemy resorted to harrassing tactics employing small arms and 60 millimeter mortar fire in conjunction with small unit probes of night defensive positions.

The enemy employed small arms fire against helicopters, particularly when landing or departing Landing Zones (LZ's). The close proximity of the helos prohibited friendly forces from responding to these fires immediately. During the helicopter displacement of tactical units the enemy withheld their fire until the final troop lifts (2 or 3 helicopters), when the capability to return fire was greatly reduced, and then subjected the helicopters to intense fire. As an adjunct to the above tactic two aircraft were disabled to the extent that they had to remain in LZ's overnight and were subjected to B-40 Rocket (RPG-2) attacks. (See enclosure (3) HMM-265 After Action Report Operation EAGER YANKEE).

(d) Terrain and Weather

1. The terrain within the AOA was typical of coastal lowlands characterized by a large beach and sandy area along the coast and flat, cultivated areas along the DAM THUY TU inland lagoon.

2. During the operation the area was under the influence of the southeast monsoon and temperatures rose to over 95° F (34° C) during the daylight hours. This restricted the speed and mobility of troops ashore and materially reduced the lift capability of helicopters.

(6) Mission. Conduct an amphibious assault in the AOA in order to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, capture and destroy enemy material and fortifications, and conduct such other operations as assigned.

(7) Execution

(a) Operation EAGER YANKEE was conducted in accordance with NWP 22 (B), employing both helicopterborne and surface assault forces. COMSEVENTHFLT 062340Z July 1968, EAGER YANKEE initiating directive, assigned the Amphibious Task Force the mission set forth in paragraph (6). CTG 79.5 directed that the operation be conducted in such a manner as to spare as much of the PHU TU and VINH LOC areas as possible from destruction. Maximum use of psychological warfare techniques were to be employed to win over the population and to solicit as many Chieu Hoi's as possible from the VC element. An example of this type operation was the exploitation of a Chieu Hoi who surrendered with his weapon in the early morning hours of D-day to G/2/7. He was evacuated to the LPH, interrogated, paid his reward, and leaflets prepared showing him receiving his reward money, and entreating other VC to Chieu Hoi. These leaflets were dropped over the area of his capture by mid-afternoon of the same day.

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The initiating directive prescribed the AOA as that area encompassed by grid YD 852195 southeast along the east bank of SONG LOI NONG/SONG DAI GIANG/SONG NA TA/SONG CONG QUAN to grid YD 971102 and then north and southeast along the coast to ZD 122102. The seaward AOA was that area encompassed by a twenty five mile area struck to seaward from ZD 020186. The airspace above the AOA from surface to 25,000 feet MSL was included within the control area. Free transit existed above 7,000 feet for aircraft in the AOA.

(b) Concept. Operation EAGER YANKEE was an amphibious operation conducted by ARG/SLF BRAVO. The operation was planned and executed as a combat sweep of short duration commencing with a waterborne and then a heliborne assault into THUA THIEN province, Republic of VIETNAM.

On D-1, recon operations were conducted to reconnoiter GREEN BEACH, LZ's CEDAR AND PINE, and provide terminal guidance for the LZ's. On D-day the SLF executed a coordinated amphibious assault which employed close air support and naval gunfire preparation fires. The operation was conducted in two phases.

1. Phase I. This phase was characterized by the sequential establishment of a series of blocking positions from south to north on VINH LOC island against which the sweep forces pushed. The initial blocking position was established by the surface assault force in the vicinity of AP MY LOI MOI, grid ZD 052129. Subsequent blocking positions were established in accordance with the tactical situation as sweep operations moved to the northernmost boundary of the landward portion of the AOA.

2. Phase II. During this phase, operations similar to those conducted in Phase I were employed in the PHU TU area west of DAM THUY TU. Commencing in the north, combat sweeps were conducted against blocking positions established in the southeast and central portions of the AOA.

(c) Operations.

1. Operation EAGER YANKEE was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT 062340Z July 1968. Execution was in accordance with CTG 76.5 msg 220138Z and CTG 79.5 071300Z July 1968 Frag Order Number One for Operation EAGER YANKEE.

2. D-day was established as 9 July 1968 with H-Hour at 0500H and L-Hour 0600H.

3. The basic plan for Operation EAGER YANKEE was to execute a surface assault at H-Hour over GREEN BEACH (ZD 066146) and establish a blocking position at AP MY LOI MOI. At L-Hour two companies were to land simultaneously in LZ's PINE and CEDAR. A fire support base was to be established in the vicinity of GREEN BEACH to support combat sweep operations in the vicinity of LZ's CEDAR and PINE in the southern portion of the landward AOA.

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4. On the evening of D-1 (082300H) two recon inserts were made; one at grid ZD 046160 (GREEN BEACH), and the other at ZD 085097 (LZ CEDAR), for the purpose of beach and LZ reconnaissance. Contact was made with an estimated 5 VC/NVA at grid ZD 040165 and one enemy KIA resulted. Several bunkers were found in the vicinity of grid ZD 048150 with apertures enfilading GREEN BEACH. This recon team was extracted at 090200H June 1968. Based on information obtained by them naval gunfire preparations were fired on GREEN BEACH from 090430H until 09455H. The first wave of E/2/7 aboard LVT's touched down on GREEN BEACH at 090502H and the second wave touched down at 090512H. Although numerous fighting positions were found in the vicinity of GREEN BEACH no enemy resistance was encountered.

The recon team inserted into LZ CEDAR reported negative enemy emplacements or sightings, and as a result companies G and H landed on schedule in LZ's CEDAR and PINE without LZ preparation fires. Approximately one and a half tons of rice was found by G/2/7 in bomb shelters in the vicinity of grid ZD 032101. At 091000H, F/2/7, the Landing Force Reserve, was helo lifted to the vicinity of GREEN BEACH and established security for the support base and Logistic Support Area (LSA). H/3/11 and W/3/11 were landed on D-day and established firing positions in the vicinity of GREEN BEACH to support the sweep operations of G and H/2/7 while E/2/7 established a blocking position at grid ZD 065144. During the evening hours all companies conducted patrols in their assigned zones and established ambushes. On D-day one VC (Chieu Hoi) surrendered to a Popular Force unit in conjunction with G and H/2/7 operations.

On D+2, G/2/7 conducted combat sweep operations to the north towards blocking positions established by E, F, and H companies; during these sweeps approximately fifty VC were flushed. The VC were taken under fire and withdrew toward the northwesterly sector of the AOA with unknown results. H/2/7 discovered one hundred crudely constructed punji pits at grid 057131. E/2/7 found an M-26 booby trap at ZD 061130 resulting in two USMC WIA's. At 110615H F/2/7 was helo lifted to grid ZD 010185 to conduct combat sweep operations. This lift was completed at 110655. From this position they conducted sweep operations to grid ZD 025175 and established a blocking position in conjunction with sweep operations conducted by E and H Companies. The Recon Platoon of BLT 2/7 assisted by a Chieu Hoi, found a schoolhouse which had been used as a hospital by VC/NVA at grid 085128. On 120400H, F/2/7 attacked northward establishing a blocking position on line from grid YD 998189 to grid ZD 000187, while G and H Companies conducted helo assaults into LZ GOLF (YD 982178) and LZ HOTEL (YD 990190). G/2/7 conducted combat sweep operations within a boundary formed by H Co on the left flank and the no fire zone on the right flank. H Co conducted sweep operations within a zone bounded by grids YD 990198 and YD 982184 along a 500 meter front. During this sweep mortar and small arms fire were received from grid YD 892-230 resulting in one KIA and two WIA in E/2/7. Enemy contact during this period was light with one HMM-265 CH-46A receiving a small arms hit as it was landing in the LZ at grid YD 936197. One man from H/2/7 was WIA in

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in this occurrence. At 111600H a corpsman with ~~recon~~ platoon conducted a MEDCAP in the village at grid ZD 037144 and approximately twenty civilians received treatment. At 120800H OPCON of elements of BLT 2/7 was passed to Task Force X-Ray. Commencing at 130600H Companies E, F, G, and H were moved by helicopter from VINH LOC to LZ's on PHU TU peninsula to conduct wide range combat sweep operations. A general direction of attack from northwest to southeast resulted in light enemy contact. At 160700H elements of BLT 2/7 CHOPPED to the 5th Marines and were helo lifted from PHU TU to LZ's BIRCH (YC 955997) and OAK (YD 949009) to establish base camps and conduct combat sweep operations within the canopy area. During the period 16 to 20 July contact with enemy forces remained light and sporadic, with a continuation of the usual harassing tactics by their forces. At 200900H July 1968, F Company located a possible VC/NVA harbor site and an enemy grave yard located at grid YC 940990. Contact was made with an enemy platoon size unit and one Marine was KIA. Examination of graves later revealed 15 NVA KIA's. A bunker system was also found in the vicinity containing weapons, Claymore mines and miscellaneous personal gear. At grid YC 941897 F/2/7 discovered a base camp consisting of thirty structures which had been utilized as messhalls, hospitals and a military school. BLT 2/7 units located an arms cache at grid ~~YC~~ 944980 which included two 60 millimeter mortars, three 7.62mm machine guns with bipods and two extra barrels, 250 rounds of 60 millimeter mortar ammunition, twenty seven rocket propelled grenade launchers (RPG's) and eighty cans of 60 millimeter mortar increments, 1,000 sticks of dynamite, 140 B-40 rocket rounds and ten 157mm recoilless rifles. Also found were five shotguns, two BAR's, one British Sten gun, four sniper rifles, one Springfield rifle and two Eddistons rifles. BLT 2/7 was withdrawn to ARG shipping on 22 July 1968. COMSEVENTHFLT 220638Z July 1968 terminated Operation EAGER YANKEE at 221200H July 1968.

(d) Supporting Arms

1. Artillery.

a. Artillery support of the landing force was provided by the two batteries attached to the BLT (Battery "H", 3rd Bn, 11th Marines and Mortar Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines) and the 11th Marine Regiment which provided general support reinforcing fires for the entire operation.

b. The Mortar Battery was landed by helicopter early on D-day, established positions in the vicinity of GREEN BEACH and assumed the direct support mission for the Landing Force.

c. Battery "H", 3rd Bn, 11th Marines was surface landed at GREEN BEACH and by mid-afternoon on D-day had established a position in that vicinity. The battery was ready to receive fire missions prior to nightfall.

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d. The use of artillery assets during operation EAGER YANKEE was very limited. Preparatory, H and I, and defensive oncall fires were planned but no requirement was generated for their use.

## 2. Naval Gunfire

a. The USS BENNER (DD-807) and the USS O'BRIEN (DD-725) were assigned in direct support of the landing force and provided naval gunfire support during the initial phase of the operation.

b. These ships delivered preparation fires on GREEN BEACH from 0430H to 0455H on D-day. There were no prep fires required for the helo landing zones.

c. While under the OPCON of Commander Amphibious Task Force, a total of 42,538 rounds were expended in support of the landing. The USS O'BRIEN fired 399 rounds of various types of ammunition and the USS BENNER fired 26 rounds.

d. The USS BENNER was released to OPCON CTU 70.8.9 at H+16 on D-day; the USS O'BRIEN remained under OPCON of Commander Amphibious Task Force until 120800H.

## 3. Air Support.

a. Although no fixed wing close air support was utilized during the operation, A/C were on-call from PHU BAI DASC with a time on station of thirty minutes after submission of request.

b. Four UH-1H gunships and two slicks were utilized for seven hours as LZ and escort support. Two gunships and one slick were released to their parent organization at the completion of the assault phase of the ship to shore movement.

c. All helos were controlled through the HDC aboard the LPH.

d. An estimated daily average of fifty A/C were directed through and around the AOA.

## 4. Fire Support Coordination

a. Coordination of Supporting arms was in accordance with current amphibious doctrine NWIP 22-2 (A), and FMFM 7-1 with initial control and coordination under CATF in the Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC) aboard the USS TRIPOLI.

b. Liaison was established with the 1st Marine Division FSCC at DANANG on 5 July to coordinate the fires of the 11th Marines who supported the landing Force during Operation EAGER YANKEE.

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c. Liaison was effected with Task Force X-Ray at PHU BAI on 5 and 6 July. Areas of discussion included the location of Popular/Regular Force units and other friendly forces, the procedures for obtaining political clearances, controlling agencies for SAV-A-PLANE clearances, and the requirement for naval gunfire ships.

d. Task Force X-Ray provided an ARVN Liaison Officer (Captain) from the THUA THIEN Province Headquarters for use in the SACC. Liaison Officers were also provided by Task Force X-Ray to the VINH LOC and PHU TU District Headquarters, which provided political clearance to fire on targets in or adjacent to friendly areas.

e. A major problem during EAGER YANKEE was the lack of adequate FM communications in the initial phase of the operation. As far as could be determined this condition was due either to faulty antenna, antenna location or the lack of antenna patching capability. The use of a PRC-25 on the 02 deck platform enabled the SACC to maintain contact with BLT 2/7 Air Officer.

(e) Logistics

1. SLF planners attended conferences at First Marine Division Headquarters concerning the logistic supportability of Operation EAGER YANKEE. It was mutually agreed that BLT 2/7 would receive all logistic support from ARG ships until OPCON was passed in-country. Once chopped, the Task Force X-Ray LSA at CAO DOI provided limited Class II and all Class I, III, IV, and V supplies to the BLT.

2. BLT 2/7 Shore Party Detachment and Maintenance Contact Team from the Logistic Support Unit (LSU) moved ashore to the LSA at CAO DOI on 11 July 1968. Commencing on 13 July, resupply by helo was conducted from the LSA until termination of the operation. Selected Class II items not available at the LSA were provided from supplies aboard the LPH. To provide support for the LSA, ten trucks (M-35) and four water trailers (M-107) were moved ashore on 13 July via the HUE RAMP then down Route #1 to CAO DOI. These vehicles were used to move bulk supplies from PHU BAI (FLSG-A) and water from the water point to the LSA.

3. Problems Encountered During Operation EAGER YANKEE.

a. During the movement ashore by landing craft, difficulties were encountered because of undetected sandbar about 50 yards off shore. The LCM-8' and the LCU were unable to reach the beach except during the period of three hours before and after high tide. For backload, this problem was solved by scheduling operations at high tide. The backload by landing craft went very smoothly and was completed by 121200H July.



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b. Initially, communications with the HST personnel in the field were poor which resulted in delays in receiving resupply requests; however this situation existed for only a short time.

(f) Communications

1. The addition of over thirty FM frequencies used by BLT 2/7, HMM-265, SLF BRAVO and ARG ships in the already overcrowded frequency spectrum of our AOA caused a considerable number of communication difficulties. Mutual interference and antenna location problems aboard the LPH were encountered, particularly on D-day. A continuous effort towards antenna exchanges and frequency shifts for all circuits manned on the LPH helped to solve most problems immediately; close working association between Marine and Navy communicators aboard the LPH was a tremendous aid in solving many communication problems.

2. The SLF liaison team with the MRC-110 radio jeep at Task Force X-Ray provided a good message link during periods when direct radio communication between the BLT and SLF was nonexistent due to atmospheric conditions or as the distance between the ship and shore increased.

3. Covered voice communications employing KY-8's aboard the LPH and AN/PRC-77's ashore proved most advantageous. Extensive use of these covered circuits eliminated much of the tedious shackling and encrypting of classified traffic yet allowed the commanders to discuss operational matters without fear of compromise. The backpack portability of the AN/PRC-77's proved particularly valuable while the assault units were in areas which were inaccessible to vehicles and larger communications equipment. A covered voice circuit was not employed between ships by the TACLOG due to equipment failure on two ships and non-availability of a KY-8 on the ship assigned as seatail. This should be a required item for all vessels involved in amphibious operations.

4. Radio Relay was used extensively between Task Force X-Ray and the LPH. The four available channels were operated between FSCC and SACC, G-3 and S-3, G-4 and S-4 and one common user circuit terminating in the SLF communication office.

5. Multi - employed frequencies, an overcrowded frequency spectrum, and distances imposed by operational commitments of the SLF and BLT were problems contributing to all outages. The continuous effort towards improvement and the patience of all subscribers were great aids in establishing an overall reliable communication system during Operation EAGER YANKEE.

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(8) Results \*1. Personnel CasualtiesUSMC Casualties

KIA 15  
 WIA 15  
 Non-Hostile 116

VC/NVA

VC KIA - 32  
 VC PW - 9  
 Detainees - 65  
 Chieu Hoi - 7

2. Equipment Lossesa. USMC

Two - CH-46A helicopters  
 One - Hydraulic Test stand, gas engine, FSN 2 RX 4920-311  
 7128/5150  
 Thirteen - M-16 rifles (six destroyed by artillery and mortar  
 fragments, seven damaged by other causes).

b. EnemyARMS

One - US Cal 30 Rifle M1903 (Springfield)  
 Five - Shotguns (Model and make unknown)  
 Two - US Caliber .30 Browning Automatic Rifle M1918A2  
 Thirteen - Soviet 7.62-mm Semiautomatic Carbine Model SKS  
 (Chicom type 56)  
 Two - Eddiston Rifles (Model and manufacturer unknown)  
 Three - Soviet 7.62-mm Light Machine gun RPD  
 One - Great Britain 9-mm, MK II Sten  
 Four - Soviet 7.62-mm Rifle M1891/30  
 Four - MAT Machine guns (Model and manufacturer unknown)  
 Seven - Soviet 7.62-mm Carbine M1944 (Chicom Type 53)  
 Three - French 7.5-mm Rifle M1936 (MAS-36)  
 Two - US 60-mm Mortar M2  
 Two - Soviet 7.62-mm Assault Rifle AK-47  
 Five - US Caliber .30 Carbine M-1  
 Three - 7.62-mm Machine guns W/bipod and two spare barrels  
 Seventeen - Grenades (Model unknown)  
 Two - Soviet AP mines (Model unknown)

Ammunition

255 - 60-mm mortar rounds  
 144 - 60-mm mortar heads  
 10 - 157-mm RR rounds  
 140 - B-40 Rocket rounds (RPG)

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~~1000~~ - ~~Dynamite sticks~~  
125 - 12 gauge shotgun shells  
80 - cans 60-mm mortar increments  
804 - AK-47 rounds  
57 - Blasting caps

Miscellaneous Equipment

1200 pounds of rice  
2 bags of assorted medical equipment  
1 PRC-25 battery  
~~80 pounds of Tetrol~~  
Assorted documents, clothing and 782 gear.

\* These results are for the period from 9 July to 22 July and reflect all results obtained by BLT 2/7 during that time to include participation in Operation EAGER YANKEE/HOUSTON while under OPCON of Task Force X-Ray.

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(9) Commanders Analysis

(a) There were several aspects of this operation that are worthy of note. The first of these is that, once again, covert reconnaissance and surveillance, properly executed, has proven its worth. It was decided that preparatory fires by air and naval gunfire would not be conducted, in order to preserve the element of surprise and avoid unnecessary civilian casualties. While these fires were planned, they were held in abeyance pending the observations of the ~~two reconnaissance teams that were inserted in the vicinity~~ of the helicopter landing zones and on GREEN BEACH on the night of D-1. The team on GREEN BEACH observed fortifications, was engaged by the enemy and was ultimately extracted. Based upon these events the decision was ~~made~~ to prep GREEN BEACH with naval gunfire. Many defenses were destroyed and no opposition to our landing was encountered. Since there was no activity in either helicopter landing zone, preparatory fires were withheld.

(b) The surface landing was conducted under cover of complete darkness. While there were a few problems encountered, they were not insurmountable and the initial blocking position was established before any hostile reaction was noted. The helicopter landings were made under minimum light conditions (0600) and without incident except for sporadic small arms fire.

(c) Throughout the operation a concerted effort was made to gain the confidence of the populace and to some extent these efforts succeeded. The use of supporting arms was kept to a minimum initially and psychological warfare teams were used extensively. As pointed out earlier in this report, the capabilities of the LPH were utilized to reproduce leaflets quickly, to encourage the enemy to surrender. The seven VC who Chieu Hoi'd were helpful in locating arms, caches of food, and the enemy hospital previously reported. Some of the detainees listed, later proved to be VC. The trend to surrender and/or cooperate seemed to be continuing when operational control of BLT 2/7 was passed to Task Force X-Ray.

(d) As the Landing Force moved north on VINH LOC island, VIETNAMESE Popular Forces (with whom we were in close liaison) moved in behind. This afforded greater security and allowed concentration of force and effort in other areas. This arrangement is desirable but not always possible.

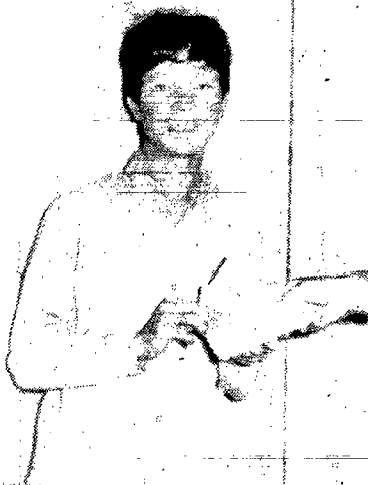
(e) After operational control of the BLT had passed to CG, Task Force X-Ray, it was moved into an area where heavy jungle canopy of 100-150 feet predominated and suitable landing zones were non-existent. Extraction of wounded Marines became a problem. In most cases it was necessary to place the patient in a NEIL-ROBERTSON stretcher and hoist him through the canopy to the hovering helicopter. Since the pilot's view is obstructed he

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must depend on radios on the ground for guidance and the danger of further injury to the patient is always present while hoisting him through the tree limbs. This problem was alleviated by putting a chain saw in each medevac helicopter and lowering it to the ground troops when needed.

## LEAFLET PREPARED ABOARD USS TRIPOLI

My name is TRAN TUAN. I returned with a carbine to the 13th Naval Forces on 7 July 1968 and received a gift of 3,000 Piastres from the Government. I hope to meet you here. You don't have to be afraid. I returned because being bombed with the Viet Cong was not good for my life, and I did not want to get killed by bombs.



Tôi là Trần tuấn  
về quy chánh ngày  
10.7.68

Tôi tên là Trần tuấn về hồi chánh  
tại huyện, đoàn 13 ngày 10.7.68 với  
khẩu súng carbine và được thưởng  
nhà Hoa Kỳ 3,000\$. Tôi mong gặp  
các bạn tại đây, các bạn an ninh  
đơn. Tôi về đây, sẽ gặp. Tôi trở  
về quy chánh và sống với Việt-  
Cộng. Tôi về đây sẽ chết vì bom đạn.

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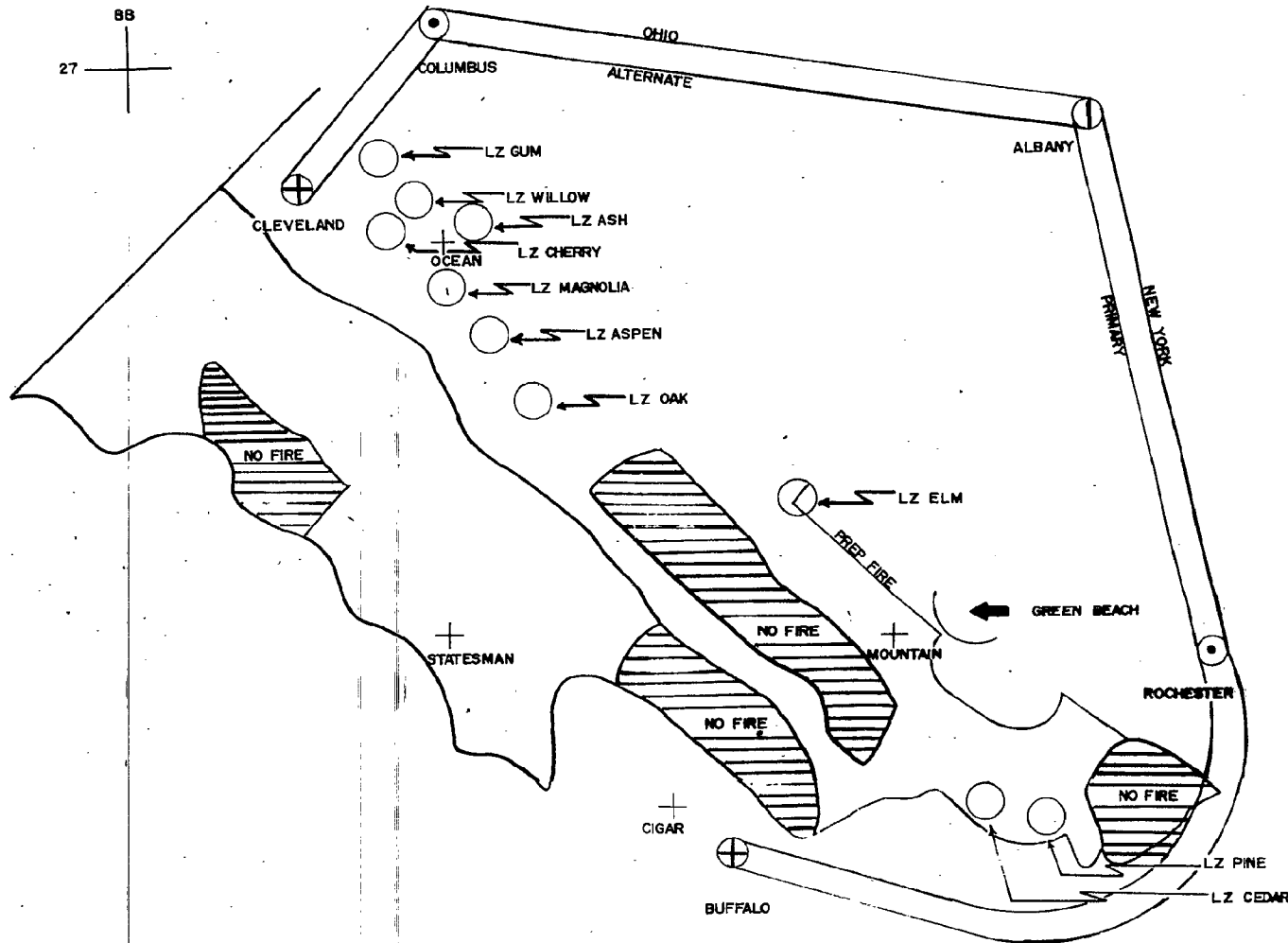
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OPERATION EAGER YANKEE  
OPERATION OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY  
CTG 79.5 FRAG ORDER NR ONE  
(CTG 79.5 071300Z JUL 68)



LEGEND  
MAP SERIES NR-VIETNAM-L7014  
SHEETS-6541 I-6541 IX-6542 III  
EDITION I-AMS  
SCALE 1:50,000  
① - RP (INITIAL POINT)  
② - CP (CONTROL POINT)  
③ - RP (RENDEZVOUS POINT)  
PL - PHASE LINE  
SA - SEARCH AREA  
■ - NO FIRE ZONE

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TO DEPCORPS IIM MAF DNG

CG TASK X-RAY RVN

CG 101ST AIR MOBILE DIV RVN

CCT PROVISIONAL CORPS RVN

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CITE 9303**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL CHANGE**

1. RECENT USMC OPERATIONS IN VINH LOC HAVE MATERIALLY DISRUPTED ENEMY ACTIVITIES AND HAVE ALLOWED DISTRICT FORCES TO REGAIN PORTION OF PREVIOUSLY VC CONTROLLED TERRITORY.
2. ASSIGNMENT OF US COMPANY REINFORCED WITH MINIMUM FIRE BASE AND AIR TRANSPORTATION TO OPERATE IN THIS DISTRICT FOR EXTENDED PERIOD WOULD PERMIT QUANTUM JUMP IN PACIFICATION OF THIS DISTRICT. IN FACT SUCH OPERATION WOULD ALLOW 8000 REFUGEES TO RETURN TO NORMAL RESIDENCES

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AND ALLOW COMPLETE PACIFICATION OF THIS DISTRICT.

3. CONSULTATION WITH 3 REPRESENTATIVES OF TF X-RAY REVEALS REQUIRED FORCES ARE NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO THEIR COMMAND, FURTHER 3 REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT FORESEE ANY DIFFICULTY IN TEMPORARILY CHANGING OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR VINH LOC DISTRICT TO ANOTHER COMMAND.

4. INITIAL QUERIES TO 101ST AIR MOBILE DIVISION STAFF AND COMMANDERS REVEAL POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SUCH FORCE FROM THEIR COMMAND APPEARS FEASIBLE.

5. REQUEST ACTION BE INITIATED WITH IIM MAF TO ACCOMPLISH THIS CHANGE. IMPORTANT THIS REQUEST BE ACTED UPON EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ALLOW OPERATIONS TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO MONSOON. BOWEN SENDS.

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APPENDIX (C)

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