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1. CTG 76.5 Msg 210310Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 1
2. CTG 76.5 Msg 210545Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 2
3. CTG 76.5 Msg 211447Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 3
4. CTG 76.5 Msg 230335Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 4
5. CTG 76.5 Msg 221438Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 5
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8. CTG 76.5 Msg 240246Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP # 8
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10. CTG 76.5 Msg 240406Z Dec 67, FORTRESS RIDGE AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL COMPLETED

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DEC 67 (U)

1. URG/SLF EXECUTED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING FORTRESS RIDGE IN NORTHE RN
QUANG TRI PROVINCE, I CORPS AREA AS SCHEDULED.

29 ACTIONS

A. ARG BRO/AVO

ER (1) COMPOSITION: USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-3), USS NAVARRO
(MFA 215), USS ALAMO (LSD 3), USS WINDHAM CTY (LST 1170), USS VERNON
CTY (LST1161) AND NGFS USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA 148) AND USS ODMBANNON
(DD 458)

B. EXECUT ED OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE WITH H-HOUR 210930H5 AND L-HOUR
211000H4.

(2). 210830H4 COMMENCED PRE H-HOUR SKED FIRES.

(3). UJZ

IPVE (S LVT) SPLAS DT FROM WINDHAM COUNTY, TOUCHED
DOWN AT PE D BEACH (YD 328715) AT 210928HZ WITH NO OPERATION.

(4). 210940H6 COMMENCED PRE LZ ROBIN (YD 283716); COMMENCED
PREP LZ HAWK (YD 295730) 211025H1.

(5). WAVE TWO (3 LCM) TOUCHED DOWN AT 210945H1 ON PURPLE BEACH
(YD 305710), JAWITH NO OPPOSIT ION.

(6). FIRST WAVE 3 CH-46 HELOES TOUCHED DOWN IN LZ ROBIN AT
211026HZ WITH H NO OPPOSITIO N.DX

(7). SECOND

3 CH-46 HELO TOUCHED DOWN IN ZL HAWK 211102H4.

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E. SLF BRAVO

(1). WLOVME OF MANEUVER

(A) SLF LANDS BY SURFACE CRAFT AT H-HOUR (0930H) AND BY HELICOPTER AT L-HOUR (1000H). W/3/1 LANDS BY LVTS OVER RED BEACH (YD 328715). C/1/11 LANDS BY LANDING CRAFT OVER BLUE BEACH (YD 344699). K/1 LANDS BY HELO IN LZ ROBIN (YD 288716) AND I/2/1 LANDS BY HELO IN LZ HAWK (YD 295730). PROVISIONAL COMPANY, CP 3/1 UND W/2/11 LANDS BY HELO IN LZ EAGLE (YD 313713).

(B) UPON LANDING K/3/1 WILL SECURE LF OBJ 1 (YD 302738), W/3/1 WILL SECURE PF OBJ 2 (YD 323739), I/3/1 WILL SECURE LF OBJ 3 (YD 272704), L/3/1 WILL SECURE LF OBJ 4 (YD 285689).

(2). PARTICIPATING FORCES

(A) SLF COMPOSED OF BLT 3/1 DET ALPHA HMM 262 TOTAL STRENGTH 1638 AUGMENTED WITH 4 ARMED UH-1E'S FOR D-DAY OPNS. 2 ARMED UH-1E'S ONE UNARMED UH-1E, ONE PRU, OFO IIT AND ONE SCOUR DOG TEAM FOR OPERATION.

3. COMMENTS

A. WEATHER: SCATTERED OVERCAST WITH 54;957 MILES VIS IN HAZKJNRJD FOG INLAND WITH 1/4 MILE VIS REPORTED AT DONG HA. SEAS CALM. WIND LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

4. INTENTIONS.

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A. ARG/SLF BRAVO

(1) CONTINUED OPN AS PLANNED.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP NO 2 AS OF 211245H5 (U)

1. SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. 1090
TROOPS (OF APPROX 1370) ASHORE AS OF 211245H5. TANK PLAT
ASHORE. 105MM ARTILLERY TRY ASHORE OR ENROUTE.
2. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT OR CASUALTIES. NEXT SITREP AS OF
212300H5.

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FBTPRESS DGE SITREP NR3 AS OF 121200Z DEC 67 (U)
 1. AMPHIBIO US READY GROUP BRAVO COMPOSITION: DELETE O'BANNON.2/

2. ACTION:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO: SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT COMPLETED AT 1820H1
 WITH LAST ON CALL HELLO WAVE. TOTAL NR TROOPS LANDED ASHORE 1405.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) ALL SCHEDULED FIRES WERE COMPLETED BY NEWPORT NEWS
 AND O'BANNON AT 1100H2.

(2) O'BANNON WAS RELEASED TO PROCEED ON DUTY ASSIGNED AT
 1645H6. NEWPORT NEWS REMAINS IN NGFS.

(3) VALLEY FORGE HAD A MAN OVERBOARD FROM PORT SIDE AT
 1655H-. A LIFE JACKET WAS DROPPED TO THE MAN BY A UH-1S AT
 1702H0. MAN PICKED UP BY MOTOR WHALE BOAT UT 1704H2.

(4) VALLEY FORGE MEDICAL STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS

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RIDGE

12 HOURLY SUMMARY
TOTAL 24

ADMITTED 3 KIA, 18 WIA, 3 NCI
TRANSFERRED 1
REMAINING 23

(5) VALLEY FORGE HELO, BEAR CAT ONEAN WAS USED FOR PHOTO/
PIO COVERAGE OF THE OPERATION AND ADMIN/LIAISON TRIPS. FLEW 9
SORTIES, CARRIED 9 PAX AND 2000 LBS MAIL.

(6) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	ROUNDS	TYPE	TARGETS
NE WP ORT NEWS	170	8	34 SCHEDULED FIR A TARGETS
NEWPORT NEWS	22	8	ONE ON CALL TARGET
O'BANNON	164	5/38	34 SCHEDULED FIRE TARGETS

NO OBSERVED RESULTS FROM ANY TARGET. NEWPORT NEWS AND O'BANNON
ALSO FIRED FOR THIRD MARDIV SPOTTERS.

C. SLF B RA VO

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS:

(A) BLT 3/1 CP, PROV COMPANY	YD 313716
(B) W/2/11	YD 313717
(C) I/3/1, M/3/1, TK PLT	YD 301738

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(D) L/3/1	YD 285689
(S) K/3/1	YD 272704
(F) C/1/11	YD 342697

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) COMMENCING AT 210928H2 ELEMENTS OF BLT 3/1 LANDED
OVER BEACHES RED (YD 323715), PURPLE (YD 305678), BLUE (YD
344699), AND ORANGE (YD 340700).

(B) BY 211820H3 FINAL ELEMENTS OF BLT 3/1 COMPLETED
LANDING IN LZS ROBIN (YD 288716), HAWK (YD 295730), AND EAGLE
(YD 313718).

(C) LF OBJECTIVES 2 (YD 303729), 3 (YD 272704) AND 4
(YD 285689) WERE SECURED WITH NO CONTACT.

(D) AT 211443H5 ARMED UH-1E SIGHTED 3 ARMED MEN IN GREEN
UNIFORMS. MEN FIRED AT AIRCRAFT AND GUNSHIPS MADE RUN FIRING
28 ROCKET S AND 9,000 RDS 7.62. AFTER RUN COULD OBSERVE ENEMY
AND RECEIVED NO FIRE. CLAIMED 3 KIA (PROB).

(E) AT 211545H I/3/1 MADE CONTACT VIC (YD 300736) WITH
AN UNDETERMINED ENEMY FORCE ARMED WITH S/A, A/W,

.945-4 -, S
-458) 346. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED NGF, CAS AND GUN SHIPS ON
TARGET. M/3/1 AND TK PLT USED TO REINFORCE I/3/1. AT

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 211830H5 LF OBJ 1 (YD 300738) SECURED. FRIENDLY FORCES
 RECEIVED 18 WIA AND 3 KIA. OBJECTIVE SECURED AFTER DARK AND AREA
 WILL BE SEARCHED AFTER FIRST LIGHT.

(3) CASUALTIES:

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: 3 KIA

18 WIA

ENEMY: 3 KIA (PROB)

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA

18 WIA

ENEMY: 3 KIA (PROB)

3. COMMENTS: WEATHER - SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUDS. OVERCAST
 MIDDLE CLOUDS. CEILING 1500 TO 3000 FT. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED
 EXCEPT 5 TO 7 MILES IN HAZE AND FOG ALONG COAST. WINDS VARIABLE
 6-15 KTS. SEAS CALM. TEMP RANGE 70-78 DEGREES F. AT H AND L
 HOUR SOME HAZE AND FOG PATCHES.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDEVAC CAPABILITY AND EMERGENCY

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 RESUPPLY READY DECK.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) REMAIN IN OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE SEAWARD AOA.

(2) VERNON CTY CONDUCT ADMIN/LOG LIFT TO DANANG.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(2) AFTER FIRST LIGHT CONTINUE S&D OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED

AREA.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP NR 4 AS OF 220000Z4 DE C 67 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CH ANGE.

2. ACTION:

A. URG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION HKORTRESS RIDGE WITH TG -6.5 IN AOA OFF CUA VIET.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) VALLEY FORGE PROVIDED MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK SUPPORT FOR BLT 3/1.

(2) NAVARRO COMMENCED TRANS AMMO TO VALLEY FORGE AT FIRST LIGHT FOR REPLENISHMENT STOCKS ABOARD VALLEY FORGE.

(3) VERNON CTY ON ADMIN/LOG LIFT TO DANANG.

(4) VALLEY FORGE MEDICAL STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE:

	12 HR TOTAL	CUMULATIVE
ADMITTED	1 WIA	25
TRANSFERRED	1	2
REMAINING		23

(5) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	ROUNDS	TYPE	TARGETS
NEWPORT NEWS	376	5/38	48 UNOBSERVED H & I

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TURNED TO AREA AT 2430H7 UND IS STANDING BY AVAILABLE FOR NGFS SUPPORT.

TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED TO DATE: 192 - 8, 540 - 5/38.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS

(A) BLT 3/1	NO CHANGE
(B) W/2/11	NO CHANGE
(C) I/3/1,	YD 302739
(D) W/3/1, TK PLT	YD 301744
(S) L/3/1	NO CHANGE
(F) K/3/1	NO CHANGE
(G) C/1/11	NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS:

(U) COMPANIES ASSUMED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(B) UT 2130H GOLD LEMON RECEIVED 20-30 ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM

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FORTIFIED POSITIONS. TANKS WITH INFANTRY ASSAULTED. RECEIVED 15-20
ROUND S 82 MM FIRE RESULTING IN TWO USMC WIA.

(3) CASUALTIES:

DURING PERIOD

CUMMULATIVE

USMC - WIA -2

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KIA -2

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SNEMY - KIA -0

3 (PROB)

(4) HELO ACTIVITY 211601Z TO 221600Z DEC:

(U) HMM 262 FLEW 5 HELOS FOR 25 TOTAL A/C HRS ON TOTAL
124 SORTIES. CARRIED 718 TROOPS, EVACUATED 28 CASUALTIES, 8.1 TONS
CARGO AND EXPENDED 30 ROUNDS AMMO.

(B) VMO 93 FLEW 3 HELOS FOR 23.4 TOTAL A/C HRS ON TOTAL -5
SORTIES. EXPENDED 21,000 RDS AMMO AND 27 ROCKETS.

(C) VMO 6 FLEW 2 HELOS FOR 13 TOTAL A/C HRS ON TOTAL
SORTIES. EXPENDED 1200 RDS AMMO AND 28 ROCKETS.

(5) FIXED WING ACTIVITY 211601Z TO 221600Z DEC: TWENTY
A/C FLEW 14 MISSIONS EXPENDED 33.5 TONS BOMBS, 380 ROCKETS, 10 NAPALM
TANKS AND 2000 ROUNDS AMMO

3. COMMENTS:

A. WEATHER - SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS. CEILING 1500-

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2500 FEET. VISIBILITY 5-7 MILES IN HAZE AND SLIGHT RAIN. WIND EASTERLY
5-14 KNOTS. SEAS CALM. TEMPERATURE RANGE -0-78 DEGREES F.

4. INTENTIONS:

U. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE.

B. URG BRAVO:

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDEVAC CAPABILITY AND EMERGENCY
RESUPPLY RE

ADY D ECK.

(2) RELEASE WPB/PCF SUPPORT CRAFT TO PROCEED ON DUTY ASSIGNED AM
22 DEC 67.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONDUCT S & D OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AREA.

(2) AREA OF PRIMARY INTEREST EXTENDED 1000 SQUARE METERS NORTH OF
OBJ ONE (YD 302738) AND 1000 METERS INLAND FROM BEACH.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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FORTRESS RIDGE SITERP NR 5 AS OF 221200Z7 DEC YU KU)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTION:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO: CONTINUED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE WITH TG -6. IN AOA OFF CUA VIET.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) VALLEY FORGE PROVIDED MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RE SUPPLY READ Y DEE

(2) CHF 76 RELOADED FROM VALLEY FORGE TO PHU BAI DUNG D AY AND CALLED ON ADC THIRD MARDIV.

(3) CTG -6 DEPARTED VALLEY FORGE AH 1540H AND PROCEEDED TO USS NEWPORT NASAMS FOR VISIT THENCE TO DANANG TO VISIT COMNAVSUPACTS. HE WILL RETURN IN MORNING VIA TWO JIMA.

(4) RELEASED MPE/PCF TO NORMAL OPCON AT 221000H5.

(5) VALLEY FORGE AIR SUMMARY: BEARCAT ON E UTILIZED TO ESCORT CTG

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76 HO PHU BAI AND RETURN AND TO DANANG, FOR ADMIN/MAIL RUNS, AND TO TRANS MEDEVACS TO DANANG, BEARCAT ONE FLEW 5 SMRTIES, CARRIED 9 PAX, 950 LBS MAIL, AND 550 LBS CARGO. TOTAL A/C HRS 5.6 HRS.

(6) VALLEY FORGE MEDICAL STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE:

	12 HR TOTAL	CUMULATIVE
ADMITTED	5 KIA, 8 WIA	38
TRANSFERRED	1	3
DISCHARGED	1	1
REMAINING		34

(7) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) NEWPORT NASAMS: FIRED THREE MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 48 RDS 8" HC ON ONE TARGET, SUSPECTED BUNKER AND MORTAR POSITION, WITH GOOD OBSERVED TARGET COVERAGE; 11 RDS 8" AP ON ONE TARGET VC BUNKER WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(B) O'BANNON: FIRED TWO MISSIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT AND EXPENDED 19 RDS 5"/38 AAC AT VC BUNKER AND AV COMPLEX, ALL RDS OBSERVED ON TARGET, ALL MOVEMENT STOPPED, AV FIRE CEASED; 117 RDS 5"/38 AAC AT SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION WITH GOOD OBSERVED TARGET COVERAGE.

C. SLF BRAVO

(1) UNIT LOCATION

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(A) BLT 3 /1 CP YD513716
 (B) W/2/11 YD313717
 (C) I/3/1 YD302736
 (D) K/3/1 YD 288707
 (S) L/3/1 YD284690
 (F) M/3/1 YD 295743
 (G) C/1/11 YD342697

(2) OPE RATIONS

(A) AT 2832H1 M/ 3/1 FOUND BUNKER VIC (YD 297746) WITH 50 RDS 60 MM RD S AND 3 NVA BODIES.

(C) AT 2845H7 I/3/1 COMMENCED SEARCH O F SCENE OF YESTE RDAY'S ACTION VIC (YD 303737) FOUND ONE AK 57, ONE CZECH NG, 16 RPG TKT RDS 32 AP MINES, 7 FIELD RPOT MASK AND SMALL ARM AMMO AND SUNDRY 782 GEAR. WEAPONS AND 782 GEAR EVACUATED AND ORD DESTROYED.

(C) AT 2930H2 M/3/1 FOUND TWO 140MM RKT FIRING SITES PREPARED FOR FIRING VIC (YD28 97#3). RKT'S AND SIT E DESTROYED BY DEMO.

(D) AT 1030H4 M/I/3/1 AND HK PLT MADE CONTACT WITH DUG-8, ENEMY FORCE VIC (YD 292750). NGF, ARTY AND ARMED UH-1S'S USED TO SUPPORT INFANTRY AND TK DEPLOYMENT AGAINST ENEMY. ONE TK HIT BY RKT RD AND RECEIVED 1 KIA AND 2 WIA AS A RESULT. TK STILL OPERATIONAL AFTER HIT. INFANTRY RECEIVED 2 WIA AS RESULT OF ACTION. SEARCH OF

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 AREA REVEALED 2 KIA NVA, ONE AK-44, ONE AK-47, AND NUMEROUS S/A RDS FOR ABOVE WEAPONS IN ADDITION TO SUNDRY 782 GEAR. WEAPON HO BE EVACUATED SOONEST

(S) AT 1415H1 I/3/1 FOUND BUNKER COMPE X VIC (YD 21741). SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NUMEROUS ORD AND NVA -82 GEAR. ALSO A DOZEN BLOODY BATTLE DRESSINGS.

(F) L/3/1 CONDUCTED A D ETAIL SSARCH OF LB MBJ NR 4 VIC (YD 285689). NEG RESULTS.

(G) K/3/1 CONDUCTED A DETAIL SEARCH OF PF OBJ NR 3 VIC (YD 272704). NEG RESULTS AND UNIT COMMENCED MOVE TO VIC (YD324718).

(H) ONE AK 56 ASSAULT RIFLE CAPTURED BY BLT 3/1 HAD MARKING ON LEFT SIDE OF STOCK AS FOLLOWS 2 1/4 INCH CIRCLE OF CHINE PAINT WITH NUMERALS FOUR OVER THREE WITH NO HORIZONTAL LINE BETWEEN NUMERALS. BELIEVED TO BE E UNIT IDENT. (4)

(I) AT 1730H L/3/1 RECEIVED S/U, A/W FIRE FROM VIC (YD284678). ESTIMATE 3-5 ENEMY. RETURNED FIRE 1 VC KIA (BC)

(3) CA SUALTIES :

USMC KIA DURING PERIOD 6

CUMULATIVE 9

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 WIA 9
 SNEWY KIA (BC) 7
 WIA (PROB) 5

5 (ADJUSTED TOTAL)
 3 KIA (PROB) DELETED.

3. COMMENTS: WEATHER - SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS AND SCATTERED HIGH CLOUDS. CEILING 2000-5000 FT. VISIBILITY 5-10 MILES IN HAZE. WIND VARIABLE 6-15 KTS. SEAS 1-4 FT. TEMP RANGE 71-76 DEGREES F.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. ARG/SPF BRAVO: CONTINUE MPE RATION FORTRESS RIDGE.

B. ARG BRAVO: N

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDICA CAPABILITY AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK.

(2) TG 76.5, LESS WIND HAM CHY, REMAIN IN OP AREA.

(3) VERNON CITY RETURN FROM DANANG ADMIN/LOG LIFT AND WIND HAM CHY DEPART ON SAME.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS.

(2) AFTER FIRST LIGHT CONTINUE S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED AREA. N

5 ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP NR 6 ASHHD230000Z 5 DEC 67 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRA VO COMPOSITION: DELETE NEW PORT NEWS, ADD USS MANLEY (DD-940)

2. ACTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUED AMPHIBIO US OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE WITH TG -6.5 IN AOA OFF CUA VIET.

(2) 230400H RECEIVED INFO THAT CG THIRD MARDIV PROPOSED TO CG III MAF THAT OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE BE TERMINATED WITH BACKLOAD OF BLT 3/1 ON 24 DEC. THIS TO BE FOLLOWED BY HELOBORNE ASSAULT IN AOR FOURTH MARINES ON 26 DEC.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) VALLEY FORGE PROVIDING MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY - READY DECK.

(2) DURING 22 DEC ALAMO CONDUCTED GOAT CONTROL EXERCISES.

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(3) MANELY (DD-940) RELIEVED NEWPORT NEWS AS CTU 76.5.1 (NGFS) AT 230600H.

(4) 230510H WINDHAM CTY DIRECTED ABORT LOG/ADMIN RUN TO DANANG AND TO BACKLOAD LVTS.

(5) NO CHANGE IN VALLEY FORGE MEDICAL STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE FROM LAST REPORT.

(6) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS: NEWPORT NEWS FIRED 304 RDS OF 5/38 AMMO AT 33 H AND I TARGETS. NO OBSERVED RESULTS. NEWPORT NEWS ALSO CONDUCTED ONE CALL FIRE MISSION AT SUSPECTED ENEMY BUNKERS AND MORTARS. FIRED 12 RD S AMMO WITH GOOD COVERAGE. IEM ATC BRAVO:

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS

NEH(A) BLT 3/1 CP

NOCHANGE

(B) W/2/11

NO CHANGE

(C) I/3/1

YD301731

(D) K/3/1

YD320715

(S) L/3/1

NO CHANGE

(F) M/3/1

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(G) C/1/11

NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS:

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(A) NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS ESTABLISHED. NO CONTACT DURING NIGHT.

(3) CASUALTIES:

(A) NMURING PERIOD: NONE

(B) CUMULATIVE: NO CHANGE

(4) HELO ACTIVITY 221631Z2 TO 231630Z2 DEC:

(A) HMM 262 FLEW 4 HELOS FOR 19.3 TOTAL A/C HOURS ON A TOTAL OF 58 SORTIES. CARRIED 124 TROOPS, 35,400 LBS CARGO, AND EVACUATED 14 CASUALTIES.

(B) VMO-3 FLEW 3 HELOS FOR 17.7 TOTAL A/C HRS ON TOTAL 12 SORTIES. EXPENDED NO ORDNANCE.

3. COMMENTS: WEATHER - SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW CLOUDS. CEILING 2000-5000 FT. VISIBILITY 10 MILES. WIM

MNSATHEASTERLY 8-17 KTS. SEAS

CONFUSED. TEM RANGE 69-76 DEGREES F.

4 INTENTIONS:

U. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE.

(2) ARG/SLF BRAVO STAFF PLANNERS COMMENCE LIAISON PLANNING FOR CONDUCT OF NEXT SPECOP. PLANNERS TO PROCEED TO THIRD MARDIV AND FOURTH MARINES CP'S AM 23 DEC.

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(3) BACKLOAD LVTS INTO WINDHAM CTY

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDE VAC CAPABILITY AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN EASTERN PORTION OF ASSIGNED AREA.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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FORTRESS RIDGE SITREP NR 7 AS OF 231200Z8 DEC 67 (U)

1. ARG/S LF BRAVO COMPOSITION; NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS;

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO

(1) CONTINUED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE WITH TG 76.5 IIN AOA OFF CUA VIET.

(2) AT 0910H STAFF PLANNERS DEPARTED FOR LIASON/PLANNING WITH THIRD MARDIV AND FOURTH MARINES FOR NEXT SPECOPS.

B. ARG BRAVO;

(1) SUBMITTED PROPOSED INITIATING DIRECTIVE AND REQUEST FOR NGFS AND WPB/OCF FOR FORTHCOMING SPECOPS.

(2) VALLEY FORGE PROVIDED MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK, AT 1535H TRANSFERRED 5 MEDEVACS TO USNH SANCTUARY B HELO.

(3) ALAMO CO CONDUCTED BOAT CONTROL EXERCISES IN AFTERNOON.

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(4) WINDHAM CTY RETURNED TO OP AREA 1130H FROM ABORTED DANANG ADMIN/LOGISTIC RUN AND BACKLOADED LVTS 1630 OPMYF

(5) AT 1330H CTG 76 RETURNED ABOARD VALLEY FORGE FROM DANANG VIA IWO JIMA.

(6) AIR OPS SUMMARY; MADE TWO ADMIN/MAIL/PERS RUNS TO DANANG. FLEW 13 SORTIES, CARRIED 15 PAX, 2050 LBBS MAIL, AND 200 LBS CARGO. TOTAL A/C TIME 6.3 HRS.

(7) VALLEY FORGE MEDEVAC STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE;

	12HR TOTAL	CUMULATIVE
KIA	01	9
WIA	0	25
NCI	1 (URVN)	4
ADMITTED	2	40
DISCHARGED	2	3
TRANS	13	16
REMAINING		21

() NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS;

SHIP	ROUNDS	TYPE	TARGETS	RESULTS
OBANNON	1WP, 49 AAC	5"/38	ENEMY TROOPS	TROOP MOVEMENT STOPPED
OBANNON	52 AAC	5"/38	SUSPECTED ENEMY BUNKERS AND MORTARS	FIVE BUNKERS DESTROYED, ONE LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION

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 TOTAL RDS EXPENDED IFIDATE; 980 - 5"/38, 253 - 8"
 C. SLF BRAVO

(1). UNIT LOCATIONS

(U) BLT 3/1 CP	NO CHANGE
(E) W/2/11	NO CHANGE
(C) I/3/1	YD 320716
(D) K/3/1	YD 304730
(E) L/3/1	YD 335702
(F) M/3/1	YD 335702
(G) C/1/11	NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) (LATE ENTRY) AT 221600H L/3/1 VIC YD 285671 FOUND VARIOUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND 782 GEAR.

(B) AT 230800H L/3/1 FOUND ONE DUD 250 LB BOMB, TWO BOOSTERS FOR B-40 ROCKETS, PAIR NVA JUNGLE BOOTS, ONE CHICOM CONCUSSION GRENADE, ONE DUD 82MM HE RD. ULL DESTROYED BY DEMO

(C) AT 230845H AO OBSERVED NGF MISSION. 5 BUNKERS DESTROYED WITH ONE LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION VIC YD 289759.

(D) DURING PERIOD "20700-231100 I/3/1 FOUND VIC YD 296745 3 DUD IPT RDS, 250 LB BOMBS, ONE 500 LB BOMB, TWO 60MM MORTAR RDS AND 3 BUNKERS. ULL DESTROYED BY DEMO. ALSO FOUND 3 NVA BODIES VIC YD 301743.

(S) AT 231325H I/3/1 DISCOVERED A BANNER, PAPERS AND LETTERS VIC YD 296745. EVACUATED TO CP.

(F) AT 231505H TANK WITH M/3/1 HIT 15LB ANT-TANK MINE THAT BLEW UP PORTION OF TANK TRED. EMERGENCY REPAIRS MADE AND TANK UNDER OWN POWER MOVING TO ORANGE BEACH. (YD 340700)

(G) AAT 231530H M/3/1 FOUND ONE DUD 105MM ROUND VIC YD 312729. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

(H) UT 231645H I/3/1 OBSERVED TWO NVA VIC YD 296745. FIRED S/U, URIY & NGF, NO SEARCH CONDUCTED.

(I) AT 231530H M/3/1 FOUND 1 SOVIET AT MINE 14 INCHES DIAMETER, APPROX 100 LBS. DESTROYED BY DEMO.

(J) LVIS COMPLETED LOADING ON BOARD USS WINDHAM CTY FROM BLUE BEACH VIC YD 344699 AT 23 030H.

C. CASUALTIES

	DURING PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
USMC KIA	1 (SEE NOTE)	10
WIA	0	28 (SEE NOTE)
ENEMY KIA BC	3	10
KIA PROB	0	5

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,OTE;ONE USMC FROM WIA TO KIA, WIA TOTAL ADJUSTED

3. COMMENTS; WEATHER

SCATTERED PUM AND MIDDLE CLOUDS. CEILING UNLIMITED. VISIBILITY --10
MILE S. SURFACE WINDS VARIABLE 3-13 KNOTS. SEAS NORTHEAST 2-5 FEET.
TEMPERATURE RANGE -1-77 DEGREES F.

4. INTENTIONS;

U. ARG/SLF BRAVO;

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE. WITHDRAW BLT 3/1 24 DEC
AND RETURN TO DANANG FOR ONE DAY REHAB 25 DEC.

(2) ARG/SLF STAFF PLANNERS CONTINUE PLANS FOR NEXT SPECOP.

B. ARG BRAVO;

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDEVAC CAPABILITY AND EMERGENCY
RESUPPLY READY DECK.

(2) WITHDRAW BLT 3/1.

C. SLF BRAVO;

1. ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH AMBUSHES AND
SECURITY.

2. PREPARE FOR WITHDRAWAL AND FORTHCOMING OPERATION.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY; NONE.

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FORTRESS SWIDGE SITTEP NR 8 AS OF 242000Z/6 DEC 67 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE

2. A. ARG/LF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE WITH TG 76.5
IN AOA OFF CUA VIET.

(2) ARG/SLF STAFFS CONTINUED PLANNING/LIAISON FOR FORTHCOMING
SPECOPS.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) VALLEY FORGE PROVIDED MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY
DECK. COMMENCED WITHDRAWAL OF ELMS BLT 3/1 TO VALLEY FORGE BY CH-46
AT 0700H7.

(2) CTF 76 AND CADRE STAFF DEPARTED VALLEY FORGE AT 0755H7 TO
RETURN TO MT MCKINLEY IN SUBIC BAY VIA DANANG.

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(3) VALLEY FORGE MEDICAL STATISTICS: NO CHANGE.

(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP ROUNDS TYPE TARGET RESULTS

MANLEY 239 HC 5/38 22 H&I UN OBSERVED EXCEPT SEVERAL SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS AT YD 282763.

TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED TO DATE: 12 19 - 5/38, 253 - 8.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS.

NEGATIVE CONTACT

(B) 16 ARTILLERY H AND I MISSIONS WERE FIRED DURING PERIOD.

(3) CASUALTIES

DURING PERIOD: NONE

CUMULATIVE: NO CHANGE

(4) AIR ACTIVITY 2316Z 123 TO 2416Z 25 DEC:

(A) HMM 262 FLEW 6 HELOS FOR 16.6 TOTAL A/C HRS ON A TOTAL OF
69 SORTIES. CARRIED 56 TROOPS, PAX AND 11 TONS CARGO.(B) VMO-3 FLEW 3 HELOS FOR 18.2 TOTAL A/C HRS ON A TOTAL OF
44 SORTIES. CARRIED 19 TROOPS, 100 LBS CARGO AND EVACUATED 1 CASUALTY.

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EXPENDED NO ORDNANCE.

(C) FIXED WING A/C FLEW 2 U/C ON 2 MISSION. EXPENDED 3000
LBS BOMBS, NAPALM TANKS AND 8000 RDS AMMO.

3. COMMENTS:

A. WEATHER - BROKEN TO OVERCAST LOW AND MIDDLE CLOUDS. CEILING
2000-3000 FT. LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS AFTER 0300. VISIBILITY 7-10 MILES
REDUCED TO 4 MILES IN SHOWERS. SURFACE WINDS VARIABLE, CALM TO 13
KNOTS. SEAS NORTHEAST 3-5 FT. TEMPERATURE RANGE 69-72 DEGREES.

4. INTENTION:

U. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) TERMINATE OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE UPON COMPLETION WITHDRAWAL
BLT 3/1 24 DEC AND RETURN TO DA NANG FOR ONE DAY REHAB 25 DEC.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEDEVAC CAPABILITY.

(2) WITHDRAW BLT 3/1.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) WITHDRAWAL SCHEME OF MANEUVER

(A) AT W-HOUR W2/11 WITHDRAWS BY HELO FROM LZ EAGLE

(B) AT W PLUS 30 C/1/11 WITHDRAWS BY LANDING CRAFT FROM

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BLUE BEACH

- (C) AT W PLUS 45 I/3/1 WITHDRAWS BY HELO FROM LZ EAGLE
- (D) UT W PLUS 92 TANK PLT WITHDRAWS BY LANDING CRAFT FROM ORANGE BEACH
- (E) AT W PLUS 100 K/3/1 WITHDRAWS BY HELOW FROM LZ EAGLE
- (F) AT W PLUS 120 M/3/1 WITHDRAWS BY SURFACE CRAFT FROM ORANGE BEACH.
- (G) AT W PLUS 150 BLT 3/1 CP AND REMAINING ELEMENTS WITHDRAWS BY HELO FROM LZ EAGLE
- (H) AT W PLUS 180 L/3/1 WITHDRAWS BY LANDING CRAFT FROM ORANGE BEACH

(2) PREPARE FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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FORTRESS RID GE SITREP NR 9 AND FINAL AS OF 241200Z9 DEC 67 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMPOSITION: DELETE MANLEY.

2. ACTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) TERMINATED OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE.

(2) ARG/SLF STAFFS VISITED FOURTH MARINE CP AND CONTINUED PLANNING/
LIAISON FOR FORTHCOMING SPECOPS.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) ALL ELEMENTS BLT 3/1 WITHDRAWN TO ARG SHIPS.

(2) AT 1032H6 AN AIRFORCE H-53 (JOLLY GREEN GIANT) MADE EMERGENCY
LANDING ON VALLEY FORGE OFF CUA VIET. LANDING WAS MADE DUE TO LOSS
OF OIL IN INTERMEDIATE GEAR BOX. REPAIRS WERE EFFECTED ABOARD
VALLEY FORGE AND JOLLY GREEN GIANT DEPARTED AT 1600H.

(3) MANLEY AND O'BANNON RELEASED FROM SUPPORT OF OPERATION FORTRESS

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RIDGE AT 241200HH9

(4) ALAMO CONDUCTED DAMAGE CONTROL EXERCISES AT FLIGHT QUARTERS.

(5) AT 1430H8, RECEIVED INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION BADGER TOOTH.

(6) AT 241500H2 TG -6.5 UNIT S DEPARTED CUA VIET FO DANANG TO PREPARE FOR IMPENDING OPERATIONS. SHIPS STEAMING IN COMPANY FOR OOD TRAINING. ETA DANANG FIRST LIGHT 25 DEC.

(7) AIR OPS SUMMARY: BEARCAT ONE FLEW 33 SORTIES, CARRIED 26 PAX, 5500LBS MAIL, 620 LBS CARGO. TOTAL U/C TIME .1 HRS. HELO DOWN FOR ROUTINE CHECK.

(8) VALLEY FORGE MEDEVAC STATISTICS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS RIDGE:

	12 HR PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
ADMITTED	0	40
DISCHARGED	1	4
TRANS	2	13
REMAINING		18

(9) NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	RDS	TYPE	TARGETS	RESULTS
O'BANNON	65AAC	5/38	SUS MORTAR POSIT	UNOBSERVED
MANLEY	31HC	5/38	TROOPS A ND BUNKER 4 NVA KIA, BUNKER DESTROYED	

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TOTAL RDS EXPENDED IN SUPPORT OF FORTRESS RIDGE: 1315 - 5/38, 253-8.

C. SLF BRAVO :

(1) UNIT LOCATION: ALL UNITS ABOARD ARG BRAVO SHIPPING.

(2) OPERATIONS :

(A) BLT 3/1 COMMENCED AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL AT 0730. WITHDRAWAL COMPLETED AT 1200H.

(3) CASUALTIES:

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: EIGHT KIA

TWO DOW

TWENTY-EIGHT WIA

ENEMY: TEN KIA (BC)

FIVE KIA (PROB).

(4) AIR ACTIVITY 231601Z4 TO 241500Z3 DEC :

(A) HMM 262 TEW 7 HELOS FOR 35.9 TOTAL A/C HRS ON A TOTAL OF 151 SORTIES. CARRIED 831 TROOPS AND 16.7 TONS CARGO.

(B) VMO-3 FLEW 2 HELOS FOR 6.3 TOTAL A/C HRS ON 10 SORTIES.

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EXPENDED NO ORDNANCE.

3. COMMENTS:

A. WEATHER: SCATTE RED TO BROKEN LOW AND MID CLOUDS WITH CEILING 2000-3000 FEET, WITH ANOTHER LAYER AT 7000 FEET. VISIBILITY --10 MILEES. SURFACE WINDS EASTERLY 12-25 KNOTS. SEAS EASTERLY 3-5 FEET. TEMPERA TURE RANGE -0--6 DEGREES F.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONDUCT ONE DAY RE HAB DANANG.

B. ARG BRAVO:

(1) ANCHOR DANANG HARBOR FOR DAY. 251000H CONDUCT PRE-SAIL FOR OPERATION BADGER TOOTH. OFF LOAD DAMAGED EQUIPMENT AND LOAD REHAB EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. CONDUCT PRE D-DAY TRANSFERS OF TROOPS FROM NAVARRO TO WINDHAM CTY AND VALLEY FORGE. DE PART DANG 251900H.-

(2) RECEIVE VISIT FROM CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, RADM KELLY, WHO WILL CONDUCT EVENING SERVICES ABOARD.

(3) ASSUME 24 HR REACTION TIME READINESS POSTURE.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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FORTRESS RIDGE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-67

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 191304Z DEC 67

1. FORTRESS RIDGE AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL COMPLETED 241228H9. REQUEST
TE RMINATE FORTRESS RIDGE.

2. TG 76.5 UNITS PROCEEDING TO DANANG TO LOAD LANDING FORCE,
AMMO, AND CONDUCT PRE D-DAY TRANS IN PREPARATION FOR IMPENDING
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

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