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AMEMBASSY SAIGON/AMEMBASSY SAIGON(USOM)/CTF 79/NINTH MEB/
CTF 73/HEDSUPPACT SAIGON

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN RVN

A: CTF 76 130020Z

1. 191100H POSIT 15-38N 108-44E. WEATHER 1500 CEILING 7 VIS RAIN SHOWER
ALL QUADRANTS WIND 040 24 KT SEA ENE 3 FEET.

2. LAUNCHED 6 HELO AT 0645H. THREE TO TAM KY, THREE TO QUANG NGAI.
EA FLT ENCOUNTERED HEAVY RAIN SHOWERS AND RETURNED WITHOUT LANDING
ASHORE AT 0725. RESCHEDULED AND COMMENCED FLTS INTO TAM KY AT 0945

3. LIFTS TODAY AS OF 1100H. 24.

4. SMALL ARM FIRE ENCOUNTERED BY 3 HELOS SE TAM KY NEAR COAST AT 0710H.

5. SCHEDULE UNREP VEGA 1400H AND CHEMUNG 1700H

6. PRESENT INTENTIONS MAX EFFORT OFF LOAD TAM KY 19-20 NOV BINH DINH PROVINCE HQ AT QUI NHON.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF RVN

1. SITREP NUMBER 02 AS OF 191800H NOV64
2. FLIGHT OPERATIONS COMMENCED 190700H. ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER RESUMED 1015H. OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN QUANG TIN. SECURED OPERATIONS 1748H
3. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: 125 SORTIES, 94 POINT 6 HOURS, 104 TONS CARGO, 48 PAX.
4. SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BEACH AREA SE TAM KY AIRFIELD.
5. OPERATIONS TOMORROW QUANG TIN PROVINCE, NEXT SITREP AS OF 201800H NOV64
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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. 192100H POSIT 15-45N 109-00E. WEATHER HI THIN OVERCAST 10 VIS WIND
040 DEG 20 KTS SEA NE 6 TO 8 FT.

2. FLT OPS COMPLETED 1743H. HELO OPSUM. DESTINATION TAMKY 61,900 LBS
FLOUR 1400 LBS WHEAT 7000 LBS BEANS 4200 LBS SOYBEANS 24,600 LBS

CLOTHING 91,720 LBS COTTENSEED OIL 15,000 LBS MILK POWDER 3000 LOAVES
BREAD 205,820 LBS TOTAL. DESTINATION QUANG NGAI 1800 LBS FLOUR 1200

LBS CLOTHING 3000 LBS TOTAL. 19 NOV 95 HOURS FLOWN 8 ADMIN SORTIES
117 CARGO SORTIE.

3. TOTAL MATERIAL OFFLOAD TO DATE 235 SHORT TONS. TOTAL REMAINING
781 SHORT TONS.

4. COMPLETED UNREP VEGA 1825H CHEMUNG 2115 H. FUEL STATE 95.
AV GAS 95.

5. IF TYPHOON LOUISE PERMITS INTEND MAX EFFORT OFFLOAD RELIEF MATERIAL
TAMKY ON 20 NOV AND BINH DINH PROVINCE HQ AT QUI NHON ON 21 NOV.

6. SCHEDULE UNREP CASTOR 200700H.
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FROM: USS PRINCETON
TO: COMUSMACV

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1. FIRST LAUNCH FROM PRINCETON AT 190630H TO TAM KY AND QUANG NGAI. TURNED BACK TO SHIP BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAINS, LOW CEILINGS. LAUNCH AT 0945 TO TAM KY SUCCESSFUL. THREE HELOS ACQUIRED SMALL ART'S FIRE SE TAM KY 190710H. NO HITS.
2. BRIGHT TO TAM KY 190730H VIA ARMED HUEY. CONFERENCE WITH MAJ LYEN PROVINCE CHIEF, MR. VACCARO, PROVINCE USOM REP, MAJ. CARROLL, SECTOR ADVISOR. TAM KY WELL ORGANIZED WITH SUFFICIENT WAREHOUSE SPACE CLOSE TO FIELD. 50 VIET CONG PRISONERS TO HANDLE CARGO, FIVE TRUCKS. LIFTS PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY WITH CARGO MOVED RAPIDLY FROM LZ.
3. BRIGHT TO SHIP 191100H WITH MR. VACCARO AND PROVINCE CHIEF REP TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES ~~FROM~~ TAM KY AND FEASIBILITY OF DELIVERIES TO DISTRICT HQ. ^{FOR}
4. PRINCETON DESIRES TO MOVE TO QUI NHON NIGHT OF 20 NOV TO BEGIN OPS 210700H. REASON: TO AVOID TYPHOON LOUISE. PASS ^{ed} MESSAGE TO MR. WAHRMUND, SR USOM REP FIRST REGION, AT DANANG, SO HE COULD EFFECT LIAISON WITH BINH DINH. ^{POSSIBLY}
5. BRIGHT TO QUANG NGAI 191100H. PICKED UP DRCC TEAM AND EQUIP. ADVISED USOM REP MR. THEISS OF CURRENT PLAN TO PROCEED QUI NHON, THEN RETURN QUANG NGAI, SO HE COULD DIVERT LA OR AND TRUCKS TO OTHER WORK. RETURNED TO SHIP VIA TAM KY AND LY EN. SENT ARMED HUEYS (2) TO DANANG FOR NIGHT TO RETURN TO TAM KY TOMORROW.

6. SUMMARY OF DAYS OPS

	TAM KY	QUANG NGAI
FLOUR	61,900 LBS	1,500 LBS
WHEAT	1,400 LBS	0
BEANS	7,000 LBS	0
SOYBEANS	4,200 LBS	0
CLOTHING	24,600 LBS	1,200 LBS
COTTONSEED OIL	91,720 LBS	0
MILK POWDER	15,000 LBS	0

7. SUMMARY OF OPS TO DATE
17 NOV 70,000 LBS

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7. CONTINUED

18 NOV 190,500 LBS
19 NOV 208,820 LBS
TOTAL 469,320 LBS

8. BRIGHT LEAVES FOR SAIGON TOMORROW VIA DANANG.

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TO: MAG ONE SIX

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1. SITREP NUMBER 03 AS OF 201800H NOV. 64
2. FLIGHT OPERATIONS COMMENCED 200730H. FLIGHT OPERATIONS SECURED 201800H.
3. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: 257 SORTIES, 147 POINT 3 HOURS, 219 TONS CARGO, 69 PAX. 25 OF 219 TOTAL TONS DELIVERED TO LY-TIN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. RELIEF OPERATIONS TO QUANG TIN PROVINCE COMPLETED.
4. COMMENCE OPERATIONS TOMORROW AT BINH DINH (QUI NHON) PROVINCE. NEXT SITREP AS OF 211800H.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW MSG 160403Z OCT 63

1. LOW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CANH RVN, US DEPUTY AMBASSADOR RVN E. ALEXIS JOHNSON, COMMANDER US MACV GENERAL WESTMORELAND, SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER AT DANANG GENERAL HOANG XUAN LAM, COMMANDER I CORPS GENERAL NGUYEN CHANH THI.

OBSERVED OPERATIONS ABOARD USS PRINCETON IN SUPPORT OF FLOOD RELIEF RVN.

2. TOTAL TIME 381.7, 570 SUPPLY SORTIES, 25 ADMIN SORTIES, 453.3 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FLOWN ASHORE.
3. 14 NOV 64 COMMENCED RELIEF OPS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS RVN.
4. NONE
5. DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES RVN.
6. CONTINUE RELIEF OPS RVN.

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A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. 202000Z POSIT 15-41N 109-13E. WEATHER 10000 BROKEN 10 VIS WIND 040
DEC 14 KTS SEA NNE 2 TO 3 FEET

2. FLT OPS COMPLETED 1755H. HELO OPSUM DESTINATION TAMKY 146,000 LBS FLOUR,
55,000 LBS WHEAT, 2000 LBS BEANS, 11700 LBS SOY BEANS, 600 LBS BLANKETS,
10,200 LBS CLOTHING, 56,500 LBS COTTON SEED OIL, 106,000 LBS MILK
POWDER, 420 LBS NURSES UNIFORMS, 240 COTTON, 388,750 LBS TOTAL.
DESTINATION LY TIN DIST HQ 3000 LBS FLOUR, 500 LOAVES BREAD, 1000 LBS
WHEAT, 1000 LBS BEANS, 2000 LBS SOY BEANS, 300 LBS BLANKETS, 1800 LBS
CLOTHING, 20,000 COTTONSEED OIL, 20,000 LBS MILK POWDER, 49,100 TOTAL.

3. 20 NOV 147 HOURS FLOWN 6 ADMIN SORTIES 250 CARGO SORTIES.
MATERIAL OFFLOADED TO DATE 459 SHORT TONS TOTAL REMAINING 556 SHORT
TONS, COMPLETED DELIVERY TO QUANG TIN PROVINCE WITH TOTAL OF 327
SHORT TONS.

4. INTEND COMMIT ALL HELOS OFFLOAD RELIEF MATERIAL AT QUI NHON AIRPORT
21 NOV AND QUANG NGAI AIRPORT 22 NOV. PRINCETON ETA 210600H VIC
QUI NHON.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

- A. CTF 76 130020Z
1. 210900H POSIT 14-42N, 109-21E. WEATHER 2500 BROKEN, 10 VIS, WIND 015 DEG 21 KTS, SEA NNE 3 FEET.
2. COMMENCED FLT OPS AT 0658, LIFTS AS OF 0900 25.
3. COMMENCED FLT OPS OFFLOAD QUI NHON AIRPORT 0658, LIFTS AS OF 0900 25.
4. AT 0747 A/C BUNO 150234 DEPARTED PRINCETON WITH LOAD TO QUI NHON AP. ACFT DITCHED APPROX TWO MILES FROM SHIP DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE. PILOT AND COPILOT RECOVERED UNINJURED, CREW CHIEF RECOVERED DEAD ON ARRIVAL PRINCETON, ONE PASS MISSING.

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QUI NHON IN APPROXIMATELY 17 FATHOMS OF WATER. ONE MAN
MISSING PRESUMED TRAPPED IN WRECKAGE. AM INITIATING REQUEST TO CTG 76.7
INFO CTF 76 FOR UDT PERSONNEL TO ATTEMPT RECOVERY BODY.
CRASH SITE BEING MARKED WITH BOUY. OIL SLICK STILL VISIBLE. REQUEST
UDT DET BE ALERTED AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR TRANSPORT
DANANG TO QUI NHON INITIATED.
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UDT TEAM SERVICES

1. UNODIR REQUEST SERVICES UDT TEAM RECOVERY BODY FROM DOWNED
HMM 162 HELO LAT 12-41.5N LON 109-198E 17 FATHOMS WATER. SEAS
4 TO 6 FT. MODERATE SWELL. NEAREST AIRPORT QUI HNON.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

B. MY 151637Z (NOTAL)

1. LT. ANDERSON UDT SEAL ADVISOR NHA TRANG AND FIVE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS ON BOARD. TEAM TWO USN AND FIVE VIETNAMESE. LT. ANDERSON ADVISORS CONDITIONS SUCH AS TO REQUIRE MAX ASSISTANCE. HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE CTG 76.7 UDT TEAM. PRINCETON PLAN OFF LOAD REMAINDER RELIEF MATERIAL QUI NHON REMAINING HERE THROUGH MONDAY. UDT TEAM TO USE PRINCETON BOAT HOWEVER IF SEARCH CONTINUES PAST MONDAY WILL REQUIRE OTHER SOURCE. USMACV RED HAS REQUESTED HELP SENIOR USN ADVISORY SAIGON ON OBTAINING USE OF VIETNAM BOAT. RECOMMEND COMUSMACV OBTAIN SERVICES VIETNAM MINE SWEEP. PRESS RELEASE ON ACCIDENT HAS BEEN MADE WITHHOLDING NAMES OF VICTIMS UNTIL CONFIRMATION NOTIFICATION NOK.

2. BGEN CO CG SECOND CORPS VIET NAM ACCOMPANIED BY COL MATAXIS USA, SECOND CORPS SENIOR ADVISOR AND OTHER USA OFFICERS QUI NHON VISITED PRINCETON 1440H TO 1545H.

3. FLT OPS COMPLETED 1645H. HELO OPSUM DESTINATION QUI NHON AIRPORT
 89000 LBS FLOUR 5716 LOAVES BREAD 58000 LBS WHEAT 16000 LBS BEANS
 34000 LBS SOY BEANS 1900 LBS BLANKETS 24600 LBS CLOTHING 560 LBS
 COTTON 140000 LBS COTTON SEED OIL 31800 LBS MILK POWDER 980 LBS
 NURSES UNIFORM 1200 LBS SOY BEAN OIL 397040 LBS TOTAL.

4. REF B WAS IN ERROR REGARDING MILK POWDER 43 LB BOXES. TOTAL QUANTITY SHOULD HAVE BEEN 37900 LBS VICE 378,700. TOTAL RELIEF MATERIAL EMBARKED WAS 845ST VICE 1015.

5. 21 NOV 120 HOURS FLOWN 4 ADMIN, 4 SAR, 200 CARGO SORTIES. MATERIAL OFF LOADED TO DATE 658 SHORT TONS TOTAL REMAINING 192 SHORT TONS.

6. EXTENSIVE HELO OPS PAST TWO DAYS PLUS LOSS ONE HELO IN CRASH WILL REDUCE HELO AVAILABILITY 22 NOV TO APPROX 15 PLANES WITH TWO HELOS OF 15 COMMITTED TO SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS. ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION TOTAL RELIEF LIFT TOMORROW.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF RVN

(a) EMM-162 P 210509Z (U)

(b) EMM-162 P 210511Z (U)

1. SITREP NUMBER 04 AS OF 211800H NOV64.

2. FLIGHT OPS COMMENCED 200700H SECURED 211700H. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT SEA DUE TO COMPLETE ENGINE FAILURE. PILOT AND COPILOT RECOVERED UNINJURED, CREW CHIEF RECOVERED, DOA SHIP, ONE PAX MISSING, PRESUMED TRAPPED IN WRECKAGE. REFERENCE (a) AND (b) REFER. SEARCH CONTINUES.

3. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: 208 SORTIES, 120 POINT 1 HOURS, 196 TONS CARGO, 64 PAX.

4. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN BINH DIN PROVINCE 22 NOVEMBER. NEXT SITREP AS OF 221800H

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PRESREL--FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TWO MARINES KILLED IN HELICOPTER IN S. VIETNAM
MERCY MISSION

USS PRINCETON AT SEA, 21 NOV 1964-- A MARINE CREW CHIEF AND MARINE PASSENGER WERE KILLED TODAY WHEN THE UH-34D HELICOPTER IN WHICH THEY WERE FLYING CRASHED INTO THE SEA OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AIRCRAFT, ATTACHED TO MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162 WAS ENGAGED IN FLYING SUPPLIES TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE MARINE PASSENGER, A MEMBER OF THE BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/3 WAS ENROUTE TO THE BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE RELIEF OPERATIONS.

THE PILOT AND COPILOT OF THE DOWNED CRAFT WERE RESCUED UNINJURED FROM THE SEA MINUTES AFTER THE EMERGENCY DITCHING BY SQUADRON MATES IN OTHER HELOS. CREW CHIEFS FROM TWO RESCUE HELICOPTERS HEROICALLY JUMPED INTO THE SEAS TO RECOVER ONE OF THEIR SQUADRON MATES. THE TWO CREW CHIEFS, IDENTIFIED AS SGT PRESTON W. MOTT OF TERRELL TEXAS, AND CPL NORMAN M. ABERNATHY OF CANN VALLEY SOUTH DAKOTA SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE UNCONSCIOUS VICTIM INTO A HOISTING SLING AND BACK ON BOARD PRINCETON. ALTHOUGH A PRINCETON MEDICAL TEAM MADE INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE MAN, HE FAILED TO RESPOND, AND WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

THE PASSENGER IS STILL MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD, ALTHOUGH RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE.

THE IDENTITY OF THE DEAD AND MISSING MAN HAS BEEN WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN.

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FROM: USS PRINCETON
TO: COMUSMACV

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

1. BEGINNING AT 200730H, PRINCETON HELOS, BLT 3/3 AND PRINCETON CREW ASSISTED BY GOOD WEATHER DELIVERED 218 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO TAM KY AND DISTRICT HQ AT LY TIN. AS OPERATION PROGRESSED, EACH HELO CARRIED A TON OF SUPPLIES TO BEACH EACH TRIP. DESPITE VALIENT EFFORTS OF PROVINCE OFFICALS & USOM REP, AT ONE TIME 40 TONS OF SUPPLIES ACCUMULATED IN LZ TO BE MOVED TO WAREHOUSE IN EVENING.

2. MINOR BUT APPRECIATED ITEM WAS TWO DOZEN LOAVES FRESH BREAD & CASE OF CANNED WHOLE MILK FOR US ADVISORS AT TAM KY, COURTESY OF USS PRINCETON. TO DATE, PRINCETON BAKERS HAVE PRODUCED TEN THOUSAND LOAVES OF BREAD FOR DISTRIBUTION ASHORE.

3. SUMMARY OF DAY OPS. 28 TONS TO LY TIN AT REQ OF PROVINCE CHIEF, REMAINDER TO TAM KY, COMPLETING DELIVERIES TO QUANG TIN PROVINCE.

FLOUR	14,900	000
WHEAT	56,000	
BEANS	3,000	
SOY BEANS	13,700	
CLOTHING	12,000	
COTTONSEED OIL	76,592	
MILK POWDER	126,000	
BREAD	500	LOAVES
BLANKETS	900	
NURSES UNIFORMS	420	
COTTON	240	
TOTAL LIFT TODAY	437,852	

4. OPS COMMENCE QUI NHON 210730H.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP
A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. 222000H. PCSIT 10-42N 109-24E. WEATHER 2000 BROKEN 7 VIS WIND 000 DEG 22 KT SEA NO SWELLS 2 TO 6 FEET.
2. COMMENCED FLT OPS FOR OFFLOAD RELIEF MATERIAL TO QUI NHON AP AT 0730H. LIFTS AS OF 1000H 98.
3. DUE SEA CONDITIONS UNABLE COMMENCE UDT OPS. WEATHER PRECLUDES PUTTING SMALL BOAT IN WATER. IN STANDBY STATUS AND WILL COMMENCE WHEN WEATHER SEA CONDITIONS PERMIT. UDT TEAM FROM CTG 76.7 DUE TO ARRIVE PRINCETON TODAY. MSC 11 IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TONIGHT OR TOMORROW WITH SONAR GEAR.
4. ONE HELO MADE PRECAUTIONARY LANDING AT 0738H IN BEACH AREA 6500 METERS EAST QUI NHON AP WITH ENGINE SUMP WARNING LIGHT ON. IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED RIFLE SQUAD AND MAINT PERS TO SITE OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT. ARMED HELOS FROM COMUSMACV ARRIVED FOR RESCAP AT 0803. MAINT PERS FOUND LOOSE CANNON PLUG ON SUMP WARNING SYSTEM. ACFT WAS AIRBORNE AT 0847H. PROCEEDED QUI NHON AP FOR PENALTY TEST FLIGHT PRIOR TO RETURN PRINCETON. NO PERSONNEL INJURIES. RIFLEMEN AND MAINT PERS REMOVED FROM AREA 0850H AND RETURNED PRINCETON.
5. AT PACE SQUADRON IS MOVING RELIEF MATERIAL TODAY ENVISION COMPLETION OFFLOAD 221500H. AM SECURING FLT OPS 1500H IN ORDER UNREP CHEMUNG ASAP THEREAFTER. WEATHER DETERIORATING AND HAVE MOVED UNREP TIME UP ACCORDINGLY.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF RVN

1. SITREP NUMBER 05 AS OF 221800H NOV. '64

2. FLIGHT OPERATIONS COMMENCED 0730, SECURED 1510. ONE AIRCRAFT MADE PRECAUTIONARY LANDING ON BEACH AT 0738H DUE TO SMOKE WARNING LIGHT. MAINT AND SECURITY PERSONNEL FLOWN IN. DIFFICULTY DETERMINED TO BE ELECTRICAL. AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL FLOWN OUT 0847H.

3. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: 195 SORTIES, 90 POINT 6 HOURS, 175 TONS CARGO, 89 PAX.

4.. ANTICIPATE COMPLETION OF RELIEF OPERATION MORNING OF 23 NOVEMBER. REPLY AND FINAL SITREP UPON COMPLETION.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

B. MY 212130Z

1. 221200H POSIT 14-10N 109-51E. WEATHER 1500 FT OVERCAST 10 V/S WIND
020 DEC 20 KTS SEA NNE SWELLS 2 TO 6 FT2. FLT OPS COMPLETED 1500H. H/HO OPSUM DESTINATION QUI NHON AP
120000 LBS FLOUR 12000 LBS WHEAT 24000 LBS RANS 12400 LBS SOY BEANS
200 LBS BLANKETS 28000 LBS CLOTHING 128708 LBS COTTONSEED OIL
18000 LBS SOYBEAN 31 20700 LBS BREAD 249908 LBS TOTAL.3. 22NOV 9L HOURS FLOWN 5ADMIN 1200 CARGO SORTILS. MATERIAL OFFLOADED
TO DATE 829 SHORT TONS WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE 18,000 LBS FLOUR THAT
WAS USED BY PRINCETON IN BAKING 16,596 LBS BREAD. HAVE COMPLE
OFFLOAD RELIEF MATERIAL EXCEPT FOR EIGHT TONS OF COTTONSEED OIL.
INTEND DELIVER THIS TO QUI NHON AP MORNING 23 NOV.4. UNABLE CONDUCT UDT OPS THIS DATE DUE SEA CONDITION. UDT SEAL ADVISE
NMA TRANG AND UDT FROM TG 76.7 ARE PRINCETON. WILL COMMENCE UDT SEARCH
OF CRASH SITE AT FIRST LIGHT 22NOV IF SEA CONDITIONS PERMIT. PASS
LISTED REF B STILL MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD.

5. COMPLETED UNREP CHEMUNG 1855H. FUEL STATE 95 AVGAS 92.

6. BASED ON PRESENT POSIT AND FORECAST MOVEMENT TYPHOON MARGE INTEND
COMPLETE OFFLOAD AND DEPART AREA TOWARD THE NORTH NLT 231200H.

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USS PRINCETON AT SEA NOV 22, 1964 -- HEAVY SEAS HAVE HAMPERED UNDERWATER OPERATIONS AT THE SCENE OF A HELICOPTER DITCHING OFF QUI NHON SOUTH VIET NAM. THE BODY OF LANCE CORPORAL DAVID NIPPER OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/3 HAS NOT BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE WRECKAGE. NIPPER IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. JESSIE OLENE NIPPER OF ROUTE 2, NICHOLS, GA. THE OTHER VICTIM OF THE CRASH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CPL. RICHARD D. SLACK, JR. SON OF MR. AND MRS. RICHARD D. SLACK, SR., OF 11 BUNKER HILL LANE, QUINCY, MASS. THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF TWO SQUADRON PLATES IN JUMPING INTO WIND-TOSSED SEAS YESTERDAY TO RESCUE HIM FAILED TO SAVE HIS LIFE. SLACK APPARENTLY WAS TRAPPED IN THE WRECKAGE IN LESS THAN 100 FEET OF WATER AND FLOATED UNCONSCIOUS TO THE SURFACE. RESCUE EFFORTS CAME TOO LATE AND SLACK WAS DECLARED DEAD BY DROWNING. THE PILOT AND COPILOT OF THE STRICKEN CRAFT HAVE BEEN NAMED AS CAPT ROSS S. PLASTERER, USMC, AND CWO2 FRANK W. WASHAM, USMC. BOTH ESCAPED UNINJURED FROM THE SINKING CRAFT. CAPT PLASTERER IS THE HUSBAND OF JANE L. PLASTERER OF 1420 WEST SAINT GERTRUDE PLACE, APT 56, SANTA ANA, CALIF. AND CWO WASHAM IS THE HUSBAND OF FRANCES E. WASHAM, OF 1207 GARDINA, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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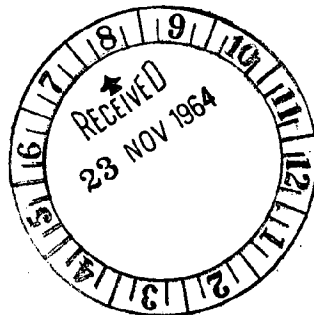
TWO MARINES KILLED IN HELO CRASH DURING MERCY MISSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

A. USS PRINCETON 211305Z

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTG 130020Z

B. MY 210130Z

- 231300H POSIT 14-08N 109-15E. WEATHER 1500 BROKEN 10 VIS RATE SHOWERS WIND 335 DEG 14 KTS. SEA NW MODERATE SWELL 3 TO 4 FELT
- COMMENCED FLT OPS FOR OFFLOAD QUI NHON AP REMAINING RELIEF MATERIAL. 0800H. COMPLETED OFFLOAD 8 TONS COTTONSEED OIL AT 0930H. 10 CARGO 7 ADMIN 3 SAR SORTIES ON 23 NOV. TOTAL RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF FLT OPS 301 HOURS FLOWN 981 CARGO 26 ADMIN 6 SAR. MATERIAL LIFTED QUANG NGAI 131,15ST QUANG TIN 324,22ST BINH DINH 381.48ST TOTAL 836.85ST PLUS 16,596 LOAVES BREAD.
- CONDUCTED AIR SEARCH AM 23 NOV FOR PASS LISTED REF B WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AREA COVERED 100 PERCENT OF SEMICIRCLE PATTERN 15 NM RADIUS OF CAPDES HIRONDELLES INCLUDING ALL BEACH AND WATER AREAS. SEA STATE AGAIN PRECLUDED POSSIBILITY SEARCH BY UDT USING PRINCETON SEAL BOAT. LT ANDERSON UDT CINC FROM SEAL ADVISOR NHA TRANG PLUS 13. INCLUDED ARE UDT FROM TG 76.7 DEPARTED PRINCETON AT 0915H. UDT WILL WORK FROM QUI NHON LSM 401 OF VN BEGINNING 231300H. MSG 114 RETURNED TO SAIGON FOR REPAIR OF SONAR GEAR. LT ANDERSON ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES AS ON SCENE SAR CMDR AND WILL ISSUE SITREPS DAILY. ALL UDT PERSONNEL WILL RETURN VIA AIRLIFT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS UPON COMPLETION MISSION.
- SCHEDULED RELIEF OPS FINISHED QUI NHON 231130H AND NO FURTHER OPS REQUIRED ACCORDING MSG FROM USMACV REP (DOMINATION). DEPARTED VIC QUI NHON AND NOW PROCEEDING IANCOMSEVENTHFLT OPS SCHEDULE.

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SEARCH OPS
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1. SCHEDULED RELIEF OPS FINISHED QUI NHON, NO FURTHER OPS REQUIRED ACCORDING MSG FROM COMUSMACV REP.
2. ISSUED TG 76.7 UDT LEADER WRITTEN ORDERS TO REPORT LT. ANDERSON UDT SEAL ADVISOR NHA TRANG FOR SAR OPERATIONS AND UPON COMPLETION REPORT TO UDT DET CHARLIE SUBIC BAY. TG 76.7 UDT INTENDS RETURN DANANG COMPLETION SAR OPS AND CATCH MARINE FLIGHT FIVE TO SUBIC. AM REQUESTING CTE 79.3.3.6 AND NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP DANANG TO ASSIST.
3. LT. ANDERSON UNDERSTANDS CONTENTS REF A REGARDING SAR OPS.
4. RETURNING TO STATION OFF DANANG.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF RVN

1. SITREP 06 (FINAL SITREP) AS OF 231200H NOV. '64
2. FLIGHT OPS COMMENCED 0800, SECURED 1110
3. OPERATIONS SUMMARY 23 NOV. '64: 18 SORTIES, 10 POINT 4 HOURS, 8 TONS CARGO, 32 PAX.
4. OPERATIONS SUMMARY, ENTIRE OPERATION: 1,013 SORTIES, 601 HOURS, 837 TONS CARGO, 435 PAX.
5. RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF OFFLOAD OPERATIONS COMPLETE
6. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED NO FURTHER SITREPS WILL BE SUBMITTED RE THIS

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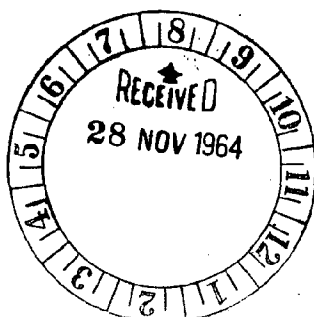
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S. VIETNAM FLOOD RELIEF OPERATION (U)

1. ALL HANDS ATTACHED TO HMM-162 AND BLT 3/3, THE MARINE COMPONENTS OF TG 76.5 IN PRINCETON DESERVE SPECIAL COMMENDATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN SUPPORT OF S. VIETNAM FLOOD RELIEF OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD 14-29 NOV 1964.
2. THIS ARDUOUS WORK THEY ACCOMPLISHED UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS HAS REFLECTED GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR UNITS. THEIR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. WE OF PRINCETON AND THE SEVENTH FLEET AMPHIBICUS FORCE ARE PROUD TO BE THEIR SHIPMATES AND A PART OF THE NAVY-MARINE TEAM.



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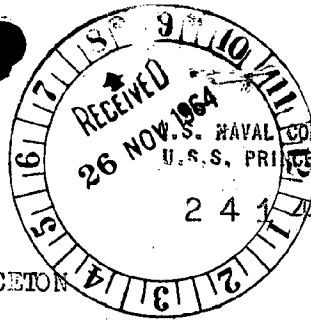
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ONE WEEK AFTER THE USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) RECEIVED WORD FROM COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET AND THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN HONG KONG TO AID FLOOD-STRIKEN SOUTH VIETNAM WITH HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES, THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED. BUT THE TREMENDOUS TASK OF HELI-LIFTING OVER 1000 TONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SACRIFICE. TWO YOUNG MARINES LOST THEIR LIVES WHEN THE HELICOPTER IN WHICH THEY WERE FLYING PLUNGED INTO THE SEA DURING RELIEF FLIGHTS. THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT ESCAPED UNINJURED.

ON 23 NOVEMBER, PRINCETON AND HER EMBARKED MARINES PAID TRIBUTE IN A SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE TO THE TWO SHIPMATES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE HELPING TO LESSEN THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS. IT WAS A TIME TO REFLECT ON A WEEK OF ACTION, HARD WORK, AND FULFILLMENT.

MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162 UNDER THE COMMAND OF LT. COL. OLIVER W. CURTIS LOGGED OVER 600 HOURS DURING THE OPERATION, FLYING 1,020 SORTIES FROM PRINCETON TO THREE PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION CENTERS. IT WAS A WEEK FOR SETTING RECORDS. PILOTS OF HMM 162 MADE THE 108,000TH AND 109,000TH AIRCRAFT LANDINGS SINCE PRINCETON WAS COMMISSIONED. THE 46,000TH AND 47,000TH TOTAL HELICOPTER LANDINGS AND THE 36,000TH LPH HELICOPTER LANDING WERE RECORDED.

WORKING WITH PRINCETON PERSONNEL IN THE LOADING PHASE OF THE OPERATION WERE MARINES OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/3 UNDER THE COMMAND OF LT. COL. RALPH C. WOOD. MARINE WORKING PARTIALS HAND LOADED PALLETS FOR TRANSFER TO THE FLIGHT DECK AND THE HELICOPTERS. THEY WENT ASHORE AND UNLOADED FROM THE OTHER END.

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TO THE MEN OF PRINCETON, HMM 162, AND BLT 3/3 IT WAS A MISSION OF SIGNIFICANCE, BUT IT WAS ALSO A PART OF THEIR JOB. IT WAS WHAT THEY WERE TRAINED FOR. THESE MEN MAKE UP THE NUCLEUS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET'S AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP AND HAVE MET CHALLENGES TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILL AND STRENGTH BEFORE. AS THEY REMAIN ON STATION IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, THEY UNDERSCORE SEVENTH FLEET'S MOTTO: "READY POWER FOR PEACE."

2. CAPTAIN PAUL J. KNAPP, CO USS PRINCETON AND LT.COL. O.W. CURTIS/ CO HMM 162 INTERVIEWED FOR VOICE OF AMERICA AND RADIO SAIGON (REP: MR. THOMAS SZADO, SAIGON) 22 NOV 1964. TAPE AIRMAILED CH/INFO 23 Nov.

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1. AS YOUR VIETNAM RELIEF OPERATION ENDS BE ASSURED THAT EACH ACTION REPORT WAS READ WITH INTENSE INTEREST AND INSPIRED A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF YOUR PRODIGIOUS EFFORT AND SUPERB PERFORMANCE UNDER TRYING AND HAZARDOUS CONDITION.
2. YOUR DEEDS OF MERCY WHICH BROUGHT LIFE GIVING RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.
3. TO EACH MARINE AND SAILOR WHO GAVE OF WILLINGLY AND UNSPARINGLY THEIR UTMOST OF HIS TIME AND EFFORTS. A NEVER MORE WELL DESERVED, WELL DONE.

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1. THE FINE PERFORMANCE OF BOTH HMM-162 AND CTE 79.3.3.6 IN THEIR DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS OF THE PAST TEN DAYS HAS REFLECTED A HIGH ORDER OF PROFESSIONALISM AND PERSONAL DEDICATION.
 2. SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PRICE YOU HAVE PAID IN CASUALTIES AND MY WARMEST THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
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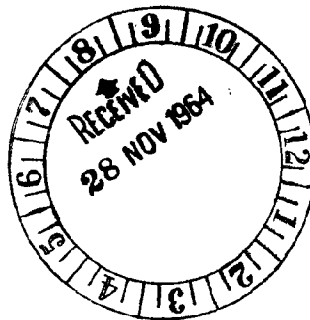
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AMBASSADOR TAYLOR SENDS

1. THE QUICK RESPONSE AND EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK WHICH ALL CONCERNED HAVE DISPLAYED IN THE DELIVERY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THE FLOOD STRICKEN AREAS OF VIETNAM IS A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE AND SATISFACTION TO AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. WITH THIS GESTURE, YOU HAVE SHOWN BOTH THE GOOD WILL OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS FORMIDABLE CAPABILITY.
3. CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. TAYLOR

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YOUR SPLENDID AND TIMELY RESPONSE TO THE RVN FLOOD RELIEF REQUIREMENTS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE SEA. INTERRUPTING A MUCH DESERVED PORT VISIT, YOU LOADED OVER 1000 TONS OF SUPPLIES AND DELIVERED THEM TO THE NEEDY VICTIMS IN AN OPERATION MARKED BY DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM. I AM PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET AND EXTEND MY MOST SINCERE WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS.
 VICE ADMIRAL ROY L. JOHNSON

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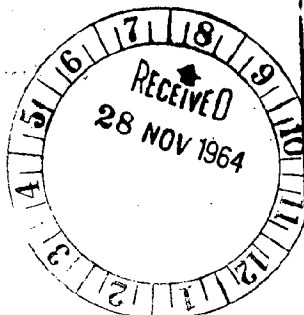
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1. OVER ONE THOUSAND TONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING WERE HELI-LIFTED FROM THE DECKS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET'S AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP, USS PRINCETON, TO THE PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM MOST AFFECTED BY FLOODING FROM RECENT TYPHOONS. THE NAVY-MARINE TEAM THAT ACCOMPLISHED THIS MISSION WAS MADE UP OF CREW MEMBERS OF PRINCETON, SQUADRON PERSONNEL AND PILOTS OF MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 162, AND MARINES OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/3. MEN FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS WERE AT THEIR STATIONS WHEN THE SUN ROSE IN THE MORNING AND WERE STILL THERE WHEN IT SET IN THE EVENING. THE SEVEN DAYS THAT FOLLOWED PRINCETON'S DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG ON 15 NOVEMBER SEEMED LIKE A MONTH TO THESE MEN. WHEN ALL GOODS WERE ON THE BEACH, IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAD BEEN ONLY A WEEK. IN THAT WEEK OVER 600 HOURS FLYING WERE LOGGED BY THE SEASONED PILOTS OF HM 162 FLYING OVER 1,020 SORTIES. PRINCETON HAD STEAMED 1,342 MILES MAINTAINING STATION OFF THE THREE PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION CENTERS.

2. TEN THOUSAND MILES AWAY IN THE UNITED STATES, TWO FAMILIES WERE NOTIFIED THAT THEIR SONS HAD PAID THE HIGHEST PRICE IN THE AID OF THE FLOOD VICTIMS. ON THE MORNING OF 21 NOVEMBER, A UH-34D HELICOPTER DITCHED AT SEA SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF FROM PRINCETON. A PASSENGER, LANCE CORPORAL DAVID NIPPER OF NICHOLS, GEORGIA, WAS NEVER FOUND. THE COMPETITION TO GET ASHORE AND HELP WITH THE UNLOADING WAS KEEN AMONG MEMBERS OF BLT 3/3. LANCE CORPORAL NIPPER WANTED TO DO HIS PART. HE WANTED TO SEE THE ACTIVITY AT THE OTHER END. HE NEVER GOT HIS WISH. THE PILOTS OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WERE RESCUED UNINJURED, BUT THE CREW CHIEF, CORPORAL RICHARD SLACK JR., WAS BROUGHT BACK TO PRINCETON UNCONSCIOUS.

3. THE ATTRIBUTE OF VALOR WAS HIGHLY EXEMPLIFIED BY TWO OF 162'S CREW CHIEFS, SGT P. W. MOTT OF SPRINGFIELD, MO AND CPL N. M. ABERNATHY OF CANN VALLEY, S.D. BOTH MEN RISKED THEIR LIVES BY JUMPING FROM RESCUE HELOS INTO WIND-TOSSED SEAS TO RECOVER CPL SLACK AFTER THE ILL-FATED CRASH. AT THE FIRST REALIZATION THAT THE OTHER HELO WAS GOING TO CRASH THEY LIGHTENED THE LOADS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HELOS BY EACH THROWING A TON OF FLOUR OUT THE CABIN DOOR OF THE HELOS IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

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4. THE MEDICAL TEAM WAITING ON THE FLIGHT DECK TRIED TO REVIVE CORPORAL SLACK, BUT THE ATTEMPT WAS TO NO AVAIL. /THE SACRIFICE WAS GREAT, BUT THE OPERATION HAD TO CONTINUE, FOR THERE WERE OTHER LIVES TO BE SAVED--THOSE OF PEOPLE THE TWO YOUNG MARINES HAD NEVER MET.

5. TWO OF THE SEVENTH FLEET'S UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS RESPONDED TO PRINCETON'S CALL AND WERE FLOWN TO THE SCENE WITHIN 24 HOURS. THE UNIQUE SKILLS OF THESE UNITS WERE NEEDED IN THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS FOR THE HELO WHICH SANK IN 17 FATHOMS, BUT OPERATIONS WERE HAMPERED BY HEAVY SEAS.

6. IN ANY WORTH WHILE ENDEAVOR THERE ARE THOSE WHO CANNOT BE PRAISED TOO HIGHLY - SPECIFICALLY THE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AND CREW CHIEFS OF THE HELICOPTERS OF HM-162.

7. CONCERNING DILIGENCE - AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE KNOWN FOR HAVING NOTORIOUSLY LONG WORKING DAYS, BUT THE RELIEF MISSION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM BROUGHT YET LONGER DAYS AND A GREATER DETERMINATION TO GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT.

8. TYPICAL OF THESE HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND EFFICIENT PERSONNEL IS SGT D. W. BARTEE OF WYTHEVILLE, VA. HIS DAY STARTED AROUND FIVE A.M. WITH A HURRIED BREAKFAST BEFORE THE DAILY TASK OF CONDUCTING A THOROUGH INSPECTION TO READY HIS ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT. AS CREW CHIEF, SGT BARTEE'S DUTIES INVOLVED ALMOST CONTINUOUS FIXING WITH A SHORT BREAK FOR LUNCH AND RE-READYING OF THE HELO FOR THE REMAINING DAYS WORK. AS THE ONLY CREW MEMBER IN THE HELO'S CABIN THE CREW CHIEF ACTS AS A GUNNER OPERATING A M-60 MACHINE GUN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST VIET CONG GROUND FIRE, AS AN AERIAL LOOKOUT AND AS A SUPERVISOR OF LOADING AND UNLOADING OF THE TON OF SUPPLIES EACH AIRCRAFT CARRIED PER TRIP. HE PERSONALLY HANDLED EVERY POUND OF THAT TON ON AS MANY AS TEN TRIPS PER DAY. AROUND FIVE P.M. AT THE COMPLETION OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS THERE WERE YET TWO OF THREE HOURS OF POST-FLIGHT WORK INVOLVING ALL THE MYRIAD DETAILS OF KEEPING A HELICOPTER AIR-WORTHY.

9. AT THE HIGH PITCHED TEMPO OF THIS EMERGENCY OPERATION AND DESPITE COSTANT ATTENTION AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE THERE WERE SMALL CRISES WHEN THOSE NOT INFALLIBLE FLYING MACHINES WOULD DEVELOP SOME TROUBLE. ON ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS SGT BARTEE SPENT ALMOST 15 HOURS TROUBLE-SHOOTING IN ORDER TO GET HIS 'BIRD' BACK IN THE AIR AND CARRYING ITS SHARE OF THE LOAD. HIS PROBLEMS WERE NOT UNIQUE AND WERE SHARED BY THE ENTIRE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

10. FROM THE AIR THE FLIGHT DECK OF PRINCETON LOOKED LIKE A TECHNICOLOR ART FILM. YELLOW SHIRTS OF THE AIRCRAFT LANDING DIRECTORS WERE ASSISTING IN THE APPROACHES AND TAKE-OFFS OF THE HELOS. THE RED SHIRTS OF THE FUEL GANG COULD BE SEEN RUNNING OUT TO SERVICE THE CHOPPERS. GREEN SHIRTS OF THE MAINTENANCE GANG CHECKED TO SEE IF EVERYTHING WAS READY FOR ANOTHER "GROCERY RUN" TO THE BEACH. BLUE SHIRTS PUSHED OTHER AIRCRAFT INTO SPOTS FOR STARTING AND SUBSEQUENT TAKE-OFF. THE HELOS TOOK ON THEIR LIFE-GIVING LOAD AND WERE OFF AGAIN IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

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11. THE PRIDE OF PRINCETON'S V-1 DIVISION, THE FLIGHT DECK, ON CLOSER INSPECTION LOOKED LIKE A TRUCK FARMER'S NIGHTMARE. FLOUR SACKS WERE STACKED NEAR MOUNTAINS OF CARTONS CONTAINING COTTONSEED OIL AND POWDERED MILK. WHEAT AND BEANS WERE IN BURLAP SACKS READY FOR TRANSPORT. SOME LOOSE BEANS WERE UNDER THE TIE DOWN RAILS AND THE MEN HALF EXPECTED TO SEE GREEN SHOOTS SPROUT UP. BUT IN ANOTHER WAY PRINCETON'S FLIGHT DECK HAD YIELDED A GOOD CROP.

12. ON THE OTHER END AT THE LANDING ZONE, SQUADRON AND BATTALION PERSONNEL CARRIED ON THE WORK. SQUADRON LANDING DIRECTORS GUIDED HELOS TO PROPER LANDING SPOTS *Am. But* ~~AND~~ 3/3 MEN HELPED THE CREW CHIEFS IN GETTING THE SUPPLIES OUT. THE HELOS WERE THEN ON THEIR WAY BACK TO PRINCETON FOR ANOTHER LOAD. AT TAM KY, WHERE THIS REPORTER VISITED, HELOS DRONED OVERHEAD WHILE WATER BUFFALO WENT ON GRAZING WITHOUT TAKING NOTICE. IT WAS THE CHILDREN FROM SURROUNDING AREAS WHO STOOD BY WIDE-EYED AT WHAT WAS GOING ON. WITH AN OCCASIONAL BURST OF MACHINE GUN FIRE IN THE DISTANCE, VIETNAMESE TROOPS SUPERVISED VIET CONG PRISONERS LOADING TRUCKS WITH THE SUPPLIES TO BE TAKEN TO DISTRIBUTION CENTERS. IT WAS IRONIC HOW THESE PRISONERS WERE NOW HELPING THE PEOPLE THEY ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO HARM.

13. FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR THE RELIEF MISSION WERE DONATED BY CARE, CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, LUTHERAN CHARITIES, AND THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. BUT IT TOOK THE INGENUITY AND SKILL OF THE NAVY-MARINE TEAM IN THE BAKE SHOP TO CONVERT EIGHT TONS OF FLOUR INTO 16,000 LOAVES OF BREAD IN EIGHT DAYS TIME. FROM THE TIME PRINCETON GOT WORD ON HER RELIEF MISSION TO THE TIME THE LAST PALLET WAS LOADED, THE BAKE SHOP WAS ON A 24-HOUR PER DAY SCHEDULE TURNING OUT BREAD AS FAST AS THE OVENS COULD KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND. HEADING UP THE KEY MEN IN THE BAKE SHOP WAS CHIEF COMMISSARYMAN HORACE J. CARTER FROM HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA WHO SUPERVISED A SIMILAR PROJECT ABOARD PRINCETON FOUR YEARS AGO WHILE AIDING CEYLON. THE CHIEF WAS ON BOARD PRINCETON WHEN SHE WAS AN ANTI-SUBMARINE CARRIER AND RETURNED IN SEPTEMBER TO HEAD UP THE COMMISSARY DIVISION AS LEADING PETTY OFFICER. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH INFLUENCE, SOUTH VIETNAM IS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES IN ASIA WHERE THE PEOPLE SUPPLEMENT THEIR RICE DIET WITH BREAD, WHICH IS USUALLY THOUGHT OF AS A WESTERN STAPLE.

14. THE SACRIFICE, THE VALOR, THE LABOR AND THE FATIGUE CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. THESE MEMBERS OF THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM WERE TRULY PROUD TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF A MERCY OPERATION WHICH, FOR SEVEN ACTION PACKED DAYS HAS SHOWN THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE WORLD THAT THE FORCES OF THE FREE WORLD ARE EVER READY TO HELP WHERE HELP IS NEEDED. THE SEVENTH FLEET'S MOTTO, "READY POWER FOR PEACE" HAS SELDOM BEEN MORE DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATED.

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TO MAG 16/HMM-162/CTE 79.3.3.6

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1. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT I REVIEW THE EFFORTS OF THE PAST 10 DAYS OF HMM-162 AND TE 79.3.3.6 IN BEHALF OF THE DISASTER RIDDEN PEOPLE OF SVN. THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SACRIFICES OF YOUR PERSONNEL ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MANY MARINES OF THE PAST WHO HAVE GIVEN OUR CORPS THE UNPARALLELED REPUTATION IT ENJOYS TODAY. PLEASE CONVEY MY MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL HANDS AND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE CASUALTIES YOU HAVE SUFFERED.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW MSG 160403Z OCT 63

1. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1. COMMANDER II CORPS (ARVN) OBSERVED RELIEF OPS ABOARD USS PRINCETON.
2. TOTAL TIME 258.9, 402 SUPPLY SORTIES, 42 ADMIN SORTIES, 9 SAR SORTIES, 9 TRAINING SORTIES, 370.5 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FLOWN ASHORE.
3. COMPLETED LIFT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO RVN 23 NOV 64.
4. ONE A/C CRASHED INTO OCEAN FOLLOWING ENGINE FAILURE, CREW CHIEF AND 1 PASS KILLED, PILOT AND CO PILOT INJURED, RESCUED BY TWO A/C IN SAME FLIGHT.
5. DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES RVN.
6. NONE

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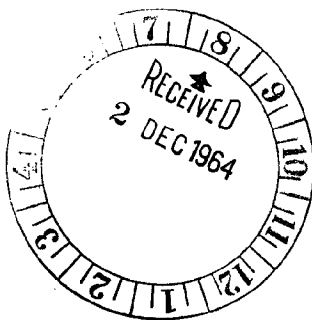
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DANANG RELIEF OPERATION
1. YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY IN SWIFTLY AND
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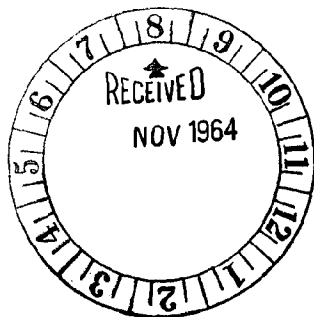
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THIS IS MY HOTEL THREE FOR CINCPACFLT ADMIN
1. YOUR RECENT OPERATIONS IN PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF IN
THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE AGAIN PROVEN THE ABILITY OF YOUR
MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO REACT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER TO CHANGING
SITUATIONS. THE TEAM OF NAVY AND MARINE FORCES UNDER YOUR COMMAND
HAS PROVIDED THE WORLD, AND IN PARTICULAR OUR FRIENDS IN SOUTH
EAST ASIA, AN EXAMPLE OF THE READINESS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET TO
SUPPORT THEM IN ANY SITUATION. WELL DONE. ADMIRAL T.H. MOORER.



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WEEKLY SUMMARY 25 NOV - 1 DEC (U)

1. A. RADM F.E. PAKUTIX, COMASWGRU ONE EMBARKED IN KEARSARGE WITH CHANDLER, OZBOURN, HOLLISTER, PORTERFIELD AND BAUER DEPARTED SUBIC 30 NOV ENROUTE THE CINCPAC WEAPONS DEMO. UPON COMPLETION, TG 70.4 JOINED WITH TF 77.5 FOR GROUP SAIL TO CONUS AND CHOPS TO COMFIRSTFLT ON 6 DEC.

B. COMASWGRU THREE, RADM K.L. VETH EMBARKED IN USS YORKTOWN IN COMPANY WITH DESDIV 111 PLUS USS THOMASTON CHOPPED TO SEVENTHFLT 30 NOV AND IS ENROUTE YOKI; ETA 3 DEC.

2. CTG 70.8 IN USS COLUMBUS DEPARTED YOKO 28 NOV ENROUTE RDVU WITH TH 77.6 AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CINCPAC WPNS DEMO ON 2 DEC.

3. TF 72 CONTINUED NORMAL SURVEILLANCE OPS OF THE SEA OF JAPAN, TAIWAN STRIGHTS. OKY100AUJAEIV NOTM ON 1 DEC RADM FOWLER SHIFTED HIS FLAG FROM USS PINE ISLAND TO USS SAILSBURY SOUND AT YOKOSUKA. PINE ISLAND OUT CHOPS 5 DEC.

4. TF 76:

A. CTF 76/CG 9TH MEB EMBARKED IN USS MT MCKINLEY REMAINED IN B BANGKOK 25-30 NOV CONDUCTING THE JUNGLE DRUM III EXER DIRECTORS CONFERENCE. DURING THE INPORT PERIOD, CALLS WERE EXCHANGED WITH LEADING US AND THAI MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS WHILE MT MCKINLEY CONDUCTED OPEN HOUSE AND PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ACTIVITIES. CTF 76 DEPARTED BANGKOK 30 NOV IN HIS FLAGSHIP, ENROUTE SINGAPORE.

B. TG 76.5: PRINCETON COMPLETED FLOOD RELIEF OPS 23 NOV AND JOINED BEXAR AND THOMASTON OFF DANANG ON 4 HOUR REACTION TIME STATION. BEXAR NOW IS PROVIDING LIGHTERAGE SERVICES AT DANANG.

C. TG 76.6 LOADED BLT 3/9 26 NOV AT NUMAZU AND DEPARTED ENROUTE OKINAWA, ARRIVED 29 NOV, OFFLOADED BLT 3/9 AND GROUP SAILED ENR CONUS 30 NOV. WASHBURN, LENAWEE AND GUNSTON HALL ARRIVED SUBIC FROM INCHOP 28 NOV AND ASSUMED 96 HOUR READINESS POSTURE.

D. TG 76.7 ARRIVED SUBIC 25 NOV TO OFFLOAD BLT 2/9; RENVILLE AND WINSTON DEPARTED 27 NOV ENROUTE CONUS, COLONIAL SAILED FOR CONUS 28 NOV. TG 76.8 LANDING SHIP SQUADRON NINE (LESS WASHOE CTY AND WASHTENAW CTY) REMAINED AT YOKO; WASHOE AND WASHTENAW CTY LIFTED ELEMENTS OF THE 12TH MARINES FROM NUMAZU TO OKINAWA, ARRIVING 29 NOV.

F. WHETSTONE AND CAVALIER CONDUCTED LIFT OF BLT 1/3 TO NUMAZU AND ENTERED YOKO FOR UPKEEP.

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5. TF 77:

A. TG 77.4 CONDUCTED TASK GROUP OPS IN THE PHIL AREA 25-26 NOV AND SAILED TO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO CONDUCT A STRIKEX/AWEX 27 NOV AGAINST TG 77.5 PRIOR TO ASSUMING YANKEE TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES 28 NOV.

B. TG 77.5 CONDUCTED SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNTIL RELIEVED 28 NOV THEN SAILED FOR OUTCHOP VIA SUBIC.

C. TG 77.6 DEPARTED HKONG 26 NOV CONDUCTING FIRE POWER PRACTICE ENROUTE SUBIC AND JOINED TG 77.4 28 NOV FOR ASW REHEARSALS. CONSTELLATION EMBARKED GUESTS OF CINCPAC AND SORTIED FROM SUBIC 30 NOV AND COMMENCED CINCPAC WEAPONS DEMO.

D. TG 77.7 SORTIED FROM YOKO 26 NOV FOR ROUTINE TASK GROUPS OPS ENROUTE SUBIC DURING WHICH ROBISON CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL SAME 28 NOV OFF OKINAWA.

6. TF 79:

A. BLT 3/3 WITH HMM 162 REMAINED EMBARKED TG 76.5/1942-48-11 9-5?/

B. BLT 3/9 RETURNED TO OKI 30 NOV FROM PHIBLEX 10-64 DEPLOYMENT TO NUMAZU.

C. 1ST BN 1ST MARINES ARRIVED OKI FROM CONUS 23 NOV AND WAS RE-DESIGNATED 2ND BN 3D MARINES. BLT 1/3 LANDED NUMAZU 28 NOV AND PROCEEDED TO THE FUJI MANEUVER AREA FOR PHIBLEX 14-64.

D. 12TH MARINES. 4TH BN GROUP RETURNED TO OKI 29 NOV. 3D RECON BN CONCLUDED DAY AND NIGHT TRAINING 26 NOV WITH USS SEGUNDO; TRAINING INCLUDED WET AND DRY DECK LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY, LOCK-OUT AND LOCK-IN C EXERCISES AND FREE ASCENT PRACTICE.

7. CINCPAC WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION. APPROXIMATELY 39 TOP MILITARY LEADERS OF CERTAIN FRIENDLY NATIONS WERE INVITED BY CINCPAC TO VIEW A DEMONSTRATION DURING THE PERIOD 28 NOV-5 DEC DISPLAYING REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTIONAL WEAPON OF THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS, ARMY AND AIR FORCE. DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDE: DAY AND NIGHT AIR OPS; AIR TO SURFACE FIREPOWER; ASW OPERATIONS; SURFACE TO AIR AND AIR TO AIR MISSILE SHOTS; NIGHT AIR PHOTOGRAPHY; NIGHT ILLUMINATION AND AIR TO SURFACE WEAPONS; AND AN UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT OF PARTICIPATING FORCES ENROUTE FROM SUBIC TO OKINAWA.

8. RVN FLOOD RELIEF OPERATIONS: DURING THE PERIOD 15-23 NOV, MEN OF USS PRINCETON AND EMBARKED SLF WORKED FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET TO DELIVER FOOD AND CLOTHING PROVIDED BY CHURCH AND WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS TO EXTENSIVELY FLOODED AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. OVER 1000 TONS OF FLOOD RELIEF MATERIALS WERE FLOWN FROM PRINCETON TO PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTION POINTS SOUTH OF DANANG IN SOME 1020 SORTIES BY MEN OF EMBARKED HMM 162, WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES FLEW AMIDST VIET CONG GROUND FIRE TO EFFECT DELIVERY WHICH REQUIRED OVER 600 FLYING HOURS.

ABOARD THE PRINCETON, THE BAKE SHIP OPERATED AROUND THE CLOCK TO CONVERT 8 TONS OF FLOUR TO PROVIDE FLOOD VICTIMS WITH SOME 16,000 LOAVES OF BREAD WHICH IS A MAJOR RICE SUPPLEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

9. VADM JOHNSON CONCLUDED HIS SINGAPORE VISIT 27 NOV AND DEPARTED VIA AIR ENROUTE THE PHILIPPINES WHERE HE BOARDED USS CONSTELLATION TO WITNESS THE CINCPAC WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION. VADM JOHNSON AND ADM T.H. MOORER (CINCPACFLT) HELOED TO THE FLAGSHIP OFF SUBIC 1 DEC FOR DISCUSSIONS, AND STAFF BRIEFINGS, THEN RETURNED TO USS CONSTELLATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DEMO. VADM JOHNSON WILL REJOIN THE FLAGSHIP USS OKLAHOMA CITY 4 DEC AT OKI.

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1. IAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

A. TOTAL TIME 197.8, 55 TRAINING SORTIES; 65 ADMIN SORTIES; 10 SAR SORTIES.
TRAINING EMPHASIS ON ATTAINING SEMI-ANNUAL PILOT MINIMUMS.
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1. THIS IS CHANGE ONE TO REF B.
2. EFFECTIVE SEVEN DECEMBER PORTERFIELD ASSIGNED ALFA-FOUR
3. EFFECTIVE NINE DECEMBER ALFA AND BRAVO GROUP ASSIGNMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ALFA GROUP

A-1 NGASHBURN

A-2 LENAWEE

A-3 GUNSTON HALL

A-4 PORTE FIELD

REACTION TIME TO DANANG FOUR HOURS

B. BRAVO GROUP

B-1 PRINCETON

B-2 BEXAR

B-3 THOMASTON

REACTION TIME TO DANANG NINE-SIX HOURS.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. LAW REP (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED

A. TOTAL TIME 57.9; 33 ADMIN SORTIES; 10 SAR SORTIES; 6 TRAINING SORTIES;
6 TEST SORTIES.

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 HMM 162/WEDDERBURN/MORTON/EDWARDS/HOPEWELL/CINCPACFLT/CINCPAC/
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SVN FLOOD RELIEF OPERATIONS

A. COMUSMACV RELAY TO UDT/SEAL TEAM AT NGA TRAN G,
 CTG 76.7 RELAY TO UDT DET 11C

1. THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF NAVY AND MARINE UNITS DURING
 THE RECENT FLOOD RELIEF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS NOTED WITH
 PLEASURE.

2. THE LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK PERFORMED UNDER UNFAVORABLE
 CONDITIONS BY WINSTON, BEXAR, UDT DET 11C AND UDT/SEAL
 TEAM FROM NHA TRANG WERE MOST COMMENDABLE.

3. WEDDERBURN, HOPEWELL, MORTON AND EDWARDS
 STEPPED INTO THE BREACH AND PROVIDED IMPORTANT RADAR COVERAGE IN A
 NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLE OF FLEET READINESS AND VERSATILITY.

4. EXPEDITIOUS AND EFFICIENT ACTION BY PRINCETON, HMM 162
 AND BLT 3/3 IN DELIVERING RELIEF SUPPLIES DEMONSTRATED TO THE WORLD
 THAT OUR FORCES ARE ALWAYS RESPONSIVE TO HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF A NATION
 IN DISTRESS.

5. SUCH ACCOMPLISHMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT
 INITIATIVE, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND HARD WORK.
 WELL DONE. SIGNED U.S. G. SHARP

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. IWA REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED

A. TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS 46.3. 12 TRAINING SORTIES, 46 ADMIN SORTIES, AND 1 TEST SORTIE. LPH DEPLOYED PERIOD 14 DEC THRU 16 DEC FOR TYPHOON EVASION.

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TO TASK FORCE SEVEN SIX

INFO COMSEVENTHFLT//CINCPACFLT//CTF SEVEN NINE//CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO//
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 B. ANDERSON//USS TOMBIGBEE//USS AGERHOLM//USS O'MANNON

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READY AMPHIBIOUS FORCE (RAF) CONNOTIONAL NUMBER/REACTION TIME
 ASSIGNMENTS.

A. MY 140520Z NOV NOTAL

B. MY 040158Z NOTAL

1. HIS MESSAGE SUPERCEDES REF (B) AND INCORPORATES ALL CHANCES
 THERETO (ONE THRU THREE).

2. RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBERS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS, EFFECTIVE ON DATES
 INDICATED. REACTION TIMES ASSIGNED BY COMSEVENTHFLT.

A. ALFA GROUP - CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS

A-1 WASHBURN

A-2 LENAWEE

A-3 GUNSTON HALL

A-4 PORTERFIELD - NOTE: CONNOTIONAL NUMBER A-4 ASSIGNED R.

B. ANDERSON ON 23 DEC.

EFFECTIVE TWO NINE DECEMBER

A-1 PRINCETON

A-2 THOMASTON

A-4 R. B. ANDERSON (23 DEC)

ALFA GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES TWENTY

FOUR HOUR HOURS.

B. BRAVO GROUP - CUREENT ASSIGNMENTS

B-1 PRINCETON

B-2 BEXAR

B-3 THOMASTON

EFFECTIVE TWO NINE DECEMBER

B-1 LENAWEE

B-2 WASHBURN

B-3 GUNSTON HALL

BRAVO GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES NINE SIX

HOURS.

C. CHARLIE GROUP

C-1 HENRICO

C-2 UNION

C-3 VANCOUVER

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CHARLIE GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE DAYS FOR SHIPS IN JAPAN.

D. DELTA GROUP

D-1 WASHOE
D-2 WASHTENAW
D-3 WINDHAM
D-4 VERNON
D-5 TERREL
D-6 OM GREEN
D-7 WESTCHESTER
D-8 WHITFIELD
D-9 COMSTOCK

D-10 TOMBIGBEE (WHEN ASSIGNED TF 76)

DELTA GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE DAYS FOR SHIPS IN JAPAN.

E. ECHO GROUP

E-1 MT MCKINLEY
E-2 VACANT
E-3 COOK

ECHO GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES NINE SIX HOURS.

F. FOXTROT GROUP (MSTS AUGMENTATION)

F-1 TAK SASEBO
F-2 THRU F-5 LST IWAKUNI
F-6 AND F-7 LST OKINAWA
F-8 AND F-9 LST YOKOUSKA

3. REF A IS THE INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR CONNOTIONAL NUMBERS.
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CTF76/ADMIN 9TH MEB SITREP ONE AS OF 250600Z

1. FORWARD GROUP (TG 76.6, LENAWE, WASHBURN, GUNSTON HALL AND PORTERFIELD WITH BLT 2/9), ENROUTE CAP ST JACQUES ETA 260100Z.

2. ALERT GROUP (TG 76.5 PRINCETON, THOMASTON AND BEXAR WITH HMM-162, PLT "C", CO 3RD RECON BN AND BLT 1/9) ENROUTE FIVE AND A HALF HOURS AFTER TOD FIRST MOVEMENT DIRECTIVE BY CTF 76.5 PRINCETON ETA STATION 261200Z. BEXAR BEACH SURVEY DANANG (NOT YET CLEARED) WILL SLIP.

3. CTF 75 AND ADMIN 9TH MEB STAFF IN MT MCKINLEY UNDERWAY WITH
BEXAR AND THOMASTON IN COMPANY. ETA STATION 271300Z.

4. COOK UNDERWAY 251000Z WITH UDT DET. CG 9TH MEB WHO ARRIVES CUBI BY AIR 250715Z AND 76.5 STRAGGLERS. RDVU WITH CTF 76 ENROUTE 26TH. JUNGLE DRUM III BEACH SURVEY IN ABEYANCE SUBJ DECISION IN NEXT FEW DAYS, BUT ALL NECESSARY PERSONNEL ABOARD.

5. COMPHIBRON ONE WITH RESERVE GROUP (TG 76.7 HENRICO, VANCOUVER AND UNION WITH BLT 3/3 "C" CO(A) 3RD RECON BN) REMAINS SUBIC ON 12 HOURS NOTICE. FORWARD, ALERT AND RESERVE TASK GROUPS HAVE EMBARKED DETS OF UDT, NBC AND TACRON AND READY FOR INDEPENDENT EMPLOYMENT.

6. COMLSTRON 9 WITH DELTA GROUP (EXCEPT COMSTOCK) IN PORTS YOKO AREA UNTIL 2 JAN. READY TO RESPOND. COMSTOCK IN SUBIC WITH PTF EMBARKED. PTF LIFT IN ABEYANCE. CAN RELOAD NBC LIFT IN THREE HOURS. REMAINING NBC PERSONNEL WILL BE EMBARKED DELTA GROUP. IF OVER THE BEACH FUEL NECESSARY, TOMBIGBEE (IN SUBIC) AND COMSTOCK WITH LCU REQUIRED.

7. REEXAMINING CTF 76 OPORD 307A AND CG 9TH MEB OPLAN 5-64 DRAFTED FOR SIMILAR SITUATION SEPT 1964. WILL ISSUE NECESSARY MODS BY MESSAGE.

8. MERRY CHRISTMAS

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

4. FIRST NAME ORDER. 3000,2A

2. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR PERIOD 19 APRIL 21 DECEMBER 1964

A. TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS 204 4, 57 TRAINING SORTIES, 55 ADL IN SORTIES, 4 TEST SORTIES, 2 EVALUATION SORTIES. TRAINING EMPHASIS IS DELETED FOR RDS ATTAINING SEMI ANNUAL MINIMUMS AND NIGHT VOL.

1. VISITED BY MRS. GENERAL FORTIANA 21 DECEMBER 1964.

G. CONFIDENTIAL: LIBERTY TERMINATED AND ALL PERSONNEL RETURNED TO WORKING OF 25 DECEMBER 1961. PRINCIPAL DEPARTED SUBIC BAY AT 11:00 PM.

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CTF 76/CG 9TH MEB SITREP FOUR AS OF 261600Z

1. SITUATIONS/DEPLOYMENTS

A. PRINCETON ARRIVED OFF CAP ST JACQUES 261210Z.

B. ETA STATION CTF 76 IN MT MCKINLEY WITH BEXAR, THOMASTON
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1. CMC NOTES THE EXEMPLARY EFFORTS OF YOUR COMMAND IN RENDERING
SUCCOR AND ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAMESE FLOOD VICTIMS. THESE SELFLESS
EFFORTS DO MUCH TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF PEACE AND UNITY TOWARD
WHICH ALL FREE MEN STRUGGLE. WELL DONE.

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 WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. WGO 3000.2A

1. NAV REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

- A. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOTAL HOURS 134.7; TRAINING SORTIES 33; COMMITMENT SORTIES 65;
 TEST SORTIES 7; S.A.R. SORTIES 8
- B. (CONFIDENTIAL) CONDUCTED NIGHT CARRIER QUALIFICATION 27 & 28 DECEMBER 1964.
 ALL PILOTS REQUALIFIED.

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RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBER/REACTION TIME ASSIGNMENTS

A. MY 240520Z DEC.

1. THIS IS CHANGE ONE TO REF A.

2. MAKE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS TO REF A:

A. ALFA GROUP - A-4 VACANT. CHG REACTION TIME AS FOLLOWS: ←

FOUR HOURS CAP ST JACQUES, FORTY HOURS DANANG.

B. BRAVO GROUP - CHG REACTION TIME AS FOLLOWS: FOUR HOURS CAP ST JACQUES, FORTY-SIX HOURS DANANG.

C. CHARLIE GROUP - CHG REACTION TIME TO SEVENTY HOURS CAP ST JACQUES, SIXTY-TWO HOURS DANANG.

D. DELTA GROUP -

D-1 TOM GREEN

D-2 WHITEFIELD

D-3 WINDHAM

D-4 WESTCHESTER

D-5 TERRELL

D-6 WASHOE

D-7 VERNON

D-8 WASHTENAW

D-9 & 10 NO CHANGE

E. ECHO GROUP - CHG REACTION TIME TO FOUR HOURS CAP ST. JACQUES, FORTY HOURS DANANG.

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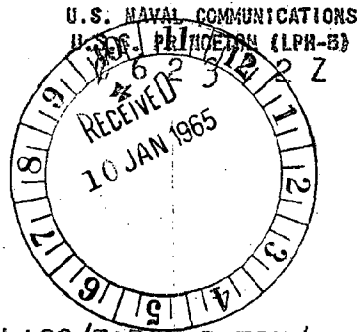
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B. MY 020209Z DEC 64 NOTAL

1. REF A AND B REFER.

2. A PERSONAL LETTER FROM GENERAL KHANG, COMMANDANT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MARINE CORPS, HAS BEEN RECEIVED EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM FMFPAC MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM IN VIETNAM. A PORTION OF THE LETTER IS QUOTED BELOW: "ON BEHALF OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINE BRIGADE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OUR FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM FOR MARINE DEPENDENT FAMILIES. GESTURES SUCH AS THIS SERVE TO TIGHTEN THE EXISTING BONDS FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE MARINE BRIGADE AND THE US MARINE CORPS."

3. TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY-THANK YOU AND WELL DONE.

LTGEN KRULAK.

*To Command
Diary*

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 174. TRAINING SORTIES 13; SAR SORTIES 10; ADMIN SORTIES 82; TEST SORTIES 8.

b. VISITED 7 JAN '65 B. MAJ. GEN. D. M. ODEM, COMMANDER, US ARMY SUPPORT
COMMAND, VIET NAM.

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DRAPPER *H. B. Shedden*
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TO TF SEVEN SIX

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE//CG NINTH MEB//USS TOMBIGBEE

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RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBER/REACTION TIME ASSIGNMENTS

A. MY 140500Z NOV NOTAL

B. MY 240520Z DEC

1. THIS MSG SUPERCEDES REF B AND INCORPORATES ALL CHANGES THERETO (ONE THRU FIVE)

2. RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBERS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE ON 16 JAN OF AS INDICATED.

REACTION TIMES ASSIGNED BY COMSEVENTHFLT.

A. ALFA GROUP - CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS

A-1 PRINCETON

A-2 BEXAR

A-3 THOMASTON

A-4 OBANNON

EFFECTIVE TWENTY SIX JANUARY

A-1 HENRICO

A-2 UNION

A-3 VANCOUVER

A-4 OBANNON

ALFA GROUP REACTION TIME FOUR HOURS TO CAP ST JACQUES. FORTY HOURS TO DANANG

B. BRAVO GROUP - CURRENT ASSIGNMENT

B-1 HENRICO

B-2 UNION

B-3 VANCOUVER

EFFECTIVE TWENTY SIX JANUARY

B-1 PRINCETON

B-2 BEXAR

B-3 THOMASTON

BRAVO GROUP REACTION TIME NINETY SIX HOURS TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES

C. CHARLIE GROUP

C-1 LENAWEE

C-2 WASHBURN

C-3 GUNSTON HALL

CHARLIE GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE DAYS WHEN IN JAPAN

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- D. DELTA GROUP
D-1 TOM GREEN
D-2 VERNON
D-3 WINDHAM
D-4 WESTCHESTER
D-5 TERRELL
D-6 WASHOE
D-7 WHITFIELD
D-8 WASHTENAW
D-9 COMSTOCK
D-10 TOM BIGBEE

DELTA GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT
NINE DAYS WHEN IN JAPAN

- E. ECHO GROUP
E-1 MT MCKINLEY
E-2 VACANT
E-3 COOK

ECHO GROUP REACTION TIME TO DANANG/CAP ST JACQUES NINETY
SIX HOURS.

- F. FOXTROT GROUP (MSTS AUGMENTATION)

- F-1 TAK SASEBO
F-2 THRU F-5 LST IWAKUNI
F-3 AND F-7 LST OKINAWA
F-8 AND F-9 YOKOUSKA

FOXTROT REACTION TIME UNDETERMINED

3. REF A IS THE INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR CONNOTIONAL NUMBERS
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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. LAW REP (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 112.3; TRAINING SORTIES 27; SAR SORTIES 7; ADMIN SORTIES 44;

TEST SORTIES 14.

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CTG 79.5

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000:2A

1. JAW MAP (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 123.0; TRAINING SORTIES 39; SAR SORTIES 5; ADMIN SORTIES 40;
TEST SORTIES 7.

WRITER: <i>B. Sheedden</i> B. SHEEDDEN										RELEASED: <i>Curtis</i> O. W. CURTIS									
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CTG 76.7//CTG 76.8//CTG 76.6//CG NINTH MEB**SECRET**

AMPHIBIOUS READINESS POSTURE (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 230911Z NOTAL

1. JAW REF A PLACE TG 76.5 (PRINCETON, BEXAR, THOMASTON WITH BLT 1/9 AND HMM 162 EMB) ON 96 HOUR READINESS POSTURE IN SO CHINA SEA.
2. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TG 76.5 TO REMAIN ASGN AS ALFA GROUP (FORWARD TG) ON 96 HOURS NOTICE.
3. RETURN TG 76.7 (HENRICO, UNION AND VANCOUVER WITH BLT 3/9 EMB) TO NORMAL OPS/PLACE BRAVO GROUP (ALERT TG) ON 8-9 DAY REACTION TIME TO RVN, BLT 3/9 TO BE OFFLOADED AT OKI.
4. SUBMIT SKED CHG REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT ABOVE.

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RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBER/REACTION TIME ASSIGNMENTS

A. MY 140500Z NOV NOTAL

B. MY 150650Z

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 231110Z NOTAL

1. THIS MSG SUPERCEDES REF B.

2. RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBERS ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE 24 JAN.
 REACTION TIMES AS CHANGED BY COMSEVENTHFLT (REF C).

A. ALFA GROUP

A-1 PRINCETON

A-2 BEXAR

A-3 THOMASTON

A-4 VACANT

ALFA GROUP REACTION TIME NINETY SIX HOURS TO RVN.

B. BRAVO GROUP

B-1 HENRICO

B-2 UNION

B-3 VANCOUVER

BRAVO GROUP REACTION TIME TO RVN EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE
 DAYS WHEN SHIPS IN JAPAN.

C. CHARLIE GROUP

C-1 LENAWEE

C-2 WASHBURN

C-3 GUNSTON HALL

CHARLIE GROUP REACTION TIME TO RVN EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE
 DAYS WHEN SHIPS IN JAPAN.

D. DELTA GROUP

D-1 TOM GREEN

D-2 VERNON

D-3 WINDHAM

D-4 WESTCHESTER

D-5 TERREL

D-6 WASHOE

D-7 WHITEFIELD

D-8 WASHTENAW

D-9 COMSTOCK

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D-10 TOMBIGBEE (WHEN ASGN TF 76)

DELTA GROUP REACTION TIME TO RVN EIGHT DAYS EXCEPT NINE DAYS FOR SHIPS IN JAPAN.

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FOXTROT GROUP REACTION TIMES UNDETERMINED.

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03E)

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of 27 March 1965

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Pacific

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From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Via: Commanding General, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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NONE

6. DEFICIENCIES IN PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES, OR ASSIGNED SHIPPING: NONE

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- 1 HYDRAULIC TEST STAND
- 3 COMPRESSORS
- 2 MAINTENANCE PLATFORMS
- 1 PORTABLE HYDRAULIC PUMP
- 98 TOTAL

5. SUPPLIES

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CLASS I

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NUMBER

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37,544 MEALS

2,786

82,680

1,760 GALLONS

352

16,756

CLASS II & IIA

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WEIGHT

2,337

37,694

15,826

303,398

CLASS ICI & IIC

NONE

NONE

CLASS IV & IVA

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1,384

26,280

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HIGH EXPLOSIVES

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736,200

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A. FMFPAC 4600.1E

CO TROOPS SENDS

1. USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) COMMENCED LOADING 161300H AND COMPLETED LOADING 170030H.

2. ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION:

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THIRD BN THIRD MAR		27/520	3/27	0/0	30/547
DET HQ BN		1/9	1/1	0/0	2/10
DET THIRD ENGINEERS		1/24	0/1	0/0	1/25
DET THIRD RECON BN		1/21	0/0	0/0	1/21
DET A CO THIRD MED BN		0/0	0/6	0/0	0/6
DET C BTRY ONE/TWELVE		3/31	0/0	0/0	3/31
DET THIRD SHORE PARTY BN		0/1	0/0	0/0	0/1

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W. W. VARDELL

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TOTALS	90/807	5/37	0/0	95/844

3. WEAPONS SUMMARY:

- 290 M-14 RIFLES 7.62MM
- 180 M1911A1 PISTOLS CAL .45
- 84 PISTOLS CAL 38
- 22 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS
- 74 M-60 MACHINE GUNS
- 4 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES
- 4 81MM MORTARS
- 8 M2A1 PORTABLE FLAMETHROWERS
- 24 M3A1 GREASE GUNS
- 18 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS

4. VEHICLE SUMMARY: (continued)

- 4 M-274/106
- 14 M-274
- 20 M-422
- 17 M-100
- 2 C-120
- 24 UE-34D
- 6 POWER UNITS
- 2 ENGINE STANDS
- 1 TRANSMISSION STAND

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FREQS FOR 1 CORPS HELO OPNS. DESIRE CTE 79.3.3.6 PROVIDE BRIEFERS AND HELO TRANS FOR BRIEFERS TO PRINCETON TO BE AT QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD BY 170700H FOR INITIAL MEETING WITH PRINCETON AND CTG 76.5 REPRESENTATIVES.

5. COORDINATION

A. REQ INITIAL MEETING USOM, MACV, PRINCETON AND CTG 76.5 REPS QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD BY 170700H, FOLLOWED BY MACV, USOM, CTE 79.3.3.6 BRIEFING ABOARD PRINCETON.

B. REQ ONE HELO PILOT OF TG 76.5 BE ASSIGNED TO DRCC ASHORE LIAISON. ALSO DESIRE EMBARK ONE MACV REP AND TWO USOM REP ABOARD PRINCETON IMMEDIATELY AFTER INITIAL MEETING AT QUANG NGAI. PLAN FOR FIRST DAY'S OPERATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY THESE REPS.

C. DRCC IS OBTAINING 1:250,000 AND 1:50,000 MAPS OF OPERATING AREAS FOR USE OF CTG 76.5 PILOTS.

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TO: CG, 9th MEB

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CG, THIRD MEF
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CG, THIRD MARDIV
CG, 1st MAM
CTF 76
CTG 76.5
BTH ONE SIX TWO
3D MARDIV REP SUBIC/DET MASS CUBI
-C CG, 3D RECON BN SUBIC

RAID TRAINING

(A) CTG 79.5 141025Z NOTAL

(B) CG, 9th MEB 091420Z

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1. REF (A) INDICATED A REDUCED CAPABILITY OF HM-162 TO CONDUCT MAXIMUM TRAINING REQUESTED BY REF (B).

2. IN REF (B), THE FOLLOWING POST TRAINING REPORT IS SUBMITTED. THE FOLLOWING IS A DAILY BREAKDOWN OF TRAINING ACCOMPLISHED.

16DEC64 HELICOPTER ORIENTATION LECTURES, EMBARK/DEBARK DRILLS WITH COMBAT EQUIPMENT, GUNNING DRILLS AND HYDRAULIC HOIST PICKUP DRILL FOR 60 PEOPLE UTILIZING 3 STATIC DISPLAY UH-34'S AND INSTRUCTORS.

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- 17DEC64 DAY HELICOPTER LIFT OF REIN PLTS APPROX 50 TROOPS FROM STAGING AREA TO TACTICAL LANDING ZONE, GREEN BEACH, SUBIC BAY. PLTS RON, CONDUCTED DAY/NIGHT SQUAD RECON PATROLS AND AMBUSH OPERATIONS.
- 18DEC64 DAY HELICOPTER LIFT FROM GREEN BEACH TO CO. J C.P.. ON RETURN CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT RAPELLING FOR 65 TROOPS AT ALTITUDE OF 70-100 FEET. THIS WAS THE FIRST ACTUAL HELICOPTER RAPPEL FOR THE MAJORITY OF TROOPS. ORIENTATION LECTURE FOR CO. "C" BY UDT-12 AND FREE DROP WATER ENTRY DRILLS FROM STATIC HELICOPTER.
- 19DEC64 ACTUAL FREE DROP WATER ENTRY FOR 40 TROOPS 500 METERS OFF NAS CUBI RECREATION BEACH IN 100 FEET OF WATER AT ALTITUDES OF 10-20 FEET ABOVE THE WATER AND SPEEDS FROM 5-20 KNOTS. THESE INITIAL DROPS WERE MADE IN SWIM GEAR AND TROOP VESTS. COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH HELICOPTERS, RESCUE BOAT, AND BEACH CONTROL. PICK UP UTILIZING JACOBS LADDER WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND AN EXPEDITIOUS MEANS FOR WATER RECOVERY. RIGIDITY OF JACOBS LADDER TRILLED WELL AND PROVED FAR SUPERIOR TO ROPE LADDER.
- 21DEC64 FREE DROP WATER ENTRY FOR 40 TROOPS WITH COMBAT EQUIPMENT OF DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS AND PERSONNEL WEAPONS AT 20 FEET AND 20 KNOTS. FREE DROP OF FLOTATION DEVICES DESIGNED FROM PONCHO AND AIR MATTRESS CARRYING, RADIOS, M.G., RIFLES AND PACKS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. LCR (RUBBER BOAT, SLALL) FREE DROP WAS SUCCESSFUL BUT AIR BOTTLE FAILED TO INFLATE LCR. SUBSEQUENT PICKUP OF LCR BY HOIST VERY DIFFICULT FOR SWIMMERS TO DEFLATE, ROLL AND PROPERLY SECURE PRIOR TO HYDRAULIC HOIST

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PICKUP. BOMB FILLED WITH WATER THROUGH TWO WAY VALVE AND INCREASED WEIGHT WHICH MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR CREW CHIEF TO TOLL IT INTO CABIN. FOR FUTURE TESTS, RECOMMEND UTILIZING ONE WAY VALVES AND ROLLING UPSIDE DOWN TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF TRAPPED WATER. DUSK/NIGHT RAPELLING CONDUCTED AT CO. C C.P. UTILIZING 2 UH-34 AT ALTITUDE OF 70-90 FEET. RAPELLING SPOT WAS MARKED WITH A WHITE WIND "T" AND BATTLE LANTERN. HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

3. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. RAPELLING TEAMS CONSISTED OF 4 OR 5 TROOPS WITHOUT EQUIPMENT AND CREW CHIEF

B. FREE DROP WATER ENTRY TEAMS CONSISTED OF 5 TROOPS AND CREW CHIEF.

4. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED THROUGHOUT THE TRAINING PERIOD AND THE LOSS OF ONE M-14 DURING FREE DROP WATER ENTRY WAS THE ONLY EQUIPMENT LOST OR DAMAGED.

INTEND TO CONDUCT FURTHER TRAINING AND EVALUATION NEXT INPORT PERIOD IF HRP-162 AND CO. C TRAINING SCHEDULE COMPATIBLE.

CO. C TROOPS EAGER TO CONTINUE TRAINING, THIS PERIOD DEFINATE MORAL BOOST.

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CTG 76.5 TRNG OPORD 314-65

- A. CTG 76.5 OPORD 201-65 (U)
B. CTG 76.5 OPLAN 203-65 (1.)
1. SITUATION: TG 76.5 WITH TG 79.5 EMBARKED WILL CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE ON 2 FEB 1965.
 2. MISSION: IAW REF A AND B
 3. EXECUTION: TG 76.5 WILL CONDUCT A SURFACE TURN-AWAY LANDING EXERCISE IN THE GREEN BEACH OPAREA, AND A HELO LANDING EXERCISE INTO THE NAVBASE SUBIC AREA ON 2 FEB 1965.
 - A. TU 76.5.3 HELICOPTER TRANSPORT UNIT
 1. COMMENCING L-HOUR LAND ONE RIFLE COMPANY MINUS BY HELO IN THE VIC OF THE TRACKED VEHICLE PARKING COMPLEX ON NAVBASE, SUBIC.
 2. ESTABLISH AN HDC FOR THE CONTROL OF THE HELO SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT.
 3. PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY ANNEXES IAW REF (B)
 - B. TU 76.5.2 SURFACE TRANSPORT UNIT
 1. CONDUCT A TURN-AWAY LANDING WITH EMBARKED LANDING FORCE UNITS.
 2. PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY ANNEXES IAW REF B.
 - C. TG 79.5 LANDING FORCES
 1. LAND ON ORDER BY SURFACE AND AIR MEANS IN SUBIC BAY AREA IN SUPPORT OF REFERENCES A AND B AND THIS ORDER.
 2. PROVIDE HELOS FOR THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT
 - D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 1. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING UPON RECEIPT AND FOR EXECUTION ON SIGNAL.
 2. D-DAY IS 2 FEB 1965
 3. L-HOUR IS 0715H: H-HOUR IS 0800H
 4. ALL UNITS BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE TASKS ASSIGNED IN IAW REFS A, B AND THIS OPORD.
 5. TU 76.5.3
 - A. MAINTAIN STATION IN OPAREA ALFA AS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT HELO SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT.
 6. TU 76.5.4
 - A. DETACH ON ORDER, PROCEED TO DESIGNATED ANCHORAGE, CONDUCT SURFACE LANDING, SUBMIT SITREPS TO CTG 76.5.

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7. AIR OPERATIONS AND SAR IAW ANNEX H REF A
8. SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT IAW ANNEX I REF A AS SUPPORTED BY REF B
9. CONTROL IAW REFS A AND B

4. LOGISTICS/ADMINISTRATION. IAW REF A

5. COMMAND/SIGNAL

A. COMMAND IAW REF A.

B. SIGNAL

1. IAW ANNEX N TO REF A

2. HELOS WILL GUARD NAS CUBI PT TWR FREQ WHEN IN NAS CUBI CONTROL ZONE.

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1. EFFECTIVE 6 MAR HMM-365 ASSIGNED OPCON CTG 79.5 AS HMM
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CONTINGENCY POSTURE (U)

1. RETURN TO 76.5 TO SUBIC FOR UPK ON 36 HOURS REACTION TIME TO RVN.
CHOP BLACK TO CTG 70.8 ON DEPARTURE.

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TG 76.5 SKD (U)
A. CTG 76.5 240243Z NOTAL
1. PERGRA TG 76.5 DEPART STATION WHEN RELIEVED BY TG 76.6 AND THEN
PROCEED SUBIC BEST SPEED.
2. ADVISE FIRM ETA SUBIC WHEN KNOWN.
3. FOR COMNAVBASE SUBIC: REQUEST ASGN PRINCETON PIER SPACE PERIOD
6-8 MAR FOR BLT ROTATION AND UPKEEP. ETA TG 76.5 SUBIC LATE
6 MAR WITH DEPARTURE 9 MAR.

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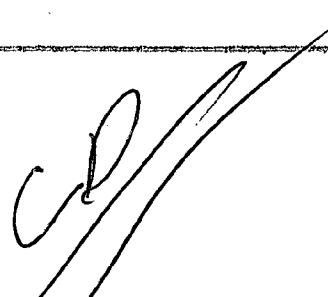
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(B) COMSEVENTHFLEET 230914Z

1. REF (A) SCHEDULES TG 76.5 SPECOPS THROUGH 3 MAR. ENROUTE
4-6 MAR.
2. REQUEST PERMISSION LEAVE STATION WHEN RELIEVED BY TG 76.6 WITH
ARRIVAL SUBIC ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

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A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 93.9; ADMIN SORTIES 45; WAR SORTIES 4; TEST SORTIES 3;

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY, PERIOD 6-12 FEBRUARY 1965

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 78.9; ADMIN SORTIES 45; ORDNANCE EVALUATION SORTIES 4;

SAR SORTIES 5; TEST SORTIES 8; TRAINING SORTIES 14.

b. VISITED BY LT. GEN. KRULAK ON 6 FEBRUARY 1965.

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 292332Z NOTAL

1. DEPARTED CAP ST JACQUES WITH TG 76.5 AT 300900Z

2. ETA SUBIC 020000Z FEB

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY, PERIOD 30JAN65 THRU 5FEB65

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1.. LAW REP (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

- a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 68.7; TRAINING SORTIES 8; ADMIN SORTIES 29; TEST SORTIES 4;
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AMPHIBIOUS READINESS POSTURE (U)

A. CINCPAC 291942Z NOTAL PASEP

B. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 292109Z NOTAL

1. IAW REF A AND B PLACE TG 76.5 (ALFA GROUP: PRINCETON, BENAR, THOMASTON WITH BLT 1/9 AND HMM 162 EMB) ON 96 HOUR READINESS POSTURE IN SO CHINA SEA.

2. RETURN TG 76.7 (BRAVO GROUP: HENRICO, UNION AND VANCOUVER) TO NORMAL OPS ON 8-9 DAY REACTION TIME TO RVN: BLT 3/9 TO BE OFFLOADED AT OKI.

3. RETURN MT MCKINLEY WITH CTF 76 AND CG NINTH MEB TO NORMAL OPS.

4. RELEASE O'BANNON AND GURKE TO DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY CTG 77.8.

5. KEEP ALCON ADVISED OF ETD'S AND ETA'S. SUBMIT SKED CHG REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT ABOVE. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MSG.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW ORDER 3000.2A

1. IAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

a. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN 51.0; TRAINING SORTIES 12; SAR SORTIES 6; TEST SORTIES 3;
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RAF CONNOTIONAL NUMBER/REACTION TIME ASSIGNMENTS

A. MY 250150Z NOTAL

1. THIS IS CHANGE ONE TO REF A.

2. MAKE FOLLOWING CHG TO REF A:

A. ALFA GROUP - ADD A-4 O'BANNON. CHG REACTION TIME TO
READ QUOTE SIX HOURS TO CAP ST JACQUES UNQUOTE.B. BRAVO GROUP - ADD B-4 GURKE. CHG REACTION TIME TO
READ QUOTE SIX HOURS TO DANANG UNQUOTE.C. ECHO GROUP - CHG REACTION TIME TO READ QUOTE E-1 SIX
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AMPHIBIOUS POSTURE

A. MY 262346Z

1. ON STA ASSUMING SIX HOUR REACTION TIME 271630Z.

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all efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. Operations continued throughout the day and the last supplies were off loaded on the morning of 22 November. Upon completion of relief operations, records indicate a total of 837 tons were delivered. 30% was distributed to Quang Ngai Province, 30% to Quang Tin Province, and 40% to Binh Dinh Province.

The Princeton remained at Qui Nhon the following day to continue the combined helicopter/UDT search for the still missing body of LCpl NIPPER. At the completion of the search operations, the Princeton departed Qui Nhon for DaNang. Upon arrival on 24 November the Princeton again assumed a four (4) hour reaction time. Ready, alert status remained the same until 9 November, when TG 76.5 was relieved and placed on a 96 hour reaction time. Task Group 76.5 departed DaNang and arrived at Subic Bay for an in port period which lasted from 11 December until 25 December with the exception of two days spent at sea during typhoon evasion.

During this in port period, extensive raid training was conducted 16 December through 21 December with "C" Co., 3rd Recon Bn. Pilot training continued with emphasis placed on attaining night and instrument annual minimums as required by OPNAV Instruction 3710.7B.

On the morning of 25 December 1964 all members of TG 76.5 were recalled. The Task Group departed Subic Bay, arriving on station off Saigon (Cape St. JACQUES) 26 December. Alert status continued on a four (4) hour reaction basis until 25 January 1965. HMM-162 continued administrative support of TG 76.5 as before while maintaining the capability of airlifting the embarked BLT 2/9, which had replaced BLT 3/3 while at Subic Bay.

On 25 January TG 76.5 departed station to visit Hong Kong, however, the Task Group was alerted enroute and ordered to return to station on 26 January. This new four (4) hour alert status remained in effect until 30 January when relief was affected and the Task Group returned to Subic Bay on 2 February 1965 on a 96 hour reaction posture. Prior to arrival at Subic Bay a practice amphibious exercise was conducted. Elements of the embarked BLT were helo lifted to a LZ at Subic Bay.

The Task Group remained at Subic Bay until alerted by CTG 76 on 7 February. The squadron was ordered to recall at about 0900. By 1400 all squadron and BLT personnel were aboard and the Task Group set sail for Saigon at 1800.

From 9 February until 27 February the Task Group remained on a four (4) hour reaction posture out of sight of land in the vicinity of Saigon. On 27 February, TG 76.5 was relieved by TG 76.6 and got underway for Subic Bay arriving at 0800 on 2 March 1965. HMM-162 was relieved by HMM-365 at 0001 on 6 March 1965 and was air lifted to MCAF Futema, Okinawa, arriving on 6 March 1965.

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On 14 October 1964, HMM-162 embarked upon the USS Princeton (LPH-5) at Buckner Bay, Okinawa as directed by FMAW message 07054Z. Upon arrival at Subic Bay, P.I., preparations were made to relieve HMM-364 as the helicopter squadron of TG 79.5 and as CTG 79.5. Relief was effected on 17 October.

During the in port period of 17 October through 25 October, liaison and staff planning were conducted with TG 76.5, USS Princeton, and the embarked BLT 3/3. A pilot refresher training program was accomplished with day and night FCLP qualifications conducted. Emphasis was also placed on instrument training.

The USS Princeton with TG 76.5 and embarked TG 79.5 departed Subic Bay 26 October to relieve TG 76.6 stationed off Nha Trang, RVN. Upon arrival 28 October, relief was effected and TG 76.5 became ready group ALPHA, remaining in the vicinity of Nha Trang until 1 November 1964 when it was ordered to sail for DaNang. Arriving 2 November, the Task Group assumed a position out of sight of land on a four (4) hour reaction time. This increased readiness was ordered in response to the Viet Cong attack on Bien Hoa airfield, RVN. From 2 November until 8 November, reaction time and ready posture remained the same. During the on station period, HMM-162, engaged in flight operations in support of TG 76.5. Such support consisted of daily intership transfers of personnel, cargo, and mail. Average flight time in administrative support was approximately 8 - 10 hours daily. Training flights were held to a minimum commensurate with the reaction posture.

Task Group 76.5, after being relieved by Task Group 76.7, departed for Hong Kong on 8 November, arriving 10 November. On 12 November CTG 76.5 was directed to participate in rescue and disaster relief operations in South Viet Nam. Nine hundred tons of relief supplies were loaded aboard the USS Princeton, destined for the flood ravaged coastal region of South Viet Nam. The Task Group departed Hong Kong on 15 November.

At 1155H, on 17 November, relief operations commenced off the coastal city of Quang Ngai. Liaison was conducted with U.S.O.M. representatives, COMUSMACV, and U.S. Army operations personnel from the Quang Ngai airport. Although flight operations were hampered by rain and reduced visibility, 72,500 pounds of flour, wheat, and bread were flown ashore the first day. The weather deteriorated to the point of unsafe flight minimums and operations were suspended at 1400H. Weather conditions remained the same throughout the next day. On 19 November, relief operations were resumed with supplies being flown to Tamky. Small arms fire was encountered South East of the city. Operations continued in the local area without interruption, and were completed on 20 November 1964, at 1800H.

The USS Princeton departed the Quang Ngai/Tamky area on the evening of 20 November, and headed for the vicinity of Qui Nhon, 100 miles South. Relief operations commenced at 0658H on 21 November to the Qui Nhon airport. Shortly after operations began, YS-24 experienced engine failure and was ditched 2 miles from the ship. Both pilot (WO WASHAM) and copilot (CAPT PLASTERER) were recovered uninjured. The body of one passenger, LCpl David NIPPER, was never found. The crew chief, Cpl Richard D. SLACK, was returned to the Princeton unconscious and

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 2. PERIOD COVERED: 14 October 1964 - 6 March 1965
 3. DATE OF SUBMISSION: 1 April 1965
 4. COMMANDING OFFICER: O. W. CURTIS, LtCol, 027924
 5. LOCATION OF COMMAND POST: USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)

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To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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(2) Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing

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Ref: (a) FMFPAC Order 5750.7B

Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data Sheet
✓(2) Itinerary of Operations
✓(3) Narrative Summary
✓(4) Supporting Documents (Original Only)

1. The following diary is submitted in accordance with Reference (a).

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14Oct64-16Oct64	Underway to Subic Bay, P.I.	--
17Oct64-26Oct64	In Port Subic Bay, P.I.	96
26Oct64-28Oct64	Underway to Nha Trang, RVN	96
28Oct64-1Nov64	On Station Off Nha Trang, RVN	4
2Nov64-8Nov64	On Station Off DaNang, RVN	4
10Nov64-15Nov64	In Port Hong Kong	96
15Nov64-17Nov64	Underway	96
17Nov64-20Nov64	At Sea Off Quang Nhay/Tamky, RVN	96
20Nov64-21Nov64	Underway to Qui Nhon, RVN	96
21Nov64-23Nov64	At Sea Off Qui Nhon, RVN	96
23Nov64-9Dec64	At Sea Off DaNang, RVN	4
10Dec64-11Dec64	Underway to Subic Bay, P.I.	96
11Dec64-13Dec64	In Port Subic Bay, P.I.	96
14Dec64-15Dec64	At Sea	96
16Dec64-25Dec64	In Port Subic Bay, P.I.	96
25Dec64-26Dec64	Underway to Saigon, RVN	24
26Dec64-25Jan65	On Station At Sea Off Saigon, RVN	4
25Jan65-26Jan65	Underway to Hong Kong	96
26Jan65-27Jan65	Underway to Saigon	24
27Jan65-31Jan65	On Station At Sea Off Saigon, RVN	4
31Jan65-2Feb65	Underway to Subic Bay, P.I.	96
2Feb65-7Feb65	In Port Subic Bay, P.I.	96
7Feb65-9Feb65	Underway to Saigon, RVN	96
9Feb65-27Feb65	On Station At Sea Off Saigon, RVN	6
27Feb65-2Mar65	Underway to Subic Bay, P.I.	96
2Mar65-5Mar65	In Port Subic Bay, P.I.	96
6Mar65	Relieved At Subic Bay, P.I.	--

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DAILY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. 1ST HRS MSG 160403Z OCT 64

1. LAG RPT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST IS SUBMITTED.

1. NONE

2. RESUME OF FLIGHT OPS 1.3 HRS FOLD, 3.6 HRS MED EVAC, 11.5 HRS ADREN. GROUP LIFT, 2.2 HRS TEST.

3. NONE

4. NONE

5. NONE

6. NONE

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. FIRST MAW MSG 160403Z OCT 63

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1. LTGEN KRULAK BRIG GEN COURSEY INSPECTING TRAINING OF SLF BLT AND HMM SQD
2. RESUME OF FLIGHT OPS 154.9 TRAINING HRS, 2.1 MED EVAC HRS, 6.0 ADMIN VIP HRS
11.3 TEST HRS, TOTAL HRS 174.3
3. NONE
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. SAILING FROM SUBIC BAY 26 OCT 64 ON STATION SLF.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. 1ST MAW MSC 160403Z OCT 63

1. 1AW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1. NONE

2. TOTAL TIME 68.5, COMMITMENT SORTIES 22, TRAINING SORTIES 58, 52 PILOTS DAY CQ.

3. NONE

4. NONE

5. NONE

6. ANTICIPATE FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 PILOTS NIGHT CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS.

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SAILING ORDERS/POSTURE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 050834Z NOTAL

B. COMSEVENTHFLT SECOND QTR EMPLMT SCHED FY 65

C. MY 050450Z NOTAL

D. CTF 73 042243Z NOTAL

E. CTG 76.8 151543Z NOTAL

1. CTG 76.5 WITH TG 76.5 AND RUPERTUS, MAINTAIN STATION OUTSIDE SIGHT FROM LAND OFF DANANG PREPARED TO LAND THE LANDING FORCE AT DANANG WITHIN FOUR HOURS AFTER DIRECTED. DIRLAUTH TO 73.3.1 WHILE ON STATION. DIRECT CAVALIER OFFLOADING IN DANANG 7 NOV. ON COMPLETION AND WHEN RELIEVE BY CTG 76.7, CRUSL HONG KONG AND OPERATE IN ACCORD REF C. MAINTAIN READINESS TO GET UNDERWAY TO MEET H-HOUR DANANG ON 96 HOURS NOTICE.

2. CTG 76.6 CONTINUE IN ACCORD REF C.

3. CTG 76.7 WITH TG 76.7 RELIEVE CTG 76.5 OFF DANANG 8 NOV. DIRLAUTH CTU 73.3.1 WHILE ON STATION.

4. TG 76.8 CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT REF B EXCEPT TERRELL CTY DIVERT FROM SAS AND CONTINUE TO HONG KONG UNODIR BY COMSEVENTHFLT.

5. CTF 76/CG NINTH MEB IN MT MCKINLEY ENROUTE SUBIC WITH WEISS. ETA 070900Z. WILL OPERATE IN ACCORD REF B. WEISS DEBARK CO "C" (A) REINF) SUBIC.

6. CLYMER CONTINUE OKI EMBARK COMPHIBRON THREE PROCEED HONG KONG ACCORD REF B.

7. FOR CTF 73: APPRECIATE ACTION REF D, ELKHORN SERVICES NOT NOW REQUIRED.

8. FOR CTG 77.8: ADDITIONAL DESTROYERS REF E. NOT NOW REQUIRED.

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- (5) WASHTENAW CTY AT SUBIC. SAIL SECOND, ETA OKI FIFTH, LOAD, JOIN AND SAIL WITH COMLSTRON 9. ETA OFF DANANG TENTH.
- (6) TERRELL CTY ENROUTE YOKO TO SAS; ETA SECOND DIVERT TO IWAKUNI ETA THIRD LOAD MAG ELMS, SAIL FOURTH ETA OFF DANANG TENTH.
- E. ECHO GROUP. (1) MOUNT MCKINLEY WITH CTF 76/CG NINTH MEB EMBARKED SAIL FROM SUBIC TWO NOV ETA OFF DANANG FOURTH.
- (2) WEISS ENROUTE SUBIC ETA TWO NOV. EMBARK UDT DET AND 9TH MEB RAID COMPANY, SAIL THIRD, ETA OFF DANANG LATE FOURTH.
- (3) CLYMER AT SUBIC, SAIL SECOND ETA OKI FIFTH, LOAD HQ BLT THREE AND MEB REAR, SAIL SIXTH, ETA OFF DANANG NINTH COMPHIBRON THREE PROCEED SUBIC TO OKI BY AIR TWO NOV, SUPERVISE LOAD OKI, JOIN CLYMER ON ARRIVAL.
- F. FOXTROT GROUP. MSTs AUGMENTATION. FOLLOWING SHIPS TO ARRIVE ON BERTH AS INDICATED EARLIEST PRACTICABLE, LOAD MAG SEA ECHELON, AND SAIL DEPENDENTLY TO JOIN CTF 76 OFF DANANG:
 - (1) ONE TAK TO SAS TO LOAD MAG AMMO.
 - (2) SEVEN MSTs LST TO IWA TO LOAD MAG SURFACE ECHELON (SEATAIL).
 - (3) ONE MSTs LST TO YOKO TO LOAD MAG SURFACE ECHELON (SEATAIL).
- G. RECOMMENDED ATTACHMENTS TO JOIN OFF DANANG EARLIEST
 - (1) THREE ADDITIONAL DESTCOYERS, PREFERABLY WITH MAXIMUM GUN POWER AND SHALLOW WATER ASW WEAPONS.
 - (2) ONE MINDIV OF MS OSCARS.
 - (3) COLUMBUS IF AVAILABLE.
 - (4) ELKHORN.
 - (5) CHB#2 (TO EMBARK IN MOUNT MCKINLEY AND ARRIVE OFF DANANG FOURTH).
- 3. RECOMMEND ALERT COMPOSIT MAG AIR ECHELON TO FLIGHT FERRY/AIRLIFT DANANG ON ORDER.
- 4. ACTION NEEDED FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY
 - A. DIRECTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL MOVEMENTS AND LOADOUTS, EXCEPT FOR THE MOVEMENT OF TG 76.5 WHICH IS NOW IN PROGRESS.
 - B. AUTHORITY TO CANCEL JUNGLE DRUM EXERCISE DIRECTORS CONFERENCE BANGKOK.
 - C. ASSIGNMENT OF RECOMMENDED ATTACHMENTS.
 - D. ARRANGE FOR AND DIRECT SAILING OF MSTs AUGMENTATION.
- 5. FOR ALL TF 76 ELEMENTS, UNDERTAKE NO RPT NO ALERT ACTIONS AT THIS TIME WHICH COULD BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, HANDLE PLANNING ON NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS. NO RPT NO PUBLICITY, NO RPT NO MOVEMENTS UNDER FOREGOING PLAN UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS EXCEPT FOR TG 76.5.

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NINTH MEB ADMIN//HMM 162//CO BLSG//CO BEG//BLT TWO NINE//CTE 70.2.1.1

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PREPARATORY ACTION RVN

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 010720Z NOTAL

B. MY 011100Z NOTAL

CTF 76/CG 9TH MEB SITREP 011200Z

1. DEPLOYMENTS: TG 76.5 PRINCETON WITH CAVALIER, ALAMO, AND
COMDESDIV 32 IN RUPERTUS WITH HMM 162 AND BLT THREE SLANT THREE
EMBARKED OFF CAP VARELLA ENROUT POSITION OFF DANANG OUT OF SIGHT
OF LAND ETA TWO NOV.

2. FOLLOWING IS PLAN FOR CLOSING RVN. INTENT TO ASSEMBLE TF 76/9TH MEB.
OFF DANANG EARLIEST.

- A. ALFA GROUP. TG 76.5 NOW ENROUTE DANANG PER PARA ONE ABOVE.
- B. BRAVO GROUP. TG 76.6 (CO PICKAWAY CTG 76.6, WITH TULARE, TORTUGA,
BLT TWO SLANT THREE) NOW IN HONG KONG. SAIL TWO NOV ETA OFF
DANANG FOUR NOV.
- C. CHARLIE GROUP TG 76.7 (CO RENVILLE CTG 76.7 WITH WINSTON,
COLONIAL) ARRIVE OKI TWO NOV. EMBARK BLT TWO SLANT NINE, SAIL
THREE NOV, ETA OFF DANANG SIX NOV.
- D. DELTA GROUP TG 76.8 (COMLSTRON NINE CTG 76.8, WITH LSTRON 9
AND WHETSTONE):

- (1) WHETSTONE AT YOKO, EMBARK NAVBEACHGRU INCLUDING LCUF,
SAIL FOR OKI LATE SECOND ETA FIVE NOV, LOAD LANDING
FORCE ELEMENTS, SAIL SIXTH ETA AT DANANG TENTH.
- (2) COMLSTRON 9 IN WHITFIELD CTY WITH WASHOW AND WESTCHESTER
AT YOKO; EMBARK TWELVE CAUSEWAY SECTIONS, SAIL LATE
TWO NOV, ETA OKI FIFTH, LOAD AND SAIL SIXTH, ETA OFF
DANANG TENTH.
- (3) WINDHAM CTY WITH VERNON CTY NOW ENROUTE YOKO TO KAOHS,
DIVERT TO OKI ETA FOURTH, LOAD, JOIN AND SAIL WITH
COMLSTRON 9, ETA OFF DANANG TENTH.
- (4) TOM GREEN CTY ENROUT SUBIC TO OKI,
ETA SECOND, LOAD, JOIN AND SAIL WITH COMLSTRON 9, ETA
OFF DANANG TENTH.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. 1ST MAW MSG 160403Z OCT 63

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1. NONE
2. TOTAL TIME 85.4, COMMITMENT SORTIES 37, TRAINING SORTIES 28, SAR SORTIES 10
3. NONE
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NO NIGHT CQ AS PLANNED DUE TO INCLEMENT WX

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ACTION IMMEDIATE CINCPAC 830 INFO EPT 1484 DOD 264
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 PRINCETON UNN HONG KONG 175 FROM SAIGON MOV 12, 10PM
 HONG KONG PASS USS PRINCETON

1. REQUEST USS PRINCETON AND EMBARKED HELICOPTERS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. US CONSUL GENERAL HONG KONG BEING REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR LOADING PRINCETON AT HONG KONG (SEPTEL)
3. ANTICIPATE INITIAL EMPLOYMENT VICINITY UANG NGAI. IF ABOVE REQUEST APPROVED, REQUEST PRINCETON ADVISE ETD HONG KONG AND ETA QUANG NGAI. REQUEST INFO AMCONGEN HONG KONG ALL TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT. TAYLOR.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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1. NONE
2. ~~1.0~~ TOTAL TIME 10.9, COMMITMENT SORTIES 8, SAR SORTIES 3
3. NONE
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVM SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

B. AMCONSUL HONG KONG 130843Z

1. COMMENCED LOADING FROM FIRST LIGHTER 141600H. SECOND LIGHTER ALONGSIDE. MATERIAL NOT PALETIZED REQUIRING LOADING VIA CARGO NET. UNDERSTAND TWO MORE LIGHTERS WILL BE AT SHIP BY SUNSET. TOTAL QUANTITY ALL MATERIAL NOT YET FIRM.

2. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE SPACE ON HANGER DECK FOR FOUL WEATHER STOWAGE HELICOPTERS INTEND LIMIT TOTAL RICE TO BE EMBARKED TO 100 TONS. REF B REFERS

3. BREAD BAKING CAPACITY APPROX 1600 LOAVES PER DAY. UNODIR WILL UTILIZE VOLUNTEER RELIEF FLOUR.

4. IN COORDINATION AMERICAN CONSUL AND USIS PRESS REPS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM UPI, HONG KONG MEDIA SING TOO DAILY NEWS, SOUTH CHINA MORNING NEWS, KING SHEUNG DAILY NEWS VISITED SHIP 141500H. WITNESSED COMMENCEMENT LIGHTER UNLOADING, TOURED FLIGHT DECK AND EXTERNAL HELO LIFT WITH DUMMY LOAD. WERE TOLD PRINCETON WAS MADE AVAILABLE AMERICAN CONSUL HONG KONG FOR LOADING RELIEF MATERIAL. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS PRESS WERE TOLD

A. HAD NO ORDERS FOR POINT OF DELIVERY OF MATERIAL. BECAUSE OF UNIQUE HELICOPTER CAPABILITY COULD TRANSFER TO OTHER SHIPS OR OFF-LOAD ASHORE AS REQUIRED

B. IF ORDERED TO REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM COULD ARRIVE WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEPARTURE.

C. HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON TOTAL TONNAGE MATERIAL EXPECTED TO BE AROUND 600 TONS.

D. HELICOPTER EMBARKATION MATERIAL NOT BEING CONDUCTED DUE TO DIFFICULTY GETTING MATERIAL TO STAGING AREA.

E. PRINCETON ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DEPART HONG KONG TODAY. DEPARTURE DELAYED FOR LOADING RELIEF MATERIAL. USIS REP AND AMERICAN CONSUL HONG KONG REP ALONG WITH CO PRINCETON, HMM-162 AND BLT 3/3 WERE PRESENT.

5. HELICOPTER EMBARKATION MATERIAL APPEARS CANCELLED HOWEVER MAINTAINING READINESS TO SO DO.

6. ETD NOT FIRM PENDING ESTABLISHMENT LOADING RATE AND FINAL DETERMINATION

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TOTAL MATERIAL.

7. IF PRACTICABLE WILL UNREP MANATEE 15 NOV AFTER SORTIE. PRESENT
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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN

A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. ARRIVED VIC QUANG NGAI 170320H 3 HELOS TO QUANG NGAI AIRPORT 170630H. ANCHORED 170815H.
2. USMACV J31, USMACV DEPUTY J4 AND USOM REP AND REPS 7TH AIRLIFT PLATOON (ARMED UH1B) SECTOR ADVISORY TEAM QUANG NGAI AND CTE 79.3.3.6 ABOARD PRINCETON 170930H.
3. FIRST HELO LIFTS TO QUANG NGAI SCHEDULED APPROXIMATELY 171115H.
4. RESULT CONF PARA 2 ABOVE:
 - A. PRIORITY TO OFFLOAD PRINCETON AS PRACTICABLE.
 - B. PRINCETON MATERIAL TO GO TO FOLLOWING PROVINCES- QUANG NGAI, QUANG TIN, BINH DINH.
 - C. COMM CIRCUITS, SHACKLES ETC ESTABLISHED
 - D. PRIORITY LIST OFFLOAD MATERIAL ESTABLISHED.
 - E. SQUADRON PILOTS BRIEFED FRIENDLY/ENEMY SITUATION I CORPS AREA
 - F. AVGAS EXCEPT EMERGENCY NOT AVAILABLE QUANG NGAI AIRPORT
 - G. CAN EXPECT USMACV PRESS REPS AND WIRE SERVICE REPS.
5. WEATHER: 1200 FT SCATTERED 7000 FT OVERCAST VIS 10 WIND 070 7 KTS SEA 070 2 TO 3 FT
6. WILL REQUIRE AND REQUEST AVGAS REPLEN FOR 19-20 NOV.
7. REQUEST ADVISE CLASSIFICATION SITREPS DESIRED.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN
A. CTF 76 130020Z

B. CTF 76 160720Z

1. 161700H POSIT 16-47N 110-23E. SPD 12. CRS 210 ETA VIC QUANG NGAI 170320H. WIND 040 30 KTS SEAS NE 6-8. 900 FT OVCST. RAINSHOWERS MAX SHIP ROLL 10 DEGREES, CARGO RIDING SAT.
2. WILL LAUNCH 3 HELOS WITH LIAISON PARTY WEATHER PERMITTING TO ARRIVE QUANG NGAI AIRPORT 170700H. REF B REFERS.
3. FOR COMUSMACV. REQUEST YOUR BRIEFING PARTY HAVE INFO AS TO AVAILABILITY 115/145 AVGAS REFUELING QUANG NGAI AIRPORT.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN

A. CTG 76 130020Z

B. AMEMBASSY SAIGON 141018Z

C. MY 150225Z

1. 161000H POSIT 18-32N 111-31E. CRS 210 SPD 20. WIND NE 34 KNTS.
SEAS 8-10 ENE INCREASING. 800 FT OVCST. VIZ 3 TO 5 MI. RAIN SHWRS.
ROLLING MAX 6 DEGREES. CARGO RIDING SAT. FUEL STATE 95.

2. ETA VIC QUANG NGAI STILL 170320H.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AFTER ARRIVAL STATION. REF B REFERS. PLAN
NO OPS UNTIL DIRECTED.4. BASED ON FOLLOWING ESTIMATE 6 DAYS OPS TO COMPLETE OFFLOAD RELIEF
MATERIAL.

A. ALL SUPPLIES OFFLOADED QUANG NGAI AIRPORT.

B. PRINCETON OPERATE WITHIN 15 MI RADIUS.

C. OFFLOAD DURING DAYLIGHT ONLY.

D. 1500 LBS PAYLOAD PER SORTIE.

E. ADEQUATE SECURITY AND UNLOADING PARTIES AVAILABLE.

5. FACTORS CONSIDERED ABOVE ESTIMATE

A. 1385 SORTIES

B. 925 FLIGHT HOURS

C. MAX ACFT AVAILABILITY

D. PILOT AND CREW FATIGUE

6. HAVE 4000 LOAVES BREAD NOT INCLUDED ABOVE. ESTIMATE 6000 BY 171200H.

7. CAN CONDUCT AK/AF UNREP. REF C REFERS.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTG 76 130020Z

1. 160000H POSIT 21-03N 114-02E

2. BREAKDOWN RELIEF MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS:

BLANKETS	3,000	LBS	300	LB	PACKS
CLOTHING	91,000	LBS	200	LB	PACKS
NRUSES UNIFORMS	1,400	LBS	200	LB	PACKS
HOUSE COTTON	800	LBS	200	LB	PACKS
WHEAT	157,000	LBS	100	LB	BAGS
MILK POWDER	378,700	LBS	43	LB	BOXES
COTTENSEED OIL	463,000	LBS	52	LB	BOXES
BULGAR WHEAT	38,000	LBS	100	LB	BAGS
BEANS	40,000	LBS	100	LB	BAGS
FLOUR	630,000	LBS	100	LB	BAGS
MILK POWDER	465,100	LBS	60	LB	BOXES
SOY BEANS	82,500	LBS	150	LB	BAGS
SOY BEAN OIL	19,200	LBS	46	LB	BOXES
TOTAL	1,015.4	SHORT TONS			

3. 2500 LOAVES BREAD BAKED

4. UNREP MANATEE COMPLETED 160005Z

5. ALL HELO POSITIONED ON HANGER DECK

6. WEATHER CONDITION 3 SET. WIND NE 25 KTS SEAS NE 4-8 FEET
INCREASING.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

B. MY 141342Z

1. PRINCETON UNDERWAY FROM BUOY ONE HONG KONG AT 151702H
UNODIR ETA VIC QUANG NGAI 170320H. REF B REFERS
2. PLAN NSFO UNREP MANATEE ENROUTE VIC 21-30N 114-30E
3. WILL SUBMIT COMPLETE BREAKDOWN RELIEF MATERIAL ON BOARD.
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FROM MANIFESTS INDICATES 1015 SHORT TONS.
4. ALL INFO ADDRESSES EXCEPT COMUSMACV INADVERTENTLY OMITTED WHEN REF B
TRANSMITTED. MSG HAS BEEN READDRESSSED.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF RVN
A. CTG 76.5 160250Z
B. WINSTON 151439Z

1. PRINCETON ESTIMATES SIX DAYS (REF A) OFFLOAD RELIEF SUPPLIES ETC 23 NOV. PRINCETON WITH THOMASTON AND BEXAR SKED RELIEVE TG 76.7 22 NOV ON FOUR HOUR REACTION DANANG.
2. WINSTON ETC LIGHTERAGE SERVICES 18 NOV (REF B). INQUIRING BY SEPARATE MSG NEED FOR CONTINUED LIGHTERAGE CONTINUOUS HEAVY WEATHER
3. DESIRABLE RELIEVE TG 76.7 ON TIME DUE CONTINUOUS HEAVY WEATHER EXPERIENCED.
4. PRINCETON REACTION TIME TO DANANG WHILE ON RELIEF OPS QUANG NGAI 12 HOURS. RELIEF OF TG 76.7 CAN TAKE PLACE ON SKED AND PRINCETON CONTINUE RELIEF OPS IF TG REACTION TIME TO DANANG IS CHANGED TO TWELVE HOURS. PROPER RELIEVE WINSTON WITH BEXAR IF CONTINUED LIGHTERAGE SERVICES ARE REQUIRED. IF HEAVIER LIFT THAN BEXAR CAN PROVIDE IS REQUIRED ONE LCU AND ONE LCM 8 IN THOMASTON AVAILABLE IF GEAR IN LIGHTERAGE CAN BE UNLOADED ASHORE.
5. RECOMMEND
A. IF NECESSARY RELIEVE WINSTON WITH BEXAR AND THOMASTON.
B. CHANGE REACTION TIME TO 12 HOURS TO PERMIT PRINCETON REMAIN RESCUE OPS.
6. IF INCREASED REACTION TIME NOT PRACTICABLE WILL HOLD TG 76.7. ON SPEC OPS UNTIL PRINCETON COMPLETES.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. UNDERWAY FROM ANCHORAGE FOR NIGHT STEAMING 171639H. 171700H POSIT
109-03E 15-03N. WEATHER 6500 OVERCAST RAINSHOWERS VIS 10 WIND 090
8 KTS SEA 070 2 TO 3 FT.2. COMMENCED OFFLOAD RELIEF MATERIAL 171155H CEASED OPERATION 171400H
DUE HEAVY RAIN SQUALLS 300 FT OVERCAST ONE MILE VIS IN LANDING ZONE.3. HELO OPSUM. DESTINATION QUANG NGAI AIRPORT. 35 HOURS FLOWN 6 ADMIN
SORTIES 45 CARGO SORTIES. 53,200 LBS FLOUR, 16,800 LBS BULGER WHEAT,
2,500 LOAVES FRENCH BREAD.

4. USMACV DEPUTY J4 AND USOM REP ABOARD PRINCETON.

5. VOICE COMM ESTABLISHED DOMINATION SIX EIGHT NINE ZERO KCS

6. PRESENT INTENTION DELIVER RELIEF MATERIAL TO FOLLOWING PROVINCES:

30 PER CENT QUANG NGAI

30 PER CENT QUANG TIN

40 PER CENT BINH DING

7. CO HMM-162 AND USOM REP MADE LIAISON VISIT TAMKY. PLAN COMMENCE
DELIVERY RELIEF MATERIAL THERE COMMENCE 180700H. LIFTS TO
QUANG NGAI COMMENCE 180700H. WILL CONTINUE TO BOTH THROUGHOUT DAY
SO LONG AS CONDITIONS PERMIT.8. BENEFITS OPERATIONS AT ANCHOR NOT FULLY EXPERIENCED DUE
UNFAVORABLE WIND - SEA CONDITIONS. SHIP RODE TROUGHS VICE WIND LINE.
PLAN UNDERWAY OPS 18TH UNLESS CONDITIONS CHANGE.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP
A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. 181100H POSIT 15-08N 109-02E. WEATHER 2000 BROKEN 10 VIS RAIN SHOWERS ALL QUADRANTS WIND 230 DEG 20 KTS SEA SSW LESS THAN ONE FOOT.
2. DUE WEATHER FLT OPS COMMENCED 180801H TO QUANG NGAI. FLT OPS TO QUANG NGAI AREA CONTINUING. COMMENCED FLT OPS INTO TAM KY 180930 HOWEVER DUE TO LOW VIS AND CEILING ONLY 3 SORTIES ARRIVED. FLT INTO TAM KY HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED FOR 18 NOV
3. 180950 RECEIVED 18 NEWSMEN ABD
4. VIP PARTY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED QUANG NGAI 0945H DELAYED DANANG. LATEST MSG INDICATES DIRECT TO PRINCETON ETA 1220H. UNDERSTAND PARTY INCLUDES DEPUTY PREMIER OHAN, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON, GEN WASTHORELAND, MAJGEN MOORE.
5. LIFTS TODAY AS OF 1130H 102
6. OPERATING UNDERWAY. WIND AND RAIN SHOWERS CAUSING SOME DELAYS.
7. SMALL ARM FIRE REPORTED IN VICINITY QUANG NGAI AIRPORT AND CITY. SQN INFORMED AND TAKING NECESSARY EVASIVE ACTION.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP
A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. VIP PARTY ARRIVED 181305H VIA HMM 365 HELO FROM DANANG. INCLUDED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OANH, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON, GEN WESTMORELAND, BGEN TRI AND SUBGEN LAM AND 5 OTHERS. HAD LUNCH. PM OANH PRESENTED PLAQUE TO PRINCETON AND HELD NEWS CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR AND PM TOURED HANGER DECK, MESS DECK AND VISITED BAKERY WHERE PM PERSONALLY THANKED BAKERS FOR THEIR WORK. VIP PARTY DEPARTED FOR DANANG 1458H VIA HMM 365 HELOS.

2. HELO MATERIAL LIFT SUSPENDED 1420H DUE RAIN. LOW CEILING AND VIZ L2. 146 LIFTS COMPLETED TODAY WHEN OPS SUSPENDED. PRESENT BEACH WEATHER UNSAT FOR RESUMPTION LIFTS.

3. NEWS MEDIA TO QUANG NGAI 1533H. WX 700 BRK 1 MI RAIN.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN RVN

A. MY 150748Z NOV 64

1. SITREP NUMBER 01 AS OF 161800H COVERING TWO DAY PERIOD
2. ARRIVED OFF QUANG NGAI EARLY MORNING 17 NOV 64. LAUNCHED 3 A/C WITH SQD/SHIP LIAISON PARTY TO QUANG NGAI AIRPORT ARRIVED 0700. LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH COL. BRIGHT USMC, CAPT. POLLOCK USN AND NSOM REPS.
3. GENERAL PLAN IS TO OFFLOAD 30% IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, 30% QUANG TIN PROVINCE (TAM KY) AND 40% IN BINH DINH PROVINCE.
4. COMMENCED OFFLOAD TO QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD 1200H 17 NOV. AND LAUNCHED LIAISON PARTY TO QUANG TIN FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. OPNS SECURED 1400H DUE WX.
5. OPERATIONS:

(a) 17 NOV 64. FLEW TOTAL 51 SORTIES (ROUND TRIP), 34 POINT 5 HRS, 35 TONS CARGO, AND 26 PASSENGERS.

(b) 18 NOV 64. FLEW TOTAL 162 SORTIES, 102.2 HRS, 95 TONS CARGO, 107 PAX.

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WEATHER AGAIN INTERFERED WITH OFF LOAD. DREW SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY QUANG NGAI AND HU-1B HIT BY MG FIRE NORTH OF AIRFIELD.

6. INTELL INDICATES PRESENT AREAS OF OPERATIONS, AND PRIMARILY DISTRICT DROP POINTS TO BE UNSECURE. ARMED ESCORT PROVIDED BY MACV FROM I CORPS.

7. ESTIMATING 950 FLIGHT HOURS TO COMPLETE MISSION. MAINTAINING RECORDS THIS OPERATION FOR PROJECT OI PURPOSES. AT 15.00 PER HR ESTIMATE 1,270 FLIGHT HRS REMAINING THIS QTR AS OF 17 NOV 64. WILL MONITOR AND ADVISE ANY INCREASE OI FUNDS EARLIEST.

8. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO STATUS THIS SQUADRON RELIEF/COMBAT SUPPORT FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING INCIDENTS, WOUNDED, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, MORALE, ETC.

9. NEXT SITREP AS OF 191800 H.

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RESCUE AND DISASTER RELIEF IN SVN SITREP

A. CTF 76 130020Z

1. 181930H POSIT 15-18N 109-22E. WEATHER 1000 OVERCAST 5 VIS RAINSHOWERS
ALL QUADRANTS WIND 110 DEG 15 KTS SEA E 1 TO 2 FEET.
2. HELO MATERIAL LIFT SUSPENDED 1420H DUE LZ WEATHER 300 OVERCAST
3 VIS LIGHT FOG. FLT OPS COMPLETED 1630H. HELO OPSUM, DESTINATION
QUANG NGAI AIRPORT. 123,200 LBS FLOUR, 42,000 LBS WHEAT, 5600 LBS
BEANS, 18,200 LBS SOY BEAN, 900 LBS BLANKETS, 600 LBS CLOTHING, 1000
LOAVES BREAD, 190,500 LBS TOTAL. DESTINATION TAM KY 1800 LBS FLOUR
2000 LOAVES BREAD. TOTAL 18NOV 102 HOURS FLOWN 4 ADMIN SORTIE 158
CARGO SORTIE.
3. TOTAL MATERIAL OFFLOAD TO DATE 130 SHORT TONS. TOTAL REMAINING 886
SHORT TONS.
4. INTEND COMMIT ALL HELOS TO OFFLOAD TAM KY 19 NOV
5. FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED FROM DISASTER RELIEF CONTROL CENTER (DRCC).
ASHORE QUANG NGAI QUOTE GROUND FIRE REPORTED BY HUEY FROM BS 700760-
30 DEGREES TO COAST AND FROM THAT POINT TO DUE EAST TO COAST
DOWN RIVER. MG FIRE RECEIVED FROM HILL 102 AS WELL AS OTHER LOCATIONS
IN THAT AREA. UNQUOTE HELO RELIEF MATERIAL FLIGHTS LIMITED TO 1000FT
CEILING OVER TERRAIN DUE ABOVE NOTED GROUND FIRE.

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