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2nd Battalion, 1st Marines  
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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(2) - Operation Order 205-66 (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(3) - After Action Report (Operation GIA LE) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(4) - Operation Order 206-66 (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(5) - After Action Report (Operation LOC SON) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(6) - Operation Order 207-66 (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(7) - Operation Order 208-66 (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(8) - After Action Report (Operation OREGON) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
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(12) - Battalion Bulletin 1500 of 12 March 1966 (Training Directive) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(13) - Battalion Bulletin 1500 of 15 March 1966 (Weapons FAM Fire) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(14) - Battalion Order 5213.2 (Combat Reports SOP) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)  
(15) - Sequence of Events of CG, 1st ARVN Division (Awards Ceremony) (Submitted with Original Copy Only)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) enclosures (1) through (15) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March through 31 March 1966

Part I Organization Data Sheet

Part II Significant Events

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PART I

- 1. REPORTING UNIT. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (M)
- 2. COMMAND POST. RUE-PTH BAI, RVN (005136)
- 3. PERIOD COVERED. 1 March - 31 March 1966
- 4. DATE OF SUBMISSION. 4 April 1966.
- 5. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

	USMC	USN
OFFICERS	35	3
ENLISTED	1058	56
	1093	59

- 6. COMMANDING OFFICER. Lieutenant Colonel R. T. HANIFIN JR.
- 7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER. Major E. Z. GRABOWSKI
- 8. PRINCIPAL STAFF.

- S-1 1stLt E. T. CLARK III
- S-2 1stLt D. W. FICKERSGILL
- S-3 Major J. COLLI
- S-4 Capt G. L. HAMMOND
- ColnO Capt H. D. REAL

9. SUBORDINATE UNITS.

- H&SCo 1stLt J. A. CRAMBERS
- Company E Capt K. A. LARSEN
- Company F Capt J. J. MULLEN
- Company G Capt R. E. LAVAN
- Company H Capt J. M. NOLAN

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10. MISSION. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) defend PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU; control assigned TAOR; conduct combat/reconnaissance patrols in assigned TAOR and combined operations with RVNAF within and beyond boundaries of assigned TAOR. Prepare defense and counterattack plans to restore integrity of defensive perimeter to include PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities

11. ~~BACKGROUND~~. To accomplish the assigned mission the Battalion TAOR has been divided into company sectors with each rifle company conducting aggressive patrolling, sweeps, and numerous ambushes in their assigned sector. The companies defend their portion of the MUR by employing observation posts, listening posts, road blocks, checkpoints and through occupation of prepared positions in critical areas.

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**PART II**

**PERSONNEL**

**a. Number of replacements received.**

- (1) Marine Officers - 0
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 137
- (3) Navy Officers - 0
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 3

**b. Personnel received via Division/Regt Transfers**

- (1) Marine Officers - 2
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 10

**c. Number of personnel rotated.**

- (1) Marine Officers - 1
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 30

**d. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation.**

- (1) WIA - 9
- (2) KIA - 5
- (3) DGW - 3
- (4) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers - 6
- (5) Non-battle injuries - 2 Non-battle deaths - 0
- (6) Intra-Division/Regiment Transfers.
  - (a) Marine Officers - 9
  - (b) Marine Enlisted - 126
  - (c) Navy Enlisted - 1

**e. R&P Troops - 128**

**f. Special Services Activity.**

(1) Intertainment for the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines consisted of 78 movies, 4 performances by a local entertainment group, and a showing of the Ann-Margret Show.

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(2) Some difficulty is being encountered in ~~beginning~~ an organized athletic program due to operational commitments. However, much use is made of the MAF Special Services Kits in the limited time available.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Accounting. No difficulties have been encountered.

b. Awards

(1) The following awards were processed and recommended to higher headquarters for awards.

- (a) Silver Star Medal - 4
- (b) Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V" - 5
- (c) Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V" - 1

(2) The following awards were received and presented.

- (a) Silver Star Medal - 4
- (b) Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V" - 11
- (c) Air Medal - 3
- (d) Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat "V" - 5
- (e) Purple Heart Medal - 10

(3) The following foreign awards were presented.

- (a) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm Leaf - 2
- (b) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Gold Star - 19
- (c) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Silver Star - 9
- (d) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star - 14
- (e) Vietnamese Civic Action Award - 1

c. Promotions.

- (1) 2 Staff Sergeants to Gunnery Sergeant
- (2) 24 Corporals to Sergeant
- (3) 9 PFC's to Lance Corporal
- (4) 1 Private to PFC

d. Postal. Parcel Post continues to arrive 2 to 3 times a week. Letter

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mail is arriving 4 to 5 times a week. The post office has been taken over by the 4th Marine Regiment.

a. Pay

(1) There have been no problems encountered during the reporting period. Disbursing has been taken over by the 4th Marine Regiment.

f. Post Exchange. The Post Exchange has been taken over by the 4th Marine Regiment.

g. Legal and Disciplinary

(1) During the reporting period the following action was taken.

(a) Special Courts Martial - 1

(b) Summary Courts Martial - 3

(c) Battalion Commanders Office Hours - 3

(2) The following legal action is pending

(a) Special Courts Martial - 4

(b) Summary Courts Martial - 3

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INTELLIGENCE

a. The enemy situation on 01 March 1966 was as follows:

There are two (2) Local Force Companies, the C-117 Armed Unit and the C-116 Armed Unit (Huong Thuy), estimated strength 80 and 65 men respectively, operating in the TAOR. Enemy activity within the TAOR consisted of perimeter harassment by small enemy units during the hours of darkness, laying of mines, limited attacks on outlying Marine units, assassination, VC propaganda and political subversion, intelligence gathering, and infiltration of VC units through the TAOR to reach the rice areas and other areas of operation.

Enemy units can operate near our TAORs:

(1) 810th Main Force Battalion, estimated strength 200-300 men, equipped with 2 main mortars, 2 81mm MR, B-40 (RPG) anti-tank weapon, located vicinity of PHUONG HO (YC 9090).

(2) Elements of the 802nd Main Force Battalion, estimated strength 100-200 men equipped with mortars and machine guns (cal unknown), located vicinity of PHU THU peninsula (YD 9218).

(3) C-116 Armed Unit (Local Force), estimated strength 60 men is located vicinity YD 845075.

(4) One SAPPER squad, estimated strength 3-10 men, operating out of the northern PHU LOC District. Equipment unknown. Amount and type of demolitions unknown.

(5) Elements of the Intelligence Detachment, Thua Thien, operating out of the PHU LOC area. Strength and weapons unknown.

(6) Unknown number of local guerrillas, operating in conjunction with VC Main Force and Local Force units.

b. The enemy initiated the following incidents during the period:

(1) 1-3 March. See Operation NEW YORK After Action Report. Submitted (last month).

(2) 042118H. CAC-7 patrol received approximately 200 rounds of small arms and automatic weapons fire from across the river from vicinity of YD 838196. Patrol returned fire. VC casualties unknown.

(3) 051315H. CAC-2 received 6-8 rounds of small arms fire from an estimated 7 VC vicinity YD 94164. CAC-2 returned the fire and physically pursued the VC. The VC withdrew across the river in sampans. CAC-2 maintained small arms fire at the VC until they were across the river. Three (3) VC were seen to drop and to be dragged away.

(4) 072040H. CAC-3 spotted an unknown number of VC moving north toward friendly positions. CAC-3 opened fire with small arms and pursued. One VC KIA (body), 2 VC KIA (possible). One automatic weapon with 3 magazines and 3 VC grenades were captured.

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(5) 072110H. CAC-5 observed 2 VC approaching ambush position (YD 818180). CAC-5 opened fire with small arms fire; VC returned the fire, broke contact and fled. One VC WIA. Swept area and made a house search with negative results.

(6) 081235H. CAC-2 spotted a 3 man VC patrol vicinity YD 914165. VC fired small arms from across the river; CAC-2 returned fire resulting in 1 VC WIA (possible), who was dragged away by the remaining 2 VC. VC were carrying 2 carbines and one rifle (type unknown).

(7) 080000H. VC received small arms and automatic weapons fire vicinity YD 790097. No hits on aircraft.

(8) 100900H. AO received automatic weapons fire from vicinity YD 7811. Army mission was called in; assessment of mission was one machine gun destroyed.

(9) 110000H. Recon patrol received sniper fire from vicinity YD 913064. Army recon mission was called in; could not observe results.

(10) 150000H. Unknown number of VC probed CAC-2 CP (YD 910149). CP personnel fired small arms and M-79 rounds. 1 VC WIA (possible). Searched area with negative results.

(11) 162200H. CAC-3 heard movement to the left of ambush site (estimated to be 20 people) vicinity YD 921109. VC fired approximately 100 rounds of semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire at the ambush position. Fire was returned with 510 rounds and the area was swept with negative results.

(12) 21-23 March. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines assumed operational and reporting responsibility of the TAOH. See After Action Report for Operation OREGON, enclosure (7).

(13) 231235H. CAC-4 and PF's discovered two anti-train mines on the railroad tracks vicinity YD 929077. Mines consisted of 25 pounds CHECOM TNT each, 5 flashlight batteries and homemade firing mechanism. BOD dispatched to area to disarm mines.

(14) 242000H. Golf Company personnel saw eight (8) people vicinity YD 911132. Men fired upon, people hit the deck. People started moving when firing stopped. Golf Company machine gunner opened fire, pinning them down in the rice paddy. A patrol was dispatched to search area. Negative results.

(15) 242000H. CAC-3 reported one VC sniper vicinity YD 912118 using a carbine. Negative results.

(16) 242500H. Unknown number of VC probed CAC-3 position (YD 912119) firing from the vicinity of the railroad tracks. Negative results.

(17) 252200H. CAC-1 sighted one (1) man running down a trail vicinity YD 899176. Fired 2 rounds of small arms fire with negative results.

(18) 262200H. CAC-2 CP vicinity YD 912148 received one incoming hand grenade. The spoon was heard to fly. The grenade went off.

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the OP fired 5 rounds of small arms fire in the direction the spoon was heard. Negative results.

(19) 280000Z. Half Company patrol. While in their ambush site (YD 900134) received 2 rounds of hand grenades and several rounds of small arms fire from an unknown number of VC. Small arms fire and grenades were returned. VC broke contact. VC casualties unknown.

(20) 280000Z. CAC-3 roadblock reported approximately five (5) VC firing small arms at their position (YD 912117). Roadblock returned fire and VC broke contact, moved to the northeast. At 270105H, PF's stationed on the bridge (YD 912117) fired small arms fire. CAC-3 sent one team to support the PF's. Small arms fire and M-79 rounds were fired until the VC broke contact. A search of the area was made with negative results.

(21) 270000Z. Approximately one (1) VC squad ambushed CAC-7 patrol vicinity YD 822209. VC opened up with automatic weapons, followed by six (6) explosive charges that had been previously set (5 along the trail). Patrol returned fire, going into immediate action drill. Friendly casualties: 4 USMC KIA, 3 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, and 1 PF WIA. VC casualties: 1 VC KIA (body), 3 VC KIA (possible). A search of the ambush area was made on the morning of the 28th. 1 VC (WIA) was found hiding in the brush. One K-53 and 1 K-50 modified was captured.

(22) 280000Z. CAC-3 observed the (1) VC moving along trail vicinity YD 816177. After firing small arms a search of the area was made. Neg contact.

(23) 280000Z. Supply truck approaching CAC-3 position (YD 908121) received 2 rounds of sniper fire. Patrol from CAC-3 conducted search of area. Negative results.

(24) 280000Z. Full Company Mine received one round of small arms fire vicinity YD 902441. No friendly casualties.

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Captured and Captured Equipment.

- (1) VC KIA (confirmed) - 2 (possible) - 3
- (2) VC WIA (confirmed) - 0 (possible) - 5
- (3) VC (WIA/DCI)
- (4) VC

(5) Equipment - 1 K-53, 1 K-50 modified, 2 cartridge belts, 5 VC frag grenades (traced into RDD), 1 M16 submachine gun (M16), 2 anti-aircraft mines (traced to RDD and returned into RDD).

d. Summary of Enemy casualties, and captured equipment for operations outside the TAOR see 1st Air Action Reports.

e. Significant trends during period:

(1) Enemy continued to employ mines both AP and AT throughout TAOR.

(2) With the approach of the rice harvest, the enemy has increased unit movement through the TAOR and into the hamlets to obtain the rice.

f. Enemy situation at end of period remain the same as

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TRAINING

a. Objectives:

- (1) To enhance the present training of this command consistent with our tactical commitments.
- (2) To conduct FMJ firing for all newly joined personnel and those personnel who have not had an opportunity to fire their weapons.
- (3) To improve defensive positions of the battalion perimeter.

b. Major Training Highlights:

- (1) A new battalion training directive was published requiring monthly training schedules covering at least 20 hours of basic military subjects and small unit tactics training from each company.
- (2) A training aids and lesson plans library was set up and arrangements were made for use of small arms ranges at the ARVN's DMZ National Training Center.
- (3) Extensive scouting and patrolling was conducted on the platoon and squad levels.

c. Training Highlights:

- (1) A 4 day Artillery F.O. School was conducted by 4/12 for patrol leaders.
- (2) Commemorative battalion formations conducted on the occasion of awarding personal decorations to personnel of this battalion.

Special Operations:

a. Amphibious operations: None.

b. Combined operations:

- (1) Operation GIA LE (See enclosures (2) and (3)).
- (2) Operation LOS SON (See enclosures (4) and (5)).
- (3) Operation CHU SON (See enclosures (6) and (7)).

c. Psychological operations: See Civil Affairs section of this report.

d. River operations: None.

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Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and Other Special Types of Warfare.

a. During the reporting period, there was no instances of use by this battalion of NBC Warfare or equipment peculiar to NBC Warfare.

b. ~~Special accomplishments.~~ None.

c. Inspection of NBC Equipment on Hand. An inspection was conducted by the Battalion NBC Platoon, revealing all items of NBC equipment authorized by FECS to be in the command and is operational.

Command and Control

a. Task Organization

Headquarters, 1st Battalion (Head)

Headquarters

- 1st Lt. [Name]
- 1st Lt. [Name], 1st Platoon BN
- 1st Lt. [Name], 2nd Platoon BN
- Det. HQ Co., 1st BN

1st Platoon

- 1st Lt. [Name]
- Det. 1st Platoon, 1st BN

2nd Platoon

- 1st Lt. [Name]
- Det. 2nd Platoon, 1st BN

3rd Platoon

- 1st Lt. [Name]
- Det. 3rd Platoon, 1st BN

4th Platoon

- 1st Lt. [Name]
- Det. 4th Platoon, 1st BN

5th Platoon

6th Platoon

7th Platoon

8th Platoon

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 Btry M, 4/12.  
 Btry B, 1/11  
 100mm Mortar, 1/12.  
 GAR Co, HQS, 12th Mar  
 WSP Co, 12th Mar  
 100mm Mortar

b. ~~Company~~ ~~Rein~~

- |                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| (1) 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) | (YD 885136) |
| (2) HQS Company                       | (YD 885136) |
| (3) Company E                         | (YD 885136) |
| (4) Company F                         | (YD 885136) |
| (5) Company G                         | (YD 885146) |
| (6) Company H                         | (YD 885146) |

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Company E, 2/1 detached to 1/4 20 March 1966.
- (2) Company E, 1/1 detached to 2/1 21 March 1966
- (3) Company B, 1/1 detached to parent unit on 23 March 1966.
- (4) Company L, 3/4 attached to 2/1 on 24 March 1966.
- (5) All 2/1 attachments were detached to 4th Marines on 28 March 1966 with the exception of Company L, 3/4.

d. Control. Control of the battalion was exercised from the Battalion Command Post throughout the entire reporting period. Wire and radio communications continue to be used equally to exercise control over the subordinate units.

e. Problem areas. No significant problem area encountered.

Communications-Electronics

- a. Wire. Normal operations.
- b. Radio. Normal operations.
- c. Radio Relay. Normal operations.
- d. Message Center/Teletype. Normal operations
- e. Problems Encountered. None noted.

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Close Combat

a. Operations Conducted.

(1) Patrols.

(a) Squad size. There were 633 squad size patrols conducted.

(b) Platoon size. There were 26 platoon size patrols conducted.

(c) Company size. None.

(2) Ambushes. There were 503 squad size ambushes employed.

(3) Operations.

(a) Operation GIA LE.

(b) Operation LOC SON.

(c) Operation OREGON.

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b. Significant Events.

(1) Sequential listing of all contacts, general description of scheme of maneuver and results attained.

(a) 1 March - There were 5 squad size patrols conducted with 8 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

(b) 2 March - There were 7 squad size patrols conducted with 13 ambushes and 20 listening posts employed.

(c) 3 March - Operation NEW YORK terminated. (See enclosure (4)) to Command Chronology for period 1-28 February 1966). There were 8 squad size patrols conducted with 19 ambushes and 20 listening posts employed.

(d) 4 March - At 2203H CAC-7 received automatic fire from 8 VC at YD 838196. CAC-7 returned fire and swept area, VC broke contact and fled. Contact results: 1 Marine WIA and 1 civilian WIA. VC casualties unknown. There were 18 squad size patrols conducted with 19 ambushes and 22 listening posts employed.

(e) 5 March - There were 22 squad size patrols conducted with 20 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

(f) 6 March - At 1315H CAC-2 sighted 7 VC at YD 914164. VC opened fire with approximately 6-8 small arms rounds. CAC-2 returned fire and physically pursued the VC. The VC immediately withdrew across the river. CAC-2 observed 3 VC drop as if hit and they were dragged away by other VC. Contact Results: 3 VC WIA (unconfirmed). There were 23 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 22 ambushes and 22 listening posts employed.

(g) 7 March - At 1440H Recon sighted 4 VC moving south in camouflaged boat at YD 799074. Recon took VC under fire and adjusted artillery fire on boat with good effect on target. Contact Results unknown. At 2110H CAC-5 ambushed 2 VC at YD 818186 wounding 1 VC. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. Contact Results 1 VC WIA. At 2240H CAC-3 made contact with an unknown number of VC at YD 905099. CAC-3 opened fire and immediately assaulted. VC broke contact and fled north. Contact results: 1 VC KIA, 1 automatic weapon, 3 magazines and 3 ChiCom grenades captured. There were 24 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 22 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

(h) 8 March - At 1235H CAC-2 received approximately 30 small arms rounds from 3 VC at YD 914165. Fire was returned and CAC-2 observed 1 VC fall and being dragged away. Physical pursuit was not made because VC were across river. Contact Results: 1 VC WIA (unconfirmed).

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At 2010H a patrol from CAC-3 made contact with 3 VC at YD 908109. CAC-3 opened fire and assaulted with negative results. There were 19 squad size patrols conducted with 18 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

(j) 9 March - At 0820H the Aerial Observer received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from YD 789111 to 790097. Artillery fire missions were adjusted on target and air strikes conducted. Aerial Observer reported spotting many started spots which appeared to be VC KIA. The napalm strikes burned off foliage revealing a tunnel system from YD 788150 to 789411. Aerial Observer reported possibility of many VC KIA's resulting from burning napalm consuming the oxygen in the tunnel. There were 18 squad size patrols conducted with 22 ambushes and 22 listening posts employed.

(i) 10 March - Operation GIA LE commenced. See enclosures (2) and (3). At 0050H CAC-2 reported a grenade was thrown into their C.P. area from unknown direction. A sweep of the village was conducted with negative results. There were no casualties. At 0844H the Aerial Observer reported receiving automatic fire from vic YD 780110. An artillery mission was adjusted and the Aerial Observer reported a machine gun emplacement manned by 3 VC was destroyed. Contact Results: 3 VC KIA (unconfirmed). At 2330H CAC-5 was fired upon by 3 VC while deployed in ambush site. CAC-5 returned fire and conducted sweep of the area with negative results. There were 17 squad size patrols conducted with 7 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

(h) 11 March - At 0545H Recon reported receiving 1 round of sniper fire from vic YD 913014. Fire mission was adjusted at these coordinates. Sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. Contact Results: 1 Marine KIA. There were 19 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 14 ambushes and 22 listening post employed.

(g) 12 March - Operation LOC SON commenced. See enclosures (4) and (5). At 0100H CAC-2 reported a booby trapped WP grenade was sprung by unknown number of VC at YD 910149. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. There were 23 squad size patrols conducted with 10 ambushes and 22 listening posts employed.

(f) 13 March - At 2030H CAC-2 sighted unknown number of VC who appeared to be trying to infiltrate their position at YD 910149. VC were taken under fire and CAC-2 conducted a sweep of the area. Contact Results: 1 VC KIA (unconfirmed). At 2320H a squad size patrol from H&S Company received approximately 20 rounds of automatic weapons fire from estimated 5 to 10 VC at YD 846127. H&S patrol returned fire and assaulted the VC. The VC immediately broke contact and fled west. Contact Results: negative. There were 24 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 13 ambushes and 18 listening posts employed.

(e) 14 March - There were 22 squad size patrols conducted with 14 ambushes and 21 listening posts employed.

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(o) 15 March - There were 23 squad size and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 12 ambushes and 22 listening posts employed.

(p) 16 March - At 2020H Company G sighted 4 to 5 VC attempting to approach their lines at YD 895135. VC were taken under fire and they fled with returning fire. A squad was dispatched to search the area with negative results. At 2230H CAC-5 estimated 20 to 30 VC were moving 30 to 30 meters to the left of their ambush site at YD 921109. VC opened fire with mortars and small arms. CAC-5 returned fire and made a sweep of the area with negative results. Upon returning to their ambush site, CAC-5 conducted an artillery fire mission at the fleeing VC with unknown results. There were 30 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 12 ambushes and 23 listening posts employed.

(q) 17 March - At 1420H CAC-8 apprehended 1 VCS at YD 823189. VCS was turned over to CIT for disposition. There were 24 squad and 2 platoon patrols conducted with 10 ambushes and 19 listening posts employed.

(r) 18 March - There were 31 squad and 1 platoon patrols conducted with 17 ambushes and 11 listening posts employed.

(s) 19 March - A squad from Company H apprehended a 12 year old VCS at YD 889145. The Vietnamese male was apparently a buffalo boy but the place of apprehension was approximately 300 meters from the cattle and the subject appeared to be observing the counter-mortar radar area and the defensive positions in the area. When subject was approached by the squad he fled towards his cattle. VCS was delivered to CIT for disposition. At 1027H CAC-8 apprehended a 16 year old VCS at YD 796193. Subject did not have an ID card and the PT's accompanying the patrol stated they believed the subject to be a VC. The VCS was delivered to CIT for disposition. At 1142H CAC-8 apprehended a 45 year old VCS at YD 827196. VCS did not have ID Card. VCS was delivered to CIT for disposition. At 1545H Company R apprehended a 56 year old VCS near the vicinity of their tactical wire. He was moving around with no apparent purpose. VCS was delivered to CIT for disposition. There were 31 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 15 ambushes and 12 listening posts employed.

(t) 20 March - There were 30 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 10 ambushes and 11 listening posts employed.

(u) 21 March - CIT's unit was committed to Operation ORBICON. See enclosures (6) and (7). Control of 2/1 TAOR was assumed by 3/4 from 210800H until 240800H March 1966.

(v) 24 March - At 1322H CAC-9 located 2 VC mines on railroad tracks at YD 938077 that was reported by the local PF's. EOD team recovered the mines which were primed for electrical detonation. At 2120H the 3rd platoon, Company E observed 1 VC near their defensive wire. A hand grenade was thrown at VC and he fled north into village. At 2147H a patrol from 3rd platoon, Company H observed 12 VC armed with semi-automatic and automatic weapons and 1 mortar at YD 901152. VC

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were taken under fire and pursued with the VC fleeing north. Contact Results: negative. There were 19 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 25 ambushes and 14 listening posts employed.

(j) 25 March - At 2215H CAC-1 sighted 1 VC running down trail at YD 99176. Two rounds were fired at fleeing VC with negative results. There were 29 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 20 ambushes and 13 listening posts employed.

(k) 26 March - At 0115H an unknown number of VC attacked the PF's guarding the bridge at 912119. CAC-3 dispatched 1 fire team to support the PF's. The VC withdrew with negative results. At 2200H CAC-2 received 1 incoming grenade at YD 910149. CAC-2 swept area with negative results. There were no casualties. At 2230H a patrol from Company G employed in ambush site at YD 900134 received 1 incoming grenade and several small arms rounds. Fire was returned and VC broke contact. Contact Results: Friendly casualties were 6 WIA's (all slightly wounded). Enemy casualties are unknown. There were 30 squad and 1 platoon size patrols conducted with 24 ambushes and 3 listening posts employed.

(l) 27 March - At 2045H CAC-7 made contact with approximately 1 VC squad set in ambush at YD 812193. The VC opened fire with automatic weapons and explosive charges. CAC-7 employed counter-ambush tactics. Contact Results: Friendly casualties were 5 KIA's and 4 WIA's. Known enemy casualties were 1 KIA and 1 VCG (WIA), and an estimated 8 additional KIA's. At 2215H CAC-1 sighted 1 VC running down trail at YD 899176. Two rounds were fired at VC with negative results. There were 27 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 26 ambushes and 3 listening posts employed.

(m) 28 March - At 1500H a patrol from Company G apprehended 1 VCS at YD 903133. Suspect had no ID Card and was delivered to CPT for disposition. There were 29 squad and 2 platoon patrols conducted with 29 ambushes and 5 listening posts employed.

(na) 29 March - At 2245H CAC-5 opened fire from their ambush site at YD 915177 at 1 VC. VC fled and CAC-5 searched area with negative results. It was disclosed by a local civilian that the VC had attempted to obtain food. There were 29 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 29 ambushes and 14 listening posts employed.

(nb) 30 March - There were 26 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 25 ambushes and 14 listening posts employed.

(nc) 31 March - At 1010H a squad security patrol reported 22 rounds of sniper fire at the 6x6 truck at YD 908121. Patrol swept area with negative results. At 1950H Company J received 1 sniper round from left flank of perimeter. Location of the sniper could not be determined. There were no casualties. At 2107H CAC-7 apprehended 1 VCS female at coordinates 815176. Villagers had previously reported the location of the VCS to CAC-7 and stated woman was a VC. VCS was delivered to CPT for disposition. There were 27 squad and 2 platoon size patrols conducted with 26 ambushes and 17 listening posts employed.

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LOGISTICS

- a. Supply. Supply functions were abnormal in that Task Group Hotel, Task Group Foxrot and organizations of the 4th Marines have been supported from this command's organic resources. This was necessary due to the arrival of personnel at Phu Bai prior to the arrival of logistical support for them. Some much needed individual equipment was received but not in sufficient quantities.
- b. Maintenance. Maintenance functions performed by PLSU # 2 have been satisfactory. 194 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were processed during the month.
- c. Food Service. Food services personnel and facilities have been overtaxed due to the great influx of people and the limited facilities available.
- d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development. Cantonment project DAG 1110-102 has been discontinued. Future cantonment and camp facilities development will be provided by higher Headquarters.
- e. Transportation and Roads. Roads in the enclave have been maintained in a satisfactory condition. No transportation difficulties were encountered.
- f. Fiscal. No deviations have been noted in the fiscal trend.
- g. Water. The supply of potable water has been adequate. One well has been dug but is not in operation.
- h. Motor Transportation. Preventive Maintenance checks and inspections continued and the results of the Commanding General's inspection were satisfactory.
- i. Embarkations. This organization has participated in no embarkation or debarkation during the period. Materials for construction of mount-out boxes have not been available.
- j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Continued satisfactory support has been provided by Collecting and Clearing Company A. The Battalion Aid Station treated a total of 1405 patients during the month.

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~~Air Defense~~ None.

Combat Air Support.

a. Aviation units providing support. HMM-163 and 1st MAW attack aircraft.

b. Significant events.

(1) Sequential listing of aircraft employed in CAS.

1 March - 4 sorties of fixed wing VA and 8 sorties of UH-1E's used for CAS in support of Operation NEW YORK.

2 March - 4 sorties of fixed wing VA used for CAS in support of Operation NEW YORK.

(2) Sequential listing of aircraft employed for other than CAS.

1 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225. Eight sorties of UH-34's used for resupply to Operation NEW YORK. Two UH-1E's used for Battalion Commander's recon during Operation NEW YORK.

2 March - Six sorties of UH-34's used for resupply to the Operation NEW YORK area. Ten UH-34's used to transport one rifle company in support of Operation NEW YORK. Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation from Operation NEW YORK area.

3 March - Ten UH-34's used to withdraw the Battalion from Operation NEW YORK area. Two UH-34's used to transport twenty-five troops to the Operation NEW YORK area and return. Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

4 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

5 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

6 March - Two UH-34's used for troop lift in TAOR. Two UH-34's used for resupply to Hills 180 and 225. Two UH-34's used to transport eleven passengers to CHU LAI.

7 March - Two UH-34's used to transport twenty passengers in TAOR. Two UH-34's to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

8 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225. Two UH-34's used to transport six passengers with gear to Hill 180. Two UH-34's used for visual recon of Hill 163.

9 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225. Two UH-34's used to transport troops (fourteen) to Hill 225.

10 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

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12 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

13 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

14 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.  
Two UH-34's used to transport two 81mm mortars and two 106mm RR.

17 March - Two UH-34's used to transport fifteen troops in  
TAOR. Two UH-34's used to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

18 March - Two UH-34's used to transport twenty-five troops  
to Hill 180. Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180.

21 March - Twenty-two UH-34's and two CH-37's used to trans-  
port the Battalion (-) (Rein) to Operation OREGON.

22 March - Six sorties of UH-34's and UH-1H used for resupply  
for support of Operation OREGON. One UH-1E and one UH-34 used to trans-  
port unit commander to operation briefing during Operation OREGON.

23 March - Eighteen UH-34's and three CH-37's used to with-  
draw the Battalion from Operation OREGON.

25 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180. Two UH-34's  
used to transfer troops from Hill 180.

26 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180.

29 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180.

30 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180.

31 March - Two UH-34's used to resupply Hill 180.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT

a. Medical Officers:

- (1) Battalion Surgeon - LT Anthony O. COLEK, MC, USNR
- (2) Assistant Battalion Surgeon - LT Gerald M. BRENNOCK, MC, USNR

b. Hospital Corpsmen - 55

E7 - 2

E6 - 5

E5 - 11

E4 - 16

E3 - 21

c. Significant Events: CG Inspection (Medical) conducted on 18 March 1966.

d. Medical Trends: 210 cases of diarrhea was treated during the month, 27 were diagnosed as Amoebic and 79 as Bacillary Dysentery. Five cases of laboratory confirmed hookworm were treated.

e. Number of Combat Casualties Treated: Seventeen Marines were treated for combat injuries at the Battalion Aid Station.

KIA - 5

WIA's - 17 (8 returned to duty)

f. Number of Non-Battle Casualties Treated: 1405 men were treated at the Battalion Aid Station.

g. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation: An aggressive sanitation program continues to be employed with good results.

h. Civil Affairs Medical support rendered:

(1) Number persons treated: 7,649

(2) Amount, by type, of medicine dispensed is as follows:

6	Fg	Benzalkonium Chloride Tinc., 3's
24	Bt	Calamine Lotion, Phenolated
12	Tu	Gamma Benzene Oint., 1%
24	Tu	Hydrocortisone Oint, 1%
10	Jr	Nitrofurazone Oint, 1 lb.
72	Gk	Soap Surgical, 4 oz.
24	Tu	Undecylenic Acid Oint, 1 oz
1	Bt	Aspirin Tablets, 1000's
7	Bt	APC Tablets, 1000's
3	Bt	Codeine Sulfate Tabs, 1/2gr, 100's
12	Tu	Dibucaine Oint, 1%, 1 oz.
5	Bx	Cetylpyridinium Chloride Lozenges, 400's (Cepacol)
2	Bt	Chlorpheniramine Maleate Syrup, 1 gal.
9	Bt	Chlorpheniramine Maleate Tablets, 4 mgr, 1000's

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- 10 Bx Oxytetracycline-Polymyxin B Oph Oint 1/8 oz. 10's
- 23 Cn Diarrhea Tabs, 1000's
- 5 Bt Sodium Bicarb, Charcoal and peppermint Tabs, 1000's
- 24 Bt Menaquinone Tabs, 100's
- 60 Bt Octavitenin Drops, 3000
- 3 Bt Chloroquine Phosphate Tabs
- 15 Bt Sulfasoxazole Tabs, 1000's
- 12 Bt Acetyl Sulfasoxazole Oral Susp
- 24 Pg Benzathine Penicillin G
- 3 Bt Chlorotetracycline Hydrochloride Caps, 4 gr., 100's
- 40 Bt Erythromycin Tabs, 4 gr.
- 24 Bt Erythromycin Ethylcarbonate for Oral Susp
- 24 Bt Oxytetracycline for Oral Susp.
- 6 Bt Piperazine Syrup, 1 pt/
- 21 Cn Piperazine Tablets, 1000's
- 3 Bt Quinacrine Hydrochloride Tabs
- 2 Bt Sod. Aninosalicylate Tabs, 1000's, 7 1/2 grs.
- 12 Bt Tetracycline Tabs, 4 gr, 100's
- 4 Bt Trisulfapyrimidines, Oral Susp. 10%, 1 pt.
- 8 Bx Water for Inj. 25's
- 5 Sl Adhesive Plaster
- 52 Bx Band Aids, 100's
- 3 Pg Cotton, Purified, 1 lb.
- 24 Bx Dressing, First Aid, 4 x 7"
- 19 Pg Pad, Gauze, 4x4, 200's
- 58 Pg Pad, Gauze, 2x2, 100's
- 20 Pg Applicator, wood, cotton tipped, 100's
- 10 Pg Blade, surgical prep. razor, 5's Straight, single edge
- 6 Bx Depressor, tongue, wood, 500's
- 5 Bx Needle, disposable, 18 ga, 100's, 1 1/2 inch
- 6 Pg Thermometer, human oral, 6's
- 5 Bx Bottle, dropper, 1 oz, 12's
- 3 Pg Bottle, screw cap, prescription, 4 oz, 72's
- 2 Bk Label, prescription, 750's
- 12 Pg Envelope, drug dispensing, 100's
- 2 Pg Box, Ointment, 12's

1. Problem Areas: NONE

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Chaplain Support.

a. Name of Chaplain. Lt. THOMAS B HANDLEY, CHC, USNR.

Chaplain Support. Lt. L.J. DILLON, HM-163 (TA6); Lt. J.J. SCANLON, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines; and LCDR N.W. HUBBLE, 4th Marines, Catholic Chaplains, conducted four Sunday masses with two hundred and eighty men in attendance, and ten week day masses with one hundred and one men in attendance.

b. Number of Services. Twelve Sunday Services were held with three hundred and twenty men in attendance. Two services were held during the week with thirty seven men in attendance.

c. Number of Personnel Receiving Counselling. Ten.

d. Significant Activities.

(1) The influx of new battalions and other units has brought about an increase of chaplains in the HUE-PUU BAI Enclave. This increase has caused a realignment of chaplain coverage in this area. Chaplain HANDLEY is now responsible for Protestant coverage for 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, and 4th Marine Regiment.

(2) During the period, 21-23 March 1966, the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) participated in Operation OREGON. The chaplain accompanied the Battalion to the field during this operation.

(3) Captain F. MORTON, CHC, USN Division Chaplain visited the enclave on 30 March 1966. He met with all the Chaplains of this enclave and discussed chaplain rotation and Easter-Holy Week activities.

(4) LCDR. P. LIONBERGER, CHC, USNR, Administrative Assistant to the Division Chaplain conducted the Commanding General's Inspection (Chaplain) for 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein).

(5) CDR. R.D. MOLE, CHC, USN, Chaplain, Research Project, visited this area for five days studying the indigenous religion and culture in this area.

e. Facilities. The Chapel facilities are excellent.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

a. Significant Activities.

On 6 March 1966 additional Combined Action Company units were introduced into the villages of LOC SON (953069) and THUY PHUONG (8191750).

In addition to their mission to protect the village headquarters and to train the Popular Forces personnel the CAC is also a valuable asset in carrying out the battalion's civic action program. Corpsmen attached to CAC units treated 2,123 civilians during the month of March. Marines and PF's working in LOC SON and THUY PHUONG completed two heads and three security fences. Because of the additional security provided by Marines and PF's the HUONG THUY District Dispensary (THUY PHUONG) is expected to establish 24 hour inpatient capabilities within a month.

b. Material Distributed.

- (1) Scrap wood and fiber ammunition canisters - 5 truckloads.
- (2) Soap - 2,850 bars.
- (3) Candy - 26 pounds.
- (4) Vitamins - 144 bottles.
- (5) Rice - 300 pounds.
- (6) Gum - 1600 packages.
- (7) Blankets - 90.

c. Special Civic Action Projects. None.

6. Apparent results of Civil Affairs Program. The attitude of local villagers remains friendly and cooperative. These results are attributed to the overall effectiveness of the Battalion Civic Action Program and are of some significance in view of the widespread demonstrations and strikes occurring within the HUE-PHU BAI area.

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OPERATION ORDER 205-66

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

MAPS: (a) TGF Preg Order 1-66  
(b) MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6560 III (HUE)  
and 6559 V (Thon Bon Tau).

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces.

- (1) Composition, strength and combat efficiency. In the area of operation there is the probability of one Local Force Platoon numbering 20 - 25 VC.
- (2) Area and Armament. The unit is armed with K-53's and K-50's.
- (3) Recent Activities. In the Gio Le area, the enemy has conducted numerous anti-U.S. propaganda rallies.
- (4) Reinforcements. Nearest reinforcements are within two hours march from the Nam Hoc sub-sector. In this general area, two armed units of an estimated 80 men each.
- (5) Local Assistance.
  - (a) Assistance from the Local Population to the enemy will most likely be passive.
  - (b) The Local Population has probably been forced to construct punji traps and hiding holes, especially in gardens and hedgerows.
- (6) Capabilities.
  - (a) Withdraw under cover of snipers
  - (b) Defend with present forces
  - (c) Reinforce with elements from the armed units to the south.
  - (d) Employ extensive booby traps.
- (7) Conclusions
  - (a) The enemy will most likely employ capability (c) and (d) on the second and third days.

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(b) The employment of either or both capabilities should not affect the accomplishment of the mission.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 206th and 208th Regt. Special Companies.
- (2) 3 Popular Force Bataillons, Vietnamese National Police.
- (3) Same Unit, Sector Representative and U.S. Army Advisors.
- (4) 49th Btry, 4th Battalion (-) (Rein)
- (5) FLSU-2
- (6) HM-163
- (7) 220th Aviation Company  
1 aircraft on station with tactical observer on station from sunrise to noon.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Det (Light Section) Company A, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Tank Bn
- (2) Det (Heavy Section) Company A, 2nd Platoon, 3rd AF Bn
- (3) Det (Light Section) Company A, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Regt Bn
- (4) 7th Coy, 3rd Bn
- (5) Section, Plan Station
- (6) 4th Squad - (day light operation only)

2. MISSION

The 206th and 208th Regts (Rein) commencing at 0500 on D-Day, provide one Rifle Company (Rein) for blocking and patrolling the village of Bang Thong. (See Operation Overlay). Be prepared to provide additional support as required.

3. EXPLANATION

a. Element of Operation. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) commencing on D-Day move one Rifle Company (Rein) by motorized/ambulance column, to the operation area (See Operation Overlay) for Combined Operations with a Reconnaissance Force Company, Recon Force Platoons, and National Police, in order to conduct search and clear operations to isolate perimeter and resource control, for a period of 2 to 3 days.

b. Battery B, 4th Battalion (-) (Rein), 12th Marines (Rein).  
Direct Support.

c. Company H (Rein). Commencing at 0200 on D-Day move by motorized/ambulance column from present position, (897102), to operation area (See Operation Overlay).

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establish blocking position across the village of Tay Heng in order to support the Regional Force Company in conducting search and clear operations. Occupy blocking position as indicated on operation overlay by 100500H.

- d. Regional Force Companies. Commencing at H-30 on D-Day move by motorized column from present position to the operation area (See Operation Overlay), conduct search and clear operations to include population and resources control. Initially orient the search and clear operation in a northwest direction along the axis of National Route # 1.
- e. Huong Thuy District Popular Forces/Vietnamese National Force. Commencing at H-30 on D-Day be prepared to conduct search and clear operation in conjunction with the RF Company in the area of operation (See Operation Overlay).
- f. Companies E and G. Be prepared on order, to provide one platoon (Main) in support of the operation.
- g. Company A, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Tank Battalion. General Support.
- h. Company B, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion. General Support.
- i. Company C, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Engineer Battalion. General Support.
- j. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) D-Day- 10 March 1966.
  - (2) H-Hour, 0630E.
  - (3) Communications with Vietnamese elements conducted through Thai Liaison Section Representative.
  - (4) Regional and Popular Force Units will be distinguished by a red band on their helmets.
  - (5) Coordinate all movements during the search and clear phase with Co "H", 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.
  - (6) Surflew 2000-0600, no movement.
  - (7) Joint Command post to be established at 818175 effective 100500H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

- (1) Unit distribution.

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(2) Prescribed load.

- (a) Class I. 2 M1, 2 carbines, full of ammo.
- (b) Class II. Batteries, 3 Day supply.
- (c) Class III. All vehicles with gas tank full.
- (d) Class IV. As required, upon request.
- (e) Class V. Basic allowance.

(3) Re-supply. Submit requests this Headquarters (Actn: B-4).

(4) Control material. Return to this Headquarters (Actn: S-2).

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization:

(1) Situations:

- (a) By helicopter or ambulance to 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) B.L.S.
- (b) Request MOC Xmas via Battalion Medical Net.

(2) Reserve Hospital. A 4th Co Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.

c. Services. Headquarters, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) proper and stress selected Class V items on pallets vicinity 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein), LB HUEBUH BAY, for delivery by helicopter or surface means.

d. Personnel. VEC and MOC will be evacuated by surface means or helicopter to this Headquarters for processing and transportation by 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) CIP and LPT.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics:

(1) Company F (Rein) will draw and AN/PRC-25 200 also in conjunction with antenna, RC-292.

(2) Company H (Rein) will activate the Battalion Medical Net number three on 49.0 mcs.

(3) 1st ARVN Division SOF and Battalion Look ~~shankle~~ shankle snobs will be utilized.

(4) Civil signs will be as follows:

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- (a) Battalion - MUTTER.
- (b) Company B (Rein) - MUTTER HOTEL.
- (c) THEL REISU Scout Representative - STEVED (22 78)
- (d) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd AF Bn - SHARPSHOOTER
- (e) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd AF Bn - MORRIS
- (f) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd Engr Bn - TODAY AREA

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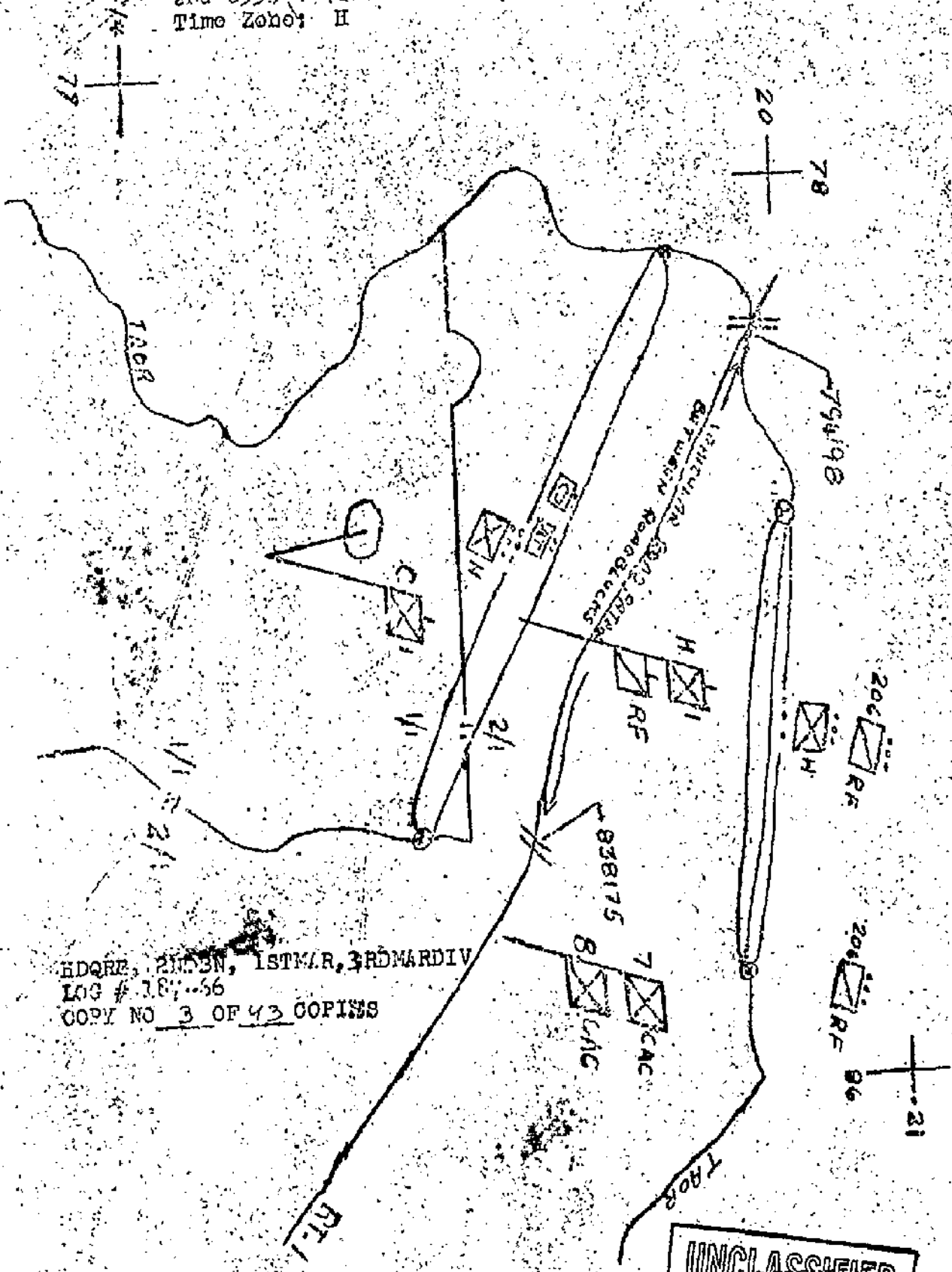
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(b) Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 1-66  
(c) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) Operation Order 205-66

Encl: (1) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) Operation Order 205-66 (Enclosure # 1 attached to Copies 1 thru 7)

1. Code Name. GIA LE.
2. Dates of Operation. 100200H to 111350H March 1966.
3. Location. THUA THIEN Province, HOENG THUY District (Sub Sector). (See Operation Overlay (Enclosure (1))).
4. Control and Command Headquarters. Capt J.N. NOLAN, Commanding Officer Company H (Rein), 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein). Capt TANG, HUONG THUY District Chief.
5. Task Organization. (See Enclosure (1)).
6. Supporting Forces. (See Enclosure (1)).
7. Intelligence. See enclosure (1) for the enemy unit disposition, strength, and identification. The availability of weapons, materiel, food, and ammunition and the morale of the VC could not be determined due to the lack of contact during the operation. Cover and concealment generally was from poor to fair except in the populated areas, where hedge-rows, houses, and scattered tree lines offered good cover and concealment. Critical areas in the operating area consisted of the LOI NONG canal to the north and hill 84 (YD 888106). The sky was overcast with a drizzling rain during most of the period.
8. Mission. (See Enclosure (1)).

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9. Concept of Operations. (See Enclosure (1)).

10. Execution.

(a) 081000H March 1966. Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) ordered Company H (Rein) to conduct a combined block, search and clear operation in the GIA LE area.

(b) 091900H March 1966. S-3, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) issued operation order.

(c) 100200H March 1966. Company H (Rein) commenced movement to operation area. (See Enclosure (1)).

(d) 100500H March 1966. Company H (Rein) assumed blocking position. (See Enclosure (1)). Negative contact.

(e) 100636H March 1966. Search and clear commenced by Regional Force and Popular Force units. Negative contact.

(f) 101530H March 1966. Regional Force completed search and clear from GC (YD 805200 to 836197). Negative contact.

(g) 101720H March 1966. Regional Force conducted search and clear from GC (YD 790195 to YD 823180) and apprehended 32 VCS, 1 Anti-Tank mine and 5 hand grenades. All items were captured by Regional Forces and processed through their channels.

(h) 110500H March 1966. The night of 10 March 1966 Company H (Rein) maintained their blocking position with negative contact.

(i) 111020H March 1966. Med Cap team performing duties in operation area. There were 83 Vietnamese civilians treated by the Med Cap team.

(j) 111350H March 1966. Operation secured with negative contact.

11. Results. 32 VCS, 1 Anti-Tank mine, 5 hand grenades. No enemy or friendly losses.

12. Administrative Matters. Normal.

(a) Supply. Adequate.

(b) Maintenance. Normal.

(c) Casualties. None.

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- (d) Transportation. Normal
- (e) Communications. Adequate.
- (f) Medical evacuation. N/A.

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1. SITUATION

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a. Enemy forces.

(1) Composition, Strength and Combat Efficiency.

- (a) One squad from the 1st Platoon, C-11 Intelligence Company, 7 - 10 men.
- (b) Possibly one squad from a unidentified sapper unit, 9 - 10 men.
- (c) Possibly elements of C-116 Local Force Company, up to two squads.
- (d) All units are well trained and experienced.

(2) Disposition. None of the units has a well established base, but are known to operate in the southern PHU VANG and the LOG SON area.

(3) Arms and Equipment.

- (a) Intelligence units are well armed and equipped with automatic weapons and bolt action rifles; Russian AK/ assault SMG, K-53 carbines, K-50's and MAT 49 MG's.
- (b) Sapper units are armed with an unknown number of automatic weapons, bolt action weapons and demolitions.
- (c) Local Force Companies are armed with an unknown number of automatic weapons and bolt action rifles. Typical are K-53 carbines, K-50's and U.S. rifles.
- (d) All units have the capability to use booby traps and hand grenades.

(4) Recent activities. Exfiltration from Operation New York; two assassinations; attack of CAC-3 by a sapper unit.

(5) Reinforcements.

- (a) Remnants of the 810th Battalion, up

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(b) Elements of the #02nd Battalion, up to one company, estimated 80 men.

(6) Assistance from Local Populace. Any assistance given by the local populace to the VC will probably be passive.

(7) Capabilities.

(a) Withdraw from the area of operation under cover of snipers.

(b) Defend with forces at hand.

(c) Reinforce with forces available.

(d) Employ extensive booby traps.

(8) Conclusions.

(a) The enemy will most likely employ capability (a) and possibility capability (d).

(b) Employment of either or both capabilities will not affect the accomplishment of the mission.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 4th Battalion (-)(4<sup>th</sup> Rein), 12th Marines (Rein)

(2) 41ST-6

(3) HCM-153

(4) UNJA CHLEN Sector Representative and U.S. Army Advisors.

(5) 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Regiment.

(6) 110 SF Platoon

(7) 108 SF Platoon

(8) 113 SF Platoon

(9) 108 SF Platoon

(10) Platoon 742 RF Company

(11) Det, Psy War/Chien Hoi

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Det (Heavy Section) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd AF Battalion.

(2) Det, (1 Squad) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd Engineer Battalion.

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(3) Section 81mm Mortars.

(4) FO Top, 4/12.

2. MISSION

2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) commencing at H-Hour on D-Day provide one rifle company (Rein) for blocking and patrolling of the village of LOC SON (See Operation Overlay). Be prepared to provide additional support as required.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation.

- (1) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) commencing on D-Day moves one rifle company (Rein), by mechanized/motorized column, to the operation area (See Operation Overlay) for combined operations with a Regional Force Company, Popular Force Platoons, and National Police in order to conduct search and clear operations to include population and resources control, for a period of 1 to 2 days.
- (2) Company E (Rein). Commencing at 120200H on D-Day move by mechanized/motorized column from present position GC (YD 88573A), to arrive in blocking position as indicated on (Operation Overlay) by 120500H in order to commence search and clear operation at 120600H. In addition patrol the area south of Railroad for a minimum of 1000 meters.
- (3) B Coy, 4th Battalion (-)(Rein), 12th Marines (Rein)  
General support.
- (4) Companies G and H. Be prepared on order, to provide one platoon (Rein) in support of the operation.
- (5) 113 Company. Attach 1 section of 81mm Mortars to Company E (Rein).
- (6) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd AT Battalion. General Support.
- (7) Company A, 2nd Plat, 3rd Engr Battalion. General Support.
- (8) 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Regiment. Establish blocking position by 120500H at blocking position # 4 (See Operation Overlay).
- (9) 110 Popular Force Platoon. Establish Road Block at GC (YD 927107) by 120500H.
- (10) 123 Popular Force Platoon. Establish Mobile patrol unit in conjunction with Combined Action Company Unit # 9.

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- (11) 118 Popular Force Platoon. Establish Road Block at La Son Bridge GC (YD 933085) by 120500H.
- (12) 108 Popular Force Plat, 742nd Regional Force Platoon, and National Police Platoon. Commencing at H-30 move by motorized column from present position to the operation area (See Operation Overlay), conduct search and clear operation to include population and resources control. Initially orient the search and clear operation in a north-east direction.
- (13) Psy/War/Chien Hoi Det. Commencing D + 1 conduct Psy War civic action operation as required.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day. 12 March 1966.
- (2) H-Hour. 0600H.
- (3) Communications with Vietnamese elements conducted through THUA THERN Sector Representative.
- (4) Regional Force Units will be distinguished by a red scarf around the neck.
- (5) Coordinate all movement during the search and clearing phase with C.O. Company E (Rein), 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).
- (6) Curfew 2000-0600, No movement.
- (7) Combined CP will be established at GC (YD 933085).
- (8) All forces will be in position at 120500H.
- (9) 13 March 1966 units will participate Civic Action activities.
- (10) Direct Mission authorized between Company E and Company F.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Unit distribution.
- (2) Prescribed Load.
  - (a) Class I. 3 MCI, 2 canteens, full of water.
  - (b) Class II. Batteries, 2 days supply.

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- (c) Class III. All vehicles with gas tanks full.
  - (d) Class IV. As required, upon request.
  - (e) Class V. Basic allowance.
- (3) Resupply. Submit request this Headquarters (Attn: S-4).
- (4) Captured materiel. Return to this Headquarters (Attn: S-2).
- b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.
- (1) Evacuation.
    - (a) By helicopter or ambulance to 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) BAS.
    - (b) Request Med-Evac via Battalion Tactical Net.
  - (2) Hospitalization. 1 Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.
- c. Service. Headquarters, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) prepare and stage selected Class V item on pallets vicinity 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) LZ HUB-PHU B&I, for delivery by helicopter or surface means.
- d. Personnel. VCC and VCS will be evacuated by surface or helicopters to this Headquarters for screening and interrogation by 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) CTF and ITT.
5. COMBAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
- a. Communications-Electronics.
- (1) Company E (Rein) will draw one AN/PRC-25 for use in conjunction with antenna, RC-292.
  - (2) Company E (Rein) will activate the Battalion Tactical Net number two on 39.3 mcs.
  - (3) 1st ARVN Division SOI, Battalion local shackle sheet will be utilized.
  - (4) Call signs will be as follows:
    - (a) Battalion - MUTTER.
    - (b) Company E (Rein) - MUTTER ECHO.
    - (c) THUL THIEN Sector Representative - STEWED 78 and 82.
    - (d) Ontos - MORBID ALFA

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- (e) Engr - TODAY ALEA
- (f) 81mm Mortars - WILSON
- (g) AO - ROSEMONT

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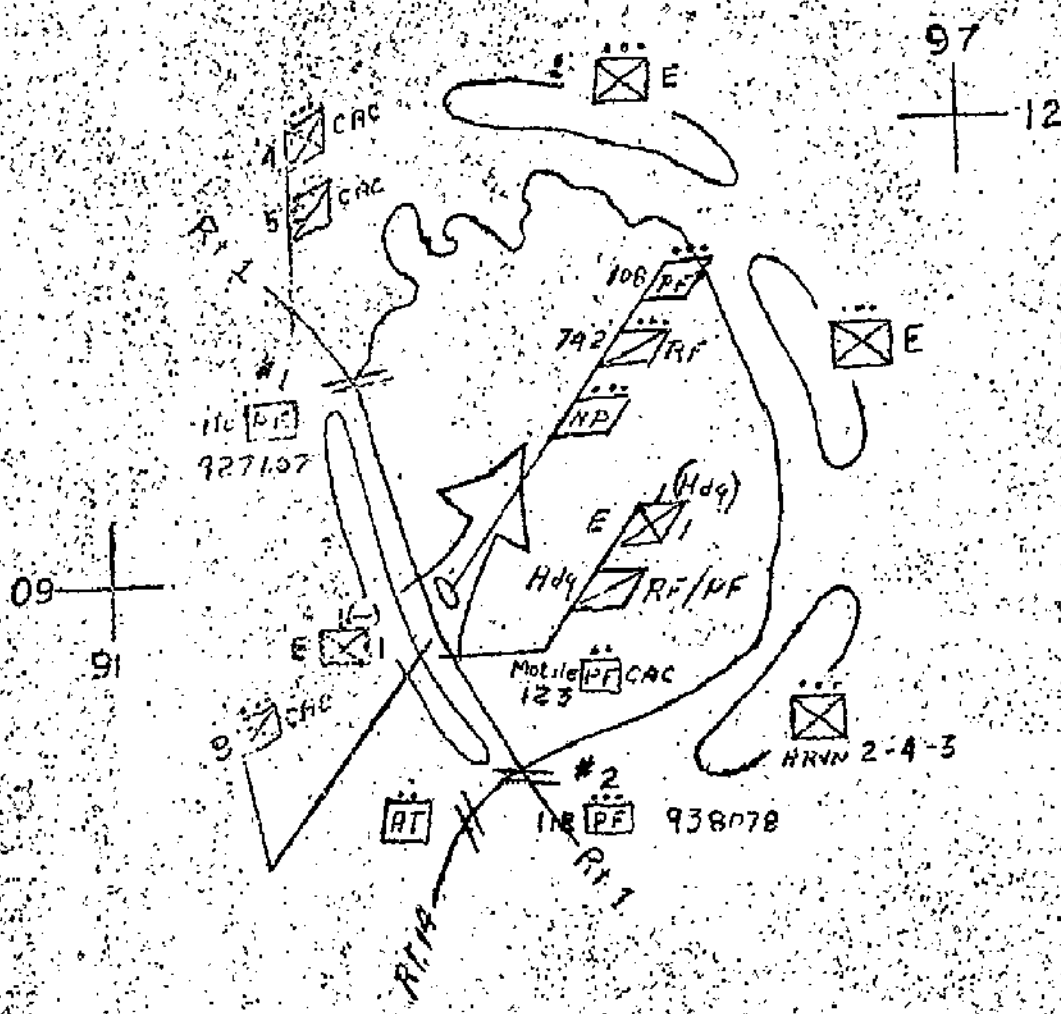
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Total Population: In sweep area, 1000+  
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Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B  
(b) Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 1-66  
(c) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein)  
Operation Order 206-66

Encl: (1) Operation Order 206-66 - Attached to copies 1 thru 7.

1. Code Name. LOG SON
2. Dates of Operation. 120200H to 131410H March 1966.
3. Location. THUA THIEN Province PHU LOC District (Sub Sector). (See Operation Overlay)(Enclosure (1)).
4. Control and Command Headquarters. Capt. R. A. LARSEN, Commanding Officer of Company E (Rein), 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein). Capt HAU, PHU LOC District Chief.
5. Task Organization. (See Enclosure (1)).
6. Supporting Forces. (See Enclosure (1)).
7. Intelligence. See Enclosure (1) for the enemy unit disposition, strength, and identification. The availability of weapons, material, food, and ammunition and the morale of the Viet Cong could not be determined due to the lack of contact during the operation. Cover and concealment was limited to the rice paddy dikes. The flooded paddies in the area were critical terrain features. Early morning visibility was limited by ground fog which remained until mid-morning; the remainder of the operation the weather was from overcast to broken clouds.
8. Mission. (See Enclosure (1)).
9. Concept of Operations. (See Enclosure (1)).

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10. Execution

a. 081000H March 1966 Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) ordered Company E (Rein) to conduct a search and clear operation in the LOG SON area.

b. 111900H March 1966. S-3 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein), issued Operation Order. (See Enclosure (1)).

c. 120205H March 1966. Company E (Rein) commenced movement to operation area (See Enclosure (1)).

d. 120241H March 1966. Company E (Rein) reached their operational CP at Coordinates (YD 932084).

e. 120444H March 1966. Company E (Rein) arrived blocking position (See Operation Overlay Enclosure (1)). Negative contact.

f. 120658H March 1966. Search and clear operation commenced by Regional Force and Popular Force Units. Negative contact.

g. 121005H March 1966. Company E (Rein) received at their CP coordinates (YD 955102) 13 VCS from Regional/Popular Force units for evacuation.

h. 121900H March 1966. Regional Force and Popular Force Units completed search and clear from 1900 to 2200. Regional Forces and Popular Forces conducted psychological warfare lectures and psychological warfare movies in the village complex.

i. 121930H March 1966. Company E (Rein) to establish three platoon size ambushes at coordinates (YD 928095, 955102, 945114).

j. 120500H March 1966. The night of 13 March 1966, Company E (Rein) maintained their ambush positions with negative contact.

k. 122130H March 1966. Med Gen team performed duties in operation area, treatment was rendered to 50 Vietnamese civilians.

l. 123410H March 1966. Operation secured with negative contact.

m. Results. 13 VCS captured. No enemy or friendly losses.

12. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply, adequate.

b. Maintenance, normal.

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- c. Casualties. None.
- d. Transportation. Normal.
- e. Communications. Normal.
- f. Medical evacuation. Not applicable.

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6161 III (QUANG TRI), 6160 I (AP KHANG MY) and  
6160 IV (TRON HA VUNG)  
(b) CTF Foxtrot Operation Order 4-66  
(c) CTF Foxtrot Reorganization Order 4-66 with Overlay  
(d) Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines  
(Rein) Over Instruction 182010Z  
(e) RegtC 03000.5  
(f) RegtO 03120.1B

Time Zone: II

Task Organization: Annex A

## 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM'S and Intelligence briefing.
- b. Friendly Forces.
  - (1) Task Group Foxtrot Command Group.
  - (2) 1st Battalion, 4th Marine conduct search and destroy operation in area of operations.
  - (3) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.
  - (4) 4th Battalion 12th Marines direct support of Task Group Foxtrot.
  - (5) Air Support. General support.
    - (a) HMM-163.
    - (b) Det, 220th Avn Co.
  - (6) Naval Gunfire Support. Direct support Task Group Foxtrot.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A.

## 2. MISSION. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

- a. Commencing at 190205H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. On a 30 minute notice with a Rifle Company (-) (Rein).

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- b. Commencing at 190815H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a two hour notice with a Rifle Company and a Battalion Command Group (-).
- c. Commencing at 190515H provide one rifle platoon (Rein) for security of Yankee Battery.
- d. Be prepared to assume responsibility for the entire HUE-PU BAI TAOR on order.

### 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. On order and utilizing a Command Group (-) and two Companies move by helicopter or surface means to the HUE-QUANG TRI area to conduct search and destroy operations.
- b. Battalion Command Group ALPHA. On order, be prepared commencing at 190815H to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines by utilizing rifle companies assigned (E and G). Move by helicopter/surface means to LZ/operating area selected and conduct search and destroy operations in areas bounded by YD 513473, 480473, 630315 and 640390. (See Operation Overlay).
- c. Company E (Rein).
- (1) Commencing at 190515H provide one rifle platoon (Rein) for security of Yankee Battery.
- (2) E Company (-)(Rein) be prepared commencing at 190815H to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a 30 minute notice.
- d. Company G (Rein). Commencing at 190815H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a 2 hour notice.
- e. 81mm Mortar Platoon. Attach one section to each rifle company.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Order effective upon receipt.
- (2) Unclassified Code Name for Operation. (Not issued).
- (3) Fire support Coordination. 1/4 responsible in operating area.
- (4) Order of march. Company E, Command Group ALPHA, Company G.

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- (5) Air Support. Normal procedures.
  - (6) Rules of engagement. Normal procedures, reference (e).
  - (7) Reports. Submit SITREP and SPOT Reports in accordance with reference (f).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. As prescribed by the Commander.
5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
- a. Report O.P. locations as established.
  - b. Internal communications.
    - (1) Enter Task Group Foxnet Administration Net (P) 5615, D-46 (S) 3464, D-21.
    - (2) TAC Net (P) 43.7, D-214 (S) 40.1, D-192.
    - (3) TAC Air Request Net No. 1 (P) 7995, D-64 (S) 2196 D-3. This net normally operates on secondary frequency.
    - (4) TAC Air Request Net No. 2 (P) 38.6, D-182.
  - c. Cryptography.
    - (1) Authentication KAA-60.
    - (2) Numerical Code (Shackle) KAC-138.
  - d. Coordination Instructions.
    - (1) U.S. Army Advisors.
    - (2) Frequencies in accordance with DIC 92000.2C.
    - (3) Senior Advisor, Call sign. STEWED 82, Frequency 42.7.

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Vietnamese Ln Tm  
Co E (Rein)

Capt LARSEN

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FO Tm, 1st Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat  
Det, Comm Plat  
Det, Arty FO Tm  
Det, FAC Tm

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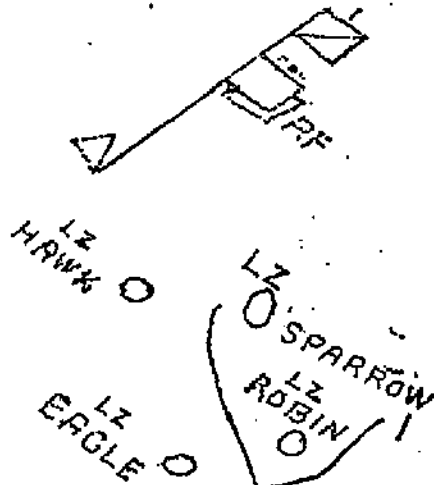
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6461 III (QUANG TRI), 6460 I (AP KHAI MY) and 6460  
IV (THON HA VUNG)  
(b) CTG Foxtrot Fragmentation Order 6-66  
(c) Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)  
verbal instruction 201930H.  
(d) RegtO 3000.6  
(e) RegtO 3120.1B

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Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

(1) Composition and strength

- (a) Size unknown, estimated to be two Main Force companies to one Main Force Battalion, possibly the 800th Main Force Battalion which has a strength of 400 to 600 men.

(2) Disposition

- (a) The enemy is strongly entrenched in prepared defensive positions concentrated in GS YD 5543 and YD 5345.  
(b) Positions are strongly built bunkers with houses built over them.

(3) Arms and Armament

- (a) 81mm, 82mm, and 60mm mortars (number unknown), 50 Cal. machine guns, and an unknown number of machine guns and automatic weapons.  
(b) Electrically detonated directional mines are suspected of having been employed.

(4) Reinforcements

- (a) The enemy has the potential reinforcement capability of up to three (3) Main Force Battalions.

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(b) Battalions known to be in the area are the 808th, 800th, 812th, and two unidentified Main Force Battalions.

(5) Capabilities

- (a) Defend with forces available.
- (b) Withdraw from area in small groups under cover of darkness.
- (c) Attack with forces available.
- (d) Attack with reinforcements from the west and the south.
- (e) Make diversionary attacks against artillery positions and bridges to the south.

(6) Conclusions. The enemy will probably employ a combination of capabilities (a) and (b) depending on escape routes available, his combat attrition and his logistical support.

b. Friendly forces

- (1) Task Group Foxtrot Command Group.
- (2) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines conduct search and destroy operation in area of operations.
- (3) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines direct support of Task Group Foxtrot.
- (4) 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (5) 1st Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (6) 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (7) 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (8) 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (9) 1st Troop, 4th Armored Cavalry, 1st ARVN Division.
- (10) 3rd Troop, 4th Armored Cavalry, 1st ARVN Division.
- (11) Air Support. General support.
  - (a) HIM-163
  - (b) Det, 220th Aviation Company.

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(12) Naval Gunfire Support. Direct support Task Group  
Foxtrot.

c. Attachments and detachments. Annex A.

## 2. MISSION

2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) commencing at L-Hour on D-Day utilizing a Command Group and 3 Rifle Companies will conduct search and destroy operations. (See Operation Overlay).

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Commencing at L-Hour land three Reinforced Rifle Companies in LZ DUCK. Conduct search and destroy operations in area of operations.

b. Co G (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day land in LZ DUCK conduct search and destroy operations in company sector. (See Operation Overlay).

c. Co H (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day land in LZ DUCK conduct search and destroy operation in company sector of operation (See Operation Overlay).

d. Co B (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day follow in trace of companies G and H. (See Operation Overlay). Be prepared to assume mission of company G or H and on order to assume such other missions assigned.

e. H&S Co (-). On order, land by helicopter in LZ DUCK. Establish C.P. at location to be designated.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

(1) Unit distribution.

(2) Prescribed load.

(a) Class I. 1 MCI

(b) Class II. Batteries, 2 days supply.

(c) Class III. As required.

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- (d) Class IV. As required, upon request.
- (e) Class V. Basic allowance, 100 pounds demolition each company, 48 CS grenades per company.
- (3) Uniform. Normal arms, Fleck jacket, helmets, entrenching tool, jungle kits, and two canteens.
- (4) Resupply. Automatic resupply Class I - all others on request.
- (5) Captured Materiel. Return to C.P. (Attn: S-2).

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

- (1) Evacuation.
  - (a) By helicopter to A-Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.
  - (b) Request Med-Evac via Battalion Tactical Net.
  - (c) Weapons and equipment of Marine Med-Evac will be tagged for collection by HST in the LSA.
- (2) Hospitalization. A Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.
- (3) Service. LSA at FLSU-2.
- (4) Personnel. VCC and VCS will be evacuated by helicopter to Command Group Foxtrot for screening and interrogation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

c. Report CP location as established.

b. External Communications.

- (1) Enter Task Group Foxtrot Administration Net (P) 5615, D-46 (S) 3464, D-21.
- (2) Enter Task Group Foxtrot Tactical Net (P) 43.7, D-214 (S) 40.1, D-192.
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c. Internal Communications.

(1) Radio

- (a) Battalion Tactical (P) 42.9, D-204 (S) 49.0, D-215.
- (b) Stations on Battalion Tactical Net will be the following:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGNS</u>
2/1	MUTTER (PCS)
Co B, 1/1	MUTTER BRAVO
Co G, 2/1	MUTTER GOLF
Co E, 2/1	MUTTER HOTEL
BRAVO CMD GRP	MUTTER FIVE
H&S Co (-)	MUTTER THREE

- (2) Wire. Defensive telephone wire will be laid when companies establish night time positions.

d. Cryptography.

- (1) Authentication, KAA-60
- (2) Numeral Codes (Couple) KAK-138

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Unclassified code name for the operation is REGON.
- (2) D-Day, 21 March 1966.
- (3) L-Hour, 0930H.
- (4) Order of March.

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	Company G (Rein)
2	Company E (Rein)
3	Command Group ALPHA
4	Company B (Rein)
5	Command Group BRAVO

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6	BAS
7	Security Platoon
8	Blum Marder Platoon (-)
9	Engr Plot (-)
10	H&S Company
11	HST
12	Flame Section (On Call)
13	Mighty Late Smoke Blowers (On Call)

The sequence of priority numbers will remain as listed above (numerical order) unless altered by this Headquarters.

- (5) The objective area is known to be mined and booby-trapped, tactical dispersion of troops will be necessary in order to prevent unnecessary casualties.
- (6) Rules of engagement. Normal procedures, reference (d).
- (7) Thrust line ZULU GS 4545 azimuth 0° Mag.
- (8) SITREP every hour on the hour, and SPOT reports in accordance with reference (e).
- (9) US Army Advisors Call Sign and Frequencies in accordance with 1st ARVN Infantry Division SOI.
- (10) Frequency for Deputy Advisor of TEUL T-1EN SECTOR is 42.7 mcs. Call sign is STEWED 82.

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2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) LtCol HANIFIN, Jr.

H&S Co (-)

Lt CHAMBERS

- Civil Affairs Tm (Lt BECK)
- Vietnamese Ln Tm (Capt CHUONG)
- Det, Comm Plat (Capt READ)
- HST Tm (Lt FLOREK)
- Det, BAS (Lt COLBY)
- Security Plat (Lt CAPPALLUZZO)

Co G (Rein)

Capt LAVAN

- Co G
- FO Tm, Btry B, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 2nd Sec, 81mm Mort Plat
- FAC Tm, Comm Plat
- 1st Sqd, 3rd Plat, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

Co H (Rein)

Capt NOLAN

- Co H
- FO Tm, Btry B, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 4th Sec, 81mm Mort Plat
- 2nd Sqd, 3rd Plat, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

Co B (Rein), 1st Bn, 1st Mar

Capt ORAVITS

- Co B
- FO Tm, Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 3rd Sec, 81mm Mort Plat
- 3rd Sqd, 3rd Plat, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

Lt VALENTINE

Flame Section

Sgt KATFIELD

3rd Plat, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

Lt PISTELLI

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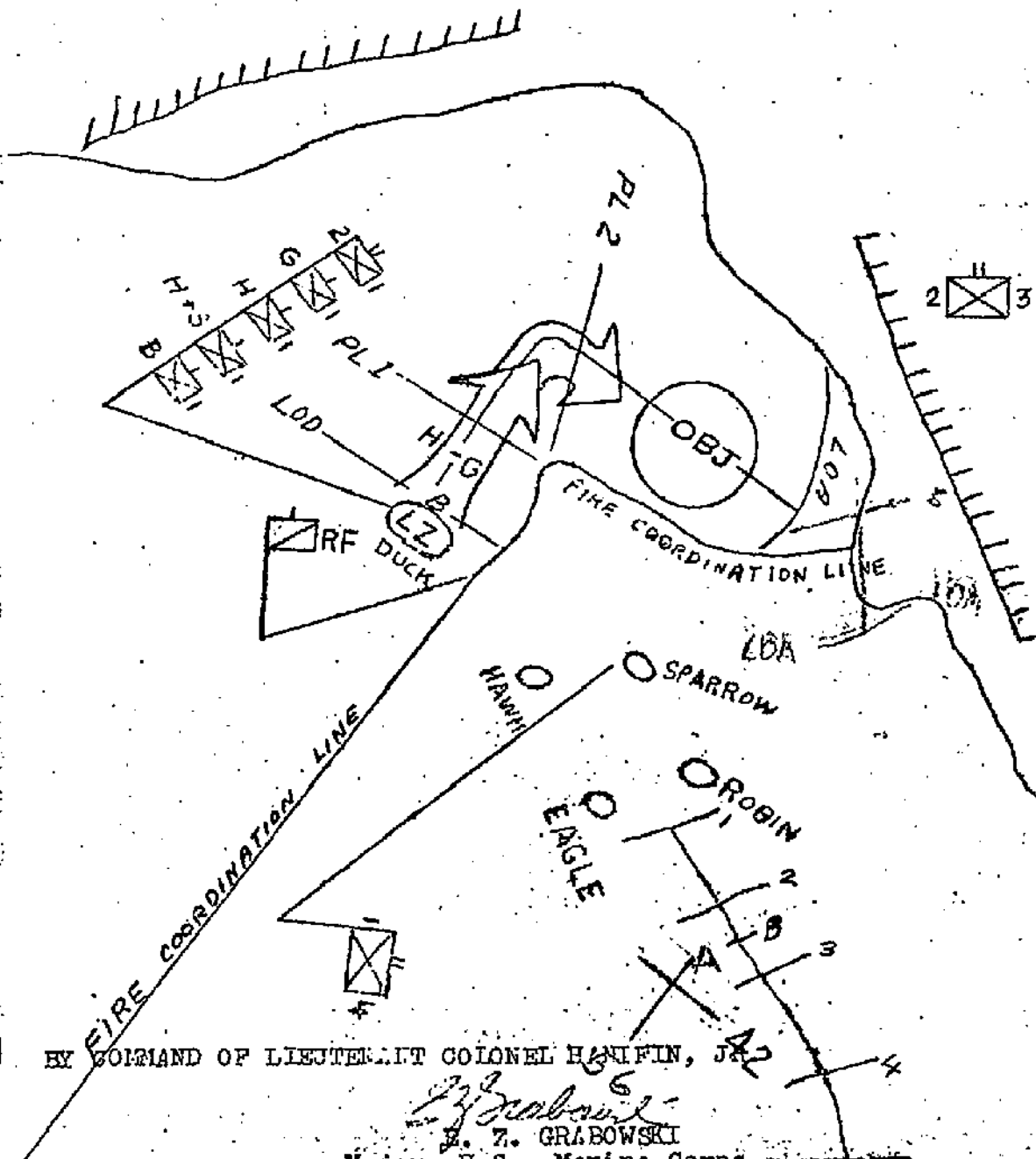
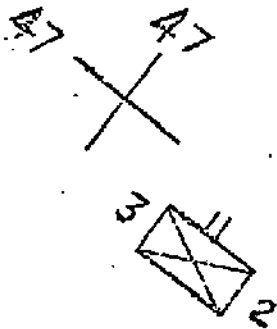
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Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B  
(b) Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 4-66  
(c) Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 6-66  
(d) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) Operation Order 207-66  
(e) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) Operation Order 208-66

Encls: (1) Operation Order 207-66  
(2) Operation Order 208-66  
(3) Operation Overlay, 22 March 1966  
(4) Operation Overlay, 22 March 1966  
(5) Operation Overlay, 23 March 1966

1. Code Name. OREGON.

2. Dates of Operation. 181420H to 231800H March 1966.

3. Location. THUA THIEN Province, PHONG BIEN District (See Operation Overlay).

4. Control and Command Headquarters. LtCol R. T. HANIFIN, JR. Commanding.

5. Task Organization. See Enclosures (1) and (2).

6. Supporting Forces. See Enclosures (1) and (2).

a. Artillery. Two batteries were in direct support of Operation OREGON. Yankee Battery 4th Bn, 12th Marines, 4-155mm Howitzers (Towed). Charlie Battery 1st Bn, 11th Marines, 6-105mm Howitzers.

(1) Missions fired.

(a) Yankee Battery. 1 mission.

(b) Charlie Battery. 4 missions.

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(2) Ammunition expenditure.

	HE	WP	UL	TOTAL
155	6	1	0	7
105	8	10	4	22

All missions fired were for concentration data as part of the F.O.'s fire planning. Fire delivered by both batteries was sufficient and accurate.

b. Air. Air support was requested for the initial phase of the helicopter landing over the Tactical Air Request Net. Air support was provided by UH-1E's and close air support aircraft from 1st MAW. Med Evacs were requested from company level to Task Group Foxtrot by FM Med-Evac Net, which was specifically activated for Operation ~~OPERATION~~. Med-Evacs were expeditiously carried out. In future operations where distance from the operations area to the medical facility is a factor, recommend placing two helicopters in a nearby secure area for the purpose of Med-Evacs.

7. Intelligence. For the intelligence estimate prior to the operation see enclosure (1). The operation was unopposed except for five rounds of sniper fire. The VC had been in the area in battalion strength. In the battalion objective area many fresh fighting holes and filled in mortar pits were found. Villagers reported the village of CHANH LAC GC (YD 532456) to have been a VC battalion headquarters, which had been evacuated at about 201700H March 1966. The area of operation was characterized by huge rice paddies. Avenues of approach into the populated wooded islands in the middle of these paddies were confined to dikes and to 15 ft to 20 ft main access paths. Observation and fields of fire were excellent and unobstructed for the most part from those populated areas. Concealment was good in the populated areas as the bamboo was thick and tall, the rice plants were heavily laden and thick. Cover was confined to dikes in the paddies and to the buildings, dikes, and canals in the populated areas. The dense bamboo, deep canals and deep marshes were the only real obstacles in the area of operation. The populated areas were the key terrain features. The weather, except for short periods of cloudiness was sunny, hot and humid with unlimited visibility. The local population was not hostile and in some cases volunteered valuable information. A total of 9 VCS were detained for further screening.

8. Mission. See enclosures (1) and (2).

9. Contact of Operation. See enclosures (1) and (2).

10. Execution.

1800201 - 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) ordered verbally by Task Group Foxtrot to alert a rifle company on a 2 hour stand by, effective 190730H. B Company designated alert company. Task Group Foxtrot informed 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) that Fragmentary Order 4-66 would follow.

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192025H - 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) alerted by Task Group Foxtrot to alert 1 reinforced rifle platoon on a 1/2 hour alert as security for Yankee Battery (-), effective 190515H. Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 4-66 to follow. One rifle platoon, E Company alerted.

190220H - Received Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 4-66 assigning 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) the mission of being prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines with 1 rifle company on a 30 minute stand-by; 1 rifle company and Battalion Command Group (-) on a 2 hour stand-by, effective 190815H; be prepared to assume responsibility for entire HUE-PHU BAI TAOR on order; and to provide 1 rifle platoon (Rein) for security for Yankee Battery effective 190515H.

190515H - 3rd Platoon (Rein) E company departed Battalion C.P. as security element for Yankee Battery.

190645H - Task Group Foxtrot advised that L-Four for L/4 operation delayed until 191015H.

190800H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) issued Battalion Operation Order 207-66 (See enclosure (1)).

191000H - Task Group Foxtrot advised that due to weather conditions L-Four further delayed until 191215H.

191220H - Task Group Foxtrot advised that L-Four delayed until 20 March, weather conditions permitting, stand-by units notified to assume night defensive mission. Unclassified code name of operation designated "GRISBY". Operation GRISBY was put on a hold status until 201015H, delay attributed to weather.

201620H - Task Group Foxtrot message 201620H directed 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) to put 1 rifle company and a battalion Command Group (-) on 30 minute stand-by. Task Group Foxtrot directed 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines to assume HUE-PHU BAI TAOR responsibility vice 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

201700H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) was directed by Task Group Foxtrot to include an additional rifle company from a third rifle company from 1/1 which will chop to Op Con of 2/A. B Company 1/1 designated as the third company.

201745H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) ordered Command Group ALPHA and BRAVO to stand by for movement and issued verbal frag order to commence planning.

210400H - Received Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 6-66 assigning 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) Op Con of Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines effective 210630H; to land in LZ DUCK with H&S Company (-), 3 rifle companies and an engineer platoon; attack and destroy enemy in village in GS (YD 5345) and be prepared to conduct sweep and destroy operations in area assigned. (See Operation Order 208-66). Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 6-66 superseded Task Group Foxtrot Fragmentary Order 4-66.

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210800H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) issued Operation Order 208-66.

210830H - 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) entrucked to HMM-163 heli pad for movement to operation area.

211107H - Helilift commenced with G Company, H Company, Command Group ALPHA, B Company, E13 (-) and Command Group BRAVO lifted into LZ DUCK.

211255H - Command Group ALPHA landed in LZ DUCK.

211325H - D and E Companies in position to commence sweep on order. B Company landed in LZ DUCK.

211358H - D and E Companies ordered to depart LOD for phase line 1. B Company ordered to move into positions located at GC 528438 to 537436 and provided night flank security. Negative contact at this time.

211405H - G and H Companies arrived at phase line # 1.

211415H - SITREP # 1. G and H Companies arrived at phase line # 1 (3rd Operation Overlay Enclosure (2)) companies continue to sweep toward phase line # 2. B Company remains in position along GC 528438 to 537436. Negative contact.

211442H - H&S (-) and BRAVO Command Group arrived in LZ DUCK. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) helilift completed. 81's set up in position at GC 528438. (5 tubes).

211458H - G Company reported movement progress slowed by high water in company operation area and reported sighting Vietnamese junk float at GC 543502 heading west toward GC 536468.

211512H - Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) request displacement of the 81 to allow B Company access to the area at GC 537436 west to GC 540136 north to GC 545450.

211545H - SITREP # 2. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) C.P. location at GC 528438. G and H Companies sweeping toward phase line # 2. B Company remained at GC 528438 to GC 537436. Negative contact. Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) advised 1/4 of B Company position.

211547H - B Company linked up with lead elements of 1/4.

211548H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) issued order to request displacement of the C.P. less 81mm mortars effective 211600H.

211550H - Report from a VC-10 advised that A/C was taking a VC under fire located in a tree line at GC 543434.

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211536H - H Company reported receiving sporadic small arms fire from vic of GC 533455. VC position taken under fire by the UH-1E on station.

211540H - Units advised of pending air strike at GC 533455. H Company advised of friendly troops at the above location.

211545H - Air strike cancelled.

211600H - G Company requested med-evac for heat casualty. Battalion C.P. commenced displacement to new location forward. Order of march consisted of B Company, Command Group ALPHA, H&S (-), and Command Group BRAVO.

211611H - Companies G and H arrived at phase line # 2 and continued to sweep toward the objective area (See Enclosure (2) Operation Overlay).

211600H - SITREP # 3. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) C.P. GC 536474. G and H Companies sweeping village east of C.P. location in objective area. B Company in battalion reserve. Negative contact.

211800H - SITREP # 4. Battalion C.P. commenced setting in night defensive positions. Companies G and H continued to sweep to end of battalion objective area. Perimeter defense established. Negative contact.

211904H - SITREP # 5 - No change for 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein), C.P. location. G Company C.P. location at GC 535450, lines extend from GC 529452 to 533450; H Company C.P. location at GC 520427, lines extend from 535450 to 537454; B Company C.P. location at GC 535454 lines extend from 537454 to 529452; night security established. Negative contact.

- 212045H - 1. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) INTSUM No. 1.  
2. 211500H to 211830H.  
3. (a) 211520H G Company received sporadic small arms fire from vic 533455 returned fire and by UH-1E rocket and MG fire.  
4. (c) One new VC entrenching tool found vic GC 531454 at 211530H.  
5. Unoccupied fresh fighting holes vic GC 531454.  
10. Intermittent afternoon thunder showers.  
11. Continue to withdraw.  
12. Enemy will employ above listed capability in area of operation.  
15. (a) H Company brought in Vietnamese notebook containing Morse code, signals, and map symbols.  
15. (b) Twenty VC in custody of H Company. Seven were evacuated by resupply helicopters. VCs were of military age and without ID cards. Remainder released by District chief.

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212107H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) received verbal Fragmentary Order 7-66 from Task Group Foxtrot to continue search and destroy operation through 22 March.

212130H - 220630H - SITREP # 6-#15. Unit locations unchanged, negative contact.

220705H - Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) briefed subordinate commanders.

220730H - SITREP # 16. Unit locations unchanged, Negative contact. Battalion Commander issued orders for companies search and destroy missions. (See Operation Overlay, Enclosure (1)).

220835H - H&S Company security element and a team of Engineers commenced detail search of the objective at GC 535454.

220840H - SITREP # 17 - 2/1 resupplied with Class I, unit locations unchanged, negative contact.

220930H - SITREP # 18. Unit locations unchanged, negative contact. Units commence preparations for conducting search and destroy operations as resupply is completed.

221030H - SITREP # 19. Companies G, H, and B commenced to move out to assigned objectives (See Operation Overlay Enclosure (3)). Negative contact.

221100H - Addendum # 1 to T.G. Foxtrot verbal Frag Order 7-66. directed H Company to conduct search and destroy operation in objective H-1 only vice objectives H-1 and H-2. Battalion commander was advised that 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division would conduct search and destroy operations on H-2 objective.

221130H - H Company advised that upon clearing objective H-1 and on order return to 2/1 CP.

221145H - SITREP # 20, G Company located at GC 524442 approaching objective G-1, negative contact. B Company located at GC 540458 approaching objective B-1, negative contact. H Company conducting search and destroy operation in objective area H-2, negative contact. Battalion C.P. location unchanged. H&S Company (-) continues to conduct detail sweep of battalion objective area. Negative contact.

221200H - H Company completed search and destroy mission on objective H-1, Battalion C.O. to hold position until ordered out. H Company further advised to be watchful for friendly ARVN units proceeding across the river from the north. The above movement was conducted at 221630H.

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221215H - G Company at GC 517437 requested med-evacs of 2 heat casualties and one foot injury casualty. Evacuation completed.

221330H - B Company reported moving into objective B-1.

221233H - SITREP # 21. G Company reported that it would reach objective G-1 by 1300. B Company is sweeping objective B-1. H Company has completed sweep on objective H-1 and is still holding position, H&S (-) continues its detail search. Negative contact.

221305H - G Company reported sweeping objective G-1.

221330H - SITREP # 22. B and G companies on objective B-1 and G-1 respectively, H Company still holding position on objective H-1, with H&S continuing sweep. Negative contact.

221438H - B and G Companies completed sweep of objective G-1 and B-1 respectively and are continuing on to objectives G-2 and B-2.

221448H - SITREP # 23. B and G Companies have reached their respective objectives and are commencing to conduct search and destroy operations. Negative contact. H Company continues to hold position on H-1 objective. Battalion C.P. location unchanged and H&S Company (-) concluded detail search of objective M. Negative contact.

221516H - H Company reported hearing occasional small arms fire via GC 545533.

221530H - SITREP # 24. B and G Companies conducting search and destroy operations on their respective objectives # 2. H Company continued to hold company position on objective H-1. Battalion C.P. and H&S (-) no change. Negative contact.

221545H - Addendum # 2 to TG Foxtrot verbal Frag Order 7-66 directed movement of elements of 2/1 into LZ DUCK for a planned operational commitment. Battalion commander directed companies B and G to LZ DUCK upon completion of search and destroy mission on objectives B-2 and G-2. Battalion commander directed Battalion Command Group BRAVO to LZ DUCK for control of elements of 2/1 to include 81mm mortars.

221600H - Command Group BRAVO arrived LZ DUCK.

221605H - B and G Companies completed search and destroy missions on Objective B-2 and G-2.

221632H - SITREP # 25. B and G Companies enroute to LZ DUCK. H Company sighted ARVN element of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division moving across river toward objective H-2. Battalion Commander directed H Company to return to Battalion C.P. H&S Company (-) and Battalion C.P. no change, negative contact.

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221725H - H Company arrived Battalion C.P. and commenced setting up perimeter defense around Battalion C.P.

221730H - Command Group BRAVO set up C.P. in vic of LZ DUCK at GC 528437.

221745H - B and G Companies arrived in LZ DUCK and commenced setting up defensive perimeter for the night.

221750H - SITREP # 26. Command Group ALPHA, H&S (-) and H Companies set in defensive perimeter at GC 535453. Command Group BRAVO, B and G, and H&S (-) Companies set in defensive perimeter in vic LZ DUCK GC 528437 about 1900H.

221845H TG Foxtrot advised Battalion Commander that a new FCL was established at GC 530450, 520460 to 530470. (See Enclosure (4)).

222013H - TG Foxtrot advised Battalion Commander that the FCL between 2/1 and 1/4 has been adjusted to facilitate pending operation (See Enclosure (5)).

222023H - SITREP # 27. Unit locations, no change, negative contact.

222130H - 230630H - SITREP # 28 through # 37 unit locations no change, negative contact.

230730H - SITREP # 38. T.G. Foxtrot issued verbal Frag Order and assigned a mission to conduct a detailed search and destroy operation in order to destroy all defensive positions and fortifications less family shelters in area of operations. (See Enclosure (5)).

230745H - Battalion Commander issued verbal order to Command Group BRAVO to be prepared to conduct search and destroy operation in order to eliminate all defensive fortifications within assigned area of operation. (See Operation Overlay, Enclosure (5)). B Company will sweep on the left, G Company on the right. Contact is left to right. Direct liaison authorized with T.G. Foxtrot for coordinating the FCL. Commence operation on order. Move to LOD ASAP.

230800H - Command Group ALPHA, H&S Company (-) and H commenced preparation to move to LZ DUCK.

230840H - Command Group ALPHA units commenced movement to LZ DUCK. B and G Companies commenced movement to LOD (See Enclosure (5)).

230910H - B and G Companies arrived at LOD. Battalion Commanding ordered both Companies to commence movement toward phase line # 1. Command Group ALPHA unit continue to move toward LZ DUCK. Lead elements of H Company arrived LZ DUCK and commenced setting in a defensive perimeter.

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231000Z - T.G. Foxrot issued verbal Frag Order to hold units at present positions pending decision to terminate operation and helilift 2/1 back to HUE-PHU BAI.

231010H - B and G Companies arrived phase line # 1 and were directed to hold present positions pending further orders.

231040H - SETREP # 39. Command Group ALPHA, Command Group BRAVO H&S Company (-), H Company located at LZ DUCK. B and G Companies holding positions at phase line # 2. Negative contact.

231050Z - T.G. Foxrot rendered decision to cease operation and prepare to helilift 2/1 back to HUE-PHU BAI. B and G Companies ordered back to LZ DUCK.

231240H - Battalion Commander issued order of march for lift, G, B, Command Group ALPHA, H&S Company (-), Command Group BRAVO, and H Company.

231250H - 2/1 Helilift commenced.

231830E - 2/1 Helilift completed.

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#### 11. Results.

##### a. Personnel Summary, Enemy.

(1) Enemy MIA-0, MIA-0, MIA-0, killed by air-0, killed by artillery-0, captured-0. VCS captured (arrested)-9.

(2) Enemy equipment and material losses. None.

##### b. Personnel Summary, Friendly.

(1) Friendly. MIA-0, MIA-0, MIA-0, killed by air-0, killed by artillery-0, captured-0, Mad Waco - 11.

(2) Friendly equipment and material losses. None.

c. Only 1 air strike was conducted during Operation OREGON in the 2/1 TACR. In this instance the ground forces searched the area.

#### 12. Administrative Matters. See enclosures (1) and (2).

##### a. Adequacy of administrative plans:

(1) Supply. All resupply was by helicopter. Supplies were ordered in the A.M. with time and LZ being designated after determination of tactical situation and unit locations. Recupply was satisfactory with delivery of all requested items except for BB-451.

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(2) Maintenance. The only maintenance required was for communications-electronics items which were evacuated to the LSA for repairs.

(3) Treatment of casualties, evacuation and hospitalization. There were no casualties except for non-battle casualties. They were evacuated by helicopter to Company A, 3rd Medical Battalion for diagnosis and treatment.

(4) Transportation. 22 UH-34D's and 3 H-37's were used for transporting troops and equipment to the objective area. There were 18 UH-34D's and 3 UH-37's used for returning to HUE-PHU BAI.

(5) Communications.

(a) The close proximity of Task Group Foxtrot Command post to that of this command permitted reliable external communications. It was found that the single side band net could have been replaced with another F1 Net. This would have given a more reliable means of communications without the heavier and more difficult to logistically support AN/PRC-47.

(b) Internal communications within the battalion was excellent with the use of the AN/PRC-25 down to the company level.

(c) Resupply of batteries for communications equipment was not consistent during this operation. Below is a listing as to what was ordered and what was actually received.

Battery	Ordered	Received
BA-270	24	8
EA-270	14	25
BA-305	1	13
BA-450	5	3
BA-30	0	72
BA-420	0	12
None Recd		
F/BA-450	0	16

(6) Medical evaluation. Ten Vietnamese patients were treated for minor illnesses.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. Mine detectors were taken and used but discovered no mines or other ordnance items in the area of operation.

b. Mighty Mite blowers were taken but were not utilized due to lack of targets.

14. Commander's analysis.

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It was evident that the VC forces had withdrawn under cover of darkness prior to the commitment of the Battalion into the area. In this connection, inclement weather coupled with availability of helicopters has a deleterious effect on our capability to fix the enemy once he is found. Weather will continue to be a prime factor in this area but it would appear that maximum commitment of available troops (to include RVN forces) should be made at the earliest once the enemy is located regardless of the means available.

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6461 III (QUANG TRI), 6460 I (AP KHANH MY) and  
6460 II (THON HO VUNG)
- (b) GTG Foxtrof Operation Order 1-66  
(c) GTG Foxtrof Reorganization Order 1-66 with Overlay  
(d) Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines  
(Rein) CMA Instruction 182310H  
(e) RegtO 03000.6  
(f) RegtO 03120.2B

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

## 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTEGRAMS and Intelligence briefing.
- b. Friendly Forces.
- (1) Task Group Foxtrof Command Group.
  - (2) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines conduct search and destroy operation in area of operations.
  - (3) 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.
  - (4) 4th Battalion 12th Marines direct support of Task Group Foxtrof.
  - (5) Air Support. General support.
    - (a) HMM-163.
    - (b) Det, 220th Avn Co.
  - (6) Naval Gunfire Support. Direct support Task Group Foxtrof.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A.

## 2. MISSION. 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

- a. Commencing at 190820H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. On a 30 minute notice with a Rifle Company (-) (Rein).

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- b. Commencing at 190815H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a two hour notice with a Rifle Company and a Battalion Command Group (-).
- c. Commencing at 190515H provide one rifle platoon (Rein) for security of Yankee Battery.
- d. Be prepared to assume responsibility for the entire HUE-PEU BAI THOR on order.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. On order and utilizing a Command Group (-) and two Companies move by helicopter or surface means to the HUE-QUANG TRI area to conduct search and destroy operations.
- b. Battalion Command Group ALPHA. On order, be prepared commencing at 190815H to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines by utilizing rifle companies assigned (E and G). Move by helicopter/surface means to LZ/operating area selected and conduct search and destroy operations in area bounded by YD 513473, 480473, 630315 and 640390. (See Operation Overlay).
- c. Company E (Rein).
  - (1) Commencing at 190515H provide one rifle platoon (Rein) for security of Yankee Battery.
  - (2) E Company (-)(Rein) be prepared commencing at 190815H to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a 30 minute notice.
- d. Company G (Rein). Commencing at 190815H be prepared to reinforce 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on a 2 hour notice.
- e. 81mm Mortar Platoon. Attach one section to each rifle company.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Order effective upon receipt.
  - (2) Unclassified Code Name for Operation. (Not issued).
  - (3) Fire support Coordination. 1/4 responsible in operating area.
  - (4) Order of march. Company E, Com and Group ALPHA, Company G.

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- (5) Air Support. Normal procedures.
  - (6) Rules of engagement. Normal procedures, reference (e).
  - (7) Reports. Submit SITREP and SPOT Reports in accordance with reference (f).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. As prescribed by the Commandor.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
- a. Report C.I. locations as established.
  - b. Internal communications.
    - (1) Ector Task Group Foxtrot Administration Net (P) 5615, D-46 (S) 3464, D-21.
    - (2) TG TAC Net (P) 43.7, D-214 (S) 40.1, D-192.
    - (3) TAC Air Request Net No. 1 (P) 7995, D-64 (S) 2196 D-3. This net normally operates on secondary frequency.
    - (4) TAC Air Request Net No. 2 (P) 36.6, D-182.
  - c. Cryptography.
    - (1) Authentication KAA-60.
    - (2) Numerical Code (Shackle) KAC-13B.
  - d. Coordination Instructions.
    - (1) U.S. Army Advisors.
    - (2) Frequencies in accordance with DIC 92000.2C.
    - (3) Senior Advisor, Call sign. STEWED 82, Frequency 42.7.

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Command Group ALPHA, 2nd Battalion (Rein),  
1st Marines (Rein)

LtCol HANIFEN, JR.

H&S Co (-)  
Vietnamese Ln Tm  
Co E (Rein)

Capt LARSEN

Co E  
Det, H&S Co  
FO Tm, 1st Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat  
Det, Comm Plat  
Det, Arty FO Tm  
Det, FAC Tm  
Vietnamese Ln Tm  
Co G (Rein)

Capt LAVAN

Co F  
Det, H&S Co  
FO Tm, 2nd Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat  
Det, Comm Plat  
Det, Arty FO Tm  
Det, FAC Tm

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

2ndLt VALENTINE

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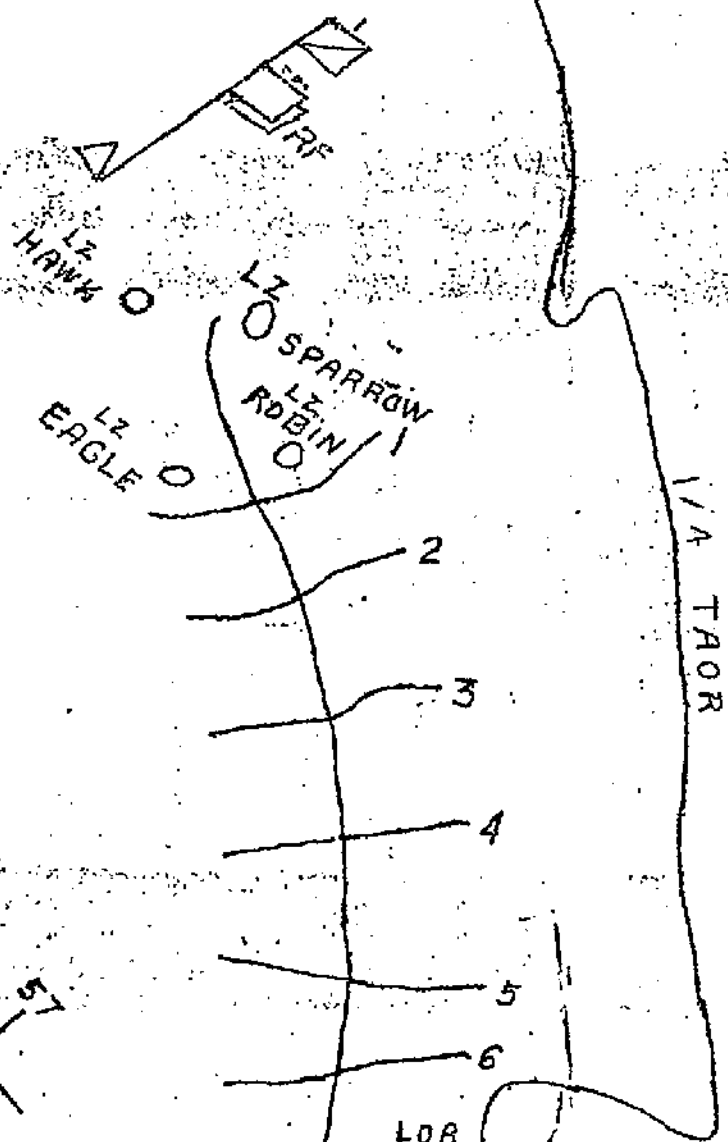
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Operation Order 206-66 (Operation Oregon)

- Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, sheets 6461 II (DIEN SAH)  
6461 III (QUANG TRI), 6460 I (AP KHAME TX) and 6460  
IV (TRON HA VUNG)  
(b) CIG Foxrot Fragmentation Order 6-66  
(c) Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)  
verbal instruction 201930H.  
(d) RegtO 3000.6  
(e) RegtO 3120.1B

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

(1) Composition and strength

- (a) Size unknown, estimated to be two Main Force companies to one Main Force Battalion, possibly the 800th Main Force Battalion which has a strength of 400 to 500 men.

(2) Disposition

- (a) The enemy is strongly entrenched in prepared defensive positions concentrated in GY YD 5543 and YD 5345.  
(b) Positions are strongly built bunkers with houses built over them.

(3) Arms and Ammunition

- (a) 81mm, 82mm, and 60mm mortars (number unknown), 50 Cal. machine guns, and an unknown number of machine guns and automatic weapons.  
(b) Electrically detonated directional mines are suspected of having been employed.

(4) Reinforcements

- (a) The enemy has the potential reinforcement capability of up to three (3) Main Force Battalions.

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(b) Battalions known to be in the area are the 808th, 800th, 812th, and two unidentified Main Force Battalions.

(5) Capabilities

- (a) Defend with forces available.
- (b) Withdraw from area in small groups under cover of darkness.
- (c) Attack with forces available.
- (d) Attack with reinforcements from the west and the south.
- (e) Make diversionary attacks against artillery positions and bridges to the south.

(6) Conclusions. The enemy will probably employ a combination of capabilities (a) and (b) depending on escape routes available, his combat attrition and his logistical support.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Task Group Foxtrot Command Group.
- (2) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines conduct search and destroy operation in area of operations.
- (3) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines direct support of Task Group Foxtrot.
- (4) 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (5) 1st Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (6) 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (7) 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (8) 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
- (9) 1st Troop, 4th Armored Cavalry, 1st ARVN Division.
- (10) 3rd Troop, 4th Armored Cavalry, 1st ARVN Division.
- (11) Air Support. General support.

(c) H134-163

(b) Det, 220th Aviation Company.

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(12) Naval Gunfire Support. Direct support Task Group  
Foxtrot.

o. Attachments and detachments. Annex A.

## 2. MISSION

2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) commencing at L-Hour on D-Day utilizing a Command Group and 3 Rifle Companies will conduct search and destroy operations. (See Operation Overlay).

## 3. EXECUTION

### a. Concept of Operation.

(1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Commencing at L-Hour land three Reinforced Rifle Companies in LZ DUCK. Conduct search and destroy operations in area of operations.

b. Co G (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day land in LZ DUCK conduct search and destroy operations in company sector. (See Operation Overlay).

c. Co H (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day land in LZ DUCK conduct search and destroy operation in company sector of operation (See Operation Overlay).

d. Co B (Rein). At L-Hour on D-Day follow in trace of companies G and H. (See Operation Overlay). Be prepared to assume mission of company G or H and on order to assume such other missions assigned.

e. H&S Co (-). On order, land by helicopters in LZ DUCK. Establish C.P. at location to be designated.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

### a. Supply.

(1) Unit distribution.

(2) Prescribed load.

(a) Class I. 1 MCI

(b) Class II. Batteries, 2 days supply.

(c) Class III. As required.

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- (d) Class IV. As required, upon request.
- (e) Class V. Basic allowance, 100 pounds demolition each company, 48 M2 grenades per company.
- (3) Uniform. Normal arms, Flek jacket, helmets, entrenching tool, jungle kits, and two canteens.
- (4) Resupply. Automatic resupply Class I - - all others on request.
- (5) Captured Material. Return to U.P. (Attn: S-2).

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

- (1) Evacuation.
  - (a) By helicopter to A-Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.
  - (b) Request Med-Evac via Battalion Tactical Net.
  - (c) Weapons and equipment of Marine Med-Evac will be tagged for collection by HST in the LSA.
- (2) Hospitalization. A Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.
- (3) Service. LSA at FLSU-2.
- (4) Personnel. VCC and VCS will be evacuated by helicopter to Command Group Foxtrot for screening and interrogation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Report CP location as established.

b. External Communications.

- (1) Enter Task Group Foxtrot Administration Net (P) 5615, D-46 (S) 3464, D-21.
- (2) Enter Task Group Foxtrot Tactical Net (P) 43.7, D-214 (S) 40.1, D-192.
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c. Internal Communications.

(1) Radio

- (a) Battalion Tactical (P) 42.9, D-20h (S) 49.0, D-215.
- (b) Stations on Battalion Tactical Net will be the following:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGNS</u>
2/1	MUTTER (ICS)
Co B, 1/1	MUTTER BRAVO
Co G, 2/1	MUTTER GOLF
Co E, 2/1	MUTTER HOTEL
BRAVO CMD GRP	MUTTER FIVE
M&S Co (-)	MUTTER THREE

- (2) Wire. Defensive telephone wire will be laid when companies establish night time positions.

d. Cryptography.

- (1) Authentication, KAA-60
- (2) Numerical Codes (Couple) KAK-138

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Unclassified code name for the operation is REGON.
- (2) D-Day. 21 March 1966.
- (3) L-Hour. 0930H.
- (4) Order of March.


<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	Company G (Rein)
2	Company E (Rein)
3	Command Group ALPHA
4	Company B (Rein)
5	Command Group BRAVO

- 6 BAS
- 7 Security Platoon
- 8 Blmm Marker Platoon (-)
- 9 Engr Plat (-)
- 10 H&S Company
- 11 HST
- 12 Flame Section (On Call)
- 13 Mighty Lite Smoke Blowers  
(On Call)

The sequence of priority numbers will remain as listed above (numerical order) unless altered by this Headquarters.

- (5) The objective area is known to be mined and booby trapped, tactical dispersion of troops will be necessary in order to prevent unnecessary casualties.
- (6) Rules of engagement. Normal procedures, reference (d).
- (7) Thrust line ZULU GS 4545 azimuth 0° Mag.
- (8) SITREP every hour on the hour, and SPOT reports in accordance with reference (c).
- (9) US Army Advisors Call Sign and Frequencies in accordance with 1st ARVN Infantry Division SOI.
- (10) Frequency for Deputy Advisor of TFUA TRIEM SECTOR is 42.7 mcs. Call sign is STEWED 82.

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(All attachments effective 210800H March 1966).

2nd Battelion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) LtCol HANIFIN, JR.

H&S Co (-) Lt CHAMBERS

- Civil Affairs Tm (Lt BECK)
- Vietnamese Ln Tm (Capt CHUONG)
- Det, Comm Plt (Capt READ)
- HSP Tm (Lt FLOREK)
- Det, BAS (Lt COLBY)
- Security Plt (Lt CAPPALLUZZO)

Co G (Rein) Capt LAVAN

- Co G
- FO Tm, Btry B, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 2nd Sec, 81mm Mort Plt
- PAC Tm, Comm Plt
- 1st Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

Co H (Rein) Capt NOLAN

- Co H
- FO Tm, Btry B, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 4th Sec, 81mm Mort Plt
- 2nd Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

Co B (Rein), 1st Bn, 1st Mar Capt ORAVITS

- Co B
- FO Tm, Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- FO Tm, 3rd Sec, 81mm Mort Plt
- 3rd Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

81mm Mortar Platoon (-) Lt VALENTINE

Flame Section Sgt HATFIELD

3rd Plt, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn Lt PISTELLI

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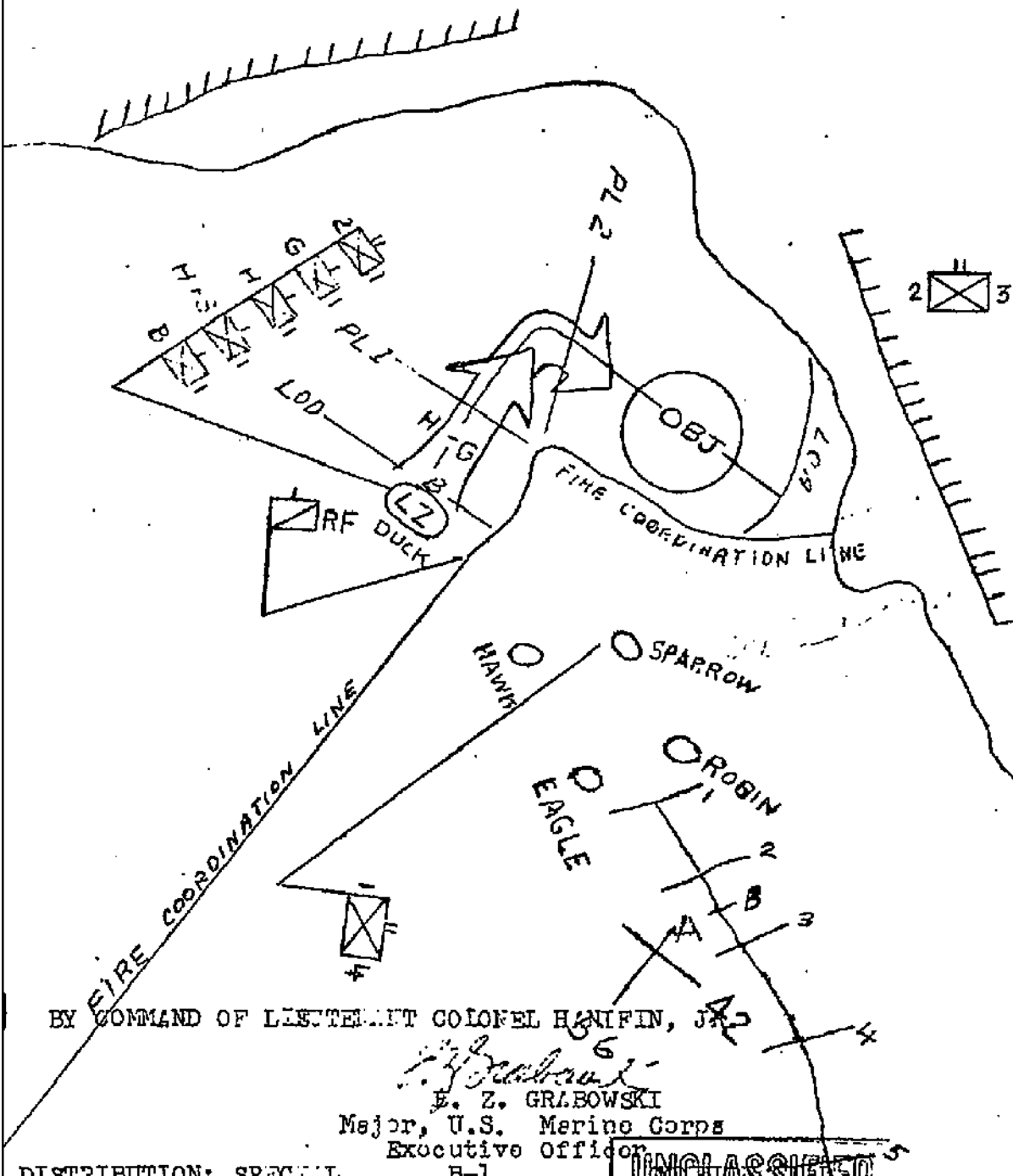
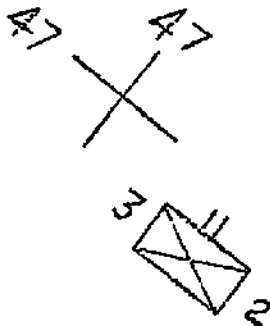
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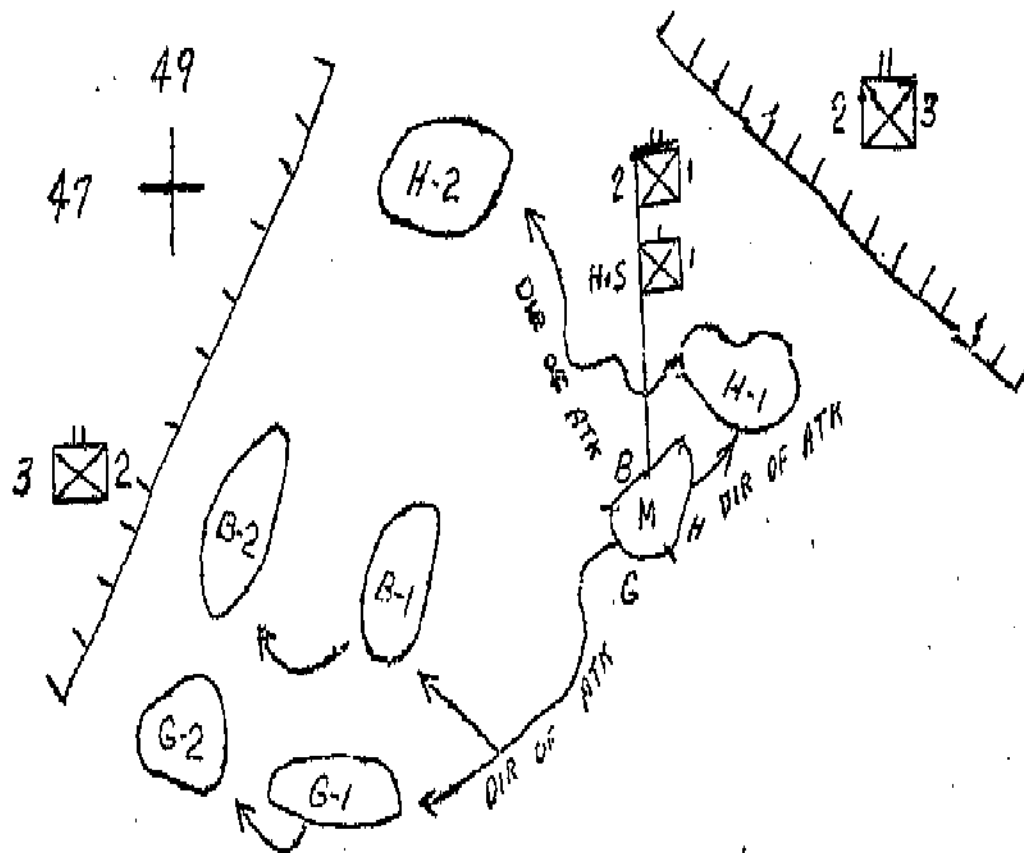
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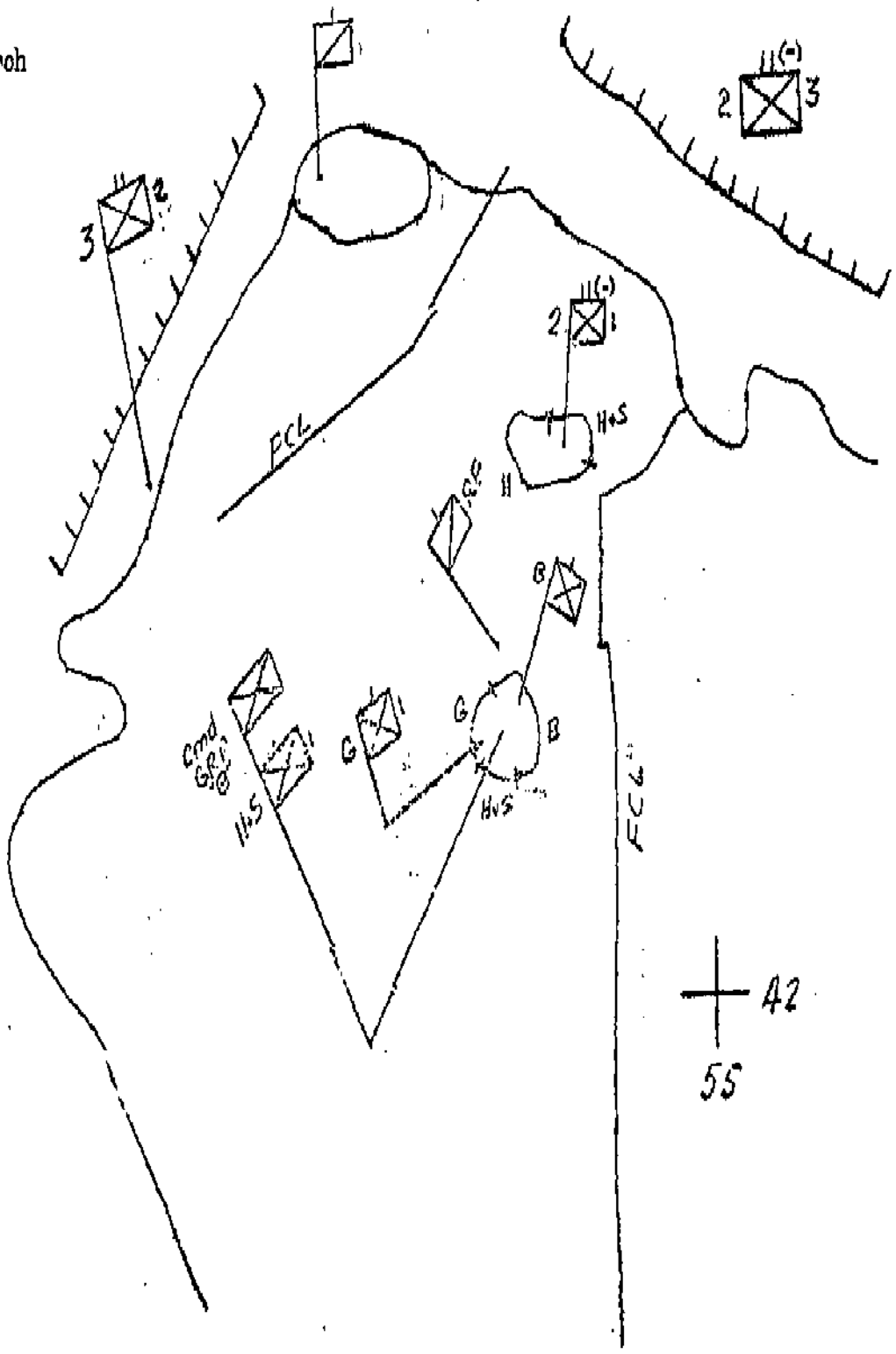
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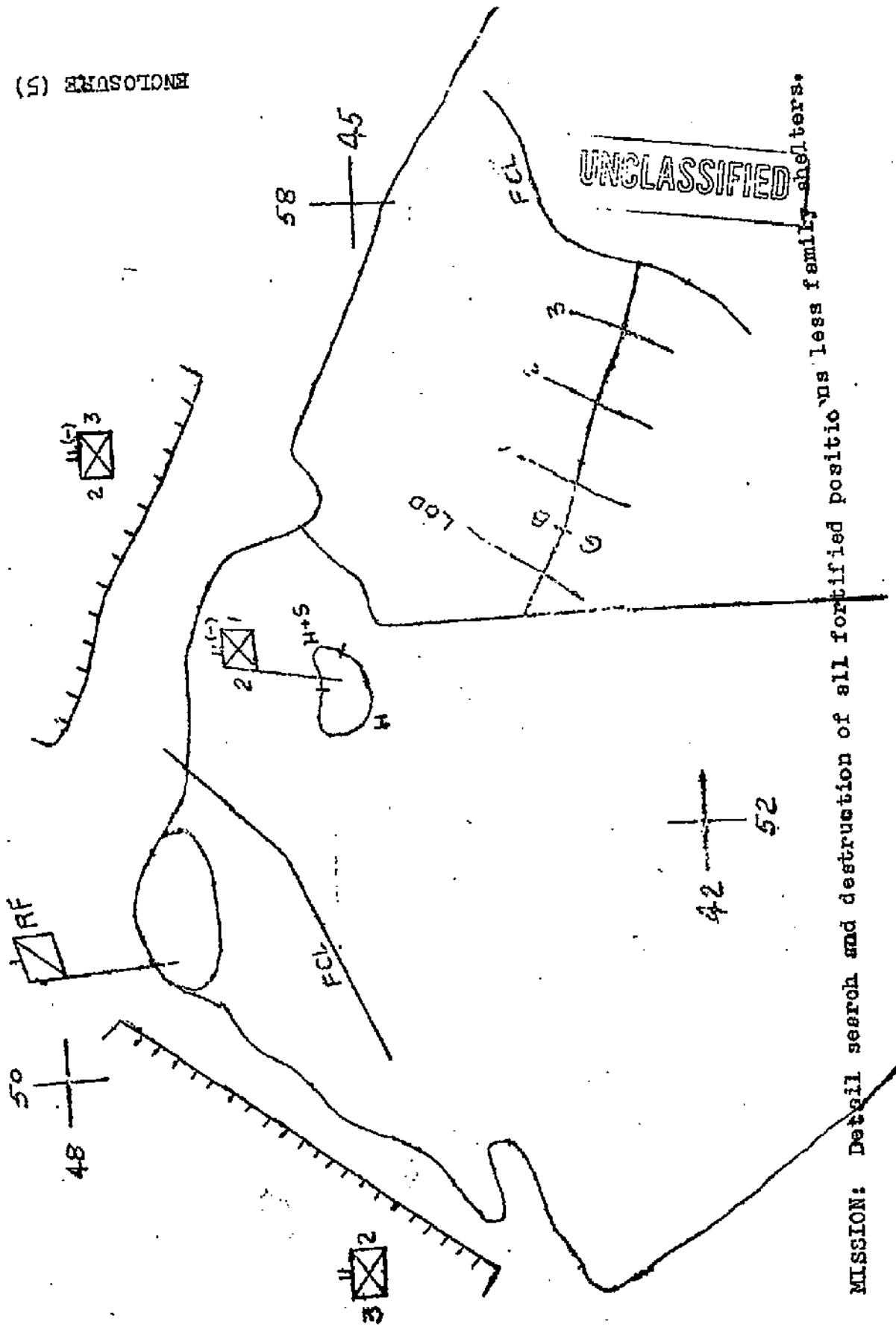
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(5) ENCLOSURE



MISSION: Detail search and destruction of all fortified positions less family shelters.

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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
o/o, FPO, San Francisco, California, 96603

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3:43 PM  
15 Mar 1966

BATTALION ORDER 3100.3

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Standing Operating Procedure for Battalion Operation Center

Ref: (a) BnO 5213.2 (Combat Reports SOP),

Encl: (1) Spot Report Format  
(2) Alert Notification List

1. Purpose. To publish the Standing Operation Procedure for the Battalion Operation Center.

2. General.

a. The direction and control of the tactical operations of this battalion will be accomplished primarily through the Battalion Operations Center. At the direction of the Battalion Commander, a forward command post may be established and control will shift accordingly.

b. The Operation Center Duty Officer (OCDO) will supervise the operation of the Battalion Operation Center and will insure that assigned personnel are properly instructed in their duties as part of the operation watch.

c. The Operations Center watch is responsible for the exercise of troop control and supporting arms operations which are considered routine in a combat zone. During periods of unusual activity the watch will be augmented by other personnel as assigned by the S-3.

3. Organization of the Watch. The 24 hour watch will be divided into four, two hour duty periods between 0800-1600 each day and four, four hour duty periods between 1600-0800 each day. The watch will consist of the following personnel:

a. Operation Center Duty Officer (OCDO).

b. S-3 Journal Clerk.

c. FSCG Duty Officer.

(1) Artillery TAG Net Operators.

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(2) Air Net Operators.

- d. Radio supervisor and Battalion TAC Net Operators.
- e. Foxrot (Combined Action Company) Net Operator.
- f. Other nets and personnel as required.

4. Duties of the Operations Center Personnel are as follows:

a. Operations Center Duty Officer (CCDO).

(1) Brief and pass on to the relieving duty officer all information which may influence the tactical situation during the watch.

(2) Upon assuming the duty as Operations Center Duty Officer, inventory and account for all classified material and information passed on by the old duty officer.

(3) Organize the watch section and insure that all personnel are prepared for and capable of carrying out their respective duties. Discrepancies will be reported immediately to the S-3.

(4) Supervise the operation and maintenance of all records, equipment and other material within the Operations Center.

(5) Be familiar with the operations and activities initiated by the battalion or other units within or adjacent to the TACB.

(6) Report any enemy or friendly activities which may affect ARVN or other Vietnamese units, in or adjacent to the TACB, to the 1st ARVN Division Headquarters (TAC, HUC) and such other headquarters in the chain of command.

(7) Insure that patrol overlays are posted on the Sit Map showing patrol routes, intersect points, check points and ambush sites. These will be labeled with time of departure, time of return and unit designation of patrol. After posting the overlays they will be marked POSTED and filed in the rear of the Patrol Overlay Folder.

(8) Make sure that the Training Syllabus for DONG DA Training Center is posted showing all night training which might affect the activities of Marine Units. A copy of the training schedule will be posted on the Operation Center bulletin board and all ARVN night training will be posted on the Sit Map.

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(9) Receive reports from units concerning enemy or friendly activity. Route such information to appropriate personnel and insure that both report and reply are logged into the S-3 Journal. Be familiar with reference (a) and require appropriate reports from subordinate units.

(10) All enemy sighting and/or contacts or other significant events will initially be reported to S-3, Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer. A Spot Report will be submitted to Higher Headquarters. (See Enclosure (1)).

(11) Coordinate with FSGG to insure maximum troop safety criteria are met and maximum effective use is being made of fire support assets.

(12) In the event of an attack upon this perimeter notify the Commanding Officer immediately and upon his order, sound the alert in accordance with Enclosure (2). Upon sounding the alert, insure that all units have responded, and maintain the alert until the Commanding Officer and Staff Sections assume control over the situation.

(13) Be prepared to brief the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, S-3 and official visitors upon their entrance into the Operations Center.

b. S-3 Journal Clerk.

(1) Maintain an accurate chronological journal of all activities reported to the BOC.

(2) Receive and log all incoming and outgoing messages from the radio supervisor and OCLO.

(3) Insure that the patrol log is maintained showing time of departure, time at each check point and time of return.

(4) Assist OCDO to insure that patrol overlays are plotted properly on the Sit Map and filed after plotting.

(5) Insure that the relieving journal clerk is fully briefed on information which he must be aware of to effectively carry out his responsibilities.

(6) Maintain the Operation Center Bulletin Board to insure that all information is current and in order.

c. FSGG Duty Officer.

(1) Coordinate the fires of all supporting arms of the battalion including 61mm mortars.

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(2) Advise the Operations Center Duty Officer on all matters pertaining to the coordination and employment of supporting arms, including the allocation of unnecessary duplication of fires, that maximum troop safety criteria are met, and that maximum effective use is being made of fire support.

(3) Supervise the maintenance of the Artillery Sit Map and Artillery Support Grids.

(4) Insure that missions are logged, filed and delivered and that reports pertaining to supporting arms are properly prepared. (SUNREP, Command Chronology, After Action Reports).

(5) Insure that all fires outside the UOR and the Free Fire Zone are coordinated with and approved by the 12th ARVN Artillery and such other higher headquarters.

(6) Record all fire missions for all supporting arms.

(7) Maintain an intelligence target list to include:

(a) Target description.

(b) Date intelligence was received.

(8) Recommend establish, and utilize fire coordination measures when required, such as:

(a) No fire lines.

(b) Bomb lines.

(c) Fire coordination lines.

(d) Restrictive fire plans.

(9) Daily artillery requirements:

(a) Inform OCDO of battery displacements, OP location, and impact areas.

(b) Plan daylight H&I's by 1100, and night time H&I's by 1630, and plot them on the Artillery Sit Map.

(c) Plot all patrols fire support requests and send on-call concentrations to higher headquarters FSCC.

(10) Daily 81mm mortar requirements:

(a) Inform OCDO of 81mm mortar platoon displacements, OP locations, and impact areas.

(b) Insure night time H&I's have been planned, checked, and plotted on the Artillery Sit Map by 1800 daily.



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(11) Daily Air Requirement - FSCC Watch Officer will  
in the absence of the Air Liaison Officer:

- (a) Schedule daily resupply runs.
- (b) Arrange emergency Med-Evac.
- (c) Arrange for troop lifts as requested.
- (d) Post all scheduled flights on the Air  
Bulletin Board.

d. Radio Supervisor.

(1) Insure that all outgoing and incoming messages  
are routed to the S-3 Journal Clerk.

(2) Received only those outgoing messages which are  
in written form and released by the OCEDJ before sending. The  
exception to this will be requests for unit positions or sit-  
uations.

(3) Supervise conduct and operation of all battalion  
and regimental nets and advise the OCEDJ on the availability  
and capabilities of those nets.

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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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2 April 1966

BATTALION ORDER 3100.3 Ch 1

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Standing Operating Procedure for Battalion Operations  
Center

Ref: (R) BnO 3100.3

Encl: (1) Change 1 to BnO 3100.3

1. Purpose. To promulgate a change to the basic order.
2. Action. Remove and destroy present enclosure (1) to the basic order and replace with new enclosure (1).
3. Filing instructions. This change will be filed directly behind the signature page of the basic order.

  
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SPOT REPORT FORMAT

SPOT REPORT

ALPHA	Unit Reporting
BRAVO	Date/Time/Group of Activity/Incident
CHARLIE	Location by coordinates
DELTA	Brief description of activity/incident (to include who initiated action, who broke contact, number and type rounds fired by friendly units).
ECHO	Results of action taken or action being taken.
FOXTROT	Friendly KIA
GOLF	Friendly WIA
HOTEL	Friendly MIA
INDIA	Enemy KIA
JULIET	Enemy WIA
KILO	VCC
LIMA	VCS
MIKE	Weapons captured
NOVEMBER	Equipment, documents captured

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ALERT NOTIFICATION

1. In the event of an actual or impending attack upon the HUE-PHU BAI enclave, the Operations Center Duty Officer is responsible for seeing that all organic, adjacent, and attached units are alerted, and that higher headquarters is notified in the following sequence:

- a. CO and XO, 2/1
- b. Higher headquarters.
- c. S-1 (who in turn will notify the Staff of 2/1 and organize BRAVO Command Group).
- d. Command bunkers of following line units:
  - (1) H&S
  - (2) ECHO
  - (3) FOXTROT
  - (4) GOLF
  - (5) HOTEL
  - (6) MGD #7

(Note - Above lines should be held open to BOC for tactical communications).

- e. 8th RRU
  - f. 220th Aviation Company
  - g. 20th ASTA Squadron
  - h. DONG DA Training Center
  - i. A-Med and M&CS-7
3. 4/12 and IMM-163 will be notified by the PSOC Duty Officer.

- - - -All contacted thru  
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23 February 1966

BATTALION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Land Mine Warfare, VC Mines and Booby Traps and Demolition Training

Encl: (1) Training Syllabus

1. Purpose. To set forth instructions concerning the subject training.
2. Information. The 2nd Platoon, 3rd Engineers will provide instruction for three classes (each for a 2 day duration) to be conducted during the period 22 February to 5 March 1966.
3. Quotas. Quotas are assigned as listed below.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>
H&S Company	7 each class
Company A	5 each class
Company B	5 each class
Company C	5 each class
Company D	5 each class
Company E	5 each class
Combined Action Company	2 each class
Recon	1 each class

4. Action

a. Personnel assigned to subject course will report to the Engineer Platoon Commander at 0730 on the date assigned at the Engineer Platoon Area.

b. Personnel attending will have a notebook and pencil in their possession. Flak jackets and helmets will be worn for the 2nd day of instruction.

5. Self-Cancellation. 30 March 1966.

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23 February 1966

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR INFANTRY PERSONNEL

Subj: Land Mine Warfare, VC Mines and Booby Traps.

1st Day

<u>LESSON</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Introduct to Course	FM 20-32	5 Minutes
Fundamentals of Mines and Booby Traps	FM 20-32	10 Minutes
Firing Devices	TM 9-1345-200	30 Minutes
U.S. Anti-Personnel Mines	TM 9-1345-200	45 Minutes
U.S. Anti-Tank Mines	TM 9-1345-200	45 Minutes
Employment and Emplacement	FM 20-32	40 Minutes
M8A1 and Trip flares		45 Minutes
VC Mines and Booby Traps		210 Minutes
Precautionary Measures		30 Minutes

2nd Day

Detection, Breaching and Clearing Mines	FM 20-32	150 Minutes
Practical Application		150 Minutes
Review, Examination, Critique		60 Minutes

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BnBul 1010  
3:AJS:rjo  
13 March 1966

BATTALION BULLETIN 1010

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Commanding General's Troop Inspection

Réf: (a) DivO 5041.15  
(b) Battalion Bulletin 5041

1. Purpose. To publish a sequence for the Commanding General's troop inspection, 17 March 1966.

2. Action.

a. A minimum of 10% of this command will be inspected, with maximum number encouraged, on 17 March 1966.

b. The inspection will include clothing, equipment, and personnel.

c. Equipment will be displayed as indicated in reference (b). Clothing will be displayed by each unit to facilitate inspection by inspecting officers.

d. Units will be inspected in the following sequence, in their respective areas.

- (1) Company E
- (2) Company F/CAC
- (3) Company G
- (4) Company H
- (5) I&S Company

e. Exact time for each unit to be announced.

3. Self-Cancellation. 18 March 1966



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12 March 1966

BATTALION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Training Directive for 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st  
Marines (Rein)

Ref: (a) DivO 1500.1

Encl: (1) Training Schedule Format

1. Purpose. To promulgate a Battalion Training Directive for units of 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

2. Background. Reference (a) delegates the responsibility of maintaining an active program of individual and unit military training to each command within the 3rd Division, and promulgates instructions indicating subjects to be taught.

3. Action.

a. Prior to the first of each month all organic and attached units will submit to Battalion S-3, a monthly training schedule.

b. The training schedule will include subjects, instructors and locations (See Enclosure (1)).

c. Battalion S-3 (Training) will be notified 24 hours in advance of all scheduled training. The advance notice is required so as to provide monitoring personnel to evaluate all such training as desired.

d. Units will be responsible for setting up training at places and times as appropriate. Coordination for use of approved training areas or other areas outside the MLR will be arranged through the Battalion S-3.

e. Instructor orientation classes shall be conducted for all L/Cpl and Cpl instructors. The orientation will be conducted by Officer/SNCO's and it will be emphasized that appropriate lesson plans will be submitted to the Battalion on all formal training conducted.



f. Quotas will be allotted to companies for attendance to Battalion schools taught by specialized contact teams.

4. Individual Training. Each Marine will be trained in the following essentials:

- a. Code of Conduct.
- b. Small arms safety precautions to emphasize safe handling of the M-14 rifle and Cal .45 pistol, grenades, light assault weapons (M-72), pyrotechnics, etc.
- c. Individual movement, protection, and field fortification.
- d. Terrain appreciation, cover and concealment.
- e. Use of compass, map reading, and land navigation.
- f. Intelligence collecting and security of military info.
- g. First Aid, Field Sanitation, and Vietnamese customs and traditions.
- i. Live fire weapons training. ARVN ranges available through the S-3. Emphasize zero weapon, battle sights, and familiarization of weapons such as the M-79.

5. Unit Training. Directed toward improvement of our combat readiness for immediate commitment to active operations. The following training will be stressed:

- a. Squad and platoon patrols (day and night).
  - b. Immediate action drills.
  - c. Sqd/Plat in the attack.
  - d. Sqd/Plat in the defense.
  - e. Tank-Infantry operations. <sup>ref</sup>
6. Self-Cancellation. 15 September 1966.

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EXAMPLE

H&S Company, 2/1  
HUE-PHU BAI, VIETNAM  
1 Jan 66 - 1 Feb 66

MONTHLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
1st Week	First Aid	$\frac{1}{2}$	Co Area	HN SWABBY
	Personal Hygiene	$\frac{1}{2}$	Co Area	HN SQUIDD
	U.S. Pistol, Cal .45	1	Co Area	LCpl HEAVY BARREL
	Squad Patrolling (Day)	1	TEA	Cpl SNOOPER
	Plat in the Defense	2	TEA	Sgt DIGIN
2nd Week				
3rd Week				
4th Week				

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3:JAS:mgh  
15 March 1966

BATTALION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Weapons FAM Fire

1. Purpose. To provide unit commanders an opportunity to FAM Fire recently joined personnel.

2. Action.

a. Company Commanders will insure that all recently joined personnel be given the opportunity to FAM Fire weapons issued. Other personnel may be authorized to FAM Fire weapons recently repaired or in need of adjusting battle sights, to include crew served weapons.

b. The M-14 rifle and M-60 FAM Firing will be conducted at DONG DA 1000" Range. Rocket launchers and M-79's will be fired at DONG DA 57MM Recoiless Rifle Range.

c. Firing will be conducted from 1300 to 1600 on 19 March and 0800 to 1600 on 20 March.

d. Units will participate as follows:

(1) 19 March - E, H&S, and Tanks and Anti-Tanks.

(2) 20 March - E, F/CAG, and G Companies.

e. Emphasis will be placed on zero of weapons and acquiring of battle sights.

f. Each Company will provide one OIC and two safety NCO's. Tanks and Anti-Tanks will provide a SNCO. Safety personnel will be required to be present on the line during the period of firing.

g. Each unit will submit the number of Marines participating by weapon type and the name of OIC and safety personnel to S-3 by 0900 on 18 March.

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h. Units will arrange for transportation and ammunition through S-4. OIC will be contacted on 18 March for amplifying instructions by Battalion Training Officer.

3. Self-Cancellation. 31 March 1966.

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BnO 5213.2  
3:JAS:rjo  
4 March 1966

BATTALION ORDER 5213.2

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

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Subj: Combat Reports SOP

Ref: (a) RegtO 3120.1A  
(b) ForcO 5030.4

Encl: (1) SALUTE Report  
(2) SPOT Report Format  
(3) After Action Report  
(4) Sketch and Overlay Format  
(5) Serious Incidents Reports Format  
(6) Shell, Mortar and Bomb Reports

1. Purpose. To establish requirements and to set forth procedures for the submission of combat reports.

2. Background.

a. The submission of timely and accurate reports of events occurring within the Battalion TAOR, is necessary for the planning, analysis and execution of operations and as a means of informing higher headquarters of the battalion's activities.

b. Reference (a) defines reportable incidents, charges subordinate and/or attached battalions and companies with the responsibility of reporting such incidents to higher headquarters and promulgates sample forms as found here-in.

3. Action. The following Combat Reports will be submitted to S-3 by organic and attached units:

a. Routine reports. Routine reports will be submitted as follows:

(1) Units on the defense perimeter and combat outposts will report hourly between the hours of 1800 and 0700 via land line or radio net.

(2) Units on patrol or involved in operations will report via land line or radio nets:

- (a) Upon departing initial point.
- (b) Upon arrival at check points, harbor site and ambush positions.
- (c) Hourly.
- (d) Upon return to OP.

(3) Routine reports will include any items of interest not requiring immediate attention or action, or a report of "No Change" will be submitted.

b. Initial reports of incidents.

(1) Significant events requiring the SPOT Report will be reported immediately using SALUTE (see Enclosure 1) via any communication means available.

(2) These reports should be brief but as thorough as the situation permits.

(3) Changes during a moving situation should be reported as they occur.

c. SIG Reports.

(1) SPOT Reports (Enclosure 2) will be submitted as soon as possible after the event. Significant events include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Friendly casualties regardless of cause.
- (b) VC initiated acts against friendly forces or installations.
- (c) Capture of VC, VCS, weapons, equipment or documents.
- (d) Discovery of arms, supply caches, medical facilities, and tunnel complexes.
- (e) Death, injury, or mistreatment of non-combatants in the course of tactical operations.
- (f) Significant damage to Vietnamese property by Americans.

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(g) ~~Any incidents likely to result in immediate~~ wide spread news coverage, or which could be detrimental to US/RVN relations (reference (b)).

(h) Enemy casualties.

(2) Reports will be submitted by the most expeditious means available and should follow the format in Enclosure (2). Items not reasonably certain or confirmed should be identified as "Reported", "Confirmed", or "Suspected". Sketches and/or overlays accompanying written reports should include information as shown in Enclosure (4).

d. Serious incidents reports.

(1) Reports will be delivered to this Headquarters, immediately upon discovery, of any incident which may arouse indignation against American personnel or be detrimental to US/RVN relations.

(2) Initial reports will be made immediately via any communications means available, using SPOT Reports and will be followed by a written report utilizing the format illustrated in Enclosure (5).

(3) Reportable incidents are as follows:

(a) Death, injury or mistreatment of non-combatants in the course of tactical operations.

(b) Significant damage to Vietnamese property brought about by action of Americans.

(c) Involvement with Vietnamese military or civilian personnel in a criminal incident or one of immediate or potentially serious significance from a political, military, or public relations stand point.

e. Flash Reports. Flash Reports will be submitted upon contact with enemy forces of platoon size or larger, incoming artillery or mortar fire, and air or armored attacks. Formats in Enclosures (1), (2) or (3) may be used as appropriate.

f. After Action Reports.

(1) Detailed After Action Reports will be submitted in writing to S-3 within 48 hours after any action in which an enemy force of platoon size or larger is encountered, or upon completion of company size operations.

(2) A narrative report will be submitted giving the details of the engagement/operation following the format as illustrated in Enclosure (3).

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SALUTE REPORT

- S - Size of enemy unit encountered or number of weapons, booby traps, etc.
- A - Activity of enemy when encountered.
- L - Locations of both enemy and reporting unit.
- U - Unit. Type of enemy unit identified by activity, uniforms, weapons, strength, aggressiveness etc.).
- T - Time of encounter.
- E - Equipment or weapons by type and amount with which enemy unit armed.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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SPOT REPORT

ALPHA	Unit reporting
BRAVO	Date-Time-Group of incident
CHARLIE	Location by coord or thrust line
DELTA	Brief description of incident
ECHO	Results of action taken
FOXTROT	Friendly KIA
GOLF	Friendly WIA
HOTEL	Friendly MIA
INDIA	Enemy KIA
JULIETT	Enemy WIA
KILO	VCC
LIMA	VCS
MIKE	Weapons captured (description and number)
NOVEMBER	Equipment and documents captured by type and amount

ENCLOSURE (2)

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Reporting unit's identity
2. Size and composition of unit(s) involved
3. Date-time frame
4. Position of units involved (both friendly and enemy)
5. Mission assigned
6. Nature and size of operation
7. Accurate, chronological narrative of events with as much detail as necessary to give a clear, concise picture of the incident/operation. Include sketches and/or overlays for clarity if necessary. (See Enclosure (4)).
8. Casualties on both sides
9. Any other pertinent information
10. Problems or difficulties encountered, solutions adopted, lessons learned, areas needing additional training or attention, and suggestions for future operations.

ENCLOSURE (3)

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SKETCH AND OVERLAY FORMAT

1. Unit identity
2. Sheet name
3. Series number
4. Sheet number
5. Representative fraction
6. Date-Time-Group
7. Insure tic marks are correct
8. Use proper military symbols. Submit legend if other symbols used.
9. Be accurate and neat.

ENCLOSURE (4)

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SERIOUS INCIDENTS REPORT

1. Type of incident
2. Date-Time-Group of incident
3. Location of incident
4. Name, rank, service number, and organization of reporting individual.
5. Name etc. of personnel (both civilian and military), witnesses, and/or units involved (Include name, age, sex, nationality, and address of civilian).
6. Narrative summary of incident (sketch or overlays for clarity where required (See Enclosure 4)).

ENCLOSURE (5)

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SHELL, MORTAR, AND BOMB REPORT

- A. Reporting unit identification
- B. Observer location (use thrust line or couple)
- C. Grid or magnetic azimuth (state which) of flash, sound, or groove of shell (state which)
- D. Time from
- E. Time to
- F. Area shelled/or bombed
- G. Number and nature of guns, mortars, air craft
- H. Nature of fire (sporadic, concentrated, etc.)
- I. Number and type of shells/bombs
- J. Time of flash to bang
- K. Damage (code friendly casualties etc.)

1. Only items applicable to incident need be submitted. Immediate fragmentary reports may be of significant value until more complete reports can be submitted.

2. Each transmission will be preceded by one of the following code words:

- a. Shell report (artillery)
- b. Mortar report (mortars)
- c. Bomb report (air)

ENCLOSURE (6)

HEADQUARTERS  
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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Major General CHUAN, 1st ARVN Division arrives - Band sounds attention.
2. Band plays appropriate honors.
3. Commanding Officer of troops sounds attention and orders present arms.
4. Major General CHUAN approaches colors and salutes - band plays Vietnamese and U.S. National Anthem - troops remain at present arms.
5. Major General CHUAN continues down the line of troops and reviews - band plays appropriate music - after passing last troop element - returns to center of field by the most direct route to microphone.
6. Commanding Officer of troops orders troops order arms, parade rest.
7. Major General CHUAN arrives at microphone - Commanding Officer of troops orders attention and present arms - salutes
8. Commanding Officer of troops orders men to be decorated front and center.
9. Major General CHUAN approaches men to be decorated and renders decorations.
10. Commanding Officer of troops orders men decorated post. Major General CHUAN prepares to depart area.
11. Major General CHUAN moves out of area toward parking lot.
12. Commanding Officer of troops orders - order arms - dismissed.
13. Major General CHUAN and party retires to Battalion conference room for coffee coke, beer.
14. LtCol KEOA and party escorted by Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) and tour of area.

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AWARDS - 25 PLUS CAPT MULLEN (PRESENTED BY PROVINCE CHIEF)  
TIME - 081000H-REHEARSAL 080900H

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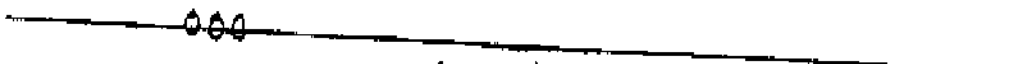
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