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FRAG ORDER 91-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. A COORDINATED S&D OPERATION BETWEEN USMC AND ARVN UNITS VIC (BT 035650) WAS HELD UP ARBITRARILY BY BN COMMANDER OF ARVN UNIT. ARVN FORCES WERE TO BE IN POSITION AT 010400H. THEY DID NOT ARRIVE, HOWEVER, UNTIL 010530H. USMC UNITS WERE IN POSITION AT 010330H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 91-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANCE.

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3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF "GOLDEN FLEECE II" VIC TU CAU (1) (BT 0366), KHAI TAY (2) AND (3) (BT 0466), (BT 0467) AND (BT 0367).

(2) CONDUCT 7 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPERATIONS DURING EAYLIGHT HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

(BT 015644-063644) (BT 099658-108645)

(BT 063644-052650) (BT 044686-056718)

(BT 067628-075619) (BT 073655-044687)

(BT 099658-082644)

B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE 2 PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATIONS IN 34-(BZ 0061), (BT 00

620), (AT 9962) AND (BT 0262).

C. 3D BN. 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 DAY COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC GS (AT 9362), (AT 9462) AND (AT 9463) COMMENCING 020700H.

(2) CONDUCT 1 DAY COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC GS (AT 9559), (AT 9558), (AT 9659), (AT 9759), (AT 9758) AND (AT 9658) COMMENCING 020700H.

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(3) CONDUCT COORDINATED USMC COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION WITH GVN UNITS VIC GS (AT 966671) TO (AT 960678) AND (AT 953673) COMMENCING 020430H IN SUPPORT GOLDEN GLEECE II.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) 3D ENGR BN HAS A SPECIALIZED TUNNEL TEAM AVAILABLE FOR SWEEPING, PROBING, SMOKING, TRACING AND DESTROYING TUNNEL SYSTEMS. UNITS DESIRING SERVICE OF THIS TEAM SUBMIT REQUEST TO THIS HQ (S-3).

(2) BN ARE DIRECTED TO STATE INCLUSIVE TIMES AND GS OF S&D OPERATIONS IN PLANS SUMMARY PORTION OF DAILY SITUATION REPORTS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

A. HELICOPTERS OPERATING IN 9TH MARINES Z/A MONITOR 328.2 UHF (RED) AND/OR 41.2 FM (CRIMSON). BATTALIONS UTILIZING 9TH MARINES GENERAL SUPPORT HELICOPTERS ARE REQUIRED TO MONITOR THESE FREQUENCIES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. 9TH MARINES DAILY COURIER SCHEDULE:

AM	PMO	
0800H	1300	HQ CO CP

0215H	1315	3/3 CP
0825H	1325	3/9 CP
0835H	1335	2/9 CP
0845H	1345	HQ CO CP

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A. 9TH MARINES MSG 010910Z (OPO 109-66: ROUGH RIDER NORTH)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. AS OF 1 APRIL, APPROXIMATELY 26 TONS OF RICE HAVE BEEN HARVESTED OR COLLECTED DURING "GOLDEN FLEECE II" OPERATIONS IN 3D BN, 9TH MARINES ZOA.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 92-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

HAS BEEN SENT

A. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON CO 1 TO 3D MARINES EFFECTIVE 021700H IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "ORANGE".

(2) ASSUME OPCON RIFLE PLATOON FROM 3D BN, 9TH MARINES AT 031000H FOR EMPLOYMENT ASP #1 SECURITY.

(3) CONDUCT 2 PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATIONS VIC GS (AT 9495), (AT 9362), (AT 9562), (AT 9464), (AT 9564) AND (AT 9463) COMMENCING 030800H.

(4) CONDUCT COMPANY-SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (AT 9567), (AT 9568) AND (AT 9767) COMMENCING 030700H.

(5) CONTINUE ONE COMPANY AND BATTALION CMD GROUP ON 4-HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPN "ORANGE".

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH ON 4 APRIL IAW REF. MODIFIED TO INDICATE 3-PLATOON COMPANY WILL PROVIDE CONVOY ESCORT VICE 2-PLATOON COMPANY.

(2) CONTINUE PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 0262) AND (BT 0362).

(3) CONTINUE PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 0061).

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

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- (1) CHOP UPON T RIFLE PLATOON TO 3D BN, 3D MARINES AT 031000H FOR EMPLOYMENT ASP #1 SECURITY.
- (2) PLACE ONE COMPANY MINUS ONE PLATOON ON 4-HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT 3D BN, 3D MARINES ZONE OF ACTION.
- (3) CONTINUE COMPANY-SIZE S&D OPERATIONS VIC GS (BT0366), (BT 0466) AND (BT 0367).
- (4) CONDUCT 7 PLATOON-SIZE S&D OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

BT 076619-063644	030830-1400H
BT 063644-070627	031500-1900H
BT 052658-036649	030800-1900H
BT 082664-097618	030600-1900H
BT 099658-092670	031400-1930H
BT 073655-044686	030700-1200H
BT 044686-092670	031300-1700H

HAS BEEN SENT**ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS****A. RECAPITULATION OF CASUALTIES DURING MONTH OF MARCH:**

USMC:	KIA	WIA	MIA	NBC		
	33	269	1	18		
VC:	KIA(BC)	KIA(POSS)	VCC	VCC(WIA)	VCWIA(POSS)	VCS
	152	150	17	5	141	277

B. MORNING COURIER RUN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF HELICOPTERS.

AFTERNOON COURIER RUN SCHEDULED REMAINS UNCHANGED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS OMITTED.

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RELEASES.....E. H. SIMMONS, COLONEL

DRAFTER.....V. T. BLAZ, MAJOR

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A. MY 010910Z (OPO 109-66; ROUGH RIDER NORTH)

B. MY 010830Z NOTAL

C. CG 3D MARDIV 011240Z

D. CG 3D MARDIV 010720Z

E. CG 3D MARDIV 030205Z

F. MY 120810Z MAR (ARVN ACTIVITIES)

G. MY 010915Z (COURNER-MORTAR MEASURES) (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) T 031300H. 1ST PROVISIONAL ARMORED AMPHIBIAN **HAS BEEN SENT**

PLATOON, 1ST AMTRAC BN DISPLACED 4 ADDITIONAL LVTH-6'S (FOR A TOTAL OF 6) TO HILL 55. OPO 107MM MORTAR BATTERY, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES WHICH WAS ON HILL 55 WAS CHOPPED TO 1/12 AT 030730H INSUPPORT OPERATION ORANGE.

(2) ROUGH RIDER NORTH, OPO 2D BN, 9TH MARINES, WILL DEPART 3D MT BN STAGING AREA 040700H. EXPECTED TO PASS NAM O BRIDGE (AT 927843) ABOUT 040830H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 93-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. HQ CO, 9TH MARINES. CHOP OPO 1ST PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO 3/3 AS OF 031600H.

B. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE BN CMD GROUP ON 4 HOUR ALERT (OPERATION ORANGE).

(2) CHOP OPO 1ST CO L TO 3D MARINES AS OF 031300H (OPERATION ORANGE).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON S&D IN GS (AT 9760-9660-9550-9759-9663-9562).

C. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT "ROUGH RIDER NORTH" TO NUE PHU BAI COMMENCING
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040700H. LAW REF A.9

(2) MAINTAIN MOBILE PLATOONS IN GS (BT 0252-0362) AND (AT 9363-BT 0063).

D. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY MINUS ONE PLATOON ON 4-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT 3D BN, 3D MARINES ZONE OF ACTION.

(2) CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF "GOLDEN FLEECE II" VIC TU CAU (1) (BT 0366). KHAI TAY (2) AND (3), (BT 0466-0467-0367).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC (BT 044675-046695).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) BATTALION COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT SIT-MAPS REFLECT NOT ONLY DISPOSITION OF OWN UNITS BUT OF OTHER UNITS OF 9TH MARINES AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT UNITS DOWN TO COMPANY LEVEL.

(2) DIRECTION BETWEEN BATTALION COMMANDERS AND CERTAIN RVN OFFICIALS:

- (A) CO, 3D BN, 9TH MARINES WITH DIEN BAN DISTRICT CHIEF
- (B) CO, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES WITH CO 39TH RANGER BN
- (C) CO, 3D BN, 3D MARINES WITH DAI LOC DISTRICT CHIEF.

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(3) REF B STATES CURRENT POLICIES CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS WITH PATROLS, OUTPOST, AMBUSHES AND LISTENING POSTS SEPARATED FROM PARENT UNITS. BATTALION COMMANDERS WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THESE PROVISIONS ARE FULFILLED.

(4) REF C INDICATES THAT FMAW HAS THE CAPABILITY TO DELIVER RCA IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS DESPENDING CS AGENTS FROM UN-34, CH-46 AND UH-1E AIRCRAFT. REQUEST FOR THIS SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH AIR CHANNELS AT LEAST TWO HOURS PRIOR TO INTENDED USE.

(5) REF D REQUIRED REPORTS OF ALL ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES IN TARGET AREAS THROUGH WHICH TROOPS PASS OR OPERATE.

(6) REF E REQUIRES COMMANDERS TO INSURE THAT SPECIAL SITREPS ARE SUBMITTED EVERY SIX HOURS FOR OPERATIONS CONSISTING OF TWO COMPANIES OR MORE USING FOLLOWING FORMAT:

- (A) LOCATION AT END OF PERIOD.
- (B) BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTION DURING PERIOD.
- (C) ENEMY CONTACT (TIME, PLACE, RESULTS).
- (D) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (DISCOVERY OF SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES).

(E) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INTENTIONS DURING NEXT PERIOD.

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(F) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES (USMC - VC).

(7) REF (F) REQUIRES COMMANDERS TO REPORT BY FLASH MESSAGE AND/OR MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS ANY RVNAF TROOP MOVEMENTS NOT RELATED TO KNOWN MILITARY OPERATIONS. IN LIGHT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS DANANG AREA, THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT REEMPHASIZED.

(8) REF (C) ENJOINS COMMANDERS TO TAKE CERTAIN COUNTERMORTAR MEASURES DURING PRESENT PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNREST IN DANANG. COMMANDERS WILL REVIEW OWN SITUATION AND RESOURCES AND TAKE ACTION OUTLINED REF (G).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 17. FDAC ORDER 94-66
 18. 4 CG III MAF 031532Z
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 20. 1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL: LOCAL UNREST IN DANANG CONTINUES. RVN TROOPS
 EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION TO RESTORE LAWFUL AUTHORITY. U.S. FORCES
 HIGHLY ALERT AND WILL AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH VN CIVILIAN OR MILITARY
 ELEMENTS.

B. ENEMY FORCES: 9TH MAR ISUM 94-66.

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21. 24 MISSION: NO CHANGE
 22. 3. EXECUTION

23. 7. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL BATTALIONS ASSUME DEFENSIVE POSTURE EFFECTIVE
 060001H. NO OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED UNTIL FURTHER
 NOTICE.

(2) SUSPEND OPERATIONS "GOLDEN FLEECE II", "ROUGH RIDER

(4) "NORTH" AND "COUNTY FAIR 2" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(3) COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT THEIR UNITS DO NOT AID
 NOR IMPEDE RVN ACTIVITIES.

(4) INSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF
 REFERENCES (A) AND (B).

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DRAFTER.....V. T. BLAZ, MAJOR

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FRAG ORDER 95-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 050746Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. LOCAL UNREST CONTINUES IN DANANG.

U.S. FORCES REMAIN ON ALERT.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 95-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL BATTALIONS REMAIN IN DEFENSIVE POSTURE. OPERATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MAXIMUM PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES TO INSURE ADEQUATE SECURITY OF LINES AND INSTALLATIONS.

(2) CONFEDERATE AND/OR STATE FLAGS WILL NOT BE FLOWN IN THE 9TH MARINES ZOA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. VEHICULAR MOVEMENT ON PUBLIC ROADS REMAINS LIMITED TO EMERGENCY TRAFFIC ONLY. REF (A) LISTS PROHIBITED ROADS. PARA 1B OF REF (A) SHOULD READ "EAST OF BT 013725". SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR AUTHORITY TO DISPATCH EMERGENCY TRAFFIC TO S-4 SECTION, 9TH MARINES.

B. RESUPPLY HELICOPTERS. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT RESUPPLY A/C ARE USED EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY. CARGO AND PASSENGERS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED IN ORDER TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT. RESUPPLY HELICOPTERS ARE AT A PREMIUM. THEY WILL NOT BE ABUSED AND WILL NOT BE RETAINED BY BATTALION COMMANDERS BEYOND ALLOTTED TIME WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. FREQUENTLY USED CALL SIGNS AND FREQUENCIES OF ARVN UNITS.

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STATION	CALL SIGN	FREQ
A. QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR/ROCKY POINT	32	47.5 (FM)
SR ADV	6	
ASS'T SR ADV	5	
OPN ADV	3	
ARTY ADV	8	
PSY-WAR ADV	9	
B. DIEN BAN DIST HQS	20	
SR ADV	21	
C. HOA VANG DIST HQS	22	
SR ADV	23	
D. HIEU DUC DIST HQS	24	
E. 11TH RANGERS	27	
5. 39TH RANGERS	28	
51ST REGT	40	49.5 (FM)
1ST BN, 51ST REGT	41	
2D BN, 51ST REGT	42	
3D BN, 51ST REGT	43	
4TH BN, 51ST REGT	44	
51ST REGT STAFF ADV	45	

51ST SR ADV 46
SR RF ADV 49

H. 9TH MARINES LIAISON OFFICER (PEEPSIGHT LIAISON 1) AT QUANG NAM
SPECIAL SECTOR. HOI AN. MAY BE REACHED THROUGH ROCKY POINT 30
ON 47.5 (FM) OR ANTENNA WHIP 20 ON 49.5 (FM).

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) POLITICAL SITUATION IN DANANG REMAINS UNCHANGED.
 9TH MARINES ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO AGGRESSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
 VEHICULAR TRAVEL LIMITED TO EMERGENCY TRAFFIC.

(2) ROUGH RIDER (4) NORTH DEPARTED HUE PHU-BAI AT 061330H
 AND ARRIVED AT DANANG 061730H. CO E, 2D BN PROVIDED CONVOY
 ESCORT. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT "ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH" ON
 8 APRIL.

(2) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3/3, CONDUCT PLATOON-SIZE PATROL
 VIC QUANG DONG (3) (AT 9962) ON 7 APRIL.

(3) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON FROM 3/9
 TO PROVIDE BRIDGE GUARDS AND REAR AREA SECURITY DURING OPERATION
 "ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH" COMMENCING 8 APRIL.

B. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON TO 2/9 ON
 8 APRIL FOR PERIOD ABOUT 2 DAYS.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/9, CONDUCT PLATOON-SIZE PATROL
 VIC DUC KY (1) (AT 9861) ON 7 APRIL.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL BATTALIONS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE
 POSTURE. INSURE MAXIMUM PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT
 ZONE OF ACTION. ALL UNITS WILL BE CAUTIONED TO BE ON ALERT FOR
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POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS BY VC TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST AND MORATORIUM ON OFFENSIVE ACTIONS TO INFILTRATE USMC POSITIONS.

(2) BATTALION BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND 3/3 MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS EFFECTIVE 070600H. DELETE BOUNDARY EXTENDING FROM (AT 990641) TO (AT 993616; SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR LINE FROM (AT 990641) RUNNING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 50 METERS EAST AND PARALLEL TO SONG AI NGHIA TO (AT 989622) WHERE IT RUNS ALONG UNNAMED STREAM TO (AT 993616).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS AUTHORIZED FROM HILL 55. 3/3 CP (REAR). 2/9 CP AND 1/9 CP TO REGIMENT AND DIVISION. TRAFFIC RESTRICTED TO FOLLOWING ROUTES:

(A) 3/3 FWD (HILL 55) TO REGIMENT AND DIVISION VIA HA DONG, BRIDGE NR 1, REGIMENT, (AT 973720). ASP NR 1 TO DIVISION.

(B) 3/3 (REAR) TO REGIMENT VIA MOST DIRECT ROAD. TO DIVISION VIA ASP NR 1.

(C) 2/9 TO REGIMENT AND DIVISION VIA ROUTE INDICATED IN 4(B) LESS HA DONG.

(D) 1/9 TO REGIMENT VIA SOUTH AIRFIELD GATE VIC (BT 007699). HOA VANG 4 CORNERS. DIRECTLY TO REGIMENT.

(E) REGIMENTAL HQ VEHICLES MAY TAKE ROUTES TO BATTALIONS AND

DIVISION AS INDICATED IN 4(A), (B), (C) AND (D).

(F) TRAFFIC REMAINS RESTRICTED TO EMERGENCY AND ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TYPE RUNS.

(G) TRAFFIC TO 3/9 AND ALONG HWY NR 1 LESS PORTION DEPICTED IN 4 (A), (B), (C) AND (D) AND ALONG STRAND REMAIN PROHIBITED.

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FRAG ORDER 97-66

A. 9TH MARINES OPN ORDER 112-65 (ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. POLITICAL SITUATION IN DANANG HAS REPORTEDLY
 WORSENER. AT ABOUT 1545H, 9TH MARINES WAS DIRECTED TO PUT TWO
 RIFLE COMPANIES ON 30-MINUTE ALERT WHICH WAS LATER EXTENDED TO
 1-HOUR ALERT. AT 1800H, BATTALION COMMAND GROUP (2/9) WAS
 PLACED ON 1-HOUR ALERT.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 97-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES. PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR
 ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL COMPANY

B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE
 EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL COMPANY

(2) PROVIDE BATTALION COMMAND GROUP ON 1-HOUR ALERT
 FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT WITH RIOT CONTROL COMPANIES.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REF (A) (ROUGH RIDER NORTH) CANCELLED.

(2) ALL BATTALIONS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE
 POSTURE. MAXIMUM PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WILL BE CONDUCTED
 THROUGHOUT ZOA. ALL UNITS WILL BE CAUTIONED TO CONTINUE
 TO BE ON ALERT FOR POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS BY VC TO TAKE
 ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST TO INSILTRATE USMC
 POSITIONS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 98-66

A. 9TH MAR 081455Z (9TH MAR OP PLAN 113-66)(NOTAL)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. CONTINUED DETERIORATION OF POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE
 IN DANANG VIEWED WITH GRAVE CONCERN. REF A IS REGT'S
 OPERATION PLAN FOR EMPLOYMENT OF 9TH MAR FORCES IN
 EVENT CIRCUMSTANCES SO WARRANT.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 98-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3D MAR

(1) CHOP OPCON HQ PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION
 AT 091000H.

(2) CHOP OPCON RIFLE PLATOON AT ASP1 TO PARENT
 ORGANIZATION AT 091000H.

B. HQ CO 9TH MAR. RESUME OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON
 AT 091000H.

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR. RESUME OPCON RIFLE PLATOON FROM
 ASP1 AT 091000H.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ALL UNITS BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OP PLAN 113-66 ON ORDER.

(2) PATROL/ AMBUSH OVERLAYS WILL BE SUBMITTED 48 HOURS IN
 ADVANCE.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS.

A. EFFECTIVE 090800H, UNITS WITHIN 9TH MAR ZOA WILL
 UTILIZE 269.5 USF (GOLD) AND/OR 43.5 FM(YELLOW) FOR HELICOPTER
 CONTROL. FIXED WING CONTROL REMAINS 236.2 UHF (BLACK).

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FRAG ORDER 99-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 090853Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) THE POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNSTABLE AND UNRESOLVED. ROAD BLOCKS AND BARRICADES EXIST THROUGHOUT AND AROUND DANANG, SOME MANNED BY ARVN, AND SOME BY CIVILIANS. RVN MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT AIRBASE. THE STATUS OF 1ST ARVN DIVISION REMAINS OBSCURE. LTGEN DIHN

WAS ANNOUNCED AS NEW I CORPS CG. ARVN ELEMENTS ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR 155MM HOWITZERS ATTEMPTED TO DISPLACE TO THE DANANG AREA BUT WERE HALTED BY VNAF AIRCRAFT WHICH FIRED AERIAL ROCKETS IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVOY AS IT APPROACHED CAM LE BRIDGE, COORDINATES (BT 0171), FROM THE SOUTH. A DISABLED TRUCK AT THE THANH QUIT BRIDGE, COORDINATES (BT 042621), ALSO SERVED TO INTERRUPT THIS ELEMENTS MOVEMENT.

(2) THE CURRENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY PRESENTS ENEMY WITH UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASES THE PROBABILITIES THAT HE MAY INITIATE A MULTI-COMPANY ATTACK AGAINST A MAJOR INSTALLATION OR FACILITY IN THIS AREA. USMC TARGETS, SUCH AS COMPANY OF BATTALION COMMAND POSTS, PLATOON POSITIONS, OR ISOLATED ELEMENTS, MUST ALL BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 99-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. BE PREPARED ON ORDER, TO ESTABLISH A ROAD BLOCK NORTH OF CAM LE BRIDGE (BT 0171) CONSISTING OF ONE PROVISIONAL PLATOON SUPPORTED BY TWO ONTOS.

B. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. MAINTAIN BN CMD GROUP AND TWO RIFLE

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COMPANIES ON 4-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL COMPANY IN DANANG.

C. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO RE-ESTABLISH ROAD BLOCK AT THANH QUI BRIDGE (BT 0462).

(2) MAINTAIN BN CMD GROUP AND ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 4-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RIOT CONTROL COMPANY IN DANANG.

(3) CONDUCT "ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH" IAW REF A.

D. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) RESUME OPCON COMPANY I 091620H.

(2) WITHDRAW PLATOON FROM SOUTH OF SONG LA THO IF DEEMED NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING DELIBERATE DEFENSIVE POSTURE VIC HILL (AT 970620).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL UNITS ASSUME DELIBERATE DEFENSIVE POSTURE EFFECTIVE 091800H.

(2) BE PREPARED TO DEFEND AGAINST MULTI-COMPANY OFFENSE BY VC THROUGHOUT 9TH MARINES ZOA.

(3) INSURE TIGHTENING OF FORWARD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH ALL SMALL UNITS OUTSIDE PERIMETER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 100-66

- A. CG III MAF 032324Z (AIRFIELD DEFENSIVE BN ROTATION)
- B. 9TH MAR 091530Z (OPNO 114-66 (ROUGH RIDER(5) NORTH))
- 1. SITUATION.
- A. GENERAL.

(1) APPOINTMENT OF LT GEN DINH AS CG, I CORPS APPEARS TO HAVE SERVED TO STABILIZE LOCAL SITUATION AS NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD. GVN MARINES CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT DANANG

AIR BASE BUT THREAT OF MOVEMENT OF ARVN MILITARY FORCES INTO DANANG HAS DIMINISHED. UNOFFICIAL REPORTS FROM SAIGON INDICATE THAT DISSIDENT FORCES HAVE ANNOUNCED A TEMPORARY CESSATION OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAIGON AREA FOR EASTER PERIOD.

(2) ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH DEPARTED AT 101045H AND ARRIVED HUE PHU-BAI AT 101355H. CONVOY RECEIVED LIGHT SMALL ARMS HARASSING FIRE AT 101210H VIC (AT900955). NO CASUALTIES.

D. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 100-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) RETURN ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH TO DANANG COMMENCING ABOUT 111145H IAW REF B.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF A STATES SCHEDULED ROTATION 1/9 AND 3/3 DELAYED UNTIL 1MAY66.

(2) COMMANDERS WILL CONTINUE TRAINING PROGRAM COVERING EMPLOYMENT OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS TO INCLUDE:

- (A) USE OF PROTECTIVE MASKS.
- (B) USE OF M7A1/M7A2 GRENADES (CN/CS).

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(C) USE OF M-106 DISPENSERS.
(D) INSTRUCTION ON CAPABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT
TECHNIQUES OF AVAILABLE RCA SYSTEM IN COUNTERINSURGENCY ENVIRONMENT.
(3) BN'S MAINTAIN TIGHT FORWARD POSITIONS WITH
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PREVENTING INFILTRATION OF VC ELEMENTS INTO
9TH MAR ZOA.
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.
5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS.
A. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CONTROL WITHIN 9TH MAR ZOA 341-4
(TAD NR 1)(BLUE) VICE 236-2 (TAD NR 5)(BLACK) EFFECTIVE 110300H.
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A. THIRD MARDIV OP ORDER 330-66 (DOUBLE TIME)

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 091250Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH DEPARTED HUE PHU-DAL AT 110850H. CLOSED DANANG 111300H. AT 110030H. INCOMING VC MORTAR ROUNDS AT OP AT PHU-LOC (AT 085007) RESULTED IN SERIOUS INJURY OF NCO IN OP WHO WAS SERVING IN CAPACITY OF ARTILLERY LIAISON OFFICER TO ARVN ARTILLERY UNIT WHICH WAS SUPPORTING ROUGH RIDER (5) NORTH.

(2) COL R. M. HUNT, CO MAG-16, VISITED 9TH MARINES HQ AND BNS. HE RECEIVED TACTICAL BRIEFINGS ON CURRENT SITUATION AND OPERATION "GEORGIA".

B. ENEMY.

(1) REF (B) INDICATES CAPTURED VC DOCUMENTS AND PRISONER INTERROGATION REVEAL VC ARE PLANNING PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES. PLACE ONE COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT

1. REF (A).

B. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1-DAY COMPANY SIZE OPN VIC (BT 089704) COMMENCING 120630H.

(2) CONDUCT 5 PLT-SIZE SECURITY PATROLS AS FOLLOWS:

(A). BT 099658-104663 121700-1930H

(B). BT 099658-095628 120900-1800H

(C). BT 114641-093658 120600-0930H

(D). BT 045655-063646 120001-1130H

(E). BT 063646-072622 121920-1500H

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) RESUME LIMITED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT RECENTRAL ZONE OF ACTION.

(2) RESUME "GOLDEN FLEECE" TYPE OPERATIONS.

1. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

2. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 FRAG ORDER 102-66
 1. SITUATION
 A. GENERAL

(1) OUTWARD MANIFESTATIONS OF POLITICAL UNREST IN DANANG AREA HAVE DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY BUT SOME DEGREE OF INTERNAL INSTABILITY CONTINUES. AT 120000H ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN DANANG AND HOI AN, BELIEVED TO BE LED BY COL YUE WHO PREVIOUSLY WAS CO BNSS. THE LAST TWO BATTALIONS OF GVN PARTIES WHICH HAD BEEN POSITIONED AT DANANG AIR BASE

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DEPARTED TODAY.

(2) AT 120730H, A MEMBER OF CC L/3/3 DETONATED A M66A1 (BOUNCING BETTY) AP MINE AT (AT 525026). USMC CASUALTIES WERE ONE DOW AND TWO MIA. THIS RAISED CASUALTY TOLL TO TWO DOW AND SIX MIA FROM THIS TYPE MINE. MOST LIKELY SOURCES OF WHICH ARE ABANDONED ARVN OUTPOSTS OF PHONG THU (AT 524534) AND GIAO AI (AT 548582). 5TH MARINES LIAISON OFFICER TO 51ST ARVN REGT REPORTED CC 51ST ARVN REGT DISTURBED AT REPORTS THAT ABANDONED ARVN MINES MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR USMC CASUALTIES. 51ST ARVN CO PROPOSED A MINE CLEARING OPERATION VIC PHONG THU AND GIAO AI TO DENY VC FURTHER ACCESS TO MINES. PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION. LIKELY TO RESULT IN COORDINATED USMC-ARVN OPERATION WHICH WILL BE EXECUTED WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

B. ENEMY FORCES 9TH MARINES ISUM 102-66.
 2. MISSION. NO CHANCE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT 4 PLT SEARCH AND DESTROY CP'S AS FOL

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BT 055628-002650 121100-1000H
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D. 2D BN 5TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLT SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 0262-ET 0302) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT.

(2) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLT SIZE S&D OPERATION IN GS (BT 0262-ET 0302) COMMENCING 121100H.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. ESTABLISH COMPANY SIZE PATROL BASE AND CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS IN GS (AT 0700-AT 0600-AT 0600-AT 0700) COMMENCING 130700H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ALL UNITS REPORT QUANTITY CREWMAN CARRIERS ON HAND TO THIS HQ BY 141200.

B. VEHICULAR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS CANCELLED. SECURITY CONDITION REMAINS "YELLOW". TRAVEL IN CITY OF DANANG RESTRICTED TO NECESSARY OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

C. COMINT AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 FRAG ORDER 103-66
 A. 9TH MAR 010915Z
 1. SITUATION
 2. A. GENERAL

(1) REF (A) OUTLINES COUNTER-MOTAR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY ATTACK DANANG AIRBASE AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY. IN VIEW VC ATTACK ON TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT, SAIGON, AT 130035H, LIKELIHOOD EXISTS VC MAY ATTEMPT FOLLOW-UP ACTION AGAINST LOCAL AIR FACILITIES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 103-66
 C. MISSION. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE AND EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTIVITIES IN ZONE OF ACTION REAR IN AREA BOUNDED ON NORTH BY SONG CAU DO, ON EAST AND WEST BY REGIMENTAL BOUNDARY AND ON SOUTH BY LINE RUNNING 2000 METERS SOUTH OF, AND PARALLEL TO, SONG CAU DO COMMENCING AT 131300H; FIXES AND DESTROYS ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED.
 D. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. COMMENCING 131300H, ALL BATTALIONS WILL CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS IN AREA OUTLINED IN PARA 2. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON LOCATION AND DESTRUCTION OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS.

B. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING NLT 131300H, CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS IN AREA UNDER 3/9 RESPONSIBILITY WITH NO LESS THAN TWO PLATOONS WITHIN SPECIFIED BOUNDARY AND REMAINING ELEMENTS OF ONE COMPANY IN IMMEDIATE ADJACENT AREA.

C. 2D BN 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING NLT 131300H, CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS IN AREA UNDER 2/9 RESPONSIBILITY WITH NO LESS THAN ONE RIFLE COMPANY.

D. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMMENCING NLT 131300H, CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS IN AREA UNDER 3/3 RESPONSIBILITY WITH NO LESS THAN ONE

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E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL UNITS WILL REMAIN IN AREA OF OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SIZE OF FORCES IN AREA WILL NOT BE REDUCED WITHOUT APPROVAL THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) LOCAL RVN/GVN FORCES WILL BE REQUESTED TO AUGMENT MARINE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

(3) ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE CLOSE LIAISON WITH LOCAL RVN MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BE ON ALERT FOR POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE LOCAL GVN OFFICIALS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) LOCAL OFFICIALS IN HOA VANG AND DIEN BAN DISTRICTS WERE INFORMED THAT MARINE SUPPORT OF "GOLDEN FLEECE" OPERATIONS COULD BE RESUMED. THE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY OF LOCAL POLITICS PREVENTS THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OTHER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

(2) 9TH MARINE LIAISON OFFICER WITH 51ST ARVN REGT REPORTED

THAT MINEFIELD AT PHONG THU ON (AT 994584) CONSISTED OF 1600 ASSORTED MINES, INCLUDING 200 M16A1 (BOUNCING BETTY) AND MINES, WHEN ABANDONED. 13 TONS OF AMM WERE STORED IN GARRISON; UNKNOWN WHAT PORTION OF AMM WAS DESTROYED IN ARVN ABANDONMENT.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINE IUM 103-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINE

(1) ASSUME ORCON ONE RIFLE COMPANY FROM 1ST BN, 4TH MARINE AC OF 131200H.

(2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF AC NO 1 AC OF 131200H.

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) 62D ARVN VIC HA MY DONG (1) (BT 144619) COMMENCING 141530H.

(4) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SIZE 62D ARVN AC FOLLOWS:

BT 099654-119653	141100-1430H
BT 099654-099670	141700-1930H
BT 070634-063644	140700-1000H
BT 063644-063619	141000-1600H

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B. 3D BN, 9TH MARINE

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY 62D ARVN VIC CO (AT 9769-

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9969-9965-9769-9969-9969) COMMENCING ABOUT 140700H.

(2) CONTINUE ALT S&D RPN GS (BY C364-C432-C464).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZING S&D RPN FROM (AT 999705) TO (BT 025720) COMMENCING ABOUT 140700H.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCT COMPANY SIZING S&D RPN VIC GS (AT 9659-9653-9759-9759) COMMENCING ABOUT 140630H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. COMMENCING 140900H HELICOPTER DIRECTION NET WILL BE 341.4 UHF (BLUE) VICE 269.5 UHF (GOLD) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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- (1) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES ASSUMED O-CON CO G/2/4 (LESS ONE -LATOON) AT 141700H.
- (2) 3DDN, 3D MARINES SECURED ITS REAR C- SITE VIC (AT 075705) AT 131900H WHEN LAST ELEMENT'S REAR ECHELON DISPLACED TO HILL 55.
- (3) 3D, 3D MARINES ASSUMED O-CON 4TH -LATOON, FORCE

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 RECON CO AT 141700H WHICH WILL BE EMPLOYED IN PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION OPERATION GEORGIA.

(4) 3D BN, 3D MARINES ASSUMED O-CON ONE RIFLE -LATOON, CO G/2/4 AT 141730H. WILL PROVIDE REAR AREA SECURITY.

(5) SOUTHERN CORNER DANANG TADP MODIFIED PER 9TH MARINES REQUEST TO INCLUDE AREA BOUNDED BY FOLLOWING COORDINATES EFFECTIVE 11 APRIL 1966: (BT 143019), (BT 131007), (BT 125609), (BT 100504), (BT 070504) AND (BT 030500).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.**3. EXECUTION****A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES**

(1) CONDUCT 4 -LATOON S&D OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

BT 065702-044030 100700-0900H
 BT 044030-065702 151030-1200H
 BT 065702-063644 130700-0900H
 BT 110030-087670 150600-1930H

(2) COMMENCE PREPARATION FOR OPERATION GEORGIA.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 DAY -LATOON SIZE S&D OPERATION FIC G (BT 030300-040300-050300-040200-050200) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT.

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(2) CONDUCT DAYLIGHT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION VIC GS (BT 0061-0161) COMMENCING ABOUT 1012Z-14.

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPERATION GS (AT 0057) AND (AT 0059). CO H HELILIFTS FROM VIC (AT 0057) TO (AT 00574); PROCEEDS NORTHWARD TO FORMER ARVN OUTPOST AT HONG THU (AT 004503); CONDUCTS DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION OF UNCOVERED ORDNANCE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY THE 39TH RANGER WHEN IT ABANDONED OUTPOST ON 9 APRIL 1966.

CO 3D BN, 3D MARINE

(1) HELILIFT COMPANIES K AND L AND 4TH BATTALION, FORCE RECON FROM HILL 55 TO VIC BAI LOC DISTRICT HQ (AT 917503); AT 150700H; COMMENCE S&D OPERATION AND RIVER SURVEILLANCE VIC GS (AT 9056-9156-9055-9155-9054-9154) AS PART OF OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION GEORGIA.

DE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS. ELEMENTS REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP WILL DISPLACE TO REGIMENTAL HQ ON HILL 55 BY HELILIFT AT 150615H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 105-66

1. SITUATION: OMITTED.
2. MISSION, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES PROVIDES REAR AREA SECURITY THROUGHOUT 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION; PROVIDES BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES AS MOBILE RESERVE.
3. EXECUTION
 - A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (-) DEPLOYS VIC (BT 063746); DETACHES TWO RIFLE COMPANIES, ONE EACH TO 3/3 AND 2/9, TO PROVIDE REAR AREA SECURITY; ASSUMES TEMPORARY ZONE OF

ACTION IN AREA OUTLINED UNDER PARA 3 B(2); PROVIDES MOBILE RESERVE CONSISTING OF BN COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES (BN COMMAND GROUP AND ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 4-HOUR ALERT; ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR ALERT).

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) UPON ARRIVAL DANANG, CHG ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO 3/3.

(2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PORTION 3/9 ZONE OF ACTION PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY C/1/4 (-) (BOUNDED ON REAR BY PRESENT 3/9 BOUNDARY AND SOUTH BY (BT 023724), (BT 023725), (BT 022710), (BT 056706), (BT 057609) AND (BT 072701) NORTH TO SONG HAN AND SONG CAU DO).

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) UPON ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY 2/4-OF 3/9 ZONE OF ACTION PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY C/1/4(-), CHG THAT COMPANY TO 2/9 LESS PLATOON AT A- NR 4 WHICH WILL BE CHANGED AT SAME TIME TO REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.

D. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) ASSUME O-CON C/1/4(-) UPON RELEASE BY 3/9; EMPLOY IN REAR AREA SECURITY ROLE.

(2) CONTINUE O-CON C/2/4(-).

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(3) ASSUME O-CON G/2/4 RIFLE PLATOON PRESENTLY DEPLOYED
AN TRACH (1) (AT 968665) U-ON RELEASE BY 3/3.

E. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) ASSUME O-CON ONE RIFLE COM-ANY FROM 2/4 U-ON ARRIVAL
DANANG; EM-LOY IN REAR AREA SECURITY ROLE.

(2) CHOC O-CON G/2/4 RIFLE PLATOON TO 2/9 U-ON ASSUM-TION
O-CON RIFLE COM-ANY FROM 3/3.

F. HQ COM-ANY

(1) ASSUME O-CON RIFLE PLATOON C/1/4 PRESENTLY AT AS- NR 1
U-ON RELEASE BY 3/9.

(2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY AS- NR 1 U-ON ASSUM-TION
O-CON RIFLE PLATOON C/1/4.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) 2/4 COORDINATE REAR BOUNDARY WITH 1/9; FORWARD
BOUNDARY WITH 3/9.

(2) REAR AREA UNITS WILL PARTICIPATE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT
POSSIBLE IN COUNTY FAIR TYPE ACTIVITIES.

(3) CLOSE LIAISON WITH ARVN UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO
BE MAINTAINED.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND

(1) 2/4 C- VIC (BT 68716).

B. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

(1) 2/4 RADIO CALL: SUDDEN DEATH; TELEPHONE CALL

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FOAG ORDER 105A-66

A. CG THIRD MARIIV 130037Z (REVIEW OF FMFM 3-2)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES COMMENCED PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS FOR OPERATION GEORGIA WITH HELILIFT OF THREE RIFLE COMPANIES INTO KING'S AREA. MISSION: TO DESTROY VC UNITS IN AREA, TO DETERMINE SUITABLE LVT CROSSING SITE AND TO CONDUCT DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION OF MINES VIC HONG THU OUTPOST (AT 004504).

(A) CO L/3/3 WAS HELILIFTED FROM HILL 55-TO DAI LOC DIST HQ (AT 017503) COMMENCING 150700H. LIFT WAS COMPLETED AT 150725H. CO K WAS HELILIFTED HILL 22 TO DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AT 150730H. LIFT COMPLETED AT 150750H. CO'S K AND L SEARCHED SOUTH FROM DAI LOC TO GRIDLINE 50 IN AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDLINE 02 AND CONG VU GIA. CO K WITH 4TH PLATOON FORCE RECON CO AND ONE PLATOON PROVIDED BY DAI LOC CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE OF CONG VU GIA FOR LVT CROSSING SITE VIC (AT 005500).

(B) CO H/2/0 WAS HELILIFTED FROM 2/0 CO TO LZ-(AT 000574) COMMENCING 150000H. LIFT COMPLETED AT 150045H. CO H PROCEEDED TO HONG THU OUTPOST (AT 004504). UPON ENTERING HONG THU IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NOTHING REMAINED OF 13 TONS OF AMMUNITION REPORTEDLY LEFT BEHIND BY 30TH RANGER BN WHEN OUTPOST WAS ABANDONED. NO INDICATION OF ANY ATTEMPT BY 30TH RANGERS TO DESTROY ABANDONED AMMUNITION. HUTS AND AMMUNITION BUNKERS ARE REPORTED 50 PER CENT DESTROYED. DEFENSIVE WIRE AND MINEFIELDS INTACT. ENGINEERS ESTIMATE 3-4 DAYS REQUIRED TO CLEAR MINES AROUND OUTPOST.

(2) AT 151600H, 9TH MARINES ASSUMED RECON 2D BN, 4TH MARINES UNDER COMMAND OF LTCOL O. X. KELLEY.

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(A) 2/4 CD ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 060700).
 (B) 2/4 CHARTERED BOAT ON H/2/4 TO 3/3 AT 151600H.
 (3) AT 151400H, A REAR AREA BOUNDARY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 9TH MARINE ZONE. BOUNDARY FORMED BY LINE RUNNING FROM (AT 043663) EASTWARD ALONG TRAIL TO (AT 070664) AND SOUTHWEST TO (AT 072662); THEN EAST CROSSING STREAM AND THEN ALONG TRAIL TO (BT 012650); THEN NORTH AND EAST ALONG RIVER TO (BT 025674); HENCE-NORTH ALONG CONG BINH DIEN TO WHERE RIVER TOUCHES 2/4'S TEMPORARY ZONE OF ACTION BOUNDARY. (2/4 TEMPORARY ZONE BOUNDED ON NORTH BY 3/9 BOUNDARY AND SOUTH (BT 020724), (BT 020720), (BT 042710), (BT 056706), (BT 057600) AND (BT 072701) NORTH TO CONG HAN AND CONG CAU M.)

(4) 3/3 CHARTERED ONE PLATOON G/2/4 TO 3D BN, 9TH MARINE AT 151600H. 2/9 NOW HAS BOAT ON OF ALL ELEMENTS G/2/4.

(5) ON 16 APRIL REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, 9TH MARINE AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WILL VISIT QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR, HOI AN (BT 1457) AND AN HOA (AT 0747) TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONNECTED WITH OPERATION GEORGIA. PRIMARY AGENDA ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED IS DEGREE OF RVN PARTICIPATION WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED IN SUPPORT OPERATION GEORGIA.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINE

(1) CONTINUE PLANS FOR OPERATION GEORGIA.

(2) CONDUCT 1 PLT SIZE S&D OPN (BT 000650-BT 100624) COMMENCING 161000H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINE

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY OPERATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH DESTRUCTION OF MINE-VIC HONG THU OUTPOST (AT 004503).

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPN IN G (BT 0162-0161-0261) COMMENCING ABOUT 160700H.

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE S&D OPN IN G (AT 0061-BT 0261-BT 0161) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 1600H.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINE

(1) CONTINUE TWO-COMPANY SIZE S&D AND CLEARING OPN IN KING AREA.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINE

(1) ON ORDER, BE ORDERED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY ZONE OF ACTION OUTLINED MAPA 1.0A (3).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE 16 APRIL, BNC WILL SUBMIT A DISPOSITION

OF FORCES OVERLAY BY 1000H EACH DAY. COMPANY BOUNDARIES WILL BE SHOWN AS WELL AS POSITIONS DOWN TO PLATOON LEVEL.

(2) REF (A) REQUIRE BNC TO REVIEW FMFM 3-2. BNC SUBMIT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO THIS HQ NLT 2500H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 136-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 131726Z (VC ATTACKS ON AIRFIELDS)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) COMMENCING 16 APRIL, 9TH MAR MAINTAINS ONE
 RIFLE COMPANY ON ALERT STATUS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS FOR
 POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS AIR MOBILE RESERVE WITHIN 9TH MAR
 ZOA AT BYNT FOLLOWING DAY. MAG16 PROVIDES SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT
 TO DEPLOY ONE RIFLE COMPANY. ENVISIONED AS AN EXTENSION OF

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SPARROW HAWK TYPE EMPLOYMENT. DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONE RIFLE COMPANY WILL BE MAINTAINED ON ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS. (2) REGT'L HQ COMPANY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASP NR 1 161400H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 106-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) COMMENCING 170800H, HELILIFT TWO COMPANIES FROM DAI LOC HQ (AT917583) TO (AT945549) AND (AT943555); CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE S&D OPNS VIC GS (AT9354), AND (AT9154).

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE TWO COMPANY SIZE SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION OF MINES VIC PHONG THU OUTPOST (AT984583); CONDUCT S&D OPNS VIC GS (AT9858-9958-9857-9957) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN VIC GS (BT0162-0161-0261) COMMENCING 170700H.

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN GS (B 0063-0062-0061) COMMENCING 170700H.

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE PLANNING FOR OPN GEORGIA.

(2) CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZE OPNS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

(BT100624-091644)

(BT063644-039658)

(BT039658-069634)

(3) MAINTAIN CO 1 ON AIR MOBILE RESERVE ALERT; BE PREPARED TO BE HELILIFTED AT BMN. DESTINATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. PICK-UP LZ'S: ONE PLATOON FROM (BT065680); TWO PLATOONS FROM (BT087646). CONTINUE ON ONE HOUR ALERT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. SEE PARA 5. B.

D. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE CONSOLIDATION AND REORGANIZATION OF ALL UNITS.

(2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY ZONE OF ACTION NLT 161600H.

E. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF A ENJOINS COMMANDERS TO INCREASE VIGILANCE AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF VC MORTAR ATTACKS ON USMC AIR FACILITIES DURING PERIOD OF MOONLESS NIGHTS (19THRU23 APRIL). REVIEW

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FOR A AND TAKE ACTION AS OUTLINED HEREIN.

A. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. LOGISTICS. SUBMIT AIRLIFT LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENT TO REGT'L S-4 72 HOURS PRIOR TO DATE/TIME OF INTENDED LIFT.

B. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND.

(1) 2/9 ASSUMED OPCON C/1/4 LESS ONE PLATOON AT 161400H.

REGT'L HQ COMPANY ASSUMED OPCON REMAINING PLATOON FOR SECURITY ASP NR 1.

B. COMM-ELECTRONICS.

(1) USE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES IN EVENT AIR MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY IS EMPLOYED:

(A) 341.4 UHF (BLUE)

(B) 43.5 FM (YELLOW)

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A. CG 3D MARDIV 170100Z (MOBILE ALERT COMPANY)

D. 9TH MAR 161622Z (FRAG O 106-66)

C. 9TH MAR OPN O 111-66 (GEORGIA)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) PEE A REQUIRES 9TH MAR TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE
 COMPANY ON ALERT STATUS DURING PERIOD ONE HOUR PRIOR TO UNTIL ONE
 HOUR AND A HALF AFTER PMNT AND TO ATTACH ONE FAC TEAM AND ONE FO

TEAM TO THE AVERT CO. RIFLE CO MAY BE EMPLOYED IN OR
 ADJACENT TO DANANG TAOR. REF B MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.
 (2) AT 171200H. 2/L (-) ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF PORTION
 OF 2/9:00A BOUNDED ON NORTH BY 3/9'S PRESENT BOUNDARY AND ON
 SOUTH BY (RT028724). (RT028720). (RT042710). (RT056706).
 (RT057698) AND (RT072701) NORTH TO SONG HAN AND SONG CAU DO.
 (3) 3D BN 9TH MAR INFANTRY ELEMENTS FOR OPN GEORGIA
 UNDER LTCOL TAYLOR.

(A) CMD GROUP ALPHA (AIRLIFT) MAJ KELLY
 CO 1/2/9

(B) CMD GROUP BRAVO (OVERLAND) MAJ THOMAS
 CO F/2/9

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2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

2. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) RE. 1ST CO. FROM DAY LOC HO (AT016584) TO
 AMTRAC (1) ? (AT072663) AT 181000H. WHEN COMMENCE RELIEF OF CO 1
 WHICH IS PREPARING FOR OPN GEORGIA.

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- (2) CONDUCT CO SIZE S&D OPN GS (AT9466-9566) FROM 181000H TO 181400H.
- (3) CONTINUE CO SIZE OPN IN OPN KINGS AREA VIC DAY LOC HO (AT9158).
- P. 20 PM 9TH MAR.
- (1) CONTINUE CO SIZE S&D OPN'S VIC PHONG THU OUTPOST (AT984583).
- (2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN PN'S REAR AREA.
- C. 30 PM 9TH MAR.
- (1) CONTINUE PLANNING FOR OPN GEORGIA.
- (2) CONDUCT 3 DAYLIGHT S&D OPN'S AS FOLLOWS:
- PT044686-037680 180801-1700H
- BT062664-067632 181200-1400H
- BT 039658-044654 180800H-1100H
- (3) MAINTAIN CO 1 AS MOBILE ALERT CO IAW REF A.
- (2) CHOP OPCOM 4TH PLT. FOR RECON CO TO PARENT UNIT MLT 181000H.
- D. 20 PM 4TH MAR.
- (1) CONDUCT PATROL/AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN ZOA.
- E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
- (1) OPERATION GEORGIA D-DAY DELAYED 24 HOURS. D-DAY NOW 21 APRIL VICE 20 APRIL. REF C.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 100-66

A. NINTH MARINES OPNO 111-66 (GEORGIA)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPNS WILL RESUME ON 19
 APRIL. GVN AND USMC FORCES WILL CONDUCT PARADE OF HA DONG VIC (AT -
 997644) WHILE DIEN BAN DISTRICT HQ PROVIDES PACIFICATION CADRE.
 THIS WILL MARK FIRST TIME DIEN BAN DISTRICT HAS PARTICIPATED IN
 COUNTY FAIR OPNS. USMC FORCES, IN ADDITION TO
 PROVIDING PART OF VILLAGE CORDON, WILL CONTRIBUTE SUBSTAN-
 TIALITY TO THE MATERIAL AIDSEEDED IN THIS TYPE OPNS.

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R. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 108-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PLANNING FOR OPN GEORGIA.

(2) CONDUCT 3 PLATOON S&D OPNS AS FOLLOWS:

BT 462645-479624	194630-1500H
BT 467633-466624-463637	194730-1500H
BT 499658-145622	194600-1500H

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AIR MOBIL RESERVE CO. (1 HOUR ALERT)

B. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) PREPARE FOR MINE CLEARING OPNS GIAO AI (AT 947503)

COMMENCING 20 APRIL.

(2) CONDUCT COMBINED 2-DAY 2-COMPANY SIZE ARVN-USMC S&D OPN GS (AT 9469-9569-5468-5568) COMMENCING 194500H.

C. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCOM 2 RIFLE COMPANIES AND MISCELLANEOUS HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE COMPANY ELEMENTS FROM 3/9 AND TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 3/9 ZOA ON ORDER.

(2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN OWN ZOA.

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D. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOONS SIZE S&D OPNS GS (AT 9960-9961-9962-9861-9862) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 19 APRIL.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN IN GS (BT 916026)

COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 19 APRIL.

(3) PROVIDE 1 COMPANY IN SUPPORT OF 51ST ARVN REGT IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTY FAIR (B) OPN VIC HA DON (AT 9964).

(4) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPNS IN REAR AREA.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE 181000H, 2/9 ZOA EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CAM NE (4) (AT 976693), ALONG LINE FROM (AT 973690), WEST TO SONG YEN (AT 966692). NORTH ALONG SON YEN, THENCE EAST ALONG SONG CAU DO TO (AT 973693).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND. 2/4 COMMAND GROUP MOVED TO 3/9 CP (BT 473657)

AT 181215H.

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FRAG ORDER 109-66

A. 9TH MAP OPNO 111-66 (GEORGIA)

B. 3D MARDIV 100947Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR (b) CONDUCTED BY ARVN/USMC UNITS
 VIC HA DONG (AT997643) 19 APRIL RESULTED IN 4 VC KIA (BC) BY
 ARVN FORCES AND 8 CAVES DESTROYED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAP 1009-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN 3D MAP.

(1) CONDUCT CO SIZE SYSTEMATIC S&D

MISSION OF NINE FIELD VIC CIAO AT OUTPOST (FT947563) COMMENCING
 200700H.

(2) CONTINUE 2 COMPANY ARVN-USMC S&D OPN IN VIC GS

(AT95368).

(3) CONDUCT CO SIZE S&D OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY CO-

ORDINATES (AT958656-960656-562623-564623) COMMENCING AT FIRST
 LIGHT 20 APRIL.

(4) CONDUCT 2DAY COMBINED USMC COMPANY/2 PF PLATOON

S&D OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (AT9150-9356-9162-9362)
 COMMENCING 200700H.

(5) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON VIC (AT945700) BY 200700H TO
 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENGINEERS ALONG 3D MAR HSN FROM BRIDGE
 VIC (AT945700) TO BRIDGE VIC (AT915593). PLATOON TO REMAIN
 OVERNIGHT AND RETRACT WITH ENGRS ABOUT 211000H.

B. 2D BN 5TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN IN GS (AT9963-9962-
 9961) COMMENCING 200730H.

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(2) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR (C) OPN IN COORDINATION WITH
51ST ARVN REFT VIC HA DONG (ATS59-30).

C. 3D EN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT D-1 ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

(2) CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

AS FOLLOWS:

PT 033649-062644

PT 062644-069622

PT 099658-125635

D. 2D EN 4TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WITHIN
ZOA.

(2) ASSUME OPCON 3/5 ZOA ABOUT 201200H.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) OPN GEORGIA D-DAY: 21 APRIL.

(2) REF P NOTIFIED ALL UNITS THAT THERE ARE STRONG
INDICATIONS THAT VC WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS
OF DARKNESS THROUGH 26 APRIL TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST REAR IN-
STALLATIONS AND VITAL COMPLEXES. ALL ACTION ADVISEES WILL REVIEW
REF P AND INSURE COMPLIANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMM-ELECT. COMMENCING D-DAY. ONLY OBSERVATION AIR-
CRAFT WITHIN OPN GEORGIA AREA WILL OPERATE ON DAO NR 2 NET.

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TO ZEN/SECOND BN NINTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
ZEN/SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES
INFC CG THIRD MARDIV
CG FMAY
ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD AT BN
ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
ZEN/THIRD MT BN
ZEN/FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
MAG ONE SIX
THIRD MARINES
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RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS, COL.
DRAFTER: V.T.BLAZ, MAJ.

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FRAG ORDER/10-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 161235Z (CIVILIAN CURFEW)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) C-1 ACTIVITIES FOR OPN GEORGIA COMMENTED 210015H. **HAS BEEN SENT**
3/9 COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMPANY L/3/9 HELILIFTED FROM VIC 3/9
CP (PT 6765) TO AN HOA AIRSTRIP (AT 675475). ONE 105MM HOWITZER
BATTERY, ONE BASE PIECE OF ANOTHER BATTERY, ARTILLERY COMMAND
GROUP, LSA PERSONNEL, AND MASCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

WERE TRANSPORTED TO AN HOA BY FIXED WING A/C.

(2) CLUNTY FAIR 8 CONCLUDED 211336H VIC HA DONG (AT 9964).
RESULTS: 4 VC KIA(PC), 12 VCC AND 16 VCS. ONE OF VCC WAS LOCAL
VC FORCE COMMITTEE CHIEF NGUYEN NHUNG, WHO HAD BEEN ACTIVE AS A
HAMLET OFFICIAL AND WHO REPRESENTED VILLAGERS IN THEIR DEALINGS
WITH MARINES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. NINTH MARINES ISUM 110-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES (-) (REFIN)

(1) COMPLETE MOVEMENT OF REMAINING ELEMENTS TO OPN
GEORGIA ZOA 21 APR.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON SIZE SEP OPN GS (AT 9563-9962-
9561) COMMENCING 210700H.

(2) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON SIZE SEP OPN GS (PT 6362-6262)
COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) PATROL 3D MARINES HSK FROM VIC (AT 941647) TO
(AT 912576) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3D MARINES UNIT PATROLLING FROM

ORIG: NINTH MARINES

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(A1 941647) NORTH TO (AT 946766). (PURPOSE OF PATROL: TO PREVENT VC FROM MINING ROAD).

(2) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN GS (AT 94663) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL/AMBUSH ACTIVITIES 2/4 AND 3/9 ZONE OF ACTION.

(2) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ALERT STATUS FOR OPERATION GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PHASE I (C-DAY TO DPLUS1) IMMEDIATE ALERT.

(B) PHASE II (D PLUS1 TO DPLUS24) 2 HOUR ALERT

(C) PHASE III (D PLUS21 TO D PLUS72) IMMEDIATE ALERT.

F. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

(1) PROVIDE A PROVISIONAL PLATOON IN SUPPORT ARVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIL YEN BAC (AT 9476). (USMC PLATOON BLOCKS WESTERN EDGE OF VILLAGE; ARVN PLATOON BLOCKS ON EAST AND SWEEPS HAMLET FROM NW TO SE.) COMMENCES 214500H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF (A) ESTABLISHES PROVINCE CURFEWS. :7000H FOR QUANG NAM PROVINCE 2144-0544 DAILY.

HAS BEEN SENT

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF 3/9 ZOA AND OPCON OF 2 REMAINING RIFLE COMPANIES AT 221436H.

P. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. EFFECTIVE 214411H 9TH MARINES RADIO CALL SIGNS:

9TH MARINES	PLATTSBURG
1/9	PORTRAYAL
2/9	PROMINANT
3/9	PERMANENT WINNER
3/3	PLUM TREE
2/4	PETERSON

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ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
ZEN/SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES
INFO CO THIRD MARDIV
CGFMAW
ZEN/THIRD AT BN
ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
ZEN/THIRD MT BN
ZEN/FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
JAG ONE SIX FMAW
THIRD MARINES
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FRAG ORDER 111-66
1. SITUATION
A. GENERAL

(1) D-DAY ACTIVITIES FOR OPN GEORGA COMMENCED 210700H
3/9 COMMAND GROUP BRAVO. CO F/2/9 ANDM/3/3 MOVED BY MECHANIZED
COLUMN FROM ASSEMBLY AREA VIC (AT 988715) TO VIC HILL 65
(AT 889557). COMPANY 1/3/9 HELILIFTED FROM VIC 2/4 CP (BT 0765)
TO AN HOA AIRFIELD (AT 875475) AT 211745H. COMPLETED 211900H.
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO LIFT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO

AN HOA.

- B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES (SUM 111-66).
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
3. EXECUTION

- A. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE OPN GEORGA.
B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN GS (000-0062-0063).
(2) PROVIDE 1 COMPANY (REIN) AS BLOCKING FORCE IN

SUPPORT OF ARVN UNITS IN COUNTY FAIR (9) VICAI TU (1)
VE TAY (3) COMPLEX

(RT 0203). COMMENCES 220500H. 2-DAY OPERATION. (USMC
COMPANY WILL CORUM HAMLET AT 220500H; 1ST CO. 3D BN. 51ST ARN
REGIMENT COMMENCES SWEEP AT 220700H. DIEN BAN DISTRICT HEAD-
QUARTERS WILL PROVIDE PACIFICATION (ADRE).)

- C. 3D BN. 3D MARINES

(1) COMMENCE PREPARATION FOR USMC/PF S&D OPN WITH DAI
LOC DISTRICT HQ IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (AT 910-9461-
9158-9458).

(2) CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROL/AMBUSH ACTIVITY THROUGH-
OUT ASSIGNED SECTOR.

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D. 2D BN. 4TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROL/AMBUSH ACTIVITY IN 2/4-29 ZOA

(2) MAINTAIN 1 COMPANY ON IMMEDIATE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE
EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA DURING PHASE I (D-DAY TO U PLUS 1).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) COLONEL JOHN B. SHEENEY, PROSPECTIVE CHIEF OF STAFF,
3D MARINE DIVISION, WILL VISIT 9TH MARINES UNITS FROM 0850H TO
1700H ON 22 APRIL 1966.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS EFFECTIVE 20300H

9TH MARINES PRIMARY HELICOPTER DIRECTION NET IS 338.0MH (GLU)

VICE TACTICAL AIR DIRECTION NET 341.4 UHF (BLUE).

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 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MAR
 ZEN/SECOND BN FOURTH MAR
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV

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 ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MAR
 ZEN/THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
 ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
 ZEN/THIRD MT BN
 ZEN/FIRST BN NINTH MAR
 THIRD RECON BN
 MAG ONE SIX
 THIRD MAR

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FRAG ORDER 112-66

A. 9TH MAR FRAG 0 81-66 (MSG 221530Z MAR)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. PHASE I (D-DAY TO D PLUS 1) OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED.
 COMMAND GROUP BRAVO (WITH F/2/9 AND M/3/3) ENTERED GEORGIA
 AREA ABOARD LVT'S AND ADVANCED TO OBJECTIVE ALPHA VIC (AT 920522)
 WITHOUT OPPOSITION. AT CONCLUSION DAYS ACTIVITIES, LINKUP BE-
 TWEEN COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMMAND GROUP BRAVO EFFECTED.
 COMPANY NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) CCM/2/2 (AT920522)
 (2) CCM/3/3 (AT920522)
 (3) CCM/3/9 (AT920522)
 (4) CCM/3/9 (AT915482)
 D. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 112-66.
 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
 3. EXECUTION.
 A. 3D IN 9TH MAR.
 (1) COMMENCE PHASE II (OPN GEORGIA).
 (2) ASSUME OPCON ADDITIONAL SQUAD FROM 3D RECON BN IN
 SUPPORT OPN GEORGIA AT 230000H.
 B. 2D IN 9TH MAR.
 (1) CONTINUE SUPPORT OF COUNTY FAIR (9) VIC AN TU
 AND TEM TAY (3) VIC (BT030630) WITH 1 COMPANY (REIN).
 (2) CONDUCT 1 DAY PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN GS (AT961-
 962-963) FROM 230630H - 240630H.
 C. 3D BN 3D MAR.
 (1) CONDUCT 1 DAY PLT SIZE S&D OPN GS (AT 9662-9663-
 9662-9663) COMMENCING 230630H.
 (2) CONDUCT 4 PLT SIZE S&D PATROLS IN COORDINATION WITH
 DAY 100 PP PIT IN GS (AT 9157-9257-9158-9258) DURING DAYLIGHT
 HOURS 22 APRIL.
 D. 2D BN 4TH MAR.
 (1) PLACE 1 COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EM-
 PLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA DURING PHASE II (D PLUS 2 TO D PLUS 20)
 COMMENCING 230000H.
 (2) CONDUCT PLT SIZE S&D OPN GS (BT0470-0571-0471-
 0570) FROM 230600H - 231800H.
 E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 (1) RE- A OUTLINES PROCEDURES
 FOR REQUESTING SPARROW HAWK MISSIONS WHICH MUST BE CLOSELY
 ATTACHED TO:
 ALPHA: PICKUP COORDINATES
 BRAVO: DESTINATION COORDINATES
 CHARLIE: LOCATION OF ENEMY
 DELTA: DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY
 ECHO: LOCATION OF FRIENDLY
 FOXTROT: CALL SIGN AND FREQUENCY OF REQUESTING UNIT
 (2) ALL BN'S IN REG'L ZONE OF ACTION INSURE
 CONTINUOUS AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITH SPECIAL
 EMPHASIS IN REAR AREAS, INSURE IMMEDIATE REACTION CAPABILITY IN
 BOTH INFANTRY AND SUPPORTING ARMS IN EVENT OF HOSTILE ACTION.
 G. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.
 H. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.
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ZEN/SECOND BN NINTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES

ZEN/SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

CG FMAW

SECOND ON TWELFTH MAR

THIRD AT BN

THIRD TANK BN

ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN

ZEN/THIRD MT BN

MAG ONE SIX

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FRAG ORDER 113-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 221341Z (STONER EVALUATION)

B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 220258Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS THIRD DAY WITH LITTLE
OPPOSITION FROM HOSTILE FORCES. USMC UNITS KILLED 5 VC. POSSIBLYWOUNDED 3 AND APPREHENDED 9 VCS. USMC CASUALTIES WERE 8 WIA AS
A RESULT OF DETONATION OF A 105MM ROUND RIGGED AS A MINE AND 1 WIA
FROM AN M-26 GRENADE RIGGED WITH TRIPWIRE.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 5 PLATOON SIZE S&D MPNS AS FOLLOWS:

GS (BT 0470-0570-0571)

240700H-241700H

GS (BT 0770-0868-0870)

240600H-241800H

GS (BT 0965-0966-1006)

240600H-241700H

GS (BT 0300-0466-0467)

240900H-241500H

GS (BT 0563-0564-0662-0664-

0763-0764)

240700H-241300H

(2) MAINTAIN 1 COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EM-
PLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OPN GEORGIA.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON S&D OPN GS (AT 9661-9962-9963) DURING
DAYLIGHT HOURS.(2) SUBMIT REPORT ON EVALUATION OF STONER LIGHT MACHINE
GUN TO THIS HQ NLT 30 APRIL REF. A.

C. 3D BN 30 MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO-COMPANY (1USMC/1PF) SIZE COORDINATED S&D
OPN VIC GS (AT 9259-9359-9260-9360) COMMENCING 240630Z.

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1. INITIAL OPERATIONS - 100000H - 100000H

(2) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR (10) VIC LA BONG (3) (AT 9367).
1 COMPANY SUPPORTS 1ST BN. 51ST ARVN REGT. COMMENCES 240700H.

2-DAY DURATION.

D. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE PHASE II OPN GEORGIA.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ALL BN COMMANDERS WILL ATTEND
REGIMENTAL CO'S MEETING 240000H AT REGIMENTAL CP. AMONG TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSION: REF B. (REVIEW OF STRUCTURE OF UNITS)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. LOGISTICS

(1) IN VIEW SHORTAGES FIELD FORTIFICATION MATERIALS.
FOLLOWING ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN:

(A) ROUTE ALL REQUISITIONS/REQUESTS FOR FIELD FORTI-
FICATION MATERIALS VIA DIVISION SUPPLY OFFICER. REGARDLESS OF
PRIORITY.

(B) RECOVER FIELD FORTIFICATION MATERIALS FROM OLD
SITES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

(C) UTILIZE "A" ED WIRE IN LIEU OF CONCERTINA TO
MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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ZEN/SECOND BN FOURTH MAR
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV
CG FMAW

RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS, COL.
DRAFTER: V.T.BLAZ, MAJ.

ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD AT BN
ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
ZEN/THIRD MT BN
MAG ONE SIX
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FRAG ORDER 114-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 130037Z (REVIEW OF FMFM8-2)

B. 9TH MAR 151515Z (FRAG ORDER 105A-66)

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS FOURTH DAY WITH LIGHT
ENEMY CONTACT. USMC ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES RESULTED IN 7 VC
KIA (BC), 23 KIA (POSS) AND 3 WIA (POSS). NO USMC CASUALTIES
WERE SUSTAINED DURING DAY'D ACTIVITY.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 114-66.

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EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZE S&D OPNS AS FOLLOWS:

(BT0271-0272-0371-0372-0471-0472) 250800-251400H.

(BT1063-1064-1163-1164-1165-1262-1263) 250630-251600H.

(BT0064-0065-0066-0067-0766-0767) 250700-251500H.

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OPN GEORGIA.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN IN GS (BT0062-0063) FROM 250830-251600H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE S&D OPN IN GS (BT0262-0263) FROM 250900-251700H.

(3) CONDUCT 3-5 DAY COMPANY SIZE S&D OPN IN GS (AT9961-0061-0161-0261) COMMENCING 251000H.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CONTINUE SUPPORT OF COUNTY FAIR (10) VIC LA BONG (3) (AT9667).

(2) COMMENCE PREPARATION FOR USMC/PF S&D OPNS VIC SOUTH OF SONG AI NGHIA WITH DAI LOC DIST HQ.

D. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONTINUE PHASE II OPN GEORGIA.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMIN.

(1) REF A REQUIRES BNS TO REVIEW FMFM8-2. REF B DIRECTED BNS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS HQ NLT 25APR.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FMAW
 ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
 ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
 ZEN/THIRD MT BN
 THIRD MARINES
 MAG ONE SIX
 BT

RELEASER: E.H. SIMMONS..COLONEL

DRAFTER: V.T. BLAZ..MAJOR

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FRAG ORDER 115-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 221230Z (CIVILIAN CURFEW HOURS)

B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 240328Z (OPERATIONAL REPORTS)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS FIFTH DAY. VERY LIGHT
 VC CONTACT. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES ACCOUNTED FOR 5 VC KIA
 AND 13 VC KBA (POSS). NEGATIVE USMC CASUALTIES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 115-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

HAS BEEN SENT

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0470-0471-0570-0571) FROM 260800H-261400H.

(2) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON IN SUPPORT COUNTY FAIR (ETD 0600) COMMENCING 260500H VIC (BT 0563).

(3) MAINTAIN 1 COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN OPN GEORGIA AREA.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0062-0063-AT 9963-9962) FROM 260630H-270130H.

(2) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPNS IN VIC GS (AT 9961-9962-BT 0061-0062-0162).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN VIC GS (BT 0162-0163-0164) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 26 APRIL.

C. 3D BN 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9662-9663-9763-9863-9762) COMMENCING 260600H.

(2) CONDUCT 6 COMBINED COMBAT PATROLS WITH DAI LOC DISTRICT HQ (1 USMC SQUAD WITH 1 PF PLATOON) IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 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D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE PHASE II OPNS IN GEORGIA AREA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF (A) ESTABLISHES CIVILIAN CURFEWS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROVINCES. CURFEWS FOR QUANG NAM PROVINCE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CITIES AND VILLAGES: 0100-0500H

(B) RURAL AREAS: 2000-0500H

(C) WATERWAYS 2000-0500H

(2) REF (B) DESCRIBES CHANGES AND NEW PROCEDURES FOR SPOT AND INCIDENT REPORTING. S-3 AND/OR S-3A OF 9TH MARINES BATTALIONS WILL ATTEND MEETING AT THIS HQ 261400H TO DISCUSS NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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C. REGTL O 310001B

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. ANNEX B TO REF (A) AND CURRENT ISUMS AS ISSUED.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR:
2D BN (-) 12TH MAR

CO B 3D TANK BN

CO C 3D AT BN

CO B (-) 1ST AMTRAC BN

2. MISSION. TO EFFECT CONTACT RELIEF OF 3D BN 3D MAR BY
1ST BN 9TH MAR.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. COMMENCING 290700H 1ST BN 9TH
MAR AND 3D BN 3D MAR EFFECT CONTACT RELIEF WITHIN
RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. 3D BN 3D MAR ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITY DEFENSE DANANG AIR BASE. 1ST BN 9TH MAR
ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY RIGHT FLANK BN 9TH MAR ZONE OF ACTION.
RELIEF TO BE COMPLETED NLT 011800H MAY 00.

B. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) EFFECT CONTACT RELIEF; ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DEFENSE DANAG AIR BASE UNDER OPCON III MAF; RELIEVE 1ST BN 9TH
MAR.

(2) CHOP OPCON H/2/4 AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO CO 1/9
AND CO 3/3 BUT NLT 010800H.

(3) RESUME OPCON CO M AT 021200H.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

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(1) EFFECT CONTACT RELIEF. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF
RIGHT FLANK BN 9TH MAR ZONE OF ACTION. RELIEVE 3D
BN 3D MAR.

(2) ASSUME OPCON H/2/4 AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO CO
1/9 AND CO 3/3 BUT NLT 011800H.

(3) CHOP OPCON CO A TO 3/9 AT 021200H.
D. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) ASSUME OPCON CO A/1/9 AT 021200H.

(2) CHOP OPCON CO M/3/3 TO 3/3 AT 021200H.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) 1/9-3/3 RELIEF COMMENCES 29 APRIL 1966 AND WILL
TERMINATE NLT 011800H MAY. ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH
OTHER'S FORMER ZONE OF ACTION WILL BE AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE
TO BOTH CO 1/9 AND CO 3/3.

(2) REF (A) OUTLINES RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

(3) REF (B) SPECIFIES RELIEF OF LINES PROCEDURES.

(4) ARVN LIAISON TEAMS WILL ACCOMPANY BN'S.

(5) NO CHANGE IN MISSION OR LOCATION OF DIRECT SUPPORT
UNITS.

(6) REPORTS

(1) UPON COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION RELIEF OF LINES.

(B) AS REQUIRED BY REF (C).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. PARA 1805 REF (B).

5. COMMAND AND COMM- ELECTRONICS.

A. PARA 1804 REF (BL9).

B. ALL WIRE LINES WILL REMAIN IN PLACE TO INCLUDE COMPANY
LOCAL LINES. TEMPORARY LINES MAY BE RETRIEVED AFTER COORDINATION
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1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) BY 252100H, COUNTY FIR (11), A COORDINATED US/GVN OPN VIC THANH QUIT (BT0563), HAD RESULTED IN 32 VC KIA (BC), 13 VCC, 2 VCS, AND 2 RETURNEES. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE 1 KIA AND 14 WIA; NO USMC CASUALTIES.

(2) OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS SIXTH DAY. 4 USMC COMPANIES AND 1 PF COMPANY ACCUMULATED A TOTAL OF 12 VC KIA (BC), 7 KIA

(POSS), 3 VC WIA (POSS), 1 WIA 2 VCC, AND 101 VCS.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 116-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON SIZE COMBAT PATROL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN GS (BT0469-0470-0471-0569-0570-0571-0669-0670-0671).

(2) CONDUCT 1 COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN GS (BT0561-0562-0661-0662-0663-0761-0762-0763).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE COMBAT PATROL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN GS (BT0366-0367-0368-0369-0467-0468-0469-0567-0568).

(4) MAINTAIN 1 COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA.

(5) COMMENCING 26 APRIL, DEPLOY 1 SQUAD (REIN) VIC GS (BT0472) TO CONDUCT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT 1 DAY MOBILE PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT9961-9962-9963) COMMENCING 270700H.

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3d MarDiv - 2100/2(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0362-
0463-0464-0263) FROM 270900H-271300H.(3) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0062-
0162-0061-0161).

C. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CONDUCT COORDINATED USMC COMPANY/PF PLATOON SIZE
CLEARING OPN VIC GS (AT9462-9463) COMMENCING 270600H.(2) CONTINUE 6 COMBINED USMC/PF COMBAT PATROLS IN AREA
BOUNDED BY GS (AT9059-9459-9456-9056).(3) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT9765-
9764-9665-9664-9564) COMMENCING 270700H.

D. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONTINUE PHASE II OPN GEORGIA.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS SEVENTH DAY. 3 USMC COMPANIES CONDUCTED DELIBERATE S&D OPERATIONS ENCOUNTERING VERY LIGHT VC RESISTANCE. DAY'S ACTIVITIES RESULTED IN FOLLOWING CASUALTIES: 2 VC WIA (POSS) RESULTED FROM ARTILLERY MISSION; 2 USMC WIA. CUMUPATIVE VC CASUALTIES TO DATE: 27 KIA (BC), 40 KIA (POSS), 2 WIA, 9 WIA (POSS),

2 VCC AND 112 VCS. CUMULATIVE USMC CASUALTIES 14 WIA.

(2) COUNTY FAIR 11 VIC THANH QUIT (3) (BT 054635) COMPLETED ITS SECOND DAY. COORDINATED USMC/GVN OPERATION RESULTED IN FOLLOWING CUMULATIVE VC CASUALTIES FOR OPERATION TO DATE: 45 KIA (BC), 17 VCC, 2 VCS AND 2 RETURNEES. CUMULATIVE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES TO DATE: 1 ARVN KIA, 9 ARVN WIA. NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT 271500H, CO H/2/9 RELIEVED 3/51 ARVN REGT IN COUNTY FAIR AREA. 3/51 WAS RETRACTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER OPERATION. A COMMANDO PLATOON FROM H&S CO, 51ST REGT REMAINED IN AREA AND WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS WITH USMC UNITS THROUGH 281200H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 117-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0469-0470-0471-0569-0570-0571) ON 28 APRIL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0864-0865-0964-0965) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT 28 APRIL.

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0561-0562-0661-0663-0762-0763) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 28 APRIL.

(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLATOON IN SUPPORT COUNTY FAIR

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11 VIC (BT 0563).

(5) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON 2-HOUR ALERT STATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN OPERATION GEORGIA.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR II OPERATIONS WITH ONE COMPANY AND ONE PLATOON VIC THANH QUIT (3) (BT 0563).

(2) CONDUCT ONE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9961-9962-9963) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(3) CONDUCT ONE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION VIC GS (BT 0269-0270) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN GS (0161-0162) COMMENCING 280630H.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE FOUR COMBINED COMBAT PATROLS WITH PF UNITS FROM DAI LOC DISTRICT HQ, IN GS (AT 9157-9257-9357-9056-9158-9256).

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE PHASE II OPERATIONS GEORGIA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 118-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) COUNTY FAIR 11 ACTIVITIES CONCLUDED 281645H. TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR THIS OPN: 45 VC KIA(BC), 17 VCC, 2VCS, 2VC RETURNEES, 1

RVN KIA, 14ARVN WIA. NO USMC CASUALTIES SUSTAINED DURING COUNTY FAIR 11.

(2) OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS EIGHTH DAY. 2 RIFLE COMPANIES COMPLETED DAY'S S&D OPNS IN NE SECTOR OF GEORGIA AREA

ENCOUNTERING LIGHT RESISTANCE. CUMULATIVE VC CASUALTIES TO DATE: 32 KIA(BC), 48 KIA(POSS), 2 WIA, 11 WIA (POSS), 2 VCC AND 204 VCS. USMC CASUALTY FIGURES TO DATE: 15 WIA.

(3) AT 271430H, THE 2D BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT U.S. ARMY ADVISOR HAND DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM COL YEU, QNSS CHIEF, TO HIS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART. MESSAGE INSTRUCTED BN CMDR OF 2/51 TO COOPERATE WITH 3D BN, 9TH MARINES IN OPERATION GEORGIA BY PROVIDING ONE COMPANY FROM 2/51 TO SUPPORT DAY OR NIGHT ACTIVITIES AS REQUESTED. VIETNAMESE COMMANDER REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH MESSAGE, STATING HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE SIGNATURE TO BE THAT OF COL YEU. COORDINATION

BETWEEN RVN AND USMC FORCES IN GEORGIA AREA HAS BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EXCEPT IN CASE OF 2D BN, 51ST REGT CMDR DESPITE EFFORTS OF ARMY ADVISORS AND ORDERS FROM RANKING VIETNAMESE OFFICERS. 2/51 BN CMDR HAS NOT COOPERATED WITH 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. IT IS HOPED THAT QNSS HEADQUARTERS WILL TAKE SPECIAL ACTION ON THIS SITUATION SO THAT USMC AND RVN FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT ALL AVAILABLE MEANS FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN OPERATION GEORGIA.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 118-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

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A. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 4 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) (BT 0372-0472) 290800-1400H

(B) (BT 0367-0368-0369
0467-0468-0469) 290800-1200H(C) (BT 0365-0465-0565-
0467-0564) 290630-1030H(D) (BT 0662-0663-0664-
0762) 290630-0930H

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON CLEARING OPN GS (AT 9601-9962-9963-
(BT 0063) COMMENCING 290700H.(2) HELILIFT 2 RIFLE COMPANIES VIC GS (AT 977560) AND
CONDUCT S&D OPNS COMMENCING ABOUT 290615H; IN EVENT CONTACT WITH
VC DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, ORIENT COMPANIES TOWARD SONG KY LAM AND
BLOCK NORTHERN BANKS OF RIVER BETWEEN N/S GRID LINES 96 AND 99
IN SUPPORT OPERATION GEORGIA.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 1 PLATOON CLEARING OPN GS (AT 9602-9702-
9802-9963-9863) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.(2) HELILIFT 1 COMPANY (-) FROM DAI LOC HQ (AT 917503)
TO AN TRACH (AT 913663) ABOUT 291400H.(3) COMMENCING NLT 290000H, COMPANY L/3/3 RELIEVE COMPANY
B/1/9 OF RESPONSIBILITY OF SECTORS B AND C, AIR BASE DEFENSE BN.

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE PHASE II OPN GEORGIA.

E. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. HELILIFT 1 RIFLE COMPANY FROM MIAF
INTO (AT 982604) COMMENCING 291400H.

4. ADMINISTRATION-LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 119-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 271438Z (LESSONS LEARNED)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPERATION GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS NINTH DAY. USMC AND ARVN UNITS CONDUCTED S&D OPERATIONS IN NE SECTOR. RESULTS OF DAY'S ACTIVITIES WERE 2 VC KIA(POSS) AND 3 VC WIA(POSS) FROM LVTH-6 105MM FIRE MISSION. AT 291800H VILLAGERS FROM DUC DUC DISTRICT REPORTED TO DUC DUC DISTRICT CHIEF THAT USMC DEMOLITION TEAM HAD KILLED 12 VC ON 22 APRIL WHEN DESTROYING CAVE VIC

(AT 902508). INVESTIGATION BY DUC DUC DISTRICT CHIEF, USA ADVISORS AND PF SQUAD REVEALED 12 VC KIA (BC). CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES AS OF 292100H:

USMC

WIA-20

VC

KIA(BC)-47

KIA(POSS)-50

WIA-2

WIA(POSS)-14

VCC-2

VCS-204

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 119-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS GS (BT 0470-0471-0570-0571) FROM 301200H - 1800H.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPERATION GS (BT 0561-0562-0661-0662-0663-0761-0762-0763) FROM 300630H - 1700H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS GS (AT 9962-

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9963-BT 0062-0063) UNTIL 300630H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS GS (BT 0162-0262) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE RELIEF OF LINES (C/1/9 RELIEVES K/3/3 OF RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSIGNED ZOA VIC AN TRACH (AT 967665) NLT 301000H).

D. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE RELIEF OF LINES (1/3/3 WILL RELIEVE C/1/9 OF RESPONSIBILITY OF SECTOR U, DANANG AIR BASE, NLT 301130H). (1/3/3 WILL RELIEVE 1/3/3 OF RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSIGNED ZOA VIC HILL 55 NLT 301130H).

E. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE PHASE II OPERATION GEORGIA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF(A) OUTLINES NEW POLICY AND FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING REPORTS OF LESSONS LEARNED. COMMANDERS WILL COMPLY WITH REF (A). SUBMIT TO THIS HQ NLT 3 MAY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 120-66

A. CG III MAF/I CORPS COORDINATOR 290620Z (MAY DAY, COMMUNIST HOLIDAY).

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS TENTH DAY. 3 RIFLE CO'S CONTINUED DELIBERATE S&D OPNS THOROUGHOUT EASTERN SECTOR OF GEORGIA ZOA. MODERATED ENEMY CONTACT. USMC UNITS ACCOUNTED FOR 11 VC KIA (BC), 6 VC KIA (POSS), AND 15 VC WIA (POSS). USMC CASUALTIES DURING DAY'S

OPN WERE 5 WIA.

OPN GEORGIA CUMULATIVE CASUALTY FIGURES:

VC	USMC
KIA 52	WIA 26

KIA (POSS) 56

WIA (CAPT) 2

WIA (POSS) 17

VCC - 6

VCS - 221

(2) BY REF A, CG III MAF RECENTLY WARNED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL ON IMAY, TRADITIONAL COMMUNIST HOLIDAY, AND 19MAY, HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY, FOR VIET CONG DEMONSTRATIONS, SABOTAGE OR

ACTS OF TERRORISM. SEVERAL RECENT REPORTS INDICATE VIET CONG MAY ATTACK

DANANG AIRBASE AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY ON IMAY. RECENT PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNREST LOCALLY MAY HAVE ALLOWED VC TO INFILTRATE INTO U.S. AND ARVN CONTROLLED AND PACIFIED AREAS. 1 MAY AND 19MAY HOLIDAYS MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO VIET CONG OFFENSIVE PLANS.

(3) 1/9 RELIEVED 3/3 AT 301645H OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIGHT SECTOR OF 9TH MAR ZOA.

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2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT 4 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS AS FOLLOWS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 1MAY:

(A) (BT0469-0470-0569-0570)

(R) (BT0661-0662-0761-0762-0763)

(C) (BT0564-0565-0566-0567-0664-0665)

(D) (BT0365-0366-0367-0464-0465-0466-0467-0564-0565-0567-0568-0664)

(2) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON CO G/2/4 AT ABOUT 030800H.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON M/3/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT ABOUT 031200H.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS GS (BT0061-0062-0063) FROM 010900-020630H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS GS (BT0163-0164) FROM 011400-020700H.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON CO G/1/4 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT ABOUT 020800H.

(4) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON G/2/4 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT

ABOUT 030800H.

(5) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON CO F/2/9 AT ABOUT 031200H.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE RELIEF OF LINES (D/1/9 RELIEVES K/3/3 OF RESPONSIBILITY ON HILL 55 AT 011100H).

(2) CONDUCT ONE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPN GS (AT9659-9759-9859-9758 9858) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 1MAY.

(3) CHOP OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON FROM CO H/2/4 TO HQ CO NLT 011400H (FOR EMPLOYMENT AS SECURITY ASP NR 1)

D. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CONTINUE RELIEF OF LINES (K/3/3 RELIEVES D/1/9 OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECTOR O, DANANG AIR BASE DEFENSE BN AT 011130H).

(2) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON CO A/1/9 TO 3D BN 9TH MAR AT ABOUT 031200H.

(3) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON CO M/3/3 AT ABOUT 031200H.

(4) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON CO A/1/9 AT ABOUT 031200H.

F. HQ CO 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE GEORGIA.

(2) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON CO M/3/3 AND CO F/2/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATIONS AT ABOUT 031200H.

(3) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON CO M/3/9 AT ABOUT 031200H.

(4) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON CO A/1/9 AT ABOUT 031200H.

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(1) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON 1ST PLAT, CO C/1/4 TO PARENT
CO ANY AT ABOUT 020000H.(2) RESUME OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON (PAC 2/9 AT 011000H (FOR
EMPLOYMENT FOR SECURITY AND ME 1).

(3) COORDINATING INSTRUCTORS.

(4) DIRECT LIAISON AUTO USED CLINICAL UNIT IS AFFILIATED BY COMPANY
FORMATION PREPARED ASO.

(5) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS.

(6) ACTION.

(7) REPORTS REPORT DUE THIS 10 NLT 24AY.

(8) COMMAND CHRONOLOGY DUE THIS 10 NLT 24AY.

(9) MEDICAL EVACUATION.

(10) SEVERAL INSTANCES RECENTLY NOTED WHERE EMERGENCY REQUESTS
WERE SUBMITTED FOR ROUTINE CASES. COMMANDERS INSTRUCTED TO INSURE
THAT DISTINCTION IS MADE BETWEEN ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY REQUESTS
PARTICULARLY DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS AND/OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.

(11) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS: CONTINUED.

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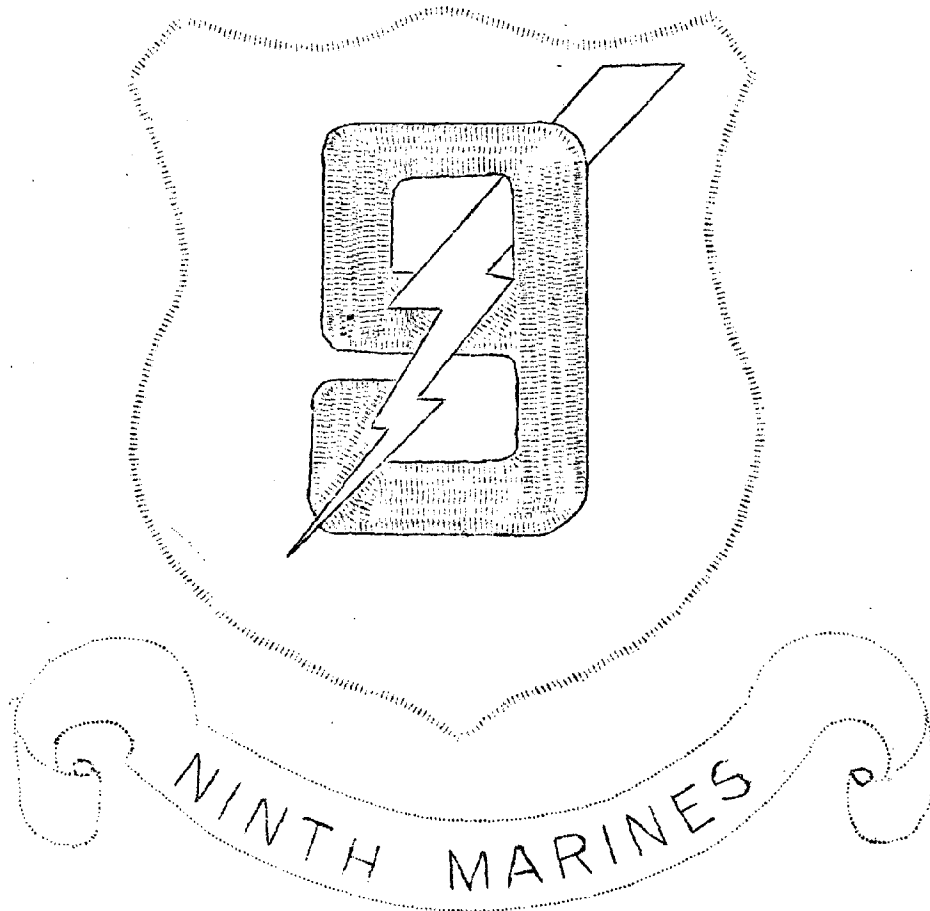
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Change No. 1 to Operation Order 111-66 (GEORGIA)

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 111-66:

a. Basic Order.

(1) DELETE paragraph 3.d.(2).

(2) ADD the following new paragraph 3.e. and renumber succeeding paragraphs.

e. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Designate one rifle Company (Rein) as Regimental Mobile Reserve on immediate alert during Phases I and III; on two-hour alert during Phase II.


(3) Paragraph 3.f.(2). Change D-Day to "to be announced."

b. Annex G. Page G-1, paragraph 3.a.(1).a). Change 3d Bn, 9th Marines to read 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

2. Substitute the following new pages, attached hereto, for the original pages. Destroy replaced pages and report destruction to this Head quarters (S-1).

a. Annex A. Pages A-1, A-2.

b. Annex E. Pages E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4.


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 (b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65
 (c) 3d MarDiv OpO 368-66
 (d) DivO 02000.2C
 (e) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 011240Z Apr66
 (f) 3d MarDiv OpO 385-66
 (g) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 131543Z Jan66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and ISUMS as issued.

b. Friendly forces

- (1) 12th Marines provides artillery support as requested.
- (2) 1st MAW provides troop helilift, Med Evac, resupply, aerial observation and psy-war aircraft; provides helicopters for delivering riot control agents; provides close air support, photographic, and aerial delivery transport aircraft for direct support as required.
- (3) USAF airlifts artillery battery, supplies and equipment as requested.
- (4) 2d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment located vic AN HOA (AT 8746) requested to provide security around airfield vic (AT 875475). Appendix 2. (Friendly Forces Overlay) to Annex D (Operation Overlay).
- (5) RVN military and paramilitary units in and around Operation KINGS and Operation GEORGIA areas requested to provide troop support as required.

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- c. Attachments and Detachments. Effective 0800 D-1.
- 2. MISSION. On D-Day, 9th Marines moves reinforced infantry battalion to vic AN HOA (AT 8746) by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft and via water and overland route from 9th Marines zone of action; conducts offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; opens area to GVN influence; assists in GOLDEN FLEECE (rice harvest) operations; provides rural construction assistance. Annex D (Operation Overlay). Ref (c).
- 3. EXECUTION
 - a. Concept of Operations. Annex C (Concept of Operations). Ref (a).
 - b. 3d Bn, 9th Marines
 - (1) Provide battalion command group and two rifle companies to constitute main elements of 3d Bn, 9th Marines (rein).
 - (2) Assume OPCON two additional rifle companies at 0800 D-1.
 - (3) Conduct offensive operations as indicated in Annex C (Concept of Operations) in area outlined in Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - (4) Assume OPCON one rifle company from 1st Bn, 4th Marines NLT 0800 D-5 for employment as rear area security.
 - (5) Assume OPCON Regimental Mobile Reserve on order.
 - c. 2d Bn, 9th Marines
 - (1) At 0800 D-1, chop OPCON one rifle company (rein) to 3d Bn, 9th Marines.
 - (2) In conjunction with available RVN units, conduct preliminary search and destroy and clearing operations in Operation KINGS area in support of Operation GEORGIA during period D-5 to D-1; determine crossing sites, assembly areas and resupply points. Appendix 1 (Preliminary Operations) to Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - (3) Report findings of activities cited above to Regimental Headquarters by SPOTREP hourly; final report due 0800 D-1.

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- (4) Be prepared to support Operation GEORGIA by fire from own zone of action.

d. 3d Bn, 3d Marines

- (1) At 0600 D-1, chop OPCON one rifle company (rein) to 3d Bn, 9th Marines.
- ~~(2) Designate one rifle company (rein) as Regimental Mobile Reserve on immediate alert during Phase I and III and two-hour alert during Phase II.~~
- (2) In conjunction with available RVN units, conduct preliminary search and destroy and clearing operations in Operation KINGS area in support Operation GEORGIA during period D-5 to D-1; determine crossing sites, assembly areas, and resupply points. Appendix I (Preliminary Operations) to Annex D (Operation Overlay).
- (3) Report findings of activities cited above to Regimental Headquarters by SPOTREP hourly; final report due 0600 D-1.
- (4) Assume OPCON 1st Platoon, Co. C, 3d Recon Battalion NLT D-6 for employment in conjunction preliminary operations in Operation KINGS area.
- (5) Be prepared to chop OPCON 1st Platoon, Co. C, 3d Recon Battalion to 3d Bn, 9th Marines NLT 0800 D-1.
- ~~(6) Be prepared to support Operation GEORGIA by fire from own zone of action.~~

e. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Designate one rifle Company (Rein) as Regimental Mobile Reserve on immediate alert during Phases I and III; on two-hour alert during Phase II.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Unclassified code name: GEORGIA.
- (2) D-Day is ~~20 April; alternate D Day is 22 April.~~ *to be ANNOUNCED*

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- (3) Employment of riot control agents authorized in area of operations only. 1st MAF has capability to deliver RCA. Ref (e).
 - (4) Movement to and from area of operations will be by aircraft, LVT's and/or foot march or a combination thereof.
 - (5) Minimize non-combatant casualties and damage to crops.
 - (6) Rules of engagement. Ref (b).
 - (7) Fire Support Coordination: Annex G.
 - (a) Artillery. Annex E.
 - (b) Air operations. Annex F.
 - (8) Civil Affairs. Annex J.
 - (9) Psychological Operations. Annex K.
 - (10) Reports. Annex L.
 - (11) GOLDEN FLEECE Operations. Ref (f).
 - (12) Captured rice will be handled IAW Ref (g).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See AdminO 111-66 to accompany Operation Order 111-66.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS
- a. Communication. See Ref (d) and Annex H (Communications-Electronics).
 - b. Command
 - (1) Command Relations: Annex I.
 - (2) Command Post
 - (a) 9th Marines - (AT 998723)
 - (b) All units report CP locations when established.



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- A - Task Organization
- *B - Intelligence (To be issued seperately).
- C - Concept of Operations
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1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and (unidentified) Diagram of AN HOAH Industrial Complex

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 111-66

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpO 368-66 (GEORGIA)

Time Zone: H (Attachments effective 0800 D-1)

3d Marine Division (Rein)

9th Marines (Rein)

3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein)

3d Bn (-), 9th Mar

Co I, 3d Bn, 9th Mar

Co L, 3d Bn, 9th Mar

Co F, 2d Bn, 9th Mar

Co M, 3d Bn, 3d Mar

Artillery Command Group

Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Mar

Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Mar

Co B (-) (Rein), 1st AMTRAC Bn

Co B (-)

Det, H&S Co

Co C (-), 3d Engr Bn

1st Prov Amph Howitzer Platoon

1st Platoon, Co D, 3d Recon Bn

Det, MASS-2, 1st MAW

Det, 3d MT Bn

Det, Hq Co, 9th Mar

Det, Comm Plt

Resuscitator Tm, 9th Mar

MajGen KYLE

Col SIMMONS

LtCol TAYLOR

Capt MATTMILLER

Capt COLCOMBE

Capt RECKEWELL

Capt RUSHING

Maj MORROW

Capt MOSBY

Capt ROBINSON

Maj KENDRICK

Capt HICKS

Capt THAMES

Lt SCHWARTZ

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Refugee TM, 41st Civil Affairs Co. Capt MOORE, USA

Det, 3d ITT

Co B (-) (Rein), 3d SP Bn

Capt GOODYEAR

Sqd, MP Co, Hq Bn

Sqd, Security Dog Platoon

Det, FLSG (A)

Det, Ammo Co

Det, EOD Platoon

Det, Maint Co

Det, Supply Co (Bulk Fuel)



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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 111-66

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv OpO 368-66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. Omitted.

2. MISSION. On D-Day, 9th Marines moves reinforced infantry battalion to vic AN HOA (AT 8746) and conducts offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; opens area to CVN influence; assists in GOLDEN FLEET (Rice Harvest) operations; provides rural construction assistance.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Preliminary Operations (D-5 to D-1)

(a) Search and destroy and clearing operations will be conducted in the KINGS area by USMC units augmented by available RVN military/paramilitary forces to destroy VC units in area and, secondarily, to determine suitable LVT crossing sites, assembly areas, and resupply points. 2d Bn, 9th Marines and 3d Bn, 3d Marines will conduct operations in the KINGS area preparatory to entry of forces into the GEORGIA area. Reconnaissance platoon will be inserted on surveillance and intelligence gathering missions.

(b) Artillery units will displace, as required, to be in position to support preliminary operations prior to D-5.

(2) Phase I (D-Day to D+1)

(a) Battalion Group Alpha consisting of command group, one or more rifle companies and combat/combat service support units, enters area of operations by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft; establishes base of operations vic AN HOA and prepares to support waterborne-overland movement into area by remaining battalion units.

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- (b) Battalion Group Bravo consisting of command group and remaining battalion elements moves into area of operations by surface means as expeditiously as possible. Air and artillery support will cover movement throughout. 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon will provide direct fire support. Regimental Mobile Reserve remains on immediate alert status throughout Phase I. Alternate method of entry by Battalion Group Bravo will be by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft.

(3) Phase II (D+2 to D+20)

- (a) 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein) conducts systematic search and destroy and/or clearing operations in selected company zones of action within area of operations. Insofar as possible, each Marine company will be augmented by a platoon of ARVN, PF or RF soldiers.
- (b) Three companies will be operating continuously with a fourth company in Battalion reserve vicinity Battalion CP.
- (c) During Phase II, maximum emphasis will be placed on providing groundwork for GVN influence in area. Tactics and techniques which have yielded positive results should be considered and employed (i.e. assisting in GOLDEN FLEECE type operations (Ref (f)); conducting COUNTY FAIR activities; initiating rural construction projects).
- (d) Rifle companies will be rotated during Phase II. The same battalion command group, however, will remain throughout operation. It is anticipated that rotation of companies will be accomplished by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft.
- (e) Upon commencement Phase II, and when not employed in a direct fire role, 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon reverts to indirect fire role and reinforces fires of Battery F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines.

(4) Phase III (D+21 to D+22)

- (a) 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein) will retract utilizing waterborne, surface, and/or airlift means. Regimental Mobile Reserve (Company from 3d Bn, 3d Marines) will be on immediate alert during Phase III.

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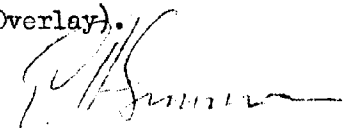
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- (c) During Phase III, maximum emphasis will be placed on providing groundwork for GVN influence in area. Tactics and techniques which have yielded positive results should be considered and employed (i.e. assisting in GOLDEN FLEECE type operations (Ref (f)); conducting COUNTY FAIR activities; initiating rural construction projects).

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(5) See Annex D (Operation Overlay).



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Annex E (Artillery) to Operation Order 111-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701 Sheets 6658 I,II,III,IV

(b) 3dMarDiv OpnO 343-65

(c) 3dMarDiv Ord 02000.2C (COI)

(d) 2dBn, 12thMar BnO 3000.1B

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Force: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces. 9th Marines Op Order 111-66

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Attachments effective 0800 D-1.

Provisional Artillery Battalion

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

(2) Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Provide artillery support for reinforced infantry battalion during movement to AN HOA (AT 8747) area and while it conducts operation to destroy Viet Cong forces and installations.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Artillery employment.

(1) Artillery support for Phase I will be provided by the attachment of a provisional artillery battalion, to the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines at 0800 on D-1 and airlift to the vicinity AN HOA (AT 8747).

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- (2) Upon completion of Phase I (D+2) and when not employed in a direct fire role, the 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon will displace on order to vicinity of AN HOA (AT 8747) and reinforce the provisional artillery battalion.
- (3) General support fires will be provided by one 155mm howitzer (M109) platoon, one 155mm gun, and one 8" howitzer positioned at AT 966518.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day, 24 April 1966
- (2) General support fires as requested by provisional artillery battalion.
- (3) Provisional artillery battalion will use surveyed charts. Battery B, Battery F, 1st Prov Amph How Plt center approximate coordinates AT 874475. Survey to be completed by D-1.
- (4) Concentrations allocations:
 - Btry B 001-299 Will-adjust missions
 - Btry F 300-599 Will-adjust missions
 - FSCC 600- Pre-planned fires
- (5) Artillery air observer will be requested through provisional artillery battalion. On station during daylight hours and as requested during other periods.
- (6) Counter-mortar policy: Active.
- (7) Class V/3 DOA with additional 125 rounds of illumination and 50 rounds of HC Smoke.
- (8) Units will not expend more than 80% of one DOA in a 24-hour period without approval of the Prov Arty Bn Cmd Grp.
- (9) FCL: Annex G (Fire Support Coordination).
- (10) Flak Suppression: Annex G (Fire Support Coordination).
- (11) Restriction of fires: Annex G (Fire Support Coordination).

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SECRET4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 9th Marines Admin Order 111-66 to accompany Operation Order 111-66.
- b. Vehicles. Provisional artillery battalion Cmd Grp, one (1) M-422, Btry "B" and Btry "F" each, one (1) M-37 to be airlifted upon initial deployment, and two (2) M-274 to be provided at LSA subsequent to deployment.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. CP, Grid Square AT 8747; report exact coordinates upon occupation.
- b. Reference (c)
- c. Activate radio nets as follows:

PROV ARTY BN CMD GRP

<u>NETS</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>COF#1</u>	<u>COF#2</u>
FREQ	M323 (34.4)	M329 (35.4)	M356 (38.6)
EMISSION	Voice	Voice	Voice
STATION AND CALLS	ArtyBnCmdGrp Sunrise X-ray	ArtyBnCmdGrp (3/9) Polish Bailey	ArtyBnCmdBrp (3/9) Polish Bailey
	Btry "B" Permission Bravo (as directed)	Btry "B" Permission Bravo	
	Btry "F" Sunrise Foxtrot (as directed)		Btry "F" Sunrise Foxtrot
	1stProvAmphHowPlt Slaveborn Hotel (as directed)	1stProvAmphHowPlt Slaveborn Hotel (as directed)	1stProvAmphHowPlt Slaveborn Hotel (as directed)
	GS Group Rain Bolt		
	<u>NOTE:</u> FO's will use established call signs.		

d. Channels 7 and 8 will be available for artillery use between the GS Group (AT 966618) and ProvArtyBnCmdGrp. See Annex H (Communication-Electronics).

e. Switchboard.

UNIT

Prov Arty Bn Cmd Grp

TELEPHONIC CALL SIGN

Wagon Master X-ray

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Battery "B"

Goose Bravo

Battery "F"

Wagon Master Foxtrot

1st Prov Amph How Plt

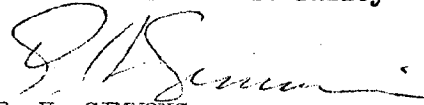
Dream Hotel

GS Group

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Annex F (Air Operations) to Operation Order 111-66

Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000 L701 Sheets 6658 III, IV and 6558 I, II.
(b) 3d MarDiv Operation Order 368-66
(c) FHEM 7-3 (Air Support)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. See Annex B (Intelligence).
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) Annex A (Task Organization).
 - (2) 1st MAF provides close air support, photographic, and aerial delivery transport aircraft; provides troop helilift, Med-Evac, resupply, aerial observation and psy-war aircraft; provides helicopters for delivering riot control agents.
 - (3) USAF provides airlift of artillery battery, supplies and equipment as requested.

2. MISSION. On D-Day, 9th Marines moves infantry battalion (Rein) to vic AN HOA (AT 8746) and conducts offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; opens area to GVN influence; assists in GOLDEN PLEECE (Rice Harvest) operations; provides rural construction assistance. Annex D (Operation Overlay).

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3. EXECUTION.

Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000 L701 Sheets 6658 III, IV and 6558 I, II.

- a. Concept of Operations. See Annex C (Concept of Operations).

- b. Coordinating Instructions.

1. Tactical Air Requests (TAR) and Helicopter Requests (HR)
submitted direct to DASC.

- (2) Pre-planned air requests must reach DASC by 1000 daily for the following day's requirements.

b. Priority Requests

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) 1st MAF provides close air support, photographic, and aerial delivery transport aircraft; provides troop helilift, Med-Evac, resupply, aerial observation and psy-war aircraft; provides helicopters for delivering riot control agents.

- (3) USAF provides airlift of artillery battery, supplies and equipment as requested.

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- (3) Fixed wing aerial delivery requests submitted to regiment at least 3 hours prior to intended delivery times.
- (4) All air strikes will be under the positive control of TACP's, FAC's, TAC (A)'s or ASST's.
- (5) CAS and flareship aircraft on normal 15 minute strip alert unless requested otherwise.
- (6) Med Evac's submitted direct to DASC.
- (7) Night Med Evac's on emergency basis only.
- (8) Standard mission request forms used for air support requirements.
- (9) Fire Support Coordination. See Annex G (Fire Support Coordination).
- (10) Battalion FSCC coordinate and control aircraft with the tactical area of operation.
- (11) Helicopter Landing Zones (LZ) marked with standard air panels.
- (12) Front lines marked with air panels for air strikes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Administrative Order 111-66.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Call Signs and Frequencies. See Annex H (Communication-Electronics).

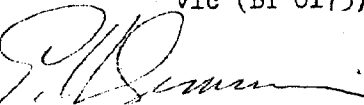
b. Air Frequencies

DESIGNATORS

(1) TMR #1	2196 (HF)	W1
(2) TMD #2	341.4 (UHF) BLUE	W53
(3) HD #1	269.5 (UHF) GOLD	WL13
(4) HD #4	43.5 (FM) YELLOW	W75

c. Control Agencies

(1) BATTALION FSCC (POLISH)	vic (AT 8746)
(2) REGIMENTAL FSCC (PHEPSITE)	vic (AT 9972)
(3) DIVISION FSCC (MCNROB)	vic (AT 9574)
(4) DASC (LANDSHARK)	vic (AT 9574)
(5) TACC (JOYRIDE)	vic (BT 0175)



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Annex G (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 111-66

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, sheets 6658 I, II, III, IV
 (b) 3d MarDiv Opno 368-66
 (c) FMFM 7-1 (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION)

Time Zone: H.

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) Annex E (Artillery)
 - (2) Annex F (Air Operations)

2. MISSION. The Fire Support Coordination Center, Battalion Command Group, plans, coordinates and integrates all supporting fires within the battalion operation area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept

- (1) Fire Support Coordination in accordance with reference (c). Fire planning will be continuous. Particular emphasis placed upon defensive fire planning to include barrages, night defensive fires, prearranged on call missions and harassing and interdiction fires.
- (2) Fire Support Coordination Center, Battalion Command Group, exercises final clearance authority for all supporting fires, observed and unobserved, in battalion operation area (within FCL).
- (3) Clearance for fires outside battalion operation area (without FCL) must be obtained from FSCC, 9th Marines except wherein friendly forces are receiving enemy fire. In this instance sub-paragraph 3 a. (2) above applies.

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SECRET4. TARGET INFORMATIONa. Target List

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Target information as available from current ISUMS and as provided by higher headquarters.
- (3) FSCC, Battalion Command Group, maintains active target list to include separately designated suspect or confirmed hostile mortar positions as determined.

b. Restricted Targets

- (1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical and public installations.
- (2) Supporting arms fires into populated areas are restricted to those instances wherein the commander deems it necessary in order to prevent friendly casualties and to accomplish his mission.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETYa. Sentries and Lookouts

- (1) Air sentries will be posted at artillery and mortar positions to insure safety of friendly aircraft.
- (2) Particular attention will be paid to the approach and retirement lanes of aircraft operation at the airfield adjacent to the command post, battalion command group.
- (3) Forward observers while directing supporting arms shall insure the safety of friendly aircraft.

b. Restrictive Fire Plan

- (1) In accordance with reference (c). To be implemented by the commander, Battalion Command Group, if the situation so dictates.
- (2) All aircraft entering into battalion operation area are required to contact FSCC, Battalion Command Group, for location of supporting arms fire missions in progress. Annex F (Air Operations).
- (3) Every effort must be made to coordinate helicopter Med Evac's and supporting arms fires attacking active hostile targets.

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Ground commanders may impose restrictive plans on aircraft and/or supporting arms fire as deemed appropriate.

c. Flak Suppression Fires

- (1) An aggressive flak suppression program will be implemented. Prestrike and strike fires will be employed when appropriate. Suspected targets, as well as targets of opportunity, will be engaged on a priority basis.
- (2) Refer to Annex B (Intelligence), to current ISUMS and to target information for confirmed and suspected locations of flak suppression targets.
- (3) Selection, coordination and implementation of flak suppression fires are accomplished in the FSCG, Battalion Command Group. Such requires the closest liaison to include integration of effecting and observation agencies.

6. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES

a. Fire Coordination Line

- (1) Used to regulate all supporting fires and air strikes on either side of said line. No such fires will be requested or delivered across the fire coordination line without the approval of the cognizant commander.
- (2) Fire coordination line established to coincide with the boundary of the battalion operating area as depicted in Annex D (Operation Overlay).

- b. Troop Safety. FSCG, Battalion Command Group, effects liaison with friendly forces within battalion operation area to insure troop safety. Appendix 2 (Friendly ARVN Units) to Annex D (Operation Overlay).

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

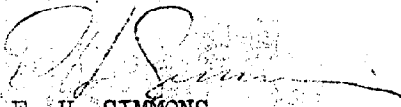
a. Annex E (Communication-Electronics).

b. Command Posts

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- (1) 9th Mar, AT 996725
- (2) Battalion Command Group, AT 875475.
- (3) Battery F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines, AT 874473.
- (4) 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon Phase II, AT 874473.
- (5) General Support Group, 12th Mar, AT 966618.


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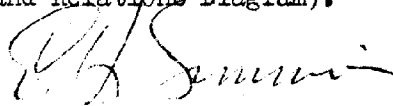
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Ref: None

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1. Command Relations of the 9th Marines and RVN military and civilian units in Regimental Zone of action and in Operation Georgia area are depicted in Appendix 1 (Command Relations Diagram).



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- 1- Command Relations Diagram

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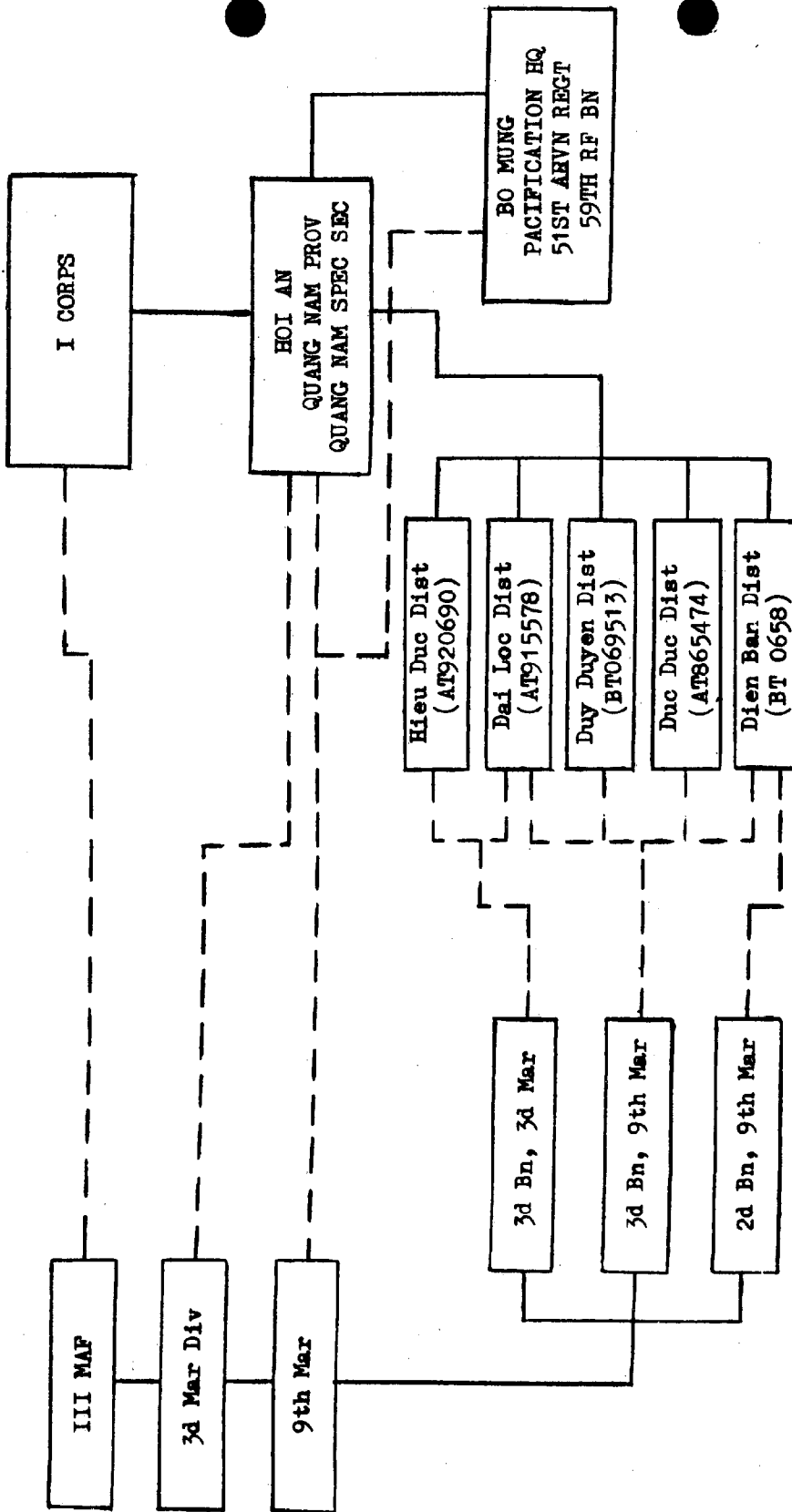
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Annex J (Civil Affairs) to Operation Order 111-66.

Ref: (a) Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 series L701 sheets 6658 I, II, III, IV
(b) 3d Mar Div Operation Order 368-66
(c) DivO 5800.2

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 111-66.
- b. Friendly forces. Operation Order 111-66.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 111-66.

2. MISSION. As stated in paragraph 2 of the basic order; to control situations arising from the advent of refugees, real or contrived.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Annex C (Civil Affairs) to Ref (b).
- (2) Civil Affairs activities will be closely coordinated with psychological operations wherever possible.

b. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

- (1) Be prepared initially to establish facilities for feeding and temporarily housing limited number of refugees.
- (2) Be prepared to support civil action activities of COUNTY FAIR operations in conjunction with ARVN forces, local officials, Psy-Ops personnel and refugee control team.
- (3) Be prepared to support GOLDEN FLEECE operations by providing security for GVN officials and harvesters and, where possible, providing transportation for grain to safe storage areas.

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- (4) Be prepared to conduct public health activities on a continuing basis for the duration of Operation GEORGIA.

- c. Refugee Team, 41st Civil Affairs Co. U. S. Army

- (1) Move into operations area on order.
- (2) Coordinate handling of refugees for the duration of operation GEORGIA.
- (3) Conduct population control phases of COUNTY FAIR operations.

- d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Annex C (Civil Affairs) of Ref (b).
- (2) Appendix 1 (Population and Government) to Annex J (Civil Affairs).
- (3) Religious and cultural structures will be safeguarded.
- (4) Location of existing GVN refugee centers will be noted and such centers will be safeguarded.
- (5) Wherever possible all claims for damages will be processed through GVN channels. Indigenous personnel wishing to institute claims will be referred to their respective GVN village, district, or Province Chief in accordance with Ref (c).
- (6) All Civil Affairs activities will be reported in a daily civic action situation report pertaining to Operation GEORGIA. This report will be a separate report from S-3 and S-2 reports and from the Daily Situation Report normally submitted for the 3d Bn, 9th Marines ZOA activities. The Civil Affairs Report for Operation GEORGIA will be submitted to 9th Marines S-5 by 2200 daily to cover activities between 0600 and 1800. Negative reports required.

- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Admin Order 111-66 to accompany Operation Order 111-66.

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b. Foodstuffs for refugees and on-the-spot identification of damages will initially be available in the following quantities.

(1) Rice	1000 lbs
(2) Canned vegetables	300 lbs
(3) Salt	50 lbs

c. Medical Supplies - Appendix 2 (MEDCAP Supplies) to Annex J (Civil Affairs) to Operation Order 111-66.

d. The following property will initially be available for handling refugees or conducting COUNTY FAIR operations.

(1) Fly tents	2
(2) GP tent	1
(3) 10 gallon cooking pots	2
(4) Field stove unit	2
(5) Miscellaneous utensils	

e. Civil Affairs supplies will be ordered through normal channels.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Annex H (Comm - Elec) to Operation Order 111-66.



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APPENDICES:

1. Population and Government
2. MEDCAP Supplies

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Appendix 1 (Population and Government) to Annex J (Civil Affairs) to
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Ref: None

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<u>District</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>#Hamlets</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Status of Village</u>
DUC DUC				
Capt TRAN BAO	LOC THANH	5	3424	VC Control
	LOC BON		5399	VC Control
	LOC QUI	5	9152	VC Control
	XUYEN THU	5	1222	Under consolidation
	XUYEN PHU	4	6779	VC Control
	SON KHUONG	8	1487	Under consolidation
	SON THO	3	2002	VC Control
	SON PHUC	4	4366	VC Control
	LOC SON	6	5399	VC Control

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Lt PHUONG	LOC QUANG	10	6781	VC Control
	LOC TAN	6	7024	VC Control
	LOC HOA	6	5749	VC Control
	LOC PHUOC	6	8285	VC Control
	LOC PHONG		4488	VC Control

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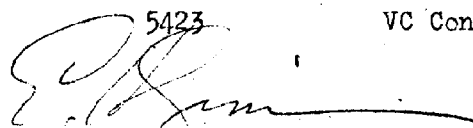
<u>District</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>#Hamlets</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Status of Village</u>
	LOC HUNG	8	1469	Under Consolidation
	LOC MY	10	2513	Cleared

DUY XUYEN

XUYEN HOA	5	4342	VC Control
XUYEN KHUONG	3	2639	VC Control
XUYEN LOC	4	3953	VC Control
XUYEN THANH	4	2983	VC Control
XUYEN TRUONG	4	7253	VC Control

DIEN BAN

PHU MY	5	5296	VC Control
PHU TAN	5	5423	VC Control


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1- Village and District Overlay (To be issued separately)

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Appendix 2 (MEDCAP Supplies) to Annex J (Civil Affairs) to Operation Order
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1. The following MEDCAP supplies will be available for use in Operation
 GEORGIA:

4x4 pad, gauze	25 pkgs
2x2 pad, gauze	50 pkgs
Calamine lotion	48 2 oz bottles
Hydrocortisone	4 boxes
Hydrogen Peroxide Solution	3 cases
Nitrofurazone Ointment	2 cases
Surgical soap (cake)	1 case
merthiolate	12 bottles (4 oz)
Aspirin	6 bottles of 1000
Codeine	1 bottle
Oxytetracycline Polymyxin Opth. ointment	3 boxes
Polymyxin Neomycin Hydrocortisone Otic. Sol	3 boxes
Diarrhea tablets	3 cans
Vitamin tablets	1 case
Tetracycline	12 tablets

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Oral Suspension Tetracycline	36 bottles
Erythromycin tablets	12 bottles
Band aids	36 boxes of 100
Bandage common gauze roller	3 boxes of 12
Tongue depressors	12 boxes of 100
Syringes disposable w/21 gauge needle	100
Syringes 5 or 10CC	100
Surgical knives, detachable blade	#10, 6x6 #11, 6x6
Adhesive tape roll	12 cans
Pencillin, injectable with sterile water	200 16 boxes of sterile water
Cotton tip applicators	1 box of 20 packages
Alcohol	1 quart
Chlorotrimeton liquid	1 gallon
Chlorotrimeton tablets	3 bottles



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Annex K (Psychological Operations) to Operation Order 111-66.

Ref: (a) Psy-Ops Fld Support Det. Leaflet Catalogue of 18 Oct 1965.
(b) JUSPAO Chieu Hoi tapes 1-14, 25-27, 30, 32-40, 54, 57-61.
(c) 3d Mar Div Operation Order 369-66.

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 111-66.
- b. Friendly forces. Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 111-66.

2. MISSION. As stated in basic order and as follows:

- a. Inform the populace that the presence of VC in the area invites destruction.
- b. Inform the populace of curfew regulations and the behavior expected of them during USMC operations.
- c. Emphasize the strength of the GVN and its allies and deprecate the VC cause.
- d. Promote the CHIEU HOI appeal and exploit GVN and USMC victories for their full propaganda value.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

- (1) Whenever possible Psy-War activities will be coordinated through local GVN officials, ARVN and local GVN information services activities.
- (2) Wherever possible Psy-War activities will be coordinated with Civil Affairs activities.

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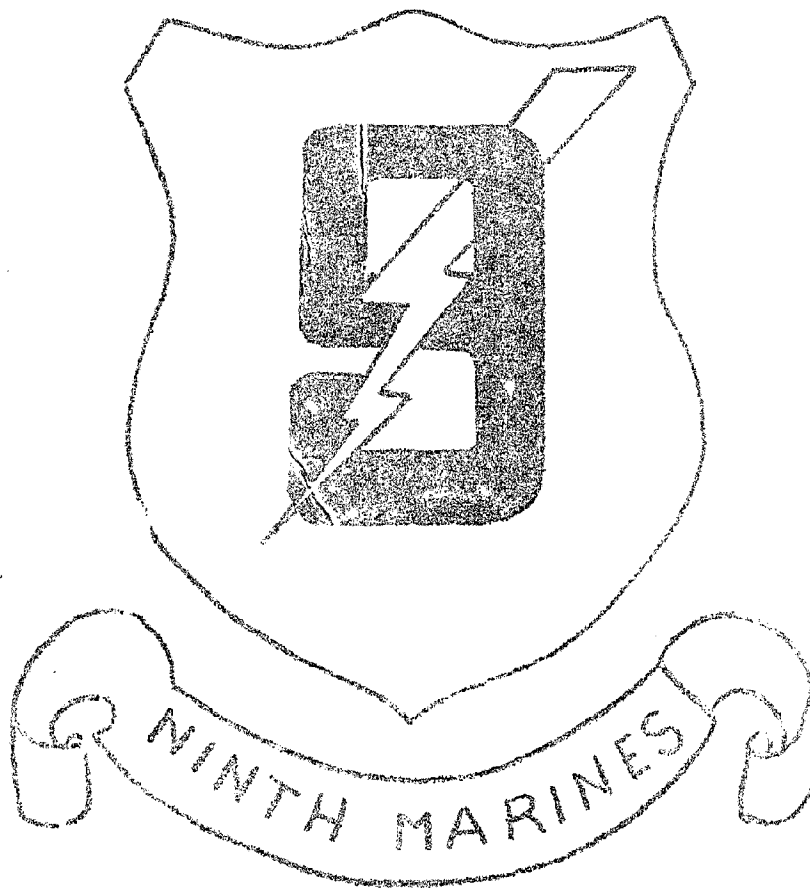
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ROUGH RIDER

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- Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L-701, Sheets 6756-all;
 6757-all; 6657 I, II; 6658-all; 6659-all; 6559 I, II, IV;
 6560 II, III, IV; 6160 I, II
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65
 (c) 3d MarDiv Administrative Order 343-65
 (d) 3d MarDiv OpO 361-66
 (e) 3d MarDivO P3000.5, Chapter 19

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (d) and ISUMS as issued.
 b. Friendly forces. References (b) and (d).

2. MISSION. 9th Marines conducts round-trip motorized convoy from DA NANG to CHU LAI or HUE PHU-BAI along National Route #1 on order; conducts visual reconnaissance of highway and surrounding areas enroute; destroys enemy forces encountered; demonstrates capability to utilize highway and protects convoy from VC attack.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Annex B (Concept of Operations). Ref (d).
 b. _____ Battalion, _____ Marines
 (1) On order assign one infantry company (Rein) as convoy escort.
 (2) Designate Convoy Commander.
 c. _____ Battalion, _____ Marines
 (1) Designate one platoon (Rein) on 30-minute alert as convoy reserve.
 (2) On order, chop OPCON convoy reserve to Convoy Commander.

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SECRETd. Convoy Commander

- (1) Coordinate planning and execution of assigned convoy to designated enclave and return in accordance with this order and reference (d).
- (2) Assume operational control convoy reserve upon commitment.
- (3) Submit request for convoy reserve by FLASH message; indicate primary and alternate LZ's.

e. Convoy Reserve

- (1) Be prepared to execute helicopter movement to convoy area.
- (2) Be prepared to execute missions assigned by the Convoy Commander.
- (3) Monitor progress of convoy by radio.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Report location of convoy at least once every hour using check points (Annex C to reference (d)) as points of reference.
- (2) Reference (e) provides guidance for the conduct of motor transport operations in a guerrilla warfare environment.
- (3) Direct liaison is authorized between participating units.
- (4) Rules of engagement. Reference (b).
- (5) Unclassified code name: ROUGH RIDER.
- (6) Destruction of vehicles and equipment will be on authority of CG, 3d Marine Division only.
- (7) When number of vehicles in convoy totals less than 60, convoy escort consisting of one infantry company (less one infantry platoon) (rein) is authorized.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration. Reference (c).

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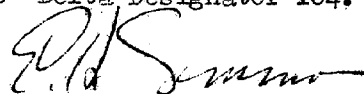
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- (1) Class I - 2 days.
- (2) Class II - Essential T/A and T/E items.
- (3) Class III - Vehicle tanks full plus one full 5 gallon can per vehicle.
- (4) Class IV - None.
- (5) Class V - Basic allowance plus one day of ammunition.
- (6) Water - As prescribed unit commanders.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION .. ELECTRONICSa. Command

- (1) The Convoy Commander will assume operational control of all units assigned to the convoy.
- (2) The Motor Transport Officer assigned to the convoy will be designated Assistant Convoy Commander.

- b. Communication - Electronics. Annex E to reference (b). Convoy conduct of fire net is "Delta Designator 164."



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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Concept of Operations
- C - Distribution

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 115-66

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpO 361-66 (ROUGH RIDER)

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3d Marine Division (Rein)

MajGen KYLE

9th Marines (Rein)

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Co ____ (-) (Rein) ____ Marines (CONVOY ESCORT)

81mm Mortar Section

Arty FO Team

NGF Spot Team

FAC Team

EOD Team, FLSC

DET, 3d Engr Bn

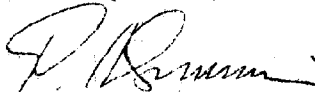
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Annex B (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 115-66

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv OpO 361-66

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1. SITUATION. Omitted.
2. MISSION. 9th Marines conducts round-trip motorized convoy from DA NANG to CHU LAI or HUE PHU BAI along National Route #1 on order; conducts visual reconnaissance of highway and surrounding areas enroute; destroys enemy forces encountered; demonstrates capability to utilize highway and protects convoy from VC attack.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) On order, 9th Marines assigns one rifle company (rein) to ROUGH RIDER convoy as infantry escort, and places one rifle platoon on 30-minute alert as convoy reserve for helicopterborne movement to convoy location in the event of an attack.
- (2) Convoy will consist of at least 10 hardened 2½ ton or equivalent cargo vehicles, plus necessary support and control vehicles.
- (3) The Assistant Convoy Commander prepares the convoy for movement at the time and place designated by the Convoy Commander, organizes the convoy into serials, establishes intervals between march units, and insures that the required vehicles are hardened, properly loaded, and properly equipped for combat. Reference (d).
- (4) Convoy proceeds to destination where Convoy Commander reports to senior officer thereat. Envisioned as two day operation.
- (5) Air, NGF, and artillery provide aerial reconnaissance of the route and close fire support for the convoy enroute to and from designated T/O.

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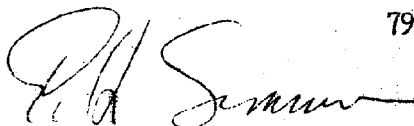
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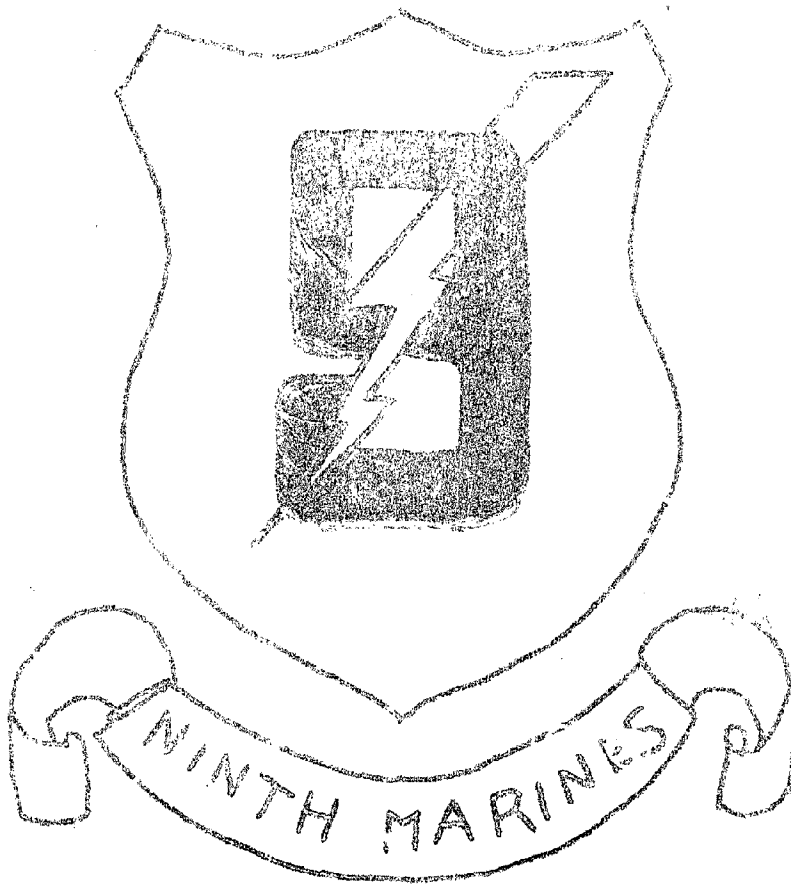
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Operation Order 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, sheets 6658 I, IV
 and 6659 II, III

(b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65

(c) 3d MarDiv OpO 364-66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. See current ISUM's and special intelligence reports as issued.
- b. Friendly forces. FMAW provides 3 UH-34D or 2 CH-46A troop helicopters escorted by either 1 or 2 armed UH-1E aircraft.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines' mission as outlined in reference (b) remains unchanged. To facilitate execution of its mission, 9th Marines maintains a reinforced rifle squad with each forward battalion on daylight alert for immediate deployment by helicopter to any destination in its zone of action to exploit contact with hostile forces.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation

- (1) Each forward infantry battalion maintains a SPARROW HAWK squad which is on immediate alert for possible employment within or immediately adjacent to its own zone of action. The SPARROW HAWK squad is transported to the objective area by UH-34D or CH-46A helicopters escorted by armed UH-1E aircraft.
- (2) SPARROW HAWK squad lands in rear or on the enemy's flank. It is utilized as a separate maneuver element on the ground either in a mobile role or as a blocking force. The SPARROW HAWK squad is not normally employed as a reinforcing element.

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- (3) Upon insertion, SPARROW HAWK aircraft return to Marble Mountain Air Facility to await orders to retract the squad or to execute another SPARROW HAWK mission. Because of familiarity with their own zone of action, 9th Marines SPARROW HAWK squads frequently retract by foot march instead of by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Requirements. Forward infantry battalions will maintain at least one reinforced rifle squad on immediate alert at predesignated pickup LZ during daylight hours.
- (2) Composition of SPARROW HAWK Squad. SPARROW HAWK squads will be composed of 21 troops maximum when employed with 3 UH-340 aircraft. 3 to 5 additional personnel may be added to the SPARROW HAWK squad when 2 OH-46A aircraft are used in lieu of 3 UH-340's.
- (3) Restrictions. SPARROW HAWK missions are restricted to daylight hours (0700H - 1900H).
- (4) Briefing. Insure clear and concise tactical briefings. Pilots will be briefed while enroute to pickup LZ; infantry units will be briefed prior to deployment.

(5) Requesting Procedures.

- (a) Requests for SPARROW HAWK missions will be submitted directly to DASC by requesting battalion.
- (b) Requests for SPARROW HAWK rehearsals will be submitted to this Headquarters which will coordinate with DASC to insure that rehearsal missions are not executed at the expense of actual missions.
- (c) Format for requesting SPARROW HAWK missions:
1. ALPHA: Pickup coordinates.
 2. BRAVO: Destination coordinates.
 3. CHARLIE: Location of enemy.
 4. DELTA: Description of enemy.
 5. ECHO: Location of friendly forces.
 6. FOXTROT: Call sign and radio frequency of requesting battalion.
 7. GOLF: Remarks.

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SECRET(6) Helicopter Utilization

- (a) SPARROW HAWK helicopters will not normally be retained after insertion of the SPARROW HAWK squad but will be released to return to MMAF to await instructions to retract squad or to be employed in other SPARROW HAWK missions.
- (b) Under unusual circumstances, SPARROW HAWK aircraft may be retained in area to insert additional personnel; however, this may be done only with the specific approval of this Headquarters.

(7) Unclassified Code Name. SPARROW HAWK.(8) Liaison. Direct liaison between commanders authorized.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Logistics. SPARROW HAWK squad members carry a minimum of 1 MCI and BA ammunition per individual.


5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICSa. Communication - Electronics

- (1) Request SPARROW HAWK missions to DASC (Landshark) on the Tactical Air Request (TAR) #1 net.
- (2) Contact with SPARROW HAWK squad will be made on battalion tactical net by the Helicopter Flight Leader.
- (3) Battalion Commanders will insure that they have capability to monitor control nets and will ascertain that all participating units can net on a given frequency.
- (4) Call signs.
 - (a) SPARROW HAWK 1: Infantry unit.
 - (b) SPARROW HAWK 2: UH-34D's/CH-46A's.
 - (c) SPARROW HAWK 3: UH-1E's.

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SECRET(5) Pyrotechnics

- (a) Red Smoke: Receiving enemy fire/unsecure LZ.
- (b) Green smoke: Friendly troops/secure LZ.
- (c) White phosphorus: Enemy position.
- (d) Green star cluster: Friendly position.
- (e) Yellow smoke: Med Evac LZ.


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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Evaluation of Force Requirements

Ref: (a) CG, 3dMarDiv msg 220258Z
(b) CG, 3dMarDiv msg 221340Z

1. Reference (a) as modified by reference (b) requested an evaluation of force requirements with a view toward eliminating or reducing forces or elements which are not needed or which might be replaced by units of greater usefulness.
2. The comments which follow are the consensus of the opinions of the regimental commander and the commanders of the five infantry battalions now serving with the 9th Marines. It should be noted that these comments specifically pertain to the current environment and combat situation and do not constitute a recommendation for a restructuring of existing tables of organization. Also, this should not be considered an exhaustive or definitive study.
3. Headquarters Company, Marine Regiment. Satisfactory.
4. Headquarters/Service Company, Infantry Battalion.
 - a. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon. The 106mm rifle is not a useful weapon in this environment. Two battalion commanders felt it would be useful if there were an antipersonnel canister round. One battalion commander recommended the substitution of the 57mm recoilless rifle for the 106mm.

Recommendation. That the battalions be permitted to place all or part of their 106mm rifles in storage at FLSG (A).

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b. Flamethrower Section. Consensus was that the flamethrowers were of limited use.

Recommendation. That the battalions be permitted to place part of their flamethrowers in storage at FLSG (A).

5. Rifle Company, Infantry Battalion

a. 60mm Mortar Section. The 60mm mortar has proved itself valuable in this environment. The 60mm mortar section, however, continues to be a provisional organization.

Recommendation. In absence of a T/O change, the manning level of the rifle companies should recognize the requirement to provide personnel for the 60mm mortar section.

b. Assault Section. The M-72 LAAW has largely taken the place of the 3.5-inch rocket launcher. Chief use of the 3.5-inch rocket launcher is with the white phosphorus round.

Recommendation. If a white phosphorus round were developed for the M-72 LAAW, the 3.5-inch rocket launcher could be eliminated. As the M-72 does not require an assistant gunner, the size of the assault section could be reduced by six individuals.

c. Machine Gun Section. Certain of the battalion commanders indicated a requirement for a fourth machine gun squad for a total of eight M-60s in the rifle company.

Recommendation. Add a fourth machine gun squad to the machine gun section.

6. AN/TPS-21. There was general agreement that the AN/TPS-21 ("Tipsy 21") was not useful and should be eliminated.

7. LVTs. There was general agreement that the LVT served adequately as a resupply vehicle, performed marginally as an armored personnel carrier, and was unsatisfactory as a river patrol craft.

8. Artillery. Possible requirement exists for additional light artillery battalions for the direct support role. Artillery support was considered satisfactory in all respects except for the shortage of forward observers.

9. Tanks. It was agreed that the M-48 was a useful, although expensive, gun and searchlight platform. It is also useful as a maneuver element in those areas permitting its employment. It was realized that a lighter tank could serve these purposes as well or better, but it was recognized that it would

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be infeasible to re-equip the tank battalion with lighter armor.

10. Ontos. The ontos has limited value as a convoy escort vehicle. The limitations stated for the 106mm rifle also, of course, pertain to the ontos. It is believed that the Antitank Battalion could be re-equipped profitably with ~~tracked~~ vehicles mounting quad fifties and dual forties.

11. Motor Transport. The value of the 5-ton six-by-six truck in this environment (poor roads, limited bridges, etc.) was questioned.

12. Engineers. Because of the requirement for roads, bridges, water points, mines and mine-clearing, it is recommended that a minimum of one engineer company and preferably an engineer battalion be placed in direct support of each infantry regiment.

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