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Encl: (1) Ninth Marines Command Diary for the period 19  
June through 31 July

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1)  
is submitted.

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COMMAND DIARY

19 June through 31 July 1965

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1. Reporting Unit Ninth Marines (-) (Rein)  
2. Period Covered 19 June - 31 July 1965  
3. Date of Submission 8 August 1965  
4. Commanding Officer Colonel F. E. GARRETSON  
5. Command Post Danang, RVN, coordinates (AT 996724  
6. Subordinate Units

Ninth Marines (-) (Rein) Col F. E. GARRETSON  
HqCo, 9th Marines Capt P. L. GORMLEY  
1stBn, 9th Marines (Rein) LtCol V. E. LUDWIG  
2ndBn, 9th Marines (Rein) LtCol G. R. SCHARNBERG  
Provisional Air Base  
Defense Bn LtCol W. H. CLARK

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

2. Background and Mission Assigned. On 19 June 1965 the Ninth Marine Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, Ninth Marines, were activated as RLT-9 and mounted out for operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Regimental Landing Team sailed from Buckner Bay aboard Task Group 76.6. A landing was made beginning 6 July in Danang Harbor over Tien Sha Peninsula and Red Beach Two. RLT-9 and BLT-2/9 moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996723).

Missions Assigned: Defend the DANANG Air Base perimeter and the assigned portion of the TAOR, and be prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations. Maintain one company in a one hour reaction posture. Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout the assigned portion of the TAOR. Prepare to counterattack to restore integrity of the Air Base perimeter. Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond boundaries of the assigned portion of DANANG TAOR.

2. Terrain, Topography, and Weather. The area of operation is an alluvial coastal plain. DANANG which is situated in the QUANG NAM province comprises the center of the area. The highest relief is the Presqu'ile de SON TRA to the northeast rising to 693 meters. The TOURANE river, which flows from south to north into the Bay of TOURANE, divides the city of DANANG in half. Tributaries of the TOURANE river (the SONG CAU DO from the west, and the SONG VINH DIEN from the south) trisect the southern portion of the area of operation. The SOUTH CHINA SEA bounds the area to the east. The population density of DANANG ranks among the highest in VIETNAM. North-south traffic through the area is limited to two improved highways and to river boats. East-west traffic is limited to rivers, trails, and unimproved roads built by Marine engineers. Except for Presqu'ile de SON TRA and the city of DANANG, the area can be said to be a sea of cultivation with many villages and hamlets forming islands therein. There are occasional low gently rising hills in the area. There are many tall trees of varied species. These are found mostly in the city, on small hills, and in the villages. The secondary growth throughout the area is dense.

The weather has not been a limiting factor to operations during this period. There has been little cloud cover and rain. The rain comes mostly in the late afternoon. Towards the end of July, dry winds typical of the monsoon have been increasing. Ground temperatures are very hot, usually in the high nineties, and occasionally higher depending on wind conditions.

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### 3. Chronological Summary of Events.

19 June - ADMINO THIRD MARDIV Msg 181519Z activated RLT-9 for deployment in accordance with 3d MARDIV OPORDER 201-65. BLT-2/9 was activated for surface lift, but had to retain posture as the air lift BLT until relieved. BLT-2/7 was activated as a surface mountout BLT and attached to RLT-9. The LSG's and LSU's normally deployed with a RLT and BLT's were incorporated in a detachment of FSR. RLT-9 (-) was designated Embarkation Group Alpha with Colonel F. E. GARRETSON the Group Commander. White Beach was to be the port of embarkation. The amphibious tractors would have to swim aboard at Ora Wan. Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion was to provide personnel and equipment to operate White Beach. A tentative date of 21 June 1965 was set to commence embarkation of BLT-2/7. A tentative assignment of shipping was made on the basis of the availability of three APA's, four LSD's, one AKA, and one LPH.

20 June - The CO RLT-9 directed subordinate units to submit Combat Readiness Reports and to correct their embarkation data. ADMINO THIRD MARDIV Msg 191515Z deleted BLT-2/7 from the RLT-9 task organization. It was planned to load the following supplies:

Class I 15 days MIC  
15 days fuel, trioxane

Class II Type 1 Authorized TE  
Type 2 Operating stack plus all mountout  
blocks Batteries 15 day RLT surface block

Class III 30 days special oils and lubricants

Class IV All on-hand

Class V Basic Allowance

21 June - The THIRD MARDIV (rear) Embarkation Order 1-65 was published designating RLT-9 HQ, 3d Engineer Battalion (-) and 3d AntiTank Battalion (-) as Embarkation Unit Bravo. BLT 2/9 was designated Embarkation Unit Charlie. It was planned to send an advanced party of eight officers and fifteen enlisted men to Vietnam by airlift on 25 June.

22 June - Staging began at White Beach for the USS Mathews (AKA-96). Captain N. H. VREELAND was designated the CO of troops. Lieutenant S. BULL was made embarkation officer. Staging was very slow due to a shortage of trucks and materials handling equipment.

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23 June - Loading of the USS Mathews began at 231030I.

24 June - Loading of the USS Mathews was delayed because of priority to BLT 3/7. The USS Mathews had to leave the pier. RLT-9 OPODER 201-65 was published.

25 June - The USS Mathews returned to the pier and loading continued slowly due to the shortage of materials handling equipment. The USS Clymer (APA-27) was added to the RLT-9 assignment of shipping and an LST was dropped. The CG III MAF directed RLT-9 to carry a basic allowance of ammunition plus thirty days. The USS Renville was added to the assignment of shipping to carry the thirty days of ammunition.

26 June - The USS Mathews completed loading and moved to anchorage.

27 June - Staging began for the USS Clymer (APA-27) and the USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) at White Beach. Staging began for the USS Colonial (LSD-18) at Naha Port. Army stevedors were assigned to load the ammunition aboard the USS Renville.

28 June - The USS Carter Hall and USS Clymer began loading. Captain A. E. LEE was assigned CO of troops and First Lieutenant B. ALBOLWICH was assigned as embarkation officer for the USS Carter Hall. Major E. E. BROOKS and First Lieutenant R. J. JUDLOW were assigned respectively as CO of troops and embarkation officer for the USS Clymer. Annex I (The Landing Plan) to OPODER 321-65 was published.

29 June - The loading of the USS Clymer continued and the loading of the USS Renville commenced. The USS Carter Hall moved to Ora Wan to load the amphibious tractors.

30 June - The USS Colonial began loading at Naha Port. Captain J. ROACH was assigned as CO of troops and Captain B. V. STONUM was assigned as embarkation officer. The USS Clymer completed loading and moved to anchorage. The USS Winston was added to the assignment of shipping to take on the Class V supplies that could not be loaded on the USS Clymer and the USS Renville. Army stevedors stopped loading the USS Renville necessitating a one hundred and fifty man working party from BLT 2/9 to finish the job.

1 July - Loading continued.

2 July - The loading of RLT-9's assigned shipping was completed. The forward echelon of the advanced party for RLT-9 consisting of the S-3, Major K. E. TURNER, the S-4,

Major R. L. GOODALL, and the Communications Officer, Major H. R. HENN, arrived in DANANG, RVN, and reported to the 3d MARDIV (Fwd) CP at 021730H July.

3 July - Task Group 76.6 sailed from BUCKNER Bay with RLT-9 embarked. The forward echelon of the RLT-9 advance party flew by helicopter to HUE PHU BAI to make a reconnaissance of the proposed area of responsibility for the Regiment. They were recalled shortly after arrival there because of an impending change to the mission of RLT-9 which would later be incorporated in RLT-9 OPODER 321-65. The forward echelon commenced planning for the reception of the advanced party.

4 July - Colonel F. E. GARRETSON and the advance party arrived at the DANANG Airbase at 041030H. The RLT-9 CP was established at (AT998724). CINCPACFLT Msg 030444Z directed COMSEVENTHFLT to sail one BLT to Danang and to be in position to commence landing at 061500H July 1965. RLT-9 began preparations for a landing at DANANG.

5 July - CTF 76 OPODER 300-65 was published calling for Task Group 76.6 to land RLT-9 and combat/support elements over Red Beach Two, DANANG. Priority of landing was; (1) Shore Party Detachment, (2) BLT 2/9, (3) Remainder 3d Shore Party Battalion (-) and 9th Motor Transport Battalion (-) and, (4) RLT-9 Headquarters and remaining embarked elements. A six section causeway was to be erected at Red Beach Two on D-Day to aid the landing. It was decided to land all heavy equipment at TIEN SHA Peninsula until the causeway could be erected at Red Beach Two.

6 July - RLT-9 OPODER 321-65 was published. Task Group 76.6 arrived at DANANG harbor and RLT-9 began unloading over Red Beach Two and TIEN SHA Peninsula. All the landing craft from the Task Group were pooled and personnel and supplies were debarked as boats became available. The USS Colonial was designated the primary control ship and the TACLOG group moved there to control the debarkation. Unloading of supplies on the beaches and movement off the beaches was hampered by a shortage of materials handling equipment and trucks. All Class I and Class V supplies were left in the FLSG staging areas on the two beaches.

7 - 8 July - The unloading continued at a very slow pace because of the shortage of trucks to move supplies off the beaches. Most of the equipment and supplies were palletized. There was only one forklift operating in the RLT-9 assembly area at (AT985715). All the wheeled vehicles of RLT-9 Headquarters were in the CP area by the evening of 8 July.

9 July - Task Group 76.6 completed unloading Embarkation Units Bravo and Charlie. Much of the equipment and supplies was still staged on the beaches.

11 July - As part of the preparation for the movement of RLT-9 from its positions north of the Song Cau Do (river) into the southern portion of the proposed 3d MARDIV TAOR, the 3d Recon Battalion was requested to conduct reconnaissance operations of the entire southern sector which is roughly the area bounded on the north by the Song Cau Do (river), the South China Sea on the east, the UTM grid line 49PT66 on the south, and the Song Yen (river) on the west. Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, was assigned this task and developed a five day recon plan. RLT-9 FRAG ORDER 1-65 was published to support this recon operation. Company G, 2d Battalion, was designated the reaction force. Shortly after Company D, 3d Recon Battalion left their patrol base at the north side of the railroad bridge at (AT998707), the 1st Platoon came under heavy small arms fire from enemy who were in well concealed positions in the hamlet of DUONG SON (1) (AT9968). The platoon was pinned down by the enemy who were estimated to be a platoon. One Marine who was shot in the head died while being evacuated by helicopter. Company G was ordered committed and made a sweep that afternoon of the hamlet DUONG SON (1). Throughout the afternoon they were engaged in sporadic fire fights with the well concealed enemy. They also received fire from the hamlets DUONG SON (2) and CAM NE (1) and (2) (AT9967) and (AT9968). Two Marines from Company G were wounded. It could not be determined if any of the enemy were wounded; but it is likely some where. Most of the Viet Cong force withdrew from DUONG SON (1) during the fight, but approximately eight snipers were left behind concealed in tunnels to come out at night. Two of these were later reported to be women. Before dark Company F, 2d Battalion and 1st Platoon, Company D, Division Recon, moved to DUONG SON (1) to reinforce Company G. Positions were dug around the village for the night. The other two Recon Platoons moved to (AT998707) railroad bridge. The sniper fire from DUONG SON (1) and the surrounding hamlets continued throughout the night.

12 July - Early in the morning RLT-9 OPORDER 322-65 was issued ordering 2d Battalion, Company B (-), 1st Antrac Battalion, and Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, to conduct a sweep through the village of CAM NE that day. Intelligence reports indicated that the center of resistance was located in the hamlets Cam Ne (1) and (2). A hard core company was believed to be working in this area with at least a platoon in DUONG SON (1). Companies G and F remained in positions around DUONG SON (1).

while Company D, 3d Recon Battalion (OpCon BLT 2/9), and Company B, 1st Battalion (OpCon BLT 2/9), swept west from the railroad tracks to the Song Yen (river). The sweep began at 120830H and was completed before dark. Company D on the left swept the hamlets of DUONG SON (2) (AT9967), YEN NE (2) and YEN NE (3) (AT9868), CAM NE (6) (AT9768), YEN NE (4) (AT9767), and CAM NE (3) (AT9668). In the middle of the afternoon the 1st platoon met strong resistance in CAM NE (6) at (AT976684) where they encountered a cement bunker concealed in a hut surrounded by a personnel mine field. There was a mined fence in front of the mine field and pungee traps throughout the area. Heavy resistance was also found in YEN NE (4) while the 3d Platoon and 60mm Mortars layed down a base of fire. Throughout the day the Company was receiving fire from all directions. They sustained twenty-two casualties all of whom were wounded by small arms fire or booby trapped grenades. When the Company arrived at the SONG YEN (river) in CAM NE (3) they began retracting their movements back to the railroad bridge at (AT998707). All the way back they received fire from cleverly concealed positions. At the end of the operation they estimated that they had killed or wounded at least twenty-five of the enemy, but it was not possible to recover any of the bodies. Company B swept the hamlets of PHONG LE (1) (AT9969), CAM NE (1) (AT9869) and CAM NE (2) (AT9868), and CAM NE (5) (AT9769). They moved with three platoons abreast with the Company CP in the center. The Platoon on the right and the Platoon in the center met light resistance while the 1st Platoon on the left met heavy resistance in the hamlet of CAM NE (2). All of the Marine casualties in the Company B area were from the 1st Platoon, and most were from the 1st Squad. One Marine was killed and two were wounded by small arms fire, and two were killed and four wounded by a mine which was booby trapped. In addition a Vietnamese Army interpreter with the Company CP was wounded in the leg. After sweeping through the villages the Company moved to (AT965692) where they met LVTP-5's which brought them back down the Song Yen (river) and Song Cau Do (river) to the railroad bridge from where they boarded trucks to return to the 1st Battalion. Throughout the sweep operation the 2d Platoon, Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion, had maintained blocking positions in the Song Yen (river) and Song Cau Do (river). Companies F and G remained in positions around DUONG SON (1) during the night. All of the RLT-9's equipment and supplies had been moved off of Red Beach Two and TIEN SHA Peninsula and moved to the appropriate camp areas. The TacLog Group was secured and returned to the Regimental Headquarters. The Platoon from Company F, 2d Battalion, which had been providing security for Red Beach Two, was boarding trucks to return to their Company when they were fired at by a sniper with an automatic weapon. One Marine was killed by the sniper. A searchlight tank pursued the sniper and fired at him with a 50 caliber machine-gun; but ~~the sniper~~ managed to escape. Company H was still aboard the

USS Renville as the ships working party. The Renville was at CHU LAI south of DANANG unloading ammunition.

13 July - Company F conducted a search of DUONG SON (1) (AT9968) aided by a Regional Force platoon from the DANANG Special Sector. They found Viet Cong documents and maps of the trenches and tunnels. The villagers indicated that the Viet Cong had left during the night. That afternoon a boy was killed and a man wounded in the village when the boy opened a booby trapped box. They were evacuated by the Marines and the man was taken to a civilian hospital. Company H debarked from the USS Renville and returned to the 2d Battalion CP at 131345H. A medical assistance program was begun in the villages in the RLT-9 area.

14 July - The 2d Battalion moved one platoon of Company E to the FLSG ammo dump at (AT997733) to relieve units from the 3d Marines. Colonel F. E. GARRETSON, CO RLT-9 made a visit to DUONG SON (1) and talked to the village chief and head Buddhist priest using an interpreter. They indicated that medical supplies and assistance for the village orphanage was a great concern. Colonel GARRETSON pledged assistance which began forthwith. The villagers appeared friendly and cooperative. They supplied intelligence information on the activities of the Viet Cong in that area.

15 July - The 2d Battalion searched the hamlet of DUONG SON (1) using Company F and one Regional Force platoon from the DANANG Special Sector. An intelligence team and a Vietnamese psychological warfare team went along and indoctrinated the villagers on why the Marines were there. The village was then completely ringed with the positions of Companies F and G. At 151840H two platoons of Company H and one platoon from Company E were helilifted about 15 miles to the south to provide security for a downed helicopter. The helicopter was recovered and the platoons returned that night without making any enemy contacts. A medical aid station was set up by a doctor and staff. Company E (-) moved into the perimeter at DUONG SON (1) to reinforce the other two companies there. During the night a VC was wounded or killed at the perimeter of the village, (AT998685), using a sniper scope. Blood was found the next morning where the VC fell but the body was gone. RLT-9 FRAG ORDER 2-65 was issued directing the 2d Battalion to establish a perimeter defense around DUONG SON (1) with the primary defenses being oriented to the south and southeast.

16 July - Enemy resistance within the hamlet of DUONG SON (1) seemed to be at an end. Company E shot a sniper out of a tree

south of DUONG SON (1) at (AT995680). One Marine received a minor wound from small arms fire. Colonel F. E. GARRETSON made direct liaison with NGO MUI, the HOA CHAU village chief, and with ON VAN QUA, the village police chief. Liaison was also established with HOA CAM Training Center. A direct phone line was laid between the Training Center and the RLT-9 Headquarters. A phone line was also laid to HOA VAN District Headquarters. RLT-9 FRAG ORDER 3-65 was published directing the 2d Battalion to send one reinforced squad to HOA CAM Training Center on 17 July for a combined patrol along the north bank of the Son Cau Do (river). RLT-9 OPORDER 323-65 was published directing the 2d Battalion to search the hamlets of PHONG LE (2) and CAM NAM on 18 July. Company E at DUONG SON (1) received four 60mm Mortar rounds in their positions. Three Marines were wounded superficially. It was suspected that the mortars were in CAM NE (2). 3.5" rockets were fired in that direction in an attempt to silence the mortars.

17 July - 3d Engineer Battalion repaired a bridge at (AT999699) making the MSR to DUONG SON (1) passable to  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton traffic. The 2d Battalion began conducting combined patrols with forces from the HOA CAM Training Center. At 172100H two rocket type devices were fired over the positions of Company G at DUONG SON (1). They came from the edge of CAM NE (2). Company G returned the fire with 3.5" RR WP rounds. Under the illumination of the WP, machine gun fire was brought to bear on men sighted in the open. It was not determined if any of these men were hit.

18 July - Company E moved from the 2d Battalion CP and established defensive positions from (AT991723) to AT987724). The 1st Platoon, Company H, and a detachment of 6 LVTP-5's supported a 1st Battalion, 9th Marines operation by establishing a blocking force on the Song Cau Do (river). Sniper fire was received all during the night from the hamlets adjacent to DUONG SON (1) but no Marines were wounded. The VC beat on drums and pans throughout the night. The search of PHONG LE (2) and CAM NAM was postponed.

19 July - Company B (-), 1st AmTrac Battalion, using two LVTP-5's established a river check point at the bridge at (AT998707). At 191000H they found a propaganda raft floating in the river and turned it over to the Division G-2. Company H (-) relieved Company F in position at DUONG SON (1). One hundred and seventeen civilians were treated by the 2d Battalion medical station. Five rounds of sniper fire were received during the night by Company G but the fire was not returned since the sniper's location could not be found. Naval gunfire fired illumination mission during the night expending fifteen rounds of ammunition.

20 July - Company E (-) relieved Company G in positions around DUONG SON (1), (AT998683) to (AT993654). Company G moved to positions at (AT991723) to (AT987724). A 60mm Mortar, dud round was found in Company E's positions at DUONG SON (1). Seventy-two civilians were treated by the 2d Battalion medical staff. Company E (-) received six rounds of small arms fire between the hours 201740H and 201910H from a house in YEN NE (2) (AT992683). This house was fired on and hit by a 3.5" RR HE round. Four VC ran from the house, one of which was shot down by rifle fire. At approximately 201930H three VC were spotted moving into position across the railroad tracks from the Company E positions. When the VC fired, fire was returned with small arms and 3.5" RR. One VC was hit with a 3.5" RR round, and another was hit with a 40mm grenade.

21 July - A VC flag was found planted at (AT902720) near 3d Tank Battalion positions. When investigated at 211130H, it was found to be booby trapped with a grenade. The grenade was detonated in place. Company B (-), 1st AmTrac Battalion, made a river reconnaissance of the Song Cau Do (river) and Song Yen (river); The CO RLT-9 attended a conference with the G-3 (OPNS) I Corps, the G-3 III MAF, the Senior Advisor to the Danang Special Sector. A concept for the implementation of the action requested by the CG I Corps ltr to CG III MAF in regards to the expansion of the Danang TAOR was discussed. It was agreed that further expansion south of the Son Cau Do (river) would be accomplished when mutually agreed to by RLT-9, the District Chief, and the Danang Special Sector. These three headquarters developed a phased plan for the occupation and securing of the villages of HOA CHAU, HOA DA, HOA THAI, and HOA PHUANG. The 3d Platoon Company H moved to positions at PHONG LE (1) at 211830H. They received fire from CAM NE (2) during the move. Company E fired at the snipers. Twice during the night movement of three or four persons was picked up by the TPS-21 ground surveillance radar. Company E returned fire both times with 3.5" RR WP rounds and 40mm grenades. Two VC were observed to be hit but the bodies could not be recovered. RLT-9 OORDER 321-65 was published assigning missions to the Provisional Air Base Defense Battalion (PABD) and to the 1st Battalion, RLT-9. The order called for the defense of the Danang Air Base, the phased relief of the 1st Battalion as companies of the PABD Battalion could be formed, and for the phased occupation of the area south of the Song Cau Do (river). It also called for aggressive patrolling throughout the RLT-9 TAOR.

22 July - At 221100H the 2d Platoon, Company H assisted ARVN troops from Danang Special Sector make a search of PHONG LE (1) while the 3d Platoon remained in position as a blocking



force and Company B (-), 1st AmTrac Battalion, took up blocking positions in the Sen Cau Do. There was no VC contact. The 1st Battalion, Ninth Marines, were detached from the 3d Marines and returned to OPCON RLT-9 at 221130H. One hundred and sixty-seven civilians were given medical aid by the 2d Battalion medical staff.

23 July - The 2d Battalion, supported by Company B (-), 1st AmTrac Battalion, and in conjunction with a Popular Force Platoon under the command of the Village Chief, Mr NGO MUI, conducted a search of PHONG LE (2) and CAM NAM (BT 0070) as part of Phase One of RLT-9 OPCODE 321-65 in accordance with RLT-9 OPCODE 323-65. This operation was marred by the accidental shooting of two of the Popular Force men by Marines. The lead elements of Company H were moving toward CAM NAM when they were taken under fire by two men at (BT002698) who they thought were VC. They returned the fire. LE DUC CHAU was killed and HUYNH QUANG TAN was wounded. Major J. A. BUCK, the Executive Officer of the 2d Battalion attended the interment of LE DUC CHAU at Phong Le (2) that afternoon and offered his family a suitably inscribed headstone which they were too poor to afford. There was no evidence of any enemy activity in PHONG LE (2) or CAM NAM. During the night, one man from the 3d Platoon of Company H was wounded in the back south of PHONE LE (1) by a shot that came from PHONG LE (1). Company A of the PABD Battalion was activated and relieved Company D, 1st Battalion, of their positions on the Danang Airfield. Company D moved south of the Air Base to the hamlet of BINH HOA vicinity BT025733).

24 July - The 1st and 2d Battalions maintained their positions. Company D took responsibility for patrolling the area south of the Danang Air base, north of the Song Cau Do, and east of Highway 1A. There was no enemy contact during the day or night. 3d MARDIV OPCODE 321A-65 was published. RLT-9 was deactivated and a new task organization published for the Ninth Marines.

25 July - Phase One of Operation 321A-65 was continued. A patrol sent to the hamlet QUANG CHAU (1), (BT0069), determined there was no enemy activity in the hamlet. To take advantage of the situation, the 2d Battalion moved two platoons of Company G south to positions from (BT016713) to (BT008692). A dinner conference was held at the Ninth Marine CP between the principle representatives of HOA VANG District and the Ninth Marines. Fifty-six civilians were treated by the medical staff of the 2d Battalion. The Med-Cap supplies were depleted but more supplies were expected within days. During the night harrassing sniper fire was fired at the sentry at Post #8 on the Danang Air Base.

26 July - Company H, 1st Battalion, searched the hamlet of QUANG CHAU (2) and afterwards moved their lines south of the hamlet. Two VCS were captured during this operation and were turned over to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation. Sixty civilians were treated by the 2d Battalion medical staff.

27 July - Continued consolidation of Phase One of Operation 321A-65.

28 July - Company G, 2d Battalion, helilifted to CHU LAI to relieve units of the 4th Marines on the MLR for operations. The Ninth Marines took over security of the railroad bridge at (AT998707) replacing a Regional Force Company from DANANG Special Sector.

29 July - Division ordered the Ninth Marines to have a Battalion (-) stand by as a reaction force. They were placed on alert at 291130H. They were not committed, and were told to stand down at 291800H. Company G, 2d Battalion, returned from CHU LAI and took up positions at (AT986716). Ninth Marine FRAG ORDER 5-65 was issued ordering Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, to provide security for the DANANG East complex and MCB-9 by patrolling the area south of Marble Mountain.

30 July - The 2d Battalion made a reconnaissance of the Song Vinh Dien (river) in preparation for an ensuing operation in that area. Ninth Marine FRAG ORDER 6-65 was issued directing the 2d Battalion to begin Phase Two of Operation 321A-65 by sweeping the HOA DA village and occupying positions on the north bank of the Song Vinh Dien (river) to deny the HOA DA village to the VC.

31 July - Company F, 2d Battalion, in a combined operation with the 591 Regional Force Company cleared the area of HOA DA village north of the Song Vinh Dien. No VC were encountered during the operation and all objectives were occupied by 311400H. The Ninth Marines now had under their control approximately nine square kilometers south of the Song Cau Do including thirteen hamlets in two villages and four kilometers of Highway. Phase One of Operation 321A-65 had been completed and Phase was well under way.

4. Results of Actiona. Friendly Casualties

<u>Unit</u>	<u>HaCo</u>	<u>1stBn</u>	<u>2ndBn</u>	<u>PAABDBn</u>
KIA	0	3	2	0
WIA	0	8	19	1
EVAC TO C&C	0	8	13	1
EVAC TO CONUS	0	5	5	0
RETURNED TO DUTY	0	2	11	0

Non-Combat casualties	5	3
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b. Enemy Casualties

FIA	40 ( unconfirmed)
WIA	None known
POW	None

c. No enemy equipment was captured, but numerous documents of an intelligence nature were captured during searches of villages. These documents were turned into G-2

d. Working in close cooperation with the DANANG special Sector, and the HOA VANG District Headquarters, the Ninth Marines have extended control over two villages south of the Danang Air base including thirteen hamlets generally out to mortar range from the base. This control varies from actual occupation and civic action programs to aggressive patrolling and search operations. The Danang Air base and Danang East complex defensive postures have been appreciably improved.

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 201-65 and Operation Plan 321-65

Ref: (a) DivO P3800.1 (Intel SOP)  
(b) COMUSMACV Intelligence Guide of 19Nov64  
(c) RO 3800.1E  
(d) Maps (to be designated)

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Current INTSUMS, OOB and Special Intelligence Reports
- b. See Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) (to be issued).

2. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE MISSION.

- a. See references (a) through (c).
- b. Units forward intelligence information concerning enemy, weather and terrain, as acquired, to this headquarters.
- c. Personnel will be briefed and kept current as to the situation in the areas of interest.
- d. Train personnel in the various intelligence skills: passwords and countersigns, handling of POW's, camouflage, personal censorship, terrain appreciation, security and combat intelligence.
- e. Intelligence specialist teams will be provided as available.

3. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL.

Sections 6 and 7 of reference (a) apply. All captured equipment and documents are the property of the U. S. Government.

4. MAPS, CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND PUBLICATIONS.

- a. Units will maintain planning maps in the quantities stated in reference (a). Attached units will draw a TacOTA Map from their parent S-2 for the current areas of interest.
- b. This headquarters will maintain and issue operational planning maps to attached units (less artillery) as per section 12 of reference (c).
- c. This headquarters will issue operational maps to all units in the RLT. In submitting map requirements list, series, scale, sheet number, and amounts required. The standard tactical map will be of a 1:50,000 scale.

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- d. Request for aerial photographs in accordance with figure 4-1-1 of reference (a).

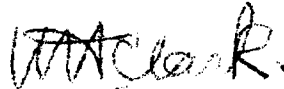
5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. Section 8, Counterintelligence, of reference (a) applies.
- b. Censorship will be on order of higher authority. Censorship stamps and instructions will be issued when imposed.
- c. Indigenous personnel will not be hired except on authority given by this headquarters.
- d. Password and countersigns will be issued by this headquarters at 1200 daily.
- e. Press releases and other publicity activities will be controlled by Commanding Officers. Names and organizations of correspondents will be reported to this headquarters.

6. REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATION.

- a. Section 16 of reference (c).
- b. Units will submit the following reports upon activation for embarkation:
- (1) List of personnel filling intelligence billets in unit.
  - (2) List of language qualifications in unit.
  - (3) List of personnel requiring access to regimental classified material. Commanding Officers will certify the security clearance of individuals.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Intelligence Estimate (to be issued)

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1. MISSION. Commencing 22 June 1965 RLT-9 commences phased embarkation at White Beach, Okinawa, prepared for deployment and combat operations as directed.

2. CONCEPT. This order provides for the tactical embarkation of BLT 2/9 and RLT-9 Headquarters aboard assigned shipping.

(a) Embark Unit Bravo is commanded by CO RLT-9 and consists of RLT-9 headquarters, 3d ATBn(-) 3d MarDiv and 3d Marines (Rear). 3d AT Bn(-) and 3d Marines (Rear) are not tasked organized to RLT-9 but are embarked aboard RLT-9 shipping for transportation.

(b) Embark Unit Charlie is commanded by CO BLT 2/9. Clearing Platoon Co C 3d Med battalion, a part of RLT-9, is embarked for transportation.

(c) Prior to the deployment of RLT-9, the CO, selected staff officers/enlisted, Headquarters Company 9th Marines, CO 2/12, and selected staff officers/enlisted of BLT 2/9 will fly to the projected area of responsibility for formulation of plans for employment of the RLT.

(d) Assignment of specific mission will be directed by separate message.

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21. ✓ Ninth Marines After Action Report Number One (11-13 Jul 65)
22. ✓ Ninth Marines Daily Situation Reports (Period <sup>2 Jul</sup> ~~15 June~~ to 31 July), #1-23
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28. ✓ MAPS: Indochina, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658I, 6658IV, 6659II and 6659 III
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 (b) RLT-9 Admin Plan 201-65  
 (c) RLT-9 Embarkation Plan 1-65  
 (d) Div0 03123.1 (Movement Reports)

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence)b. Friendly Forces

(1) III MAF conducts operations in RVN within I Corps (ARVN) area of responsibility.

(2) FMAW provides helicopter and close air support for III MAF.

(3) TF 71 conducts naval operations off coast of RVN, provides NGF support for III MAF.

(4) 3d MarDiv(FWD) conducts operations in assigned area of responsibility in I Corps area RVN.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization)

2. MISSION. On 22 June 1965 RLT-9 commences phased embarkation aboard assigned shipping at WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA prepared for combat operations as directed.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations (Annex C)b. BLT 2/9

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(1) Embark aboard assigned shipping in accordance with reference (c).

(2) Be prepared to execute a tactical debarkation at a time and place to be designated in RVN.

(3) Be prepared to conduct tactical operations on arrival RVN. Specific missions to be assigned at a later date.

c. 2dBn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines  
Co B (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn, FMF  
Co C (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn  
Co B (-) (Rein), 1st Amtrac Bn, FMF  
Co C (-) (Rein), 3d Engr Bn  
Co A (-) (Rein), 9th MT Bn  
Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Med Bn  
Det, HqBn, 3d MarDiv

(1) General support of RLT-9

(2) Embark aboard assigned shipping in accordance with reference (c).

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-Day to be announced

(2) Embarkation Schedule (reference (c))

(3) Movement reports in accordance with reference (d))

(4) 3d MarDiv Administrative Plan 201-65 provides guidance for units establishing rear echelons.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. RLT-9 Admin Plan 201-65

5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS

a. Annex D (Communications and Electronics)

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- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Concept of Operations
- D - Communications - Electronics (to be issued)
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Capt MARTIN

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Det HqBn, 3d MarDiv  
Det Hq Btry, 2dBn, 12th Mar  
Det 3d Dental Co, FMF

BLT 2/9

LtCol SCHARNBERG

2dBn, 9th Mar

Det HqBn, 3d MarDiv  
Btry E (Rein), 2dBn, 12 Mar  
2d Plt (Rein) Co B, 3d Tk Bn, FMF  
2d Plt (Rein) Co C, 3d AT Bn  
2d Plt (Rein) Co B, 1st Amtrac Bn, FMF  
2d Plt (Rein) Co C, 3d Engr Bn  
Det, 3d SP Bn  
Det, Coll Plt Co D, 3d Med Bn  
Det, 3d Dental Co, FMF  
1st Plt, Co A, 9th MT Bn, FMF

2dBn. (-) (Rein), 12 Mar

LtCol KNOCKE

Hq Btry (-) 2dBn, 12 Mar  
107mm Mör Btry, 2dBn, 12 Mar  
155mm How Btry, M Co, 4thBn, 12 Mar  
1st 8" How Btry (-) SP 12 Mar  
Det Hq Btry, 12 Mar, NGF Liaison Team

Co B (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn, FMF

Capt LEE

Co C (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn

Lt MATHEWS

Co B (-) (Rein), 1st Amtrac Bn, FMF

Maj DUNN

Co C (-) (Rein), 3d Engr Bn

Capt FAUST

Co A (-) (Rein), 9th MT Bn, FMF

Lt BULL

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Appendixes:

1. Troop List RLT-9 Headquarters
2. Troop List BLT 2/9

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Appendix 1 (Troop List, RLT-9 Headquarters) to Annex A  
(Task Organization) to RLT-9 Operation Order 201-65

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Time Zone: H (on arrival RVN)

	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>RLT-9 Headquarters - Total</u>	49	623	5	39
<u>HqCo, 9th Marines</u>	19	145	2	1
<u>Det, HqBn</u>		3	1	1
Det, Postal Unit, HqCo		33		
Postal Clks		33		
Det, 3d Dental Co, FMF			1	1
Dental Off			1	
Dental Tech				1
<u>2dBn (-) (Rein), 12th Mar</u>	21	328	1	7
Hq Btry, 2dBn, 12th Mar	9	87		3
107mm Mor Btry 2dBn, 12th Mar	3	61		1
Btry M, 4thBn, 12th Mar	4	95		2
1st 8" How Btry (-), SP, 12 Mar	5	78		1
Det, Hq Btry, 12th Mar				
NGF Liaison Team		77	1	
<u>Co B (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn, FMF</u>	2	39		
Tk Co	2	24		
Det H&S Co		4		
Section Flame Tks		11		

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	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>Co C (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>		
AT Co	1	21		
Det, H&S Co				
<u>Co B (-) (Rein), 1st Amtrac Bn, FMF</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>45</u>		<u>1</u>
Amtrac Co	3	45		
Det H&S Co			1	
<u>Co C (-) (Rein), 3d Engr Bn</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>27</u>		
Engr Co	2	9		
Det, H&S Co		1		
Det Engr Spt Co		17		
<u>Co A (-) (Rein), 9th MT Bn, FMF</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>1</u>
Trk Co	1	10		
Det H&S Co				1
<u>Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Med Bn</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>
Co Hq, Co D		1	1	4
*Clearing Plt Co D		2		24

\*Note 1: Attached to BLT 2/9  
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to RLT-9 Operation Order 201-65

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	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>Surface BLT</u>	58	1356	4	66
<u>Inf Bn 2dBn, 9th Mar</u>	44	1071	3	39
<u>Det, HqBn</u>		3	1	1
Det, 3d Dental Co			1	1
Det, Disb Sect, Svc Co		3		
<u>Btry E (-) (Rein) 2dBn, 12th Mar</u>	8	89		1
Btry E (-)	8	87		
Det Hq Btry		2		1
<u>2d Plt (Rein) Co B, 3d Tk Bn</u>	1	22		
2d Plt	1	19		
Det H&S Co		3		
<u>2d Plt (Rein) Co C 3d AT Bn</u>	1	19		
2d Plt	1	16		
Det H&S Co		3		
<u>2d Plt (Rein) Co B, 1st Amtrac Bn</u>	1	39		1
2d Plt	1	33		
Det Co B		6		
Det H&S Co				1

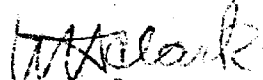
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	USMC		NAVY	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>1st Plt (Rein), Co A 9th MT Bn</u>	1	31		
1st Plt	1	31		
<u>2d Plt (Rein), Co C, 3d Engr Bn</u>	1	36		
2d Plt	1	32		
Det Engr Spt Co		4		
<u>Det 3d Sp Bn</u>	1	44		1
Indg Spt Plt	1	29		
Det H&S Co				1
Det Comm Plt		6		
Det Hvy Eqpt/MT Plt		9		
<u>Det Coll Plt, Co D 3d Med Bn</u>		2		224
Det C&C Co		2		24

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- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheets 6560 II, 6560 IV, Vietnam, Series L005, 1:50,000 Sheets 6559 I, 6559 IV, 6560 III, Indochina Series L509, 1:250,000 Sheets NE 48-16  
 (b) CINCPACFLT Special Photographic Intel Report 001-62 SVN  
 (c) IX Corps Detailed Imagery Intel Report 104-64  
 (d) 3dMarDiv SIS, Selected Areas 001-62 SVN  
 (e) USMAC, Vietnam, Viet Cong Military Order of Battle Study  
 (f) Current 3dMarDiv and III MAF Intsums

# 1. MISSION.

- a. Basic Mission. During early July 1965 Headquarters, RLT-9 travels up the Song Hue River, lands at HUE, RVN (Republic of Vietnam), proceeds via Route #1 to vicinity of PHU BAI Airfield and conducts military operations against Viet Cong Forces in the TAOR.
- b. Previous decisions and assumptions.
- (1) ARVN forces and local populace will not interfere with the RLT-9 landing.
  - (2) BLT 3/4 will assist RLT-9 in landing.

# 2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

- a. General. The HUE-PHU BAI Area of operations is on the low, marshy, coastal plain mid-way between the Demarcation Line and DANANG. To the south and west the rugged Annam mountains tower over the plain. National Route #1 parallels the coast about 6 miles inland, extends the axis of the plain and connects the population centers.
- b. Weather. The landing will be conducted during the middle of southeast monsoon. July is the dry season; thus a minimum of rain (1.5 in) will fall on about six days. Moderate cloudiness, minimum humidity, good visibility and 50% clear nights can also be expected. The temperature will average between 80-96 degrees. Neither winds nor severe storms should hamper operations during July.
- c. Terrain. To the east of National Route #1 lies a low, flat plain devoted almost entirely to wet rice paddies. Numerous canals, rivers and lagoons inter-lace the terrain. Trafficability is difficult to impossible in this area for all vehicles. West of Route #1 is a gently rolling, piedmont belt extending about ten miles to the mountains. This area is poor to fair for tracked vehicles. Vegetation in the area

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tends to be sparse, cultivated and should not hamper either observation or movement. The surface material in the plain consists of clay silts and sand underlain with plastic clay. There are no critical terrain features (other than bridges) necessary to secure in accomplishing the mission. See TAB A. (Road Study).

d. Hydrography.

- (1) SONG HUE River: The SONG HUE is a major river and travels 16 miles from the South China Sea to HUE. There is no tide and the current tends to be sluggish. The river has a minimum width of 145 meters and a maximum width of 550 meters. The depth of the river is unknown, with the bottom of the river consisting of sand and mud. Height of banks varies between 3 and 13 meters. The section of the river from YD750210 to YD809310 is navigable by river barges, lighters and LCM's at high water, and sampans all year (1-2 ft draft).
- (2) DAI GIANG: Located at YD755213 to YD970103. (Lagune De Cau Hia) This river flows generally east. Width of this river varies from 24 to 60 meters. Banks are gently sloping 6 to 8 meters high. During the high water period the river is unfordable. Depth and current velocity are unknown. It has a sandy silt bottom.
- (3) During July, the streams will be at low water. However, their silty bottoms and steep banks may make them an obstacle to cross.

- e. Political, Economical, Sociological. HUE is the ancient capital of Vietnam and still maintains its cultural and political airs. Located within the city (pop. 100,000) are the headquarters of the ARVN 1st Division, the provincial capitol (THAU TIEN) and a rather politically volatile university. Agriculture is the principal employment in the area and the family/village life is strongly based on Buddhism/Animism. In relation to some of the southern provinces THAU TIEN is not heavily populated. Its people are considerably more literate (40%). A strong Catholic-refugee influence is felt in HUE.

3. ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Strength. Viet Cong strength in the proximity of HUE (PHU BAI) area that could affect the landing of the RLT Headquarters is estimated to be 1040, armed with rifles, sub machine guns, 60mm mortars and an assortment of mines and demolitions. Unit structures and locations will be published as available.
- b. Recent and Present Activities. Viet Cong activity in the area has consisted of small probes, sniper fire and road mining. No large scale attacks have been reported.
- c. Other Factors. The 1st ARVN Division with headquarters at HUE is operating in QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces. ARVN forces appear to nominally control HUE and the surrounding area.

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SECRET4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- a. Capability #1. To harass the landing of the RLT Headquarters by mining the river, blowing bridges, cutting the road and sniping activity.
- b. Capability #2. Attack the RLT Headquarters during the landing, after the landing or during the transit from HUE to the Airfield in the strength of 2 Battalions reinforced with three local force companies (III MAF Estimate).

5. CONCLUSIONS.

- a. Based on Viet Cong strength and the presence of US/ARVN forces in the area it is felt that the Viet Cong will not adopt Capability #2 but he may resort to any or all activities outlined in Capability #1.
- b. The Viet Cong will not be able to prevent the landing of the RLT Headquarters by the adoption of Capability #1 or #2 due to the presence of US/ARVN combat units in the area.
- c. The biggest obstacles faced in the accomplishing of this mission may be the heat and low water level in the SONG HUE River.

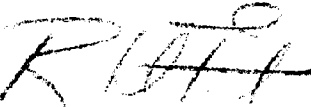
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B - Astronomical Data

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Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, Series L005 Sheet 6560 III  
(b) IX Corps Detailed Imagery Intelligence Report 104-64  
(c) CINCPACFLT Special Photographs Intel Report 001-62 SVF

1. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

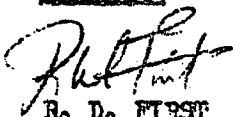
- a. National Route #1 is a major highway and extends generally north-northwest from AT934895 to YD670268. National Route #1 is an all-weather, bituminous surface treatment (over macadam) in fair to good condition, 4.3 to 4.9 meters wide. Width increases near and in cities. Drainage is generally good. Shoulders are earth and gravel, 0.6 to 0.9 meters wide, in good condition. The road distance from HUE to HUE (PHU BAI) Airfield is 8.9 miles.
- b. There are seven bridges along National Route #1 from HUE to HUE (PHU BAI). (See Sketch Map page B-1-A-2).

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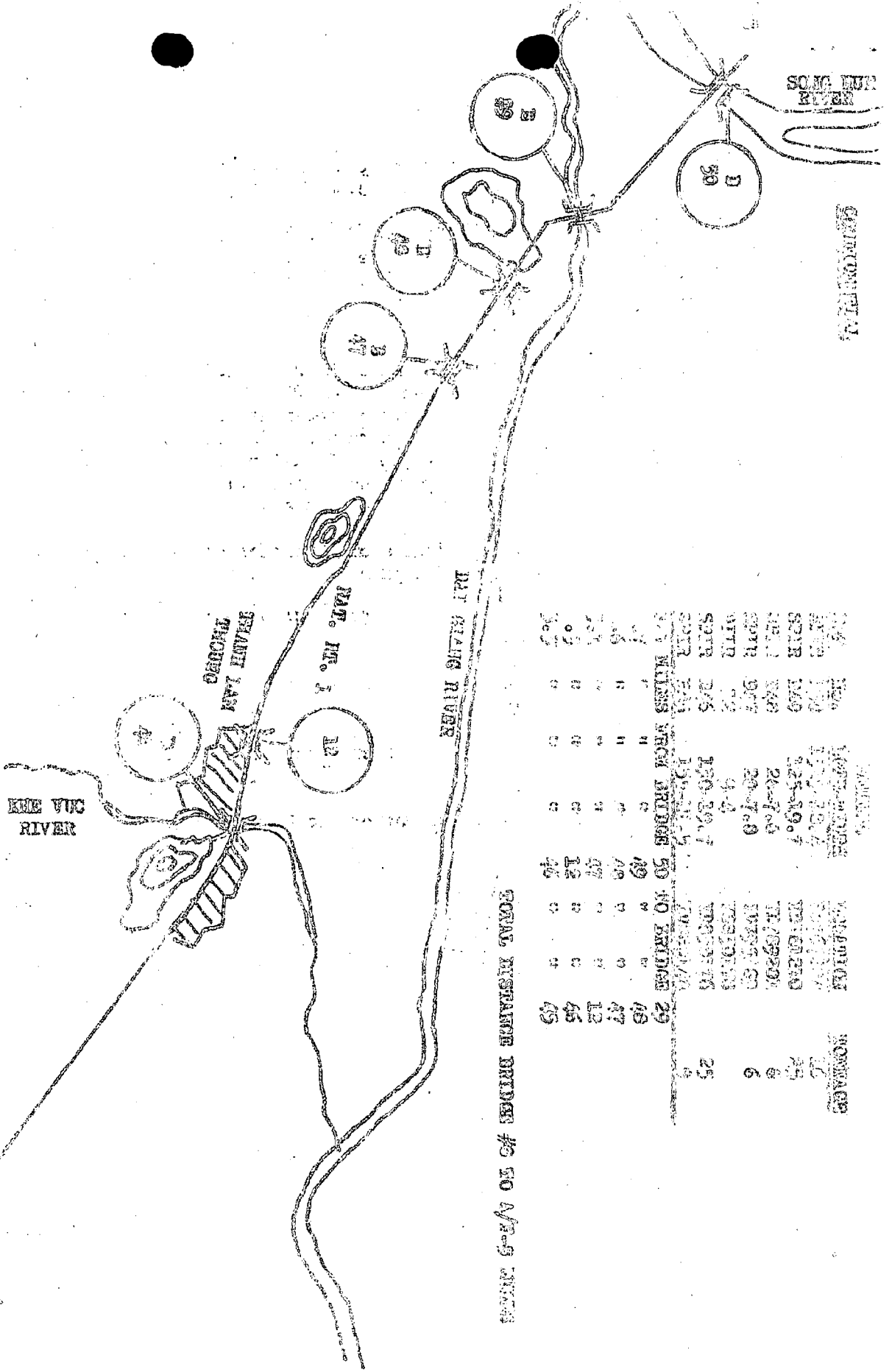
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TAB B (Astronomical Data, DANANG-RUE Area) to Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 201-65 and Operation Plan 321-65 (issued separately)

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	TWILIGHT	MOON RISE	MOON SET	MOON PHASE
JUN 25	0618	1923	0554	0149	-	LAST QUARTER
26	0618	1923	0554	0230	-	LAST QUARTER
27	0619	1923	0555	0319	-	NEW MOON
28	0619	1923	0555	0414	-	NEW MOON
29	0620	1923	0555	0515	-	NEW MOON
30	0620	1923	0556	0620	1957	NEW MOON
JUL 1	0620	1924	0556	-	2056	FIRST QUARTER
2	0621	1924	0556	-	2149	FIRST QUARTER
3	0621	1924	0557	-	2235	FIRST QUARTER
4	0621	1924	0557	-	2317	HALF
5	0621	1924	0557	-	2356	HALF
6	0621	1924	0558	-	-	HALF
7	0621	1924	0558	-	0034	HALF
8	0621	1924	0558	-	0113	THREE QUARTERS
9	0622	1924	0559	-	0154	THREE QUARTERS
10	0622	1924	0559	-	0235	THREE QUARTERS
11	0622	1924	0559	-	0320	THREE QUARTERS
12	0623	1924	0600	-	0406	FULL
13	0623	1924	0600	-	0457	FULL
14	0623	1924	0600	1917	0548	FULL
15	0624	1924	0601	2000	0640	FULL
16	0624	1924	0601	2040	-	THREE QUARTERS
17	0624	1924	0601	2118	-	THREE QUARTERS
18	0625	1923	0602	2157	-	THREE QUARTERS
19	0625	1923	0602	2231	-	THREE QUARTERS
20	0625	1923	0602	2307	-	HALF
21	0626	1923	0603	2345	-	HALF
22	0626	1923	0603	-	-	HALF
23	0627	1923	0603	0024	-	HALF
24	0627	1922	0604	0108	-	LAST QUARTER
25	0627	1922	0604	0159	-	LAST QUARTER
26	0627	1922	0604	0255	-	LAST QUARTER
27	0628	1921	0605	0359	-	NEW MOON
28	0628	1921	0605	0506	-	NEW MOON
29	0628	1921	0605	0606	1934	NEW MOON

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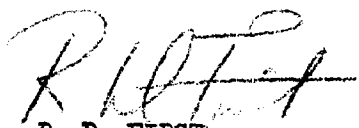
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>TWILIGHT</u>	<u>MOON RISE</u>	<u>MOON SET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
JUL 30	0629	1920	0605	-	2025	FIRST QUARTER
31	0629	1920	0605	-	2111	FIRST QUARTER

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Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 201-65 and  
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Ref: (a) FMF Pac Order 02000.2B (Comm Plan Five)  
(b) 3rd MarDivOrder 02000.2B (Div COI)  
(c) 3rd MarDivOrder P2000.4B (Comm SOP)  
(d) 9th MarOrder 2000.1H (Comm SOP)  
(e) 3rd MarDivOpOrder 321-65

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Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival objective area)

# 1. Situation.

## a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.
- (2) The enemy in the past has employed imitative deception and jamming on radio nets. Wire lines can be expected to be cut frequently during the hours of darkness.

## b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See Annex A (Task Organization)
- (2) Amphibious Task Group (TG 76.9) provide communication and crypto guard for embarked Landing Force Units during movement to the objective area.

## (3) Command Posts.

### (a) Afloat.

CTG 76.9	USS CLYMER (APA-27)
RLT-9	USS CLYMER (APA-27)
BLT-2/9	USS PICKAWAY (APA-222)
2nd Bn 12th Marines	USS COLONIAL (LSD-18)

### (b) Ashore.

III MAF	995755
RLT-9	VIC 8714
BLT-2/9	VIC 8714
ELT-3/4	VIC 865138
2nd Bn 12th Marines	VIC 8714

2. Mission. Commencing on order, communication-electronic elements of RLT-9, establish and maintain the communication system required to support the RLT mission and concept of operations.

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5. Execution.a. Concept of Operation

- (1) See Annex C (Concept of Operation)
- (2) Embarkation Communications as provided by CG Third MarDiv (rear). This plan provides for initial deployment to HUE PHU BAI, RVN. Communications during consolidation will be primarily radio.
- (3) Communications will conform to principles, methods, and procedures established in references (a) through (e) except as modified by this Annex.

b. RLT-9(1) Ninth Marines Communication Platoon.

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications required to support the RLT-9 concept of operations in accordance with references (a) through (e) and this Annex.
- (b) Provide Radio Relay Teams and Equipment to Support Radio Relay employment in accordance with Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.
- (c) Be prepared to provide communications to attached units for independent operations when directed.

(2) BLT-2/9

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications required to support the RLT-9 concept of operation in accordance with this Annex.
- (b) Establish normal internal communications.
- (c) Coordinate and support AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Team to be attached in the objective area.
- (d) Be prepared to provide communications for separated tactical units.

(3) 2D Battalion 12TH Marines (Rein)

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications system in support of assigned mission.
- (b) Establish Conduct of Fire Communications in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) and Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.
- (c) Establish internal communications as required.

(4) CO "B" 3D Tank Bn.

- (a) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this Annex.

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(b) Establish internal communications as required.

(5) CO "C" 3D Anti-Tank BN.

(a) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this Annex.

(6) CO "B" 1ST Amphibious Tractor BN.

(a) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this Annex.

(7) CO C 3D Engineer BN.

(a) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this Annex.

(b) Install internal communications as required.

(8) Co A 9TH Motor Transport BN.

(a) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this Annex.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) In the event of casualty to the RLT-9 headquarters, all RLT-9 subordinate units establish communications with RLT-9 alternate headquarters (BLT-3/4).

(2) Maintain strict communication and physical security of all Communication-Electronic facilities.

(3) Communication Center.

(a) See reference (c).

(b) Use Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) for all message date-time groups. Local time (Hotel) may be used within message text.

(c) When referring to messages originated by other services, nations, or allied commands, include both date-time group and reference or cite number, in accordance with DNC-5B.

(4) Messenger Service.

(a) Scheduled messenger service will be established when facilities become available (schedules to be published). Special messenger service will be provided as required.

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- (b) All units will establish helicopter landing points in the vicinity of their headquarters. Landing points will be marked in accordance with Appendix 4 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to this Annex.
- (c) Commanders will instruct liaison and visiting staff officers to check with communication center for courier service before departing Command Post.

(5) Cryptographic.

- (a) Off-line effective edition of KAK-2697.
- (b) On-line effective edition of KAK-2641.
- (c) Authentication effective edition KAA-60.
- (d) KAC-138 CINCPAC Numeral Code is effective for joint use within the Pacific Command.
- (e) ACP-165 contains a compilation of operation brevity codes for use in radio-telephone communication and is effective for joint use in RVN.
- (f) Units that have teletype circuits equipped with On-line Cryptographic Equipment will pass all traffic On-line.
- (g) All units will carry two (2) months ROB in addition to current effective editions.

(6) Radio.

- (a) Guard all assigned circuits commencing at H-3 on D-Day. Radio silence until lifted by this Headquarters.
- (b) Radio circuits in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex.
- (c) Call signs in accordance with Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs) to this Annex.
- (d) On all radio circuits where SSB is the designated emission, initial contact will be made in USB. All AN/TRC-55 radios will be operated in the Low Power Position.
- (e) On all radio circuits where HF and VHF (FM) modes of emission are assigned initial contact on these circuits will be made on VHF(FM) emission.
- (f) Report all attempts at jamming or imitative deception to this headquarters (Attn: COMM O) by immediate message. Use format contained in Appendix 6 (Electronic Warfare) to this Annex.

(7) Radio Relay/Wire.

- (a) Radio Relay and Teletype installation in accordance with Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.
- (b) Priority of installation of Trucks/Remotes/Locals within RLT-9 shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 of Reference (c), except that Radio Relay truck lines to the

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FSCC shall have priority over Radio Relay trunk Lines to switchboards and FSCC local telephone shall have priority after the S-3 local.

- (c) Wire installation, Telephones, Teletype and Radio Relay operating procedures in accordance with reference (c) and GP-134.
- (d) Wire will be used for internal CP installations.
- (e) Switchboard Call Signs in accordance with Appendix 3 (Switchboard Call Signs) to this Annex.
- (f) Wire line installation in accordance with reference (d).

(8) Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics.

- (a) In accordance with Appendix 4 (Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics) to this Annex.
- (b) Particular attention is invited to the fact that red smoke marks enemy position.
- (c) Illumination and smoke signals once used are immediately declassified because the enemy can also see them. To elude the enemy, in conjunction with the use of illuminations and smoke signals, friendly units must confirm using radio communications or panel VS-17/GVX if radio is not available.

(9) Tac Log Communications.

- (a) See Admin Plan 321-65.
- (b) BLT-2/9 Shore Party Team embarked in USS Cabildo (LSD-16) establishes beach terminal on Shore Party Control Net. RLT-9 Tac Log enters this net when established on Primary Control Ship, USS Colonial (LSD-18).

(10) Air Communications.

Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex.

(11) FSCC Communications.

Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) and Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.

(12) Naval gunfire.

Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. See RLT-9 Administrative Plan 321-65.
- b. The FLSU attached to BLT-3/4 at HUE PHU BAI has a limited third echelon electronic supply and maintenance capability. During consolidation, requests for this support via RLT-9 headquarters.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1-Radio Frequency Plan
- 2-Radio Call Signs
- 3-Switchboard Call Signs
- 4-Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics
- 5-Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram (to be issued)
- 6-Electronic Warfare

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Ref: (a) Third MarDiv OP order 321-65

Time Zone: H ( Effective upon arrival objective area)

CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT DESIGNATOR	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	STATIONS ON NET
Div Alert	D-9	2111	6A9B	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 on Order
Div Recon	D-10	F 2173	3A3J	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4
	D-11	S 6785	3A3J	on Order
Damage Control	D-12	11990	3A3J	RLT-9, BLT, 2/9, 3/4 on Order
RLT Command	D-		3A3J	RLT-9, BLT- 2/9, 3/4
	D-		3A3J	TAC LOG and Supporting Units Activate on Order
RLT TAC 1	D-		36F3	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 ✓ Support Units Activate on Order
RLT TAC 2	D-		36F3	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 ✓
	D-		3A3J	on Order
NGF Support	D-20	P 2279	3A3J	RLT-FSCC
	D-21	S 10695	3A3J	
NGF Control	D-22	P 3224	3A3J	(RLT-FSCCON Order) BLT
	D-23	S 5882	3A3J	2/9, 3/4 Spot Team and Liason Team
SFC Spot 1	D-24	4301	3A3J	BLT 2/9, 3/4 Spot Teams
SFC Spot 2	D-25	8230	3A3J	on Order
SFCP Local	D-		36F3	BLT 2/9, 3/4 Spot Team and Liason Team
NGF Air Spot 1	D-27	262.2	6A3	BLT 2/9, 3/4 Spot Team
NGF Air Spot 2	D-28	318.6	6A3	and Liason Team on Order
TAR Net 1	D-29	P 7995	3A3J, 0.1A1	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4
	D-30	S 2196	6A9B	
TAR Net 2	D-31	P 2227	3A3J	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4
	D-32	S 10898	3A3J	on Order
TACP Local 2/9	D-		36F3	
TACP Local 3/4	D-75	44.0	36F3	TACP Teams as Required

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CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT DESIGNATOR	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	STATIONS ON NET
TAD 1	D-35	312.0	6A3	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 AS
TAD 2	D-36	325.0	6A3	Required
AIR CBS Net	D-33	38.7	36F3	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 AS Required
HD 1	D-40	273.8	6A3	RLT-9, BLT 2/9, 3/4 AS
HD 2	D-41	326.6	6A3	Required
ARTY Bn CMD 3/12	D-129 D-130	P 3162 S 38.1	3A3J/3A7J 36F3	"I" BTRY 3/12
ARTY Bn FD 3/12	D-131 D-132	P 5270 S 28.2	3A3J/6A3 36F3	"I" BTRY 2/12
ARTY Bn CMD 2/12	D- D-		3A3J/3A7J 36F3	"E" BTRY 2/12
ARTY Bn FD 2/12	D- D-		3A3J/6A3 36F3	"E" BTRY 3/12
ARTY Air Spot	D-147 D-148	P 33.8 S 31.3	36F3 36F3	"I" BTRY 3/12
ARTY Air Spot	D- D-		36F3 36F3	"E" BTRY 2/12
107 MM COF	D-133 D-134	P 30.9 S 36.1	36F3 36F3	107 MM FLT
"M" BTRY 155C OF	D-		36F3	"M" BTRY 4/12
1st 8 HOW COF	D- D-		36F3 36F3	1st 8 HOW FLT
"E" BTRY 105C OF	D- D-		36F3 36F3	E BTRY 105 2/12
BLT 2/9 TAC Net	D- D-		36F3 36F3	BLT 2/9, E, G, H CO., 81MM FLT, 2nd FLT TKS, 2nd FLT at CO., 2nd FLT ENGR CO., 2nd FLT 1st AM TRAC Bn. on Order; "E" BTRY 2/12, DET 3rd Shore Party
BLT 2/9 TAC Net 2	D- D-		36F3 36F3	TAC-LOG, DET 3rd Shore Party. On Order; E, F, G, H CO., 81 MM FLT, 2nd FLT TKS, 2nd FLT at 2nd FLT ENGR CO., E BTRY 2/12

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CIRCUIT	DESIGNATOR	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	STATIONS ON NET
2/9 81 MM COF	D-		36F3	FSCC, 81 MM PLT
	D-		36F3	
"E" TAC NET	D-		36F3	E CO 2/9
	D-			
"F" TAC NET	D-		36F3	F CO 2/9
	D-		36F3	
"G" TAC NET	D-		36F3	G CO 2/9
	D-		36F3	
"H" TAC NET	D-		36F3	H CO 2/9
	D-		36F3	
BLT 3/4 TAC 1	D-76	5300	3A3J	BLT 3/4, 81MM PLT, I, K. L, M, CO., 3rd PLT ENGR 3rd PLT RECON CO. ON ORDER: DET 3rd SHORE PARTY, I BRTY 3/12
BLT 3/4 TAC 2	D-77	49.8	36F3	SAME UNITS AS ABOVE ALL ACTIVATED ON ORDER
81MM 3/4 COF	D-78	41.1	36F3	FSCC, 81MM PLT
"I" CO TAC NET	D-80	53.6	36F3	"I" CO 3/4
"K" CO TAC NET	D-81	51.3	36F3	"K" CO 3/4
"L" CO TAC NET	D-82	51.8	36F3	"L" CO 3/4
"M" CO TAC NET	D-83	54.1	36F3	"M" CO 3/4
"I" BRTY 3/12 COF	D-127	P 32.8	36F3	"I" BRTY 3/12
	D-128	S 39.4	36F3	
2nd PLT TK CMD	D-		36F3	2nd PLT CO B 3rd TKS
3rd PLT CMD	D-180	24.6	36F3	3rd PLT CO C 3rd TKS
2nd PLT AT CMD	D-		36F3	2nd PLT CO C 3rd AT
3rd PLT AT CMD	D-190	27.3	36F3	3rd PLT CO D 3rd AT
2nd PLT AMTRAC CMD	D-		36F3	2nd PLT CO B 1ST AMTRAC
2nd PLT ENGR CMD	D-196	47.7	36F3	2nd PLT CO A 3rd ENGR
3rd PLT RECON CMD	D-160	10534	6A3/3A3J/ ø.1A1	3rd PLT CO B 3rd RECON
3rd PLT ENGR CMD	D-197	52.1	36F3	3rd PLT CO B 3rd ENGR
SHORE PARTY CTRL 1	D-		36F3	DET CO B 3rd SHORE PAR
2	D-		36F3	

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CIRCUIT	DESIGNATOR	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	STATIONS ON NET
105 RR CMD	D-79	41.4	36F3	105 RR ELE 3/4

NOTE: Missing frequencies will be assigned prior to D-Day.

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Appendix 2 (Radio call signs) to Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to  
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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE</u>	<u>CW</u>
CG III MAF	FRANCHISE	
DEPUTY COMMANDER III MAF	HAM HOCK	
III MAF COLLECTIVE	HOOR GLASS	
FLSG	GADFLY	
FLSU ONE	FUMIGATE	
FLSU TWO	INVITATION	
NCC	MOTLEY	
COMMSPT CO FMF	MONOTYPE	
FOR ENGR GP	GUY ROPE	
DET FIRST FOR RECON	GAY WONGS	
MCB THREE	HIP FLASK	
MCB ONE ZERO	MORAY	
NCR THREE ZERO	MINIVER	
CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)	MONROE	T87L
THIRD MARDIV (FWD) (COLL)	MOTHERHOOD	7VUD
ADC THIRD MARDIV (FWD)	PINCH HITTER	2YZ7
THIRD MARDIV (FWD) NET	RADIANCE	J70X
THIRD CIT	POTTSVILLE	
HQ BN THIRD MARDIV	SHAPE	C71M
COMM CO HQ BN	PUNJAB	
MP CO HQ BN	SASSY	
THIRD MARINES	STAKEOUT	Q92U
THIRD MARINES (COLL)	MUTTER	
1ST BN 3RD MARINES	PRETEXT	6ZF1
2ND BN 3RD MARINES	OLD FIELD	5SXJ
3RD BN 3RD MARINES	WAREHOUSE	HW10
FOURTH MARINES	THICK SKINNED	9QF7
1ST BN 4TH MARINES	PIED PIPER	LY60
2ND BN 4TH MARINES	SUDDEN DEATH	HJ21
3RD BN 4TH MARINES	MORTGAGE	FZ4Y
NINTH MARINES	PEEP SIGHT	B14R
1ST BN 9TH MARINES	REDWOOD	3QCM
2ND BN 9TH MARINES	PARKGREEN	1QY9
3RD BN 9TH MARINES	POLISH	HM6F
TWELFTH MARINES	MUSTER	Y14E
1ST BN 12TH MARINES	PERMISSION	S39Q
2ND BN 12TH MARINES	SUNRISE	2BR5
3RD BN 12TH MARINES	PAYABLE	7PKT
4TH BN 12TH MARINES	FRIMROSE	Z32L

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THIRD MED BN  
THIRD AT BN  
THIRD TK BN  
THIRD RECON BN  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
THIRD ENGR BN  
THIRD DENTAL CO  
THIRD SERV BN  
THIRD MT BN  
THIRD SP BN

RAINB ELT	7LEP
ZOO KEEPER	CL2Q
MORBID	7M8K
SHARP SHOOTER	UT7E
SCAT	81D4
SLAVEBORN	12TK
TODAY	H130
ROLAND	OA04
THANKFUL	CM5R
YACHT	CJ70
RIPE PEACH	AL90

DECODEVOICE CALL

FRANCHISE  
FUMIGATE  
GADFLY  
GAY WONGS  
GUY ROPE  
HAM HOCK  
HIP FLAK  
HOUR GLASS  
INVITATION  
MINIVER  
MONROE  
MONOTYPE  
MORAY  
MORBID  
MORTGAGE  
MOTHERHOOD  
MOTLEY  
MUSTER  
MUTTER  
OLD FIELD  
PARKGREEN  
PAYABLE  
PEEP SIGHT  
PERMISSION  
PIED PIPER  
PINCH HITTER  
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PRETEXT  
PRIMROSE  
PUNJAB  
RADIANCE  
RAINBOLT

UNIT

CG III MAF  
FLSU ONE  
FLSG  
DET 1ST FOR RECON  
FOR ENGR GP  
DEPUTY COMMANDER III MAF  
MCB THREE  
III MAF COLLECTIVE  
FLSU TWO  
NCR THREE ZERO  
CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
COMMSPT CO FMF  
MCB ONE ZERO  
THIRD AT BN  
3RD BN 4TH MARINES  
THIRD MARDIV (FWD) (COLL)  
NCC  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES (COLL)  
2ND BN 3RD MARINES  
2ND BN 9TH MARINES  
3RD BN 12TH MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
1ST BN 12TH MARINES  
1ST BN 4TH MARINES  
ADC THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
3RD BN 9TH MARINES  
THIRD CIT  
1ST BN 3RD MARINES  
4TH BN 12TH MARINES  
COMM CO HQ BN  
THIRD MARDIV (FWD) NET  
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CL2Q  
CM5R  
CJ70  
FZ4Y  
HI30  
HJ2L  
HM6F  
HWL0  
J70X  
LY60  
OA04  
Q92U  
S39Q  
T87L  
UT7N  
Y14E  
Z32L  
1QY9  
12TK  
2BRS  
2YZ7  
3QCM  
5SXJ  
6ZF1  
7LEP  
7M6K  
7PKT  
7VUD  
8LD4  
9QF7

1ST BN 9TH MARINES  
THIRD SP BN  
THIRD DENTAL CO  
MP CO HQ BN

UNIT

THIRD SP BN  
NINTH MARINES  
HQ BN THIRD MARDIV  
THIRD MED BN  
THIRD SERV BN  
THIRD MT BN  
3RD BN 4TH MARINES  
THIRD ENGR BN  
2ND BN 4TH MARINES  
3RD BN 9TH MARINES  
3RD BN 3RD MARINES  
THIRD MARDIV (FWD) NET  
1ST BN 4TH MARINES  
THIRD DENTAL CO  
THIRD MARINES  
1ST BN 12TH MARINES  
CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
THIRD TK BN  
TWELFTH MARINES  
4TH BN 12TH MARINES  
2ND BN 9TH MARINES  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
2ND BN 12TH MARINES  
ADC THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
1ST BN 9TH MARINES  
2ND BN 3RD MARINES  
1ST BN 3RD MARINES  
1ST 8" HOW BTRY  
THIRD AT BN  
3RD BN 12TH MARINES  
THIRD MARDIV (FWD)(COLL)  
THIRD RECON BN  
FOURTH MARINES

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 to Operation Order 20I-65 and Operation Plan 32I-65

Ref: (a) 3rd MAR DIV COI

TIME ZONE: H

ENCODEUNIT

CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)  
 HQ 3RD MARINES  
 1ST BN 3RD MARINES  
 2ND BN 3RD MARINES  
 3RD BN 3RD MARINES  
 HQ 4TH MARINES  
 1ST BN 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN 4TH MARINES  
 3RD BN 4TH MARINES  
 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 1ST BN 9TH MARINES  
 2ND BN 9TH MARINES  
 1ST BN 12TH MARINES  
 2ND BN 12TH MARINES  
 3RD BN 12TH MARINES  
 3RD RECON BN  
 3RD ENGR BN  
 COMM CO HQ BN  
 A CO 3RD MT BN  
 B CO 3RD TK BN  
 B CO 1ST AMTRAC BN FMF  
 D CO 3RD MED BN  
 C CO 3RD AT BN  
 C CO 3 RD ENGR BN

NON-DIVISION UNITS

COMUSMACV  
 CG III MAF  
 CG 1ST MAW  
 USAF DA NANG  
 2DN AIR DIVISION (RVNAF)  
 I CORPS  
 MAG-16  
 MABS-16  
 VMCJ-1  
 MASS-2

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

SHOVE  
 CROWD  
 BURKE  
 SQUIRE  
 SWAIN  
 AFTERGLOW  
 IMPRESSIVE  
 BENDIX  
 BEARMEAT  
 SENATOR  
 IRONTREE  
 BLACK BOX  
 GOOSE  
 WAGON MASTER  
 TINGE  
 SAINT JOE  
 AXE HANDLE  
 BOGART  
 DENOTE ALFA  
 SMOKEROOM BRAVO  
 DREAM BRAVO  
 WHALE DELTA  
 HEAVY FIST CHARLEE  
 AXE HANDLE CHARLIE

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

TIGER  
 PARCHMENT  
 MOMENT  
 FALCON  
 ADVON  
 PUMA  
 ROSE ANN  
 OAK FERN  
 COTTON PICKER  
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1ST LAAM BN  
 1ST 8" HOW BTY  
 FORCE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP  
 FORCE ENGINEER GROUP  
 COMM SUPT CO FMF

WINGMAN  
 IVAN  
 KIT CARSON  
 BROUGE CHARLIE  
 MONEY

DECODESWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

AFTERGLOW  
 AXE HANDLE  
 AXE HANDLE CHARLIE  
 BEARMAT  
 BENDIX  
 BLACK BOX  
 BOGART  
 BURKE  
 CROWD  
 DENOTE ALFA  
 DREAM BRAVO  
 FERTILIZE  
 GOOSE  
 HEAVY FIST CHARLIE  
 IMPRESSIVE  
 PANHANDLE  
 SAINT JOE  
 SENATOR  
 SHOVE  
 SQUIRE  
 SMOKEROOM BRAVO  
 SWAIN  
 TINGE  
 WAGON MASTER  
 WHALE DELTA

UNIT

HQ 4TH MARINES  
 3RD ENGR BN (-) (REIN)  
 C CO 3RD ENGR BN  
 3RD BN 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN 9TH MARINES  
 COMM CO HQ BN  
 1ST BN 3RD MARINES  
 HQ 3RD MARINES  
 A CO 3RD MT BN  
 B CO I ST AMTRAC BN FMF  
 3RD BN 9TH MARINES  
 I ST BN (-) (REIN) I2 TH MARINES  
 C CO 3RD AT BN  
 1ST BN 4TH MARINES  
 SHORE PARTY GROUP  
 3RD RECON BN  
 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 CG 3RD MARDIV (FWD)  
 2ND BN 3RD MARINES  
 B CO 3RD TK BN  
 3RD BN 3RD MARINES  
 3RD BN (-) (REIN) I2 TH MARINES  
 2ND BN I2 MARINES  
 D CO 3RD MED BN

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

ADVON  
 BROUGE CHARLIE  
 COTTON PICKER  
 DEVASTATE  
 FALCON  
 IVAN  
 KIT CARSON

NON-DIVISION UNITS

2ND AIR DIVISION  
 FORCE ENGINEER GROUP  
 VMCJ-1  
 MASS-2  
 USAF DA NANG  
 1ST 8" HOW BTRY  
 FORCE LOGISTIC SUPT GROUP  
 COMM SUPT CO FMF  
 COMM SUPT CO FMF

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MONEY  
MOMENT  
OAK FERN  
PUMA  
PARCHMENT  
ROSE ANN  
TIGER  
WINGMAN

COM SUPT CO FMF  
CG 1ST MAW  
MABS-I6  
I CORPS (RVN)  
CG III MAF  
MAG-I6  
COMUSMACV  
1ST LAAM BN

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TAB A Telephone Traffic Diagram

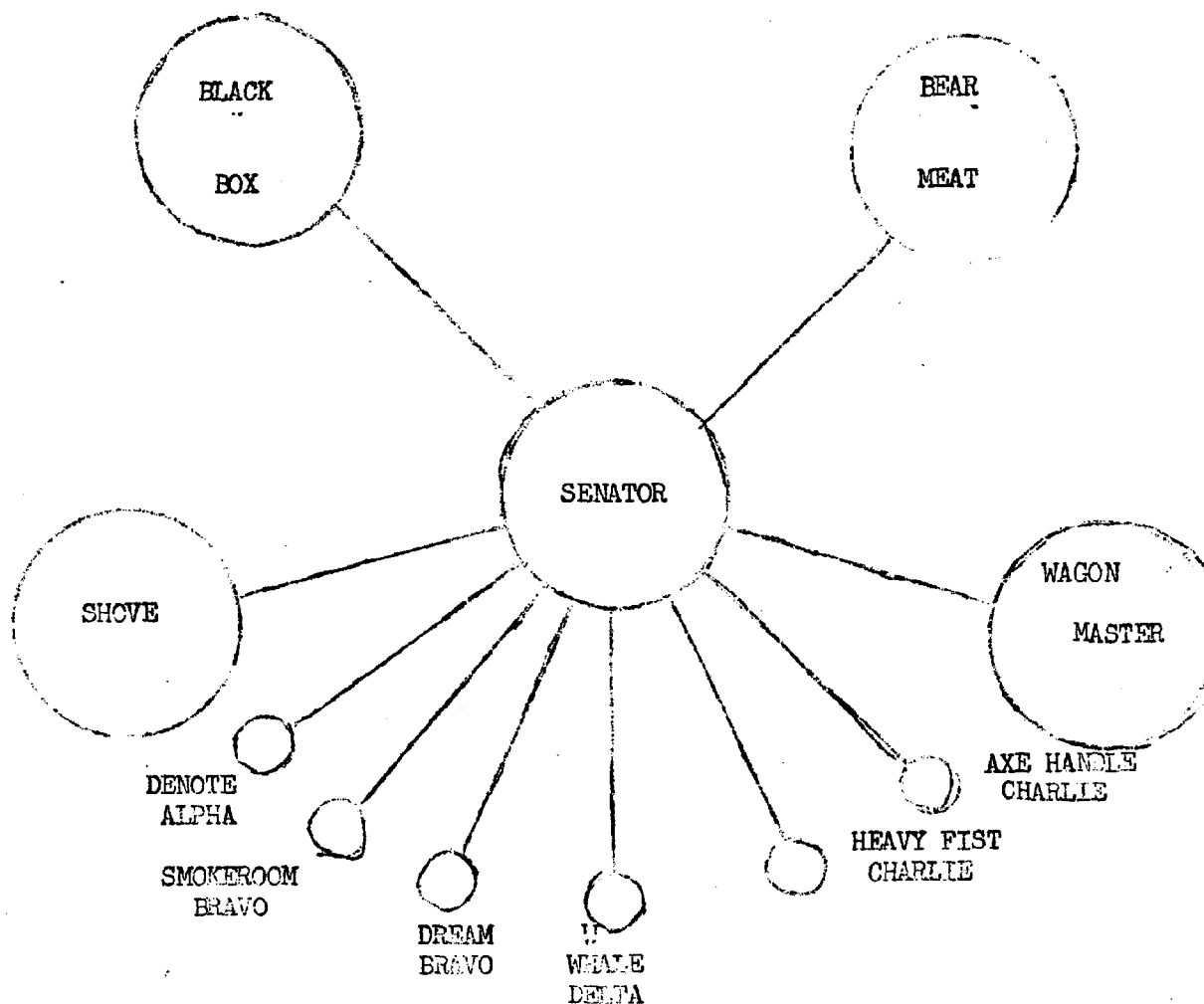
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Appendix 4 (Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 201-65 and Operation Plan 321-65

Ref: (a) ACP 136  
 (b) Third MarDiv OpOrder 321-65  
 (c) FMFPacO P02000.2B

Time Zone: H (In objective area)

### 1. General.

- (a) See references (a), (b) and (c).
- (b) Visual signals are a supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags, and pyrotechnics.
- (c) Unit tactical CW call signs will be used on all visual circuits.

### 2. Warning and Alert Signals.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>HOW DISSEMINATED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
AIR DEFENSE WARNING "RED"	AIR ATTACK IMMINENT OR TAKING PLACE	FLASH MESSAGE, SHORT REPEATED SOUND OF SIRENS OR WORD OF MOUTH	SIRENS WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER SIGNAL WITHIN OBJECTIVE AREA
"YELLOW"	AIR ATTACK IS PROBABLE	MESSAGE, WORD OF MOUTH	
"WHITE"	AIR ATTACK IS IMPROBABLE	MESSAGE, TELEPHONE WORD OF MOUTH	MAY BE DECLARED BEFORE OR AFTER AIR DEFENSE WARNING "YELLOW" OR "RED"

### 3. Miscellaneous Visual Signals.

- (a) Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
"RED"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"GREEN"	Requist contact on telephone at rear of tank.

- (b) Aircraft Maneuver Signals:

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AIRCRAFT MANEUVERMEANING

360 Degree Left Turn	Display CP Identification
360 Degree Right Turn	Mission Completed
*Alternate Dips and Climbs	Display Front Lines Markings
Rook Wings	Message or Displays Understood
*Yaw Right-Left	Standby For Message Drop
Sharp S-Turn	Will Support, You Mark Target
Circle Right-Rocking Wings	Am Trying To Contact You By Radio

\*If is not practical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.

(c) The following illumination and smoke signals are effective. No others authorized.

(1) Used by ground units and river and sea units for liaison together or with aircraft.

ILLUMINATION SIGNALSTYPESMEANING

SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR CLUSTER  
(ONE SIGNAL IS FIRED)

Encircled or attacked by the enemy. Request for support (Type of support) such as aircraft, artillery relieving forces, etc.,- must be affirmed by radio)

SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR CLUSTER  
(CONTINUOUS FIRE OF 3 OR MORE SIGNALS)

Request for emergency illumination (radio liaison must be established)

SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN STAR PARACHUTE

Request for ammunition

SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN STAR M125  
(HAND-HELD)

Request for evacuation

SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR  
PARACHUTE M127, (HAND-HELD)  
OR

Radio breakdown

SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR  
ANM 44 A1

SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR CLUSTER  
(FIRE OF ON SIGNAL)

Request for radio communications on the air-ground frequency

SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR CLUSTER  
(CONTINUOUS FIRE OF 3 OR MORE SIGNALS)

Request for cease of illuminating firing and shelling

SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR, PARACHUTE  
M126 (HAND-HELD)

We are withdrawing from this position

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## SMOKE SIGNALS

SIGNAL, GROUND, YELLOW SMOKE, M64

OR

GRENADE, RIFLE, YELLOW SMOKE

OR

GRENADE, HAND YELLOW SMOKE, M18

Marking of the friendly units position or of a secured area for an urgent or normal air-craft landing.

SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN SMOKE M65

OR

GRENADE, RIFLE, GREEN SMOKE

OR

GRENADE, RIFLE, GREEN SMOKE M18

Please inform us of the enemy direction or position

GRENADE, RIFLE, RED SMOKE

Marking of the enemy position

(2) Used by aircraft for liaison with ground units.

GRENADE, HAND, GREEN SMOKE M18

Please inform us of the enemy direction

GRENADE, HAND, RED SMOKE, M18

Marking of the enemy position

GRENADE, HAND, SMOKE, HC (WHITE)  
ANM 8

Request for radio communications on the air-ground frequency

OR

SIGNAL, AIR-GROUND, WHITE STAR  
CLUSTER (FIRE OF ONE SIGNAL)

## (D) PANELS

(1) SEE REFERENCES (A) AND (B)

(2) Panels are employed by ground forces as a means of recognition and identification. The panel sets VS-4/U and VS-6 are normally used for identifying vehicles.

(3) Use VS-4/U (RED) panels to identify vehicles and armor in forward areas on odd dates. Use VS-6/U (YELLOW) panels on even dates.

4. SOUND Sound devices will be used in accordance with locally prepared SOP'S.

5. Helicopter Landing Point Identification.

a. Helicopter Landing Points (General Information).

(1) Helicopter landing points should be selected which provide helicopter pilots adequate space to maneuver into the wind in order to take advantage of increased performance of the helicopter under a favorable wind direction.

(2) All landing points will be at least 100 feet in diameter paying particular attention to ensure overhead wire or antennas do not obstruct the landing areas.

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(3) Areas of hard ground, solid rock, or grass are the best natural landing points for helicopters. Graveled areas shall never be selected as a helicopter landing point. Dry barren areas should also be avoided since dust clouds created by the helicopter may reveal landing and takeoff to the enemy.

(4) Landing points will be policed of debris and any loose material to avoid damage to aircraft.

b. Safety Precautions. It is mandatory that all landing points personnel be briefed on the following precautions:

- (1) Personnel will stand clear of the landing and departure aircraft.
- (2) Approach only after a beckoning signal from the pilot or co-pilot.
- (3) Approach and depart other type helicopters from the right front of the aircraft.

c. Landing Point Communications.

- (1) Unit communication officers will install a local telephone from the landing point area to unit switchboards. The telephone will be properly marked and the landing point messengers will maintain a telephone watch on this telephone.
- (2) To prevent unnecessary landing at the helicopter landing point, when there is no outgoing traffic, the letter "N" will be displayed in the immediated vicinity of the triangle.

d. Helicopter Landing Point Marking System.

- (1) All landing points will be marked with equilateral triangle by using three panels from either panel set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selection will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.
- (2) Prevailing wind directions will be shown by installing a short pole (approximately three feet) will streamers, flag, or pennants of sufficient length to allow the pilot to see the local wind.
- (3) Once a helicopter point has been established with the triangle, the type and size of the unit will be identified as follows:
  - (a) Type of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from panels VS-4/U (RED) or VS-6/U (YELLOW) in the center of the triangle.

TYPE OF UNIT

IDENTIFICATION

Infantry/Reconnaissance  
 Artillery/Tanks  
 Aviation  
 Service and Support

One Yellow Panel (VS-6/U)  
 One Red Panel (VS-4U)  
 Two Yellow Panels (VS-6/U)  
 Two Red Panels (VS-4/U)

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- (b) Size of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from panel set AP-30C or AP-30D placed directly above and centered on top of the triangle.

<u>SIZE OF UNIT</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>
COMPANY/Battery	Roman Numeral One
Battalion/Squadron	Roman Numeral Two
Regt/MAG/MAU	Roman Numeral Three
Brigade/MAB	Letter "X"
Div/Wing	Letter "XX"
MAF/MAC	Letter "XXX"

- (c) Panel set AP-30C or AP-30D as appropriate in conjunction with panels US-4/U or VS-6/U provides all the necessary equipment and color arrangements needed to effect the above displays.
- (d) Upon receiving an air raid warning/alert the helicopter landing point marking will be removed without delay. The markers will be replaced immediately after "all clear" is sounded.
- (e) The senior headquarters designator will be displayed when composite headquarters are established. Report to 3dMarDiv units served by the common helicopter landing point.
- (f) Helicopters will not be diverted from their assigned route without approval of the CG 3dMarDiv.
- (g) Night marking for the helicopter landing point will depend upon the tactical situation, however, satisfactory night markings may consist of three flashlights placed at the apex of the triangle site marker or vehicle lights flashed from a vehicle parked down wind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.
- (h) Care must be exercised in securing panels to the ground to prevent destruction of the displays each time a helicopter lands or takes off.

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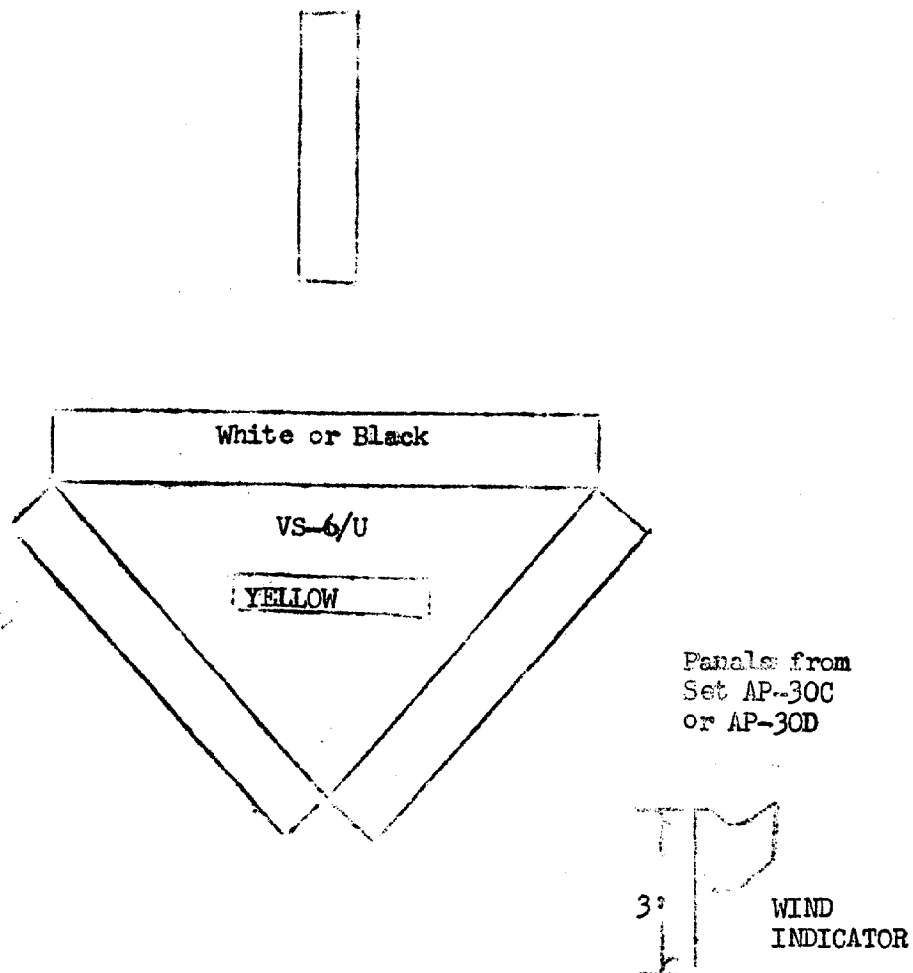
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- (i) The following examples of helicopter landing points markings are provided for guidance and instructional purposes:

Example 1.

Infantry Company

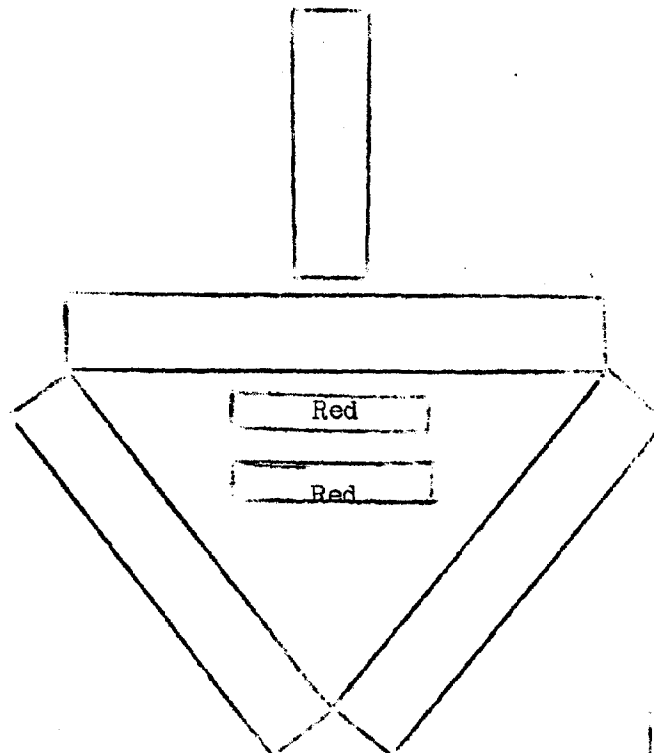


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Example 2  
Service and Support



N  
NO  
OUTGOING  
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Appendix 6 (Electronic Warfare) to Annex D (Communication Electronics)  
to Operation Order 201-65 and Operation Plan 321-65

Ref: (a) III MEF OPlan 37-64 for 9th MEB

1. CONTROL OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE IN RVN.

- a. COMUSMACV approval must be obtained prior to the conduct of active ECM in all operations, except that commanders of major subordinate units engaged in active combat may employ EW as indicated below when in their considered judgement, such measures are essential to the conduct of the campaign, or for the safety of military forces when time does not permit authorization by higher headquarters.
  - (1) Employ active ECM against non-communications electromagnetic radiations.
  - (2) Employ electronic jamming against communication circuits passing clear text voice traffic which has an immediate effect on the local tactical situation. Electronic jamming of other communication circuits will not be conducted without prior approval of COMUSMACV.
- b. Electronic Warfare conditions may be imposed by this, or higher headquarters.

2. JAMMING OR DECEPTION REPORTS.

- a. Scope. Cliff Reports, as outlined below, apply to any case of known intentional jamming or interference from unknown source (mutual interference, etc.) experienced by electronic communications systems, radars, navigational aids, etc., assigned this command.
- b. Purpose. To provide the CommO with notification of electronics interference of either an intentional nature experienced by electronics units of this command. Also to provide information when radar and/or UHF/VHF air-to-ground channels are experiencing ECM/Jamming or interference. These reports will provide data for evaluating the effectiveness of enemy active EW efforts.
- c. Reports.
  - (1) When incidents of jamming which can not be credited to friendly forces or malfunctions are experienced by ground radio,

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ground radar, navigational aids, or any other electronics systems within or under the jurisdiction of this command, a CLIFF Report will be forwarded by immediate message to RLT-9 (Attn: COMM O). Method of transmission will be by the most expeditious method available. Security classification of this report is SECRET. The following format will be used in submitting this report:

- (a) Unit submitting report and date-time-group.
  - (b) Location of site facility (Site number, code name, designation).
  - (c) Type of equipment.
  - (d) Nomenclature of equipment.
  - (e) Frequency interfered with.
  - (f) Bandwidth affected.
  - (g) Source of interference.
  - (h) Location of interference source.
  - (i) Azimuth of interference.
  - (j) Type of interference (noise, pulse, spot, sweep, barrage, chaff).
- (2) Termination report format will be as follows:
- (a) Location of site/facility (site number, code name, designation).
  - (b) Date and time interference started.
  - (c) Date and time interference stopped.
- (3) Conditions of jamming deception and/or unknown interference will be as follows:
- (a) Condition 1 - light interference.

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(b) Condition 2 - moderate interference.

(c) Condition 3 - heavy interference.

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(b) NWIP 22-6  
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# 1. GENERAL

a. This plan calls for:

(1) The formation of elements of one BLT and one RLT headquarters into serials prepared for landing over one or more beaches/landing sites as directed.

(2) The establishment of a preferred order of debarkation.

b. BLT 2/9 is combat loaded aboard the USS Pickaway (APA-222) and the U.S.S. Cabildo (LSD-16). RLT-9 Headquarters is loaded aboard the U.S.S. Clymer (APA-27), U.S.S. Carter Hall (LSD-3), U.S.S. Colonial (LSD-18), U.S.S. Mathews (AKA-96). The major portion of the 30 day Class V supply block is loaded aboard the U.S.S. Renville (APA-227).

## 2. PREFERRED ORDER OF DEBARKATION

a. Pre-Loaded LCUs from all ships.

b. BLT 2/9 Personnel and Vehicles.

c. Command and Control Elements RLT-9.

d. Supplies and Equipment BLT 2/9 - (on 2/9 Shipping)

e. 5 Days CL I - AKA-96 - RLT-9 Serials 476-480.

f. RLT-9

(1) APA-27

(2) LSD-3

(3) LSD-18

(4) AKA-96

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g. Upon establishment of receiving facilities at landing site commence phasing in ammunition from APA-227.

### 3. CONTROL MEASURES

a. Ship to shore control in accordance with reference (a), (b) and CTF 76.9 Operation Plan for this operation.

b. TAC Log will function in accordance with reference (c) and appropriate Administrative Instructions as issued.

### 4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. All serials are non scheduled with exception of free boats. Selective unloading of bulk cargo as directed by control organization.

b. If depth of river prevents traffic by LCU, beach pre-loaded LCU at site to be designated, reload on LCM-8.

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### APPENDIXES:

1. BLT 2/9 Serial Assignment Table
2. RLT Serial Assignment Table (APA-27)
3. RLT Serial Assignment Table (LSD-3)
4. RLT Serial Assignment Table (LSD-18)
5. RLT Serial Assignment Table (AKA-96)
6. Landing Sequence Table (Issued Separately)
7. Landing Craft Availability Table
8. Amphibian Vehicle Employment Plan
9. RLT Headquarters Company Boat Team Assignment Table

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Appendix 1 (BLT-2/9 Serial Assignment Table) to Annex I  
 (RLT Landing Plan) to Operation Order 321-65  
 Time Zone: I

Ser	Unit	Pers	Materiel Equipment Vehicle	Landing Craft No./Type	Ship	Remarks
100	Shore Party 1st Tm Co C 1st SP Bn Hq 3d FSR	46 (44) (2)	Mat Layer Trk M-37 Trl M-101 Trk M-422 Trl M-100 (2) TD-15 Tractor Crane, Anthony Flood Light 2n Crane 2n Crane TD-18 Tractor	LCU	LSD-16	Preloaded
101 *	Co G 2d Plat Co B 3d AmTrac	198 41	Normal Combat	(11) LVTP-5	LSD-16	Pre H-Hour Transfer from APA 222
102	Co G	3	M-422 M-100 (2) M-274	(2) LCVP	APA 222	
103	Co G	201	Normal Combat M-422 M-100 (2) - M-274	(7) - LCVP LCM-6	APA 222	
104	81mm Mort Plat	80	(6) - M-274	(3) - LCM-6	APA 222	
105	Co E	225	M-422 M-100 (2) - M-274	(8) - LCVP LCM-6	APA 222	
106	Cmd Grp A, H&S Co	62	(4) - M-422 (4) - M-100 MRC-38 MRC-83	LCM-8 (2) - LCVP	APA 222	S-1, S-2, S-3, Comm
107	106mm RR Plat H&S Co	37	(8) - LIWC w/106	(4) - LCVP	APA 222	
108	H&S Co (-)		MRC-87 M-274 (3) - M-422 (3) - M-100	LCM 8	APA 222	Comm/BAS/MT
109	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	4	M-48A3 Tk	LCM 8	LSD-16	

\* If feasible LVT's will be used, if not, LCVP/LCM's will be substituted

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Ser	Unit	Pers	Material Equipment Vehicle	Landing Craft No./Type	Ship	Remarks
110	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	4	M-48A3 Tk	LCM 8	LSD-16	
111	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	4	M-48A3 Tk	LCM 8	LSD-16	
112	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	4	M-48A3 Tk	LCM 8	LSD-16	
113	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	4	M-48A3 Tk	LCM 8	LSD-16	
114	Co F	228	M-422 M-100 (2)- M-274	LCM 6 (8)LCVP	APA 222	
115	2d Plat Co C 3d AT Bn	9	(3)- M-50A1	LCU	LSD-16	
116	2d Plat Co C 3d AT Bn	6	(2)- M-50A1	LCM 8	LSD-16	
117	2d Plat Co C 3d AT Bn	1	M-422 M-100	LCVP	APA 222	
118	2d Plat Co C 3d Engr Bn	4	(3)- M-274 M-37 M-101	LCVP LCM 6	APA 222	
119	Det 3d Med Bn	24	(4)- M-43 M-170	LCM 8	APA 222	
120	Cmd Grp B H&S Co	46	(5)- M-422 (4)- M-100 (5)- M-274 MRC-83 AT Luber	(2) LCM-6 (2) LCVP	APA 222	
121	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
122	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
123	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
124	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
125	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
126	Btry E 2/12 Mar	13	M-35 105 How	LCM 6	LSD-16	
127	Btry E 2/12 Mar	1	M-35 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
128	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-35 M-107	LCM 6	LSD-16	Water Trl
129	Btry E 2/12 Mar	1	M-35 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
130	Btry E 2/12 Mar	1	M-35 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	

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Ser	Unit	Pers	Materiel	Landing	Ship	Remarks
			Equipment Vehicle	Craft No./Type		
131	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 TIR M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
132	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
133	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
134	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
135	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-107	LCM-6	LSD-16	
136	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	Water Trl
137	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
138	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
139	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
140	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
141	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6	LSD-16	
142	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	2	(2) M-54	LCM 8		
143	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 M-105	LCM 6		
144	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54 Bath Unit	LCM 6		
145	2d Plat Co C 3d Eng Bn Eng Bn	2	TD-15 Tractor M-51 Dump M-105	(2)- LCM 6		
146	H&S Co (-)	3	M-422 M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	
147	H&S Co (-)	2	(2)- M-274 (2)- M-422 (2)- M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	
148	Btry E 2d Bn 12th Mar	2	(2)- M-422A1 (2)- M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	
149	Btry E 2d Bn 12th Mar	2	(2)- M-422A1 (2)- M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	
150	Btry E 2d Bn 12th Mar	2	(2)- M-422A1 (2)- M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	
151	Btry E 2d Bn 12th Mar	1	M-422A1 M-100	LCVP	APA 222	
152	Det 3d Med Bn	1	M-35 M-107	LCM 6	APA 222	Water Trl

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Ser	Unit	Pers	Material Equipment Vehicle	Landing Craft No./Type	Ship	Remarks
153	Det 3d Med Bn	2	M-35 FU-482	LCM 6	APA 222	
154	H&S Co (-)		Reefer	LCVP	APA 222	
155	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-54	LCM 6	LSD-16	
156	2d Plat Co C 3d AT Bn	1	M-37 M-101	LCM 6	LSD-16	
157	2d Plat Co B 3d Tk Bn	1	M-38A1 M-100	LCVP	LSD-16	
158	1st Plat Co A 9th MT Bn	1	M-422 M-100	LCVP	LSD-16	
*159	H&S Co (-)	175		LCU	APA 222	
160	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets MCI	LCM 6	APA 222	
161	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets MCI	LCM 6	APA 222	
162	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets MCI	LCM 6	APA 222	
163	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets MCI	LCM 6	APA 222	
164	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets Class IV	LCM 6	APA 222	
165	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets Class IV	LCM 6	APA 222	
166	2d Bn 9th Mar		12 Pallets Class II	LCM 6	APA 222	
167	2d Bn 9th Mar		2 Pallets Ord 4 Pallets - Water Cans	LCVP	APA 222 Mixed Ammo	
168	2d Bn 9th Mar		6 Pallets - Tentage	LCVP	APA 222	
169	2d Bn 9th Mar		250 Cu ft Class V	LCVP	APA 222 Mixed Ammo	
170	2d Bn 9th Mar		250 Cu ft Class V	LCVP	APA 222 Mixed Ammo	
171	2d Bn 9th Mar		250 Cu ft Class V	LCVP	APA 222 Mixed Ammo	
172	2d Bn 9th Mar		250 Cu ft Class V	LCVP	APA 222 Mixed Ammo	
Free Boat	CO 2d Bn 9th Mar	7	M-422 M-100	LCM 6	APA 222	

\* If feasible LCU's will be used if not LCVP/LCM's will be substituted.

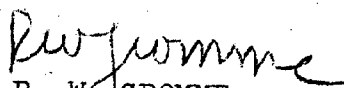
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Ser	Unit	Pers	Materiel Equipment Vehicle	Landing Craft No./Type	Ship	Remarks
Free	TAC Log	4		LCVP	APA 222	
Boat						

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Appendix 2 (APA-27 RLT Hq Serial Assignment Table) to Annex I  
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Time Zone: H (In Objective Area)

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT		SHIP	RMKS
				NO	TYPE		
301	XO RLT-9	19	1 X M422	1	LCM	APA-27	Free Boat
			1 X M100				
			1 X AN/MRC 38	1	LCVP		
			1 X AN/MRC 83				
302	RECON GROUP	24	2 X M422			APA-27	1st Day
			2 X M100	1	LCM		
			1 X AN/MRC 83	1	LCVP		
			1 X AN/MRC 87				
303	FSCC LNO HQCO(-)	50	1 X AN/MRC 38	8	LCVP	APA-27	
			1 X AN/MRC 87				
			1 X AN/MRC 83				
			2 X AN/MRC 37				
			3 X M422				
			3 X M100				
304	HQCO(-)	44	4 X M422	1	LCM	APA-27	N/S
			4 X M100				
			1 X M-37	3	LCVP		
			1 X M101				
305	TAC LOG	6	None			Transfer to PCS	On order about D+2 Day
306	Arty	127	None	1	LCM		Post D-Day Trans to LSD- 18

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Appendix 3 (U.S.S. Carter Hall, LSD-3 Serial Assignment Table)  
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Time Zone: H (In Objective Area)

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRIFT NO.	TYPE	SHIP	REKS
350	B Co, 3d TK	12	3 X M48A3 Tks	1	LCU	LSD-3	
351	B Co, 1st Amtrac		6 X LVTP6			LSD-3	
352	B Co, 3d TK	10	3 X M48A3 Tks	1	LCU	LSD-3	
353	B Co, 3d Tk C Co, 3d Engr	15	1 X VTR M51 2 X M422 1 X MRC-83 1 X TD 15 1 X M100 1 X M105 1 X M107 1 X Bath Unit	1	LCU	LSD-3	
354	Co B, 3d Tk Co C, 3d Engr	8	1 X MRC-36 1 X M37 1 X M52 1 X M51 1 X M101 1 X M105 1 X M172	1	LCM-8	LSD-3	
355	Co C, 3d Engr Co B, 3d Tk	8	1 X M37 1 X M51 1 X M60 Crane 1 X Grader 1 X Lub Trl 1 X Arc Weld Trl 1 X Air Compressor	1	LCM-8	LSD-3	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT		
				NO	TYPE	SHIP
356	Co C, 3d Engr	6	1 X Scoop Loader 1 X Scooper 7 yd	1	LCM6	LSD-3
357	Co B, 1st Amtrac Co B, 3d Tk Bn	9	2 X M38 2 X M54 2 X M100 1 X M105 1 X M107	1	LCM8	LSD-3
358	Co B, 3d Tk Bn Co B, 1st Amtrac	7	1 X M35 1 X M38 1 X M54 1 X M107 1 X M100 1 X Generator	1	LCM8	LSD-3
359	Co B, 1st Amtrac Co B, 3d Tk Bn Co A, 9th MT Bn	8	4 X M49C	1	LCM8	LSD-3

NOTE: Remainder of personnel to be assigned to Serials once requirements for working parties aboard ship have been determined.

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Appendix 4 (LSD-18 2dBn, 12th Mar Serial Assignment Table) to  
 Annex I (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 321-65

Time Zone: H (In Objective Area)

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT		
				NO	TYPE	SHIP REMARKS
400	NBU		2 - TD 24	1	LCU	LSD-18 Pre-Loaded LCU
	DET 8"	3	3 - TD 18			
	DET 4/12 *NBU	2	2 - TD 15			
401	Det 8"	9	1 M55 How 1 M38A1 1 M-100	1	LCM-8	LSD-18 1st trip Btry Cdrs veh
402	Det 8" How	7	1 M55 How	1	LCM-8	LSD-18
403	Det 8" How	9	2 M54 2 M105	2	LCM-6	LSD-18 Pre Loaded w/Ammo
404	Det 8" How	6	1 M543 1 M109 Van 1 M-54 1 M105	1	LCM-8	LSD-18
405	Det 8" How	9	2 M35 1 M105 1 Gen 914	2	LCM-6	LSD-18 Pre Loaded w/Ammo
406	Det 8" How	8	1 M-35 1 Welder 2 - M-37 1 - M101	2	2-ICVP	LSD-18

Size of NBU Det unknown

\*Estimated 2 Drivers for TD-24

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT		SHIP	RMKS
				NO	TYPE		
407	8" How	8	1 M-35 2 M-37 2 MRC-37	3	LCVP	LSD-18	
408	Det 8" How	13	2 M-35 2 M107 2 MRC-37 1 HPCU 2 M-38A1 1 Luber	1	LCU	LSD-18 2d Trip	
409	Det 8" How	12	3 M38A1 3 M-100 1 M-170	3	LCVP	LSD-18	
410	Det M-4-12	19	2 M-54 2 How 155 1 M422 1 M100 1 MRC-37	2	LCM-6	LSD-18 Btry Cdrs Veh Pre- Loaded w/Ammo	
411	Det M-4-12	19	2 M-54 2 How 155 2 M-422 2 M-100	2	LCM-6	LSD-18	
412	Det M-4-12	19	2 M-54 2 How 155 1 M422 1 M100	2	LCM-6		
413	Det M-4-12	8	2 M37 2 M101 1 M35 1 Gen PU 462	2	LCM-6	LSD-18	
414	Det M-4-12	8	2 M-54 2 M-105 1 M-37 1 M-101 1 M422 1 HPCU	1	LCM-6	LSD-18	

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT			RMKS
				No.	TYPE	SHIP	
415	Det M-4-12	8	1 M-54 1 M-105 1 M-37 1 M-101	2	LCM-6	LSD-18	
416	Det M-4-12	10	1 M-35 1 M-105 1 M-37 1 M-105	1 1	LCM-6 LCVP	LSD-18	
417	Det M-4-12	8	2 M-35 1 M-105 1 M-107	1	LCM-8	LSD-18	
418		12	5 M-422 4 M-100 1 MRC-37	2	LCM-6	LSD-18	
419	Hdq-2-12	20	9 Pallets 1 M422 1 M-100 2 MRC-37	2 2	LCVP LCVP	LSD-18 Gas Masks Body Armor Super Deck	
420	Hdq-2-12	30	3 MRC-83 1 M-170 2 M-37 2 M-101		LCU	LSD-18 4th Trip	
421	Hdq-2-12	10	1 M-37 1 M-101 1 M-49	1	LCM-6	LSD-18	
422	Hdq-2-12	12	1 M543 1 M-37 1 M-101	1	LCM-6	LSD-18	
423	Hdq-2-12	25		1	LCVP	LSD-18 Ships Plt	

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Appendix 5 (AKA-96 Serial Assignment Table) to Annex I (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 321-65

Time Zone: H (In Objective Area)

SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT NO TYPE	SHIP	RMKS
476	RLT COM	2	26 X Lifts COM Gear 2	LCM-6	AKA-96 #2	Hold 2d Deck
477	RLT COM	1	10 X Lifts COM Gear 1	LCM-6	AKA-96 #2	Hold 3d Deck
478	RLT COM	1	32 X Lifts COM Gear 1	LCM-8	AKA-96 #5	Hold 2d Deck
479	RLT COM	1	15 X Lifts COM Gear 1	LCM-6	AKA-96 #4	Hold 2d Deck
480	Hq 2/12 AT Bn	2	1 X M-101 1 X M-37 1 X MRC-36	1 LCM-6	AKA-96	N/S
481	9th MT	1	1 X Luber 1 X M38A1	1 LCVP		N/S
482	9th MT Hq 2/12	2	1 X MRC-38 1 X M-100 1 X M-422	2 LCVP		N/S
483	Rgtl COM 9th MT	1	1 X PU482 1 X M-54	1 LCM-6		N/S
484	Mor Btry	8	5 X 107 Mortar 5 X M-37 1 X M-107 1 X M-105 2 X M-35 1 X MRC-37	1 LCU	AKA-96	N/S

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SERIAL	UNIT	PERS	MATERIAL/VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	CRAFT		SHIP	RMKS
				NO	TYPE		
485	9th MT	1	1 X M105 1 X M54	1	LCM-6	AKA-96	N/S
486	AT Bn Mor Btry Hq 2/12	6	4 X M-105 2 X M-107 6 X M-35	1	LCU	AKA-96	N/S
487	Hq 2/12 Mor Btry	17	1 X M-62 1 X 107 Mortar 1 X M-37 1 X Amb (M-170) 13 X M-100 1 X M-100 14 X M-422	1	LCU	AKA-96	N/S
488	Composite	65		2	LCVP	AKA-96	N/S Ships Plt

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Appendix 7 (Landing Craft Availability Table) to Annex I  
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Time Zone: H (In Objective Area)

SHIP	LCPL	LCVP	LCM-3	LCM-6	LCM-8	LCU
U.S.S. Mathews (AKA-96)	2	6	1	7	0	0
U.S.S. Carter Hall (LSD-3)	1	1	0	0	0	1-1444
U.S.S. Colonial (LSD-18)	1	1	0	0	2	1-1624
U.S.S. Clymer (APA-27)	3	15	0	4	0	0
U.S.S. Renville (APA-227)	3	19	0	2	0	0
U.S.S. Pickaway (APA-222)	3	19	0	2	0	0
U.S.S. Cabildo (LSD-16)	1	1	0	0	0	1
U.S.S. Winston (AKA-94)	2	6	2	6	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Less Spares</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	16	61	3	19	2	3
<u>For Naval use</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Available	0	59	3	16	2	3

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Appendix 8 (Amphibian Vehicle Employment Plan) to Annex I  
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Origin	No and Type Amphibian Vehicles			Wave	Destination	Remarks
	LVTC	LVTP-5	LVTR-1			
LSD-16	1	10		1	775350	*1 Occupy Assembly Area
LSD-3	1	4	1		769360	*2 On order upon Debarkation of units aboard LSD-3

\*1 - Commencing H-Hr, beach and occupy assembly area vicinity 775350. On order CTF 76.9, commence river run to landing site. It is anticipated that this platoon will be last scheduled run.

\*2 - On commencement of unloading of LSD-3 beach vicinity 769360. On order CTF 76.9, commence river run to landing site as last scheduled run of the day.

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Appendix 9 (HqCo, 9th Mar - APA-27 Boat Team Assignment Tables)  
to Annex I (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 321-65

<u>301-1</u>	<u>BOAT SPACES</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
XO RLT-9	1	1
S-2A	1	1
1ST FIRE TEAM SecPlat.	5	5
RADIO OPERATOR	1	1
OPERATION CHIEF	1	1
INTELLIGENCE CHIEF	1	1
COMM CHIEF	1	1
S-3 CLERK	1	1
AN/PRC-38	15	1
DRIVER/OPERATORS	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	44	14
<u>301-2</u>		
M-422 ( )	12	
M-100 ( )	7	
DRIVER	1	1
WIREMAN	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	24	5
<u>302-1</u>		
M-422	12	
M-100	7	
AN/MRC-83	15	
AN/MRC-87	15	
HQ CMDT.ASST	1	1
ALO	1	1
COMM OFF A	1	1
RADIO OPERATORS	2	2
RADIO CHIEF	1	1
2ND FT SecPlat	5	5
DRIVER/OPERATORS	2	2
DRIVERS	2	2
S-1 CLERKS	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	66	17
<u>302-2</u>		
M-422 (COMM)	12	
M-100	7	1
DRIVER	1	1
DET COMM PLT	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	26	8

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303-1BOAT SPACESPERSONNEL

AN/MRC-38  
 DRIVER/OPB  
 PltSgt. SecPlt  
 1ST Machine Gnr  
 Sect Asst Gnr  
 Ammo Carrier  
 HQCO. PROP NCO

15  
 1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
21

1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
 1  
6

303-2

AN/MCR-87  
 DRIVER/OPB  
 2ND M.G. Sect SecPlt  
 RADIO/OPB  
 RADIO REPAIRMAN

15  
 1  
 3  
 1  
 1  
21

1  
 3  
 1  
1  
6

303-3

AN/MRC-83  
 NGF O  
 DRIVER/OPB  
 NGF LN TM  
 1ST RKT TM SecPlt

15  
 1  
 1  
 5  
 2  
24

1  
 1  
 5  
 2  
9

303-4

AN/MRC-37 (ARTY)  
 DRIVER/OPB  
 ARTY LNO  
 ARTY LN TM

15  
 1  
 1  
 2  
19

1  
 1  
 2  
4

303-5

M-422 ARTY  
 M-100 ARTY  
 DRIVER ARTY  
 3D M.G. SecSecPlt

12  
 7  
 1  
 3  
23

1  
3  
4

303-6

AN/MRC-38 AMTRAC  
 DRIVER/OPB  
 AMTRAC LNO  
 ENGR LN TM

15  
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BOAT SPACESPERSONNEL303-7

M-422 (S-2)  
M-100  
DRIVER  
4 M.G. Sec SecPlt  
HDQ CO 1STSGT  
POSTAL CLERK  
HDQ CO CLERKS

12

7

1

3

1

1

4

29

1

3

1

1

4

10

303-8

M-422 (S-3)  
M-100  
DRIVER  
S-3 (NBC)  
S-3 (DRAFT)  
REGT SURG  
CORPSMEN

12

7

1

11

1

1

2

25

1

1

1

1

2

6

304-1

M-422 (S-4)  
M-100  
DRIVER  
S-4  
S-4 CLERK  
CHAPLAIN  
CHAPLAIN ASST

12

7

1

1

3

1

1

26

1

1

3

1

1

7

304-2

M-422 (S-4)  
LUBER  
DRIVER  
ADMIN CHIEF  
CLERK  
SUPO  
SUP CLERK  
ARMORER

12

7

1

1

3

1

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304-3

M-422 (M.T.)  
M-100

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304-3BOAT SPACESPERSONNELDRIVER/MECH/MT CHIEF  
MTO7  
1  
277  
1  
8304-4M-37  
M-101  
DRIVER  
COMM  
MESS SECT30  
20  
1  
14  
3  
681  
14  
3  
18305-1S-3A  
S-4A  
CLERK  
RADIO OPR1  
1  
1  
3  
61  
1  
1  
3  
6306-1

ARTY

70

70

Transfer  
from Gly-  
mer to  
Colonial  
1 day prior  
to off load  
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ARTY

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Annex B (Personnel) to RLT-9 Administrative Plan 321-65

- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L701 Sheets 6560 III  
 (b) 3dMarDiv OpO 321-65  
 (c) 3dMarDiv (Rein), FMF OP ORDER 201-65  
 (d) Marine Corps Staff Manual

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### 1. STRENGTHS

a. Unit strength will be as directed by ref (c) Tab A (TROOP LIST. RLT) to appendix 4 to Annex A.

b. Initial shortages will be submitted to RLT-9 Headquarters upon activation of this plan. Report in following format:

<u>MARINE CORPS</u>	<u>NAVY</u>
(1) (OFF) on hand/authorized	(OFF) on hand/authorized
(2) (ENL) on hand/authorized	(ENL) on hand/authorized
(3) Location of unit	
(4) Remarks	

c. Upon activation of this plan a daily strength report, using above format will be submitted as of 1000. Negative reports are required for no change reports.

d. Critical shortages (critical MOS actually needed to sustain continued operations) will be reported as required to RLT-9 Headquarters.

e. Reports. See Annex D (REPORTS) to this plan.

### 2. REPLACEMENTS

a. Requests for replacements will be submitted to RLT-9 Headquarters as needed.

b. Rotation policies and procedures will be promulgated separately.

c. Unit replacements will be as directed by higher authority.

### 3. DISCIPLINE LAW AND ORDER

a. Military Justice - Manual for Courts-Martial, 1951; JAGINST P5800.7; Navy Regulations, 1948; DivO P5800.9.

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b. Convicted prisoners to be confined for more than 30 days will be transported via logistics flights to Camp Butler Brig, Camp McTureous, Okinawa. Units provide own chasers to MAF evacuation points.

c. Courts-Martial, NJP review is from Battalion to CG, 3d Mar Div.

d. Apprehension by foreign authorities. Personnel involved in violations of local law or customs will not be released to civilian (RVN) authorities without approval of higher authority. In such cases, personnel so involved may be subject to prosecution for violation of Article 134 UCMJ.

e. Persons apprehended by civilian (RVN) authorities.

(1) Submit following report when notified of the apprehension of military personnel;

- (a) Name, rank, ser no, org
- (b) Name, org of apprehending officials
- (c) Alleged offense
- (d) Location of apprehended

f. Responsibility to local nationals/property - Unit Commanders will thoroughly indoctrinate all personnel concerning the rights, customs, religions and traditions of the Republic of Viet Nam. See Annex H (TROOP INSTRUCTIONS) TO OPPLAN 321-65.

g. Military police. Unit assigned to RLT-9 is responsible for conducting the following activities:

- (1) Conduct criminal investigations.
- (2) Apprehension of deserters, escapees, absentees and stragglers.
- (3) Establish and maintain an RLT-9 Straggler Control Point. See Annex D for Report required.
- (4) Establish and maintain an RLT-9 POW collection compound.
- (5) Enforce and control traffic in RLT zone of action.
- (6) Assist in Civil affairs action as directed by RLT-9, including displaced persons evacuation control.
- (7) Patrol of areas frequented by service personnel when directed by RLT-9, within RLT-9 area of responsibility.

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(8) Maintain liaison with civilian authorities or other military services in RLT-9 area of responsibility.

4. POW'S EVACUEES AND REPATRIATES

- a. RLT-9 will establish a POW collection point.
- b. POW'S will be handled in accordance with FM 19-40, FM 27-10 and DivO P3800.1.
- c. Evacuees and Repatriates will be processed through POW collection points. However, they will be separated from POW'S at all time.
- d. A civilian collection point will be designated in RLT-9 area of responsibility from which they will be evacuated to an MAF collection point as rapidly as possible.

e. Line crossers will be held separately from POW'S and their presence immediately reported to MAF. They will be processed as POW'S but separately from POW'S.

5. GRAVES REGISTRATION

- a. Unit Commanders are responsible for the collection, identification and evacuation of their dead to collection points to be designated.
- b. Field burials are not authorized. Evacuation of the dead will be as directed by the Medical Annex to Admin Plan 321-65.
- c. Division order P5000.36 and MARCORPERSMAN prescribe graves registration procedures.

6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

- a. Leave and Liberty
  - (1) Emergency leave only will be authorized.
  - (2) Liberty to be authorized when tactical situation warrants and when so directed by higher authority.
- b. Rest and recuperation. Instructions to be promulgated.
- c. Disbursing
  - (1) Teams furnished BET's.

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(2) When directed an RLT-9 disbursing section will be formed ashore from the BLT disbursing teams.

(3) Giving local nationals and/or using U. S. dollars for local purchases is forbidden. U. S. currency use is restricted to officially authorized facilities such as military finance or disbursing officers, the American Embassy, branches of National Offices of Exchanges and Air Viet Nam ticket Office.

(4) Maximum acquisition of U. S. currency is limited to \$100.00 per month per man.

d. Postal instructions, including addresses etc, will be issued upon establishment of an RLT-9 post office. Use present 3d Mar Div mailing address until directed otherwise.

e. Exchange services to be announced.

f. Special Services

(1) Unit Commanders develop special services programs as tactical situation permits.

g. Decorations and Awards

(1) See Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual

(2) Awards for foreign personnel will be as directed by higher authority.

(3) Awards from foreign governments will be accepted only upon approval of higher authority.

h. Religious Services to be scheduled and conducted as the tactical situation permits.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS. See appendix 1.

8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES

a. Personnel procedures and administration will be conducted as prescribed by MARCORPERSMAN and DivO 5000.3D.

b. Personnel requiring assistance for preparing wills, power of attorney, etc. will be referred to the MAF legal section via RLT-9 Headquarters.

c. Personnel to be evacuated from MAF area will be transferred by SR to the 3dMarDiv.

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d. Casualty reporting. See appendix 2.

(1) Casualty cards will be forwarded to RLT-9 Headquarters as completed.

(2) Casualty report will be submitted to RLT-9 Headquarters as of 2000 daily by 2200. Negative reports are required.

9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Interior management including CP location and internal arrangement will be as prescribed in reference (d).

(b) Maximum use of local uninhabited buildings, both private and governmental, for office space, billeting, storage etc. and the availability of such shelter should be considered in selecting and setting up the unit CP. Unless directed by higher authority, no local inhabitant will be displaced from their homes etc. for the mere purpose of gaining shelter.

c. Location of tentage will take into consideration natural cover/concealment and defendability in establishing the internal arrangement of the CP.

10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. Requests for civilian employees will be submitted to MACV via RLT-9 Headquarters.

11. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES. No informational services will be authorized until directed by higher authority. When authorized the following provisions will be enforced.

(1) Casualty cards will be forwarded to RLT-9 Headquarters as completed. All ISR will be forwarded to MACV (Military Advisory Commission Viet Nam) CIB (Command Informational Bureau) via RLT-9 Headquarters for review and release. report will be submitted to RLT-9 Headquarters as of 2000 daily by 2200. Negative reports are required.

b. Correspondents/photographers must have a valid MACV, CIB correspondent accreditation in order to visit RLT-9 area.

c. When directed by higher authority field press censorship will be enforced. be as prescribed in reference (d).

(d) Unit Commanders will: uninhabited buildings, both private and governmental, for office space, billeting, storage etc. and the availability of such shelter should be considered in selecting and setting up the unit CP. Unless directed by higher authority, no local inhabitant will be displaced from their homes etc. for the mere purpose of gaining shelter. (2) Instruct troops of the importance for U. S. assistance to RVN.

e. Location of tentage will take into consideration natural cover/concealment and defendability in establishing the internal arrangement of the CP.

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10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. Requests for civilian employees: **CONFIDENTIAL**  
to MACV via RLT-9 Headquarters.

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(3) Utilize Fleet Hometown News Center for noteworthy individual and unit achievements.

(4) Vigorously support authorized correspondence in area of responsibility.

(5) Exercise field press censorship in area of responsibility when directed.

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Appendix 1. Civil Affairs  
2. Casualty-Reporting

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Ref: (a) CG, 3dMarDiv(Rear) msg 181519Z June 1965

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 321-65.
- b. Friendly forces. See Operation Plan 321-65.
- c. Attachments and detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 321-65.

2. MISSION. The RLT-9 civil affairs mission supports tactical operations by minimizing civilian interference therewith, fulfills obligations imposed by international law, furthers our national policies.

3. GENERAL

- a. The primary responsibility for the exercise of CA (Civil Affairs) control and authority over the local population, facilities and resources lies with the government of RVN.
- b. Because of the nature of communist operations, there will be a strong insurgency threat to the local government and RLT-9. The authority exercised, responsibilities assumed, and action taken by the military commanders with respect to the lands, properties and inhabitants of the operational area will affect military operations to a large degree.
- c. Civil affairs operations will be conducted in such a manner as to complement military operations by gaining support of the people and contributing to the isolation and defeat of the guerrilla of insurgent forces.
- d. Except to the limited degree set forth below regarding civil action, military sources will not be diverted to civilian use except where failure to do so would endanger the security of friendly forces or seriously interfere with attaining military objectives.

4. EXECUTION

- a. Property. Welfare facilities, school buildings, hospitals,

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churches, temples, monuments and cemeteries will not be occupied, damaged or destroyed except in case of acute tactical necessity.

b. Claims. All cases of injury, death or damage to persons or their property arising from RLT-9 operations other than those arising immediately from combat operations will be reported to this headquarters (S-1) as soon as practical and by the quickest means. Such reports will cover identification of the unit or personnel involved, location and date and time of the incident, the general nature of the incident, and identification of any injured or deceased person or property owner, if known.

c. Civic action. All units will participate, to the extent practicable and in consonance with the tactical situation, in projects useful to the local civil populace, and improvement of water resources, sanitation and roads. Any such activities undertaken upon public property or facilities will first be coordinated through the RLT-9 Civil Affairs Officer.

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Appendix 2 (Casualty Reporting) to Annex B (Personnel) to RLT-9 Admin  
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Ref: (a) MCO 3040.1A  
 (b) MCO P5000.3 (MARCORPERSMAN)

### 1. General

a. Unit commanders will use ref (a) and (b) as a guide for reporting casualty information.

b. Combat casualty reporting as used in ref (a) means the reporting of changes in the status of personnel who are lost because of death, capture, wounded, missing, ill or injured. "Wounded In Action Not Evacuated" will be reported for administrative purposes.

### 2. Casualty and Burial Cards

a. Casualty Card, USMC NAVMC 10453-PD (Rev 12-60) will be the standard form used as the primary casualty reporting document.

b. Burial Card, USMC, NAVMC 10454-PD (Rev-12-60) will be used by Graves Registration Teams.

### 3. Preparation of Casualty Cards

a. First level of medical services that service the casualty will prepare casualty cards for the below occurrences:

- (1) Initial admission for treatment.
- (2) When treated and returned to duty.
- (3) When treated and evacuated.
- (4) When returned to duty after treatment or hospitalization.
- (5) When evacuated.
- (6) When death occurs after admission.
- (7) KIA's.

b. Lowest administrative echelon will submit casualty cards for below occurrences:

- (1) Missing or missing in action personnel.
- (2) Captured
- (3) KIA's bodies not found.

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- (4) Wounds not resulting in loss to unit and evacuation.
- (5) Burials in temporary or isolated graves.
- (6) Ill or injured non-battle status.
- (7) Change of status of casualty i.e. WIA to KIA.

#### 4. Processing of Casualty Cards

a. Packaged and forwarded as completed to RLT-9 Headquarters.

b. Negative reports are required subsequent to 2000 daily.

#### 5. Casualty and Burial Bulletins. To be promulgated by MAF, CRCC.

Discrepancies to Bulletins shall be reported ASAP to RLT-9 Headquarters.

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Appendix 5 (Personnel Reports) to Annex D (Reports) to RLT-9 Administrative Plan 321-65.

1. Personnel Reports

a. Daily Strength Report submitted daily as of 1000 by 1100 to RLT-9 Headquarters.

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- (1) Officer On Hand/Auth On Hand/Auth
- (2) Enlisted On Hand/Auth On Hand/Auth
- (3) Location of Unit
- (4) Remarks (Any pertinent information concerning strength, critical MOS shortages, etc)

b. Personnel Daily Summaries. Submitted daily as of 1800 by 2100. Lists daily losses, gains, POWs captured. Report lines by number and Columns by letter. Line numbers will be assigned by MAF.

STRENGTH : LOSSES SINCE LAST REPORT : GAINS : POW																									
UNIT: A	: A	: K	: W	: M	: C	: N	: A	: R	: R	: T	: C	: E	: O	:											
: C	: U	: I	: O	: I	: A	: O	: D	: E	: E	: O	: A	: V	: N	:											
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c. Military personnel apprehended and detained by civilian authorities. Report on occurrence.

(1) Name, Rank, Service Number, Organization.

(2) Name and Organization of apprehending officials.

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(3) Alleged offense.

(4) Location of or area transferred to for confinement of apprehended party.

d. Combat Casualty Reports.

(1) Casualty Report. Submitted to RLT-9 Headquarters as of 2000 daily by 2200. Negative Reports required. Use following format:

MARINENAVY

	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
UNIT	(KIA)	(WIAE)	(WIA NOTE)	TOTAL	(KIA)	(WIAE)	(WIA NOTE)	TOTAL

(2) Casualty Cards submitted in accordance with Annex B, Appendix 2.

e. Periodic Personnel Reports. Submitted weekly on call. See TAB Af. Periodic Civil Affairs Report. Submit report weekly when required as of 0800 Sunday by 1600 Sunday. See TAB Bg. Spot reports on civil disturbance. Submit on occurrence include location number of persons involved, means of quelling, cause, names and status of leaders.h. Serious accidents Involving Civilian Population or Property. Submit on occurrence, include location persons involved, action taken, recommendations to prevent further such accidents.i. Straggler Reports. Submitted weekly to RLT-9 Headquarters as of 1200 Saturday by 1600 Saturday.

(1) Ser No. rank name and nationality.

(2) Unit.

(3) Whether armed or not.

(4) Where and when found.

(5) Place to which going.

(6) Place from which coming.

(7) Why left unit and when lost with unit.

(8) Disposition.

(9) Any addition information.

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TAB A Periodic Personnel Report  
TAB B Periodic civil affairs Report

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Periodic Civil Affairs Report \_\_\_\_\_.

Period Covered ( \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ )

Ref: Maps \_\_\_\_\_

1. Civil Affairs Situation at End of Period
2. Civil Action Provided.
  - a. Public Safety
  - b. Evacuation
  - c. Medical Assistance
  - d. Food, supplies, medicines dispensed
  - e. Miscellaneous action
3. Description of unit civil affairs program.
4. Recommendations.

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(b) FMFM 4-5 (MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT)

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## 1. ORGANIZATION

### a. Medical Troops

- (1) Organic and attached medical platoons and sections
- (2) Collecting Platoon, C&C Company, 3rd Medical Battalion

b. Attachment of Medical Troops. Detachment, collecting Platoon, C&C Company, 3d Medical Battalion, attached to BLT 2-9.

### c. Supporting Medical Facilities and Units

- (1) Ships. CTG 76.6
- (2) Ashore
  - (a) Da Nang 3d MAF Hospital
  - (b) Hue Phu Bai "A" Co (-) 3d Med Bn
- (3) Rear areas:
  - (a) US Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan;
  - (b) US Army Hospital, Camp Kue, Okinawa;
  - (c) MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan;
  - (d) Clark AFB Hospital, Euza, P.I.;
  - (e) Each is prepared to accept casualties.

## 2. MEDICAL MISSION

### a. RLT Nine

- (1) A Medical evacuation station will be established in the Beach Support Area by "D" Co (-) 3d Med Bn.
- (2) Supervise and coordinate normal medical support to BLT 2-9.

b. Organic and attached Medical Platoon and Sections. Provide normal combat medical support.

### c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Be prepared to augment medical facilities of ships on which embarked.
- (2) All units with qualified personnel test water sources in area.
- (3) Report immediately the presence of disease in epidemic proportions.

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### 3. SANITATION AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

a. Troop Commanders of all echelons require maximum sanitary discipline possible under combat conditions.

b. Untreated water is not to be considered potable.

(1) Water will be procured from approved sources only.

(2) When approved water is unavailable water purification tablets will be used. If this is not possible, water will be purified by boiling prior to consumption.

c. Only approved food will be consumed.

d. All troops will receive required immunizations prior to debarkation.

e. Malaria preventive measures will be instituted and include: Ingestion of one (1) chloroquine-primaquin tablet per week by each man; use of mosquito repellents and mosquito netting; wearing enough clothing to cover exposed areas of body if not protected otherwise.

f. Personnel will be thoroughly instructed in personal hygiene, sanitation, first aid, and prevention of heat prostration.

g. See appendix 1 for detailed information concerning diseases and health hazards in South Vietnam.

### 4. EVACUATION

#### a. Movement

(1) The health of all embarked personnel is the responsibility of the ship's medical officer.

(2) Embarked troop medical personnel will render all practicable assistance to ship's medical personnel as regards to medical service for embarked personnel, utilizing ship's supplies and equipment.

#### b. Assault-Landing Phase

(1) Until medical facilities are established ashore, casualties occurring during the landing of troops will be returned to designated casualty receiving ships.

(2) A Shore Party unit will be established at Hue. It will be provided with a medical unit to be designated which will receive and evacuate casualties forward to "A" Co (-) 3d Med Bn. at Phu Bai. Facilities for Da Nang will be coordinated by 3d MAF.

(3) Helicopter evacuation between Hue and Phu Bai and the designated casualty receiving ship and Phu Bai will be provided. Requests for helo-evacuation will be made through CO "A" (-) Med Co, 3d Med Bn via RLT-9 at Phu Bai. Ground transportation by ambulance between Hue and Phu Bai will also be provided. Evacuation at Da Nang will be as directed by 3d MAF.

(4) Casualties which occur on the river may be directed either seaward or toward Hue. The direction of evacuation will be toward the evacuation station which can be reached in the shortest time without materially impeding the advance of the landing party.

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(5) Proper Security must be provided for ambulances moving in unsafe areas.

c. Air Evacuation: Refer to paragraph 4.b.(3).

d. Casualty Overload

(1) Designated unit will be prepared to furnish one medical officer and 10 corpsmen with medical equipment and supplies to include 10 stretchers to reinforce the evacuation station if casualty overload occurs.

(2) In no case will evacuation of casualties in a situation of serious casualty overload be delayed for lack of complete medical records or other administrative requirements.

e. Precedent of Evacuation

(1) First Priority evacuation. Casualties for whom expedient treatment will save life or limb.

(2) Second Priority Evacuation. Casualties who, after emergency care, incur little increased risk by delay in further treatment.

(3) Third Priority Evacuation. Casualties so critically injured that only complicated and prolonged treatment offers any hope for survival.

f. Priority of Treatment

- (1) US Military Personnel
- (2) US Civilian
- (3) Other SEATO Military Personnel
- (4) POW's
- (5) Others

g. Evacuation Policy: As prescribed by 3d MAF.

## 5. HOSPITALIZATION

a. Ship Medical Facilities

(1) Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. USS George EASTMAN  
APA-27.

(2) Secondary Casualty Receiving Ship. USS PICKMAN  
APA 222.

(3) Casualty Evacuation Control Ship. USS CARTER HALL  
LSD-3.

b. 3d MAF Hospitalization Facilities

- (1) Co "A" (-) 3d Med Bn. Phu Bai
- (2) 3d MAF Hosp Da Nang.

c. Other Facilities. See 1.c.

d. US civilians will be screened for communicable diseases, given necessary immunizations, and when necessary, evacuated via Military channels as expeditiously as possible.

e. Republic of Viet Nam civilians will be referred to RVN medical facilities when possible. Lifesaving care, however, may be provided RVN civilians, but they will then be transferred to RVN facilities as soon as possible.

f. POW's will be screened for communicable diseases and given necessary immunizations. Maximum use will be made of captured medical personnel, supplies, and equipment in the treatment of

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POW's. POW's will be hospitalized as directed by the Landing Force Commander until evacuated.

#### 6. MECIAL SUPPLY

- a. RLT Nine
  - (1) See Reference (a). Emergency supplies will be air delivered as required.
  - (2) All units will have authorized allowances.
- b. Enemy. Whenever feasible, maximum use of captured medical supplies will be made in the treatment and care of POW's.
- c. Whole Blood.
  - (1) The USS GEORGE CLYMER will establish a small blood bank.
  - (2) Co "A" (-) 3d Med Bn at Phu Bai.
  - (3) 3d MAF Hosp at Da Nang.
- d. Resupply. See reference (a).

#### 7. MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

- a. Location of Regimental Surgeon and RLT Nine Medical Admin Facility.
  - (1) Afloat - USS GEORGE CLYMER.
  - (2) Ashore - To be announced.
- b. Evacuation and Casualty Reports. See Annex D (Reports).

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#### Appendix:

- 1 - Diseases and Health Hazards in Republic of Vietnam.

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1. GENERAL

a. During an extended operation in the country of South Vietnam, it is likely that troops operating in the area will become exposed to many potential health hazards and diseases. A comprehensive listing of diseases and hazardous health conditions in the country has been compiled herein whereby personnel will have knowledge of the hazards to health present. Preventive measures must be taken to insure a minimum of incapacitating diseases among 9th MAF Forces.

2. DISEASES OF SPECIAL MILITARY IMPORTANCE

a. Malaria. Malaria is the principal cause of sickness and death in South Vietnam. It is estimated that every native living in the malarial zones has been infected one or more times by the time he has reached 25 years of age. Unless adequately protected, a stranger to these areas would quickly succumb to the disease. The foothills and highlands are intensely malarious, while the Mekong Delta and the coastal belt are comparatively malaria free with the exception of occasional local outbreaks. The three principal types of malaria infection occur in all parts of South Vietnam. Plasmodium falciparum infection predominates in July, August and September when the rainfall is the greatest. P. vivax infection predominates in November, December and January when the rainfall is less. These two types account for about 85% of all cases of malaria and for an even higher percentage of malaria deaths. P. malarias is present throughout the year and accounts for the remaining 15% of cases. Extensive malaria control programs have been instituted in recent years that will probably significantly decrease the severity of the problem, but malaria will always remain endemic.

b. Gastro-Intestinal Infections. These diseases are the second major infectious disease problem of South Vietnam. The major factors responsible for this condition are: insanitary water, primitive sewage disposal methods, insanitary handling of foods, and unhygienic personal habits. The abundance of flies, especially from March through November, contributes to the spread of the enteric infections.

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(1) Amebic and Bacillary Dysenteries. Both diseases are very prevalent. Bacillary dysentery (usually due to the Flexner and Shigella groups of bacteria) is the more serious and widespread, and is known to occur in epidemics in many villages in the rainy season.

(2) Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers. Both diseases are widespread among the people. Human carriers probably play an important part in the transmission of these diseases.

(3) Flagellate Diarrhea. Diarrhea caused by giardia lamblia, chilomastix mesnili, Trichomonas hominis, and other flagellates occurs frequently in South Vietnam.

(4) Cholera. Cholera is endemic in South Vietnam and breaks out repeatedly in large epidemics. The disease occurs usually in the southern regions of the country. The threat of cholera is always imminent because of the difficulty of controlling the coastal traffic of a vast fleet of junks and boats on the intricate network of waterways in the Mekong River Delta.

c. Venereal Disease. All known types of venereal disease exist, but gonorrhea is the most prevalent. These diseases are especially frequent in the ports and principal cities where prostitution flourishes. An adequate public health program to combat venereal disease does not exist in South Vietnam.

d. Injuries caused by the heat. Heatstroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and prickly heat are common among the inhabitants of South Vietnam and can be expected to be very troublesome to unacclimated persons who do not take adequate precautions.

### 3. DISEASES OF POTENTIAL MILITARY IMPORTANCE

a. Plague. Plague is endemic in South Vietnam, where the rats and fleas necessary for the spread of the disease are common. Although there have been no recent epidemics, the possibility of such exists, since cases are reported annually in the Mekong River Delta.

b. Typhus Fever. Epidemic or louse-borne typhus (transmitted from man to man by the body louse Pediculus corporis) is endemic in South Vietnam. The crowded living conditions and migration of natives during a war in the area could easily produce an epidemic. Murine or rat flea-borne typhus occurs sporadically throughout the year, especially in Cochinchina and Annam. Scrub or mite-borne typhus (also called tsutsugamushi disease), is endemic and cases occur throughout the year.

c. Dengue Fever. Dengue fever is endemic in South Vietnam, this disease reoccurs at intervals of years in pandemic waves. An

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epidemic may last one season or several years. The Aedes mosquito spreads dengue fever. This disease is important because, although it is seldom fatal, it can be disabling to large numbers of people for short periods of time.

d. Pappataci Fever. (Sandfly fever) Although this virus disease has been reported in South Vietnam, the vector (the Sandfly) is present and the disease has been reported from neighboring countries. The disease is important because large numbers of non-immune troops may acquire the disease at the same time, and the periods of convalescence is prolonged.

e. Skin Diseases

(1) Scabies (itch). This moderately contagious and irritating skin infection is found throughout the country.

(2) Ringworm. Infections due to Trichophyton and Epidermophyton, the principal causative agents of athlete's foot and other forms of ringworm, are found commonly in South Vietnam.

(3) Secondarily infected insect bites and chronic ulcers are common among the poorer segment of the population.

4. DISEASES LIKELY TO AFFECT SMALL NUMBERS OF TROOPS

a. Viral Infections. Infectious hepatitis is common in South Vietnam. This disease is spread in the same manner as gastro-intestinal diseases. The illness incapacitates persons for long periods of time. Poliomyelitis occurs sporadically throughout the year in South Vietnam. A number of cases of viral encephalitis (mainly the Japanese "B" type) have been reported, but this disease has never been in epidemic proportions.

b. Filariasis. Although this disease has never been a problem in South Vietnam, it is a potential threat, as foci of filariasis occur around Dong Hoi, just above the 17th parallel in North Vietnam. Filariasis is a non-fatal but disabling disease.

c. Leishmaniasis. Visceral leishmaniasis (Kala azar) occurs throughout South Vietnam, but the incidence rate is unknown. The disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected sandfly. Pigs, dogs and cats serve as reservoirs of infection. Epidemics of Kala azar have occurred in other parts of the world, but have not been reported in South Vietnam. Cutaneous Leishmaniasis (oriental sore) also occurs in South Vietnam. This form of the disease is transmitted by direct person-to-person contact as well as by insect vectors.

d. Leptospirosis. Several forms of this jaundice disease are

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found in South Vietnam, principally in rural and primitive areas. The causative spirochetes are disseminated in food and water contaminated by the urine of infected rats. Man contracts the disease by eating or drinking infected water or food, or by swimming, wading or washing in water contaminated by infectious rat urine.

e. Relapsing Fever. Louse-borne relapsing fever, caused by spirochetes of the genus borrelia, occurs in South Vietnam, but its incidence rate is unknown. Outbreaks of this disease, like epidemic typhus, can be associated with the mass movement of troops and refugees.

f. Respiratory Diseases. Influenza periodically occurs throughout South Vietnam, in a mild epidemic form. A small number of troops may be expected to suffer from pneumonia and the commoner forms of acute respiratory diseases.

g. Rat-bite Fever. As there are large numbers of rats in the country, this disease probably occurs, and would affect small numbers of personnel bitten by rodents.

h. Rabies. This disease occurs frequently in dogs throughout the country. The vaccination of dogs is neglected, and the disease has resulted in a large number of human deaths. A religious taboo exists which prohibits the destruction of dogs and which is a handicap to rabies control.

##### 5. DISEASES CAUSING HIGH MORTALITY OR MORBIDITY RATES IN THE NATIVE POPULATION

a. Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is a very important disease in South Vietnam. In some areas as much as 22% of the population is infected. The disease is widespread among all age and occupational groups. Control of the disease is hampered by a lack of treatment and isolation facilities and the general poor health of the people. The danger that this disease might present to troops in the area would depend on the amount of close contact they had with the natives since the disease is spread by person-to-person contact. Intestinal Tuberculosis is transmitted by drinking milk from infected cows.

b. Intestinal Parasites. Intestinal parasites are very common among the people of South Vietnam. Hookworm disease affects the entire country, and it is estimated that 800,000 children in South Vietnam are infected with this parasite. Common parasites include hookworm (both Nector Americanus and Ancylostoma Duodenale), roundworm, Strangyloides, stercorales, whipworm, tapeworm (Dipylidium Caninum, Taenia Solium, and Tania Saginata) and the flagellates (Giardia Mambliia, Chilomastix Mesnili and Trichomonas Hominis). The military significance of these intestinal parasites is the same as for the dysenteric infections. Effective sanitary control measures which are rigidly enforced will minimize troop morbidity.

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c. Leprosy. The disease is endemic in South Vietnam and is a major health problem in some areas. The 100,000 lepers in the country are now receiving medical treatment, but the great majority of lepers are not isolated. This disease should not be of great military significance, because prolonged and intimate association with an infected person is thought to be necessary for contagion.

d. Trachoma. A significant percentage of the population suffer from this eye disease, spread through poor personal hygiene and flies.

e. Yaws. This disease is endemic in South Vietnam, but it is not a serious health problem. Poor personal hygiene and flies spread the disease. The disease is crippling but it is seldom fatal.

f. Dietary Deficiency Diseases. The vitamin deficiency diseases are a very important public health problem. Beriberi, due to lack of vitamin B (caused by eating polished rice rather than unmilled grain), and hypo-proteinosis (diet deficient in protein or meat) are disabling and decrease the resistance of effected individuals to infectious diseases. Other vitamin deficiency diseases also occur. Goiter is prevalent in the iodine poor mountainous areas, but it is not likely to be a military problem.

g. Smallpox. Despite a widespread vaccination program, endemic areas of smallpox are found throughout South Vietnam. Past epidemics of the diseases have been very virulent and carried a death rate as high as 92%. Epidemic outbreaks of smallpox are a possibility, especially if war forces the migration of unvaccinated refugees from neighboring lands.

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS DISEASES.

a. Addiction to Narcotics. Opium is produced in Laos and it is smuggled into South Vietnam. Opium is consumed primarily in the Saigon Oho Lon metropolitan area.

### b. Trematode (Fluke) Infections.

(1) Schistosomiasis. Infestation with the Asiatic Blood Fluke (*S. Japonium*) is endemic in South Vietnam, but infrequent in occurrence. The disease is produced by the entrance of the causative parasite into the body by drinking contaminated water, or by swimming or wading in polluted waters. The transmitting hosts are small fresh water snails.

(2) Liver Fluke. Infestation with the Asian Liver Fluke (*Clonorchis Sinensis*) is caused by the ingestion of raw or partly cooked fish which contains cysts of the parasites. It is endemic but infrequent in occurrence in South Vietnam.

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(3) Fasciolopsiasis. Intestinal infestation with fasciolopsiasis occurs in Cochinchina. It is contracted by eating infected raw water plants such as water chestnuts.

c. Childhood Diseases. Measles, mumps, whooping cough and chicken-pox occur throughout the country, occasionally in epidemic form. Scarlet fever and diphtheria are also known to occur.

d. Tetanus. (Lockjaw) The disease is present in South Vietnam. The widespread use of night soil as fertilizer makes tetanus a serious potential threat that can complicate any wound, battle or non-battle.

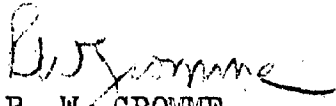
e. Animal Diseases Transmittable to Man. Important animal diseases transmittable to man in South Vietnam are rabies, leptospirosis, ratbite fever, tularemia, bovine tuberculosis, trichinosis, brucellosis and anthrax. Melioidosis, a gladders-like disease of rodents, is also transmittable to man. Unsanitary living conditions facilitate the spread of this disease. Man is infected by contact with diseased animals or the ingestion of contaminated food or water. Melioidosis is reported to have occurred among French troops in 1952 and 1954.

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(b) 3dMarDiv Operation Order 321-65  
(c) RLT-9 Admin Plan 321-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. General.

- (1) This plan provides for the deployment of RLT-9 to DANANG, Republic of Viet Nam. It provides for the administrative landing over Beach Red Two, the occupation of assembly areas, and initial disposition of forces in the DANANG Area.

b. Weather, Terrain and Enemy Forces.

- (1) The DANANG Area in July is relatively dry, hot and clear. Temperatures will range from 80 degrees to 100 degrees. The rain will be only three inches falling on about eight days in July. The terrain in the right portion of the regimental zone of action is generally rolling, uninhabited and open with excellent observation. On the left flank, east of Route #1, the terrain is flat, marshy (with light woods), and heavy population along the roads. Viet Cong operations in the landing and initial deployment areas are minimal. Thus there should be no serious opposition to the landing and deployment north of the CAU DO River. Small groups of Viet Cong operate extensively south of the river and the area can be considered hostile. At all times when outside the Marine Compounds anti-personnel activities can be expected (sniping, contaminated soft-drinks, etc.). INTSUMS will be issued periodically.

- (2) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 201-65.

c. Friendly.

- (1) Third Marine Division defends airfields and ancillary facilities at CHU LAI, DANANG, and PHU BAI; occupies critical terrain, conducts combat patrols in assigned TAORs; when directed, executes offensive operations in order to render combat support to RVNAF.

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- (2) Third Marine Regiment defends DANANG Airfield from (BT013768) west around perimeter to (BT017754), PHU BAI Airfield and the 8th RVN Facilities. Other assigned missions are in conformance with 3d Marine Division mission.
- (3) FMAW provides helicopters, observation aircraft, and close air support as required. 1-MACA and 4-FAB will be on station initially as air cover for landing.
- (4) VNAF conducts CAS missions for I Corps, RVNAF, and strikes against DRV and VC.
- (5) VNN maintains counter-infiltration screen along RVN coast.
- (6) USS Seventh Fleet conducts naval and air operations against DRV and VC, maintains readiness to provide NGF and air support to 3d Marine Division on request.

d. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

- (1) Co D 3d Med Battalion detached from RLT-9 on landing. Report to CO 3d Med Battalion.
- (2) Coll Sec Co D 3d Med Battalion detached from ELT 2/9 on landing. Report to CO Co D 3d Med Battalion.

2. MISSION. Commencing D-Day, RLT-9 lands over Beach Red Two/Tien SHA peninsula, occupies assembly area vicinity 935715. On order occupies assigned sector of FEBA, conducts reconnaissance, operations, security missions and offensive/defensive operations within assigned sector as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

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

b. BLT 2/9

- (1) Commencing H-Hour, D-Day, land in accordance with Annex I (Landing Plan). Conduct motor march to assembly area vicinity 998723 (Bn CP) and 9871 (leading companies).
- (2) On arrival assembly area, maintain one company as reaction force prepared for operation as directed. Non-committed companies occupy company areas as assigned by BLT 2/9.
- (3) Provide one platoon to SP for beach security, Beach Red Two.
- (4) On order occupy and defend assigned portion of FEBA. See Appendix I to Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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- (5) Provide ships platoon USS Renville.
- c. 2d Bn (-) 12th Marines
  - (1) Land in accordance with Annex I (Landing Plan).
  - (2) Occupy position areas in accordance with Appendix 1 to Annex C (Operation Overlay).
  - (3) Direct Support RLT-9.
- d. Co B (-) 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion
  - (1) Land in accordance with Annex I (Landing Plan).
  - (2) Occupy assembly area north side Beach Red Two.
  - (3) On order, occupy assembly area vicinity 998723.
  - (4) Direct Support RLT-9.
- e. Co B (-) (Rein) 3d Tank Battalion  
Co C (-) (Rein) 2d Anti-Tank Battalion
  - (1) Land in accordance with Annex I (Landing Plan).
  - (2) Occupy assembly area in accordance with Appendix 1 to Annex C (Operation Overlay).
  - (3) Direct Support RLT-9.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Reports
    - (a) Spot reports ASAP on actions where U.S. personnel are wounded or killed.
    - (b) Flash reports on contacts with enemy forces of platoon size or larger, incoming artillery or mortar fire, and/or air or armored attack.
    - (c) Submit patrol plans and operation plans for offensive operations to CO, RLT-9 for approval not later than 72 hours prior to time of execution.
    - (d) Detailed after action reports will be submitted on any action in which an enemy force of platoon size or larger is encountered. Reports will contain following information:

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1. Statistical data - Units involved, strengths, time, place, casualties, nature of action.
2. Narrative account of action.
3. Lessons learned, problems or difficulties encountered, areas or matters requiring increased training or attention, suggestions for future operations.

## (2) Rules of engagement

- (a) Rounds will not be inserted in the chamber of individual weapons unless an encounter with the enemy is obvious, and in the judgment of the senior Marine present; this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.
- (b) During hours of darkness the sequence of engagement will be:
  1. Challenge.
  2. If there is no response to the challenge or the response is incorrect, the area will be illuminated.
  3. If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act and thereby endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.
- (c) Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a camp area during daylight hours unless under attack.
- (d) Supporting Arms.
  1. Use of all supporting arms will be cleared by the appropriate FACC.
  2. No supporting arms will be fired into any populated area except when the infantry battalion commander on the ground personally determines that such action is necessary to save Marine lives, and that there is no alternative to such a course of action.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications - Annex B (Communications-Electronics). Issued separately.
- b. Command Posts.

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(2) 3d Marines	980745
(3) 4th Marines	528042
(4) RLT-9	999723
(5) 2d Bn, 9th Marines	998723
(6) 2d Bn, 12th Marines	999723

c. Report changes.

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ANNEXES.

- A - Task Organization - not issued - Annex A to RLT-9 OpOrder 201-65 remains effective
- B - Intelligence - not issued - Annex B to RLT-9 OpOrder 201-65 remains effective
- C - Concept of Operations
- D - Communications-Electronics - not issued - Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to RLT-9 OpOrder 201-65 remains effective
- E - Fire Support Coordination (To be issued separately)

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1. MISSION. Commencing D-Day, RLT-9 lands over Beach Red Two/Tien SHA peninsula, occupies assembly area vicinity 985715. On order occupies assigned sector of FEBA, conducts reconnaissance, operations, security missions and offensive/defensive operations within assigned sector as directed.

2. CONCEPT.

a. The general concept of operations for RLT-9 is based on instructions outlined in 3dMarDiv OpOrder 321-65 and will be conducted in three phases:

Phase I -- Security of base area and establishment of FEBA.

Phase II -- Deep patrolling and offensive operations.

Phase III -- Reserve and reaction force operations in coordination with IVNAP.

b. Phase I.

- (1) On order CTG 76.6, RLT-9 commences Debarkation over Beach Red II and Tien SHA peninsula, executes motor move to assigned positions (See Operation Overlay).
- (2) Personnel and light vehicles will land over Beach Red Two. Heavy equipment will land over Tien SHA Beaches until causeways are available on Beach Red Two. On installation of causeway land all elements RLT-9 on Beach Red Two.
- (3) Execute motor move by serials to assembly areas (See Operation Overlay).
- (4) Upon establishment of base camp, occupy and develop assigned sector of FEBA.

c. Phase II.

- (1) Principal military objective in Phase II is the rejection of the Viet Cong by the people of the southern sector of the Division TAOR.

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- (2) Operations conducted will be designed to liberate the area of VC influence. Viet Cong in sector will be killed or captured. Aggressive patrolling, ambushes, raids, and other offensive operations will be conducted.
- (3) Concurrently with military operations a civic action program will be developed.
- (4) Reconnaissance efforts and other offensive operations that contribute to the security of the base area will be conducted. Liaison will be established with RVNAF forces in zone and with District Chiefs in zone.

d. Phase III.

- (1) Phase III operations involve provisions of combat support to RVNAF forces on the basis of operational coordination.
- (2) Commencement of Phase III operations will be directed by CG 3dMarDiv.

  
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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Operation Overlay
- 2 - Command Post Layout

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(b) CG 3rd MarDiv 260304Z June 1965  
(c) 3rd MarDiv Order 02000.2B (Div COI)

Encl: (1) Appendix 1 Change 1 to Subject Annex

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1. Make the following pen and ink corrections and addition  
to subject Annex and its Appendixes.

a. Change "CTG 76.9 and TG 76.9" to read "CTG 76.6 and TG  
76.6," respectively wherever they appear.

b. Para 1.b.(3)(b): Change coordinates RLT-9, BLT-2/9 and  
2nd BN 12TH Marines to read, "VIC 9972, VIC 9972, and 'to be  
announced'," respectively. Delete BLT-3/4 and associated  
coordinates.

c. Para 2.a.(2): Change "Hue Phu Bai" to Da Nang

d. Para 2.c.(1) Delete "RLT-9 alternate headquarters is  
(BLT-3/4)" and substitute therefore, "CG Third MarDiv (forward)."

e. Para 2.c.(6)(d): Change "AN/TRC-55" to read, "AN/TRC-75."

f. Insert new subparagraph 2.c(6)(g) as follows:

(g) During ship-to-shore movement and prior to opening  
RLT-9 Command Post ashore, the following stations  
will guard RLT-9 Command Net, utilizing personnel and  
equipment of the RLT-9 advance party.

<u>STATION.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
RLT-9 Forward	VIC 9972
RLT-9 Control	996755

RLT-9 Control will assume net control initially.

g. Delete para. 4.b.

2. Remove present Appendix 1 and insert enclosure (1) of this  
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DESIGN	NET	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	STATIONS ON NET
D-1	DivCmd #1	P 3873	6A9B	3rd MarDiv, Regts,
D-2		S 10331	6A9B	CombatSpt Units
D-3	DivCmd #2	P 8178	6A9B	3rd MarDiv, Combat
D-4		S 3880	6A9B	SVC SPT Units
D-7	Div Tact #1	P 9489	3A3J	3rd MarDiv Regts,
D-8		S 2248	3A3J	Combat Spt Units
D-5	Div Tact #2	P 43.5	36F3	3rd Mar Div Regts,
D-6		S 46.9	36F3	Combat Spt Units
D-9	Div Alert	P 2111	6A9B	Div FSCC; all units
D-10	Div Recon	P 2173	3A3J	when directed
D-11		S 6785	3A3J	3rd MarDiv; Units
				when directed
D-12	Div Dam...Con	11990	3A3J	3rd MarDiv; Regts and
				separate BN's when
				directed
D-13	Div SP Cmd	P 4899	3A3J	Div SP; Units when
D-14		S 5284	3A3J	directed
D-15	Div SP Con	P 49.9	36F3	SP Tm Red 2, SP
D-16		S 50.4	36F3	Tm Tien Sha, Blt-2/9
				TacLog, RLT-9 TacLog
D-17	SP Local	53.7	36F3	Shore Party Units
D-18	MP Cmd	53.8	36F3	Div MP traffic
				control and check
				points; units as
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D-29 D-30	TAR #1	P 7995 S 2196	3A3J/0.1A1 6A9B	All FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when required
D-31 D-32	TAR #2	P 2227 S 10898	3A3J 3A3J	All FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when directed
D-33	DAO	38.7	36F3	Regts, BN's, Recon Tms when directed
D-34	TAR #2 (orange)	283.4	6A3	Regts, BN's, Recon Tms when directed
D-35	TAD #1 (red)	312.0	6A3	FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when required
D-36	TAD #2 (green)	325.0	6A3	FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when required
D-37	TAD #3 (purple)	285.8	6A3	FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when required
D-38	HST Log	4915	0.1A1/6A3/ 3A3J	Div, Regt's, BN's when directed
D-39	LZ Control	49.6	36F3	Div, DASC, Regt's, BN's when directed
D-40	HD #1 (maroon)	273.8	6A3	FSCC's, DASC, FAC's when directed
D-41	HD #2 (yellow)	326.6	6A3	FSCC's, DASC when directed
D-42	HD #3	45.1	36F3	FSCC's, DASC when directed
D-145	ARTY RT	31.0	36F3	CMR, arty units as required
D-146	ARTY Survey	50.8	36F3	ARTY units as required
D-147	ARTY Air Spot #1	33.8	36F3	Btrys as required
D-148	Arty Air Spot #2	31.3	36F3	Btrys as required
D-500 D-501	RLT-9Cmd	P 3881 S 9382	3A3J/6A3	RLT-9, BLT-2/9 SP Tms, RLT TacLog CHANGE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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D-502	RLT-9TACT	P 41.0	36F3	RLT-9,BLT-2/9
D-503	#1	S 42.3	36F3	units as required
D-504	RLT-9TACT	P 2116	3A3J/6A3	RLT-9,units as
D-505	#2	S 11980		required'ts
D-506	2/12	P 4314	3A3J/6A3	FSCC's,FO's,
D-507		S 34.9	36F3	Btry's as required
D-508	2/12FD	P 5882	3A3J/6A3	FSCC's,FO's
D-510		S 35.7	36F3	Btry's a s required
D-357	Btry M,12TH MarP	29.8	36F3	FO's,FDC, BtryM
D-360	C of F	S 30.0	36F3	as required
D-354	107MM MortarP	31.4	36F3	FO's,FDC,107 MM
D-356	2/12 C of FS	35.2	35F3	Bt y as required
D-511	3rd Plt,8"HOW7993		3A3J/6A3	FO's, FDC,8"
	Btry CMD/FD#1			as required
D-512	Btry CMD/FD#233.7		36F3	Plt as required
D-536	Btry E 12TH MarP	29.6	36F3	FO's,FDC,Btry
D-358	CofF	S 31.8	36F3	E as required
D-529	2/9 Tact#1	3244	3A3J/6A3	2/9 units as
				directed
D-530	2/9 Tact#2	42.9	36F3	2/9 units as directed
D-531	81MM Motar	48.5	36F3	
	CofF			
D-532	106 rifle Cnd	49.3	36F3	
D-533	E Co Tac	54.4	36F3	
D-534	F Co Tac	52.2	36F3	
D-346	G Co Tac	48.2	36F3	
D-535	H Co Tac	47.0	36F3	
D-349	2/9 TACP Local	47.9	36F3	
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D-519	2ndPlt,CoB,1st AMTRACBN CMD	44.9	36F3	
D-521	CoC,3rdEngrBn Cmd	44.4	36F3	
D-522	CoB,3rdTK BN CMD	P 26.0	36F3	
D-523		S 21.7	36F3	
D-525	2ndPltCoB 3rd TK BN CMD	26.7	36F3	
D-527	CoA9TH MT BN CMD	42.8	36F3	
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 321-65 to Accompany OPERATION ORDER 321-65

Ref: (a) Map: Indo-China 1:50,000 (Tourane) Sheets 6659 III, 6658 IV, AMS  
 Series L701

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY. RLT-9 Headquarters and BLT 2/9 departed Okinawa on 3 July 1965.

a. They embarked with the following quantities of supplies and equipment:

(1) CLASS I

(a) MCI: 15 days  
 (b) Fuel Triozene: 15 days

(2) CLASS II, TYPE I

(a) Initial Allowance TA/TE Remarks: Less those items of  
 cold weather gear  
 turned into 3dFSR.

CLASS II, TYPE II

(a) Dry Cell Batteries 15 days Remarks: Battery block for BLT  
 2/9 unavailable; some  
 shortages in RLT block.

(3) CLASS III

(a) Special oils and lubricants.

(4) CLASS IV

(a) Field Fortification Material. No blocks available. Very  
 limited amount on hand.

(5) CLASS V

(a) Basic Allowance plus 30 days.

(6) All units embarked with operating blocks on hand.

(7) All encampment/garrison items had been previously turned into  
 Division as ordered.

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b. Control and Distribution. Supply dumps will be established in areas to be designated by the Commanding Officer, RLT-9 and the Commanding Officer, RLT 2/9. Of the thirty (30) days of Class V embarked aboard assigned shipping, five (5) days will be retained in the RLT-9 and RLT 2/9 dumps. The remaining twenty-five (25) days of Class V will be stored by FLSG.

c. Plan for Landing. See Annex I to Operation Order 321-65 for details on the landing plan.

(1) Landing Site. On or about 070730H July 1965 or when directed by higher authority, RLT 2/9 and RLT-9 Headquarters will commence unloading across Beach Red Two. (Vicinity of coordinates 953813). One (1) causeway will be emplaced by that time to facilitate off-loading. Priority of off-loading will be given to RLT 2/9.

(2) Beach Area. Prior to 070730H July 1965, road improvements will be made connecting Beach Red Two to Highway #1 which will permit one-way traffic to circulate. Beach matting will be emplaced along the beach and on the egress routes.

(3) Control. Control in the beach area will be exercised by the Shore Party Officer attached to RLT-9 Headquarters. He will make maximum use of the material handling equipment and trucks available to expedite the movement of supplies and equipment off the beach. FLSG will assume control of all Class V on the beach.

(4) MP Support. The Division Provost Marshal will assign military police to man key intersections from the beach area to the RLT and RLT assembly areas. There are a few areas along the route which have low hanging wires. The PMO will station personnel at those locations to lift the wires when high pieces of equipment, (tanks, 8", etc.) pass.

(5) Hours of Off-Loading. Installation of flood lights in the beach area will permit off-loading operations to continue on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

(6) Movement of Supplies. Highway #1 is acceptable for the movement of all trucks, engineer equipment, tanks and ontos. A decision will be rendered by higher headquarters on whether or not the amtracs will be permitted to drive on the highway. In any event, the amtracs will come ashore first. If the use of lowboys is required to move the amtracs, they will stage on Beach Red Two until general unloading is completed.

(7) Security. The Commanding Officer, RLT 2/9 will assume responsibility for the defense of the beach area.

## 2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION.

a. Evacuation. A helicopter site will be established in the vicinity of Beach Red Two at a location to be designated. In the event that evacuation is required, helicopter(s) will be called into transport injured/wounded personnel to the field hospital at Da Nang.

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b. Aid Station. Aid stations will be established in the assembly area at sites to be designated by the Commanding Officer, RLT-9 and the Commanding Officer, RLT 2/9.

3. TRANSPORTATION.

a. Availability. The Commanding General, 3d Marine Division has directed that division units provide all possible motor transport support for RLT-9 and RLT 2/9 during the period of their unloading operations. In accordance with this policy, the Commanding Officer, RLT-9 has been authorized direct liaison with the Division Motor Transport Officer to insure that adequate transportation is made available during the off-loading period. Despite this order, motor transport will be at a premium during the period of unloading, and maximum utilization will be made of all available vehicles.

b. Trafficability. Engineer effort has improved the road from Highway #1 to Red Beach Two. However, care must be exercised by all drivers on the road. Highway #1 is a hard surface road, and the route to the assembly areas, though treacherous in spots, requiring driver attention at all times, is passable for all vehicles and equipment.

4. PERSONNEL.

a. Discipline, Law and Order. The complexity of the mission assigned to the Marine Corps in the Da Nang area requires the implementation of a high state of discipline at all times. Marines are operating in areas occupied by friendly civilians but where the appearance of Viet Cong is always to be anticipated. Troops must be alert at all times while on guard duty, patrols and when off the base for any reason. Fire discipline must be enforced at all times.

(1) Liberty. Liberty regulations will be published in accordance with those promulgated by higher authority. All hands will refrain from entering off-limit areas. Incidents bringing discredit upon the United States will lead to the loss of liberty privileges in the areas inhabited by the local population. All hands will be briefed on the subject of proper decorum on liberty and the necessity for respecting the rights of the Vietnamese.

(2) Veneral Disease. There is a high frequency of reported cases of veneral disease in the Da Nang area. Character guidance lectures as well as advice from the Regimental/Battalion Surgeon will be given to all hands prior to the commencement of any liberty.

b. Morale and Personnel Services.

(1) Morale. All Unit Commanders will institute a program designed to maintain high morale. When the tactical situation permits, athletic programs will be initiated. Specified quotas will be assigned to each unit for beach runs, liberty parties, etc. Personnel will be encouraged to enroll in off-duty correspondence courses to further their education and military proficiency.



CONFIDENTIAL(2) Personnel Services.

(a) Mail. Mail delivery has been improving steadily in the past few months. Normal mail delivery time to and from the United States to Viet Nam varies from four (4) to seven (7) days. Personnel will be encouraged to write home frequently to allay the concern of relatives over their welfare. The mailing address for personnel stationed in this area is:

Private Joe DOE, 1888762, USMC  
HqCo, 9th Marines,  
3d Marine Division (Forward)  
FPO, San Francisco, 96601

(b) Red Cross. A Red Cross representative is available twenty-four (24) hours per day in the 3d Marine Division compound at Da Nang.

(c) Leave. Normally, emergency leave only will be granted. It is anticipated that an R&R program will be initiated in the near future.

c. Civil Affairs. All hands are directed to respect the privacy and property of the Vietnamese. A thoughtless act of discourtesy can do much to undermine the good will engendered by our participation in the defense of their country.

(1) Cemeteries. Personnel are prohibited from molesting Vietnamese tombs and cemeteries which dot the landscape. This is considered sacred ground by the Vietnamese and will be respected.

(2) Food and Drink. Personnel are cautioned against consuming any food or drink from the local economy, unless it has been approved by proper medical authority. Untreated drinking water will not be consumed. Water points will be established by the engineers which will be capable of meeting the requirements for potable water.

(3) Traffic Hazards. All vehicle operators will be especially cautious when driving on the streets and highway of Viet Nam. The streets are used by pedestrians, bicycle operators and animals resulting in hazardous driving conditions. Drivers will be alert at all times and strictly obey all speed limits.

(4) Respect for Property. All hands will respect the living quarters, possessions and privacy of the Vietnamese. If military necessity requires entering villages, commanders will take all steps necessary to insure that the rights of innocent Vietnamese are protected.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Reports. Unloading status reports will be submitted by the embarkation officer from each ship carrying RLT-9 and BLT-9 personnel upon the commencement of unloading and every four (4) hours thereafter until unloading has been completed.

b. Uniform Regulations.

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(1) RLT and BLT Assembly Areas. Personnel will wear the utility uniform or the light weight army utility uniform at all times. The jacket will not be removed unless authorized by the unit commander for personnel engaged in work requiring strenuous physical exertion. Personnel will carry their weapons, pistol belts and normal equipment at all times. The wearing of helmets and body armor is optional, at the discretion of the unit commander.

(2) Liberty. Utilities will not be worn on liberty. Lance Corporals (E3) and below will wear the summer service uniform with short sleeves. Officers and Corporal (E4) and above may wear the summer service uniform or appropriate civilian attire. Weapons will not be taken on liberty.

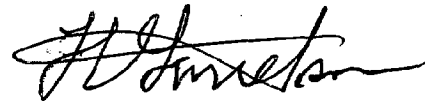
(3) Identification. Name tags will be removed from the utility uniform. Names will be stenciled or indicated with a marking pencil directly above the left breast pocket on the utility jacket. All personnel are required to wear their rank insignia on their utility caps directly below the Marine Corps Emblem.

c. Disbursing. Normal disbursing procedures will be followed. Personnel may not draw more than \$200.00 in currency monthly. Checks may be sent home for quantities above \$200.00.

d. Special Medical Precautions.

(1) Salt Tablets. The intense heat necessitates all personnel to take salt tablets daily. The frequency of their use fluctuates on the degree of activity of the individual concerned. A person engaged in light activity should take a minimum of two (2) tablets per day. An individual engaged in strenuous activity, (patrols, working parties, etc.), should take from six (6) to eight (8) tablets daily.

(2) Malaria Pills. Malaria pills will be taken weekly as directed by the Regimental/Battalion Surgeon.



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ANNEXES:

- A. Egress routes at Beach Red Two
- B. Command Post Overlay
- C. Shore Party Annex

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3. BEACH MATING will  
Be Required UP TO  
ENTRANCE TO EGRESS #2  
AND 1/2 Length of  
EGRESS #1.

NOTES:  
1. DUNES REQUIRED  
MOVING RT ROUTES  
OF EGRESS.

SOFT  
SAND

ROUTE  
OF  
EGRESS  
#1

ROUTE  
OF  
EGRESS  
#2

HARD PACKED SAND  
AND ROCK

HARD PACKED  
ROAD

CEMETERY

HWY #1

100 YDS

CAUSEWAY  
SITE

HWL

SMALL BOAT  
SITE

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VILLAGE

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ANNEX "C" (SHORE PARTY) to ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 321-65

Ref: (a) Map: DA NANG (Tourane) 1:50,000, Series L909  
(b) FMFM 4-3, Shore Party and Helicopter Support Team Operations

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION

Shore Party elements of BLT 2/9 are composed of one (1) Shore Party Team. The 1st Team, "C" Company, 3d Shore Party is composed of one (1) officer and forty-six (46) enlisted personnel. Engineer equipment, motor transport and communication/electronics augmentation has been attached to the 1st Team by H&SCo, 3d Shore Party Battalion.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. See RLT-9 Operation ~~Order 321-65~~ 321-65.
- b. Friendly forces. See Rlt-9 Operations Order 321-65.
- c. Attachments and detachments:

(1) One (1) 6000 lb forklift and two (2) operators from FSR are attached to the Shore Party Team.

2. MISSION.

- a. Shore Party Team land on order over Red Beach Two and facilitate the movement of troops and equipment for BLT 2/9 and RLT-9 Headquarters.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Shore Party.

(1) Land on order and be prepared to receive and off load small landing craft on beach.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- a. NBG land on O-1, construct poontoon causeway.
- b. "A" Company, Shore Party, on O-1 will construct road net and routes of egress from beach and provide local security for initial phase of landing.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 1st Shore Party Team, "C" Company has no administrative capability and is under the administrative control of BLT 2/9.

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6. Command and Communications/Electronics.

a. See Annex "D" (Communications) to Operation Order 321-65.

b. Command Post location will be at Da Nang (Tourane) 1:50,000 Tactical Map, BT 954812.

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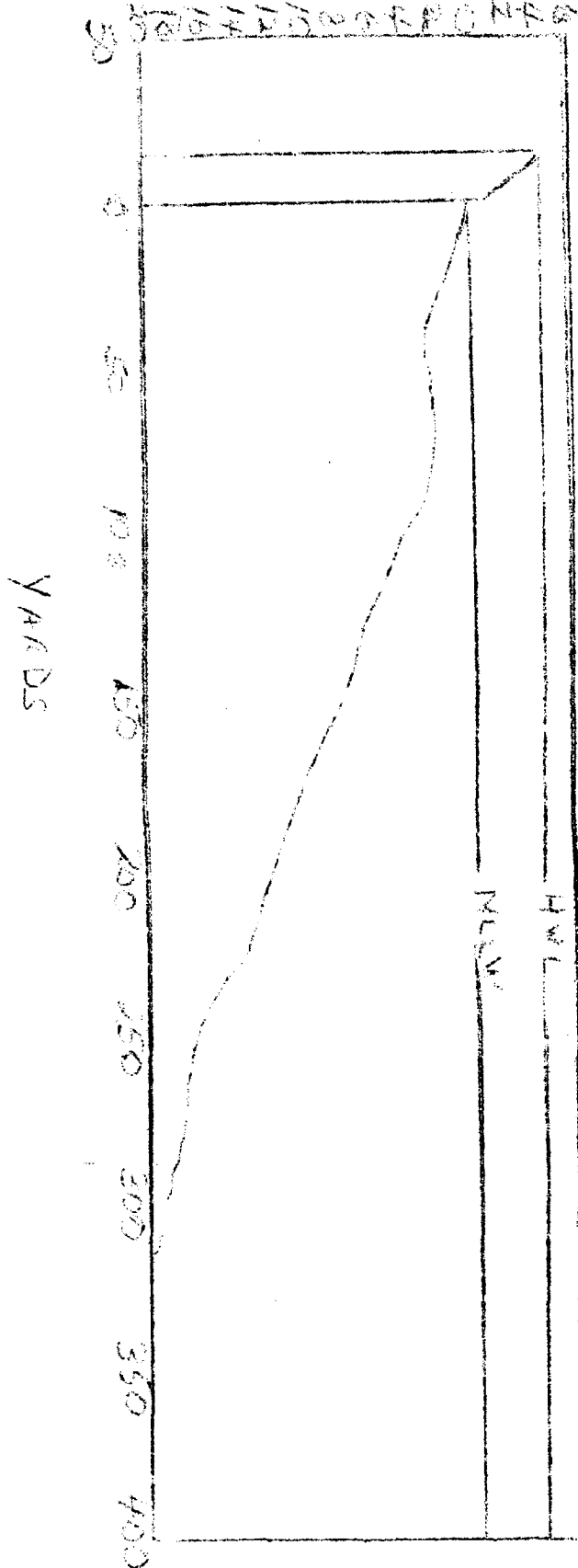
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PROFILE FOR SMALL BOAT LANDING



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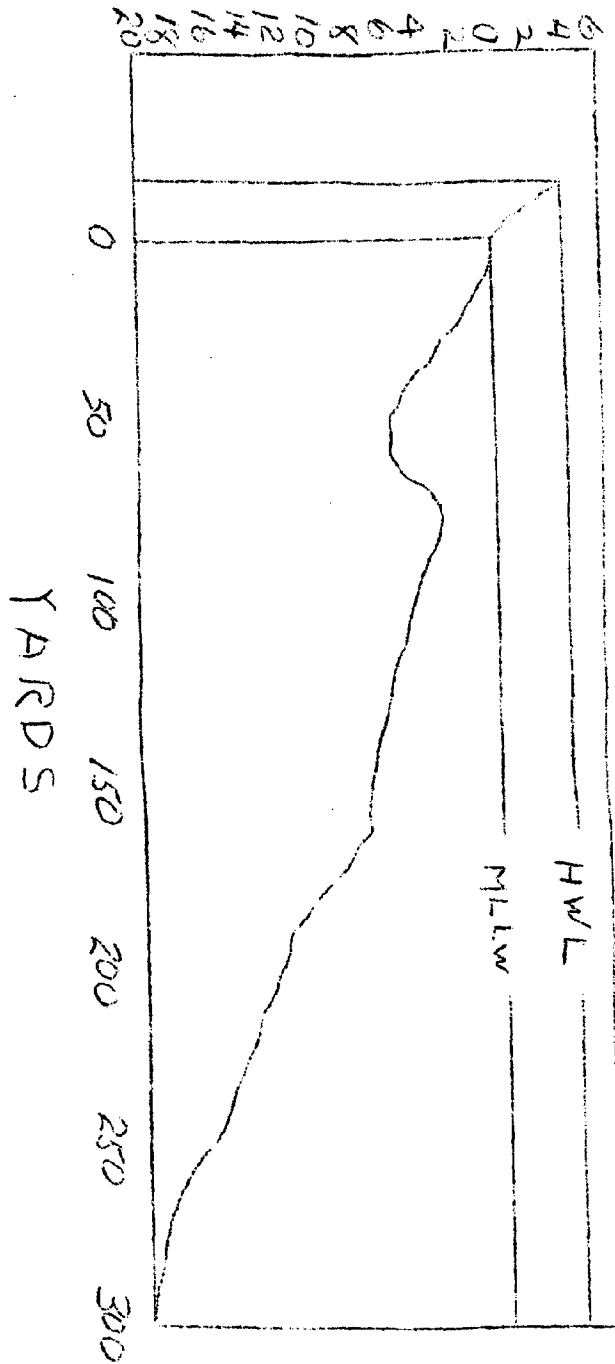
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PROFILE FOR CAUSEWAY



HIGH  
TIDE: 0840 4.0'

LOW  
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DANANG, RVN  
101600H July 1965FILE  
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Ref: (a) MAP: TOURANE, 1:50,000, sheets 6659 II and III  
(b) MAP: NONG SON, 1:50,000, sheets 6658 I and IV  
(c) D Co 3d Recon OpOrder 421-65 072100H July 1965  
Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUMS  
b. Friendly Forces. D Company 3d Recon Bn in support of 9th Marines conducts area reconnaissance SOUTH of the RIVIERE De TOURANE to the limits of the SOUTHERN boundary of the TAOR from 11 July 65 until the morning of 16 July 65, including night observation, listing posts and combat patrols.

2. MISSION. RLT-9 provides support for D Company, 3d Recon Bn for operation.

3. EXECUTION

(a) Concept of operation - Reference (c)

(b) BLT 2/9 provides:

- (1) Two Artillery FO's
- (2) One FAC
- (3) One LVT representative
- (4) One REFLEX company with thirty minutes reaction time for duration of operation.
- (5) Six enlisted, 2 officers if desired may join operation as observers.

(c) Coordinating Instructions - Direct liaison authorized.

4. Administration and Logistics - As directed by Battalion Commander.

  
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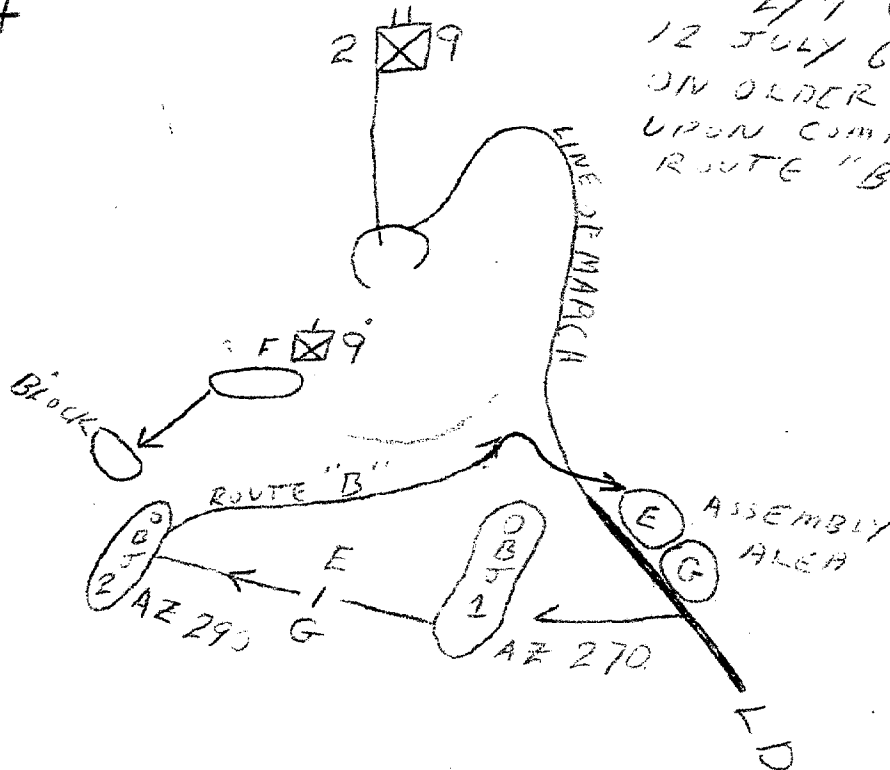
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SWEEP/DESTROY OPERATION  
BLT 2/9 CO E+G  
12 JULY 65  
ON ORDER  
UPON COMPLETION RETURN  
ROUTE "B"



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FROM: CO RLT NINE

TO: CO BLT 2/9

INFO: CO 3RD MARDI V

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FRAG ORDER 2-65

VERBAL ORDERS COMMANDING GENERAL THIS DATE

1. ONE ARVN BATTALION CONDUCTS TWO DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OF AREA BETWEEN MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO SOUTHERN EDGE DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR, WESTWARD TOWARD ROUTE (1). OPN OVERLY NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. WILL BE ISSUED FOR INFO WHEN RECEIVED.

2. MISSION OF RLT-9 IS TO OCCUPY, DEFEND, AND PACIFY VILLAGE OF DONG SONG.

3. ASAP AND PRIOR NOON 16 JULY 1965 SWEEP VILLAGE OF DONG SONG (1) (AT 997687) OCCUPY AND DEFEND VILLAGE. ESTABLISH PERIMETER DEFENSE WITH PRINCIPAL DIRECTION OF FIRE ORIENTED TO SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH. USE TWO COMPANIES REINFORCED AND ATTACHED ARVN (PF) PLATOON FOR THIS PURPOSE

4. U.S. MARINES TO WEAR HELMETS AND PROTECTIVE VESTS WHEN CLEARING VILLAGE.

5. COMM NORMAL. SUBMIT SITREP HOURLY WHEN ENGAGED IN CLEARING OPERATIONS. LIASON WITH NOA VANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY RLT-9 HDQ.

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HDQ 9th Marines

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FRAG ORDER 3-65

1. MISSION. Conduct combined patrol with ARVN Forces  
Saturday 17 July 1400 to 1700H along North Side of Song Cau  
Do River.

2. EXECUTION

- a. HOA CAM TRAINING AREA - provides one ARVN company (-).
- b. BLT 2/9 - provides one reinforced squad and one interpreter.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Coordination between RVN Commands by HOA CAM  
TRAINING CENTER.

(2) Squad from BLT 2/9 report to HOA CAM TRAINING  
CENTER, OIC Security Office at 171330 July. Major ROBINSON,  
U.S. Army Advisor will be contacted.

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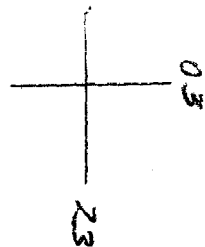
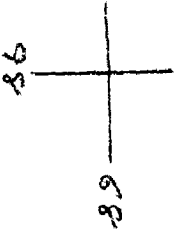
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DANANG RVN  
161900H July 1965

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Ref: (a) MAP: TOURANE 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No Change

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Viet Cong have infiltrated objective villages. Estimates vary up to 50 VC or VC sympathizers in objective area.

b. Friendly Forces. HOA VANG District Headquarters provides one PF platoon for village sweep. Provide interrogators for check of all male inhabitants. Provides Civil Affairs Team to direct action of male inhabitants.

2. Mission. BLT 2/9 establishes cordon around objective area, prevents escape of all male inhabitants. Provides force to cover village sweep.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations - BLT 2/9 establishes cordon around objective area, prevents any male inhabitant of military age from escaping. ARVN (PF) platoon from HOA VANG district headquarters sweeps village. Loudspeaker from HOA VANG directs inhabitants to go to brick factory GC (AT016705) where District Chief screens inhabitants. LVT Platoon provides river security.

b. BLT 2/9. Prior 0600, 18 July establish cordon around village. See Annex A (Operation Overlay). Prevent all male inhabitants of military age from leaving village.

c. Company "B" 3d Amtrac Bn. Prior 0600, 18 July establish river patrol. See Annex A (Operation Overlay). Prevent river escape.

d. S-2 9th Marines. Coordinate with HOA VANG DISTRICT on screening of village inhabitants.

e. Coordinating Instructions. Rules of engagement remain as directed in DivOpOrder 321-65.

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4. ADMINISTRATION. 9th Marines SOP.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
  - a. Communications - No Change
  - b. Command Post
    - (1) RLT-9 998724
    - (2) BLT 2/9 998723
    - (3) BLT 2/9 Observation Post 998706
  - c. Report all changes.

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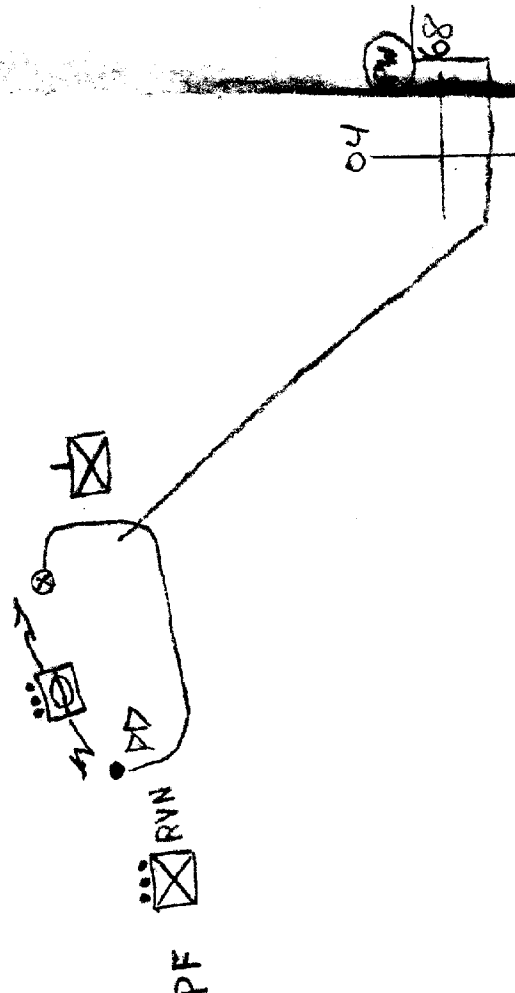
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 (b) Map, Indo China, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, IV, 6659 II and III  
 (c) RO 3100.1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

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## B. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) issued separately and current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces
  - (1) 3d Marines. Occupies and defends northern and western sectors of 3d Division TAOR adjacent to 9th Marines.
  - (2) Company "D" 3d Recon Battalion. Direct support of 9th Marines.
  - (3) MCB-9. Maintains perimeter defense of bivouac area located in Danang East and security for construction personnel.
  - (4) DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR. Exercises OPCON of Regional and Popular Forces, ARVN in Danang Area. Occupies and defends City of Danang and sectors throughout Danang Area in coordination with USMC.
  - (5) HOA VANG DISTRICT. A subordinate command of DSS. Exercises OPCON of Popular Forces, ARVN and in coordination with USMC, occupies and defends sectors throughout 3d Division TAOR.
  - (6) HCM CAM TRAINING CENTER. ARVN Forces occupy and defend western flank of 9th Marines TAOR. Appendix 2 (Operation Overlay) to Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 321A-65.

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c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization)

2. MISSION. Defend DANANG Air Base perimeter and assigned portion of the TAOR, prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations. Maintain one company in a one hour reaction posture. Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned portion of TAOR. Prepare to counterattack to restore integrity of Air Base perimeter. Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond boundaries of assigned portion of DANANG TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 3214-65.

b. 1stBn, 9th Marines (-) (Rein)

- (1) Defend perimeter DANANG Air Base until relieved by Provisional Air Base Defense Battalion.
- (2) Occupy Sector 4 by phases as companies are relieved on Air Base by PAED Bn. Defend assigned sector.
  - a. Phase I - 22 July
  - b. Phase II - Approximately 31 July
  - c. Phase III - On Order
- (3) On order provide security of DANANG East.
- (4) Assume mission of 3d MarDiv Reserve upon relief of airfield defense.
- (5) Prepare Counterattack plans for penetration of assigned sectors.
- (6) Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned portion of TAOR.
- (7) Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond boundaries of TAOR.
- (8) On order provide one company in a one hour reaction posture.

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c. 2dBn (-) (Rein) 9th Marines

- (1) Occupy and defend assigned portion of Sector B and Regimental perimeter by phases.
  - (a) Phase I - Hoa Chau Village - 22 July
  - (b) Phase II - Hoa Da Village - On Order
  - (c) Phase III - Hoa Thai and Phuong Village - On order
- (2) Defend FLSG Ammunition Dump at GC AT 978728 in platoon strength.
- (3) Prepare counterattack plans for penetration into assigned sector.
- (4) Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols throughout assigned portion of TAOR.
- (5) Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond boundaries of TAOR.
- (6) On order, provide one company in a one hour reaction posture.

d. Provisional Air Base Defense Battalion

- (1) Establish and maintain continuous security within the perimeter of DANANG Air Base. Detect, engage, capture or kill any person or unit which enters the perimeter with hostile intent.
  - (a) Organize and activate companies on an incremental basis.
  - (b) Effect relief of 1stBn, 9th Marines as companies are organized.
  - (c) Assume tactical command and responsibility of Danang Air Base security when Headquarters and Service Company and "B" and "D" companies 1/9 are relieved.
  - (d) Prepare counterattack plans for penetration of the airbase perimeter.

e. 2dBn (-) (Rein) 12th Marines

- (1) Direct support CICO of 9th Marines.

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- (2) Provide one battery priority of fires to 1/9
- (3) Provide one battery priority of fires to 2/9
- f. Co "C" (-) (Rein) 3d Tk Bn, FME
  - (1) Direct support OPCON of 9th Marines
  - (2) Reconnaissance for TK utilization within T.AOR.
- g. Co "C" (-) (Rein) 3d AT Bn,
  - (1) Direct support OPCON of 9th Marines
  - (2) Reconnaissance for AT utilization within T.AOR.
- h. Co "B" (-) (Rein) 1st AmTrac Bn, FME
  - (1) Direct support OPCON of 9th Marines
  - (2) Reconnaissance for AmTrac utilization within T.AOR.
- i. Co "A" (-) (Rein) 3d MT Bn, FME
  - (1) Direct support OPCON of 9th Marines
  - (2) Provide one platoon direct support of 1/9
  - (3) Provide one platoon direct support of 2/9
- j. Div Reserve. 1/9 assumes Div Reserve upon being relieved from responsibility of airfield defense.
- k. 9th Marines Reserve. Upon assuming Division Reserve, 1/9 designates one company as 9th Marines Reserve.
- l. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) Reports. Comply with reference (a).
  - (2) Rules of Engagement
    - (a) Rounds will not be inserted in the chamber of individual weapons unless an encounter with the enemy is obvious and in the judgment of the senior Marine present, this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.

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(b) During the hours of darkness the sequence of engagement will be:

1. Challenge.
2. If there is no response to the challenge or the response is incorrect, the area will be illuminated.
3. If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act and thereby endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.

(c) Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a camp area during daylight hours unless under attack.

(3) Every effort will be made to preserve intact religious, cultural, medical and public installations from damage or destructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 9th Marines Admin Order 321A-65

5. COMBAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 321A-65

b. Command Posts

- (1) 3d MarDiv (AT 995756)
- (2) 9th Marines (AT 999726)
- (3) 1stBn, 9th Marines (BT 001745)
- (4) 2dBn, 9th Marines (AT 998723)
- (5) Provisional ABD Bn (BT 001745)

c. Report CP changes as they occur.

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) 3d MARDIV OpOrder 321A-65

Time Zone: H

9th Marines (-) (Reinf)HqCo, 9th Marines...

Det, Hq Btry, 2dBn, 12th Marines

LnO, I Corps, ARVN

Interpreter, III MAF

1stBn, 9th Marines (Reinf)

Det, 2dBn, 12th Marines

Plt, 606th Co, RF, ARVN

Interpreter, III MAF

LnO, I Corps, ARVN

Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Radio Relay)

2dBn, 9th Marines (Reinf)

Det, 2dBn, 12th Marines

3d Plt (-), 594th Co, RF, ARVN

LnO, I Corps, ARVN

Interpreter, III MAF

Air Base Defense Bn

LnO, I Corps, ARVN

Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Radio Relay)

Interpreter, III MAF

Det, RF, ARVN

2dBn, 12th Marines

Hq Btry (-), 2dBn, 12th Marines

Btry E 2dBn, 12th Marines

Btry D 2dBn, 12th Marines

Det, Hq Btry, 12th Marines, NCF LnTm

LnO, I Corps, ARVN

Co B (-) (Reinf), 3d Tk Bn, FMFCo C (-) (Reinf), 3d AT BnCo B (-) (Reinf), 1st AmTrac Bn, FMFCo A (-) (Reinf), 3d MT Bn, FMF

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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) MAPS: INDO CHINA, 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheets 6658 IV, 6659 III  
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION. Defend DANANG Air Base perimeter and assigned portion of the TAOR, prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations. Maintain one company in a one hour reaction posture. Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned portion of TAOR. Prepare to counterattack to restore integrity of Air Base perimeter. Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond boundaries of assigned portion of DANANG TAOR.
2. CONCEPT.
  - a. General. I Corps ARVN has concurred in the expansion of the 3d Marine Division TAOR to include all areas within mortar range of the DANANG airfield. See Appendix (2) Operation Overlay. The expanded TAOR includes areas whose population density ranks with the highest in Viet Nam. This is the first instance where areas of such a population density has been given to Marine Corps units. Operations in the expanded TAOR must be conducted with restraint, with close coordination with Danang Special Sector and with HOA VANG District Headquarters in order to prevent injuries to own combatants and civilians. Additionally, the pacification program of the VIETNAM government provides political and civic action teams to follow up seizure of Viet Cong controlled hamlets for the purpose of changing the allegiance of the villages to the Viet Nam government. Occupation of Viet Cong controlled villages will proceed at a pace to insure that once seized, the village remains friendly. The progress of the attack to secure the assigned TAOR is strongly influenced by the availability of ARVN Forces and their willingness and capability to work in close coordination and cooperation with the 9th Marines.
  - b. Designation of zones. See Appendix 1 (ARVN Area Overlay) to Annex C (Concept of Operations).
    - (1) A zone - Completely pacified. Control by USMC desirable at earliest date.
    - (2) B zone - Areas of high density population. VC influence varies from strong to neutral. See Annex B (Intelligence). Occupation and/or military operations to be conducted with close coordination and cooperation with local forces.

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- (3) C zone - Area cleared of Viet Cong influence. Occupation or military operations are unnecessary.

c. Forces available and assigned tasks.

(1) Provisional AIR BASE DEFENSE BATTALION.

- (a) This battalion is at present being formed over a phased time schedule from Division personnel assets. In existence is Company "A" which has replaced one company of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines on the airfield defense perimeter. As each company is formed, FAM fired on assigned weapons and trained in its duties, it will relieve a company of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines on the perimeter defense. This company from 1/9 will in turn move to Sector A south of the airfield. Upon relief of two or more companies and upon acceptance of the responsibility for air base defense by the Commanding Officer, Provisional Air Base Defense Battalion, control will shift from the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

- (b) Time schedule for formation of PAED companies follows:

Company "A" - 19 July 1965  
 Company "B" - 31 July 1965  
 Company "C" - To be Designated  
 Company "D" - To be Designated  
 H&S Co - 6 Aug 1965

- (2) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, upon incremental relief from air base defense will occupy bivouac sites, will establish defensive positions along north bank of the SONG CAU DO and will aggressively patrol area A. Upon relief of airfield defense 1/9 reverts to Div reserve.

Company "D", "A", H&S	BT 024734
Company "C"	BT 032736
Company "B"	AT 008723

Security for DANANG EAST will be provided by 1/9.

- (3) 3d Bn, 9th Marines presently occupies and defends the village of HOA CHAU as phase I of its operations in Sector B south of the SONG CAU DO. On order, operations will be conducted in the village of HOA DA as phase II.

d. FUTURE OPERATIONS.

- (1) Dependent on the assignment of additional forces or release of 1/9 from Div reserve, phase III will see the expansion of the

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outer ring around DANANG into the village of HOA PHOUNG AND HOA THAI.

- (2) Upon pacification of the outer ring, phase IV operation will include combat operations to the outer limit of the regimental TAOR.

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APPENDIXES:

1 - ARVN Area Overlay

2 - Operation Overlay

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Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) FMF Pac Order 02000.2B (Comm Plan Five)  
 (b) 3d MarDiv Order 02000.2B (DIV COI)  
 (c) 3d MarDiv Order P2000.4B (CommSOP)  
 (d) 9th Marines Order 2000.1H (CommSOP)  
 (e) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65

Time Zone: H

# 1. Situation.

## a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.

(2) The enemy can be expected to employ imitative deception and jamming on radio nets. Wire lines may be tapped or cut, especially during hours of darkness.

## b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization)

## (2) Command Posts.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coord</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coord</u>
III MAF	994758	2d Bn 12th Marines	995723
3d MarDiv (Fwd)	996755	Co B 3d Tank Bn	992712
Ninth Marines	995723	Co B 3d AT Bn	995723
1st Bn 9th Marines	003745	Co B 1st Amphib Bn	992713
2nd Bn 9th Marines	995723	MCB-9	058737
DaNang AF ProvDefBn	003745		

2. Mission. Commencing on order, communication-electronic elements of Ninth Marines (-)(Rein), establish and maintain the communication support for operations within assigned sector of responsibility.

# 3. Execution.

## a. Ninth Marines Communication Platoon.

(1) Install, operate and maintain communications required to support the Ninth Marines concept of operations in accordance with reference (a) through (e) and this annex.

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(2) Provide Radio Relay Teams and Equipment to support Radio Relay employment shown in Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this annex.

(3) Be prepared to provide communications to attached units for independent operations when directed.

b. 1st Bn 9th Marines. Install, operate and maintain communications required in accordance with references (a) through (e) and this annex. Coordinate and support AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Team attached and be prepared to provide such additional communication facilities as may be directed.

c. 2d Bn 9th Marines. Install, operate and maintain communications required in accordance with reference (a) through (e) and this annex. Coordinate and support AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Team when attached and be prepared to provide such additional communication facilities as may be directed.

d. Da Nang AF Prov Def Bn.

(1) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this annex.

(2) In view of inability to perform communication center functions, III MAF will assume communication guard. Message delivery and pick up will be provided by AF Prov Def Bn.

e. Units assigned direct support missions to Ninth Marines.

(1) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with this annex.

(2) Install internal communications as required.

(3) Be prepared to relay communications when units are widely separated.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Communications will conform to principles, methods and procedures established in references (a) through (e) except as modified by this annex.

(2) In the event of casualty to the Ninth Marines headquarters, all units will establish communications with 1st Bn Ninth Marines as alternate Regimental CP.

(3) Communication Center.

(a) See reference (c)

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(b) Use Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) for all message date-time groups. Local time (Motel) may be used within message text.

(c) When referring to messages originated by other services, nations, or allied commands, include both date-time group and reference or cite number in accordance with DNC-5G.

(4) Messenger Service.

(a) Special messenger service will be provided as required. Scheduled messenger service will be established when facilities become available and the tactical situation permits.

(b) All units will establish helicopter landing points in the vicinity of their headquarters. Landing points will be marked in accordance with Appendix 4 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to this Annex.

(c) Liaison and visiting staff officers will check with communication center for courier service before departing Command Posts.

(5) Cryptographic.

(a) Off-line effective edition of KAK-2697.

(b) On-line effective edition of KAK-2641.

(c) Authentication effective edition KAA-60.

(d) KAC-138 CINCPAC Numeral Code is effective for joint use within the Pacific Command.

(e) ACP-165 contains a compilation of operation brevity codes for use in radio-telephone communication and is effective for joint use in RVN.

(f) Units that have teletype circuits equipped with On-line Cryptographic Equipment will pass all traffic On-line.

(g) All units will carry two (2) months ROB in addition to current effective editions.

(6) Radio.

(a) Radio circuits in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex are effective on order.

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(b) Call signs in accordance with Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs) to this Annex.

(c) On all radio circuits where SSB is the designated emission initial contact will be made in USB. All AN/TRC-75 radios will be operated in the Low Power Position.

(d) Report all attempts at jamming or imitative deception to this headquarters (Attn: COM1 O) by immediate message. Use format contained in Appendix 6 (Electronic Warfare) to this Annex.

(7) Radio Relay/Wire.

(a) See Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.

(b) Priority of installation of Trucks/Remotes/Locals shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 of Reference (c), except that Radio Relay trunk lines to the FSCC shall have priority over Radio Relay trunk lines to switchboards and FSCC local telephone shall have priority after the S-3 local.

(c) Wire installation, Telephones, Teletype and Radio Relay operating procedures in accordance with reference (c) and ~~AGF-134~~.

(d) Wire will be used for internal CP installations.

(e) Switchboard Call Signs in accordance with Appendix 3 (Switchboard Call Signs) to this Annex.

(f) Wire line installation in accordance with reference (d).

(8) Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics.

(a) See Appendix 4 (Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics) to this Annex.

(b) Particular attention is invited to the fact that red smoke marks enemy position.

(c) Illumination and smoke signals must be confirmed using radio communications or panel VS-17/GVX if radio is not available.

(9) Air Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex.

(10) FSCC Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) and Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to this Annex.

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(11) Naval gunfire. Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Plan) to this Annex.

4. Administration and Logistics.

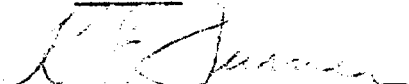
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- 2-Radio Call Signs
- 3-Switchboard Call Signs
- 4-Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics
- 5-Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram
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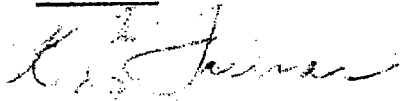
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Time Zone: II

<u>DESIG</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>	<u>POWER</u>
D-25	DIV CMD #1	(P) 3881	6A9B/0.1A1	500
D-72		(S) 10224	6A9B/0.1A1	500
D-65	DIV TAC #1	(P) 9254	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-3		(S) 2244	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-191	DIV TAC #2	(P) 41.8	36F3	16
D-173		(S) 38.2	36F3	16
D-2	DIV ALERT	2154	3A3J/0.1A1	500
D-5	DIV RECON	(P) 2452	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-47		(S) 6770	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-80	DIV DAMAGE CONTROL	11540	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-87	TAR #1	(P) 7995	3A3J	500
D-88		(S) 2196	3A3J	500
D-89	TAR #2	(P) 2227	3A3J	180
D-90		(S) 10898	3A3J	180
D-177	DAO	38.7	36F3	16
D-304	TAD #1	312.0	6A3	25
D-307	TAD #2	325.0	6A3	25
D-303	TAD #3	285.8	6A3	25
D-301	ID #1	273.8	6A3	25
D-308	ID #2	326.6	6A3	25

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D-275	HD #3	45.1	36F3	16
D-29	NGF SUPT	(P) 4314	3A3J/0.1A1	500
D-81		(S) 12750	3A3J/0.1A1	500
D-84	SFC SPOT #1	4301	3A3J	100
D-85	SFC SPOT #2	8230	3A3J	100
D-86	SFC SPOT #3	8630	3A3J	100
D-300	NGF AIR SPOT #1	262.2	6A3	10
D-305	NGF AIR SPOT #2	318.6	6A3	10
D-34	HST LOGISTICS	5069	3A3J	100
D-211	IZ CONTROL	48.3	36F3	1
D-13	REGTL CMD	(P) 3184	3A3J/3A7J	200
D-64		(S) 9072	3A3J/3A7J	200
D-180	REGTL TAC #1	(T) 39.4	36F3	16
D-227		(S) 51.0	36F3	16
D-33	REGTL TAC #2	(P) 5050	3A3J/0.1A1	200
D-67		(S) 9426	3A3J/0.1A1	200

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE</u>	<u>OM</u>
CG 3D MARDIV (FWD)	MONROE	T87L
3D MARDIV (FWD)(COLL)	MOTHERHOOD	7VUD
ADC 3D MARDIV (FWD)	PINCH HITTER	2YZ7
3D MARDIV (FWD) NET	RADIANCE	J70X
3D CIT	POTTSVILLE	
HQ BN, 3D MARDIV	SOCIALITE	071M
COMM CO, HQ BN	PUNJAB	
MP CO, HQ BN	SASSY	
HQ 3D MARINES	STAKEOUT	092U
3D MARINES (COLL)	MUTTER	
1ST BN, 3D MARINES	PRETEXT	6ZF1
2D BN, 3D MARINES	OLD FIELD	5SXJ
3D BN, 3D MARINES	WAREHOUSE	HW10
HQ 4TH MARINES	THICK SKINNED	9QF7
1ST BN, 4TH MARINES	PIED PIPER	LY60
2D BN, 4TH MARINES	SUDDEN DEATH	HJ21
3D BN, 4TH MARINES	MORTGAGE	FZ4Y
HQ 9TH MARINES	PEEP SIGHT	BL4R
1ST BN, 9TH MARINES	REDWOOD	3QCM
2D BN, 9TH MARINES	PARKGREEN	1QY9
3D BN, 9TH MARINES	POLISH	HM6F
DANANG AF PROV DEF BN	RATHOLE	
HQ 12TH MARINES	MUSTER	Y14E
1ST BN, 12TH MARINES	PERMISSION	S39Q
2D BN, 12TH MARINES	SUNRISE	2BRS
3D BN, 12TH MARINES	PAYABLE	7PKT
4TH BN, 12TH MARINES	PRIMROSE	Z32L
1ST 8" HOW BTRY	RAINBOLT	7LEP
3D MED BN	ZOO KEEPER	CI2Q
3D AT BN	MORBID	7M8K
3D TK BN	SHARP SHOOTER	UT7N
3D RECON BN	SCAT	8LO4
1ST AMTRAC BN	SLAVEBORN	12TK
3D ENGR BN	TODAY	HI30
3D DENTAL CO	ROLAND	0A04
3D SERV BN	THANKFUL	CM5R
3D MT BN	SLOW ROLL	CJ70
3D SP BN	RIPE PEACH	AI90
MCB-9	EMPHATIC	

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 MONROE  
 MORBID  
 MORTGAGE  
 MOTHERHOOD  
 MUSTER  
 MUTTER  
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 PARKGREEN  
 PAYABLE  
 PEEP SIGHT  
 PERMISSION  
 PIED PIPER  
 PINCH HITTER  
 POLISH  
 POTTSVILLE  
 PRETEXT  
 PRIMROSE  
 PUNJAB  
 RADIANCE  
 RAINBELT  
 RATHOLE  
 REDWOOD  
 RIPE PEACH  
 ROLAND  
 SASSY  
 SCAT  
 SOCIALITE  
 SHARP SHOOTER  
 SLAVEBORN  
 STAKEOUT  
 SUDDEN DEATH  
 SUNRISE  
 THANKFUL  
 THICK SKINNED  
 TODAY  
 WAREHOUSE  
 SLOW ROLL  
 ZOO KEEPER

CW CALL

A190  
 D14R  
 C71M

UNIT

MCB-9  
 CG 3D MARDIV (FWD)  
 3D AT BN  
 3D BN, 4TH MARINES  
 3D MARDIV (FWD) (COLL)  
 HQ 12TH MARINES  
 3D MARINES (COLL)  
 2D BN, 3D MARINES  
 2D BN, 9TH MARINES  
 3D BN, 12TH MARINES  
 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES  
 ADC 3D MARDIV (FWD)  
 3D BN, 9TH MARINES  
 3D CIT  
 1ST BN, 3D MARINES  
 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES  
 COMM CO, HQ BN  
 3D MARDIV (FWD) NET  
 1ST 8" HOW BTRY  
 DANANG AF PROV DEF BN  
 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES  
 3D SP BN  
 3D DENTAL CO  
 MP CO, HQ BN  
 3D RECON BN  
 HQ BN, 3D MARDIV  
 3D TANK BN  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 HQ 3D MARINES  
 2D BN, 4TH MARINES  
 2D BN, 12TH MARINES  
 3D SERV BN  
 HQ 4TH MARINES  
 3D ENGR BN  
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 3D MT BN  
 3D MED BN

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 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 HQ BN, 3D MARDIV

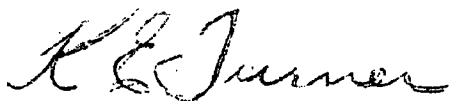
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3D MED BN  
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 HQ 4TH MARINES

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ENCODEUNIT

CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)  
 3D MARDIV SWITCH  
 HQ 3RD MARINES  
 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES  
 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES  
 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES  
 HQ 4TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES  
 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES  
 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES  
 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES  
 DA NANG AF PROV DEF BN  
 12TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES  
 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES  
 3RD RECON BN  
 3RD ENGR BN  
 COMM CO HQ BN  
 3RD MT BN  
 3RD TK BN  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 3RD MED BN  
 3RD AT BN

NON-DIVISION UNITS

COMUSMACV  
 CG III MAF  
 CG 1ST MAW  
 USAF DA NANG  
 2ND AIR DIVISION (RVNAF)

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

SHOVE  
 SHOVE SWITCH  
 CROWD  
 BURKE  
 SQUIRE  
 SWAIN  
 AFTERGLOW  
 IMPRESSIVE  
 BENDIX  
 BEARMAT  
 SENATOR  
 IRONTREE  
 BLACK BOX  
 FERTILIZE  
 PYGMALION  
 CLICK  
 GOOSE  
 WAGON MASTER  
 TINGE  
 SAINT JOE  
 AXE HANDLE  
 BOGART  
 YACHT  
 SMOKEROOM  
 DREAM  
 WHALE  
 HEAVY FIST

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

TIGER  
 PARCUMENT  
 MOMENT  
 FALCON  
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I CORPS  
 MCB-9  
 MAG-16  
 MAFS-16  
 VMCJ-1  
 MASS-22  
 1ST LAAM BN  
 1ST 8" HOW BTY  
 FORCE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP  
 FORCE ENGINEER GROUP  
 COMM SUIT CO FMF

PUMA  
 PUMA 108  
 ROSE ANN  
 OAK FERN  
 COTTON PICKER  
 DEVASTATE  
 WINGMAN  
 IVAN  
 KIT CARSON  
 BROUGE CHARLIE  
 MONEY

DECODESWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

AFTERGLOW  
 AXE HANDLE  
 BEARMAT  
 BENDIX  
 BLACK BOX  
 BOGART  
 BURKE  
 CLICK  
 CROWD  
 YACHT  
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 SAINT JOE  
 SENATOR  
 SHOVE  
 SHOVE SWITCH  
 SQUIRE  
 SMOKEROOM  
 SWAIN  
 TINGE  
 WAGON MASTER  
 WHALE

SWITCHBOARD CALL SIGN

ADVON  
 BROUGE CHARLIE

UNIT

HQ 4TH MARINES  
 3RD ENGR BN  
 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES  
 COMM CO, HQ BN  
 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES  
 12TH MARINES  
 HQ 3RD MARINES  
 3RD MT BN  
 1ST AMTRAC BN FMF  
 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES  
 3RD AT BN  
 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES  
 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES  
 DA NANG AF PROV DEF BN  
 3RD RECON BN  
 HQ 9TH MARINES  
 CG 3RD MARDIV  
 3RD MARDIV SWITCH  
 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES  
 3RD TK BN  
 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES  
 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES  
 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES  
 3RD MED BN

NON-DIVISION UNITS

2ND AIR DIVISION  
 FORCE ENGINEER GROUP

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DEVASTATE  
FALCON  
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KIT CARSON  
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PARCIMENT  
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1ST 8" HOW BTRY  
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CG 1ST MAW  
MARS-16  
I CORPS (RVN)  
MCD-9  
CG III MAF  
MAC-16  
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1ST LAAM BN

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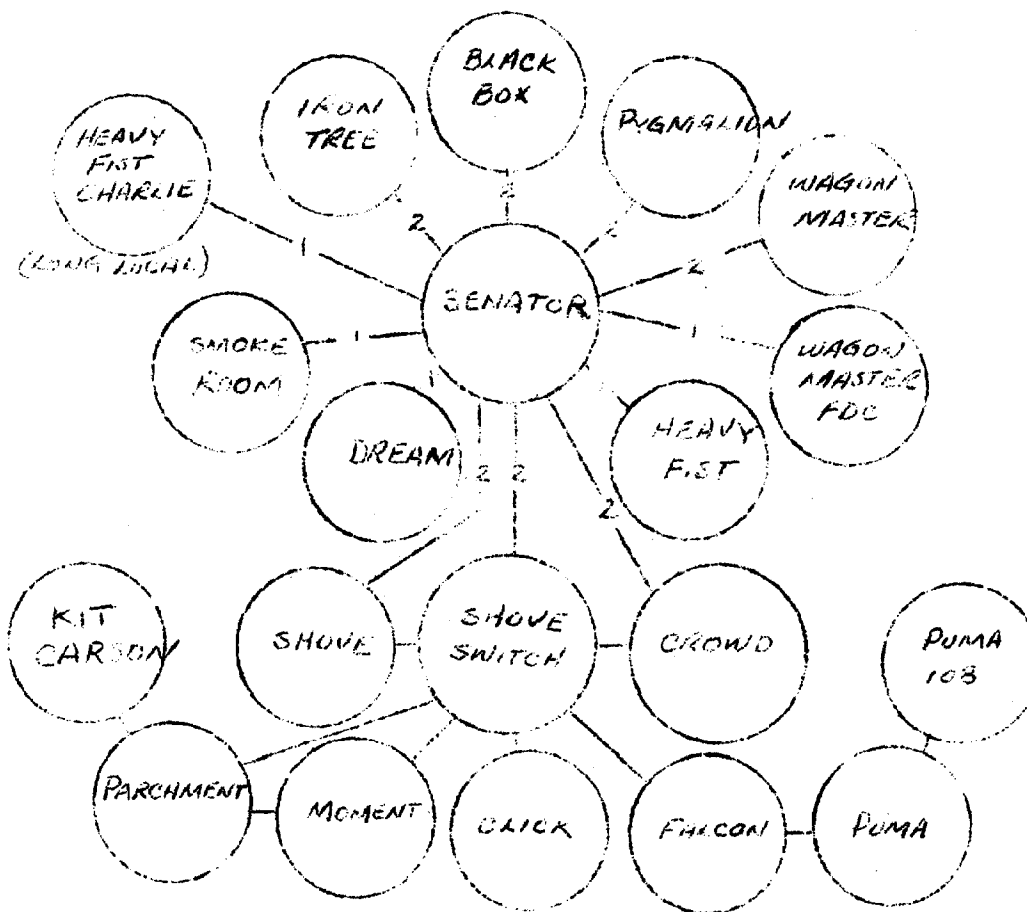
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Appendix 4 (Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) ACP 136  
 (b) Third MarDiv OpOrder 321A665  
 (c) FMFPacO F02000.2B

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### 1. General.

a. See references (a), (b) and (c).

b. Visual signals are a supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags, and pyrotechnics.

c. Unit tactical CW call signs will be used on all visual circuits.

### 2. Warning and Alert Signals.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>HOW DISSEMINATED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
AIR DEFENSE WARNING "RED"	AIR ATTACK IMMINENT OR TAKING PLACE	FLASH MESSAGE, SHORT REPEATED SOUND OF SIRENS OR WORD OF MOUTH	SIRENS WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER SIGNAL WITHIN OBJECTIVE AREA
"YELLOW"	AIR ATTACK IS PROBABLE	MESSAGE, WORD OF MOUTH	
"WHITE"	AIR ATTACK IS IMPROBABLE	MESSAGE, TELEPHONE WORD OF MOUTH	MAY BE DECLARED BEFORE OR AFTER AIR DEFENSE WARNING "YELLOW" OR "RED"

### 3. Miscellaneous Visual Signals.

(a) Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
"RED"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.

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"GREEN"

Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

## b. Aircraft Maneuver Signals:

<u>AIRCRAFT MANEUVER</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
360 Degree Left Turn	Display CP Identification
360 Degree Right Turn	Mission Completed
*Alternate Dips and Climbs	Display Front Lines Markings
Rock Wings	Message or Displays Understood
*Yaw Right-Left	Standby for Message Drop
Sharp S-Turn	Will Support, You Mark Target
Circle Right-Rocking Wings	Am Trying To Contact You By Radi

\*It is not practical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.

c. The following illumination and smoke signals are effective. No others authorized.

(1) Used by ground units and river and sea units for liaison together or with aircraft.

ILLUMINATION SIGNALS

<u>TYPES</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR CLUSTER (ONE SIGNAL IS FIRED)	Encircled or attacked by the enemy. Request for support (Type of support) such as aircraft, artillery relieving forces, etc., - must be affirmed by radio).
SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR CLUSTER (CONTINUOUS FIRE OF 3 OR MORE SIGNALS)	Request for emergency illumination (radio liaison must be established)
SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN STAR PARACHUTE	Request for ammunition
SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN STAR M125 (HAND-HELD)	Request for evacuation
SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR PARACHUTE M127, (HAND-HELD) OR SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR ANM 44 A1	Radio breakdown

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SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR CLUSTER (FIRE OF ON SIGNAL)	Request for radio communications on the air-ground frequency
SIGNAL, GROUND, WHITE STAR CLUSTER (CONTINUOUS FIRE OF 3 OR MORE SIGNALS)	Request for cease of illum- inating firing and shelling
SIGNAL, GROUND, RED STAR PARACHUTE M126 (HAND-HELD)	We are withdrawing from this position

## SMOKE SIGNALS

SIGNAL, GROUND, YELLOW SMOKE, M64 OR GRENADE, RIFLE, YELLOW SMOKE OR	Marking of the friendly units position or of a secured area for an urgent or normal air- craft landing.
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GRENADE, HAND YELLOW SMOKE, M18

SIGNAL, GROUND, GREEN SMOKE M65 OR GRENADE, RIFLE, GREEN SMOKE OR GRENADE, RIFLE, GREEN SMOKE M18	Please inform us of the enemy direction or position
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GRENADE, RIFLE, RED SMOKE	Marking of the enemy position
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(2) Used by aircraft for liaison with ground units,

GRENADE, HAND, GREEN SMOKE M18	Please inform us of the enemy direction
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GRENADE, HAND, RED SMOKE, M18	Marking of the enemy position
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GRENADE, HAND, SMOKE, HC (WHITE) ANM 8 OR	Request for radio communications on the air-ground frequency
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SIGNAL, AIR-GROUND, WHITE STAR CLUSTER (FIRE OF ONE SIGNAL)	
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## d. Panels

(1) See REFERENCES (a) and (b)

(2) Panels are employed by ground forces as a means of recognition and identification. The panel sets VS-4/U and VS-6/U are normally used for identifying vehicles.

(3) Use VS-4/U (RED) panels to identify vehicles and armor in forward areas on odd dates. Use VS-6/U (YELLOW) panels on even dates.

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4. ~~Sound.~~ Sound devices will be used in accordance with locally prepared SOP'S

5. Helicopter Landing Point Identification.

a. Helicopter Landing Points (General Information).

(1) Helicopter landing points should be selected which provide helicopter pilots adequate space to maneuver into the wind in order to take advantage of increased performance of the helicopter under a favorable wind direction.

(2) All landing points will be at least 100 feet in diameter paying particular attention to ensure overhead wire or antennas do not obstruct the landing areas.

(3) Areas of hard ground, solid rock, or grass are the best natural landing points for helicopters. Graveled areas shall never be selected as a helicopter landing point. Dry barren areas should also be avoided since dust clouds created by the helicopter may reveal landing and takeoff to the enemy.

(4) Landing points will be policed of debris and any loose material to avoid damage to aircraft.

b. Safety Precautions. It is mandatory that all landing points personnel be briefed on the following precautions:

(1) Personnel will stand clear of the landing and departure aircraft.

(2) Approach only after a beckoning signal from the pilot or co-pilot.

(3) Approach and depart other type helicopters from the right front of the aircraft.

c. Landing Point Communications.

(1) Unit communication officers will install a local telephone from the landing point area to unit switchboards. The telephone will be properly marked and the landing point messengers will maintain a telephone watch on this telephone.

(2) To prevent unnecessary landing at the helicopter landing point, when there is no outgoing traffic, the letter "N" will be displayed in the immediated vicinity of the triangle.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Helicopter Landing Point Marking System.

(1) All landing points will be marked with equilateral triangle by using three panels from either panel set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selection will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.

(2) Prevailing wind directions will be shown by installing a short pole (approximately three feet) with streamers, flag, or pennants of sufficient length to allow the pilot to see the local wind.

(3) Once a helicopter point has been established with the triangle, the type and size of the unit will be identified as follows:

(a) Type of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from panels VS-4/U (RED) or VS-6/U (YELLOW) in the center of the triangle.

<u>TYPE OF UNIT</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>
Infantry/Reconnaissance	One Yellow Panel (VS-6/U)
Artillery/Tanks	One Red Panel (VS-4/U)
Aviation	Two Yellow Panels (VS-6/U)
Service and Support	Two Red Panels (VS-4/U)

(b) Size of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from panel set AP-30C or AP-30D placed directly above and centered on top of the triangle.

<u>SIZE OF UNIT</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>
COMPANY/Battery	Roman Numeral One
Battalion/Squadron	Roman Numeral Two
Regt/MAG/MAU	Roman Numeral Three
Brigade/MAB	Letter "X"
Div/Wing	Letter "XX"
MAF/MAC	Letter "XXX"

(c) Panel set AP-30C or AP-30D as appropriate in conjunction with panels VS-4/U or VS-6/U provides all the necessary equipment and color arrangements needed to effect the above displays.

(d) Upon receiving an air raid warning/alert the helicopter landing point marking will be removed without delay. The markers will be replaced immediately after "all clear" is sounded.

(e) The senior headquarters designator will be displayed when composite headquarters are established. Report to 3dMarDiv units served by the common helicopter landing point.

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(f) Helicopters will not be diverted from their assigned route without approval of the CG 3dMarDiv.

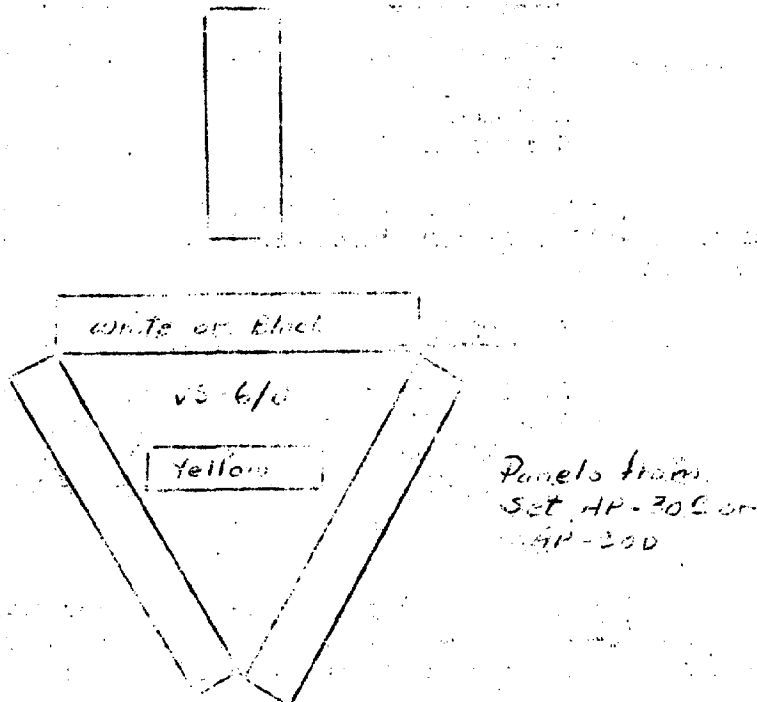
(g) Night marking for the helicopter landing point will depend upon the tactical situation, however, satisfactory night markings may consist of three flashlights placed at the apex of the triangle site marker or vehicle lights flashed from a vehicle parked down wind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.

(h) Care must be exercised in securing panels to the ground to prevent destruction of the displays each time a helicopter lands or takes off.

(i) The following examples of helicopter landing points markings are provided for guidance and instructional purposes:

Example 1

Infantry Company



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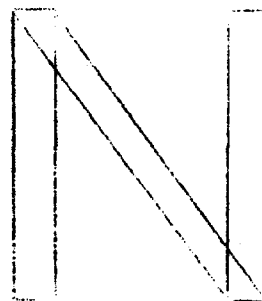
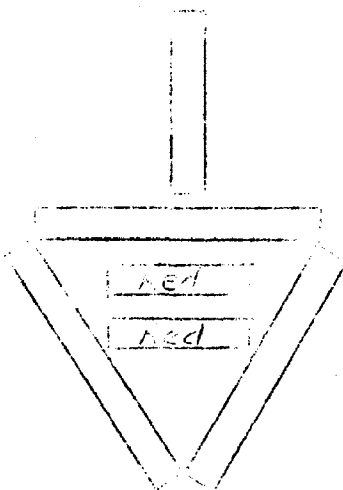
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Example 2

Service and Support



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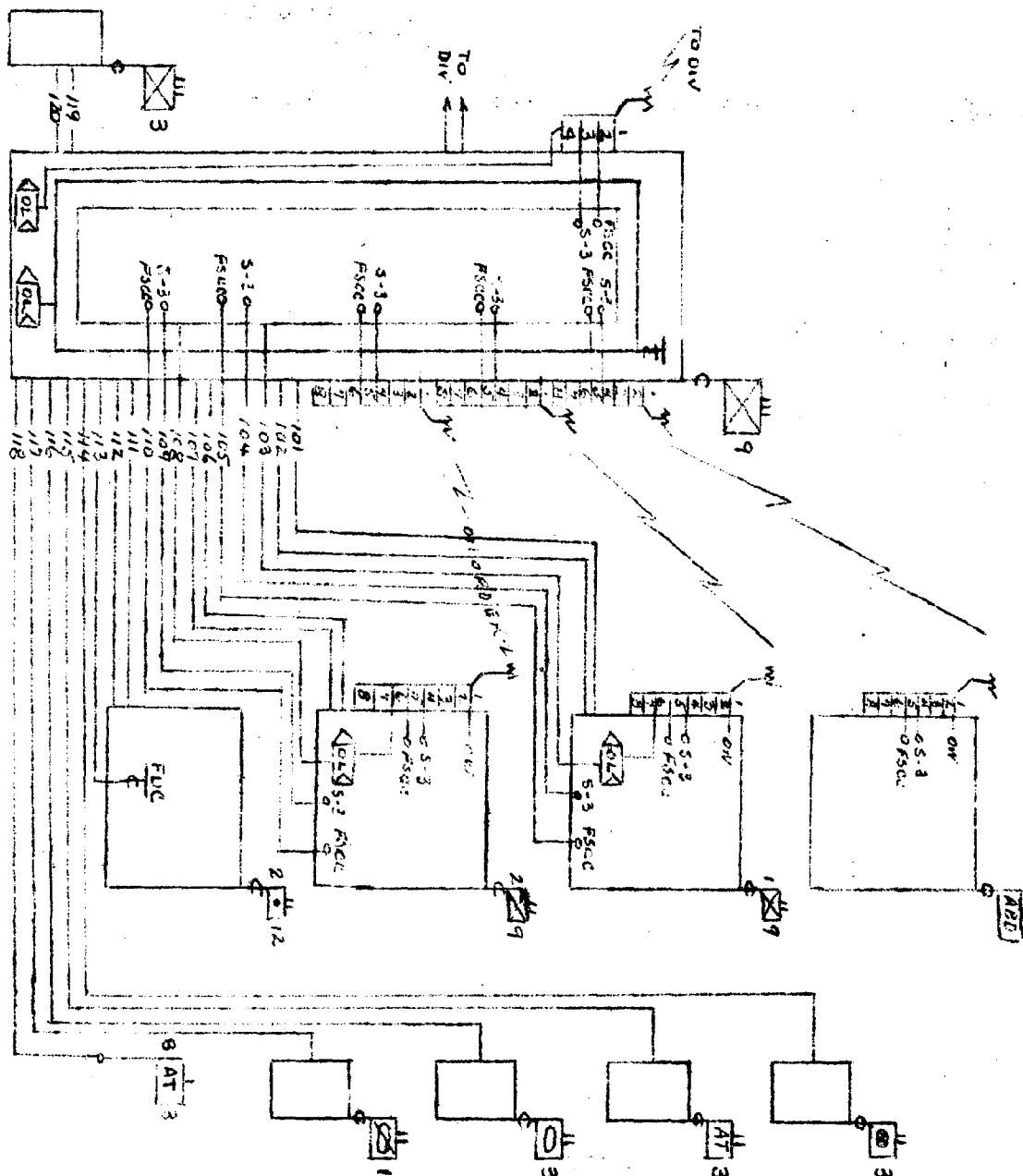
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Appendix 5 (Radio Relay/Wire Circuit Diagram) to Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 3214-65

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Appendix 6 (Electronic Warfare) to Annex D (Communication-Electronics)  
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1. Control of Employment for Electronic Warfare in RVN.

a. COMUSMACV approval must be obtained prior to the conduct of active ECM in all operations, except that commanders of major subordinate units engaged in active combat may employ EW as indicated below when in their considered judgement, such measures are essential to the conduct of the campaign, or for the safety of military forces when time does not permit authorization by higher headquarters.

(1) Employ active ECM against non-communications electromagnetic radiations.

(2) Employ electronic jamming against communication circuits passing clear test voice traffic which has an immediate effect on the local tactical situation. Electronic jamming of other communication circuits will not be conducted without prior approval of COMUSMACV.

b. Electronic Warfare conditions may be imposed by this, or higher headquarters.

2. Jamming or Deception Reports.

a. Scope. Cliff Reports, as outlined below, apply to any case of known intentional jamming or interference from unknown source (mutual interference, etc.) experienced by electronic communications systems, radars, navigational aids, etc., assigned this command.

b. Purpose. To provide the CommO with notification of electronics interference of either an intentional nature experienced by electronics units of this command. Also to provide information when radar and/or UHF/VHF air-to-ground channels are experiencing ECM/Jamming or effectiveness of enemy active EW efforts.

c. Reports.

(1) When incidents of jamming which can not be credited to friendly forces or malfunctions are experienced by ground radio, ground radar, navigational aids, or any other electronics systems within or under the jurisdiction of this command, a CLIFF Report will be forwarded by immediate message to Hq, Ninth Marines. Method of transmission will be by the most expeditious method available. Security classification of this report is SECRET. The following format will be used in submitting this report:

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- (a) Unit submitting report and date-time-group.
- (b) Location of site facility (Site number, code name, designation).
- (c) Type of equipment.
- (d) Nomenclature of equipment.
- (e) Frequency interfered with.
- (f) Bandwidth affected.
- (g) Source of interference.
- (h) Location of interference source.
- (i) Azimuth of interference.
- (j) Type of interference (noise, pulse, spot, sweep, barrage, chaff).

(2) Termination report format will be as follows:

- (a) Location of site/facility (site number, code name, designation).
- (b) Date and time interference started.
- (c) Date and time interference stopped.

(3) Conditions of jamming deception and/or unknown interference will be as follows:

- (a) Condition 1 - light interference.
- (b) Condition 2 - moderate interference.

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(c) Condition 3 - heavy interference.

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Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) MAPS: Tourane, 1:50,000 Sheets 6659 III, 6659 II, 6658 IV and 6658 I  
 (b) Ninth Marines Operation Order 321A-65  
 (c) IFM-22  
 (d) FMFM 7-1

Fire Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: Annex A

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 321A-65 and current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Annex F (Air Support) to Operation Order 321A-65.  
 (2) Annex G (Naval Gunfire) to Operation Order 321A-65.

2. MISSION. Defend Danang Air Base perimeter and assigned portion of the TAOR, prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations. Maintains one company in a one hour reaction posture. Conducts aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned portion of TAOR. Prepares to counterattack to restore integrity of Air Base perimeter. Prepares to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond assigned portion of Danang TAOR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) Battalion FSCC's will coordinate supporting fires within the battalion zone of action. However all requests for supporting fires will be approved by Ninth Marines FSCC before firing.  
 (2) Ninth Marines FSCC will coordinate supporting fires within the Regimental TAOR and effect necessary liaison with higher headquarters for clearance to fire supporting arms when required.

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- (3) All requests for high explosive fires must be coordinated and approved by 3d Marine Division FSCC before firing. Illumination requests in designated areas may be approved by 9th Marines FSCC. 3d MarDiv FSCC must be notified as soon as possible that illumination is being fired.
- (4) Commanding Officer, Airfield Defense Battalion has been granted authority by CG 3d MarDiv to use supporting arms as necessary without prior approval by regimental or 3d MarDiv FSCC.

4. TARGET INFORMATION.a. Target List.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 321A-65.
- (2) The target list will be maintained by the Regimental Commander. Subordinate commanders will be prepared to maintain such portions of the target list as apply to their assigned areas of responsibility.

b. Restricted Targets.

- (1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical and public installations. Fires in populated areas will be kept to a minimum. Fires will not be called on bridges, highways or railroad tracks.
- (2) High explosive fires will be fired only upon approval of the 3d Division Commander or when in the opinion of a battalion commander, failure to fire H.E. immediately would lead to the loss of Marine lives or jeopardize the mission of a unit of battalion size. Illumination east of the QO north-south grid line will be fired only upon approval of the 3d MarDiv FSCC and Danang Special Sector due to the large number of RVN forces in that area. Illumination west of the QO north-south grid line within the 9th Marines TAOR may be fired upon approval of the Regimental Commander.
- (3) Destruction of restricted targets is prohibited except on approval of the 3d MarDiv Commander or when in the opinion of a Battalion Commander, failure to destroy immediately, would cause Marine casualties or jeopardize the mission of a unit of battalion size.

c. Restrictive fire plans.

- (1) When it is necessary to ensure an adequate degree of safety from friendly fires for aircraft conducting large or critical



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missions, the following restrictive fire plan will be employed:

PLAN WAGONMASTER

All surface fires are prohibited between prescribed maximum and minimum altitudes within the specified rectangular area during the stated time interval. The length of the area is designated by two points whose coordinate will be given and the width is specified by a given distance to either side of the line joining the two points.

- (2) Units requesting an air support mission will recommend a restrictive plan if required. Higher headquarters will not impose a restrictive fire plan contrary to recommendations of the requesting unit, unless the need is clearly indicated. Recommendations and orders for the restrictive fire plan will state the coordinates of the points delineating the center line, the distance to either side of the center line, the maximum and minimum altitude and the time period,

Example: "Wagonmaster 013698 to 042698. 2000 meters. 1000 to 10,000 feet. 1040 to 1055"

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY.

a. Air sentries and lookouts.

- (1) Air sentries will be stationed by artillery firing units and naval gunfire support ships to check fire when friendly aircraft approach the area.
- (2) Artillery forward observers and naval gunfire spotters will check fire when the trajectories of artillery and naval gunfire projectiles endanger friendly aircraft.

- b. Fire on helicopter approach and retirement lanes. Fire on helicopter approach and retirement lanes in use is restricted to observed fire with an additional requirement that an observer be capable of ensuring the safety of helicopters.

6. GROUND FORCES SAFETY.

a. No fire line.

- (1) Definition: A line, short of which artillery or ships do not fire, except on request of the supported commander.
- (2) CG 3d MarDiv will publish effective no fire lines. Emergency changes by infantry battalion commanders will be considered valid unless countermanded.

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b. Bomb line.

- (1) Definition: A line which defines the rear boundary of a zone of general air action. This line is arranged, if possible, to follow well-defined geographical features. To the rear of this line, all air strikes against enemy surface targets must be controlled by the close air support system and must be:
  - (a) Requested or approved by the appropriate ground commander.
  - (b) Integrated with fire and movement of the supported unit, including its other supporting arms.
- (2) Bomb lines will be prescribed by CG 3d MarDiv.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.


a. Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 321A-65.

b. Command Posts.

- (1) 3d MarDiv (AT995756)
- (2) 9th Mar (AT999726)
- (3) 1stBn, 9th Mar (BT001745)
- (4) 2dBn, 9th Mar (AT998723)
- (5) 2dBn, 12th Mar (AT999726)
- (6) Provisional ABD Bn (BT001745)

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Annex F (Air Support) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 321A-65.
- b. Friendly Forces.
  - (1) Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 321A-65.
  - (2) Elements of the 1st MAW will provide CAS, helicopter and air delivery missions in support of Ninth Marines.

2. PROCEDURES.

- a. Air strike requests will be forwarded to the Division FSCC via the normal chain of command for approval.
- b. Air strikes will be conducted under the positive control of the TACP, TAC(A) or ASRT.
- c. Battalion ALO's and FAC's have the authority to request direct medical evacuation flights (MED-EVACS) through the DASC, but are required to notify the Regimental ALO of all impending and completed MED-EVACS.
- d. An Airforce C-123, with a 200-Flare capacity is on 30 minute standby at Danang AF. Judicious utilization of this aircraft should be foremost due to the shortage of aircraft flares in this area. Requesting of this support is coordinated through Regimental FSCC.
- e. Requests for pre-planned and prearranged on call aircraft for support will be forwarded to the Regimental ALO for coordination by 1000 on the day prior to the day that the mission is to be effected.
- f. Standard mission request forms should be used in requesting all types of support.

3. HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE PROCEDURES.

- a. Three Helicopter LZ's are located within the operating area of Ninth Marines.

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- (1) Sandpiper (Ninth Marines) 999-723 4 helo capacity.
- (2) Sandpiper "A" (3d Tk Bn) 991-710 2 helo capacity.
- (3) Sandpiper "B" (Reaction Force) 985-721 12 helo capacity.
- b. Utilization of these LZ's require coordination through Ninth Marines ALO.
- c. LZ's 3.a. (1) and 3.a. (2) have night lighting facilities available.
- d. The Reaction Force will normally be transported via vehicle to the DANG A/F in the event of night commitments.
- e. The following information is required about LZ's prior to mission approval:
  - (1) Coordinates
  - (2) Marked or unmarked
  - (3) Secure or unsecure
  - (4) Medical assistance (if applicable)
  - (5) TACP call sign and frequency
- f. All LZ's should be properly marked with smoke and/or panels whenever feasible.

4. CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS.

- a. Support aircraft of the 1st MAW in support of Ninth Marines are capable of delivery combinations of bombs, rockets, napalm, smoke and 20mm cannon fire.
- b. All weather and night missions are enhanced with the assistance of ASRTs and aircraft flares.
- c. CAS aircraft are on 14 minute strip alert 24 hours a day.

5. REPORTS.

- a. Spot reports of missions flown in support of Ninth Marines shall be submitted to the ALO, Ninth Marines as soon as possible.
- b. Information required:
  - (1) Type mission (MEDEVAC, CAS, RESUPPLY)

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- (2) Time Alerted (TIME MISSION CALLED IN)
- (3) A/C on station (TIME A/C ON STATION OR AT LZ)
- (4) Time Completed (TIME A/C DEPARTED STATION OR LZ)
- (5) Results (SUCCESSFUL OR UNSUCCESSFUL)
- (6) Coordinates SELF-EXPLANATORY
- (7) Remarks (DELAYS, INJURIES, DAMAGE ASSESSMENT)

c. Reports will be forwarded to Ninth Marines via Land Line or Ninth Marines TAC NET whenever possible.

6. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Call Sign and Frequencies. See Appendixes 1 & 2. (Call Signs and Frequencies) to Annex D (Command and Communications-Electronics) to this Operation Order.


b. Control Agencies:

- (1) TACC VIC BT 0175
- (2) DASC VIC BT 0175

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Annex G (Naval Gunfire) to Operation Order 321A-65

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65  
 (b) MAPS: INDO CHINA, 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheets 6658 I and IV,  
 6659 II and III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

TC 71.8 (Naval Gunfire Support Group)

TU 71.8.1  
 TU 71.8.2  
 TU 71.8.3  
 TU 71.8.4  
 TU 71.8.5

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Appendix B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 321A-65 and current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces.
  - (1) T.G. 71.8 (Naval Gunfire Support Group)
  - (2) Annex F (Air Support) to Operation Order 321A-65

2. MISSION. Naval gunfire will support the conduct of reconnaissance operations, security missions, attacks and counterattacks; will destroy or neutralize enemy forces and will provide night illumination.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. CTU 71.8 is in general support of III MAF. Direct support ships will be assigned on a daily basis by III MAF.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Approval to fire missions.
    - (a) In most cases Naval Gunfire projectile trajectories will pass through Danang Air Base's climb and glide paths. Therefore all naval gunfire missions must be approved by 3d MarDiv on an individual basis before the order to fire is given.

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- (b) Silence on the Naval Gunfire Spot Net (NGSN) by 3d MarDiv FSCC will not be considered as approval to fire a mission. 3d MarDiv will pass "cleared to fire" over the NGSN as approval to fire an individual mission.
- (c) Silence on the NGSN by 9th Marines FSCC and by battalion FSCC will be considered as approval by these units to fire a mission.
- (2) Units desiring fire support ships make request to 9th Marines. Preplanned missions must be submitted 48 hours in advance to 9th Marines FSCC.
- (3) Standard Salvos for Call Fires. At discretion of SFCP.
- (4) Night Illumination. Will be coordinated by 9th Marines (FSCC).
- (5) Restrictions.
  - (a) Normally VT fuses will not be employed when the line of fire passes over friendly troops or craft. If the tactical situation requires the use of VT-fused projectiles under these circumstances, approval of 9th Marines FSCC must be obtained.
  - (b) All Naval Gunfire missions will be observed by either a U.S. NGF spotter, NAO, or F.O.
- (6) Assignment of mission target numbers.
  - 1/9 - 000 - 199
  - 2/9 - 200 - 399

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Equipment for Naval Gunfire teams as provided by units concerned.
- b. Reports.

## Ammunition Reporting Codes:

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Code Word</u>
3"/50	Tucker
5"/38	Rickenbacker
5"/54	Marmon
6"/47	Durant
Reduced Charge	Mercedes

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<u>Projectile</u>	<u>Code Number</u>
AAC.....	1
AP .....	2
COMM.....	5
ILLUM.....	7
VT .....	8
VT (NON FRAG).....	9
W .....	10
WP .....	11

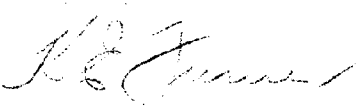
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications in accordance with Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Overlay 321A-65.
- b. SFCC Spot nets will be assigned by 3d MarDiv SFCC

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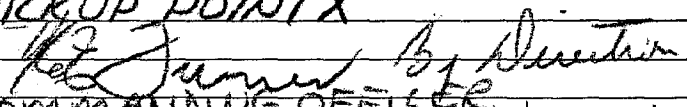

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From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines  
 To: 9th Marines

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65  
 (b) CG 3d MarDiv Msg 280704Z  
 (c) Maps: Indochina, 1:50,000, SERIES L701, Sheets 6658 I, 6658 IV, 6659 II and 6659 III

FRAG ORDER 5-65

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces

(1) See current INTSUMS.

(2) At the present time no VC organized units have been reported operating in the immediate proximity of the Danang East complex. However in the past units in up to company strength have been reported. Current reports have indicated only isolated incidents of sniper fire. The main threat to this area is still from elements of the 7th VC Bn last reported operating in the area centered on GS (BT 0162).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) The 9th Mobile construction Battalion is bivouaced in an area around GC BT 056738 and are working on a hospital site vicinity GC BT 064725.

(2) 2d platoon, company "D", 3d Recon Battalion has a squad OP at Marble Mountain GC BT 068712.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Remain the same.

2. Mission. On order company "D", 3d Recon Battalion will provide one reinforced platoon and company "B", 3d Tank Battalion will provide a heavy section of tanks for security of the Danang East complex to include the MCB-9 bivouac area and the hospital construction site.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion using one platoon provides security for MCB-9 and the Danang East complex by conducting aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols to kill or capture any enemy operating in the vicinity of the Danang East complex.

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b. Company "D", 3d Recon. On order move one platoon to the vicinity of Marble Mountain GC BT 075710 and establish a PPB. Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols to kill or capture any enemy in the area of the Danang East complex.

c. Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion. On order move a heavy section of tanks to the PPB at Marble Mountain to provide direct support for the platoon from company "D", 3d Recon Battalion.

d. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Provide one FO Team direct support of 1st platoon, company "D", 3d Recon Battalion.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(a) Rules of Engagement remain in effect.

(b) Direct liaison with MCB-9 is authorized.

(c) One squad from the 593 Regional Force Company will report to the platoon from company "D", 3d Recon Battalion at Marble Mountain.

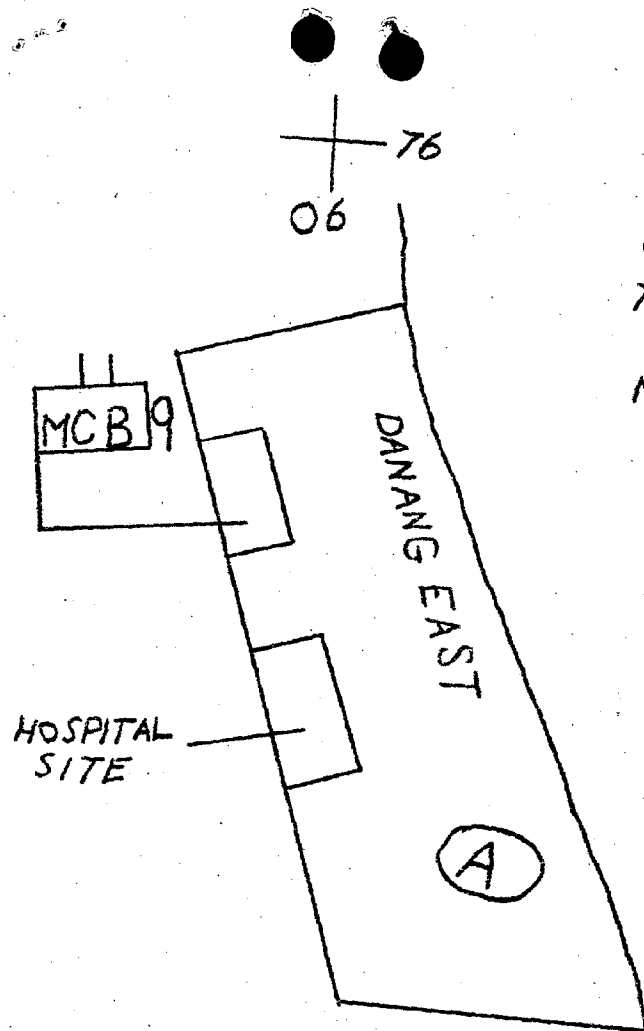
4. Administrative and Logistics. No change.

5. Command and Communications-Electronics. Remain the same.

  
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OPERATION OVERLAY  
TO FRAG ORDER 5-65

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FRAG ORDER 6-65

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: 2dBn, 9th Marines

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder  
 (b) MAP: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet 6658 IV

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st platoon, company "D", 3d Recon Bn. With 3 tanks in support holds an OP and blocking position at Marble Mountain vicinity 075709.

(2) 522d company RF, ARVN. Assembly Area vicinity Mie Bong (1) GC 015678 moves out at 310500H July in a North westerly direction through objectives 1 and to up to Hoa Phuong vicinity GC 046176.

(3) 591st company, RF, ARVN. Assigned combined mission with 2dBn, 9th Marines for clearing operation. One platoon from LOD to objective 3, company (-) to objectives (1) and (2).

(4) Popular Force Platoon. Remain CONDAU vicinity GC 029722.

2. MISSION. Search and clear village at HOA DA, seize and hold cleared sector, capture and kill Viet Cong in assigned area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 2dBn, 9th Marines in conjunction with 591st Company, Regional Forces of DANANG Special Sector, conducts search and clear operation in village of HOA DA. Seizes and holds platoon strong points on North side of SONG VINH DIEN River, to deny village of HOA DA to Viet Cong. Occupies area previously seized with one company (rein) and conducts aggressive reconnaissance/combat patrols.

b. 2dBn, 9th Marines

(1) Occupy and defend present positions.

(2) One reinforced rifle company seizes Objectives 1, 2 + 3

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- (3) Defends objectives as platoon strong points.
- (4) Capture or kill Viet Cong.
- (5) Conduct aggressive reconnaissance/combat patrols.
- (6) Maintain one company as a reaction force with thirty minute reaction posture.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Rules of engagement apply.
- (2) Popular Force Platoon, Combat Intelligence Team, PAT Platoon and Military advisors will leave the area prior to the attack and return when the operation has been completed.
- (3) LOD as shown on overlay.
- (4) H-Hour cross LOD 310600H July.
- (5) Reports
  - (a) Report crossing LOD and securing objectives.
  - (b) Spot reports upon contact and Situation reports hourly while in contact.



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To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division

Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlay  
(2) Projected Operations for the week of 241200H to  
311200H July 1965.  
(3) Patrols Areas

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3)  
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Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report Period 241200H to  
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Ref: (a) Division (Pw) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlay  
(2) Patrol Plans  
(3) Projected Operations  
(4) Line Support

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