

## **THE 3D BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY'S**

### **MOVE TO VIETNAM**

**AS TOLD BY: COL EVERETTE STOUTNER In an Email to Dick Arnold**

Subject: VIETNAM HISTORY OF THE CACTI REGIMENT

When I returned to our Hawaiian home earlier this month after having been on the Mainland since April 14th, there were 513 E-mail messages on my computer. One was your most welcome message. It was great for me to learn of the interest you have in the history of 3rd Infantry Brigade and the work you are doing to reconstruct the events that led up to the deployment from Hawaii to Vietnam.

I took command of the 3rd Brigade in June, 1965. At that time the major units of the Brigade were: 1st Bn, 35th Infantry commanded by Lt. Col. Ed Callanan, 2nd Bn, 35th Infantry commanded by Lt. Col. George Scott (now deceased), 1st Bn, 5th Mech Inf commanded by Lt. Col. Thomas Greer, 2d Bn 9th Artillery commanded by Lt Col Saul Jackson.

On December 12, 1965 I was directed by Col Tom Mellon, 25th Inf Div C/S to meet Major General Fred Weyand , CG 25th Infantry Division, at his quarters at 1800 hours that evening. Gen Weyand, who had just returned from a meeting at CINCPAC, informed me that the 3rd BDE was to be deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam and that an Advanced Party should leave within a week. This information was, of course, TOP SECRET at that time.

The 3rd Brigade was tailored as a Separate Brigade Task Force and would be under the Operational Control of the CG First Field Force Commanded by Maj Gen Stanley Larsen whose Headquarters was some 100 miles Southeast of Pleiku on the Coast at Nha Trang .

Before leaving Schofield Barracks, the 1st Bn 5th Mech was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade and the 1st Bn, 14th Infantry commanded by Lt Col Gilbert Proctor was assigned to the 3rd Bde. In addition to the three infantry battalions, and the direct support artillery battalion, there was a Provisional Support Battalion, consisting of various combat and service support elements such as Medical, Signal, Ordnance, and Administrative units. Plus, there was a combat engineer company, a cavalry troop and a tank company. The overall strength of this separate brigade task force was about 4200 people.

The 3rd Bde, less the 1/14 and the large armor and engineer equipment, deployed by air. The code name of the airlift was "Operation Blue Light". The Air Force dedicated 12 C-141 and 4 C -133 aircraft to this operation. The Advance Party, utilizing three C-141 aircraft, departed for Pleiku on or about December 16th. (I do not recall the exact date) The Main Body started deployment on December 25th and I departed Schofield Barracks at that time. Major (P) Phil Feir, was the Brigade Executive Officer. He remained at Schofield to supervise the movement and to close out the brigade responsibilities as the last elements of the brigade departed.

The 1/14th Inf, after spending 12 days at sea, arrived at Cam Ran Bay on January 17th, 1966. Our initial mission was to build a Base Camp about 4 miles East of Pleiku, establish communications, and to ensure the protection of the base as the units phased in. A plane arrived about every six hours. In addition, we had the mission of securing Hwy 19 (?) from the Coast to Pleiku as our out sized and logistical elements moved via that route to Pleiku.

As I recall, the 3rd BDE completed its move to Pleiku during the 3rd week in January 1966 which was eight days ahead of the target date that had been set by MACV.

Operation Blue Light was completed without incident and was, at that time, the largest Air Force/Army movement in point of number troops moved and the amount of ton miles flown. The 61st Military Air Lift Wing flew 225 missions, transporting more than 4700 Tons of cargo plus approximately 4000 troops. A total of 225 missions were flown during this movement.

Even before the Brigade had closed, we were ordered to perform search and destroy missions in the vicinity of some of the Special Forces Camps which were located in the Central Highlands.

Starting during the latter part of January, the 2nd Bn of the 35th Inf was given missions along Hwy 19 near the Man Yang Pass. This area had a history of frequent activity by the VC from which they launched ambushes and attacks on traffic using this highway which was a main avenue of communications. The 1/35 and 1/14 Battalions were engaged in search and destroy missions West of Pleiku. This operation was named Taylor.

During the early February, the Brigade less the 2/35 Bn, was moved to Darlac Prov and commenced Operation Garfield which started in the Ban Me Thuot area and moved North toward Buon Brieng, which was a Montanyard village. Garfield continued for about five weeks during which time over 300 VC and NVA were killed, many individual and crew served weapons and communications equipment was captured, an estimated 60 tons of rice was denied the enemy and a large field hospital with modern surgical equipment and supplies was destroyed.

Operation Garfield lasted about five weeks. After which, the 3rd Bde moved right into Operation Lincoln, where the area of operations was from the Chu Pong Mountain/la Drang River, North toward Dak To Special Forces Camp. As this Operation got under way, two Republic of Korea Infantry Battalions were attached to the 3rd Bde. During Operation Lincoln, elements of at least five NVA Regiments made repeated attacks coming from their positions located across the border in Cambodia. During one pre-dawn attack, the NVA had very heavy losses when they hit the main defenses of the 1/14th and the two Korean Battalions.

During Operation Lincoln the 3rd Bde was placed under the Op Con of the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cav Div.

Following Operation Lincoln, the 3rd Bde participated in several search and destroy operations in the Pleiku, Kontum, and Dak To areas. And, in an operation in the vicinity of a large tea plantation (the name of which I do not remember) located South and West of Pleiku.

The next major Operation was Paul Revere. The area of operation was to the South and West of Pleiku and West toward the Cambodian Border.

Around the first of May, I turned the 3rd Bde over to Brig Gen Glenn D. Walker. Gen Walker had been one of the two Assistant Division Commanders of the 25th Infantry Division. The other Assistant Division Commander, Brig Gen Ted Desaussure later was assigned to command a Separate Brigade attached to the 25th Inf Div in the Chu Chi area. Both of these changes in command were directed by GEN Westmoreland.

I remained with the 3rd Bde as the Deputy Commander for a few weeks before being assigned to Second Field Force Headquarters at Long Bien as the G3. Long Bien is located about 20 miles North of Saigon. I remained in that position until the end of 1966 when my tour in Vietnam was completed.

Dick, the above is presented for your information and is a chronology of what transpired (as I remember) from the time we were alerted until we closed in at Pleiku and almost immediately entered into a series of combat operations.

Finally, I want to state that the Bde was well trained, and the morale was high. About two weeks before we started the deployment, the 3rd Bde won the Division Football Championship with a 10 wins and no losses This alone, was a great morale builder.

Aloha,

Ev Stoutner

## **Hawaii Lightning News**

### **'Operation Blue Light' Moves Tropic Lightning**

Reprinted from The AIR Division Advisor (RVN) January 7, 1966.

The Air Force's "Operation Blue Light," a massive airlift of elements of the Army's 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii, is now beginning its second week.

Military Airlift Command (MAC), formerly known as the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), is carrying out the airlift of some 3,000 soldiers and 3,200 tons of cargo. This troop airlift, the longest in war times, began Dec. 24, when an advanced party of more than 100 members of the 3rd Brigade and 103 tons of equipment arrived at the Pleiku air base in the central mountain region, 240 miles northeast of Saigon.

Air Force Lt. Col. Russell J. Revel of Hutchinson, Kan., MAC airlift commander here, supervised the unloading of nearly 50 tons vehicles and 75 troops from the time the planes landed.

Colonel Revel is assigned to MAC's 22nd Air Transport Squadron.

The Air Force's C-133 jet turbo-prop and the C-141 jet transport are the primary air-craft being used in "Operation Blue Light." These aircraft are backed up by C-124 Globe-masters and C-130 Hercules transports.

More than 26 aircraft are involved in the operation. Throughout the airlift, a C-133 will be landing at Pleiku nearly every four hours, while the C-141s will touch down about every 10 hours.

Flying more than 6,000 miles across the Pacific from Hickam AFB, Hawaii, all airline crews make two stops enroute to Pleiku. The first stop for both the C-133 and C-141 crews is Wake Island.

From that stopover, the C-133 crews go to Kadema AB, Okinawa, and the C-141 crews fly to Clark AFB, Philippine Islands. The flight time, including the stopovers, is about 30 hours for the C-133 crews and 18 hours for the C-141 crews.

Colonel Revel explained that the stopovers are for refueling and servicing of the aircraft to enable them to have a quick turnaround time in the combat area. While at Pleiku, the air-craft engines are kept in operation during an average 25 minute ground time.

Some 270 men from MAC units are directly involved in "Operation Blue Light." Also there are about 80 men from other major commands participating in the airlift. Most of the airlift command men and

aircraft come from units in MAC's Western Transport Air Force (WESTAF) with backup support provided by the Eastern Transport Air Force (EASTAF).

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters United States Army, Pacific  
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9 August, 1965

Dear Carl:

Recent events compel me to emphasize again that the President of the United States has given the highest priority to the successful accomplishment of our mission in Viet Nam.

As you know, United States Army, Pacific has the job of organizing, equipping, training and employing assigned forces to insure optimum readiness for combat operations. We are responsible for providing individual personnel and units to fulfill CINCPAC's operational requirements. One of our biggest and most difficult tasks is to provide adequate logistic and administrative support for operations in Viet Nam.

Pending the build-up of adequate personnel, equipment, supplies, and facilities, many problems will arise. This means we must exercise a very special and intimate type of leadership which identifies and focuses quickly on problem areas which affect the deployment and support of our forces. Once identified, the problems must be solved with dispatch which in many cases may call for demanding and unusual solutions.

Each command should have meaningful programs and procedures. We must be capable at any given time to produce accurate and meaningful data which shows where we stand with respect to personnel, training and materiel readiness. Each one of us should take inventory now to determine exactly where we stand with respect to mission accomplishment. In this regard it may prove profitable to review carefully the "be prepared to" type missions assigned in USARPAC Operations Instructions No. 1-64(U) to insure that everything possible is being done to plan for effective support of our forces.

I know each of you realizes the sense of urgency that exists and is doing his part. However, I cannot over-emphasize how strongly I believe that upon the various elements of United States Army, Pacific, each in varying degrees of course, depends the success or failure of our logistical and administrative support effort. There can be no failure. Therefore, I call on you to take such actions as you deem necessary to see that we carry forward our mission to the highest effectiveness and perfection. My staff and I stand ready to back you in any way we can.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

JOHN K. WATERS  
General, U.S. Army  
Commander in Chief

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## Recapitulation of Deployment Orders

- |   | <u>Msg. reference &amp; classification</u> |
|---|--|
| 1. <u>Division</u>  |  |
| 27 Oct. 65 - Advance Warning Order, advising<br>Division of deployment of one brigade<br>Early 1866m Div(-) later in year   | USARPAC GOP-PL 21583                       |
| 2. <u>Two Brigades (1 by air to Pleiku, the other by sea to Saigon)</u>   |  |
| 14 Dec 65 - Warning Order   | DA 743968                                  |
| 16 Dec 65 - Movement Directive  | USARPAC GOP – Op 35007                     |
| 16 Dec 65 - Movement Order  | CINCPAC 160159Z Dec                        |
| 3. <u>69<sup>th</sup> Armor</u>   |  |
| 9 Jan 65 - Advance Movement Directive   | USARPAC GOP-OP 482                         |
| 11 Jan 65 - Final Movement Directive  | USARPAC GOP – OP 600                       |
| 20 Feb 65 - Movement Order  | CINCPAC 200821Z – Feb                      |
| 4. <u>Division (-)</u>  |  |
| 12 Jan 66 - Warning Order   | DA 746876                                  |
| 6 Feb 66 - Movement Order   | CINCPAC 060300Z Feb                        |
| 12 Feb 66 - Movement Directive  | USARPAC GOP – OP 3017                      |
| 5. <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn 4<sup>th</sup> Cav (-)</u>  |  |
| 5 Feb 66 - Advance Movement Directive   | USARPAC GOP – OP 2568                      |
| 22 Feb 66 - Final Movement Directive  | USARPAC GOP – OP 3694                      |
| <u>Note:</u> JCS policy concerning classification of RVN deployment information (planning, alerting,<br>Deployment) is enunciated in JCS confidential message 8963, 24 Aug. 65. |  |

Organization for Providing Out-loading Support Teams and OTHER SUPPORT

25<sup>TH</sup> Inf Div

Fwd info on deploying units;  
Submit requests for support  
Teams and OTHER SUPPORT

AC of S, G4

P&C Div  
Contracts for  
OTHER SUPPORT

Area Cmdrs

Cmdr S&MC

TransO

PCS clearance team

TOE clearance team  
Contact maint. Team

Bulk cargo mvmts  
CULT & TMPs  
(SB – FS)

Labor support team

Equip insp team  
Care & preservation  
demonstration team  
Defueling & deprocessing  
team

Personnel mvmts  
TMPs (SB – FS)

OTHER SUPPORT

Box making  
Mfg shipping pallets  
Fabrication of WABTOC items  
(tent frame kits, latrine kits, etc.)

staff supervision

Major Units 25 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division		Planned Deployment Configuration		
Unit	Auth str	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde TF	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde TF	Div (-)
		BLUELIGHT MOLOKAI XII	GREENLIGHT 'HOLOKAI XI	MOONLIGHT HOLOKAI XII
HHC 25 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div	152	1	1	150
25 <sup>th</sup> MP Co	189	31	31	127
25 <sup>th</sup> Avn Bn	313	2	2	350
125 <sup>th</sup> Sig Bn	626	51	51	516
65 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn	932	221	222	319
HHC 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	125	-	-	123
HHC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	125	-	122	-
HHC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	125	122	-	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sqdn 4 <sup>th</sup> Cav	856	180	180	354
HHB Div Arty	217	-	-	223
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 8 <sup>th</sup> Arty	490	-	489	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 9 <sup>th</sup> Arty	490	489	-	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Bn 11 <sup>th</sup> Arty	490	-	-	489
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn 13 <sup>th</sup> Arty	592	-	-	592
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 21 <sup>st</sup> Arty	321	(Not Deployed)		
HQ HQ & Band	97	-	-	81
25 <sup>th</sup> Admin Co	396	50	50	255
25 <sup>th</sup> Med Bn	396	88	88	216
25 <sup>th</sup> Sup & Trans Bn	485	134	134	248
725 <sup>th</sup> Maint Bn	691	100	100	463
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 69 <sup>th</sup> Arm	571	(Deployed separately, see below)		
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	829	-	-
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 27 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	-	829	-
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 35 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	829	-	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	-	-	829
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 27 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	-	829	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn 35 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	829	-	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Bn 9 <sup>th</sup> Inf	829	-	-	829
4 <sup>th</sup> Bn 23 <sup>rd</sup> Inf	829	-	-	829
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn (M) 5 <sup>th</sup> Inf	<u>899</u>	-	901	-
	16,210			
<u>Plus:</u>				
25 <sup>th</sup> MI Det		15	15	36
18 <sup>th</sup> Mil Hist Det		-	-	2
LO Sec 303 <sup>rd</sup> ASA Bn		-	-	1
Red Cross (Civ)		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		3972	4045	7033
<u>Deployed separately:</u>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 69 <sup>th</sup> Arm				

NOTES:

1. Source of authorized strengths: USARPAC GO 332 (2 Dec 65) as changed per GO 344 (20 Dec 65), GO 4 (6 Jan 66), GO 14 (25 Jan 66) and GO 33 (14 Feb 66).

2. 65<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn.: The 932 authorized strength includes Co C which deployed to Cam Ranh Bay in August 1965, deployed strength 171.

3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 21<sup>st</sup> Arty: This is the only unit which remained in Hawaii. Unit attached to USARHAW effective 1 Mar 66 (USARPAC GO 38, 25 Feb 66).

4 Deployment Code Names:

a. The code name GREENLIGHT first appeared in message USARV-AVC 037, 27 Nov 65; BLUELIGHT in message USARV-AVD-PO 041, 14 Dec 65; MOONLIGHT in 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division OPOD OPLAN HOLOKAI XIII, 1 Feb. 66.

b. The code name HOLOKAI in Hawaiian means, to “go to the sea”. This code name was first assigned by the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to its deployment exercise held in February 1961. These deployment exercises had progressed through HOLOKAI X at the time that the division received its actual deployment order. The continued use of the code name gave the division, and USARHAW, a means to circumscribe some security aspects of the deployment orders in preparing for the many actions required of deployment.

5. Deployment configurations: The strength figures listed for the brigade task forces and Div(-) are deployment planning figures only, derived from the following:

HOLOKAI XI and XII                      25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div message TL 12-4582, 14 Dec 65

HOLOKAI XIII                              Annex A (Task organization to 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div OPLAN HOLOKAI XIII, 1 Feb 66)

6. Summary of the various strength totals:

a. USARPAC General Orders	16,210	
plus: 25 <sup>th</sup> MI Det, etc.	<u>70</u>	
	16,280	
minus: 2/21 <sup>st</sup> Arty	321	Not deployed
Co C 65 <sup>th</sup> Engr Bn	<u>171</u>	Previously deployed
	15,788	
b. 25 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div planning total	15,621	
c. Actual deployment	15,745	See Exhibit E

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(Maps & Charts, (Exhibit E), p31 (Exhibit F), p 32 (Exhibit G). p 33 (Exhibit H)

POM Technical Inspection Equipment Summary

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	Small Arms	V (Veh) CV (Cmbt V)	Arty	Engr	Cal	Sig	CM	Med
1/5 <sup>th</sup> Mech	980 (501)	V 72 (35) CV 55 (120)		251 (115)	979 (113)	358 (167)	493 (18)	54 (0)
1/27 <sup>th</sup> Inf	865	V	157	54	950	163	116	73



	(90)		(200)		(69)	(47)	(62)	(13)	(0)
2/27 <sup>th</sup> Inf	863 (347)	V	157 (227)		45 (31)	981 (23)	307 (66)	309 (52)	79 (0)
1/8 <sup>th</sup> Armor	504 (205)	V	150 (203)	40 (70)	49 (21)		199 (32)	40 (13)	37 (1)
1/69 <sup>th</sup> Armor	690 (335)	V	64 (40)		46 (59)	591 (13)	363 (105)	89 (18)	60 (0)
		CV	25 (71)						
3 /4 Cav (Troop A)	176 (36)	V	14 (34)		17 (13)	124 (1)	28 (11)	310 (125)	13 (0)
		CV	21 (78)						
65 <sup>th</sup> Engr (Co B)	171 (7)	V	79 (98)		42 (68)	214 (3)	7 (2)	35 (23)	13 (0)
HHC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	339 (209)	V	95 (109)		66 (72)	413 (6)	131 (40)	31 (8)	10 (0)
	4588 (1730)	V	802 (946)	40 (70)	570 (448)	4252 (206)	1556 (485)	1423 (270)	339 (1)
		CV	101 (269)						

NOTE: In addition to faults noted, 414 small arms were exchanged.

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Exhibit I

<u>HOLOKAI XIII</u>	<u>Small Arms</u>	<u>V (Veh) CV(Cmbt V)</u>	<u>Arty</u>	<u>Engr</u>	<u>Cal</u>	<u>Sig</u>	<u>QM</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>(p35)</u>
1/35 <sup>th</sup> Inf	1139 (168)	V	178 (73)		12 (6)	195 (105)	183 (4)	82 (1)	
2/35 <sup>th</sup> Inf	735 (400)	V	185 (253)		27 (73)	548 (8)	194 (109)	235 (227)	84 (0)
1/14 <sup>th</sup> Inf	828 (413)	V	247 (284)		47 (69)	720 (120)	165 (68)	117 (48)	83 (0)
65 <sup>th</sup> Engr	175 (81)	V	78 (98)		42 (68)	214 (3)	7 (2)	35 (23)	1 (0)
2/9 <sup>th</sup> Arty	545 (204)	V	11 (197)	(76)	35 (50)	104	11 (51)	305 (9)	13 (2)
3 /4 Cav	232 (114)	V	11 (48)		35 (0)	104 (1)	11 (13)	305 (115)	13 (0)
		CV	11 (48)						
HHC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	410 (312)	V	225 (231)		83 (113)	421 (10)	90 (27)	72 (33)	
	4064 (1692)	V	1078 (1184)	43 (76)	283 (379)	2007 (142)	879 (375)	971 (459)	297 (3)
		CV	11						

NOTE: In addition to faults noted, 295 small arms were exchanged.

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HOLOKAI XIII	Small arms	V (Veh) CV (Combt V)	Arty	Engr	Cml	Sig	QM	Med	Fire Con	
3/4 Cav	728 (311)	V CV	92 (157) 7 (23)	9 (22)	171 (130)	507 (11)	129 (64)	1053 (326)	72 (0)	50 (2)
65 <sup>th</sup> Engr	372 (232)	V CV	139 (292) 4 (14)		75 (46)	168 (7)	20 (34)	325 (11)	39 (4)	11 (8)
Div Hq (-)	177 (63)	V	78 (128)		56 (17)	170 (2)	47 (20)	144 (83)		
25 <sup>th</sup> Admin	343 (150)	V	52 (57)		72 (48)	285 (10)	1 (4)	53 (112)		
25 <sup>th</sup> MI	37 (12)				5 (0)	37 (0)		12 (5)		
25 <sup>th</sup> MP Co	272 (97)	V	68 (95)		27 (30)	171 (0)	145 (71)			
125 <sup>th</sup> Sig	469 (267)	V	126 (272)		80 (159)	294 (1)	411 (314)	571 (38)		
Adv Plang Gp		V	16 (21)				17 (7)	47 (21)		
Hq Sup Cmd		V	27 (15)			106 (0)	17 (7)	18 (26)		
725 <sup>th</sup> Maint	586 (185)	V	217 (567)		90 (114)	526 (68)	283 (88)	592 (269)		23 (3)
25 <sup>th</sup> S&T	304 (157)	V V	155 (430) 124* (264)		58	262 (44)	87 (0)	(4)		
25 <sup>th</sup> Med	654 (399)	V	89 (226)		77 (109)	221 (0)	83 (4)		368 (3)	
25 <sup>th</sup> Div Arty	296 (105)				4 (9)	13 (0)		1 (0)	123 (47)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Arty	953 (1026)	V	282 (600)	43 (76)	502 (254)	811 (9)	351 (77)	1341 (261)		258 (40)
5 <sup>th</sup> Avn	354 (219)	V	131 (227)		127 (125)	246 (1)	125 (47)		41 (0)	
HHC 1 <sup>st</sup>	265 (198)	V	107 (164)		51 (80)	138 (2)	144 (27)	283 (161)		17 (2)

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7/9 <sup>th</sup> Inf	1041 (735)	V	189 (355)	23 (14)	210 (210)	854 (12)	390 (65)	947 (165)		160 (42)
2/14 <sup>th</sup> Inf	1117 (1206)	V	204 (448)	19 (82)	179 (132)	917 (67)	510 (242)	1021 (237)	86 (0)	265 (73)
7/23 <sup>rd</sup> Ind	1091 (313)	V	240 (279)	188 (279)	133 (148)	679 (5)	324 (89)	1184 (574)		10 (25)
7/11 Arty	590 (319)	V	171 (459)	18 (29)	290 (177)	545 (18)	495 (77)	1005 (270)		183 (20)
	9649 (5994)	V	2507 (5056)	300 (502)	2207 (1832)	6950 (213)	3579 (1261)	3597 (2595)	729 (54)	977 (215)
		CV	11 (37)							

\* Vehicles re-inspected

NOTE: In addition to faults noted, a total of 985 small arms were exchanged. (p37)

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#### COMPOSITION of INSPECTION TEAMS

	Small Arms	Veh & Cmbt V	Arty	Engr	Cal	Sig	QM	Med	Fire Cont	Total
USARHAW *										
Contact Team			8							8
Supervisors **	2	2	1	1		1				7
Inspectors	2	14	1	6	2	7	3		4	39
HARNG ***	4	8	2			2				16
USAR	5									5
TAMC								2		2
25 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div	6									6
Total	19	24	12	7	2	10	3	2	4	83

- Contact teams under supervision of G4; personnel provided by G4, S&MC, and G2/G3

\*\* These 7 supervisory inspector personnel were utilized during period 16-29 December 1965

\*\*\* HARNG also provide 2 aircraft inspectors

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## RECAPITULATION of O&MA COSTS

The following is the comptroller's recapitulation of cumulative costs, as of 30 June 1966, in the deployment of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. These amounts are O&MA (Operation and Maintenance, Army) costs incurred against funds allocated to USARHAW only.

BPA	Activity	Amount	Note
2020	OPERATING FORCES	\$12,122,900	A
9010	LOCAL HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ADMINISTRATION	18,600	B
9020	LOCAL WELFARE SERVICES	20,200	C
9030	LOCAL MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT OF FACILITIES	824,700	D
9040	SUPPORT MAINTENANCE	525,800	E
9050	LOCAL LOGISTICS SERVICES	114,500	F
2220	OPERATION OF SUPPLY DEPOTS	716,900	G
2250	TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	36,300	H
2270	OPERATION OF PORT TERMINLS & FACILITIES	<u>493,600</u>	I
	TOTAL	\$14,891,500	

### Note:

- A Supplies and equipment (includes \$1,035 million deferred billings for supplies shipped in June, but billed in July.)
  - B Dependent processing assistance in CONUS
  - C Special Services supplies and equipment (mostly sporting goods).
  - D Fabrication of tent kits
  - E Repair of equipment (S&MC field maintenance shops)
  - F Personnel and cargo haul; laundry support (mostly for dyeing of whites to OD).
  - G Processing of supply requisitions by S&MC.
  - H Personnel and cargo haul (land transportation).
  - I Terminal operations (stevedoring).
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Recapitulation of Local Purchases  
(Dec 65 thru Apr 66)

A. LUMBER, SOFTWOOD ( \* dunnage)

	<u>Board feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Delivery Schedule</u>	
Dec	964,768	\$121,495	12-15-65	12-16-65 to 1 -3 -66	
	237,002	30,004		12-27-65	
	8,400	1,168		12-27-65	
	85,000 *	11,135		12-21-65	
	90,472 *	9,827	12-20-65	12-22-65	
	21,168 *	2,942		12-21-65	
	52,320 *	7,781		12-22-65	
	10,000 *	2,040		12-22-65	
	42,880	5,489	12-22-65	12-23-65 & 12-30-65	
	33,600	4,200	12-23-65	12-27-65	
	23,371	3,195			
	48,766	6,037	12-28-65	12-28-65	
	31,818	5,908			
	32,600	5,607			
	37,450	4,620	12-29-65	12-29-65	
	<u>30,000 *</u>	<u>3,705</u>	12-30-65	12-31-65	
	1,779,884	\$229,107			
Jan.	12,000	1,558	1-5-66	1 - 7 - 66	
7,200	931		1 10 - 66		
	6,540	827		1 - 6 - 66	
	1,920	278		1 - 5 - 66	
	19,000	3,021	1-21-66	1 -24 - 66	
	34,812	4,902		1 -26 - 66	
	11,000	1,357		1 -24 - 66	
	4,000	476		1 - 21- 66	
	7,000	833		1 - 21 - 66	
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>870</u>			
	109,436	\$15,053			
Feb.	37,460	5,321	2 - 1- 66	2 - 4 - 66	
	12,800	1,664		2 - 7 - 66	
	68,117	8,687		2 - 4 - 66	
	4,267	640			
	64,800	8,855	2 - 3 - 66	2 - 4 - 66	
	12,000	1,482			
	5,000	610			
	42,000	6,036	2 - 4 - 66	2 - 5 - 66	
	34,450	6,139			
	15,750	1,890			
	3,800	475			
	23,000	3,073	2 - 11 - 66	2 - 11 - 66	
	27,200	4,216	2 - 18 - 66	2 - 19 - 66	(p44)
EXHIBIT N	8,000	1,520			
	3,000	372			
	18,000	3,045	2 - 21 - 66	2 - 23 - 66	
	28,000	4,916			
	1,000	135			
	3,000	384			
	5,500	699			
	2,000	252			
	2,000	270			
	47,848 *	7,136	2 - 24 - 66	2 - 25 - 66	
	30,976 *	5,463			
	30,160 *	3,649			
	21,104 *	4,168			

	183,600	32,743	2 - 28 - 66	2 - 28 - 66
	<u>31,900</u>	<u>3,988</u>		
	766,900	\$117,140		
Mar	61,000	11,563	3 - 1 - 66	3 - 3 - 66
	20,000	3,500		
	40,000	5,608		
	3,840	503	3 - 8 - 66	3 - 11 - 66
	16,747	2,286		
	30,800	4,417	3 - 14 - 66	3 - 16 - 66
	54,996	9,428		
	32,456	3,938		
	24,500	3,587		
	33,000	4,452		
	72,378	9,460	3 - 21 - 66	3 - 22 - 66
	47,672	6,933		
	31,631	5,607		
	63,388	8,721		
	6,368	1,596		
	<u>10,036</u>	<u>1,441</u>		
	548,812	\$83,140		
Apr	24,100	3,477	4 - 6 - 66	4 - 7 - 66
	42,164	5,292	4 - 12 - 66	4 - 12 - 66
	10,000	1,810		
	13,000	2,210		
	<u>6,381</u>	<u>1,230</u>		
	95,645	\$14,019		

SUMMARY

Dec	1,779,884	\$229,107		
Jan	109,436	15,053		
Feb	766,732	117,828		
Mar	548,812	83,140		
Apr	<u>95,645</u>	<u>14,019</u>		
	3,300,509	\$459,147		(p45)

B. PLYWOOD ( \* Plyform - \*\* Wolmanized)

	<u>SHEET</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Delivery Schedule</u>
Dec	1,800	\$ 15,800	12 -15 - 65	12 - 16 - 65 to 1 - 3 - 66
	1,850 *	14,430		
	1,100	11,803		12 - 27 - 65
	1,700	15,946		1 - 29 - 65
	396	3,497		12 - 27 - 65
	350 *	2,727		
	860	8,940		
	3,000 *	22,860	12 - 22 - 65	12 - 23 - 65 & 12 - 30 - 65
	<u>2,000 *</u>	<u>14,260</u>		12 - 23 - 65
	13,029	\$110,263		
Jan	500 *	3,875	1 - 5 - 66	1 - 10 - 66
	400 *	3,048		
	500 *	3,825		
	<u>300 *</u>	<u>2,187</u>		
	2,710	\$12,935		
Feb	900 **	8,345	2 - 1 - 66	2 - 4 - 66
	800 **	8,345		2 - 7 - 66
	360 **	3,798		2 - 4 - 66
	350 **	3,623		
	<u>300 **</u>	<u>2,418</u>		

	2,710	\$26,529		
Mar	320 *	\$ 2,438	3 - 8 - 66	3 - 11 - 66
Apr	280	\$ 2,872	4 - 6 - 66	4 - 8 - 66

SUMMARY

Dec	13,029	\$110,263
Jan	1,700	12,935
Feb	2,710	26,529
Mar	320	2,438
Apr	<u>280</u>	<u>2,872</u>
	18,039	\$155,037

C. BARRIER MATERIAL

Dec	105 rl	\$ 3,183	12 - 23 - 65	12 - 23 - 65
	95	2,036	12 - 22 - 65	12 - 22 - 65
	<u>12</u>	<u>564</u>	12 - 23 - 65	12 - 23 - 65
	212	\$ 5,783		
Feb	189	4,449	2 - 18 - 66	2 - 18 - 66
	<u>12</u>	<u>479</u>	2 - 17 - 66	
	201	\$ 4,928		

SUMMARY

413	\$10,711
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D. SCREEN, FIBERGLASS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date of Contract</u>	<u>Delivery Schedule</u>	<u>Dec</u>
151	\$ 3,995	12 - 23 - 65	12 - 27 - 65	
976	29,127		12 - 31 - 65	
111	2,164		12 - 27 - 65	
<u>20</u>	<u>445</u>	12 - 27 - 65	12 - 30 - 65	
1258	\$35,731			

E. CORRUGATED ROOFING

Mar.	688 sht	\$ 3,808		
Apr.	4,895	28,547	4 - 14 - 66	4 - 15 - 66
	1,685	7,196		
	<u>420</u>	<u>1,890</u>		
	7,668	\$ 41,441		

F. WOODEN BOXES:

Apr	500 ea	\$16,680	4 - 12 - 66	4 - 20 - 66
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G. TENT KITS.

Feb	400	\$150,000	2 - 9 - 66	2 - 28 - 66
Mar	333	109,890	3 - 8 - 66	3 - 7 - 66
	<u>207</u>	<u>45,126</u>	3 - 8 - 66	3 - 10 - 66
	940	\$305,016		

H. KIT, HOSE & FITTING ASSEMBLY FOR TRUCK FORK LIFT:

Dec.	4	\$ 4,640	12 - 21 - 65	12 - 22 - 65
Feb.	4	4,056	2 - 9 - 66	2 - 9 - 66

I. BATTERY, DRY CHARGED:

Jan	180	\$ 4,158	1 - 31 - 66	2 - 3 - 66
Feb.	133	3,259	2 - 4 - 66	2 - 9 - 66
	522	12,476		2 - 9 - 66 & 2 - 13 - 66
	300	8,323	2 - 11 - 66	3 - 4 - 66
	428	11,231		2 - 11 - 66 & 3 - 9 - 66
	17	629	2 - 14 - 66	2 - 14 - 66
	44	1,520		
	36	1,331		
	9	231		
	143	3,418	2 - 24 - 66	3 - 4 - 66
	<u>60</u>	<u>1,321</u>		3 - 25 - 66
	1,892	\$43,739		

SUMMARY  
2,072 \$ 47,897

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J. OTHER BUILDING MATERIALS:

Local purchases for nails, tacks, hinges, etc., are consolidated and summarized rather than being listed as individual contracts.

Feb.	20,935 ctn of nails	\$ 5,639
	1,713 pr hinges	928
	2,008 pr springs	643
	452 tu tacks	54
	301 lb tacks	495
	1,594 ea holder pull chain	885
	1,594 ea lamp, elec	230
	13,250 lf cable, power elec	<u>901</u>
		9,775
Apr.	148 rl wire, poultry	\$ 3,585
	2,800 lb nails	487
	47 ea door handle	<u>6</u>
		\$ 3,585

Total Feb & Apr \$13,360

K. SUMMARY

a.	Lumber, softwood	\$ 459,147
b.	Plywood	155,037
c.	Barrier material	10,711
d.	Screen, fiberglass	35,731
e.	Corrugated Roofing	41,441
f.	Wooden Boxes	16,680
g.	Tent Kits	305,016
h.	Kit, hose & fitting assembly	8,696
i.	Battery, dry charged	47,897
j.	Other Bldg material	<u>13,360</u>
		\$1,093,716

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Extract from page 11 - 12,  
22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force Report on  
OPERATION BLUE LIGHT

ON LOAD



DISCUSSION: In handling bulk cargo in a C141A Star-lifter, 463L pallets are normally utilized. On Operation BLUE LIGHT, combination troop / cargo configurations were required and the use of 463L pallets would have eliminated the adjacent troop seats. As a solution, the two lines of center rollers were turned up; warehouse pallets (40" x 48") were placed on sheets of plywood and rolled forward in the cargo compartment. This procedure permitted rapid loading and off-loading, and the plywood also served as a load spreader for high density cargo. For pallet weights up to 2,000 lbs, ½" plywood was sufficient. Heavier loads required a ¾" thickness. As many pallets weighed about 3,000 lbs, ¾" plywood was used in the main and proved satisfactory for loads as heavy as 3,800 lbs. Standard 4' x 8' plywood sheets were cut in half to make pallets 40" x 48", the same area as the warehouse pallets. Otherwise, one warehouse pallet ends up partially on two different plywood pallets when the loads are pushed together for the tie-down; off-loading is thus complicated. A word of caution: ¾" plywood is rather expensive and may not be readily available in large quantities. Requirement for this commodity during BLUE LIGHT was significant and seriously depleted both military and civilian resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 25<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96225

4 May 1966

Major General Carl Darnell  
Commanding General  
United States Army, Hawaii  
APO U.S. Forces 96557

Dear Carl:

The last of the soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade have joined us in Cu Chi and the remaining cargo ships are in the Saigon harbor. In terms of distance involved, troops and cargo move, and types of transportation used, this was certainly a unique deployment of Army forces.

From the standpoint of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, this was a highly successful deployment accomplished in an efficient and professional manner. As the commander of this division, I know, as do my staff and subordinate commanders, that the lion's share of the credit for this fine move properly rests with you and the officers, men and civilians of U.S. Army, Hawaii.

The statistics fail to reveal the long hours, effort, ingenuity and skill expended and applied by the military and civilian members of your command in preparing the 25<sup>th</sup> Division for its move, subsequent combat operations, and the establishment and operation of two base camps for over 17,000 men.

The tent kits, spare parts, generators, gun shields, the prompt repair or replacement of weapons, vehicles, and radios, and the many "extras" that you made available are to us evidence of the spirit and substance of your help. The consideration and attention given to our families has earned for all of you a special mark of gratitude from all of us in the division.

As this deployment comes to an end, I want to again convey the thanks and appreciation of the soldiers of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division for your splendid support.

Sincerely,

FRED C. WEYAND  
Major General, USA  
Commanding