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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

1ST MARINES SITREP 36 as of 26 February 1966

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines SITREP as of 26 February 1966
(2) Consolidated Operations Summary

1. ATTACHMENTS.

A. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st Amph Trac Bn. Ten LVTP5's are in direct support of 1/4. Two LVTP5's are in direct support of 1/4 at the An Tan Bridge. One LVT command tractor and five LVTP5's are deadlined to company maintenance.

B. Co B (-), 3d AT Bn. Company Headquarters continues maintenance and logistical support of the 1st and 2d platoon which are in direct support of 1/4. One defensive position in the Headquarters, 4th Marines perimeter was manned from 251830H to 260630H. The 1st platoon's light section is located in the Battalion CP (Rear) and the heavy section is located at Hill 69. No enemy contact during the last twenty four hours. Deadlined equipment included one M50A1, one M35, one M543 and one M422.

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C. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Bn. Company Headquarters continues logistical support of the Tank platoons. The 2d platoon is in direct support of 1/4. The 3d platoon is in direct support of 1/4 at Hill 69. Xenon infrared surveillance was conducted during hours of darkness. No enemy contact during the last twenty four hours. Deadlined equipment included one M48A3, one M38A1 and one M54.

D. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st Engr Bn.

- (1) Building bunker at 1/11 CP.
- (2) Building strongbacks for 3/1.
- (3) Put in a culvert at Hill 69.
- (4) Continued construction work at 1st Marines CP.
- (5) Deadlined equipment included one TD-15 tractor, one TD-18 tractor, two 55 GPM pumps, three M-274 mules, one M-51 dump truck, one water purification unit and one M-37 truck.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	15,000
Raw	6,000
Total	21,000

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1ST BN, 1ST MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER 200 AS OF 261600H FEBRUARY 1966

1. Unit Action With Contact

a. At 260245H, a platoon from Company A located at Ky Phu (2) vicinity (BT 478051) received heavy S/A's, grenades and 60mm Mortars from an estimated company of VC. Mortar illumination was immediately requested and received from the 81mm Mortar Section on Hill 69 vicinity (BT 463071). The Regimental Reserve Platoon at 260300H from Company C was alerted for deployment to reinforce Company A vicinity (BT 476049). By 260310H the platoon from Company A received approximately 100-150 rounds of S/A fire, 4-10 rounds of 60mm Mortar fire and an undetermined number of hand grenades, sustaining three USMC WIA's and one PF KIA. By 260345H, the platoon reported they had four wounded Marines and a possibility of 10 VC KIA in the fire to the front of their position. At 260357H, the platoon reported an increase in the volume of fire from the VC. The VC had layed down a base of fire from the NW and SE of the Marine positions, vicinity (BT 476049) with the main attack coming from the SW. During the lull, the Marines and PF's consolidated their positions, redistributed their ammunition and prepared for the next VC attack. At 260400H, the Regimental Reserve Platoon from Company C arrived by motor convoy at Company A CP, located at the An Tan Bridge vicinity (BT 497068), and moved in a tactical column to reinforce the Marine unit under attack at Ky Phu (2) vicinity (BT 476049). At 260405H, a flare ship arrived on station and provided continuous illumination until 260650H. At 260440H, platoon reported that between flares increased firing during that period of time when the area was not illuminated. During this time it was believed the VC took the opportunity to remove the dead and wounded. At 260454H, the platoon still reported receiving sporadic S/A fire. At 260505H the Regimental Reserve Platoon arrived at the Company A's platoon position. At 260507H, the Company A platoon reported one Marine KIA. At 260515H, the platoon reported Marine WIA's were not serious and could wait for first light to be evacuated. Company A reported the VC had initially penetrated the wire but had been repulsed by the Marine and PF forces in vicious, close-in fighting. At 260610H, all firing stopped and contact with VC was broken. At 260600H, two platoons from Company I were dispatched by motor convoy from their positions on Ky Ha Peninsula to An Tan Bridge vicinity (BT 497067) then by tactical foot march to Ky Phu (2) vicinity (BT 478051). At 260800H, Company I with a platoon from Company C conducted a company size S/D operation from Company A's position vicinity (BT 478051) to search the valleys leading into the mountains (BT 4204, BT 4203, BT 4102, BT 4103, BT 4104, BT 4105, BT 4205) for any VC KIA or VC WIA that may have been carried away. An additional 11 VC KIA's were discovered during this search. As of 261100H, today, the casualty count ran as follows: Marine: KIA-1, WIA-5; PF: WIA-4, WIA-4, VC: KIA-23, WIA-1 (Taken initially to B-Med). The Marines received a total of 25-30 rounds of 60mm mortar, approximately 100 grenades, 9-10 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and an undetermined amount of S/A fire into their position. Material captured included 49 grenades, ChiCom and homemade, 1 .45 caliber pistol and two magazines, 1 Czech AR and 4 magazines, 3 Czech SMG and 12 magazines, 1 U.S. carbine and 4

magazines, and 1 Thompson SMG, and 1 magazine. Also recovered were 16 cartridge belts and pouches, 3 rice bags, 3 blocks of TNT ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb. blocks), assorted medical supplies, quantities of S/A ammunition, and a number of documents. It was estimated by the local PF platoon commander that an additional 30 VC were killed and 20 wounded, due to the appearances of the areas around the Marine/PF positions and from where the VC launched their attack. These areas were covered with pools of blood, torn clothing, and equipment. There were also many heel marks made by bodies dragged from the scene of the battle.

B. At 261335H, Company I vicinity (BT 419021) apprehended 13 VCS. 2 VCS are being taken to the I/L CP forward vicinity (BT 468068).

J. K. RINGLER
Major USMC

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: _____ BN _____ REGT _____ TAOR

PERIOD: _____ 1001Z _____ TO _____ 1000Z _____

DATE

TYPE ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY / NIGHT	SQUAD DAY / NIGHT	PLATOON DAY / NIGHT	COMPANY #1 DAY / NIGHT	BATTALION #1 DAY / NIGHT
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)	A B				
LISTENING POST (LP)	C D				
AMBUSH (AMB)	E F	G H	I J		
RECON PATROL (REC)	K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	Q R	S T	U V		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)		W X	Y Z	AA BB	CC DD
CLEARING (CLR)		EE FE	GG HH	II JJ	KK LL

REMARKS:

#1 All Company and Battalion size operations will be reported and will be classified as either S/D or CLR as is most appropriate

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PROVINCE/
COORDINATESDATE/
TIMEACTION
SIZE TYPE*FRD UNIT/
LOSSESENM UNIT/
LOSSESINIT
BYMATERIAL
WEAPONS

IWC

CWC

CAPT
OTH*

QUANG TIN

BT 176019

260245H

Plt Sec

A 1/4

1 Marine KIA

5 Marine WIA

h PF KIA

h PF WIA

Unit

23 VS KIA

1 VS WIA

VC

7

2

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QUANG TIN

BT 179021

261335H

Co S/B

1/3/7 (OpCom
to 1/4)

Unit

13 VCS

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- + USE TYPE ACTION ABBREVIATIONS SHOWN ON REVERSE SIDE.
* DESCRIBE CAPTURED MATERIAL OTHER THAN WEAPONS IN REMARKS
SECTION.

1 Czech SSG - 12 Mag
1 Thompson SSG - 1/2 Mag
19 Grenades-Chicom, Homemade

IWC

1 .45 Pistol - 2 Mag
1 Czech AR - 1/2 Mag
1 Carbine (U.S.) - 1/2 Mag

Other Equipment

18 Cartridge Belts, Pencos
3 Rice Bags
3 Blocks TNT (1/2 lb blocks)

Assorted Medical Supplies
Large Quantity of S/A Ammo
Documents

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PLAN SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: _____ BN _____ REGT _____ TAOR
 PERIOD: _____ 1001Z _____ TO _____ 1000Z _____

 DATE

TYPE ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY / NIGHT	SQUAD DAY / NIGHT	PLATOON DAY / NIGHT	COMPANY #1 DAY / NIGHT	BATTALION #1 DAY / NIGHT
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)	A B				
LISTENING POST (LP)	C D				
AMBUSH (AMB)	E F	G H	I J		
RECON PATROL (REC)	K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	Q R	S T	U V		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)		W X (COMBAT PATROL)	Y Z	AA BB	CC DD
CLEARING (CLR)		EE FE	GG HH	II JJ	KK LL

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: BN 107 REGT CHU LAI PAOR

PERIOD: 23 1800H 23 TO 24 1800H 23 1966

~~26 FEBRUARY 1966~~
DATE

TYPE ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY/NIGHT	SQUAD DAY/NIGHT	PLATOON DAY/NIGHT	COMPANY #1 DAY/NIGHT	BATTALION #1 DAY/NIGHT
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)	A B				
LISTENING POST (LP)	C 3 D				
AMBUSH (AMB)	E 17 F	G 5 H	I 1 J		
RECON PATROL (REC)	K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	6 Q 20* R	8 S 11 T	1 U V		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)		W X	Y Z	AA BB	CC DD
CLEARING (CLR)		EE FF	GG HH	II JJ	KK LL

REMARKS:

* INCLUDES WATERBOMBING PATROL

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ENCLOSURE (2)

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NIGHT PATROLS FOR 28 FEBRUARY 1966

UNIT	SIZE	NAME	TOD	TOR	POD/POR	LAYOVER/AMBUSH
A	FT	4,5,6,7,13,15, 18	282030H	010430H	528110	2100-0400
B	SQD	B-1B	282300H	010100H	477.44	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3B	010100H	010600H	510129	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3C	282400H	010600H	510129	PATROL
C	FT	WHEEL 1	281900H	282100H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	WHEEL 2	281900H	282100H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	KILL 1-6	282030H	210430H	525089	2100-0400
D	S	SEMINOLE	2100H	010100H	487102	PATROL
D	S	BLACKFOOT	010130H	010530H	487102	PATROL
H&S	FT	SEALION	281900H	010600H	524091	PATROL

FORWARD POSITION

A	FT	A-1,A-2,A-4,A-5	282000H	010630H		AMBUSH
A	S	GREEN	010100H	010530H		PATROL
A		MANGO 1&2	010100H	010530H		AMBUSH
D		SAND AREA	282000H	010700H		AMBUSH
D	SQD	ROOT	282000H	010700H		AMBUSH
D	SQD	FIREFLY	282000H	010700H		AMBUSH
A	SQD	MANGO 1 (A-1)	282000H	010630H		AMBUSH

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. 3D PLAT, CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN. PROVIDE TWO COXSWAINS FOR THE WATERBORNE PATROL TO ENFORCE CLOSURE FROM 2000-0500.
2. H&S COMPANY. PROVIDE FOUR MARINES AND ONE RADIO OPERATOR FOR THE WATERBORNE PATROL. REPORT TO S-3 WATCH OFFICER FOR RELIEF AT 1930H. REPORT TO S-2 OFFICER FOR DEBRIEFING AT 0530H.
3. COMPANY B.
 - A. KAHUKU (BT 477144) IS A PATROL BASE MANNED 24 HOURS A DAY BY ONE PLATOON (REIN) WITH ONE MACHINE GUNS SQUAD (.50 CAL.), AND A SECTION 81MM MORTARS.
 - B. B-3C IS A NINE MAN PATROL. THREE MAN LISTENING POST WILL BE PLACED IN POSITIONS AT PALI, MOLOKAI, WAIKANE. THESE LP's WILL RETURN BY SEPARATE ROUTES.
4. THERE WILL BE NO DEVIATION FROM SCHEDULED PATROL ROUTES WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF BATTALION S-3.

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UNIT	SIZE	NAME	TOD	TOR	POD/POR	LAYOVER/AMBUSH
A	FT	28 ALPHA	280800H	281200H	528110	PATROL
A	FT	28 BRAVO	281300H	281600H	529105	PATROL
B	SQD	B-1A	280900H	281200H	477144	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3A	281100H	281100H	510129	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 1	281300H	281545H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 2	280800H	281030H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 3	280830H	281030H	525089	PATROL
D	SQD	TIGER	280815H	281015H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	TIGER	281030H	281230H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	HORSE	281315H	281515H	487102	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 1	280800H	281200H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 2	281200H	281600H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 3	281400H	281800H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 4	280630H	280900H	524119	PATROL

POSITION

A	FT	ORANGE 1	280800H	281100H		PATROL
A	FT	ORANGE 2	281300H	281600H		PATROL
A	FT	ORANGE 3	281300H	281500H		PATROL
A	PLT	ORANGE 28	280800H	281100H		PATROL
D	SQD	DELTA 2	280800H	281100H		PATROL
D	SQD	RAY	280200H	280930H		PATROL
D	SQD	GAMA	280300H	281800H		PATROL

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B	SQD	B-3A	280700H	281100H	510129	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 1	281300H	281545H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 2	280800H	281030H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 3	280830H	281030H	525089	PATROL
D	SQD	LION	280815H	281015H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	TIGER	281030H	281230H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	HORSE	281315H	281515H	487102	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 1	280800H	281200H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 2	281200H	281500H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 3	281100H	281800H	524119	PATROL
MAG-36	SQD	ZULU 4	280630H	280900H	524119	PATROL

FORWARD POSITION

A	FT	ORANGE 1	280800H	281100H		PATROL
A	FT	ORANGE 2	281300H	281600H		PATROL
A	FT	BLUE 1	281300H	281500H		PATROL
A	FT	PAPA 28	280800H	281000H		PATROL
D	SQD	DELT 2	280800H	281100H		PATROL
D	SQD	RAM	280200H	280930H		PATROL
D	SQD	GAMA	280300H	281800H		PATROL

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D	SQD	BLACKFOOT	010130H	010530H	487102	PATROL
H&S	FT	SEALION	281900H	010600H	524091	PATROL

FORM 10-1 (10-1)

D	SQD	DELTA-2	281930H	010630H	AMBUSH
A	FT	A-1, A-2, A-4, A-5	282000H	010630H	AMBUSH
A	SQD	GREEN	010100H	010530H	PATROL
A	SQD	MANGO 1&2	010100H	010530H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	SAND FLEA	282000H	010700H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	ROOT	282000H	010700H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	PISTOL	282000H	010700H	AMBUSH
A	SQD	MANGO 1 (A-1)	282000H	010630H	AMBUSH

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