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

1ST MARINES SITREP 37 as of 27 February 1966

Enclos: (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines SITREP as of 27 February 1966
 (2) Consolidated Operations Summary

1. ATTACHMENTS

A. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st AmTrac 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 platoons which are in direct support of 1/4. The 1st platoon's light section is located in the Battalion's 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.

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 at intervals during hours of darkness. No enemy contact during the last twenty four hours. Deadlined equipment included one M54 and one M38.

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

- (1) Continued construction work at 1st Marines CP.
- (2) Constructed strongbacks for 3/1.
- (3) Deadlined equipment included one TD-18 tractor, two TD-15 tractors, one H-51 dump truck, three M-274's, one water purification unit, and two 55 GPM pumps.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

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

E. Headquarters Company, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

- (1) The 1st Provisional Platoon deployed to KY HOA at 1700 22 Feb 66 and occupied defensive positions as directed by Company B, 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (2) The 2d Provisional Platoon moved to Hill 69 at 1730 25 Feb 66 and assumed defensive positions as directed by Company D, 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (3) The Headquarters Company security platoon continued to maintain a nightly defensive perimeter around the 1st Marines CP.

F. Training

- (1) MOS Training
- (2) Familiarization firing of M-14 and .45 caliber pistol
- (3) Gas Mask Drill
- (4) Communications procedures
- (5) Nomenclature and functioning of the .50 caliber anti-machine gun, .30

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caliber machine gun and .45 caliber pistol.

- (6) Troop Indoctrination Program
- (7) Combat Intelligence
- (8) Command Post Defense
- (9) Character Guidance
- (10) Land Mine Warfare

G. Psychological Warfare

- (1) Distributed 2,000 leaflets on HOA XIUAN Island

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1ST BN, 4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 37 AS OF 271600 FEBRUARY 1966

1. Unit Action With Contact.

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a. At 271300H, a squad sized patrol from Company A apprehended a wounded VC vicinity, (BT 467053). The VC was moving west toward the mountains but was unable to travel further because of his wounds. The local PF Platoon Commander states there were 8-10 VC in the area vicinity, (BT 4704) the night of 26 February 1966 looking for a VC who had been wounded during the attack on Ky Phu (2) the morning of 26 February 1966. VC was taken to Battalion CP Hill 69 (BT 468068).

2 Psychological Warfare.

a. On 23 February 1966, 2,000 leaflets from 3d Division G-2 offering rewards for mines or information leading Marines to mines and booby traps, were distributed during a Battalion (-) Operation on Hoa Xuan Island (BT 4215). Effectiveness of the leaflets have not yet been evaluated.

3. Miscellaneous.

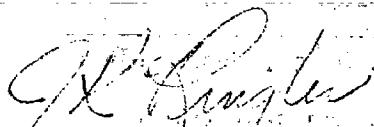
a. Training during this period was primarily on-the-job. Emphasis was placed on the area applicable to the assigned mission according to M-3. In addition the following number of Marines attended the below listed classes:

	<u>No. of Hours</u>	<u>No. of Marines Atten.</u>
Rules of Engagement	1	10
Combat Engagement	2	25
Physical Training	6	58
Immediate Action Drill	2	37
Patrolling (lecture)	3	28
Platoon Patrol Base	5	25
Weapons Inspection	5	60
Platoon Tactics	1	28
Arm and Hand Signals	1	28
Field Fortifications	6	21
SID- Training	3	51
Mines and Booby Traps	2	20
Claymore Mines	1	8
60mm Mortar Gun Drill	2	4
.50 Cal. Machine Gun	3	8
Mule Training	1	5
Field Sanitation	4	31

Amplification report of the Ky Phu Action

During the attack on Ky Phu (2) on 26 February and the subsequent investigation of the area in which the action took place the following observations were noted:

- (1) There was evidence many of the VC were treated for wounds and returned to the fight. Many had fresh bandages and field dressings on their wounds. For the number of estimated wounded they sustained, the VC apparently had a large force with medical units outside the wire to render medical assistance and evacuation. They seemed to be a concentrated effort by the VC to extract their dead and wounded. Dead bodies were found with leather harnesses strapped across their chests, under their arms and up the back of their necks, used to pull them off the scene of the battle. Two dead VC were found, one had been pulling the other with one of the harnesses when he was killed. Many of the seriously wounded VC kept fighting until they were killed. One VC that had his arm blown off in front of the wire, had a tourniquet and packed mud on the stump and yet crossed the wire and continued to throw grenades until he was killed. A possibility exists that the VC were doped for the attack.
- (2) The dead VC appeared well-fed, muscular, in good health and larger than the Vietnamese normally seen in this area. Many of the dead were about 5' 8" and 165-180 lbs.
- (3) The VC crawled under the wire to get inside the perimeter. There were scratches on their bodies and pieces of cloth on the wire. All dead VC were barefooted.
- (4) Once the VC were in the CP area, they seem to be more interested in obtaining weapons and equipment than killing PF's or Marines. One Marine Sergeant reported seeing three VC come out of his tent with his pistol, some 782 gear and clothing, and were trying to escape through the wire when they were killed.
- (5) During the sweep made by Company I on the afternoon of the 26th of February villagers in Thanh My Trung (1)(BT 445023) and Thanh My Trung (2)(BT 455033) reported VC had passed through that morning with many dead and wounded. Villagers were unable to give exact numbers but stated there were many dead and wounded and they had buried their dead in the vicinity (BT 65037). This area was searched thoroughly but Company I was unable to find any graves. The villagers were reluctant to give any accurate information as this area is VC controlled.



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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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

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Type	Action	Fire Team Day/Night	Squad Day/Night	Platoon Day/Night	Company #1 Day/Night	Battalion #1 Day/Night
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)						
LISTENING POST (LP)		A B				
AMBUSH (AMB)		C D				
RECON PATROL (REC)		E F	G H	I J		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	8 18*	G R	M N	O P		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)			5 11 S T	U V		
CLEARING (CLR)			W X (COMBAT PATROL) EE FE	Y Z GG HH	AA BB II JJ	CC DD 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

PLANS 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 3 D				
AMBUSH (AMB)		E 11 F	G H M N	I J O P		
RECON PATROL (REC)		K L				
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)		8 20 Q R	8 10 S T	U V		
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ROLLS FOR 01 MARCH 1966

UNIT	SIZE	NAME	TOD	TOR	POD/POR	LAYOVER/AMBUSH
A	FT	3,4,5,6,14	012030H	020130H	528110	AMBUSH
		15,16				
B	SQD	B-1B	020300H	020500H	477144	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3C	012100H	020400H	510129	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3C	012100H	020300H	510129	PATROL
C	FT	WHEEL-1	011915H	012130H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	WHEEL-2	012115H	012330H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	KILL-1	012145H	020215H	525089	AMBUSH
C	FT	KILL-2	012130H	020200H	525089	AMBUSH
C	FT	KILL-3	012200H	020230H	525089	AMBUSH
C	FT	KILL-4	012300H	020330H	525089	AMBUSH
C	FT	KILL-5	012330H	020400H	525089	AMBUSH
C	FT	KILL-6	012330H	020400H	525089	AMBUSH
D	SQD	THUNDER-BIRD	012015H	020015H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	TORNADO	020445H	020445H	487102	PATROL
H&S	FT	SEALION	011900H	020600H	524091	PATROL

FORWARD POSITION

A	FT	A-1, A-2, A-4, A-5	012000H	020030H	AMBUSH
A	SQD	RED	012200H	020530H	PATROL
A	T	MANGO(1&2)	012200H	020530H	AMBUSH
A	SQD	MANGO(A-1)	012000H	020600H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	SAND LEE	012000H	020700H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	KOOT	012000H	020700H	AMBUSH
D	SQD	FIREFLY	012000H	020700H	AMBUSH

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. 3D PLAT, CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN. PROVIDE TWO COXSWAINS FOR THE WATERBORNE PATROL TO ENFORCE CURFEW 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 BRIEFING 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 GUN SQUAD (.50 CAL.), AND A SECTION 81MM MORTARS.
 - B. B-3C IS A NINE MAN PATROL. A THREE MAN LISTENING POST WILL BE PLACED IN POSITION AT PALI, VOLCANO, WAIKANE. THESE LP's WILL RETURN BY SEPARATE ROUTES.
4. THERE WILL BE NO DEVIATION FROM SCHEDULED PATROL ROUTE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF BATTALION S-3.

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DAY PATROLS FOR 01 MARCH 1966

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD/POR</u>	<u>LAYOVER/AMBUSH</u>
A	FT	01-ALPHA	010900H	011200H	523125	PATROL
A	FT	01-BRAVO	011300H	011600H	528110	PATROL
B	SQD	E-1A	011000H	011300H	477144	PATROL
B	SQD	B-3A	010900H	011300H	513129	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 1	011345H	011600H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 2	010830H	011045H	525089	PATROL
C	FT	RAMBLER 3	011345H	011600H	525089	PATROL
D	SQD	PONTIAC	010800H	011000H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	FORD	011130H	011330H	487102	PATROL
D	SQD	PLYMOUTH	011400H	011600H	487102	PATROL
<u>FORWARD POSITION</u>						
A	FT	ORANGE 1	010700H	011600H		PATROL
A	FT	ORANGE 2	011100H	011600H		PATROL
A	FT	RED 1	011400H	011630H		PATROL
A	PLT	PAPAYA A-1	010800H	011300H		PATROL
D	PLT	DELTA 2	010800H	011100H		PATROL

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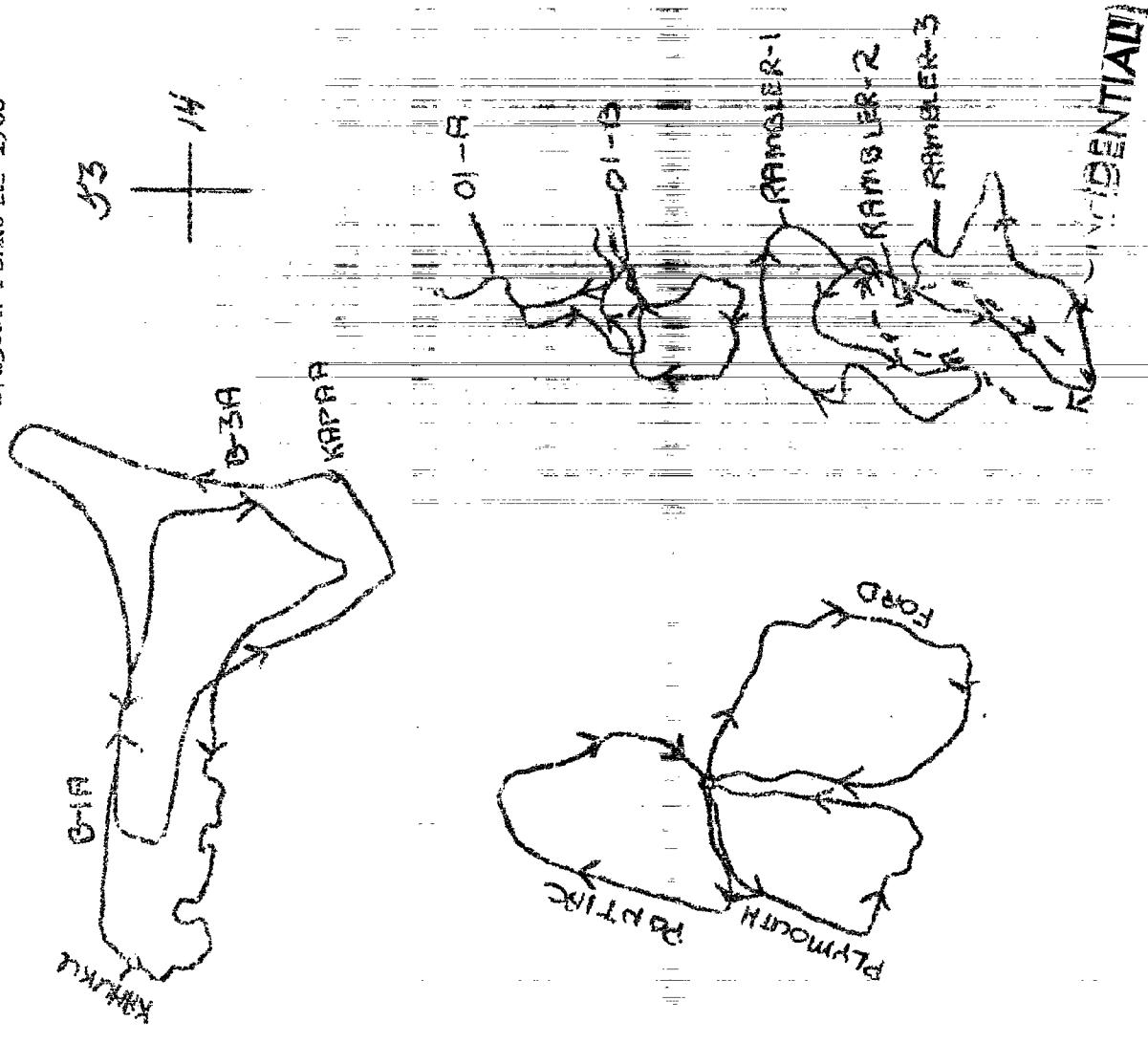
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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: BN 1st REGT CHU LAI FAOR27 February 1966

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PERIOD: 26 1800H Feb TO 27 1800H Feb 1966

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