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RLT-3, 9th MEB
DA NANG, RVN
132000H Apr 1965

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Unit Report No. 1

Period Covered: 121800H to 131800H April 1965

Ref: (a) Map Tourane, 1:50,000, AMS L702, Sheet 6659 III

1. ENEMY

- a. Units in Contact. None.
- b. Enemy Reserves That Can Effect Our Situation. There are no known organized enemy units in the area.
- c. Enemy Activity During Period
 - (1) Fifteen armed men sighted at 0812 via 908784 moving NW by foot.
- d. Estimate of Enemy Strength, Materiel, Means, Morale, and Probable Knowledge of Our Situation
 - (1) The enemy knows we are in the area. It is not believed he has a detailed knowledge of our dispositions.
 - (2) Conclusions. At this time, it is believed that enemy capabilities are limited to continual surveillance of our activities and harassment.

2. OWN SITUATION

- a. Front Lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay).
- b. Own Operations During Period
 - (1) BLT 1/3, 2/3, 3/9 and Task Force Alpha transferred to OPCON RLT-3. RLT-3 reported to CG, 9th MEB for operations and opened CP at 983743 at 0800H. RLT off-loading completed at 131800H.
 - (2) BLT 1/3 81mm Mortar Platoon registered fire on Registration Point #4.
 - (3) CO, BLT 1/3, made helicopter recon of area out to 10 miles radius.
 - (4) CO, BLT 1/3, conducted road recon of South and East portion of TAOR.
 - (5) BLT 1/3 tanks conducted Drivex on route South East of Hill 327.

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(6) BLT 2/3 conducted daylight recon patrols from rifle companies within their TAOR.

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(7) BLT 2/3 conducted motorized recon of roads within their TAOR.

(8) BLT 3/9 observed 30 or 40 rounds fired next to the ARVN compound.

(9) A large number of small caliber rounds have impacted into BLT 3/9 positions in the last 6 days. It appears that most of them were fired by ARVN or Popular Forces personnel.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations

(1) BLT 1/3 recon of TAOR by trucks, tanks and helicopter familiarized drivers and some small unit leaders with terrain.

(2) BLT 2/3 did not detect positive identification of enemy activity in their TAOR.

(3) BLT 2/3 recon of roads located accessible routes to a tentative new CP location.

(4) BLT 3/9 has control of its TAOR around Da Nang Airfield and continues to improve its defensive positions.

3. Personnel

a. Strengths

(1) USMC Officers - 173
USMC Enlisted - 3478

USN Officers - 10
USN Enlisted - 118

b. Replacements. N/A

c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems encountered.

d. Prisoners of war. None.

e. Graves registration. N/A

f. Civil Affairs - military government. Nothing to report.

g. Morale. Continues high.

h. Personnel procedures. Nothing to report.

i. Interior management. Nothing to report.

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- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.
- 4. Logistics. Remains the same.

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ANNEX:

A - Situation Overlay

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 142000H Apr 1965

Unit Report No. 2

Period Covered 131500H to 141800H Apr 1965

1. Enemy:

a. Units in contact.

None.

b. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known organized enemy units in the area.

c. Enemy activity during period.

34 men sighted at 1345 moving North across Rice Paddies with rifles
 Vic 821727

d. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

Enemy knows we are in the area. It is not believed he has a detailed knowledge of our disposition.

e. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows: At this time it is believed that enemy capabilities are limited to continual surveillance of our activities and minor harassment.

2. Own Situation.

a. Front Lines. The situation overlay contained in Unit Report No. 1 is applicable, with the following exceptions:

(1) Elements of 3/4 assumed Task Force Alpha's defensive positions at Phu Bai.

(2) Task Force Alpha returned to 2/3 CP and assumed defensive positions.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) At 0832H, the first wave of 3/4(-) (Rein) landed on Red Beach 2 and commenced movement to the LZ for helilift to Phu Bai. Essential vehicles landed and vehicles departed in convoy for the DA NANG Air Base. They are currently awaiting airlift to Phu Bai. The last helilifted element landed at Phu Bai at 1445H and the relief of Task Force Alpha was completed.

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The 505 personnel in defensive positions at Phu Bai includes a command group, two reinforced rifle companies and the 81mm Mortar Platoon.

(2) All personnel of Task Force Alpha returned to Da Nang by 1525H with the exception of 20 key personnel left in position to assist 3/4 in occupying defensive positions. Two of 2/3's vehicles were returned. The remainder are still at Phu Bai awaiting air transport to Da Nang.

(3) 1/3 security within their TACR included the use of scout dogs, patrols and two occupied OPs.

(4) The remaining elements of the 3d Marines improved positions and conducted limited training.

(5) Continued development of 3d Marines Command Post installation.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations. The relief of Task Force Alpha by elements of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and the return to Da Nang of Task Force Alpha improved the regiment's overall defensive position in the Da Nang area.

3. Personnel

a. Strengths

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
RLT-3	23	171	0	4
HqCo	20	128	0	2
3dRecon(-)	1	7		
3dAT's(-)	1	14		1
3dTank(-)	1	22		1
BLT 1/3	58	1365	5	57
1/3	49	1163	4	54
"A" 3dTanks	1	28		1
"B" 3dTanks	1	23		
"A" AT's	1	20		
HqBn		1		
"A" 1/12	6	130	1	2
BLT 2/3	49	1084	4	38
BLT 3/9	52	1083	3	54

b. Replacements. None.

c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems encountered.

d. Prisoners of War. None.

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- e. Grave Registrations. None.
- f. Morale. Remains high.
- g. Civil Affairs. Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. None.
- i. Interior Management. Nothing to report.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. None.

4. Logistics.

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. At Regimental and Battalion CP's.

b. Status of Supply

- (1) Class I - No change.
- (2) Class II - HqCo has 30 roll cable, Tele WD-1/TT RL-159 on requis.
- (3) Class III - No change.
- (4) Class IV - 2/3 has no barbed wire. HqCo does not hold any field fort materials.
- (5) Class V - HqCo has no same on hand.

c. Status of Transportation

TYPE	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or Lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	65	0	16	49
M-422	58	0,	6	52

- d. Status of Evacuation. No change.
- e. Condition of roads and status of circulation. All roads good.
- f. Salvage and Captured Material. None.
- g. Miscellaneous Activities. Supplies brought by Regiment for 1/3 have been picked up and those for 2/3 are still at Regtl CP, to be given to 2/3 upon relocation of Bn CP.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brig
151800H April 1965
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UNIT REPORT No 3
Period Covered 141800H to 151800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

None

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known organized enemy units in the area

C. Enemy activity during period.

No enemy activity reported.

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has very little detailed knowledge of dispositions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions to obtain detailed information with possible limited harassment activities.

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2. Own Situation.a. Front Lines. Annex A (Situation Overlay).b. Own Operations During Period

(1) First Battalion, Third Marines conducted live firing exercise at HUE CHA Range with organic company weapons and patrolled throughout their TAOR. Additionally, a reconnaissance of the road in the vicinity of the COL DE DAI LA PASO was made.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines E commenced preparation of new CP to be occupied by 160700H at coordinates 946775. Personnel left at PHU BAI to assist 3/4 in occupation of the TAOR returned to DA NANG area.

(3) 3d Battalion 9th Marines conducted training and inspections. The battalion was visited by Senator DODD.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines began off-loading operations at HUE and movement of personnel, supplies and equipment to PHU BAI. Off-loading operations continued, throughout the day. 5% of supplies, 60% of vehicles and 70% of personnel have been off-loaded.

(5) CO, 3d Marines briefed Gen THROCKMORTON at PHU BAI at 1000H. Later he met with 1st Division advisors and Naval Beach Group at HUE to coordinate the details of 3/4 landing.

(6) All battalions continued to patrol and improve their positions in their TAORs. Continue to develop the Regimental CP area.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.d. Results of Operations. Defensive positions at HUE PHU BAI improved by landing of additional elements of 3/4

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a. <u>Strengths,</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
RLT-3	23		171	0		4
HqCo	20		128	0		2
3dRecon(-)	1		7			
3dAT's(-)	1		14			1
3dTank(-)	1		22			1
BLT 1/3	46		1093	3		53
1/3	40		961	3		52
AOo 3dTk	1		28			1
BOo 3dTk	1		23			
3dAT	1		20			
HqBn			1			
BLT 2/3	49		1084	4		39
BLT 3/4	46		1302	6		57
BLT B/placements	51		1084	9		54

None.

c. Discipline, law and order.d. Prisoners of War.

No problems encountered.

e. Graves registration.

None.

None

f. Morale.g. Civil affairs-military government.

Continues to be high.

Nothing to report.

h. Personnel procedures.

Nothing to report.

i. Interior management.

Nothing to report.

j. Civilian employees.

None

k. Miscellaneous.Nothing unusual to report.
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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No Change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. HqCo has no MCI's on hand.

(2) Class II. No Change

(3) Class III. No Change

(4) Class IV. HqCo has no Class IV on hand.
2/3 has no concertina on hand.
3/9 has no Class IV on hand.

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(5) Class V. HqCo has no Class V on hand.

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c. Status of Transportation

<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H & Ser End Period</u>
M-274	90	0	17	73
M-422	72	0	6	66

d. Status of Evacuation. N/Ae. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. All roads passable.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities. Off-loading status report for 3/4:
70% personnel, 60% vehicles, and 5% supplies.ANNEXES:

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A - Situation Overlay

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UNIT REPORT No. 4

Period Covered 151800H to 161800H April 1965

1. ENEMY NoneA. Units in contact.

None

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known organized enemy units in the area of operations.

C. Enemy activity during period.

C Company reported one round of fire went through their CP tent at 0900 on approximately 90 degree angle from a undetermined origin

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has very little detailed knowledge of our dispositions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and possible harassment tactics.

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2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay).

b. Own Operations during period

(1) Assistant Ambassador JOHNSON, accompanied by Col E. B. WHEELER and LtCol G. E. MCPARTIN, visited 3/9 CP area for briefing by CO and staff on ^{STAYING AT} airfield defense problems. Other installations on the airfield were visited, prior to proceeding to Hill 268 by helicopter. Among those present were HGen F. J. KARCH, Col WHEELER, LtCol BAIN, and Capt PETERSON, Co C CO. The Assistant Ambassador received a briefing by Col WHEELER on the overall tactical defensive situation. 3/4 CO and CO Co C briefed Mr. JOHNSON on the Bn's defensive situation, including VC avenues of approach, possible counter-attack routes, and immediate action plans. A live fire demonstration followed, utilizing all organic battalion weapons except 81mm mortars. Col WHEELER conducted a Helicopter tour of the area, terminating at 2/3 CP, where LtCol CLEMENTS briefed the Ambassador. The official party then departed the area.

(2) 2/3 moved to new CP, coordinates 946775, at 160900H. CP opened at 161000 H.

(3) 50% of Recon Company personnel fired all organic weapons at HOA CAM Range.

(4) 1/3 replaced two Recon Surveillance Early Warning Teams at 1600 by vehicle. One company fired all organic weapons, except 3.5 rockets and small arms from their assigned positions on the TAOR.

c.. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations

(1) 3d Marines continues to improve defensive positions, including fields of fire and planned Fire Support. In addition, 3/4 has consolidated their position at PHU BAI with 950 personnel in tactical defensive positions.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>
				<u>ENL</u>
RLT-3	23	171	0	4
HqCo	20	128	0	2
3dRecon(-)	1	7	0	2
3dAT's (-)	1	14		1
3dTanks(-)	1	22		1
BLT 1/3	48	1033	3	53
1/3	40	961	3	52
A Co 3dTk	1	28		1
B Co 3dTk	1	23		
3dAT	1	20		
HqBn		1		
BLT 2/3	49	1084	4	39
BLT 3/9	51	1084	3	57
BLT 3/4	54	1341	6	58

b. Replacements. None.

c. Discipline, law and order No problems encountered.

d. Prisoners of War. None.

e. Graves registration. None.

f. Morale. Continues to be high, despite lack of money to pay RLT 1/3.

g. Civil affairs-military government. Nothing to report.

Two visitors, one French, one Viet, the latter claiming to own the land the CP is located on were referred to Brigade Headquarters for questioning concerning compensation.

h. Personnel procedures. Nothing to report.

i. Interior management. Nothing to report.

j. Civilian employees. None.

k. Miscellaneous. Good Friday services conducted.

CONFIDENTIAL2. OWN SITUATION

a. Front lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay)

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) One company from First Battalion, Third Marines made a route reconnaissance of the area north and west of Hill 393. Limited sniper action was incurred by the patrol near the village of MY SON resulting in one Marine KIA.

(2) Second Battalion, Third Marines conducted two patrols in the area north and east of their command post. The patrols were conducted in the morning and no enemy contact was made.

(3) Third Battalion, Third Marines completed the Commanding General's inspection this morning. Also, one platoon conducted a night FIREX at the 404 CAM Training Camp. Several incidents involving firing and flares were reported during the night.

(4) Third Battalion, Fourth Marines continued to develop its TACR. In addition to putting a squad on Hill 180, their engineers are presently surveying the hill for development of access routes and firing positions for a light section of tanks.

(5) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion, conducted driver training near the base of Hill 268.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%

d. Results of Own Operations. The Regiment continues to control the DANANG Air Field complex and the HUE PHU BAI area.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

except 2/3 has moved its C. to new location at 946775. No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I.

All units except 3/4 are resupplying as required from
B-10.

(2) Class II.

No change.

(3) Class III.

All units except 3/4 are resupplying as required from
B-10.

(4) Class IV.

No change.

(5) Class V.

2/3 now has its B/C.

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c. Status of Transportation .

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
B-274	90	0	18	62
F-42	75	0	7	78
F-37	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation . N/Ae. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . All roads passable,
an officer from HHC Co. visited the CP to discuss traffic control
problem between Regt'l CP and the airfield complex.f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities .

- (1) 2/3 completed moving its supplies from Regt'l CP to its new Co.
 (2) 5/4 has 85% of its equipment and 50% of its general supplies
 off-loaded.

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ANNEXES:

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UNIT REPORT No 5

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1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.
NoneB. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.
There are no known enemy units in the area of operations.C. Enemy activity during period.

Burke 2 report listening post established at 951724, fired on by approx 5 VC at 2105. Fire fight lasted approx 10 to 15 minutes with possibility of one VC being wound by grenade thrown by LP. At 2000 foreign language was heard on MED TacNet. 2115 B company reported having VC interference on their radio net. From 2100 to 2253 1/3 AN/TPS-21 pick up approx 5 men in vic 948732

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has little knowledge of our dispositions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and harassment tactics.

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2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay) for Phu Bai area.b. Own operations during period.

(1) 1/3 Recon listening post taken under fire at 2130H. by estimated 5 VC. Brief fire fight ensued during which one member of the LP was struck by splinters, apparently resulting from a tree near him being struck by rifle fire. One grenade was thrown by the Marines and the resulting noises indicated one VC was probably wounded. The VC withdrew and a patrol was dispatched to recover the Marines on the LP. They were located and the patrol returned about 0300H. The Marine was not seriously injured and was not evacuated.

(2) 2/3 commenced relieving the companies on hills 312 and 368 and completed the relief during the late afternoon. Completed movement of personnel and equipment to new CP at 1615H.

(3) 3/9 81MM mortar platoon conducted an extensive fire at Hoa Com training area and were given a mortar target shifting examination conducted by this Headquarters.

(4) 3/4 continued to off-load and develop their TAOR at Phu Bai.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%d. Results of Operations. The regiment continues to control its assigned TAOR's.CONFIDENTIALCONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

	USMC		USN	
a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>INF</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>INF</u>
HqCo 3d Mar (-)	20	128	0	2
3rd Recon (-)	4	58	0	3
3d AT's (-)	3	52	0	1
3d Tanks (-)	4	96	0	2
BUT 1/3	40	964	3	52
BUT 2/3	42	911	3	37
BUT 3/3	42	923	3	51
BUT 3/4				
(Incudes 1st units)	40	1152	5	52
1st 3/12	12	110	0	2
Recon	1	23	0	1
Tanks	1	23	0	0
Engr	1	33	0	1

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. Fire in house in village of Tong Vu Su extinguished by members of AT Company.
- h. Personnel procedures. Reporting under new Task Organization.
- i. Interior management. Nothing to report.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Two heat casualties, not evacuated.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I.

Resupply from HHSO as required (except 3/4)

(2) Class II.

No change.

(3) Class III.

Resupply from HHSO as required (except 3/4)

(4) Class IV.

No change

(5) Class V.

No change

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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	90	0	17	73
M-222	90	0	12	68
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	1	0	0	1
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation. N/A.e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities. 3/4 has off-loaded 90% of its equipment and 65% of its supplies.

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ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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NoneB. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.
There are no known enemy units in the area of operations.C. Enemy activity during period.

1/3 reports illumination grenades and small arms fire via 967760 from 2005 to 2150 of unknown origin. Recon patrol observed 2 men in village (923743) wearing green utilities and no shoes, 1 wearing camo utilities w/rain hat and boots. (Continued on reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed he has little knowledge of our position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and harassment tactics.

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1. Enemy activity (continued)

3/9 reported a Viet girl apprehended crawling thru barbed wire at their position and turned over to Viet sentries at the gate at 0015. At 2015 1 Battery reported under mortar and small arms attack. Approximately 16 mortar rounds and numerous small arms fire was received. 1/3 observed illumination, 1 tracer round, and 1 81mm mortar round via 971761 at 2005. At 2140 3/9 reported machine gun fire approximately 1000 yards down the road from check point "Charlie" (996767). At 1400 2/3 observed 2 men carrying a third one who appeared to be wounded in via 953763 at the edge of the village. 3/4 reported that 2 trucks on the run to Hue beach received small arms fire putting two holes in the vehicle. The incident took place 5 miles north of Phu Bai at 0432.

CONFIDENTIAL2. OWN SITUATION

A. Front Lines. No change except F & G Companies 2/3 completed relieving E & H Companies on their respective hill complexes at 1420H.

B. Own operations during period.

(1) Increased VC infiltration attempts were expected during the night plus the possibility of attempted mortar attack. As a result, special emphasis was placed on security against infiltration of TACH's. Increased patrolling and the establishment of 8 man listening posts and squad and platoon size ambushes were effected throughout the night.

(2) Between the hours of 2000 and 0200, 1/3, 2/3, and 3/9 reported numerous incidents of hearing small arms fire. Several reports of observation of illumination grenades were also received. Particular activity occurred in the vicinity of L Battery's position. One platoon was alerted in 1/3 to prepare to assist L Battery. The situation eased and the platoon was taken off alert.

(3) At approximately 0920H, an explosion occurred in the vicinity of coordinates 008755. 3/9 was placed on 100% alert and directed to unilaterally inspect all Vietnamese vehicles on the airfield for explosives and firearms. Investigation into cause of the explosion disclosed that a bomb fell off a Vietnamese ammunition truck and exploded causing the ~~inflammation~~ of napalm stored nearby. 3/9 stood down from the alert at 1035H. ~~1021H~~

(4) At 1232H, two shots were fired at a vehicle belonging to 3/4 on highway #1 approximately 5 miles northwest of Phu Bai. There were no casualties.

C. Combat Efficiency. 95%

D. Results of own Operations. 3d Marines continue to control assigned TACH's.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>U.S. MC</u>	<u>U.S. L</u>	<u>U.S. H</u>	<u>U.S. I</u>
a. <u>Strengths.</u>					
HqCo 3d Mar	20		128	0	2
Co (-) 3d TankBn	4		96	0	2
Co (-) 3d ATBn	4		70	0	1
Co (-) 3d RecoBn	4		58	0	3
1/3	40		964	2	52
2/3	39		937	3	36
3/9	12		923	3	51
RET 3/4					
(Includes mine units 40			1152	5	52
3d Plt HCo 3d RecoBn	1		23	0	1
3d Plt HCo 3d TankBn	1		23	0	0
3d Plt HCo 3d ATBn	1		33	0	1
I Btry 3/12	12		110	0	2

b. Replacements.

None.

c. Discipline, law and order.

No problems.

d. Prisoners of War.

None.

e. Graves registration.

None.

f. Morale.

Continues high.

g. Civil affairs-military government.

Nothing to report.

h. Personnel procedures.

Nothing to report.

i. Interior management.

Nothing to report.

j. Civilian employees.

None.

k. Miscellaneous.

Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. *No change.*b. Status of Supply(1) Class I.Nations. Resupply from BLMG as required.Later. Resupply from BLMG as required (Except 3/4).(2) Class II.

No change.

(3) Class III.

Resupply from BLMG as required.

(4) Class IV.

No change.

(5) Class V.

No change.

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c. Status of Transportation

<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H & Serv End Period</u>
1-274	90	0	14	76
1-422	80	0	14	66
1-35	2	0	0	2
1-37	1	0	0	1
1-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation . N/A.e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities . 3/4 reported USS VANCOUVER completely off-loaded. Overall unloading: supplies 100%, CI II 96%, CI III 100%, CI V 99%, ~~6~~ supplies 50%. Estimated time of completion 181800H.
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UNIT REPORT No 7

Period Covered 181800H to 191800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.~~None~~B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known enemy units in the area of operation.

C. Enemy activity during period.

At 2135 H Company 3/9 reports 4 to 5 grenades or more being thrown in the via 010730. 1/3 T78-21 picked up approximately 12 men via 9573 from 2053H to 2150H. 2/3 OF reports small arms fire via 899768 at 2053H. Sugar Bird reported 1 hand grenade thrown into S' area at 2235H.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows we are in the area but it is believed he has little knowledge of our positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued observation and harassment tactics of our positions.

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1. C. Enemy activity (continued)

A Company 1/3 reports 1 man attempted to enter their CP at 0245H one round fired and the person disappeared. 3/9 L Company reported fire fight in front of their area. They heard automatic fire, grenades, and ~~and~~ flares. No rounds entered their area at 0310H. CP 4 of 1/3 observed six rounds of small arms fire at 0200H via 955378. At 1550 1/3 reported one male fired upon via 976743 by unidentified person.

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a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Operations During Period

(1) Normal defensive operations were carried on throughout the night. Several reports of small arms fire, explosions of grenades and artillery fire were received. Also 10 or 12 unidentified persons were picked up by a TIPSY-21 in grid square 9573. Contact with this group was lost.

(2) 3/9 utilized 81mm mortars and 1/3 utilized 106mm during FIREXs conducted at HOA CAM Range. In addition, a quick action drill was conducted by Co K, 3/9, involving the helo-lifting of one platoon to HOA CAM Training Range.

(3) At 1530H it was reported that several unidentified shots had been fired in the vicinity of 1/3 81mm mortar location. It was also reported that ~~the same~~ shots were observed going over the heads of three people riding in a 106mm mounted M-274 Hule. At the close of this reporting period, a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the firing was being conducted.

(4) Defensive positions are continuing to be improved. 3d Marines established an OP at coord 922/38 which is manned by an artillery PO, communications personnel, S-2 scouts, FAC and a NSF spot team.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations. Continued improvement of defensive positions and increased efficiency of units through limited training in all areas.

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3. PERSONNEL

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
a. <u>Strengths.</u>				
HqCo 3d Mar	20	129	0	2
Co A(-) 3dTankBn	4	96	0	2
Co A(-) 3dATBn	4	70	0	1
Co D(-) 3dReconBn	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	964	3	52
2/3	39	934	3	38
3/9	42	943	3	51
3/4	58	1261	6	55
(Inal misc units)				

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel procedures. Nothing to report.
- i. Interior management. Nothing to report.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No changeb. Status of Supply(1) Class I.(a) Rations. Resupply from BMSG as required.(b) Water. Resupply from BMSG as required (except 3/4).(2) Class II. No change.(3) Class III. Resupply from BMSG as required.(4) Class IV. No change.(5) Class V. No change.**CONFIDENTIAL**
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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-422	80	0	15	65
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	1	0	0	1
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation . N/Ae. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/A

. 3/4 estimated that all supplies in beach areas would be positioned in its dumps at Phu Bai by 191800H.

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UNIT REPORT No. 8

Period Covered 191800H to 201800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

None

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known enemy units in the area of operations.

C. Enemy activity during period.

At 2020H 1/3 TFS-21 picked up a small group of personnel via 957737.

A company road block reported at 2145H Molly Pitcher fired four rounds

at a man who set off a trip flare, then ran into the brush at 958756.

B company Post #2 at 981748 reported person or persons throwing rocks (cont.-

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable reverse side
Knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has little knowledge of our position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued observation and harassment of our positions.

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2. C. Enemy Activity (cont)

or dirt at their position. Time of incident was 2200H. At 1010Z, 3/4 reported 2 trucks returning from Base were fired upon by small arms from side of road at 012100. No enemy sighted, however fire was returned. Lead vehicle's tire was punctured. While attempting repair, one pistol shot was fired from a passing bus. At 000215Z a VC unit was reported firing on position (903143). I Company 3/4 on perimeter around airfield received sporadic small arms fire at 2210H. Fire was from edge of TACH at 903143 to 903135 there was no automatic weapons fire, but received what is believed to have been 2 rounds of 60mm mortar. At 0225H Bear Mt (3/4) reported 3 or 4 men probing patrols and received small arms fire in I Company area. 0300 H Company received 3 rounds of small arms fire from unidentified personnel (3/4 three).

2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay)

b. Operations During Period.

(1) Third Marines training program was continued. Firing exercises were conducted by 3/9's 81MM mortar platoon at Ho Sa Cam Range. The training was concluded by a test given the platoon in the firing of target shifting missions. A counterattack drill was conducted by 3/9 to familiarize personnel with counter-attack routes, procedures and plans.

(2) 2/3 established a platoon size ambush site in the vicinity of "L" Battery and the 8 inch Howitzer platoon. Their mission was to attempt to apprehend the Vietnamese who have been harrasing the Battery at night. The ambush went into position right after dark and remained all night without making contact.

(3) Small arms fire was received, at sporadic intervals, by all units throughout the night. No casualties were reported.

(4) Reports of unexplained movements in 3/9 and 3/4 areas were received. Investigations into circumstances surrounding movement proved negative.

(5) Co "D", 3d Reconnaissance Battalion accompanied by one ARVN platoon and nine civil affairs personnel conducted a route reconnaissance of the major road ^{near} ~~located~~ directly in front of the present TAOR. Reaction of people in villages was generally friendly.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%

d. Results of own Operations. Increased security and continued improvement of all units through limited training in all areas.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

	USMC		USN	
a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo 3d Mar	20	127	0	2
CoA 3dTankBn	4	96	0	2
CoA 3dATBn	4	90	0	1
CoD 3dReconBn	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	964	3	52
2/3	39	934	3	38
3/9	43	943	3	43
BLT 3/4	57	1261	6	57
TOTAL	211	4453	15	198

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel procedures. Nothing to report.
- i. Interior management. Nothing to report.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No changeb. Status of Supply(1) Class I.(a) Rations. Resupply from BLSG as required.(b) Water. Resupply from BLSG as required (except 3/4).(2) Class II. No change.(3) Class III. Resupply from BLSG as required.(4) Class IV. No change.(5) Class V. No change

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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	90	0	22	68
M-422	80	0	13	67
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation • N/Ae. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation • No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material • N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities • 3/4 reported that all supplies and equipment were removed from the beach area and into its dumps at Hu Sai at 191800H.

ANNEXES:

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WHEELER:

A - Situation Overlay

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UNIT REPORT No. 79

Period Covered 201800H to 211800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

None

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

There are no known enemy units in the area of operation.

C. Enemy activity during period.

At 0625H "M" Company 3/9 reported 2 rds went off on the south slope of hill 327 near ARVN training center. 2045H "G" Company rpt infiltrator close to Company CP 30 feet from communications relay post. Lost infiltrator but evident because of trip flare went off.

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and (SHEP/PROBABLE) Knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows we are in the area but it is believed we have little knowledge of our positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued observation and harassment tactics of our positions.

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1. C. G. M. Fortare observed at 2029 small arms tracer going away from south end of air strip. Small arms fire observed by 2/3 at 2025H going on azimuth of 160° from 950773. 3/9 reports "X" Company observed 2400 a group of approximately 15 people at 2025 vicinity 150 meters south of 010737. 4/3 says trip flares went off in "X" battery area at 2130 and three men were observed. At 2200 3/9 heard 17 rounds of carbine fire and saw 2 trip flares set off 400 meters NW of Check Point 17. At 2245 3/9 check point 17 reports 1 flare went off 1500 meters NW of position. Air observer reported fire fight observed at 0716H upon investigation he saw 13 men in a column head in a westerly direction. Column moved from 903804 to 900801 where they halted by yellow house. Men were all armed and dressed in mixture of green and khaki. They were still there at 0735. At 1230H 2/3 OF (949776) received 10 mm rounds of small arms fire from an azimuth of 80°.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. No Change.b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Tank platoons were exchanged between 1/3 and 3/9 realigning them to their normal assignment.

(2) Co A, 1/3, fired all organic weapons except 3.5 rocket launchers from vicinity of assigned positions in TAOR.

(3) Co D, 3d Recon Bn was attached to 1/3 effective 202400H.

(4) At 0646, 1/3 (Rein), conducted a reconnaissance of hill 393 utilizing their attached Reconnaissance Company and a quick reaction force of rifle company size. One platoon from the rifle company was dispatched to a forward position beyond the TAOR prepared to render immediate support. Company (-) was on alert for possible helicopter lift. No contact was made. Operation secured at 1500H.

(5) At 1550, 1/3 reported shots being fired approximately 500 meters from their CP. Troops were dispatched to search the suspected area. Only contact made was with civilian roadgang.

(6) At 1230H, 2/3 OP located at 949776 reported 10 shots fired from outside assigned TAOR. No one was observed.

(7) 2/3 provided four platoons for night security for the Brigade Artillery Group. There was no enemy contact and the platoons returned to parent organizations at 210900H.

(8) At 202000H, 3/9 reported gathering of 15 people 150 meters south of Check Point 7. Crowd dispersed without incident.

(9) 3/9 conducted a reconnaissance patrol south of the airfield. Negative contact.

(10) Quick reaction platoon departed 3/9 area from LZ ROBIN at 211411H for exercise at HQA CAM Training Center.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations. Additional defensive positions were prepared throughout the Regimental area.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

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a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
RCO 3rd Mar	20	127	0	2
CoA 3d Td Bn	4	90	0	2
CoA 3d AT Bn	4	90	0	1
CoB 3d Reconn Bn	4	58	0	3
1/3	10	964	3	52
2/3	39	937	3	38
3/9	43	943	3	51
NET 3/4	57	3074	6	57

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. ARVN (GC) and AF vehicular control established through the village of Tong Vu Su and at gate to the airfield complex.
- h. Personnel procedures. Nothing to report.
- i. Interior management. Nothing to report.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troop and Installations.

No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I.

No change.

(2) Class II.

No change.

(3) Class III.

No change.

(4) Class IV.

No change

(5) Class V.

No change.

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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	90	0	23	67
M-422	60	0	14	66
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation, N/A.e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation, See paragraph 3.e
above.f. Salvage and Captured Material, N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities, N/A.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
221800H

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UNIT REPORT No #10

Period Covered 221800H to 221800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown.

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown.

C. Enemy activity during period.(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

At 2150 the 1/3 TPS-21 picked up movement of what appeared to be approximately 50 men at 960734. The target was moving south, southwest over a ridge line. The first contact was at 2045H and disappeared at 2135H. (Continued on reverse)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has little knowledge of our position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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(1) OP-3 of 2/3 observed a ground flare 3500 meters away on an azimuth

of 340 degrees. At 2145 they heard firing in the valley below their position and people beating on tin cans.

(3) 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

3/9 radar picked up one man in "I" Company area near check point #9, at 2300. He walked a while then stopped. They believed he was checking out the fence. "I" Company, 3/9 reported at 2400 of hearing 6 bursts of automatic fire of approximately 20 rounds from an azimuth of 280 degrees from check point #19 at a range of about 600 meters. The fire was not returned but only observed.

(4) BIT 3/4

At 0355 "I" Company, 3/4 was fired on by four persons moving east in vicinity coord 888107. They were approximately 50 meters from OP when they opened fire. The OP returned the fire; no casualties were reported.

(5) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Patrol.

Co D, 3rd Recon Battalion, attached to 1/3 observed the following VC activity along the road south of Hill #393; additional information was provided by B Company, 1/3, the reaction force.

A VC Company of about 150 men was located in this area the night of 21 April. The recon patrol had an engagement with this VC Company. The VC has at least one automatic weapon. One VC was found dead, ~~xxxx~~ at 883708 and at least two others were seen to be carried away, wounded or dead. Villagers reported that some mines had been placed in this area, but none were seen. A village south of the river was burned and ammunition dump blown up. The patrol withdrew at 1700H. Additional information will be developed the debriefing.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front lines. No change.b. Own Operations During Period.

(1) The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines attached Reconnaissance Company, ~~Company B~~, conducted a reconnaissance on the road running parallel along the SONG TUY LOAN. Upon reaching the village of BINH THAI the patrol was fired upon by VC in the village. The patrol returned fire and a quick reaction force of reinforced company size was immediately lifted to the area. The VC withdrew to the north and 1/3 entered and searched the village. Positions were occupied to the north of the village and a sweep of the area was conducted. Naval air supported the attack and at 1700, after losing contact, the force was helilifted back to the Battalion CP area.

(2) The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted an 81mm mortar FIREX at the HOA CAN Training range; the mortar platoon was also given a test by a representative from the Regimental Headquarters.

(3) 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines conducted normal training and continued to improve their defensive positions. Several reports of small arms fire were received.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines continued to develop their area and conduct patrols south of their main base camp.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations. The VC engaged an organized unit of Marines for the first time today and although casualties were light he was forced to withdraw from an area that is considered to be under his control.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

	USMC		USN	
a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>MIL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>MIL</u>
HqCo 3d Marines	20	131	0	2
CoA 3d Td Bn	4	96	0	2
CoA 3d AT Bn	4	70	0	1
CoB 3d Recon Bn	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	967	3	52
2/3	39	937	3	38
3/9	43	943	3	51
DET 3/4	57	1282	6	62
TOTAL	211	4484	15	211

- b. Replacements. 22 men from subunits reported for duty.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel procedures. No change.
- i. Interior management. No change.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. One man MIA and one heat casualty evacuated to C&C. Also one man evacuated to C&C due injury from accidental discharge of weapon.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	90	0	26	64
M-422	60	0	12	68
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR	SURFACE
1	WIA	1	0
2	Non-bottle	1	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities. Committed units of 1/3 were resupplied with Classes I (water) and V by helo at about 1230.

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221000H to 231000H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(see reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has little knowledge of our positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continue surveillance of our positions and increased harassment tactics.

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1. At 1740 1/1 counter radar operator reported a possible mortar position at coordinates 9097461 and 9071371. At 1815 2/3 -2 observed 27 people in black clothes and white hats. 15 people went into village 909805. The rest appeared in the rice paddy to the northwest of the village, possibly carrying a body. CP-2 also observed people in the same type clothing just behind the church. Vic 918791 at 2045. "M" Company, 3/4 reported a mine exploded east of CP#6 approximately 50 meters from the position. It may have been by unidentified persons who have been throwing rocks into "M" Company position. At 0200 an explosion was heard in the vicinity of 948763. Shortly after 2/3 reported small arms fire was heard in the same area for about 10 minutes. The reconnaissance patrol was informed at 0809 that the hill mass east of Check Point Echo had about 300 VC on it. At 0830 2/3 CP observed 80 farmers moving N from 883778 in groups of 2's and 3's, later in groups of 20 each. The patrol received sniper fire, vicinity 893767 at 0910. The villagers stated somewhere where VC on the other side of the ridge to the west. The reconnaissance patrol found grenades and ammunition in the village by check point 41 at 0940. 2/3 CP reported 2 men at 891772 on the hill watching the troops at 911776, moving toward 883769. At 1055 the reconnaissance patrol was held up at check point 42 because of obstacles and mine fields. At 1150 B Company 1/3 receive 1 round of small arms fire into their position, at 1115 from a suspected sniper 976751 that was captured and sent to M3 blind folded as directed. At 1530 1/3 reported sniper fire into CP

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. See Annex A (Situation Overlay)

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company B, Third Reconnaissance Battalion, attached to First Battalion, Third Marines, made a route reconnaissance of the area north and west of Hill 393. After receiving a report of an estimated 300 VC in the area, a reinforced company sized quick reaction force was transported by helicopter into the area of operations and conducted a sweep parallel to and south of the patrol axis. No contact was made except in isolated incidents of sniper fire.

(2) 2d Battalion, Third Marines, conducted training including MG familiarization firing. Defensive positions continue to be improved.

(3) Third Battalion, 9th Marines, was inspected by the Commanding General during the morning. A reconnaissance patrol was conducted south of the DaNang Air Field during the afternoon. In addition, a platoon size quick reaction drill was held at 1430.

(4) Third Battalion, 4th Marines, conducted routine training and patrolled within their TAC.

(5) Company A (-)(Rein), 3d Tank Battalion, relocated their CP.

c. Combat efficiency. 95%

d. Results of Own Operations. The Regiment continues to control the DaNang Air Field complex and the HUE PHU BAI area.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a. <u>Strengths.</u>	OFF	USMC	OFF	USN	MIL
HqCo 3dMar	20	131	0		2
CoA 3dTankBn	4	96	0		2
CoA 3dATBn	4	70	0		1
CoD 3dReconBn	4	58	0		3
1/3	40	967	3		52
2/3	39	937	3		38
3/4	43	944	3		54
BLT 3/4	57	1284	14		62
TOTAL	211	4487	15		214

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. Nothing to report.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil affairs-military government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel procedures. No change.
- i. Interior management. No change.
- j. Civilian employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. One man wounded by accidental discharge, evacuated to C&C platoon.

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LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. 3/4 has 15 days O/H. (Rations)

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. 3/4 has 11 days O/H.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. 3/4 has 26 days O/H. Critical shortages reported are:

- (a) 105mm Illum
- (b) 105mm Smoke
- (c) Ctg, Cal..45
- (d) Blasting caps

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c. Status of Transportation

<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H & Serv End Period</u>
M-274	90	0	27	63
M-422	80	0	13	67
M-35	2	0	0	2
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>
1	Non-battle	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities. N/A.

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UNIT REPORT No 12

Period Covered 231800H to 241800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.
Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.
Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.
(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment tactics.

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1. C. Enemy activity (cont)

1st Battalion, 3d Marines

The patrol of Company B reported possibly 10 to 15 VC at coord 890774 at 0930. Nothing was found upon further investigation. The patrol also received small arms fire from 2 or 3 snipers vic coord 887766. Russian interference was picked up on B Radio Net. At 1520 many "Punji Traps" were discovered in a village coord 870755.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

Alpha patrol reported that a Viet civilian informed them that 30 VC had been in the village of Hoa Hiep, coord 932837, the night before. They moved out in the morning towards the mountains to the NW.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion 4th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNELa. Strengths.

	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
1st Co 3d Bn	30	131
Co 3d Bn	4	96
Co 3d Bn	4	90
Co 3d Bn	4	58
1/3	10	966
2/3	39	937
3/3	43	943
1st 3/4	55	1287
TOTAL	209	148

b. Replacements. None.c. Discipline, law and order. Disciplinary action pending on 2 personnel involved in accidental discharges.d. Prisoners of War. None.e. Graves Registration. One man (3/4) killed by accidental grenade explosion sent to O&C Company.f. Morale. Continues high.g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. 1st Lt FRANCIS appointed as People-to-People Officer.h. Personnel Procedures. No change.i. Interior Management. No change.j. Civilian Employees. None.k. Miscellaneous. One man (1/3) MIA evacuated to O&C Company. 1st Col. JONES, Commanding Officer, 3/4, suffered heart attack and evacuated to Hm Trang. 1st Col. WALKER appointed Commanding Officer vice 1st Col. JONES.
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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. 3/4 reports 13 days rations O/H.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. 3/4 reports 14 days O/H.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
1-274	90	0	22	68
1-422	80	0	13	67
1-35	2	0	1	1
1-37	3	0	0	3
1-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation

O.	TYPE	AIR
1	WIA	1
1	DEAD - WIA	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . o changef. Salvage and Captured Material . N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities . N/A

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ATTACH A - Situation Overlay

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251000H April 1965

UNIT REPORT No. 13

Period Covered

251000H to 251000H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but it is believed that he has little knowledge of our positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment tactics.

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Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

An observation post reported 3 to 5 tracer rounds in the village of Long Hieu, coord 915735 at approx. 0830. Red flares went off and a house started burning. Tracer, apparently coming from the NW, were heard all morning.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

At 2100, 1st Co heard 8 to 50 rounds bursts of semi automatic weapons 500 yards forward of their position at coord 013768 from an azimuth of 310°. At 2230, Lima Co heard a man with a public address system or a megaphone talking very loud at vic 9990619. Lima Co also reported one flare, 170° from coord 006762 at approx. 3000 meters away. One tracer round was also fired into the air. Its origin was unknown. At 0100 a man in a rice paddy adjacent to the road threw objects at the centry, vic 011773. A centry at same position reports that at 1350 men in rice paddies on south side of road threw more objects at him.

Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

An estimated 9 VC attacked a reconnaissance patrol base at 0101, located at vicinity coord 964080. 2 VC were KIA. One body was recovered and turned over to Long Be National Training Center. The other KIA fell over a steep cliff and the body could not be reached. One VC believed KIA. The dead VC was a master Sgt., acting platoon leader. He had a sketch of Huong Thuy District and the village of Thuy Phung, including the location of the houses of the village and the district chief of that area. Documents reveal that the VC was operating from the Huong Thuy area. The captured weapons included 2 automatic weapons, (55) rounds of ammunition and (2) hand grenades. The two automatic weapons are to be turned over to G-3 actual as directed.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. No change.b. Own Operations During Period

(1) At 250850, Co C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, arrived in LZ PIGEON, after a 15 minute artillery preparation fire. The landing zone was secured and the troops moved towards BINH THAI. At 250800H, Co D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, occupied the assigned assembly area, and then moved to blocking positions about 1200 meters east of BINH THAI prior to noon. Co C made a sweep of the area, cleared the village, and completed the link-up with Co D at 251528H. Both companies returned to the Regimental area by helicopter. No contact was made other than sporadic sniper fire.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a patrol north and east of their CP during the afternoon. No contact was made.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a patrol north of the airfield this afternoon. Contact was not made.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines established a listening post on hill 161, manned by elements of 3d Platoon (Rein), Co B, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The listening post was attacked by a VC force at 240101H. A sharp fire fight at close range ensued involving automatic weapons and hand grenades. Battery I (Rein), 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, fired in support during the attack. The enemy was repulsed leaving two KIA on the battle ground, and blood stains indicate probable two WIA. Marine casualties were 2 KIA and 4 WIA.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.d. Results of Own Operations. The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex and the HUE PHU BAI area.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNELa. Strengths.

	OFF	USMC	ENL	OFF	USN	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	20		131	0		2
ACo 3dMkBr	4		96	0		2
ACo 3dATBn	4		90	0		1
DCo 3dReconBn	4		58	0		3
1/3	40		966	3		52
2/3	39		968	3		38
3/9	43		943	4		51
BLT 3/4	55		1282	6		57
TOTAL	209		1313	16		206

b. Replacements.

c. Discipline, law and order. 2/3 received 31 replacements from SubUnit.

d. Prisoners of War.

Nothing to report.

e. Graves Registration.

None.

f. Morale.

Two KIA's from BLT 3/4 evacuated to O&C Company.

Continues high.

g. Civil Affairs-Military Government.

Nothing to report.

h. Personnel Procedures.

No change.

i. Interior Management.

Nothing to report.

j. Civilian Employees.

None.

k. Miscellaneous.

Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. 3/4 has 12 days rations O/H.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. 3/4 has 14 days O/H.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	116	0	35	81
M-422	109	0	21	88
M-35	2	0	1	1
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	1	0	0	1

d. Status of Evacuation N/A

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation N/A

f. Salvage and Captured Material N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities . Water points established at

- (1) 2/3 CP.
- (2) 3dMar and 1/3 CP's.

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261800H April 1965

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Daily Situation

UNIT REPORT No 14

Period Covered 251800H to 261800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

At approximately 1930 (3) civilians were seen walking NE of Kien Kien village, coord 912787 carrying weapons. At 2055 an observation post reported a fire fight SW of My Son village, coord 874764. 8 to 10 men were observed at coord 911779 by an OP. Two men were also seen in the bushes at coord 928772. Investigation showed negative results.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

Lima company reported light machine gun fire at ⁰⁰³⁰ 2430. It appeared to be about 800 yards forward of the 3rd platoon position from an azimuth of 326°. At 0105³ or 6 round burst was also heard from the same area. A siren was also heard for one minute and twenty-two seconds.

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period, except for two rounds fired into the position from an undetermined source.

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2. Own Situation

a. Front lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Continued to conduct night ambushes and limited patrols within their original TAOR.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a company size reconnaissance patrol around Hill mass 368. The patrol departed at 0750H and returned at 1600. No contact was made.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines made final arrangements with 1st LAAM Battalion to coordinate the reconnaissance to HAI VAN Pass and Hill 700.

(4) At 2015, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reported two rounds fired into their position. One round struck a Marine in the leg, wounding him very slightly.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations. The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex and the HUE PHU BAI Area.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a. <u>Strengths.</u>	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	20	130
ACo 3d7thBn	4	96
ACo 3d47thBn	4	90
1Co 3dReconBn	4	57
1/3	40	966
2/3	39	958
3/9	43	941
BIT 3/4	55	1288
TOTAL	209	4506

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. Nothing to report.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.

e. Graves Registration. None.

f. Morale. Continues high.

g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.

h. Personnel Procedures. No change.

i. Interior Management. No change.

j. Civilian Employees. None.

k. Miscellaneous.

One MIA from 3/4 evacuated to O&O Company. Approximately 34 men from 3/4 suffered from diarrhea and vomiting from eating spoiled food at breakfast. Last case reported at 1600.

One man from 1/3 suffered bullet wound in left calf of leg due to accidental discharge of pistol.

Discipline, law and order

Prisoners of War.

Graves Registration.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. Fortification materials are in short supply.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H & Serv End Period</u>
H-274	116	0	38	78
H-40	119	0	23	86
H-35	2	0	0	2
H-37	3	0	0	3
H-54	4	0	0	4
H-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>
1	GIA	1
1	NON-BATTLE	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . No change.

f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities . N/A.

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UNIT REPORT No

261600H April 1965 to 271800H April 1965

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261600H April 1965 to 271800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a route and area reconnaissance with one rifle company in the south western position of their TAOR. Sniper fire encountered on several occasions but no organized resistance. Two VC were captured. One Marine was slightly wounded by sniper fire and two other Marines were slightly wounded by mines.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a route and area reconnaissance around their TAOR. While approaching the town of TONG SON the patrol was hit by scattered sniper fire. One bullet penetrated a Marine's helmet resulting in a superficial scalp wound. He was not evacuated. The patrol set in a tight night defense at 994775. Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon patrol departed Regimental CP at 1730 to join the unit. The joint force will engage in aggressive patrolling at first light.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a daylight reconnaissance around the southern portion of the airfield with negative contact. Additionally 3/9 provided security elements for a 1st LAAM Battalion reconnaissance of Hill 700 near the HAI VAN pass. During the night several cases of small arms firing and flare illumination were observed.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines deployed Company M from the perimeter to the southern portion of the TAOR. Company I replaced Company M as the airfield security element. 3/4 also conducted daylight patrolling and established night ambushes within the TAOR.

(5) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion conducted cross country driving in the 1/3 TAOR.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex and the HUE PHU BAI Area.

(2) Five Marines wounded during patrolling action. Two VC captured and one wounded.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a. <u>Strengths.</u>	USMC	USN
	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3d Mar	20	131
ACo 3d MAr	4	96
ACo 3d MAr	4	90
ACo 3d MAr	4	57
1/3	40	966
2/3	39	958
3/9	43	941
NLT 3/4	55	1278
TOTAL	209	4320

- b. Replacements. Four men for HqCo 3d Marines.
- c. Discipline, law and order. Nothing to report.
- d. Prisoners of War. Two taken today by 1/3.
- e. Graves Registration. None
- f. Morale. High.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Major R. T. LYONS relieved LtCol H. J. BATH as Commanding Officer of 1/3. Four (4) KIA as evacuated to C and C Company.

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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troop and Installations. No change.b. Status of Supply(1) Class I. No change.(2) Class II. No change.(3) Class III. No change.(4) Class IV. No change.(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	37	86
M-404	109	0	24	85
M-35	92	0	5	27
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

No.	TYPE	AIR
4	VIA	4

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation • No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material • N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities • N/A.

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UNIT REPORT No. 127 / 14

Period Covered 271000H April 1965 to 281800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.
Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.
Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.
(too few to state)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main position.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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CONFIDENTIAL1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 1038 a patrol received one round from a sniper at coordinates 849768. The patrol returned the fire and felled one VC. He was carrying one rifle, 7.5 French 1939, and four rounds. The VC died in route to the CP.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

At 0855H a patrol from Lima Company observed a detail of ten men digging up, what appeared to be, rifle cartons. The patrol was too far away to evaluate the circumstances of the diggers that dispersed. The objects being dug up were apparently quite heavy in that it took two men to carry one of them.

CONFIDENTIAL2. OWN SITUATIONa. Front Lines. No change.b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1/3 patrolled north and west of Hill 393. Coverage of the area to the west of 393 completed reconnaissance of 1/3's TAOR. The patrol departed at 0700H and initially followed 2/3 patrol in trace. There was no contact except for an isolated sniper or two. The patrol returned at 1800.

(2) 2/3 patrol departed at 0630 from a forward bivouac area and swept to the north and west towards HOA MY. High grass, thick brush and rough terrain proved hard going. Consequently, L-Hour had to be delayed for an hour. The helilifted company landed at 1030 and secured the landing zone. Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, supporting 2/3, set in drop off ambushes behind and to the flank of the patrol. This action paid dividends as two VC were surprised by one of the ambushes and taken under fire. The patrol will be back in bivouac area by dark.

(3) 3/9 provided one platoon as a security force for off loading operations at Red Beach 1. They will be so engaged for three days.

(4) 3/4 conducted daylight patrols and established night ambushes. M Company patrolled in the southeast corner of the TAOR and L Company patrolled in the vicinity of grid square 8415.

(5) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion continued with cross country driving.

(6) The Commandant of the Marine Corps ate lunch in D Company, 1/3 mess hall on hill 327. Following lunch, the Commandant flew over the Regimental positions and after landing at 2/3 CP, was briefed on their disposition and plans. Additionally, the Commandant visited 3/4 at HUE PHU BAI.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%d. Results of Operations.

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex and the HUE PHU BAI area.

(2) One VC killed and one wounded by Reconnaissance Company drop off ambush. 28

(3) Terrain coupled with hot, humid weather caused many heat casualties.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNELa. Strengths.

	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	20	131
CoA 3dMdn	4	96
CoA 3dATBn	4	70
CoD 3dReconBn	4	57
1/3	38 - 2	966
2/3	39	957
3/9	49	940
BLT 3/4	56 - 1	1220
TOTAL	208	4310

b. Replacements. None.c. Discipline, law and order. One summary court-martial held, CA's action not complete.d. Prisoners of War. None.e. Graves Registration. One VC KIA sent to Vietnamese hospital for disposition.f. Morale. Continues high.g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Owner of rock quarry vicinity of CP claims Marines took rocks. Request compensation. MEB Civil Affairs to be consulted.h. Personnel Procedures. No change.i. Interior Management. No change.j. Civilian Employees. Nonek. Miscellaneous. Approximately 60 heat casualties treated. All will return to duty by tomorrow.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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CONFIDENTIAL (when filled in)c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-27A	123	0	30	85
M-422	109	0	24	85
M-36	32	0	5	27
M-37	9	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR
36	Non-battle (Heart condition)	36
21		21

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities . N/A

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~~291800H April 1965~~

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*Daily Situation*UNIT REPORT No 20-17Period Covered 281800H April 1965 to 291800H April 19651. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 1015 a patrol from Alpha Company came in contact with VC. This contact was made at coordinates 880705. One of the VC was killed. The body was turned over to the local Vietnamese authorities.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the period.

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2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) At 0700, 1/3 patrol departed CP and proceeded by trucks to their point of departure where they dismounted and continued by foot. After following Check Point 26, two VC were discovered by the point and taken under fire. One VC escaped, the other was KIA. The patrol continued on the assigned route without further incident.

(2) Shortly after the beginning of the period, 2/3's Company F returned from patrol to the CP area and assumed assigned defensive positions. Company E remains in a forward bivouac area prepared to execute tomorrow's reconnaissance patrol.

(3) 3/4 patrolled with two reinforced companies within their expanded TACH. Additionally, ambushes were established during the night. There was no enemy contact during the period.

(4) The Regimental Commander visited the 3/9 CP area and inspected the defensive perimeter. Two patrols were conducted during the day in the general vicinity of the Airfield. No contact was made. One platoon continues to provide security for unloading operations at Beach RED 1.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion made an aerial reconnaissance of the extreme western portion of the TACH as the initial stage in establishing several observation posts to provide advance warning of enemy approaching the DA NANG area.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex and the MUE PHU HAI area.

(2) One VC killed by 1/3.

(3) Effects of hot, humid weather continues to limit the amount of terrain covered.

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	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	13
ACo 3dMar	4	96
AGo 3dMar	4	70
DCo 3dMar	4	57
1/3	40	966
2/3	39	957
3/9	43	940
BLT 3/4	57	1275
TOTAL	210	4493

b. Replacements. **Twenty-five.**c. Discipline, law and order. **No problems.**d. Prisoners of War. **None.**e. Graves Registration. **One VC (KIA) evacuated to RVN hospital for disposition.**f. Morale. **Continues high.**g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. **Rock quarry owner to MEB Civil Affairs Officer.**h. Personnel Procedures. **No change.**i. Interior Management. **No change.**j. Civilian Employees. **None.**k. Miscellaneous. **One (1) MIA evacuated to CIG Company.
General STANBRO J-1 visited 3/4.****CONFIDENTIAL**CONFIDENTIAL

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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change.b. Status of Supply(1) Class I. No change.(2) Class II. 1/3 reports it has enough BA-279 batteries O/H for 5 or 6 days operation and only 6 miles of comm wire O/H. Items are on requisition.(3) Class III. No change.(4) Class IV. No change.(5) Class V. No change.

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<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H & Serv End Period</u>
M-274	123	0	39	84
M-422	109	0	22	87
M-35	32	0	5	27
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	1	3
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>
1	WIA	1
2	Non-battle	2

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. Not applicable.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities

(1) Nine boxes of medical supplies were sent to 3/4 via halo which departed 3dMar CP at 1300H.

(2) 1/3 resupplied patrol with water by helicopter.

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Daily Situation Report

UNIT REPORT No 18
XXX-XXX-XXX

Period Covered

291800H to 301800H April 1965

1. ENEMY:

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B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

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C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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The enemy knows that we are in the area but has limited knowledge of our main positions.

E. Conclusions. Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

At 1305 a patrol from "L" Company received sniper fire at coordinates 859738. When the patrol returned the fire, the enemy broke contact. The patrol also received heavy sniper fire at 1630, vicinity coordinates 872709.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

At 0025 an observation post observed a large group of people that appeared to be troops, at coordinates 945795. At the first burst of illumination two to three hundred people were observed, but were not observed in the ensuing illumination.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the reporting period.

Battalion Landing Zone 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the reporting period.

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(1) At 2240, this Headquarters received an unconfirmed report that a VC regiment was moving to the vicinity of PHU LOC (coord 975785) with various types of weapons. At 0030, a large group of unidentified persons/troops were observed in the vicinity of coord 945795 by 2/30P. Company E, 2/3, reinforced by tanks, moved to a blocking position vicinity coordinates 955778. One company from 1/3 was placed on a ten minute alert along with Company A (-), 3d Tank Bn. No further indications of enemy forces in the area were detected and all units returned to normal operations at 0608H.

(2) At 0900, Burke D patrol was helolifted to vic coord 878766 to commence patrolling of their assigned route within their TAOR. At 1306, in the vicinity of Checkpoint 2, the patrol was fired on by a sniper. Upon returning the sniper's fire and after a short pursuit, contact was lost. At 1637, patrol received heavy sniper fire near checkpoint 8. The patrol continued without further incident. Patrol ETR is 1900.

(3) At 0915, Squire E patrol detrucked in the vicinity of Checkpoint Y26 and commenced patrolling to the northwest. At 1345, the patrol returned to checkpoint Y26 and reported no VC contact or unusual activity in the area.

(4) 3/9 conducted two patrols in the vicinity of the airfield. No contact or unusual events were reported.

(5) At 2030, an individual attempted to probe 3/4's line in the vicinity of coord 883132. The individual fled when a round was fired at him. Other patrols and ambushes reported no contact.

(6) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, conducted training in helicopter rappelling, utilizing the water tower in the vicinity of the Air Force Compound, between the hours of 0830 and 1130.

(7) A recon of HOA CAM Firing Range was conducted by Company A, 3d Tank Battalion at 0900. Firing positions were selected at Area #10 for the purpose of enabling rounds to impact in the mortar impact area, for a firing exercise scheduled for 1 May.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.**d. Results of Om Operations**

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DA HANO Airfield and the HUE PHU BAI area.

(2) Reduction in temperature enabled more terrain to be covered quickly than on previous days with no heat casualties.

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a. Strengths.

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	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	131	0	2
CoA 3dFtCoBn	4	89	0	2
CoA 3dATBn	4	69	0	1
CoD 3dReconBn	4	57	0	3
1/3	40	966	3	48
2/3	39	980	3	35
3/9	43	940	4	51
BLT 3/4	57	1301	6	62
TOTAL	210	1593	16	204

b. Replacements. Twenty-two personnel for 2/3.c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.d. Prisoners of War. None.e. Graves Registration, None.f. Morale, Continues high.g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Corpsman treated villagers on medical assistance program.h. Personnel Procedures. No change.i. Interior Management. No change.j. Civilian Employees. None.k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

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b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE
1	Non-battle

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation • No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material • N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities • A member of this command took two live
20mm 125 aircraft cannon rounds from a Vietnamese boy in Hoa Phat village
today and turned them in to this Hq. EOD Team, HHSO picked them up.

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