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COMMAND DIARY

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Part I - Organizational Data Sheet

Part II - Narrative Summary

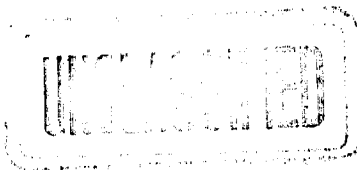
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Enclosure (1)

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 1 May - 31 May 1965
3. Date of Submission. 8 June 1965
4. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. B. WHEELER (1-22 May)
Lieutenant Colonel D. H. BROOKS (23 May)
Colonel F. E. GARRETTSON (24-31 May)
5. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, coordinates 983743.
6. Subordinate Units

HqCo, 3d Marines	Capt D. L. NICHOLS
1st Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol W. H. J. LANAGAN
2d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol D. A. CLEMENT
3d Bn (Rein), 4th Marines	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
3d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol C. E. MCPARTLIN JR.
Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tk Bn	1stLt E. T. METZ (1-12 May)
	Capt J. B. DONOVAN (13-31 May)
Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn	1stLt R. J. DONOHUE

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PART II

1. Mission Assigned. 3d Marines defends DA NANG Airfield, PHU BAI Airfield and 8th KBN facilities; conducts patrolling throughout assigned TAORs; maintains one rifle company in reflex posture (one hour) for employment anywhere in Division area; is prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined and is prepared to conduct counter attacks to restore the integrity of the DA NANG base area defense.

2. Terrain and Weather. Personnel have adapted well to the high heat and humidity in Vietnam. The number of heat casualties has been insignificant during the month in spite of the increased tempo of operations and the rugged terrain encountered as patrols have probed further west.

3. Training Conducted. Existing facilities at HOA GAM Training Center and appropriate areas within the TAOR were utilized for training during the month. Training was emphasized as much as possible consistent with the assigned mission. Particular emphasis was directed toward firing crew-served and individual weapons.

4. Morale and Discipline. The morale of all units continues high. Increased activity in the field and increased liberty and beach parties provides an excellent balance for the upkeep of morale. There was a slight increase in disciplinary cases but no significant trends are noted.

5. Summary of Events

During May, there was an increased tempo of activity throughout the Regiment. Aggressive patrolling was conducted by company size units and larger in TAORs that were enlarged on two separate occasions during the month. These operations were supported by Marine air, artillery and engineer units. VC contact increased in the southern portion of the TAOR as did the number of VC kills. Additionally, the Regiment began its first efforts in rural reconstruction in the LE MY area.

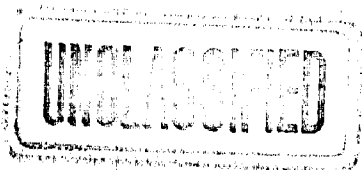
On 1 May, the Regiment successfully conducted a limited scale exercise of Regimental Counter-Attack Plan 322(B)-65, in order to familiarize personnel with the plan and routes to the line of departure. Units participating in this exercise included elements of 1/3, Co A, 3d Tk Bn, Co A, 3d AT Bn, 2/3 and one company from 3/9. On this date, 1/3 conducted extensive route and area reconnaissance throughout their TAOR. Panji traps, panji sticks and several home made mines were encountered by patrols which received light to heavy sniper fire. 2/3 established and manned a company sized blocking position, coordinates 960775, which remained in position overnight. No enemy activity was encountered. 3/9 conducted reconnaissance patrols in the DA NANG

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Airfield complex. No enemy activity was encountered. 3/4 conducted aggressive patrolling and set in night ambushes. No enemy activity was encountered. Training conducted on 1 May was as follows: Repelling from helicopters by Company D, 3d Recon Bn, a FIREX at HOA CAM Training Center by Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn and a two platoon communication exercise by Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn.

On 2 May, patrol efforts by 1/3 experienced no VC activity in the southern portion of the Battalion TAOR. Patrolling was conducted here to obtain area and route familiarization and to select possible Battalion CP sites in preparation for future operations. 2/3 continued patrol operations in their TAOR. Company E, with tanks and ONTOS in direct support, conducted a reconnaissance in force of villages and bridges northwest of Hill 278 (921783). At 0910H, harrasing sniper fire was received at coordinates 915816, coming from coordinates 913818. The company advanced by fire and maneuver and by 0921H, the harrasing fire had ceased. At 0937H, contact was made with 6 VC. Additional ineffective small arms fire was received at 1112H, vicinity coordinates 898813. The patrol returned without further incident. 3/9 conducted two patrol operations in the BA NANG Airfield vicinity for the purpose of area familiarization, establishment of friendly relations with the Vietnamese, observing the water table and determining areas likely for tunneling operations. No VC contacts were reported. The 106mm RR Platoon conducted practice firing of the 106mm RR. 3/4 conducted aggressive patrol operations during daylight hours and established night ambush sites in the southern and western portions of the Battalion TAOR. No VC contact was reported.

On 3 May, 1/3 commenced a 3 day operation in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. This operation marked the beginning of night operations by the Regiment. One company was helilifted into grid square 8771, for the purpose of establishing a company patrol base, and a second was positioned as a blocking force. Another company was assigned the mission as a quick reaction force in accordance with normal procedures. At 0901H, after 48 minutes of artillery preparation fire, the first wave of Company A landed at LZ WAX WING, coordinates 877717, without enemy interference. The helilift was completed at 0945H and a reconnaissance/sweep to the east commenced. At 1011H, Company C completed a movement from an assembly area, coordinates 935720, to a blocking position at coordinates 915715 and then continued this westward movement to effect juncture. At 1059H, Company C received sniper fire from coordinates 899711. While a search was being made of a village at this location, muzzle flashes were seen from 3 weapons. Return fire from machine guns, hand grenades and M-79 grenade launchers silenced the firing. At 1220H, more sniper fire was received at coordinates 895710. Later, at 1355H, 9 men were seen running from the village of CAO SONG (2), coordinates 878701. By 1501H, the juncture was made between Companies A and C.



Company A then proceeded to a patrol base at coordinates 885720 and Company C returned to defensive positions at coordinates 960725. Additional ineffective sniper fire was received at 1855H, coordinates 878718. No further VC contact occurred during the night. At 0655H, Company G, 2/3, commenced a five day extended combat patrol operation in the northern area of the Battalion TAOR for the purpose of seeking out and destroying any VC forces located therein. The village of TANG SON, coordinates 898786, was swept and one ineffective sniper round was received at 0905H. By 1200H, a combat patrol base was established at coordinates 885806 and platoon sized patrolling commenced. At 1306H, light and ineffective sniper fire was received, vicinity coordinates 885820. New trenches were discovered at coordinates 889830 and 884833. At 1850H, an estimated 3 or 4 VC were engaged at coordinates 885823. A VC squad was observed at coordinates 886823 at 2030H. A night patrol base was established at coordinates 888819. No further contact occurred. The tank platoon attached to 2/3 conducted main armament firing, using the fort at coordinates 899806 as a target. 3/4 continued patrol action in its TAOR. VC contact was reported at 0350H vicinity coordinates 877130, when one person probed the lines, fired one shot and shouted unintelligible phrases. Rifle fire drove the intruder off. At 2230H, vicinity coordinates 885128, a light VC probe developed into a sharp fire fight involving small arms and friendly artillery. Contact was broken at 2340H. One VC was believed WIA. 3/9 participated in a drill involving execution of 9th MEB Op Plan 321-65. Patrol action by 3/9 continued in the DA NANG Airfield area without VC contact. Company D, 3d Recon Bn was again thwarted in plans to establish four OPs west of the TAOR when heavy weather grounded helicopters. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted a personnel and weapons inspection and performed preventive maintenance.

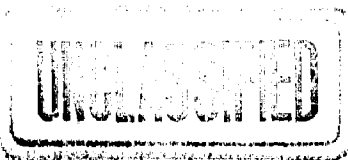
At 0635H, 4 May, Company A, 1/3 continued operations started the day before and commenced sweep of the south side of the SONG TUY LOAN River and the village of HOI VUC, coordinates 872708. Three VCC-VCS were evacuated by helicopter and turned over to 9th MEB. At 1855H, a patrol base was established at coordinates 877702. No further enemy contact was reported. At first light, Company G, 2/3 moved into a blocking position at coordinates 895922. Company E reached coordinates 917805 at 0755H and commenced a search and destruction combat patrol within the LE MY village complex. At 8835H, incoming sniper fire was received at coordinates 915810. Additional sniper fire was received at coordinates 916818. Company E moved into the attack. At 0920H, sporadic sniper fire was received at coordinates 913817. Obstacles and bunkers were destroyed in this area and also at coordinates 910817. At 1115H, more small arms fire was received vicinity coordinates 904825. One Marine was WIA. At 1125H, Company E was again maneuvering under fire at coordinates 907825. At 1204H, an air strike hit boats along the south bank of the CA DE SONG River while Company E held. One large

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and two small boats were sunk. At 1251H, Company E moved ^{to} from coordinates 915835 in order to round up any VC in this area. One VC KIA was recovered at coordinates 903827. By 1810H, Company E had completed operations in LE MY and returned to the Battalion CP area. Company G remained on the hill mass overlooking LE MY. Apparently, one VC platoon was located in LE MY, as this was the report received from the DA NANG Special Sector Office. At 2020H, Popular Forces reported the VC had carried away 2 KIA and 3 WIA after Company E advanced into LE MY. The Popular Forces also believed some VC were killed in a machine gun position vicinity coordinates 903827 that was hit by 3.5 rocket fire. At 0430H and 0440H, Company K, 3/4 received a few rounds of sniper fire at coordinates 870131 and 880120 from vicinity coordinates 873127. Additional sniper fire was received at coordinates 878148 at 0530H. Fire was returned and no casualties on either side reported. Patrols in the 3/4 TAOR continued during the day without incident. 3/9 again patrolled the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC activity was noted by either the morning or afternoon patrols. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted driving and gunnery techniques at the HOA CAM Training Center. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn, conducted a 20 mile driving exercise. Company D, 3d Recon Bn, departed at 1745H via helicopter on a mission to establish four OPs west of the Regimental TAOR.

On 5 May, Company A, 1/3 continued patrol operations and village sweeps south of the SONG TUY LOAN River, vicinity HOI VUC, in the Battalion TAOR and by 1052H had taken up blocking positions at coordinates 863698, 877701 and 877707. At 0843H, the first wave of Company C was helilifted from LZ DUCK, coordinates 935715, to LZ PELICAN, coordinates 875693. The LZ was secure by 0855H. At 0920H, light sniper fire was received from Hill 270, coordinates 864681, and at 0932H, Company C was engaged in a sharp 80 minute fire fight with 15 VC. At 1030H, an artillery fire mission was called in on a suspected VC area at coordinates 878679. A total of 8 VC KIA resulted from these actions. At 1445H, a link-up was effected between Company A and C and a platoon sweep of Hill 270 was conducted. Additional patrol action and sweeps were initiated throughout the afternoon. Company C was helilifted from LZ PELICAN by 1820H and Company A established a patrol base near this LZ. No further VC contact was reported. Company E, 2/3 established blocking positions south of LE MY in support of Company G operations in the village and captured a wounded VCS at coordinates 908819 at 0850H. Company G moved into an assembly area vicinity coordinates 899818 at 0910H and commenced a sweep of the area at 1035H. At 1145H, small arms fire was received vicinity coordinates 902828. One sniper round from across the CA DE SONG River was received at 1157H. At 1249H, Company G's sweep had reached coordinates 910838. No VC contact was reported. At 1515H, Company G was in LE MY. Four VC were encountered at coord 883833. Three were seen leaving this area - one being carried. Patrol operations were continued in this vicinity and night ambush sites established

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vicinity coord 889809. 3/9 continued patrol action to maintain security of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC activity was noted. 3/4 also continued daylight patrolling within their TAOR and set in night ambush sites along likely avenues of approach. Company D, 3d Recon Bn continued patrolling and manning OPs. 2 VC were sighted at 1030H, vicinity coordinates 867837.

At 0825H, 6 May, Company C, 1/3 commenced a sweep 1000 meters south of SONG TUY LOAN River and moved eastward, crossing the river vicinity coordinates 917710. At 1115H, the assembly area, coordinates 938720, was reached and by 1342H the company had returned to their positions on Hill 268 via motor march. No VC contact was reported during the day. This concluded the 3 day operation in the southwest portion of the TAOR. Night ambush sites set in by Company C, 2/3, vicinity their patrol base at coordinates 889809, reported no contact during the night. However, reconnaissance patrols sighted 14 VC at 2015H and 10 more at 2230H. Three platoon size patrols operated east and west of this patrol base during the day, continuing the 5 day combat patrol operations in the northern portion of the Battalion TAOR. At 1618H, a VC bivouac area was discovered at coordinates 877817. A VC camp was found at coordinates 868815 with a camouflaged grass hut 15 meters off the trail. Well concealed bear traps were also found. A few rounds of ineffective sniper fire was received. Night ambush sites reported no VC contact. At 0535H, the 3/9 compound sentry on post received incoming small arms fire from the village of TONG VU SU, coordinates 988748. This fire was returned with unknown results. One 13 man and one 9 man patrol reported no VC contact on patrol routes vicinity DA NANG Airfield complex. At 0955H, the helilift of Company K to CHU AAI commenced. This company established defensive positions on the beach, coordinates 542062, in preparation for the landing of the 3d MEB scheduled for 7 May. 3/4 reported no VC contact during the day except at 1732H, when 12 rounds of ineffective small arms fire was received from coordinates 828129. Four men were seen running from the TAOR. Aggressive patrolling by two companies continued throughout the day within the Battalion TAOR. Night ambush positions were set in along likely avenues of approach. Patrols and OPs from Company D, 3d Recon Bn continued to operate in the TAOR. Two VC in camouflage uniforms were sighted at coordinates 869833 at 1606H. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a FIREX at HOA CAM Training Area and performed preventive maintenance in the afternoon. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted a road march in the 1/3 TAOR and held general military subjects classes in the afternoon. At 1800H, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) chopped to operational control of the 3d Marine Division.

At 0747H, 7 May, Company B, 1/3 commenced another period of day and night patrol operations; this time in the western portion of the TAOR. Company A remained in the Battalion area as a rapid reaction force.

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At 0840H, a village at coordinates 887769 was checked out with negative results. At 0915H, coordinates 877763, two homemade mines were detonated. At 1026H, the village of MY SON, coordinates 878764, was searched. A suitcase and other items were recovered. One bear trap was also found in this general area. Another village at coordinates 851763 was checked with negative results. At 2055H, Company B established a patrol base at coordinates 881761. No VC activity was reported through the night. Company G, 2/3 reported no VC activity in their sector as patrolling continued for the 5th day in the northern sector of the TAOR. At 1418H, Company G had reached the entrucking point, coordinates 900806, and Company H had departed the Battalion area to commence another 5 day search and kill operation; this time in the northwestern sector of the Battalion TAOR. At 1940H, a patrol base was established at coordinates 872813. No enemy contact was reported throughout the night. No VC contact was reported at night ambush sites set in by 3/4 along likely avenues of approach either. Patrol operations in Zone C (free zone) commenced at 0730H. One platoon from 3/9 provided security for unloading operations at Red Beach #1. Two daylight foot patrols in the vicinity of the DA NANG Airfield complex reported no VC activity. Classes in leadership and nomenclature and techniques of fire for the M-14 rifle were conducted by Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a FIREX using LE MY Fort as the target. Company D, 3d Recon Bn withdrew two OPs that had been established west of the TAOR.

On 8 May, Company B, 1/3 continued operations to the southwest and swept a village at coordinates 868756 at 0707H. The village of DONG SONG, coordinates 865733, was swept at 0842H. At 0930H, vicinity coordinates 860741, a patrol from Company B, enroute to the village of TAN AN PHUONG, was fired on by 3 VC. Return fire resulted in one VC KIA, and one VC WIA, with the third fleeing to heavy brush. Patrolling continued in the area around the scene of action and TAN AN PHONG, at coordinates 865734, was swept. By 1742H, Company B returned to the Battalion area. At 0800H, 2 platoon size patrols from Company H again commenced patrol operations in the northern sector of the TAOR. At 1044H, vicinity coordinates 903822, the GO, 2/3, with a party of Marines, ARVN, an Army Captain and local officials, were taken under sniper fire. Return fire drove the snipers off. At 1135H, Company H reached coordinates 871819, where numerous recently used trails were discovered along with a hut and water point. At coordinates 862821, a patrol from Company H received intermittent ineffective sniper fire. At 1220H, a VC camp site was discovered at coordinates 868822 and a knife, demolition cord, baskets, hats and charcoal found. Sniper fire was again directed at this patrol and further efforts to flush out the snipers continued without success. No further VC contact was reported. Foot patrols were dispatched by 3/9 to the north and west of the DA NANG Airfield. No VC activity was reported. 3/4 experienced no daylight VC activity

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in the HUE PHU BAI area. At 2230H, H&I fires were directed toward coordinates 812080. At 2306H, 25 VC commenced a scattered probe of lines in grid square 8913. Incoming small arms and automatic weapons fire was answered with small arms, grenades and illumination. The VC broke contact. Tanks and infantry swept the area but could not re-establish contact. Company D, 3d Recon Bn had 10 persons helilifted to coordinates 877825 to establish an OP overlooking the CA DE SONG River. Two other patrols scheduled for introduction by helicopter were aborted due to weather. A fire fight commenced upon the landing of this OP group but hostile fire was silenced by armed HU-1E aircraft.

At 0904H, 9 May, the first wave of Company D, 1/3 touched down in LZ ORIOLE, coordinates 903677, for two days of day/night operations in the southwest portion of the TAOR, consisting of reconnaissance/sweeps and combat patrolling. By 1010H, the LZ was consolidated and movement to the west and northwest commenced. No VC contact was reported. By 1700H, Company D was at coordinates 878691. A combat patrol base and defensive perimeter was established at coordinates 881689 and squad size ambush sites along likely avenues of approach selected. No VC contact was reported but some VC personal items were found. Company E and Company H, 2/3 continued patrol operations in the northern sector of the TAOR. At 1047H, Company H was in a combat patrol base at coordinates 861826. At 1730H, Company E was at coordinates 874811. Contact between these two companies was effected at 2235H and local security and night ambush sites established. 3/9 had no patrols scheduled. No VC activity in the DA NANG Airfield complex was reported. At 0245H, 20 rounds of automatic rifle fire and 8 hand grenades were received by 3/4 at coordinates 896132. Immediate action, including return fire and 2 squads being deployed as a reaction force. The area from which the fire was received was searched with negative results. Three patrols, one company size and two platoon size, were dispatched into the "free zone". At 1647H, 10 men carrying equipment, possibly mortars, were observed at coordinates 818076. Thirty rounds of HE with VT fuzes were fired in this area and a squad sent to investigate the results, which were negative. No further VC contact was reported during the night and local patrols were conducted without incident. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a FIREX at HOA CAM Training Area.

On 10 May, Company D, 1/3 continued platoon sized patrol operations to the north and east of coordinates 888691 at 0800H. At 1120H, panji stakes were destroyed by burning at coordinates 890703. At 1500H, the helilift of Company D back to the Battalion area commenced, and was completed by 1530H. Security of the Hill 327 - Hill 268 complex continued by 1/3. The sweep of the CA DE SONG River operation by 2/3 was cancelled by Division. Companies E and H moved to coordinates 896820 and 889824 respectively, to be in position for a search and clear

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operation in LE MY. Night ambush sites reported no VC contact. 3/9 continued local defense of the DA NANG Airfield complex. A 12 Man patrol with one Regional Forces liaison personnel patrolled the northern part of the DA NANG Airfield in the morning. No VC activity was noted. 3/4 reported no VC activity in the HUE PHU BAI area throughout the night and local patrols were conducted without incident. Company D, 3d Recon Bn established two OPs at coordinates 896823 and 889824.

11 May, 1/3 maintained defenses on the Hill 327 - Hill 268 complex and made preparations for the helilift of Company G into the southwest portion of the TAOR in order to establish a combat base from which to conduct reconnaissance in force and sweep operations. At 0625H, Companies E and H, 2/3 jumped off to commence search and clear operations in the LE MY complex. Sniper fire was received from coordinates 908813 and 903823. Beginning at 0747H, all male personnel found in the village area were collected and put to work destroying panji traps, entrenchments and bunkers. About 50 men were collected and evacuated to the DA NANG Special Sector after this work was over. At 1035H, the CO, 2/3 entered the village complex and was well received by a welcoming group of villagers. At 1100H, Company G established a CP at coordinates 889817 and later displaced to coordinates 915822. Mines were encountered at coordinates 903818 at 1135H. Companies E, G and H remained in the LE MY vicinity and established local ambushes on the periphery during the night. 3/9 kept watch over the DA NANG Airfield and conducted an 8 man foot patrol accompanied by one Regional Forces liaison person along the northwest perimeter of the airfield. No VC contact was reported. 3/4 also reported no VC contact at established night ambush sites. Security on the HUE PHU BAI complex continued. Company D, 3d Recon Bn withdrew their OPs from coordinates 896823 and 889824 at 0900H. At 1600H, a 10 Man OP group from Company D, 3d Recon Bn was helilifted into grid square 8367. After landing, the group was surrounded by VC. At 1812H, this unit was helilifted out without incident and the LZ fired on by four F4B aircraft and two HU-1B armed helicopters.

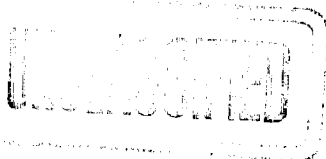
At 0600H, 12 May the first wave of helicopters departed with Company C, 1/3 for LZ PELICAN, coordinates 878692, for the beginning of a two day reconnaissance and sweep operation in the southwest sector of the TAOR. Movement was made to the southwest of the LZ. No VC contact was reported throughout the day or night. Ambushes were established along all likely avenues of approach to the patrol base established at coordinates 858687. 2/3 units in the LE MY area experienced several ineffective incoming rounds of sniper fire during the night. This morning, operations continued in the LE MY area to search for mines, booby traps and VC and to fill panji traps and trenches. Companies G and H assisted Popular Forces in organizing local defenses. Company G also occupied security positions vicinity LE MY Fort, coordinates 893822 and 918818. At 1310H, Company H received additional sniper fire from coordinates

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907836. At 1426H, artillery fire neutralized this sniper activity. At 1459H, four more VC suspects were picked up and turned over to DA NANG Special Sector for a total of 54 turned in over the two day period. At 1625H, women in the village pointed out a VC who ran and was killed at the CA DE SONG River while trying to escape by boat. During the evening ambush sites were established and 81mm mortar H&I fires fired. The men of the village pointed out a VC booby trap to Company H. It was destroyed by Marines. 3/9 continued security operations in the DA NANG Airfield area with negative VC activity. 3/4 continued patrolling within the TAOR and established night ambushes. Negative VC activity was reported. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted driver and tracking exercises at the HOA CAM Training Area and instruction in general military subjects. Capt J. B. DENOVAN relieved 1stLt E. T. MELZ as CO, Company A, 3d Tank Bn. Excellent progress has been made in the rural reconstruction program in the LE MY area.

On 13 May, Company C, 1/3 continued reconnaissance/sweep operations in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. At 0710H, the Battalion objective, coordinates 837673, was reached and platoon size patrols swept the entire area without VC contact. At 1340H, the first wave returned to the Battalion CP from coordinates 858687. By 1410H, this helilift was complete. At 0927, Company A, 1/3 dispatched a reinforced platoon size patrol to the SONG TUY LOAN River to locate suitable fording sites, determine the bridge capacity at coordinates 947700 and make initial contact with Vietnamese living in that area. Tank, amphibian tractor, engineer, anti-tank and Civil Affairs personnel accompanied this patrol. A village at coordinates 933221 was checked out. No VC contact was reported and the patrol returned to the Battalion area at 1230H. At 0100H, an ambush party of 2/3, vicinity coordinates 909833, observed 8-10 VC moving along the trail. Fire was brought to bear and a hat with five bullet holes in it, blood stains, pots and rice but no bodies were found on the trail. Companies G and H continued to operate in the LE MY area during the day. These two companies, augmented by engineer mine detecting teams, continued searching for and destroying mines, booby-traps, entrenchments and bunkers. At 1615H, Company F relieved Company G and located one platoon east of LE MY, one on the edge of town and the third at LE MY Fort, coordinates 899821. Company H remained in the town complex. Company E moved to defensive positions vicinity Hill 368, coordinates 932761. At 2135H, the 2/3 Battalion Surgeon and 3 Corpsmen set up a clinic in LE MY to treat the local inhabitants. Local patrols and night ambush sites established in the LE MY area reported no VC activity during the night. Company K, 3/9 returned at 1125H, after being secured from the beach defense mission at CHU LAI. Defensive perimeters continue to be manned in the DA NANG Airfield area. An 8 man foot patrol with two Regional Forces liaison personnel returned at 1915H from a patrol along

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the southwest perimeter of the airfield. No VC activity was reported. At 0600H, 3/4 conducted a reconnaissance in force consisting of two infantry companies and a reconnaissance platoon supported by a 105mm artillery battery, two armed HU-1B aircraft and an L-19 aircraft in the TAOR and free zone. The initial objective was Hill 163, coordinates 812079. At 0812H, 8-10 VC were spotted vicinity Hill 163 at coordinates 807078 and were brought under fire. The VC dispersed and a search of the area was made. Blood stains were noticed and this search netted a warm cooking pot of rice, two rifles, a pair of sandals, 600 pounds of rice, which was turned over to the villagers, camp gear, 782 gear and some ammunition. The patrol then moved to a village at coordinates 801071 where thatched houses, warm food, caves and fighting holes were found. An ambush was set and this resulted in one VC KIA at 1300H. Another VC escaped into the heavy brush. Enroute back to the Battalion area another VC was run down and captured. He threw his weapon in a stream and it could not be recovered. No other VC activity was reported during the remainder of the day. At 1700H, four patrols from Company D, 3d Recon Bn departed by helicopter to LZs to establish four OPs at coordinates 870826, 855845, 815853 and 798848 in the northwest sector of the TAOR in order to observe the village of NAM YEN, coordinates 845862. At 1900H, coordinates 828857, two groups of VC were encountered. Five VC were KIA and 2 escaped. No further contact with the VC was made during the night. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn exchanged direct support platoons with 1/3 and 2/3 in order to perform maintenance on the platoon supporting 2/3. Reaction to Marine forces in LE MY continued to be favorable. Marines are openly greeted and respect accorded. 2/3 reported bridges missing at coordinates 900805 and 898812, making logistic support of units in LE MY difficult.

On 14 May, Company A (Rein) conducted a daylight terrain and route reconnaissance, patrolling in force in the southern and southwest portion of the TAOR to ascertain possible MSRs for future use and to conduct a People-to-people mission. This reconnaissance commenced at 0817H, west along the SONG TUY LOAN River to the village of HOI VUC, coordinates 875712. No VC activity was reported and Company A returned at 1636H. 2/3 continued to occupy and sweep LE MY, supported by Popular and Regional Forces. Destruction of mines, fortifications and booby-traps continued. At 1425H, ARVN forces reported to Company H that a possible VC scout position was located at coordinates 903835 and two VC machine guns at coordinates 906838. Regional Forces reported that a company of VC would attempt to cross the CA DE SONG River during the night. Artillery H&I fires and illumination were fired. The crossing did not materialize. Regional Forces relieved Company H and assumed the responsibility for village defense vicinity coordinates 906830. Company H then moved to the high ground around LE MY Fort, coordinates 899818. The 2/3 Medical Team continued to aid the villagers. 3/9 conducted patrol operations

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around the northern and western boundary of the DA NANG Airfield. One 11 man foot patrol and another 12 man foot patrol, accompanied by 2 Regional Forces liaison personnel each, reported no VC activity. Airfield defense positions continued to be manned. One squad furnished security for a Division wire team during the night. At 0600H, 3/4 made a sweep of SON PHEN BUC, coordinates 855082, and destroyed fortifications in VC hamlets in this area. Two tanks and three ONTOS observed 8-10 VC on patrol but were unable to fire due to the proximity of friendly troops. Since these vehicles could not negotiate the terrain in the area, the crews dismounted and gave chase but were unable to get closer than 200 meters. Their M3A1 submachine guns were ineffective at this range. Five VC were observed at 1805H, coordinates 833063, and brought under artillery fire. The extent of casualties was not determined. Considerable VC activity was experienced by the patrols and OPs of Company D, 3d Recon Bn in the northwest part of the TAOR. At 0630H, 9 VC were fired on at coordinates 817857 by Patrol #3 and 2 VC WIA. At coordinate 815853, this patrol came under enemy fire, silenced the VC and proceeded to coordinates 818851. Patrol #4 made contact with VC at 0820H, vicinity coordinates 820854. Medium to heavy fire continued to be received from front and rear by an estimated VC Platoon until they were withdrawn under fire at 1300H by HU-1E aircraft. Patrol #2 moved from their OP to assist the other patrols but was stopped by fire at coordinates 83857. This patrol, along with Patrol #3, was withdrawn at 1345H. Part of the mission of these recon patrols and OPs was to see if a bogus operation plan had been compromised. Since the movement of 50 plus VC from west to east was observed, there is strong indication that there was a leak. Recon Patrol #1 remained in the area and shifted to coordinates 873824 during the night, maintaining surveillance to the north.

On 15 May, 1/3 conducted routine training and operations within the assigned TAOR. No patrol action was conducted. At 0730H, Company H, 2/3, was located southeast of the LE MY Fort in grid square 9080. Corpsmen commenced medical treatment of villagers and the 1st Platoon, Company F was sweeping LE MY and filled trenches in the afternoon. At 0840H, 15 VC at coordinates 911837 opened fire on Regional Forces on the south bank of the CA DE SONG River. 81mm mortar fire was brought to bear and at 1150H a regional Forces patrol crossed the river in pursuit, returning at 1505H, having negative contact. Night ambush sites were established at coordinates 900806, 898812 and 897828. Regional Forces withdrew from the river bank into LE MY for the night. At 2015H, four boats were sighted moving east on the CA DE SONG River. Two stopped at LE MY and then proceeded on. Artillery and 81mm mortars fired illumination. No other VC activity was sighted. 3/2 continued airfield defense and sent out one 15 man foot patrol with two Regional Forces liaison personnel to the southwest of the DA NANG Airfield and another of the same size to the southeast. No VC activity was seen.

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At 1350H, a 6x6 truck in the 3/4 TAOR hit a mine at coordinates 844155, blowing off the right front wheel. Engineers checked the road for other mines but none were found. Company L, located in grid square 8909, made a reconnaissance into grid square 8911 in preparation for night ambush sites set in overlooking the SOUG NONG River. Company M occupied Hill 36 and Hill 225 with a platoon on each hill. The other platoon established night ambushes at coord 825112 and 821125. 3/4 continued to provide perimeter security for the airfield and 8th BRU. Patrol #1, Company D, 3d Recon Bn remained in position on the ridge line paralleling the CA DE SONG River. Company A, 3d Tank Bn performed preventive maintenance and held classes on tank reconnaissance missions. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn held general military subjects classes and performed preventive maintenance on vehicles.

On 16 May, Company A, 1/3, moved north and west of Hill 393 for a daylight reconnaissance patrol mission and established three platoon size night ambush positions at coordinates 892771, 857760 and 863748. One squad at coordinates 857760 was spotted and fired on from long range by 3 VC as they were going into position. This long range fire was ineffective and was returned with unknown results. This squad then made a 300 meter shift in its night ambush positions. 2/3 established night ambush positions at coordinates 900806 and 898812. Other night ambush positions were established in the LE MY complex by 2/3. No VC activity was reported between 2400H and daybreak except for 10 rounds of ineffective small arms fire received from the village by Company F at 0245H. Regional Forces working with 2/3 left their positions on the south bank of the CA DE SONG River last night and withdrew into the center of LE MY until this morning when they returned to their sector. Apparently the VC took advantage of this situation and crossed the river as several new booby traps were discovered this morning. Company F set in a night ambush to prevent further occurrences of this sort. Efforts to "win over" the people of LE MY continue by 2/3. Daylight patrolling of the LE MY area continued. Small arms fire was heard from a village at coordinates 912823 at 0746H. Five bear traps were found at coordinates 897874 at 0830H and turned in through intelligence channels. A patrol from Company F fired on 3 VC at coordinates 893810 at 2110H. The VC broke contact. The ambush set in near the river by Company F sighted 2 small native boats containing 6 people and brought them under fire. It is believed that one boat was sunk. 3/4 set in eleven night ambushes along likely avenues of approach in the eastern and western portions of their TAOR in the HUE PHU BAI area. Company M set in on Hill 225. No VC contact was reported by 2400H. 3/9 patrolled to the south and north of the DA NANG Airfield complex without VC contact. One squad from Company K, 3/9, provided local security for the 1st LAAM Bn as personnel from that organization were detailed to recover the body of one of their members in the vicinity of

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Highway #1, north of the TACR. The remainder of Company K remained as a ready reaction force which was not employed. Company D, 3d Recon Bn continued to occupy OP#1 at coordinates 873824. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a FIREX at the HOA CAM firing area and platoon tactics and formation driving. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn performed preventive maintenance on wheeled vehicles.

On 17 May, Company A, 1/3 returned to the Battalion area at 0815H, after completing company size patrol action north and west of Hill 393. At 1400, Company A again moved out on patrol and to set in night ambush sites to the south, west and north of the Hill 393 complex. No enemy contact was reported throughout the night. Two squads from Company E, 2/3 provided security for bridge repairs at coordinates 900605 and 899812. At 0918H, LVTs supporting 2/3 commenced a physical reconnaissance of the CA DE SONG River to see if river operations in the vicinity of LE MY were feasible. The results were affirmative and 4 LVTs were positioned just below the LE MY Fort. No mines were found by engineers who preceded the LVTs when they left the water in the vicinity of LE MY. Regional Forces swept LE MY this date and Company F provided a blocking force. Two zip guns, one pistol and one rifle, were found by Company F vicinity coordinates 903824. Units of 3/4 remained in position during the day. No enemy contact was reported during daylight or at night ambush sites through 2400H. 3/4 reported no enemy activity throughout the day nor did 3/9 as a result of their patrol action in the DA NANG Airfield area. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a platoon FIREX. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn performed preventive maintenance on wheeled and tracked vehicles and held general military subjects classes. Company D, 3d Recon Bn prepared to establish an OP on DONG DEN, coordinates 838828.

On 18 May, LtGen KRULAK visited 3/4 at PHU BAI where a platoon from 3/4 rendered honors, the 3d Marines CP vicinity Hill 327 and 2/3 in the LE MY area. At PHU BAI, LtGen KRULAK visited artillery positions and was briefed on small unit patrol contacts. Other briefings were conducted by the Recon platoon leader with 3/4, a briefing on Hill 180 by CO, 3/4 and a briefing by CO, 3d Marines. Companies E, F and G swept the LE MY area prior to LtGen KRULAK's visit to that location. Company A, 1/3 returned to the Battalion area at 0851H. No enemy contact was reported. At 0420H, Company F, 2/3 received ineffective small arms fire from coordinates 912836 at one of two night ambush sites. No other contact was reported. Company E set in one squad at each bridge repair site. No incidents were reported. Two amphibious tractors attached to 2/3 operated in the CA DE SONG River, vicinity coordinates 893827. Two more were at coordinates 913835. These LVTs were directed to turn back river traffic for a 3 day period but river traffic was not to be affected in the LE MY vicinity. Tanks and ONTOS attached to 2/3 made a reconnaissance of the LE MY area to select sites for possible future

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employment. At 2239H, a river crossing operation by a platoon from Company H, 2/3's raid trained company, was conducted. This platoon swam across the CA DE SONG River using empty 5 gallon water cans to float equipment and set in a night ambush site at coordinates 910837. One platoon of Company H remained on the south bank as a quick reaction force. No contact was reported to 2400H. 3/9 conducted a 10 man patrol in the DA NANG Airfield area. The patrol returned without incident. Other 3/9 activities included familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol, general military subjects classes and Vietnamese phrases. A local security check of platoon positions was conducted to repair barb wire emplacements as required. No VC contact was reported in the 3/4 area. Units were dispersed into platoon and squad size ambush sites throughout the TAOR. During the night, Recon Patrol #1 shifted their OP to coordinates 870826. Patrol #2 from Company D, 3d Recon Bn was unsuccessful in reaching coordinates 838828 due to lack of trails and heavy brush. Progress was reduced to 100 meters per hour in some areas. The OP was established at an alternate site, coordinates 848828. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a 6 man reconnaissance of grid squares 8882 and 8982 in the LE MY vicinity to determine if tanks could operate in the area. The results of this recon were affirmative and operations can be conducted without destroying roads or rice paddies. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted a DRIVEK at the HOA CAM Training Area and a communications exercise and tracking exercise in the company area.

At 0622H on 19 May, Company D, 1/3, reinforced by HOWTARS, were helilifted to LZ ORIOLE, coordinates 902664. The troop lift was completed by 0650H and the HOWTAR lift by 0805H. Company B was helilifted into LZ SNIPE, coordinates 933665, by 0820. After landing, Company D, minus one platoon remaining at LZ ORIOLE as security for HOWTARS, moved generally southwest. Unoccupied camp sites were discovered at coordinates 882655 and 868649. Three VC were observed by the 1st Platoon, Company D at coordinates 843653. They were pursued physically and by fire and disappeared into the heavy brush. After landing in LZ SNIPE, Company B conducted 3 platoon size patrols to the south, west and northwest. Eight rounds of ineffective sniper fire was received at coordinates 940636. During the evening, Company B provided security for the HOWTARS and established a patrol base at coordinates 902663. At 1650H, Company D reported discovering a large unoccupied camp site and food distribution point at coordinates 835644. HOWTAR fire was brought on a suspected VC position on Hill 270, coordinates 858643. Company D set in its night patrol base at coordinates 854643 and a platoon ambush site was established at coordinates 875654. Two VC were KIA at coord 836645 at 1700H. At 0440H, 105mm and 155mm preparation fires were laid vicinity coord 892838. At 0515H, Company F (-), 2/3 embarked in AMTracs, moved up the CA DE SONG River and landed at the western edge of the village of TRUONG DINH. A sweep of the village commenced. Automatic weapons fire from an estimated 4 VC was received from coordinates 882838 and silenced by 81mm mortar fire. This village

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sweep was completed by 0810H. Extensive fighting trenches and holes, panji traps (2 booby trapped) and a 100 pound sack of rice with "NVN" on the outside was discovered. Sweeps of TRUONG DINH continued throughout the day. Defensive positions were established at coordinates 893833. Company F searched the area from which earlier automatic weapons fire was received with negative results. Columnist Joseph ALSOP visited Company F at TRUONG DINH at 1515H. At 1925H, elements of Company F discovered a bivouac area and a small quantity of small arms ammunition at coordinates 882838. By 2333H, Company F completed its return to the south bank of the CA DE SONG River. One platoon from Company H remained on the north side of the river in an ambush position at coordinates 895841. The bridges at coordinates 900805 and 899812 have been repaired and can handle 6x6 trucks. Company M, 3/9 conducted familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol. Company D was assigned the mission as the rapid reaction alert company. Companies K, L and I remained in position except for personnel undergoing general military subjects training and patrolling. At 15 May/patrol returned at 1530H from a patrol in the southeast portion of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC contact was reported. Company D, 3/4 was in the vicinity of coordinates 875073 with squad size patrols being sent out in the immediate area. One platoon of Company I remained on Hill 225 during the day. The remainder of the company was at coordinates 832121 with an OP established at coordinates 821122. Companies L and M were located on the perimeter of the PHU BAI Airfield with local security in place. No enemy contact was reported through 2400H. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted general military subjects training and a road march for driver training in the vicinity of Hill 327. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted classes on headspace and timing of machine guns and current events. Normal preventative maintenance on tanks was performed. Patrol #2 from Company D, 3d Recon Bn moved to coordinates 863827 (Hill 300). Recon patrols #1 and #2 returned at 1430H. LtGen KRULAK presented Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V" to 3 members of the 3d Marines: Capt COLLINS and PFC PABST from Company D, 3d Recon Bn and PFC WAES from Company B, 3d Recon Bn.

Continued patrolling was conducted by Company B and Company D, 1/3 in their zones of action on 20 May. A suspected VC village at coordinates 952643 was searched with negative results. Small arms fire was received by 1st Platoon, Company D at 1045H, vicinity coordinates 835644. One VC was KIA and one was WIA at this location. Six other VC were sighted. A new VC camp at coordinates 830642 was searched with negative results. Company B had one VC KIA and two VC WIA at coordinates 910705. Six rounds of 60mm incoming was received by Company D at coordinates 859644. 81mm mortars with Company D silenced any further enemy mortar fire. By 1935H, all units of Company B and Company D had returned to the Battalion area. Negative contact was reported throughout the

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night by the platoon from Company H, 2/3 on the north side of the CA DE SONG River. At 0500H, the platoon returned to the south bank. During the remainder of the day, 2/3 was located in the LE MY area, coordinates 919822, conducting patrols as far east as HOA O, coordinates 935825. Other patrols went west along the CA DE SONG River road to coordinates 870827. No mines were found. Two LVTs remain at coordinates 896827 to maintain river security. Company E conducted sniping test of the caliber .50 machine gun. At 1720, one Regional Forces soldier working with a patrol from Company E was wounded by a hand grenade thrown from a house located at coordinates 913818. Marines entered the house and found a woman ~~standing in the doorway~~. The house was burned by the Regional Forces and a Marine from Company E dropped a hand grenade in the hole. Upon re-opening the trap door, two dead VC were found with a caliber .38 and .45 pistol. The woman was turned over to the DA NANG Special Sector. The .45 pistol and documents recovered from the bodies were retained by the Regional Forces. Company H provided security for the two repaired bridges. Night ambush sites were set in at coordinates 906834 and 873796. No VC activity was reported. At 0015H, Company I, 3/4 received 10 rounds of ineffective small arms fire, vicinity coordinates 887127. ^{More rounds were received by Company I at 0040H, coordinates 887127.} Platoon size night ambushes were set in at coordinates 872077, 877071 and 885076. 3/9 dispatched two 15 man patrols into the area west and north of the DA NANG Airfield. No VC activity was reported. Vietnamese people, vicinity coordinates 997765, were friendly and large numbers of children were seen. This is a drastic change from previous "cool" receptions in this area. Company I, 3/9 conducted familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol. Companies K, L and M conducted general military subjects training. Company D, 3d Recon Bn reorganized platoons due to an influx of new personnel. These new personnel received an area indoctrination, communications classes, reviews of past operations and a briefing as to the mission of the unit. Planning for future operations and communication classes were held. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted firing of the .30 caliber and .50 caliber machine guns at the HOA CAM Training Area with emphasis on sniping with the .50 caliber machine gun. Cross training of tank crews continued so each man can maintain his proficiency in all crewman's jobs. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted classes in mine warfare and driver training. Maintenance and upkeep of vehicles was performed also.

1/3 continued to place pressure on the VC on 21 May. By 0950H, Company C had landed in and secured LZ ORIOLE, coordinates 901662. No enemy activity was reported. Platoon size night patrol bases were established at coordinates 879688, 893678 and 875674 after a day of combat patrolling over an area 3000 meters southwest, northeast and north of the LZ. No enemy activity was reported. A village at coordinates 919667 was checked out with negative results. Contact was made with VC at 1800H, when the 1st Platoon advanced and returned automatic

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weapons fire. The VC broke and ran into the brush and disappeared. At 1845H, the 3d Platoon destroyed a guerilla base camp at coordinates 870664. A company base camp was established at coordinates 870663 and platoon base camps nearby. Ambush sites reported no VC activity. Patrol action continued throughout the day in the LE MY area by 2/3. At 1100H, a dedication of the repaired bridges complete with a ribbon cutting was held at the bridge sites. Speeches were made by the District Official, the Village Chief, the local Popular Forces Commander and the Commanding Officer, 2/3. About 75-100 people were present. On display were the two dead VC from yesterday's action. At 1735H, the LE MY Fort area was occupied and an ambush set in by the 2d Platoon at coordinates 910834, to halt VC river crossing operations. New panji traps were found at coordinates 913817, a machine gun emplacement at 917827, a spider trap with 3 entrances and some empty cartridge cases were also found. LVTs continued to restrict traffic on the CA DE SONG River without complaint from the local populace. At 1015H, 3/9 completed another patrol south of the DA NANG Airfield. No VC activity was detected. Training in Vietnamese phrases continued throughout the battalion. Elements of Companies K and I, 3/4 were helilifted into grid square 8006 to conduct sweep operations. Helicopters on the first wave received several rounds of long range sniper fire from enemy positions west of the river. No damage was suffered and no VC sighted or further enemy action reported during the operation. An overland reconnaissance was conducted by the remainder of Company K along the southern boundary of the free zone to locate any trails into the jungle. Numerous trails were found but no VC activity noted. Written material located was forwarded through intelligence channels. 3/4's Recon platoon established OPs at coordinates 816091 and 816105 to support the operation. Battery I, 3/12 displaced to coordinates 875123. Company K was helilifted back to the Battalion CP at 1420H. Company I moved to coordinates 849086, 833120 and 840155. Night ambushes were set in at 833120 and 840155. At about 2400H, it was reported that an AN/TPS-21 picked up a moving column 70 meters long at coordinates 853058. Artillery fire was brought to bear with undetermined results. 3/9 conducted general military subjects training throughout the day and training in Vietnamese phrases. A patrol to the south of the DA NANG Airbase had no VC contact. Company D, 3d Recon Bn conducted classes on map reading, patrol techniques, warning orders, patrol orders, patrol composition and patrol tips as a review and to indoctrinate new personnel. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a road reconnaissance, utilizing two M38A1 vehicles, from coordinates 979725 to coordinates 960775 via coordinates 949707, 899774 and 929795. It was determined that this route can handle tracked vehicles with minor repairs within the capability of the unit. Crops and private property will not be damaged. The sniping school continued with excellent results up to 1500 meters. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted maintenance on communications equipment, ordnance equipment and vehicles. A driving exercise in the Hill 327 area was

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also conducted. LtJen THROCKMORTON and MajGen COLLINS visited 3/4 at PHU BAI, the 3d Marines CP and 2/3 in the LE MY vicinity. An aerial reconnaissance of the CA DE SONG River valley to coordinates 820860 was made by the CO of the Tank and Anti-Tank Companies, the AmTrac Platoon Commander, the S-3, S-3A and S-4 Officers to determine the usability of the river for AmTrac operations and the road net along the south bank of the river for tanks and ONTOS. This recon indicated Amtrac operations are possible to coordinates 852853. The road net will support tanks and ONTOS; if bridges at coordinates 857841 and 881826 cannot support these vehicles, they can be repaired, or by-passed.

On 22 May, 1/3 conducted platoon size patrols toward coordinates 915687. Company A relieved Company C in the area at 1415H and established a company patrol base in grid square 8968. Platoon patrol bases were established nearby. At 1615H, vicinity coordinates 877694, four VC were spotted. A patrol fired one round and they fled. Night ambushes were set in vicinity coordinates 883688. No VC contact was reported. 2/3 was occupied this morning on patrols in the LE MY area and in filling trench fortifications. No VC contact was reported. Night ambushes were set in at coordinates 908836, 873815 and in the flats east of LE MY. The value of "winning over" the LE MY villagers was apparent at 1740H when a villager told Company E that a hand grenade booby trap was emplaced in the LVT POL dump. This grenade was found and destroyed. 3/4 conducted an area search with negative results. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a reconnaissance in the eastern portion of the TAOR. The terrain in the area checked will support tracked vehicles. There was no VC contact. At 1330H, a napalm strike destroyed ground cover on a ridge line from Hill 174 to 222, grid squares 8205 and 8305. Company K was helilifted to coordinates 866069, where a patrol base was established. Platoon size patrols and local ambush sites were established in the southeast portion of the free zone. Company I continued to operate platoon size patrols in the western portion of the TAOR. No VC contact was reported until 1715H, when a mine clearing detail was fired on at coordinates 818129. Four VC were pursued and 2 KIA when they attempted to go into ambush. One of the 2 others was hit but both escaped. Two automatic weapons and a caliber .38 pistol were found on the dead VC. 3/9 conducted general military subjects training and caliber .45 pistol familiarization firing. A patrol to the south of the DA NANG Airbase had no VC contact. Company D, 3d Recon Bn conducted classes in scouting and patrolling and M-14 familiarization firing with attention to battla sights. A FIREX was conducted by Company A, 3d Tank Bn at HOA CAM using .30 and .50 caliber machine guns with emphasis on area target firing for rapid reaction type situations. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted driver training, a FIREX, preventive maintenance on wheeled vehicles and a class on the UGMJ.

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On 23 May, Company A, 1/3 continued patrol and reconnaissance operations in the southwest portion of the TAOR. Night patrol action and ambush sites had no VC contact. At 1010H, at coordinates 851682, a patrol from the 2d Platoon sighted two VC who fled, dropping their packs, which contained drugs, overlays, diaries, documents, undelivered letters and civilian clothing. Combat patrolling continued for the rest of the day. Night ambush sites had no VC contact to 2400H. 2/3 also had no VC contact at established night ambush sites west of LE MY and along the CA DE SONG River. Two LVTs continued to screen river traffic along the CA DE SONG around LE MY. Company H maintained bridge security at coordinates 871805. No VC contact was made. 3/9 sent two 15 man patrols northwest, west and southwest of the airfield. No VC activity was noted. 3/4 had no VC contact at night ambush sites set in within the TAOR and free zone. Company I was fired on by an unknown number of VC at coordinates 818122. A squad was sent in pursuit without making contact. Literature and clothing were located along the trail. At 1050H, 10 VC were sighted at coordinates 818129 and a platoon sent in pursuit. Again the VC disappeared. A heavy section of tanks with a platoon from Company L patrolled along the east flank of the TAOR, vicinity grid square 8906. The 81mm mortar platoon (-) held a night firing exercise from firing positions at coordinates 875123. Road blocks and check points were manned by the Anti-Tank Platoon with negative VC contact. The attached Engineer Platoon conducted mine sweeping operations around LANG KA, coordinates 835213. Night ambush positions were set in at coordinates 830142, 815123, 797140, 870065, 875054, 877062 and 885010, with no contact by 2400H. Artillery H&I fires were fired on coordinates 848063 and 820080. At 0630H, a patrol from Company D, 3d Recon Bn departed for a two day patrol in the western part of the TAOR. One sniper round was received at this time but the sniper could not be located. At 1800H, Company D, 3d Recon Bn was detached from 3d Marines (-) (Rein). Company A, 3d Tank Bn and Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn performed preventive maintenance during the day. At 2120H, Company A, 3d Tank Bn provided 3 minutes of searchlight illumination to Company G, 1/3 in grid square 9875. No VC activity was observed.

Company A, 1/3 was relieved by Company B on 24 May in the southern portion of the TAOR, vicinity coordinates 828692, by a helilift operation completed at 1043H. Company B established company and platoon patrol bases and conducted combat and reconnaissance patrol operations to the south. At 1120H, sniper fire was received from an estimated 6 VC at coordinates 895685. At 1145H, additional fire was received from four automatic weapons at coordinates 891687. Three 60mm mortar rounds were received at coordinates 893693 from coordinates 890690 at this time, also. At 1148H, another fire fight with 5-7 VC took place at coordinates 895685. Friendly fire, including 3.5 rockets, drove the enemy into the brush and patrol operations continued. Patrol bases were set up at coordinates 883644 and 861667 at night. No VC activity occurred. No

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contact with VC was made by Company H, 2/3 at their night ambush site set in at coordinates 891805. Patrol and bridge security missions continued throughout the day in the LE MY area. Company F made preparations for an operation scheduled for tomorrow. 3/9 dispatched 2 patrols north and west of the DA NANG Airfield, which encountered no VC activity. H&S Company and Company L conducted familiarisation firing with the caliber .45 pistol. 3/4 continued defending the HUE PHU BAI area. Night ambushes were set in at coordinates 825120, 834156, 839151, 893117 821119, 825121 and 825113 with no VC contact. At 2208H, 8-10 VC probed the lines of Company K at coordinates 895148. The VC disappeared as Marines moved to offensive positions. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted gunnery drill and Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted driver training vicinity Hill 327.

On 25 May, Company B, 1/3 continued patrol operations in the southern portion of the TAOR. At 1050H, coordinates 839668, 2 VC were KIA before they could fire a shot. One French rifle was recovered. At 1135H, two VC were WIA at coordinates 838659 and one later found KIA at coordinates 839660. Two rifles were found in this general area. A Chinese cartridge belt and hand grenade, slicker, poncho and first aid packet were recovered. At 1030H, a VC camp was discovered at coordinates 815634 and three VC with weapons were seen running out of the area. Patrol bases were established at coordinates 895875 and 839673. No VC activity occurred during the night. At 0327H, Company E, 2/3 commenced an overland movement along the south bank of the CA DE SONG River and began a two company operation. At 0430H, 5 LVTs entered the river at coordinates 896828, moved upstream and established blocking positions at coordinates 864843 to 863853. The heavy ONTOS section accompanying Company E could not negotiate a washout and returned to the LE MY Fort area. At 0625H, after artillery preparation fire lifted, a platoon (rein) from Company F landed at coordinates 842859 and commenced a sweep of NAM YEN from west to east. Company F (-) landed at 848860 and established a blocking position. Numerous fighting holes, extensive trenches, but no panji traps, were found. Four bunkers were blown by supporting engineers. By 0744H, the sweep of NAM YEN was completed and Company E began sweeping PHO NAN THUONG HA, supported by Company F at NAM YEN. This sweep was completed by 1358H and Company F began moving across the CA DE SONG to the south bank via LVTs. Company E moved to coordinates 861842 and continued patrol operations toward LE MY Fort. A layout group was dropped off at 1410H, vicinity coordinates 848827. At 1919H, six sniper rounds were fired at coordinates 854853. 3/9 sent out two patrols to the west and south of the DA NANG Airfield. Training in weapons maintenance, security of military information, first aid and squad tactics and a training hike was conducted in the Battalion area. 3/4 continued security of the HUE PHU BAI complex by patrolling and maintaining observation over the TAOR. Thirteen night ambush positions,

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set in along likely avenues of approach, had no VC contact. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted training in formation and combat driving, crew drill for engaging targets, preventive maintenance and improvement of CP defenses.

Company B, 1/3 had no VC activity during the night. At 0735H, 26 May, patrolling again commenced with search and clear operations conducted at coordinates 899682 and 862666. A VC camp was located at coordinates 833662 and two armed HU-1B ran a strike on this location. At 1715H, Company B was relieved by Company D at coordinates 902684 and continued movement to the south and southeast. Sniper fire was received at 1930H at coordinates 950664 and at 2012H from coordinates 935663. Return fire quickly dispersed the snipers. A company patrol base was established at coordinates 933665 and platoon patrol bases at coordinates 953667, 963667 and 933665 with ambushes set in along likely avenues of approach to these positions. There was no VC contact throughout the night. Company E, 2/3 returned to the LE MY Fort area at 0436H. Patrol operations continued during the day and defensive positions were manned in the LE MY area and at the bridge sites. The attached Anti-Tank Platoon fired H&I fires north of the CA DE SONG River at 1330H. Two LVTs continued to control river traffic. Squad size ambushes were set in at coordinates 900806, 885806, 896811 and 902807 without VC contact. At 0845H, Company I, 3/9 was helilifted to coordinates 853778 and commenced patrol operations to the north and west of the LZ in the western portion of the TAOR. At 1125H, the village of AN NGHIA TRUNG, coordinates 843778, was searched and villagers reported that 12 VC passed through the area the previous day. Only women and children were seen in the village. The village of HOA MY, at coordinates 849796 on the map, could not be located. A village at coordinates 845786 was swept without incident. A patrol base was established at coordinates 836777 and night ambush sites set in along likely avenues of approach. No VC contact was made. 3/9 also dispatched one foot patrol to the southwest of the DA NANG Airfield and another to the north and south without VC activity being noted. Training in general military subjects was conducted in the Battalion area. 3/4 continued to maintain control over the HUE PHU BAI area. Eleven squad size ambushes set in for the night reported no VC contact. Instruction on the sniper scope, preventive maintenance on tanks and ONTOS and mine clearing and road improvement was conducted. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted motor patrol utilizing M38A1 vehicles in the central portion of the TAOR to locate and diagram areas for tank and anti-tank firing ranges on the eastern slopes of Hill 393, coordinates 884747. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted a road march and a platoon FIREX, firing all 106mm RR and all caliber .50 spotting rifles.

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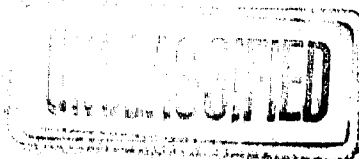
At 0730H on 27 May, the First Platoon, Company D, 1/3 commenced a sweep of the village of LA CHAU, coordinates 964665, and apprehended one VCS. This sweep then continued toward coordinates 942668. The other two platoons swept west to coordinates 928675. At 0940H, vicinity coordinates 965667, several VC were engaged in a fire fight across the SONG YEN River, leaving 2 VC KIA and 2 WIA without friendly casualties. A patrol base was established at coordinates 899703. Local ambush sites were set in and the night passed without incident. The layout patrol from 2/3, vicinity coordinates 848827, had no VC contact throughout the night, but at 0930H, 10 VC were encountered on a trail vicinity coordinates 851818. They fled immediately into the underbrush and a search failed to locate them. One platoon operated in LE MY during the day without incident and the two LVTs kept watch on the CA DE SONG River. Squad size patrols from Company G operated in grid squares 8780 and 8781 and from coordinates 900806 to the village of KIEN KIEN, coordinates 912785. Company H sent a squad size patrol to make contact with the layout patrol at coordinates 875822. A squad size night ambush was set in at coordinates 900806 without VC contact. Other ambushes were set in at coordinates 903816 and 905829, also without contact. 81mm mortar H&I fires were fired on grid square 8983 during the night. At 0800H, Company L, 3/9 moved to coordinates 851764 and established a patrol base. Since some difficulty was encountered going cross country with 81mm mortars, scout teams were dispatched to locate a central area from which all patrol activity could be supported for 2 days. The village of DONG SON at coordinates 858762 was swept and all found in order. Two panji traps were located nearby and destroyed. A patrol base was established at 858747 and an ambush site set in at coordinates 865749. No VC contact was reported during the night. 3/9 also dispatched two patrols around the periphery of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC activity was noted. Instruction in the Battalion area consisted of physical training, Vietnamese phrases, defensive tactics and security of military information. 3/4 conducted patrolling to the west of the TAOR, utilizing the attached tank platoon. No VC were observed. Training on the 27th consisted of familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol and a communication exercise. Company A, 3d Tank Bn had practical application on care and cleaning of crew served weapons. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn also had care and cleaning of weapons plus a driving exercise, formation driving, quick reaction drill, a VB lecture and after operation maintenance.

Area sweeps to the west continued on 28 May, by Company D, 1/3. At 0750H, vicinity coordinates 88705, a VCS was apprehended. The village of HOA VUC, coordinates 872708, was swept without VC contact and a VC patrol base checked out at coordinates 860707. Three river boats carrying charcoal were halted and checked out. The cargo and crew's papers were in order. Patrolling continued without further incident and

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at 1740H Company D was helilifted back to the Battalion area. The reflex company of 2/3 was alerted at 0937H for possible employment to the north to assist elements of 3d Reccon Bn returning from PHU BAI. At 1157H, they were directed to stand down. The layout patrol from Company H returned at 0930H. Patrol efforts continued with emphasis to the west of LE MY. Company G sent a platoon patrol to coordinates 852794, another went to the village of KIEN KIEN, coordinates 908788 and a third west along the low ground to north-south grid line 81. Other patrols went from the LE MY Fort to north-south grid line 85 and along east-west grid line 82. Two platoon size patrols operated within LE MY itself. There was no VC contact by any patrol. Squad size night ambush sites were occupied at coordinates 875817, 917834, 914826 and 888807. No VC contact was made throughout the night. The village of MY SON, coordinates 877764, was searched by Company L, 3/9 and platoon size patrols fanned out 2000 meters from the Company patrol base. At 0935H, an area of suspected VC caves was investigated at coordinates 862747 with negative results. A platoon size patrol operating in vicinity coordinates 862747 reported increased indigenous activity with an unusual number of local villagers cutting wood. Two panji traps were found and destroyed at coordinates 864733. At 1630H, sniper fire was received at coordinates 835721 from two VC who ran to high ground and were lost in heavy brush with a squad in pursuit. At 1945H, a platoon patrol checked the leper colony and destroyed panji traps throughout the area. No further VC contact was made. Squad size ambush sites were set in at coordinates 858747, 868754 and 871758 and 81mm mortars registered on Hill 393. There was no VC^{activity} throughout the night. Foot patrolling continued around the DA NANG Airfield perimeter by other elements of 3/9. Two patrols reported no VC activity. Training was conducted in Vietnamese phrases, offensive tactics, forward observer procedures, immediate action drills and treatment of jungle diseases. 3/4 maintained security over the HUE PHU BAI area in defensive positions and OPs. A morning and afternoon helicopter reconnaissance had no VC sightings. Six squad size night ambushes were set in with no VC contact. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted classes in terrain appreciation and fired the caliber .45 pistol for familiarization.

At 1406H, on 29 May, Company A, 1/3, the reflex unit, was alerted for a drill and commenced a helilift into grid square 8574. This move was complete at 1605H and by 1830H, the entire Company was returned to the Battalion area. Other elements of 1/3 conducted a FIREX of small arms, M-79 grenade launchers and 3.5 rocket launchers. 2/3 continued rural reconstruction activities in the LE MY area. A squad size patrol from Company G departed at 0925H to the southwest parallel to the MSR and another squad went down the MSR to KIEN KIEN, coordinates 912785. At 1020H, Company H sent a squad patrol to coordinates 898814 with instructions to assist villagers in local repair and drainage projects as well as to



search for VC. Another squad traversed the ridge line west of the LE MY Fort to north-south grid line 86 and returned along the valley floor on east-west grid line 81. A cache of food and clothing was found at 2015H at coordinates 875819, containing woolen trousers, black shirts, a large bag of salt and rice, can of oil, cooking pan and C rations. Squad ambush sites were set in at coordinates 872796, 912835, 908831 and 913831. No VC contact was reported by patrols or night ambushes. Company L, 3/9 continued patrol activity in the western portion of the TAOR. At 1305H, a platoon vicinity TAN AN PHOUNG, coordinates 866734, was informed by villagers that a Main Force VC company passed through the village 7 days before. A company patrol base was established at coordinates 873737. At 1643H, caves containing rice, ammunition, grenades and clothing were discovered at coordinates 831715. At 1710H, the company patrol base was shifted to coordinates 871733. Squad size night ambush sites were set in along likely avenues of approach. Patrolling was again conducted around the routes limits of the DA NANG Airfield by 3/9. Two patrols reported no VC contact. Classes were held in the Battalion area on physical training, weapons safety, buddy aid and defensive fortifications. 3/4 continued patrolling and observing in the HUE PHU BAI complex. One patrol consisting of a tank platoon and an infantry platoon moved to coordinates 800093 with no VC contact. Six squad size ambushes were again set in with no VC contact. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn conducted familiarization firing with the M-60 and caliber .30 machine gun, the caliber .45 pistol and submachine gun, the caliber .50 machine gun and the M-14 rifle.

At 0850H on 30 May, Company C, 1/3 departed the Battalion area by helicopter and secured the LZ, coordinates 899687, at 0920H. A Company CP was established at the LZ site and platoon size patrols commenced search and clear operations to the west. Grid squares 8968, 8969, 9068 and 9069 were swept without VC contact. Night ambushes were set in along likely avenues of approach to the company base without VC contact. At 2335H, 1/3 was informed that its planned sweep of the southern portion of the TAOR was cancelled due to its possible deployment to CHU LAI. 2/3 continued control of the recently completed bridges leading into LE MY and the LE MY area in general. Company G dispatched 2 squad size patrols at 0900H. One went to coordinates 927818 and the other patrolled the MSR to KIEN KIEN village, coordinates 912785. Company H sent 2 squads into LE MY and one squad west along the ridge from LE MY Fort. No VC or unusual incidents were noted. At 1945H, Company G was informed by some Vietnamese woodcutters that a platoon (rein) of VC with mortars and machine guns had passed through HUA MY, coordinates 850795, headed north to DONG DIEN, coordinates 838828. A platoon from 3d Recon Bn was requested and at 2300H, the 2d Platoon of Company D was placed under the OPCON of 2/3. Company H sent two squad

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size patrols into LE MY with emphasis on the northern part. Squad size ambushes were set in at coordinates 894803 and from coordinates 893804 to 896801. No VC contact was reported. Company L, 3/9 continued patrol action in the western portion of the TAOR. At 1540H, Company I relieved Company L at coordinates 873733. A CP was set in at coordinates 851729. Local patrols were conducted in this vicinity and at 2135H, a perimeter defense was established with ambushes set in along likely avenues of approach. Two patrols also patrolled the outer limits of the DA NANG Airfield complex and reported no VC activity. 3/9 also conducted a live FIREX with the supporting anti-tank platoon and the 106mm RE Platoon at the HOA CAM Training Area. 3/4 conducted squad size patrols vicinity coordinates 830120 and 885088. Two H-34 helicopters made a visual inspection of the TAOR in the morning and afternoon without sighting any VC. Night ambush sites were set in at coordinates 841156, 831145, 844036 and 884085 without VC contact. Company C, 3d Recon Bn, attached to 3/4, and H&S Company, 3/4 conducted familiarization firing of small arms. The attached platoon of Company B, 3d Anti-Tank Bn fired the ONTOS. Company A, 3d Tank Bn conducted a FIREX with the caliber .30 and .50 machine guns at the HOA CAM Training Area. Classes were also held in terrain analysis.

At 0641H, 31 May, Company C, 1/3 returned by helicopter to coordinates 899689 and assumed defensive positions on Hill 268. A posture continued to be maintained to move two rifle companies plus a staff to CHU LAI. Company E, 2/3 was alerted for possible deployment to CHU LAI with 1/3 and was ready to move out at 0658H. The Recon platoon attached to 2/3 established two OPs, one at coordinates 877788 and the other at coordinates 885805, at 1005H, in order to observe any VC activity vicinity HOA MY, where a VC platoon (rein), with mortars and machine guns, were reported yesterday. At 1555H, groups of 5-10 men wearing hats and black clothing were observed moving south. Patrol activity continued in the LE MY area. A patrol from Company H returned at 0245H, reporting no VC activity. Company H dispatched a squad size patrol east along the bank of the CA DE SONG River. Company G dispatched one squad southwest on patrol to coordinates 885786, returning via KIEN KIEN, coordinates 912735, and the MSR. Company G established a squad size ambush at coordinates 899809 and located their patrol base at 899819 at 2040H. No VC activity was reported by 2400H. At 0735H, platoon size patrols from Company I, 3/9 fanned out to the west, northwest and southeast from the company patrol base at coordinates 851729. At 1010H, a new patrol base was established at coordinates 847719. Patrol activities continued without VC contact throughout the day. At 1915H, three Marines were slightly wounded by a trip grenade at coordinates 873713 and were treated by corpsmen. At 2210H, squad size ambushes were set in along likely avenues of approach without VC contact. Two 13 man patrols, accompanied by a Regional Forces liaison personnel, made foot patrols around the periphery

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of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC activity or unusual incidents were reported. Training in the Battalion area consisted of physical training, Vietnamese phrases, weapons safety and VC tactics. 3/4 rotated units within their TAOR. Company M assumed airfield defense and Company L (-) returned to the Battalion area for its defense. Company I positioned one platoon on Hill 227, coordinates 848046. Company K conducted a company size patrol to Hill 307, coordinates 847047, departing the Battalion area at 0630H. Battery I, 3/12 displaced to coordinates 873089 with the 3d Platoon, Company B, 3d Anti-Tank Bn, to provide support for Company K on its patrol. The attached Recon Company made a reconnaissance in the eastern portion of the TAOR. At 1215H, an outpost from Company I was fired on by one VC who was pursued but lost in a tree line near PHU BAI. Training consisted of night firing of small arms and 106mm RR and familiarization firing of the M-60 and caliber .50 machine gun, vicinity Hill 225, coordinates 848046.

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11. CO, 3d Mar ltr 3:CAJ:neh over 3700 of 1 May 65 (Helicopter Support for 3/4)

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TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, 9TH MEB

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY NO. 3.

PERIOD COVERED: 250001H APRIL TO 012400H MAY 1965

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. THIS PERIOD WAS MARKED BY AN INCREASED TEMPO OF ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENT. AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE EXPANDED TAOR WAS CONDUCTED. COMPANY SIZE SEARCH AND CLEAR PATROLS WERE BACKED UP BY QUICK REACTION FORCES. HELICOPTERS WERE EMPLOYED TO TRANSPORT QUICK REACTION FORCES. ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL COMPANIES WERE DEPLOYED TO FORWARD BIVOUAC AREAS PREPARED TO EXECUTE FUTURE PATROL ORDERS, ACT AS A QUICK REACTION FORCE, OR TO BE MOVED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS SHOULD VC BE ENCOUNTERED. HIGH GRASS, THICK BRUSH AND ROUGH TERRAIN COUPLED WITH HOT, HUMID WEATHER SLOWED MOVEMENTS IN SOME AREAS. NIGHT AMBUSH SIGHTS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED WITHIN TAOR'S.

PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ESTABLISHING SEVERAL OBSERVATION POSTS OUT TO 18,000 METERS TO PROVIDE ADVANCED WARNING OF AN ENEMY FORCE APPROACHING THE DA NANG AREA. AT 292240H APRIL, AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT WAS RECEIVED THAT A VC REGIMENT WAS MOVING TO THE VICINITY OF PHU LOC (COORDINATES 975785). AT 300020H, A LARGE GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS/TROOPS WERE OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES 945795. THIS FORCE WAS REPORTED MOVING TOWARD THE DA NANG AIR FIELD. COMPANY E, 2/3, REINFORCED BY TANKS, MOVED TO A BLOCKING POSITION VICINITY COORDINATES 955778. ADDITIONALLY, ONE COMPANY FROM 1/3 WAS PLACED ON TEN MINUTE ALERT WITH COMPANY A (-) 3D TANK BN. NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF ENEMY FORCES WERE DETECTED AND UNITS WERE RETURNED TO NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 300608H.

THE REGIMENT WAS HONORED BY A VISIT FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS ON 28 APRIL. THE COMMANDANT ATE LUNCH IN D CO, 1/3 MESS HALL, WAS BRIEFED AT 2/3 CP AND VISITED 3/4 AT PHU BAI.

ON 1 MAY, THE REGIMENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SCALE EXERCISE OF REGIMENTAL COUNTER ATTACK PLAN 322(B)-65 TO TEST THE PLAN AND FAMILIARIZE PERSONNEL WITH THE PLAN AND ROUTES TO THE LD.

DURING THE PERIOD 25 APRIL TO 1 MAY, 1/3 CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE ROUTE AND AREA RECONNAISSANCE THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE TAOR. PUNJI TRAPS, PANJI STICKS AND SEVERAL HOME MADE MINES WERE ENCOUNTERED DURING PATROLS AND UNITS RECEIVED LIGHT TO HEAVY SNIPER FIRE. ON 28 APRIL, 2/3 PATROLLED NORTH AND WEST OF HILL 393 WITH 1/3 PATROL INITIALLY FOLLOWING IN TRACE. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS MADE. DURING A PATROL CONDUCTED ON 29 APRIL, THE PATROL POINT SURPRISED TWO VC. ONE WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER ESCAPED. NO FURTHER INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

2/3 PATROLLED THE AREA NORTH AND EAST OF THEIR CP ON 25 APRIL. ON 26 APRIL, A REINFORCED COMPANY PATROLLED THE AREA AROUND HILL MASS 368. THE NEXT DAY THEIR PATROL REPORTED SCATTERED SNIPER FIRE WHILE APPROACHING TONG SON. A NIGHT BIVOUAC WAS ESTABLISHED AT 914775. ON 28 APRIL, 2/3 EXECUTED A COMPANY SIZED SWEEP TO VIC HOA MY WHERE THEY LINKED UP WITH A HELILIFTED COMPANY AND CONTINUED TO SWEEP BACK TO TONG SON. COMPANY D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN, SUPPORTING 2/3, SET IN DROP OFF AMBUSHES BEHIND AND TO THE FLANK OF THE PATROL. THIS ACTION PAID DIVIDENDS AS ONE AMBUSH KILLED ONE VC AND WOUNDED ANOTHER.

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3/9 ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE PATROLLING NECESSARY TO ENSURE SECURITY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE AIRFIELD. ON 27 APRIL, 3/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FORCES FOR THE 1ST LAAM BATTALION RECONNAISSANCE OF HAI VAN PASS AND HILL 700. THE SAME DAY, A PATROL WAS CONDUCTED AROUND THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AIRFIELD. CONTACT WAS NOT MADE ON EITHER PATROL. 28-30 APRIL, 3/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OFF LOADING OPERATIONS ON RED BEACH 1. THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER VISITED 3/9 CP AND INSPECTED THEIR DEFENSIVE PERIMETER ON 29 APRIL. THE FOLLOWING DAY TWO MORE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRFIELD WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

A LISTENING POST MANNED BY ELEMENTS OF 3D PLATOON (REIN), CO B, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN 3/4 TAOR ON 25 APRIL. THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 0100H THE POSITION WAS ASSAULTED BY A VC FORCE. A SHARP FIRE FIGHT AT CLOSE RANGE ENSUED INVOLVING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND HAND GRENADES BEFORE THE ENEMY WAS REPULSED. TWO VC WERE LEFT DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE FOLLOWING DAY ONLY ISOLATED SNIPER FIRE WAS REPORTED. ON 27 APRIL, COMPANY M DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. ALL UNITS CONTINUED DAYLIGHT PATROLLING AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES NIGHTLY IN LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH. ON 28 APRIL, COMPANY M PATROLLED IN THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THE TAOR AND COMPANY L, VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE 8415. THE FOLLOWING DAY, TWO PATROLS OF REINFORCED RIFLE COMPANY SIZE COVERED A SIZEABLE PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. THAT NIGHT ONE INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTED TO PROBE 3/4 LINES VICINITY OF 883132.

ON 29 APRIL, COMPANY D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION MADE AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR TO SELECT POSSIBLE OPS TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF AN APPROACHING ENEMY. THIS UNIT CONDUCTED RAPELLING TRAINING FROM A WATER TOWER IN THE AIR FORCE COMPOUND THE MORNING OF 26 APRIL.

COMPANY A (-), 3D TANK BATTALION CONDUCTED CROSS COUNTRY DRIVING TRAINING ON 27-28 APRIL. A RECONNAISSANCE OF HOA CAM REGIONAL FORCE TRAINING AREA WAS CONDUCTED ON 30 APRIL TO SELECT SUITABLE FIRING POSITIONS AND A PIRFX WAS HELD ON 1 MAY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THIS REGIMENT INFLICTED ON THE VIET CONG 5 KIA, 2 WIA, 2 CAPTURED, AND ALSO 2 MORE PROBABLE WIA.

2. ADMINISTRATION

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS - MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CONTINUE TO VISIT UNITS OF THIS COMMAND WITH SEVERAL ACCOMPANYING PATROLS IN OUR TAOR.

B. VISITS BY VIPS - COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS VISITED UNITS OF THIS COMMAND ON 28 APRIL 1965. HE WAS A GUEST FOR LUNCH AT THE D CO CP.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS - A MEDICAL TEAM COMMENCED TO VISIT THE LOCAL VILLAGES SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK TO OFFER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO REQUEST IT.

D. COMMAND CHANGES - LTCOL W. A. LANAGAN RELIEVED LTCOL H. J. BAIN AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF 1/3.

E. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS - NOTHING TO REPORT.

F. DISCIPLINE AND MORALE - MORALE CONTINUES HIGH. A BATTALION COMMANDER AND AN ACTING COMPANY COMMANDER WERE RELIEVED OF COMMAND.

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G. STRENGTHS

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQCO 3DMAR	19	131	0	2
COA 3DTKEN	4	88	0	2
COA 3DATEN	4	69	0	1
COD 3DRECON BN	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	967	3	51
2/3	40	952	3	33
3/9	43	945	4	51
BLT 3/4	56	1301	6	62
TOTAL	210	4511	16	205

3. LOGISTICS

SUN. 25 APR - BRIGADE ENGINEERS COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF FOUR 3,000 GAL NEOPRENE WATER TANKS FOR A WATER POINT IN THE VICINITY OF 3D MAR AND 1/3 CP'S. THIS INCLUDED AN 18-MAN SHOWER UNIT AND A POTABLE WATER POINT WITH AN OVERALL CAPACITY OF 9,000 GAL PER DAY. A WATER POINT WITH A 6,000 GAL PER DAY CAPACITY WAS INSTALLED AT 2/3 CP.

MON. 26 APR - S-4A MADE A LIAISON VISIT TO BLT 3/4. THEY HAVE LARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEER ASSISTANCE, I.E., CONSTRUCTION OF 25 BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD PROTECTION, 1,200 FEET OF 2-INCH PIPE TO PIPE WATER TO THEIR MESS HALL, AND WIRING FOR LIGHTING THEIR CP. A MESSAGE FROM 9TH MEB SET FORTH A PLAN FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF BLT 3/4. FORTY CASES OF FOOD INTOXICATION WERE REPORTED BY BLT 3/4.

TUE. 27 APR - ALL PERSONNEL WITH FOOD INTOXICATION AT BLT 3/4 WERE RETURNED TO DUTY.

THU. 29 APR - NINE BOXES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE FLOWN BY HELICOPTER TO BLT 3/4.

FRI. 30 APR - TWO LIVE 29MM AIRCRAFT CANNON ROUNDS TAKEN FROM A CHILD IN HOA PHAT WERE TURNED OVER TO THE EOD TEAM, BLSG.

SAT. 1 MAY - G-4, 9TH MEB IS TAKING ACTION TO PROCURE MORE BA-279 BATTERIES WHICH ARE NOW IN SHORT SUPPLY.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. THIS HQ CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY IN RELIABLE COMMUNICATION WITH 3/4 AT PHU BAI. THE RADIO SET, AN/TSC-15 WAS TO BE THE PRIMARY MEANS TO ESTABLISH A 5 CHANNEL NETWORK. HOWEVER, THE EXTREME DUSTY CONDITIONS AT OUR SITE HAVE CAUSED CRITICAL ELECTRONIC RELAYS TO BECOME INOPERATIVE, THEREFORE THIS LINK IS INOPERATIVE. HAVING ONE ITEM OF THIS RADIO MEANS WE HAVE FULL COMMUNICATIONS OR NONE. THE QUANTITY OF RADIO SETS, AN/TSC-15 WITHIN THE REGT IS TOO SHALLOW TO SUPPORT THIS NETWORK. THEREFORE, WE HAVE RETURNED TO THE STANDARD REGIMENTAL TAC AND COMMAND NETS.

B. BRICO 002401.1 CAUSED A SHIFT IN FREQUENCY AT 010600H MAY 1965. BECAUSE THE UNITS OF THIS REGT WERE OPERATIONAL AND ON PATROL, ANY ATTEMPT TO MAKE THIS A SIMULTANEOUS MOVE FAILED. IN A PRE-ASSAULT LANDING RADIO SILENCE CAN BE ACCEPTED BUT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE BATTLE FIELD. FUTURE SHIFTS SHOULD OCCUR AT NIGHT AND INACTIVE PERIODS.

5. PLANS. REGIMENTAL OPERATION ORDER 323-65 WAS PROMULGATED ON 28 APRIL.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

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OPERATION SUMMARY NO. 4

PERIOD COVERED: 020001H TO 082400H MAY 65

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. THIS REPORTING PERIOD IS NOTED FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF AGGRESSIVE EXTENDED PATROLLING OPERATIONS UP TO FIVE DAYS IN LENGTH, DESIGNED TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY VIET CONG FORCES WITHIN THE ASSIGNED TAOR AS WELL AS TO SHOW THE U.S. FORCES TO THE LOCAL POPULACE. NUMEROUS VC AVENUES OF APPROACH WERE SWEEPED. COMPANY SIZE BLOCKING AND QUICK REACTION FORCES WERE MOVED BY HELICOPTER, TRUCK AND FORCED MARCH. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE AND AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING RESULTED IN THE GATHERING OF A GOOD QUANTITY OF INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL. THIS WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY PAPERS TAKEN FROM THE VC KIAS, WIAS AND VCC. VC CONTACT WAS GENERALLY LIMITED TO SNIPERS WITH THE SINGULAR EXCEPTION OF 5 MAY, WHEN 8 VC WERE KILLED BY 1/3. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 3D MARINES WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 3D MAR DIV 061800H.

ON 2 MAY, PATROL EFFORTS OF 1/3 EXPERIENCED NO VC ACTIVITY. A 2/3 PATROL RECEIVED HARRASSING FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 6 VC AT 0900H, COORDINATES 913818. THE PATROL WAS FIRED UPON AGAIN AT 1121H. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED BY EITHER SIDE FROM THESE FIRES. 3/9 CONTINUED PATROLLING AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX. 3/4 PATROLS PRODUCED NO SIGN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ON 3 MAY, 1/3 HELILIFTED CO A TO 877717 AFTER AN EXTENSIVE ARTILLERY PREPARATION OF THE LZ. THE LANDING ZONE WAS FOUND TO BE CLEAR. CO C MOVED TO 935720 AND CONDUCTED A MOVEMENT TOWARDS CO A FOR JUNCTURE.

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DURING THE MOVEMENT, SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VICINITY OF GIAD TRI (894708). MUZZLE FLASHES FROM THREE WEAPONS WERE OBSERVED. A SHORT FIRE FIGHT ENSUED. CONTACT WAS LOST WITH THE VC. JUNCTURE WAS EFFECTED WITH CO A AT 1501H. CO A THEN PROCEEDED TO ITS PATROL BASE LOCATED VICINITY 885823 AND RECEIVED LIGHT SNIPER FIRE ENROUTE. CO C RETURNED TO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FOR THE NIGHT WITH ^{IN} THE BATTALION AREA. COMPANY G, 2/3, DEPARTED THE BATTALION BASE CAMP FOR A 5 DAY PATROL. A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORDINATES 885804 AND PLATOON SIZED PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED. ONE PATROL RECEIVED LIGHT SNIPER FIRE WITHOUT CASUALTY, PRODUCING EFFECTS. 3/9 PARTICIPATED IN A DRILL OF THE 9TH MEB OP PLAN 321-65. PATROL ACTION REPORTED NO CONTACT.

ON 4 MAY, CO A, 1/3, SWEPT TO HOI-VUC AND CAPTURED THREE VC. FURTHER SWEEPS WITHIN THEIR TAOR WERE WITHOUT CONTACT. 2/3 ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION UTILIZING CO G WEST OF LE MY. CO E MOVED TOWARDS CO G IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION ENCOUNTERING HEAVY HARBASSING FIRE. ONE VC WAS KIA. NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND POSITIONS WERE DESTROYED BY ENGINEERS ACCOMPANYING 2/3 ON THE OPERATION. TWO RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FROM 3/9 REPORTED NO CONTACT. ONE PLATOON WAS DISPATCHED TO RED BEACH 1 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS. 3/4 EXPERIENCED A MINOR PROBE RESULTING IN A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT. CONTACT WAS TERMINATED AT 2400H. MINOR SMALL ARMS WERE FIRED IN THE 3/4 PERIMETER THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. PATROLS REPORTED NO CONTACT.

AT 050855H, CO C, 1/3, MADE CONTACT WITH VC SNIPERS VICINITY OF HILL 270 AFTER BEING HELILIFTED TO LANDING ZONE PELICAN. THE UNIT WAS FIRED ON FROM HILL 270 BY APPROXIMATELY 15 VC. A FIRE FIGHT OF APPROXIMATELY 80 MINUTES, INVOLVING BOTH RIFLE AND ARTILLERY FIRE, PRODUCED 8 VC KIA. AT 050857H, CO E, 2/3, CAPTURED ONE WIA VC. MINOR

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IRRMISHES WITH VC SNIPERS WERE MADE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. 3/4 CONTINUED LOCAL DAYLIGHT PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT AMBUSHES WITHOUT CONTACT. AN OP ESTABLISHED BY CO D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION HAD TO BE RETURNED TO THE BASE CAMP DUE TO ITS COMPROMISE WHEN A MARINE CAME DOWN WITH A SEVERE STOMACH DISORDER.

ON 6 MAY, 1/3 AND 2/3 ESTABLISHED SEVERAL AMBUSHES WITHOUT CONTACT. COMPANY SIZED SWEEPS MET NO RESISTANCE. 3/9 PATROLS CONTINUED WITHOUT CONTACT. CO K (HEIN) WAS HELILIFTED TO CHU LAI TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AT COORDINATES 542062 IN PREPARATION FOR THE LANDING OF 3D MEB ON 7 MAY. 3/4 RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 12 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE WITHOUT CASUALTIES. RECON CO OP WAS RETURNED TO THE BASE CAMP DUE TO COMPROMISE RESULTING FROM NECESSITY TO EVACUATE ONE PATROL MEMBER SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE INSECT BITE.

DURING OPERATIONS ON 7 MAY, 1/3 PATROLS ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL HOMEMADE MINES WHICH WERE INTENTIONALLY DETONATED, IN THE VICINITY OF 876766. SEARCHES OF MY SON, 875765, AND ANOTHER VILLAGE AT 851763, WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CO G, 2/3, RETURNED TO ITS BASE CAMP AND WAS RELIEVED BY CO H, 2/3. 3/9 PATROLS CONTINUED WITHOUT CONTACT. 3/4 CONTINUED WITH NIGHTLY AMBUSHES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH. CO D, 3D RECON BN WITHDREW REMAINING 2 PATROLS AS A RESULT OF SUSPECTED COMPROMISE. CO A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED A FIREX USING THE LE MY FORT AS A TARGET. FIRING COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 071200H.

ON 8 MAY, CO B, 1/3, ENCOUNTERED VC SNIPER FIRE WHILE ENROUTE TO TAN AN PHUONG (865734) FOR THREE VC. ONE VC KIA, ONE VCC KIA. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF 2/3, ^{AND PARTY} WHILE ENROUTE TO LE MY, WAS FIRED UPON BY SNIPERS FIRE. ONE MARINE KIA OCCURRED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE THE SNIPER WITHOUT SUCCESS.

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CO H, 2/3, LOCATED A SUSPECTED VC CAMP AT 860822 AND DESTROYED SAME. SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES. CO D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, INTRODUCED A PATROL OVERLOOKING THE CA DE SONG. TWO OTHER PATROLS SCHEDULED FOR ENTRY BY HELICOPTER WERE ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

ENEMY CASUALTIES DURING THE PERIOD INCLUDED TEN KIA, ONE WIA, ONE VCC/WIA, FOUR VCC.

2. ADMINISTRATION

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS - MEMBERS OF THE PRESS CONTINUE TO ACCOMPANY PATROLS AND VISIT OUR UNITS.

B. VISITS BY VIP'S - NONE.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS - VISITS BY CORPSMEN TO THE LOCAL VILLAGE CONTINUE TWICE A WEEK TO TREAT THE SICK.

D. COMMAND CHANGE - NONE.

E. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS - NONE.

F. DISCIPLINE AND MORALE - THE MORALE CONTINUES HIGH, NO SIGNIFICANT DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS.

G. STRENGTH -	USMC		USM	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQ CO, 3D MAR	19	130	0	2
CO A, 3D TK BN	4	90	0	2
CO A, 3D AT BN	4	69	0	1
CO D, 3D RECON BN	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	966	3	48
2/3	40	962	2	44
3/9	44	948	4	51
3/4	56	1294	6	70
TOTAL	211	4516	15	211

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MON. 3 MAY - C-4, 9th MEB STATED THAT 3D MAR SHOULD SUPPLY GASOLINE FOR VEHICLES OF ATTACHED ARVN TROOPS. A RECORD OF ALL ISSUES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE REGT'L MTO.

TUE. 4 MAY - A REQUEST BY CO A, 3D TANK BN THAT BLSG REMOVE STOCKS OF THE OLD ³⁸MM HEAT (DODAC 1315-C268) AND ISSUE ONLY THE NEW ³⁸MM HEAT (DODAC 1315-C294) WAS FORWARDED TO CO, 9TH MEB. THE M-48 TANK'S NEW BALLISTIC COMPUTER DOES NOT HAVE THE PROPER CAM FOR THE OLD ROUND THEREBY MAKING EXACT IMPACT LOCATION UNPREDICTABLE.

A CONTACT TEAM FROM BLSG CONDUCTED AN LTI OF THIS COMMAND'S COMM-BLEC EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE M&E PROGRAM FY-66.

ONE VC KIA WAS EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA NANG.

WED. 5 MAY - TWO PAIRS OF CAA AUTO GREASE WERE SENT TO BLT 3/4. 200 BA-279 BATTERIES WERE RECEIVED FROM BLT 3/4; 50 WERE ISSUED TO 1/3, 50 TO 2/3, AND 100 HELD FOR LATER ISSUE.

FOUR VC KIA WERE EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA NANG.

THU. 6 MAY - A LIST OF CRITICAL 2D ECHELON REPAIR PARTS FROM SUBORDINATE AND ATTACHED UNITS WAS COMPILED FOR BLSG WHICH HAS AN OFFICER ON A FLIGHT TO OKINAWA TO OBTAIN SOME REPAIR PARTS.

FRI. 7 MAY - THE MODIFICATION STATUS OF THE WEAPONSIGHTS INFRARED, P-155 IN THE REGIMENT WAS CHECKED AND A REPORT SUBMITTED TO CG, 3D MAR DIV.

BLSG REPORTED THAT IT HAD NO SPECIAL LUBE OIL FOR COMPRESSOR, AN/AA IN STOCK.

SAT. 8 MAY - ONE VC KIA AND ONE VC WIA WERE EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA NANG.

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BASIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM IN THAT THE EXTREME HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE CAUSES THE PU-278 GENERATOR OF THE RADIO SET, AN/TRC-27 TO FAIL HABITUALLY. THE WIRE LINES USUALLY FUNCTION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS BUT ARE NORMALLY CUT BY PERSONS UNKNOWN AFTER DARK. THERE IS A DIRE NEED FOR THE IMPROVED RADIO SET, AN/TRC-27A. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE OPERATION MAKES RADIO COMMUNICATIONS UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE RELAY THROUGH AN OPERATOR IS SLOW.

5. PLANS. ISSUED FRAG ORDER 8-65 DIRECTING RELIEF IN PLACE OF 2/3 AND 3/9 TO BE EXERCISED ABOUT 12 MAY.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

DRAFTED BY U. H. HYNDMAN

RELEASED BY D. H. BROOKS

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FROM: CO THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, 3D MARDIV

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OPERATION SUMMARY NO. 5

PERIOD COVERED: 090001H TO 152400H MAY 65

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, INCREASED CONTACT WITH VC THROUGHOUT THE TAOR HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED. THE SUCCESSFUL SEIZURE AND OCCUPATION OF THE VILLAGE COMPLEX OF LE MY PRODUCED 56 VCC AND THE DISCOVERY AND SUBSEQUENT DESTRUCTION OF NUMEROUS MINES, BOOBY TRAPS, ENTRENCHMENTS, TUNNELS AND BUNKERS. RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS GAINED NOTABLE INTELLIGENCE IN THE NAM YEN (840860) AREA. RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS HAVE NOTED NUMEROUS VC IN THE FRINGE OF THE TAOR. PATROLLING CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR, THE DA NANG AREA AS WELL AS AT NHE PHU BAI. SEVERAL WEAPONS AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE VC AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE LOCAL VILLAGERS.

ON 9 MAY, A COMPANY SIZED PATROL FROM 1/3 CONDUCTED AREA AND STREAM RECONNAISSANCE AND SWEEP AND SEARCH OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH OF THE TAOR. NO VC WERE OBSERVED DURING THE TWO DAYS THE PATROL WAS OPERATING. THE 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES HAD COMPANIES E AND H ON PATROL IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE TAOR AND LATER IN POSITION FOR A SWEEP OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER WEST OF LE MY. NUMEROUS FIRE FIGHTS WERE REPORTED BY 3/9 TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF THEIR POSITIONS. ALL THE FIRE APPEARED TO BE OUTGOING. DURING THE NIGHT, 3/4 WAS HARRASSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY SMALL GROUPS OF VC FIRING SMALL ARMS AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. RETURN FIRE REBULED VC EFFORT. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED BY 3/4 AND THERE WERE NO KNOWN VC CASUALTIES. A FIREX WAS CONDUCTED BY COMPANY A, 3D TANK BATTALION AT THE HOA CAN TRAINING CENTER.

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ON 10 MAY, A COM ANY SIZED PATROL FROM 1/3 LOCATED AND DESTROYED A LARGE QUANTITY OF PANJI STAKES AT COORDINATES 890703. THE PATROL RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA BY HELICOPTER IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON. THE SWEEP AND SEARCH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER WAS CANCELLED AND THE 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES PREPARED FOR AN OPERATION IN THE LE MY VILLAGE COMPLEX. NIGHT AMBUSHES WITHIN THE 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES TACR REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. RECONNAISSANCE OBSERVATION POSTS WERE ESTABLISHED AT COORDINATES 896823 AND 889824, *W. Withdrawn AT 0900, 11 MAY 1965*

ON 11 MAY, THE 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES MOVED INTO THE VILLAGE COMPLEX OF LE MY. THEY MET WITH MINOR RESISTANCE, PRIMARILY SNIPER FIRE, AND THE ENTIRE COMPLEX WAS OCCUPIED BY 0800H. MINES, BOOBY TRAPS AND PANJI TRAPS CAUSED SEVERAL FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. ONCE IN LE MY, A SWEEP WAS MADE AND ALL MALES OF MILITARY AGE WERE COLLECTED AND PUT TO WORK DESTROYING PANJI TRAPS, ENTRENCHMENTS AND BUNKERS. THE 80 MALES APPREHENDED WERE LATER TURNED OVER TO THE DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR FOR SCREENING AND INTERROGATION. 2/3 WAS AUGMENTED BY POPULAR FORCES AND A COMPANY OF REGIONAL FORCES. AT 1055H, THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ENTERED THE VILLAGE AND WAS WELCOMED BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF. THE NIGHT WAS SPENT WITHOUT INCIDENT WITH COMPANIES E, G AND H AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF LE MY. POPULAR FORCES AND REGIONAL FORCES, WHICH FOLLOWED 2/3 INTO THE AREA, OCCUPIED THE SOUTHERN VILLAGE AT COORDINATES 905817. A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL FROM COMPANY D, 3D RECON BATTALION ENTERED GRID SQUARE 8367 PREPARATORY TO MOVING OVERLAND TO THE SOUTHWEST TO ESTABLISH AN OP. SHORTLY AFTER LANDING, THEY REPORTED THAT THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY VC. THE PATROL WAS WITHDRAWN BY HELICOPTER WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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ON 12 MAY, ONE COMPANY FROM 1/3 WAS HELILIFTED TO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR TO CONDUCT PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 270 (865681). NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG ALL LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO THE PATROL BASE AT NIGHT. 2/3 REPORTED INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE FROM THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER DURING THE EARLY MORNING. SWEEPING EFFORTS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF MINES, BOOBY TRAPS, ENTRENCHMENTS, TUNNELS AND BUNKERS CONTINUED IN THE VILLAGE OF LE MY. POPULAR FORCES LOCATED TWO VC WEAPONS AT 0430H. THESE WEAPONS WERE TURNED IN THROUGH VN CHANNELS AS THE NVN GOVERNMENT MAKES PAYMENT BASED ON THE VALUE OF THE WEAPONS. ONE WAS A CHERCH SUB-MACHINE GUN AND THE OTHER A U. S. SPRINGFIELD .03 RIFLE. SIX MORE VCC WERE APPREHENDED AND 1 VC WAS KILLED. WOMEN OF THE VILLAGE POINTED HIM OUT AND HE WAS SHOT ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE RIVER. ENGINEER MINE DETECTION TEAMS WERE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN THE LOCATION OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS. COMPANIES G AND H PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE POPULAR AND REGIONAL FORCES DEFENSES WITHIN LE MY. CONTINUED PATROLLING IN AND ABOUT BOTH DA NANG AIRFIELD AND HUE PHU BAI WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT. CAPTAIN J. B. DONOVAN ASSUMED COMMAND OF COMPANY A (-) (HEIN), 3D TANK BATTALION VICE 1ST LT E. T. MELZ.

AT 0430H, 13 MAY, A MARINE FROM H & S COMPANY, 1/3, WITH A PLATOON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR L BTRY, 1/12, RECEIVED A WOUND IN THE LEFT FORE-ARM FROM AN AERON OR BLOW GUN TYPE MISSILE. HE OBSERVED A DARK SHADOW, FIRED TWO ROUNDS, BUT THE VC ESCAPED. THE MISSILE WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 INCHES LONG. C COMPANY REPORTED NO VC CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THEIR PATROL. THEY SOUGHT THEIR ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE AREA (THE LOCATION OF VC REPORTED BY THE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OF 11 MAY) WITHOUT VC SIGHTINGS.

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A REINFORCED PLATOON, WITH ENGINEER, TANK, ANTI-TANK AND AMTRAC REPRESENTATIVES, CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE POSSIBLE FORDING SITES, TO DETERMINE THE CAPACITY OF THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT 947700 AND TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE VIETNAMESE LIVING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE. NO VC WERE SIGHTED DURING THE CONDUCT OF THIS PATROL. 2/3 CONTINUED ITS SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION MISSION OF MINES AND BOOBY-TRAPS IN THE VILLAGE OF LE MY. AT ONE POINT, THEY WERE ASSISTED BY AN ELDERLY MAN WHO POINTED OUT A HIDDEN BOOBY-TRAP. SNIPER FIRE CONTINUED, WITHOUT EFFECT, FROM THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER. ARTILLERY FIRE PLACED IN THE AREA ELIMINATED THE HARRASSMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. WHILE PROBING ALONG THE DECK WITH BAMBOO^{STICKS}, POPULAR FORCE MEN LOCATED AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL. WHEN THEY RETRACTED THE POLE, THE VC INSIDE THROWN^{ED} OUT A GRENADE, WHICH ON DETONATION, WOUNDED TWO POPULAR FORCE PERSONNEL. IN THE ENSUING CONFUSION, THE VC ESCAPED BUT HE LEFT HIS CHINESE MAKE CARBINE IN THE TUNNEL. 3/4 DISPATCHED A RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE WITHIN THEIR TAOR AND THE FREE ZONE TO THE SOUTH. AT APPROXIMATELY 0812, 8-10 VC WERE SIGHTED AND ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN ON THEM. THE ARTILLERY WAS ON TARGET. BLOOD TRAILS AWAY FROM THE IMPACT AREA INDICATE THAT SEVERAL WERE WOUNDED. A SEARCH OF THE AREA NETTED A STILL WARM COOKING POT WITH RICE, A MAS 36, 7.62MM RIFLE, A PAIR OF SANDALS AND A 600 LB SUPPLY OF RICE. THE RICE WAS TURNED OVER TO LOCAL VILLAGERS. THE PATROL THEN MOVED TO THE VILLAGE LOCATED IN GRID SQUARE YD 8007 WHERE THATCHED HOUSES, OBVIOUSLY LIVED IN, WARM FOOD, CAVES AND FIGHTING HOLES WERE FOUND. A CULTIVATED FIELD AND A CACHE OF FOOD WERE LOCATED NEAR BY. AN AMBUSH WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND THE HAMLET AND SHORTLY

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THEREAFTER, A VC, ARMED WITH ANOTHER MAS, 7.62MM RIFLE, WALKED INTO IT. OTHER VC IN THE BUSHES TRIED TO WARN HIM, BUT BEFORE HE COULD ESCAPE, HE WAS SHOT. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WHERE THE VC WARNING ORIGINATED PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. ENROUTE BACK TO THE CP, ANOTHER VC WAS OBSERVED AND HE WAS LITERALLY RUN DOWN BY THE PATROL. HE THREW HIS WEAPON INTO A STREAM DURING THE PURSUIT. SUBSEQUENT SEARCH FAILED TO LOCATE THE WEAPON. INTERROGATION REVEALED THAT BOTH VCC WERE FROM THE SQUAD ORIGINALLY SIGHTED AND FIRED UPON. THE AT PLATOON IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2/3 WAS EXCHANGED WITH THE PLATOON FROM 1/3 IN ORDER TO PERFORM NECESSARY PRELATIVE MAINTENANCE.

RR ~~FOR~~ PATROL FROM D COMPANY, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION DEPARTED LANDING ZONE DOVE AT 1700. PATROLS 1 AND 2 LANDED AT 1726 AND MOVED TO THEIR ASSIGNED OP'S LOCATED AT COORDINATES 870826 AND 855845. PATROLS 3 AND 4 LANDED IN THEIR SELECTED LZ AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT WEST TO ESTABLISH OP'S AT COORDINATES 815853 AND 798848. PATROL 4 ENCOUNTERED TWO GROUPS OF VC AT ABOUT 1900H AND KILLED FIVE. TWO ESCAPED. THERE WAS NO FURTHER INCIDENT DURING THE NIGHT.

ON 14 MAY, A ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED TO THE SOUTH BY A CO, 1/3. THE PATROL RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. LE MY CONTINUES TO BE OCCUPIED BY POPULAR AND REGIONAL FORCES SUPPORTING 2/3. DESTRUCTION OF FORTIFICATIONS, MINES AND BOOBY-TRAPS CONTINUED. A PATROL WAS SENT FROM LE MY TO THE BATTALION CP WITHOUT INCIDENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VC, IF ANY, STILL HIDING IN LE MY WILL HAVE TO COME OUT IN SEARCH FOR FOOD AND WATER. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO APPREHEND ANY TRYING TO ESCAPE. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED BY 3/9 IN ITS PATROL OPERATIONS ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. AT 0600H, A SWEEP WAS MADE OF THE VILLAGE

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LOCATED AT THE BASE OF HILL 163 AND HILL 97 BY 3/4. FORTIFICATIONS IN VC HAMLETS WERE DESTROYED. 8-10 VC WERE OBSERVED AT A DISTANCE BY TANKS AND ONTOS, BUT THEY COULD NOT FIRE DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY TROOPS. THE VEHICLES COULD NOT TRAVERSE THE TERRAIN AND THE VC ESCAPED. AT 0630H, RECON PATROL 3 FIRED ON NINE VC AT COORDINATES 817857, WOUNDING AT LEAST TWO. THEY PROCEEDED ALONG THE ROAD UNTIL FIRED UPON AT COORDINATES 815853. AFTER SILENCING THE VC IN THIS AREA, THEY WITHDREW TO 818858 TO EVACUATE 1 WIA. PATROL 4 ENCOUNTERED VC ON THE HIGH GROUND AT COORDINATES 820854 AT APPROXIMATELY 0830H. THEY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH PATROL 3 BUT WERE UNABLE TO DO SO AND CONTINUED TO RECEIVE MEDIUM TO HEAVY FIRE FROM THEIR FRONT AND REAR FROM AN ESTIMATED VC PLATOON UNTIL THEY WERE WITHDRAWN UNDER FIRE BY HU-1E. PATROL 3 WAS WITHDRAWN AT 1545H. PATROL 2, HEARING THE FIRE FIGHT, MOVED ALONG THE ROAD FROM THEIR OP TO ASSIST THE OTHER TWO PATROLS BUT WAS STOPPED BY FIRE AT 836857. THIS PATROL WAS WITHDRAWN WITH PATROL 3. PATROL 1 REMAINED IN POSITION. THE MISSION ASSIGNED THE RECON OP WAS TO DETERMINE IF A BOGUS PLAN FOR AN OPERATION IN THE AREA WOULD BE COMPROMISED. MOVEMENT OF 50 PLUS VC, GENERALLY IN A DIRECTION FROM WEST TO EAST, THE LOCATION AND CONDUCT OF THESE VC, ALL GIVES STRONG CREDENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE. AT 1805, COMPANY M, 3/4, OBSERVED FIVE VC VICINITY CO RDINATES 839063. THEY WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY ARTILLERY. THE FIRE WAS ON TARGET BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF CASUALTIES. PATROL ONE FROM CO D, 3D RECON BN, SHIFTED POSITIONS DURING THE NIGHT TO COORDINATES 879824 AND MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA TO THE NORTH. 3/9 PROVIDED ONE SQUAD AS A SECURITY FORCE FOR A DIVISION WIRE TEAM DURING THE NIGHT.

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AT 1350 ON 15 MAY, A 6 X 6 TRUCK FROM 3/4 STRUCK A MINE AT COORDINATES 844155. THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE AND FENDER WERE BLOWN OFF. ENGINEERS CHECKED THE ROAD FOR OTHER MINES. NONE WERE FOUND. COMPANIES L AND M ARE PATROLLING AND ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TACR WHILE THE BATTALION (-) PROVIDES SECURITY FOR THE AIRFIELD AND THE 6TH RVN. 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED ROUTINE TRAINING AND OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR ASSIGNED TACR. NO PATROLLING WAS SCHEDULED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. COMPANY F, 2/3, SWEEP THE LE MY COMPLEX AT 1650H. NO CONTACT WAS MADE. A REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM REGIONAL FORCES THAT A COMPANY OF VC WOULD ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE CA DE BONG DURING THE NIGHT. ARTILLERY HAI FIRE AND ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED DURING THE NIGHT. THE ATTEMPTED CROSSING DID NOT MATERIALIZE. REGIONAL FORCES RELIEVED COMPANY M AND ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES 906830. COMPANY H THEN MOVED TO NEW POSITIONS ON THE HIGH GROUND AROUND THE LE MY FORT. 2/3'S MEDICAL TEAM CONTINUED PROVIDING TREATMENT FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE LE MY AREA. 3/9 CONDUCTED TWO RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS, ONE IN THE MORNING AND ONE IN THE AFTERNOON TO THE WEST AND EAST OF THE AIRFIELD. NO CONTACT.

PRIMARY CASUALTIES DURING THIS PERIOD INCLUDE 2 KIA AND 21 WIA (7 SERIOUS). SECONDARY CASUALTIES INCLUDE 7 KIA, 8 WIA, 8 WIA/KIA (UNABLE TO CONFIRM) AND 54 VCC.

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A. PUBLIC RELATIONS - THERE WERE FEW VISITS BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS THIS WEEK.

B. VISITS BY VIPS - MR. RAYMOND BURR VISITED 3D MARINES.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS CONTINUE TO VISIT THE LOCAL VILLAGES WITH GOOD RESULTS. ASSISTANCE TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND THE NEEDY CONTINUES.

D. COMMAND CHANGE - ~~1ST LT~~ J. B. DONOVAN Jr replaced 1st LT E. T. MELZ JR AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF COMPANY "A", FIRST TANK BATTALION.

E. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS - NONE.

F. DISCIPLINE AND MORAL - NO PROBLEMS CONCERNING DISCIPLINE. MORALE CONTINUES HIGH.

G. STRENGTH -

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQ CO, 3D MAR	20	131	0	2
CO A, 3D TK BN	4	91	0	3
CO A, 3D AT BN	4	70	0	1
CO B, 3D REC BN	4	47	0	3
1/3	40	985	3	48
2/3	41	969	3	44
3/9	44	937	5	51
3/4	<u>56</u>	<u>1291</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>70</u>
TOTAL	213	4521	17	222

3. LOGISTICS

SUN, 9 MAY - TWELVE NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY AIR.

MON, 10 MAY - MESSAGE SENT TO SUBORDINATE UNITS THAT M-274'S WILL BE USED FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

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TUE. 11 MAY - TWO CASES OF RED SMOKE GRENADES WERE SENT TO BLT 3/4 BY HELICOPTER. THE ENCAMPMENT/GARRISON EQUIPMENT BLOCK ARRIVED FROM OKINAWA FOR 2/3. THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY AIR: 1-KIA, 8-WIA, AND 2-NON-BATTLE.

WED. 12 MAY - 2/3 PICKED UP A 100 CU. FT. REEFER FROM HQ CO. ONE VC KIA WAS EVACUATED BY VEHICLE TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA MANG. THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY AIR: 4-WIA AND 3-NON-BATTLE.

THU. 13 MAY - FLSC ISSUED BA-279 BATTERIES TO UNITS AS FOLLOWS: 1/3 - 400; 2/3 - 400; AND 3/9 - 358. SUBORDINATE UNITS OF THE REGIMENT WERE DIRECTED TO MAKE A DAILY REPORT OF THE NUMBER OF BA-279'S ON HAND.

FRI. 14 MAY - THE WATER POINT IN VICINITY OF REG'T L CP BECAME INOPERATIVE BUT WAS REPAIRED. EOD PICKED UP UNSERVICEABLE CS, WP, AND RIFLE GRENADES FOR DISPOSAL. 1/3 PICKED UP ITS NEW LIGHT WEIGHT UTILITIES. THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY AIR: 1-KIA, 7-WIA.

SAT. 15 MAY - EOD TEAM, BLSC PICKED UP FOUR 3.5" ROCKET DUDS FOR DISPOSAL. THE WATER POINT NEAR REG'T L CP IS AGAIN INOPERATIVE.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ADVANCEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL RADIO RELAY ASSETS AT III MAP, SUCCESSFUL LINK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE 3d BATTALION, 4TH MARINES AT PHU BAI.

LOCAL WIRE LINES CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM WHERE THEY ARE IN PROXIMITY TO INDIGENOUS PERSONS. MUCH LOSS OF COMMUNICATION IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LACK OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE PEOPLE, WHO REMOVE WIRE TO SERVE AS JUMP ROPES, CLOTHES, ETC. THIS PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, A DELIBERATE SABOTAGE WAS DISCOVERED

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AT KHOUK SON, 947759, WHERE A BURIED LINE HAD TWO FEET OF WIRE REMOVED AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REBURIED, CAUSING EXTENSIVE TESTING BY WIRE CREWS PRIOR TO DISCOVERY.

5. PLANS. NO CHANCE.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY NO. 6

PERIOD COVERED: 160001H MAY 1965 - 222400H MAY 1965

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. THIS REPORTING PERIOD IS HIGHLIGHTED BY INCREASED CONTACT WITH AND AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE VC, CHARACTERIZED BY PATROL ACTIONS, CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE OF THE TAOR, VILLAGE SWEEPS AND HELICOPTER-BOURNE OPERATIONS. VILLAGE RURAL RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EFFORTS WERE AGAIN PRESENT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. MARINE UNITS CARRIED THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY, DENYING HIS USE OF PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED AREAS, CLOSED THE CA DA SONG RIVER, AND DESTROYED TRAPS, FORTIFICATIONS AND SUPPLIES. RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS AND ROAD SURVEYS PRODUCED CONSIDERABLE INTELLIGENCE DATA. NUMEROUS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS WERE FORWARDED THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS. THESE INCLUDED A CLASSIFIED VC DOCUMENT ON VC TACTICS, POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION MATERIAL AND INFORMATION ON MEDICAL CARE AND FIRST AID. VARIOUS TYPES OF PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED AND EXECUTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE VC.

ON 16 MAY, COMPANY A, 1/3, MOVED NORTH AND WEST OF HILL 393 FOR A DAYLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROL MISSION AND ESTABLISHED THREE PLATOON SIZE NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS AT COORD 892771, 857760 AND 863748. ONE SQUAD AT COORD 857760 WAS SPOTTED AND FIRED ON FROM LONG RANGE BY 3 VC AS THEY WERE GOING INTO POSITION. THIS LONG RANGE FIRE WAS INEFFECTIVE AND WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THIS SQUAD THEN MADE A 300 METER SHIFT IN ITS NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS. 2/3 ESTABLISHED NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS AT COORD 900806 AND 898812. OTHER NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE LE MY COMPLEX BY 2/3. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED

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BETWEEN 2400H AND DAYBREAK EXCEPT FOR 10 ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE BY COMPANY F AT 0245H. REGIONAL FORCES WORKING WITH 2/3 LEFT THEIR POSITIONS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CA DA SONG RIVER LAST NIGHT AND WITHDREW INTO THE CENTER OF LE MY UNTIL THIS MORNING WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR SECTOR. APPARENTLY THE VC TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION AND CROSSED THE RIVER AS SEVERAL NEW BOOBY TRAPS WERE DISCOVERED THIS MORNING. ONE WAS SET OFF BY A WOMAN WHO WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED AND WAS TREATED BY A 2/3 CORPSMAN. COMPANY F SET IN A NIGHT AMBUSH TO PREVENT FURTHER OCCURRENCES OF THIS SORT. POPULAR FORCES IN THE LE MY AREA ARE ON A "HOLIDAY" FROM TONIGHT UNTIL 19 MAY. EFFORTS TO "WIN OVER" THE PEOPLE OF LE MY CONTINUE BY 2/3. CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 75 WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR MINOR AILMENTS. AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION, THE WOMEN OF THE VILLAGE PREPARED LUNCH FOR THESE CORPSMEN. DAYLIGHT PATROLLING OF THE LE MY AREA CONTINUED. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS HEARD FROM A VILLAGE AT COORD 912823 AT 0746H. FIVE BEAR TRAPS WERE FOUND AT COORD 897892 AT 0830H AND TURNED IN THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS. A PATROL FROM COMPANY F FIRED ON 3 VC AT COORD 893810 AT 2110H. THE VC BROKE CONTACT. THE AMBUSH SET IN NEAR THE RIVER BY COMPANY F SIGHTED 2 SMALL NATIVE BOATS CONTAINING 6 PEOPLE AND BROUGHT THEM UNDER FIRE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ONE BOAT WAS SUNK. 3/4 SET IN ELEVEN NIGHT AMBUSHES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF THEIR TAOB IN THE HUE PHU BAI AREA. COMPANY M SET IN ON HILL 225. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED BY 2400H. 3/9 PATROLLED TO THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX WITHOUT VC CONTACT. ONE SQUAD FROM COMPANY K, 3/9, PROVIDED LOCAL SECURITY FOR THE 1ST LAAM BATTALION AS PERSONNEL FROM THAT ORGANIZATION WERE DETAILED TO RECOVER THE BODY OF ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS IN THE VICINITY OF HIGHWAY #1 NORTH OF THE TAOB. THE REMAINDER OF COMPANY K REMAINED AS A READY

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REACTION FORCE WHICH WAS NOT EMPLOYED. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN, CONTINUED TO OCCUPY OP #1 AT COORD 873824. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED A FIREX AT THE HOA CAM FIRING AREA AND PLATOON TACTICS AND FORMATION DRIVING. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN PERFORMED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON WHEELED VEHICLES.

17 MAY IS CHARACTERIZED BY CONTINUOUS PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE TAOR, POSITIONING OF NIGHT AMBUSH SITES, THE COMMENCEMENT OF AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR OPERATIONS ON THE CA DE SONG RIVER TO DENY ITS USE TO THE VC AND THE BEGINNING OF REPAIRS TO TWO BRIDGES IN THE LE MY AREA, RESULTING IN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EFFORT. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED IN ANY AREA OR AMBUSH SITE FROM 2400 UNTIL DAYLIGHT. COMPANY A, 1/3, RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA AT 0815H AFTER COMPLETING COMPANY SIZE PATROL ACTION NORTH AND WEST OF HILL 393. AT 1400, COMPANY A AGAIN MOVED OUT ON PATROL AND TO SET IN NIGHT AMBUSH SITES TO THE SOUTH, WEST AND NORTH OF THE HILL 393 COMPLEX. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. TWO SQUADS FROM COMPANY E, 2/3, PROVIDED SECURITY FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS AT COORD 900805 AND 899822. MANY CHILDREN WERE ATTRACTED TO THESE SITES AND ACTED AS SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENTS. AT 0918H, LVTS SUPPORTING 2/3 COMMENCED A PHYSICAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER TO SEE IF RIVER OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LE MY WERE FEASIBLE. THE RESULTS WERE AFFIRMATIVE AND 4 LVTS WERE POSITIONED JUST BELOW THE LE MY POST. NO MINES WERE FOUND BY ENGINEERS WHO PRECEDED THE LVTS WHEN THEY LEFT THE WATER IN THE VICINITY OF LE MY. REGIONAL FORCES SWEEP LE MY THIS DATE AND COMPANY F PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE. TWO ZIP GUNS, ONE PISTOL AND ONE RIFLE, WERE FOUND BY COMPANY F VICINITY COORD 903824. UNITS OF 3/4 REMAINED IN POSITION DURING THE DAY. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED DURING DAYLIGHT OR AT NIGHT AMBUSH SITES THROUGH 2400H. AT 0750H, THE 3/4 BATTALION SURGEON AND PERSONNEL FROM

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THE ADJUTANT SECTION DEPARTED FOR THE VILLAGE OF THUY PHU. 250 PERSONNEL WERE TREATED FOR MOSTLY SKIN AILMENTS AND BONE DISEASES. SOAP, MAGAZINES AND CANDY WERE DISTRIBUTED. AT 1700H, OP #1 FROM COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN NOTICED 5 FARMERS RUN FROM THEIR FIELDS TO A VILLAGE VICINITY COORD 892832 WHEN AMTRACS CAME UP THE RIVER. AT 1715H, THIS OP SIGHTED 2 MEN DRESSED IN BLACK GOING EAST ON THE RIVER. AT 1800H, THIS SMOE OP REPORTED SIGHTING 1 MAN DRESSED IN KHAKI AND 6 DRESSED IN BLACK, ALL CARRYING RIFLES, MOVING EAST ALONG THE RIVER BANK. 3/4 REPORTED NO ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS DID 3/9 AS A RESULT OF THEIR PATROL ACTION IN THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AREA. COMPANY A, 3D TNAK BN CONDUCTED A PLATOON FIREX; COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN PERFORMED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON WHEELED AND TRACKED VEHICLES AND HELD GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS CLASSES. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN PREPARED TO ESTABLISH AN OP ON DONG BEN COORDINATES 838828.

ON 18 MAY, LTGEN KRULAK VISITED 3/4 AT PHU BAI WHERE A PLATOON FROM 3/4 RENDERED HONORS, THE 3D MARINES CP VICINITY HILL 327 AND 2/2 IN THE LE MY AREA. AT PHU BAI, LTGEN KRULAK VISITED ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND WAS BRIEFED ON SMALL UNIT PATROL CONTACTS. OTHER BRIEFINGS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE RECON PLATOON LEADER WITH 3/4, A BRIEFING ON HILL 180 BY CO, 3/4 AND A BRIEFING BY CO, 3D MARINES. COMPANY E, F AND G SWEEP THE LE MY AREA PRIOR TO LTGEN KRULAK'S VISIT TO THAT LOCATION. COMPANY A, 1/3 RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA AT 0831H. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED. AT 0420H, COMPANY F, 2/3, RECEIVED INEFFECTIVE SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM COORD 912838 AT ONE OF TWO NIGHT AMBUSH SITES. NO OTHER CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY E SET IN ONE SQUAD AT EACH BRIDGE REPAIR SITE. NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. TWO AMPHIBIOUS TRACTORS ATTACHED TO 2/3 ARE IN THE CA DE SONG RIVER VICINITY COORD 893827. TWO MORE ARE AT COORD 913835. THESE LVTS WILL TURN BACK RIVER TRAFFIC FOR A 3 DAY PERIOD BUT RIVER

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TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE EXPECTED IN THE LE MY VICINITY. NIGHT AMBUSH SITES WERE OCCUPIED BY 2/3 AT COORD 907837, 009838 AND 906838. TANKS AND ONTOS ATTACHED TO 2/3 MADE A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE LE MY AREA TO SELECT SITES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. AT 2239H, A RIVER CROSSING OPERATION BY A PLATOON FROM COMPANY H, 2/3'S RAID TRAINED COMPANY, WAS CONDUCTED. THIS PLATOON SWAM ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER USING EMPTY 5 GALLON WATER CANS TO FLOAT EQUIPMENT AND SET IN A NIGHT AMBUSH SITE AT COORD 910837. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY H REMAINED ON THE SOUTH BANK AS A QUICK REACTION FORCE. NO CONTACT WAS REPORTED TO 2400H. 3/9 CONDUCTED A 10 MAN PATROL IN THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AREA. THE PATROL RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. OTHER 3/9 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF THE CALIBER .45 PISTOL, GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS CLASSES AND VIETNAMESE PHRASES. A LOCAL SECURITY CHECK OF PLATOON POSITIONS WAS CONDUCTED TO REPAIR BARB WIRE EMPLACEMENTS AS REQUIRED. PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROJECTS THIS DATE INCLUDED AN ORPHANAGE VISIT. THE PATROL TOOK CANDY AND FOOD FOR ANY CHILDREN MET ALONG THE PATROL ROUTE. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN THE 3/4 AREA. UNITS WERE DISPERSED INTO PLATOON AND SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH SITES THROUGHOUT THE TACR. DURING THE NIGHT, RECON PATROL #1 SHIFTED THEIR OP TO COORD 870826. AT 1830H, AN 8 FOOT DUGOUT TYPE NATIVE CRAFT WAS OBSERVED DISCHARGING 3 MALE PASSENGERS AT COORD 862848. THESE MEN THEN WADED THE RIVER TO COORD 867848. AT 1840H, A MOTOR BOAT WAS OBSERVED TO PICK UP 4 MEN AT COORD 862848 AND TAKE THEM TO COORD 867848. AT 2050H, PATROL #1 OBSERVED SIGNAL BEING SENT BY BLINKING LIGHTS AT COORD 855804 AND 825855. PATROL #2 FROM COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING COORD 838828 DUE TO LACK OF TRAILS AND HEAVY BRUSH. PROGRESS WAS REDUCED TO 100 METERS PER HOUR IN SOME AREAS. THE GRADIENT WAS REPORTED TO BE 80% WITH A 20-30 FOOT CANOPY. THE OP WAS ESTABLISHED AT AN ALTERNATE SITE, COORD 848828. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED 6 MAN RECONNAISSANCE OF GRID SQUARES 8882 AND 8982 IN THE LE MY VICINITY.

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TO DETERMINE IF TANKS CAN BE OPERATED IN THE AREA. THE RESULTS OF THIS RECON WERE AFFIRMATIVE AND OPERATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT DESTROYING ROADS OR RICE PADDIES. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN CONDUCTED A DRIVE-EX AT THE HOA CAM TRAINING AREA AND A COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE AND TRACKING EXERCISE IN THE COMPANY AREA.

AT 0622H ON 19 MAY, COMPANY D, 1/3 REINFORCED BY HOWTARS WERE HELI-LIFTED TO LZ ORIOLE COORD 902664. THE TROOPS LEFT WAS COMPLETED BY 0650H AND THE HOWTAR LIFT BY 0805H. COMPANY B WAS HELILIFTED INTO LZ SNIPE, COORD 933665, BY 0820H. AFTER LANDING, COMPANY D MINUS ONE PLATOON REMAINING AT LZ ORIOLE AS SECURITY FOR HOWTARS, MOVED GENERALLY SOUTHWEST. UNOCCUPIED CAMP SITES WERE DISCOVERED AT COORD 882655 AND 868649. 3 VC WERE OBSERVED BY THE 1ST PLATOON OF COMPANY D AT COORD 843653. THEY WERE PURSUED PHYSICALLY AND BY FIRE AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE HEAVY BUSH. AFTER LANDING IN LZ SNIPE, COMPANY B CONDUCTED 3 PLATOON SIZE PATROLS TO THE SOUTH, WEST AND NORTHWEST. 8 ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED AT COORD 940636. DURING THE EVENING COMPANY B PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE HOWTARS AND ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE AT COORD 902663. AT 1650H, COMPANY D REPORTED DISCOVERING A LARGE UNOCCUPIED CAMP SITE AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION POINT AT COORD 835644. HOWTAR FIRE WAS BROUGHT ON A SUSPECTED VC POSITION ON HILL 270, COORD 858643. COMPANY D SET IN ITS NIGHT PATROL BASE AT COORD 854643 AND A PLATOON AMBUSH SITE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 875654. TWO VC WERE KIA AT COORD 836645 AT 1700H. AT 0440H, 105mm and 155mm PREPARATION FIRES WERE LAID VICINITY COORD 892838. AT 0515H, COMPANY F (-), 2/3, EMBARKED IN AMTRACS, MOVED UP THE CA DE SONG RIVER AND LANDED AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE VILLAGE OF TRUONG DINH. A SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE COMMENCED. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 4 VC WAS RECEIVED FROM COORD 882838 AND SILENCED BY 81MM MORTAR FIRE. THIS VILLAGE SWEEP

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OUTSIDE WAS DISCOVERED. SWEEPS OF TRUONG DINH CONTINUED THROUGHOUT

DAY. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AT COORD 893833. COMPANY F SEARCHED THE AREA FROM WHICH EARLIER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECEIVED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. COLUMNIST JOSEPH ALSO VISITED COMPANY F AT TRUONG DINH AT 1515H. AT 1925H, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY F DISCOVERED A BIVOUAC AREA AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION AT COORD 882838.

BY 2333H, COMPANY F COMPLETED ITS RETURN TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER. ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY H REMAINED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER IN AN AMBUSH POSITION AT COORD 895841. THE BRIDGES AT COORD 900805 AND 899812 HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND CAN HANDLE 6X6 TRUCKS.

COMPANY K, 3/9 CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING ON THE CALIBER .45 PISTOL. COMPANY K IS ASSIGNED THE MISSION AS THE RAPID REACTION ALERT COMPANY. COMPANIES K, L AND I REMAINED IN POSITION EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL UNDERGOING GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING AND PATROLLING. A 15 MAY PATROL RETURNED AT 1930H FROM A PATROL IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY K, 3/4 WAS IN THE VICINITY OF COORD 875073 WITH SQUAD SIZE PATROLS BEING SENT OUT IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY I REMAINED ON HILL 225 DURING THE DAY. THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY WAS AT COORD 832121 WITH AN OP ESTABLISHED AT COORD 821122. COMPANIES L AND M WERE LOCATED ON THE PERIMETER OF THE PHU BAI AIRFIELD WITH LOCAL SECURITY IN PLACE. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED THROUGH 2400H. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING AND A ROAD MARCH FOR DRIVER TRAINING IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 327. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED CLASSES ON HEADSPACE AND TIMING OF MACHINE GUNS AND CURRENT EVENTS. NORMAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON TANKS WAS PERFORMED. PATROL #2 FROM COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN MOVED FROM COORD 875015 NORTHWEST TO COORD

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863827 (HILL 300) WHEN A 292 REMOTE RADIO ANTENNA WAS SET IN AND LEFT IN PLACE FOR FUTURE USE. RECON PATROLS #1 AND #2 RETURNED AT 1430H. LTCEN KRULAK PRESENTED BRONZE STAR MEDALS WITH COMBAT "V" TO 3 MEMBERS OF THE 3D MARINES: CAPT COLLINS AND PFC PABST FROM COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN AND PFC WALL FROM COMPANY B, 3D RECON BN.

CONTINUED PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED BY COMPANY B AND D, 1/3 IN THEIR ZONES OF ACTION ON 20 MAY. A SUSPECTED VC VILLAGE AT COORD 954643 WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY D AT 1045H, VICINITY COORD 835644. ONE VC WAS KIA AND ONE WAS WIA AT THIS LOCATION. SIX OTHER VC WERE SIGHTED. A NEW VC CAMP AT COORD 830642 WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. COMPANY B HAD ONE VC KIA AND TWO VC WIA AT COORD 910725. SIX ROUNDS OF 60MM INCOMING WAS RECEIVED BY COMPANY D AT COORD 854651 AT 1330H FROM A SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POSITION AT COORD 859644. 81MM MORTARS WITH COMPANY D SILENCED ANY FURTHER ENEMY MORTAR FIRE. BY 1925H, ALL UNITS OF COMPANY B AND D HAD RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA. NEGATIVE CONTACT WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT BY THE PLATOON FROM COMPANY H, 2/3, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER. AT 0500H, THE PLATOON RETURNED TO THE SOUTH BANK. DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, 2/3 WAS LOCATED IN THE LE MY AREA COORD 919822 CONDUCTING PATROLS AS FAR EAST AS HOA O, COORD 925825. OTHER PATROLS WENT WEST ALONG THE CA DE SONG RIVER ROAD TO COORD 870827. NO MINES WERE FOUND. TWO LETS REMAIN AT COORD 896827 TO MAINTAIN RIVER SECURITY. COMPANY E CONDUCTED SNIPING TEST OF THE CALIBER .50 MACHINE GUN. AT 1710H, ONE ARVN SOLDIER WORKING WITH A PATROL FROM COMPANY E WAS WOUNDED BY A HAND GRENADE THROWN FROM A HOUSE LOCATED AT COORD 915818. MARINES ENTERED THE HOUSE AND FOUND A WOMAN STANDING ON A TRAP DOOR. THE HOUSE WAS BURNED BY THE ARVN AND A MARINE FROM COMPANY E DROPPED A HAND GRENADE IN THE HOLE. UPON RE-OPENING THE TRAP DOOR 2 DEAD VC WERE FOUND WITH A CALIBER .30 AND .45 PISTOL.

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THE WOMAN WAS TURNED OVER TO THE DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR. THE .45 PISTOL AND DOCUMENTS RECOVERED FROM THE BODIES WERE RETAINED BY ^{THE ARVN} 2/3. CO COMPANY H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE TWO REPAIRED BRIDGES FROM COORD 895802. NIGHT AMBUSH SITES WERE SET IN AT COORD 906834 AND 873796. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. AT 0015H, COMPANY I, 3/4 RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY COORD 817102. THREE ROUNDS WERE RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0404H, COMPANY M RECEIVED SEVERAL MORE ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE LONG RANGE SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY COORD 887127. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. 3/4 SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY PREPARING FOR TOMORROW'S OPERATION. PLATOON SIZE NIGHT AMBUSHES WERE SET IN AT COORD 872077, 877071 AND 885076. 3/9 DISPATCHED TWO 15 MAY PATROLS INTO THE AREA WEST AND NORTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. VIETNAMESE PEOPLE VICINITY COORD 997765 WERE FRIENDLY AND LARGE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN WERE SEEN. THIS IS A DRASTIC CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS "COOL" RECEPTIONS IN THIS AREA. COMPANY I, 2/3 CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF THE CALIBER .45 PISTOL. COMPANIES K, L AND M CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING. THE BATTALION CHAPLAIN MADE HIS USUAL DAILY ORPHANAGE VISIT. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN REORGANIZED PLATOONS DUE TO AN INFLUX OF NEW PERSONNEL. THESE NEW PERSONNEL RECEIVED AN AREA INDOCTRINATION, COMMUNICATIONS CLASSES, REVIEWS OF PAST OPERATIONS AND A BRIEFING AS TO THE MISSION OF THE UNIT. PLANNING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATION CLASSES WERE HELD. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED FIRING OF THE .30 CALIBER AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS AT THE HOA CAM TRAINING AREA WITH EMPHASIS ON SNIPING WITH THE .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN. CROSS TRAINING OF TANK CREWS CONTINUES SO EACH MAN CAN MAINTAIN HIS PROFICIENCY IN ALL CREWMAN'S JOBS. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN CONDUCTED CLASSES IN MINE WARFARE AND DRIVER TRAINING. MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF VEHICLES WAS PERFORMED ALSO. COMMANDING OFFICER, 8

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3D MARINES AND STAFF PERSONNEL MADE A STAFF VISIT TO 3/4 AT PHU BAI.

1/3 CONTINUED TO PLACE PRESSURE ON THE VC ON 21 MAY. BY 0950H, COMPANY C HAD LANDED IN AND SECURED LZ ORIOLE, COORD 901662. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. COMPANY B IS STANDING BY AS THE READY REACTION FORCE. PLATOON SIZE NIGHT PATROL BASES WERE ESTABLISHED AT COORD 879688, 893678 AND 875674 AFTER A DAY OF COMBAT PATROLLING OVER AN AREA 3000 METERS SW, NE AND N OF THE LZ. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. A VILLAGE AT COORD 919667 WAS CHECK OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH VC AT 1800H WHEN THE 1ST PLATOON ADVANCED AND RETURNED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE VC BROKE AND RAN INTO THE BRUSH AND DISAPPEARED. AT 1845H, THE 3D PLATOON DESTROYED A GUERRILLA BASE CAMP AT COORD 870664. EIGHT HUTS CAPABLE OF SLEEPING 8-10 PEOPLE EACH, 15 UNIFORMS, A LARGE QUANTITY OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING, 20 BAR MAGAZINES, 20 FLASHLIGHTS AND 5 MILES OF COMMUNICATIONS WIRE WERE DESTROYED. THIS EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE TERRAIN. DOCUMENTS FOUND WERE RETURNED VIA IN TELIGENCE CHANNELS. A COMPANY BASE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 870663 AND PLATOON BASE CAMPS NEARBY. AMBUSH SITES REPORTED NO VC ACTIVITY. PATROL ACTION CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THE LE MY AREA BY 2/3. AT 1100H, A DEDICATION OF THE REPAIRED BRIDGES COMPLETE WITH A RIBBON CUTTING WAS HELD AT THE BRIDGE SITES. SPEECHES WERE MADE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICIAL, THE VILLAGE CHIEF, THE LOCAL POPULAR FORCES COMMANDER AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 2/3. ABOUT 75-100 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT. ON DISPLAY WERE THE TWO DEAD VC FROM YESTERDAY'S ACTION. AFTER THE RIBBON CUTTING THE PEOPLE WALKED ACROSS THE REPAIRED BRIDGES. THIS WAS A "LOCAL" SHOW, WITH ALL CREDIT GOING TO THE VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS. AT 1735H, THE LE MY FORT AREA WAS OCCUPIED AND AN AMBUSH SET IN BY THE 2D PLATOON AT COORD 910834 TO HALT VC RIVER CROSSING OPERATIONS. NEW PANZI TRAPS WERE FOUND AT COORD 913817, A MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT AT 917827, A SPIDER

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A SPIDER TRAP WITH 3 ENTRANCES AND SOME EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES WAS ALSO FOUND. THE LOCAL POOR PEOPLE WERE PROVIDED WITH FOOD, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SOAP. LVTS CONTINUE TO RESTRICT TRAFFIC ON THE CA DE SONG RIVER WITHOUT COMPLAINT FROM THE LOCAL POPULACE. AT 1015H, 3/9 COMPLETED ANOTHER PATROL SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS DETECTED. TRAINING IN VIETNAMESE PHRASES CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION. 3/4 EXECUTED FRAG ORDER 4-65 TODAY. ELEMENTS OF COMPANY K AND I WERE HELILIFTED INTO GRID SQUARE 8006 TO CONDUCT SNEEP OPERATIONS. HELICOPTERS ON THE FIRST WAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS OF LONG RANGE SNIPER FIRE FROM ENEMY POSITIONS WEST OF THE RIVER. NO DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED AND NO VC SIGHTED OR FURTHER ENEMY ACTION REPORTED DURING THE OPERATION. AN OVERLAND RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE REMAINDER OF COMPANY K ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE FREE ZONE TO LOCATE ANY TRAILS INTO THE JUNGLE. NUMEROUS TRAILS WERE FOUND BUT NO VC ACTIVITY NOTED. WRITTEN MATERIAL LOCATED IS BEING FORWARDED VIA INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS. 3/4'S RECON PLATOON ESTABLISHED OPS AT COORD 816091 AND 816105 TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION. BATTERY 1, 3/12 DISPLACED TO COORD 875123. COMPANY K WAS HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BATTALION CP AT 1420H. COMPANY I MOVED TO COORD 849086, 833120 AND 840255. NIGHT AMBUSHES WERE SET IN AT 833120 AND 840255. AT ABOUT 2400 IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN AM/TPS-21 PICKED UP A MOVING COLUMN 70 METERS LONG AT COORD 853058. ARTILLERY FIRE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. 3/9 CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND TRAINING IN VIETNAMESE PHRASES. A PATROL TO THE SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRBASE HAD NO VC CONTACT. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED CLASSES ON MAP READING, PATROL TECHNIQUES, WARNING ORDERS, PATROL ORDERS, PATROL COMPOSITION AND PATROL TIPS AS A REVIEW AND TO INDOCTRINATE NEW PERSONNEL. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED A ROAD RECONNAISSANCE UTILIZING TWO M38A1 VEHICLES FROM COORD 979725 TO COORD 96775 VIA COORD 949707, 899774 AND 929795. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS

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ROUTE CAN HANDLE TRACKED VEHICLES WITH MINOR REPAIRS WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF THE UNIT. CROPS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE DAMAGED. THE SHIPING SCHOOL CONTINUES WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS UP TO 1500 METERS. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK IS CONDUCTING MAINTENANCE ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES. A DRIVING EXERCISE IN THE HILL 327 AREA WAS ALSO CONDUCTED. LTCOL THUCGEMONTON AND MAJGEN COLINS VISITED 3/4 AT PHU BAI, THE 3D MAINLINE CP AND 2/3 IN THE LE MY VICINITY. AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER VALLEY TO COORD 820860 WAS MADE BY THE CO OF THE TANK AND ANTI-TANK COMPANIES, THE AMTRAC PL TOWN COMMANDER, THE S-3, S-3A AND S-4 OFFICERS TO DETERMINE THE USABILITY OF THE RIVER FOR AMTRAC OPERATIONS AND THE ROAD NET ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RIVER FOR TANKS AND ONTOS. THIS RECON INDICATED AMTRAC OPERATIONS ARE POSSIBLE TO COORD 852853. THE ROAD NET WILL SUPPORT TANKS AND ONTOS IF BRIDGES AT COORD 857841 AND 881826 CANNOT SUPPORT THESE VEHICLES THEY CAN BE BY-PASSED.

CONTINUED PRESSURE ON THE VC WAS MAINTAINED IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TRAC BY 1/3 ON 22 MAY. PLATOON SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED TOWARD COORD 915687. COMPANY A RELIEVED COMPANY C IN THE AREA AT 1415H AND ESTABLISHED A COMPANY PATROL BASE IN GRID SQUARE 9068. PLATOON PATROL BASES WILL BE ESTABLISHED NEARBY. AT 1615H, VICINITY COORD 887694, 4 VC WERE SPOTTED. A PATROL FIRED ONE ROUND AND THEY LFED. NIGHT AMBUSHES WERE SET IN VICINITY COORD 883688. NO VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED. 2/3 WAS OCCUPIED THIS MORNING ON PATROLS IN THE LE MY AREA AND IN FILLING IN TRENCH FORTIFICATIONS. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. NIGHT AMBUSHES WILL BE SET IN AT COORD 908830, 873815 AND IN THE FLATS EAST OF LE MY. THE VALUE OF "WINNING OVER" THE LE MY VILLAGERS WAS APPARENT AT 1740H WHEN A VILLAGER TOLD COMPANY E THAT A HAND GRENADE BOOBY TRAP WAS ENPLACED IN THE LVT POL **CONFIDENTIAL** WAS FOUND AND DESTROYED. 3/4 CONDUCTED AN AREA SEARCH WITH NEGATIVE

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VC CONTACT. COMPANY C, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. THE TERRAIN IN THE AREA CHECKED WILL SUPPORT TRACKED VEHICLES. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. AT 1330H, A NAPALM STRIKE DESTROYED GROUND COVER ON A RIDGE LINE FROM HILL 174 TO 222, GRID SQUARES 8205 AND 8305. COMPANY K WAS HELILIFTED TO COORD 866069 WHERE A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED. PLATOON SIZE PATROLS AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE FREE ZONE. COMPANY I CONTINUES TO OPERATE PLATOON SIZE PATROLS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED UNTIL 1415H WHEN A MINE CLEARING DETAIL WAS FIRED ON AT COORD 818129. FOUR VC WERE PURSUED AND 2 KIA WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO GO INTO AMBUSH. ONE OF THE 2 OTHERS WAS HIT BUT BOTH GOT AWAY. A SEARCH OF THE AREA CONTINUES. TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND A CALIBER .38 PISTOL WERE FOUND ON THE DEAD VC. 3/9 CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING AND CALIBER .45 PISTOL FAMILIARIZATION FIRING. A PATROL TO THE SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRBASE HAD NO VC CONTACT. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED CLASSES IN SCOUTING AND PATROLLING AND M-14, FAMILIARIZATION FIRING WITH ATTENTION TO BATTLE SIGHTS. A FIREX WAS CONDUCTED BY COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN AT HOA CAM USING .30 AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS WITH EMPHASIS ON AREA TARGET FIRING FOR RAPID REACTION TYPE SITUATIONS. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN CONDUCTED DRIVER TRAINING, A FIREX, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND A CLASS ON THE UCMJ.

DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THE 3D MARINES SUFFERED 1 KIA AND 10 MIA OF WHICH ONLY 2 WERE SERIOUS.

^{THU} EIGHT VC WERE KILLED (CONFIRMED) AND THREE WOUNDED (CONFIRMED) WITH ONE PROBABLE MIA AND ONE VCC.

2. ADMINISTRATION

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS - THERE WERE FIVE VISITS BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS THIS WEEK.

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B. VISITS BY VIPS - LTJEN KNUKAX AND LTJEN TIBOCKMORTON VISITED THE THIRD MARINES.

C. SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROJECTS - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS CONTINUE TO VISIT THE LOCAL VILLAGES WITH GOOD RESULTS. ENGINEERS REPAIRED TWO BRIDGES NEAR LE MT.

D. COMMAND CHANGE - NO CHANGE.

E. UNUSUAL INCIDENTS - NONE.

F. DISCIPLINE AND MORALE - NO PROBLEMS CONCERNING DISCIPLINE. MORALE CONTINUES HIGH.

G. STRENGTHS -

	OFFUSMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HQ CO 3D MAR	21	142	8	2
CO A, 3D TK BN	5	103	0	4
CO A, 3D AT BN	4	70	0	1
CO D, 3D RECON BN	4	64	0	3
1/3	40	980	3	48
2/3	41	965	3	44
3/9	45	942	4	51
ELI 3/4	56	1296	10	62
TOTAL	216	4562	20	222

3. LOGISTICS

SUN. 15 MAY - 41 OF 123 M-274 VEHICLES AND 26 OF 110 M-422 VEHICLES IN THIS COMMAND ARE DEADLINED AS OF THIS DATE. THE WATER POINT NEAR THE 3D MARINES CP IS AGAIN OPERATIONAL.

TUE. 18 MAY - ONE NON-BATTLE CASUALTY WAS EVACUATED BY AIR.

WED. 19 MAY - THE DISTRIBUTION OF ICE REMAINS A PROBLEM. POTABLE ICE FOR MESSHALL USE IS BARELY ADEQUATE BUT THE SUPPLY OF NON-POTABLE ICE FOR COOLING IS INADEQUATE. ONE WIA AND 3 NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES WERE

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EVACUATED BY AIR. ONE VC KIA WAS EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA NANG.

THU. 20 MAY - DEADLINE COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT REPORTS WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED BI-MONTHLY. THE NEW JUNGLE UTILITY UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL UNITS WITHIN THIS REOT EXCEPT 3D BN, 4TH MAR.

ONE KIA, TWO WIA AND FOUR NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY AIR.

TWO VC KIA WERE EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL, DA NANG.

FRI. 21 MAY - ONE WIA WAS EVACUATED BY AIR AND ONE NON-BATTLE CASUALTY WAS EVACUATED BY VEHICLE.

SAT. 22 MAY - 31 OF 123 M-27 VEHICLES AND 21 OF 110 M-422 VEHICLES IN THIS COMMAND ARE DEADLINED AS OF THIS DATE.

4. COMMUNICATIONS. NO CHANGE.

5. PLANS. NO CHANGE.

6. MISCELLANEOUS. NONE.

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY 230000H MAY 65 - 291600H MAY 65

1. OPERATIONS

A. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THE REGIMENT CONTINUED TO DEFEND THE DA NANG COMPLEX AND THE HUE PHU BAI AREA. IN ADDITION TO THESE STATIC DEFENSES, AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES OCCURRED ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE TAOB: HELILIFTED REINFORCED RIFLE COMPANIES MAINTAINED PRESSURE ON THE VC IN THE SOUTHERN, WESTERN AND NORTHERN SECTORS BY CONDUCTING SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS, COMBAT/RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS, VILLAGE SWEEPS, DAY AND NIGHT AMBUSHES AND SECURITY OPERATIONS. CONTROL OVER THE LE MY AREA AND THE CA DE SONG RIVER CONTINUES TO BE MAINTAINED. IN THE HUE PHU BAI AREA, PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED IN THE TAOB AND "FREE ZONE" (NOW INCLUDED IN THE TAOB) AND NIGHTLY AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED. THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES ALSO INCLUDE A RIVER OPERATION ON THE CA DE SONG, UTILIZING LVT'S. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED BY ALL UNITS.

B. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

(1) 1/3. COMPANY A LOCATED TWO VC AT COORD 851682 IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOB AT 1010H ON 23 MAY. UPON BEING SIGHTED THEY FLED INTO HEAVY BRUSH AND DROPPED PAGES CONTAINING DRUGS, OVERLAYS, DIARIES, DOCUMENTS, UNDELIVERED LETTERS AND CIVILIAN CLOTHING. COMBAT PATROL OPERATIONS CONTINUED DURING THE DAY AND NIGHT AMBUSHES WERE SET IN WITH NO FURTHER CONTACT. AT 1037H, ON THE 24TH, COMPANY A WAS HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BATTALION AREA AND COMPANY B LIFTED INTO COORD 878692 TO CONTINUE COMBAT/RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OPERATIONS. PLATOON SIZE PATROLS MOVED ALONG PARALLEL ROUTES TO THE SOUTH. FIVE TO SEVEN VC EMPLOYING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND 60MM MORTARS WERE ENGAGED AT COORD 895485. RETURNED SMALL ARMS AND 3.1 ROCKED FIRE DROVE THE VC OFF AND PATROLLING CONTINUED. VILLAGERS REPORTED THAT SIX DAYS AGO THE VC SET UP A LOUD-SPEAKER VICINITY COORD 878699 AND WARNED THEM TO STAY OFF TRAILS BECAUSE THEY WERE BEING MINED. PATROL BASES WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THE NIGHT AT COORD 886449 AND 861667 WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. AT 1050, ON THE 25TH, TWO VC WERE SPOTTED AND KIA BEFORE THEY COULD GET A SHOT OFF AT COORD 899668. ANOTHER VC WAS KIA AT COORD 898699 AT 1135H AND FOUND KIA AT COORD 899660 AT 1255H. A VC CAMP WAS DISCOVERED AT COORD 815634 AND THREE VC WITH WEAPONS WERE SEEN RUNNING IN THIS AREA. PATROLLING SEARCH AND CLEARING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND ANOTHER VC CAMP LOCATED AT COORD 899662. TWO ARMED RE-1B RAN A STRIKE AT THIS LOCATION. PLATOON SIZE PATROLS BASES AND NIGHT AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT VC CONTACT. BY 1715H, ON THE 26TH, COMPANY D HAD REPLACED COMPANY B AT COORD 902684 AND MOVED TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST. AT 1930H, VICINITY COORD 950664, SNIPER FIRE WAS SILENCED BY RETURN FIRE. MORE SNIPER WAS RECEIVED AT COORD 935663 AT 2015H AND SILENCED BY SMALL ARMS

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AND 3.5 ROCKET FIRE. PATROL BASES AND NIGHT AMBUSH SITES REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. VILLAGE AND AREA SWEEPS COMMENCED ON THE 27TH. ONE MARINE WAS KIA BY SNIPER FIRE AT 0830H, VICINITY COORD 965661. A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT WITH VC ACROSS THE SONG YEN RIVER LEFT TWO VC KIA AND TWO KIA. MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS WERE ENCOUNTERED AT COORD 900700, WOUNDING ONE MARINE AT 1628H AND ANOTHER AT 1650H. A COMPANY PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE NIGHT AT COORD 899703 AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES SET IN WITHOUT VC CONTACT. AREA SWEEPS TO THE WEST CONTINUED ON THE 28TH. A VCS WAS PICKED UP AT COORD 888705 AT 0750H. THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC, COORD 872708, WAS SWEEPED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND A VC PATROL BASE CHECKED AT COORD 860707. THREE RIVER BOATS WERE STOPPED AT 1115H ON THE SONG TUY LOAN AT COORD 874708. THE CARGO AND CREWS PAPERS CHECKED OUT. COMPANY D RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA VIA HELICOPTER AT 1700H. WHILE THIS OPERATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED, SECURITY OF HILL 327 - HILL 268 CONTINUED AND READY REACTION FORCES MAINTAINED. NO PATROLS OR OPERATIONS WERE PLANNED FOR 29 MAY.

(2) 2/3. NIGHT AMBUSH SITES SET IN WEST OF LE MY AND ALONG THE CA DE SONG RIVER HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT. COMPANY E SUFFERED ONE MARINE KIA FROM A BOOBY TRAP WHILE CONSTRUCTING A FOOTBRIDGE VICINITY COORD 897826. THE BOOBY TRAP WAS SET IN A BAMBOO GROVE AND THE INJURY OCCURRED DURING A SEARCH FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. TWO LVT'S CONTINUE TO CONTROL RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE CA DE SONG. COMPANY H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BRIDGES AT COORD 900805 AND 899812. DURING THE NIGHT 23-24 MAY, COMPANY H ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH SITE AT COORD 891805 SOUTH OF LE MY. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY E COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOT BRIDGE AT COORD 900827. ON 25 MAY, A TWO COMPANY SWEEP OPERATION OF THE NAM YEN PHO NAM THUONG HA VILLAGE COMPLEX BEGAN. AT 0327H, COMPANY E MOVED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER. AT 0430H, FIVE AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS ENTERED THIS RIVER AT COORD 896828 AND ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM COORD 864843 TO 863853. AT 0625H, AFTER ARTILLERY PREPARATION FIRES LIFTED, THE FIRST WAVE OF COMPANY F WAS HELILIFTED TO COORD 842859 AND THE SWEEP OF NAM YEN BEGAN. COMPANY F (-) WAS LIFTED TO COORD 848860 AND ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION. NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES, TRENCHES AND BUNKERS WERE LOCATED. AT 0744H, THE NAM YEN SWEEP WAS COMPLETE AND COMPANY E BEGAN A SWEEP OF PHO NAM THUONG HA SUPPORTED BY COMPANY F FROM NAM YEN. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS MADE AND AT 1350H COMPANY F MOVED BY AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CA DE SONG. COMPANY E THEN MOVED TO COORD 861842 AND CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS. AT 1919H, 6 INEFFECTIVE SNIPER ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED AT COORD 854853. ONE MARINE WAS LATER KIA AT 2025H BY A SNIPER ROUND. MOVEMENT BACK TO THE LE MY FORT WAS COMPLETED AT 0436H ON THE 26TH. ONE PLATOON (-) WAS DROPPED OFF DURING THIS MOVE AND SET IN AT COORD 848827 AT 1410H. THIS LAYOUT GROUP ENCOUNTERED NO VC DURING THE NIGHT AND CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS. AT 0930H ON THE 27TH, THEY SIGHTED 10 VC AT COORD 851818 WHO IMMEDIATELY DISPERSED INTO THE UNDERBUSH. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE PLATOON OPERATED IN LE MY DURING THE DAY WITHOUT INCIDENT AND THE TWO LVT'S CONTINUED TO CONTROL RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE CA DE SONG AT LE MY. SQUAD SIZE PATROLS FROM COMPANY G OPERATED IN GRID SQUARES 8781 AND 8780 AND FROM COORD 900806 TO THE VILLAGE OF KIEN KIEN, COORD 912785. LOCAL AMBUSH SITES REPORTED NO VC ACTIVITY DURING THE NIGHT AND 81MM H&I FIRES WERE PLACED IN GRID SQUARE 8983. PATROL EFFORTS ON THE 28TH AND 29TH CONTINUED WITH EMPHASIS TO THE WEST.

(3) 3/2. DAILY FOOT PATROLS CONTINUED AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THESE PATROLS ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL FORCES LIAISON PERSONNEL HAD NO VC CONTACT. AT 0725H, ON 26 MAY, THE FIRST ELEMENTS OF COMPANY L (REIN) WERE HALILIFTED TO COORD 853778 IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOB. PATROL AND SNAKE OPERATIONS COMMENCED TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE LZ. AT 1125H, THE VILLAGE OF NOKIA TRUNG, COORD 849778, ONLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE SEEN. VILLAGERS REPORTED 12 VC PASSED THROUGH THIS AREA ON THE 29TH. NO KENNY CONTACT WAS REPORTED. PATROL ACTIVITY CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THE VILLAGE OF HOA MY AT COORD 849796 ON THE MAP COULD NOT BE LOCATED. A VILLAGE AT 849786 WAS ALSO SWEEP WITHOUT INCIDENT. A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 884777 AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES SET IN ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH. AT 0800H, ON THE 27TH, A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 851764. NO VC WERE ENCOUNTERED DURING THE DAY WHEN THE VILLAGE OF DONG SON, COORD 858762, SWEEP WITH ALL FOUND IN ORDER. TWO PANJI TRAPS WERE LOCATED NEARBY AND DESTROYED. A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 858747. ON 28 MAY, THE VILLAGE OF MY SON, COORD 877764, WAS SEARCHED. PLATOON SIZE PATROLS FANNED OUT THROUGHOUT THE AREA. A VC CAME AREA AT COORD 862747 WAS INVESTIGATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWO MORE PANJI TRAPS WERE DESTROYED AT COORD 864733. ON THE MORNING OF 29 MAY, COMPANY L SHIFTED LOCATION OF ITS PATROL BASE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND CONTINUED PATROLLING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

(4) 3/4. DEFENSE OF THE HUE PHU BAY COMPLEX CONTINUED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. SQUAD SIZE NIGHT AMBUSH SITES WERE SET IN THE TAOB EVERY NIGHT WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT EXCEPT FOR SNIPER ROUNDS RECEIVED AT COORD 818122 AT 0736H ON 23 MAY AND AT 2208H ON 24 MAY, WHEN 8-10 VC FIRED ON COMPANY K FROM COORD 895148. AS COMPANY K MOVED ON THE OFFENSE THE VC DISAPPEARED. ARTILLERY HAI FIRES CONTINUED TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR. DAYLIGHT PATROLLING OF THE TAOB WAS CONDUCTED WITH SOME PATROLS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ATTACHED TANK PLATOON

(5) COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN. AT 0630H, A PATROL DEPARTED FOR A TWO DAY PATROL TO THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOB. AT 1030H, VICINITY COORD 866759, NUMEROUS NEW DIGGINGS AND PANJI TRAPS WERE DISCOVERED. ONE SNIPER HOUND WAS RECEIVED AT THIS VICINITY BUT THE SNIPER COULD NOT BE LOCATED. AT 1800H, 23 MAY, COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN WAS DETACHED FROM GPOON 3D MARINES (-) (REIN).

(6) COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN. AT 2120H, 23 MAY, THREE MINUTES OF SEARCH LIGHT ILLUMINATION WAS PROVIDED TO COMPANY B, 1/3 IN GRID SQUARES 9875. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED. ON 26 MAY, A 12 MAN MOTOR PATROL IN M38A1 VEHICLES MADE A RECONNAISSANCE INTO THE CENTER OF THE TAOB, TO LOCATE AND DIAGRAM AREAS FOR TANK AND ANTI-TANK FIRING RANGES ON THE EASTERN SLOPE OF HILL 393.

(7) COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN. EMPLOYMENT OF ONTOS IN 2/3'S OPERATION ON 25 MAY WAS THWARTED BY A ROAD WASHOUT. THE ONTOS WAS UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE WASHOUT AND WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO THE LE MY FORT AREA.

C. STATISTICS

(1) OPERATIONS BY UNIT

(A) 1/3 - 3

(B) 2/3 - 1

(C) 3/9 - 1

(D) 3/4 - 0

(2) PATROLS, BY SIZE

(A) PLATOON - 14

(B) SQUAD - 50

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) FRIENDLY - 5 WIA

(B) ENEMY - 7 KIA, 4 WIA, 15 VCC/S

(A) WEAPONS CAPTURED - 6

(5) ARTILLERY (BATTERY 1, 3/12)

(A) MISSIONS FIRED - 53

(B) ROUNDS EXPENDED - 279

2. TRAINING

A. GENERAL STATEMENT OF TRAINING ACCOMPLISHED. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN AND COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN CONDUCTED LIVE FIRING, FORMATION AND COMBAT DRIVING AND GUNNERY DRILL. THESE UNITS AND INFANTRY UNITS NOT COMMITTED TO OPERATIONS AND PATROLS CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS CLASSES, PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND TRAINING IN VIETNAMESE PHRASES.

B. TRAINING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. INADEQUATE RANGE FACILITIES ARE PRESENT FOR FAMILIARIZATION FIRING.

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TIME	UT	SEC	DTC	INCIDENT, EMB GMS, 3RD AFB	S-STATUS
0010		1		Fr 3/9: Two shots fired at coord 016754.	S
0655		2		Fr 2/3: Will start pulling "G" Co back to its permanent position at 0700.	S
0700		3		Radio call signs and frequencies changed.	S
0730		4		Fr 2/3: Co G back in CP area.	S
0735		5		Fr 3/9: The security element at Red Beach will be secured today and will not be replaced. Word came from Shore Party.	S
0820		6		Fr 3/9: Patrol departed 0815.	S
1800		7		Fr 3/9: Patrol at return point at 1830.	S
2150	2000	8		Daily SitRep Submit to 9th AFB.	S
		9		Fr 3/9: Company I reports a mine was set off at check point #8. One man was hurt in left arm; has been evac to DAS, time 2310; WIA returned to duty.	S
2328		10		Regt SWBD operation reports line to 3/9 is out.	S
2335		11		Regt CommO recommended 3/9 guard. Regt TAC constantly as of 2400 due to entry above.	S
020230		12		Fr 3/9: Reported that dog set off mine.	S
0725		13		Fr 2/3: Squire E moving out of CP area.	S
0828		14		Fr 1/3: Patrol at dismount point, commencing patrol.	S
0900		15		Fr 2/3: E Co under small arms fire, advancing fire and maneuver vic coordinates 915816. Fire coming from vicinity 913818.	S
0921		16		Fr 2/3: Echo continuing on patrol. Harrassing firing ceased, apparently sniper.	S
0931		17		Fr 3/9: Patrol departed.	S
0943		18		Fr 2/3: Echo o casualty from Panji trap. Process of being evacuated. Spike through foot.	S
1120		19		Fr 3/9: Patrol at return point.	S
1121		20		Fr 2/3: Patrol receive small arms fire at 1112 vic 898813. Patrol is adv by fire and maneuver, to village at these coord.	S

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TIME	UT	SEC	DTC	INCIDENT, OBS OBS, OLD OBS	STAFF
1216	:	21	:	Fr 3dMar: Counter attack exercise for this afternoon has been cancelled.	S
1300	:	22	:	Fr 3/4: Accidental discharge wounded 2 people, not evac.	S
1310	:	23	:	Fr 1/3: Patrol 55m E of POR. Various smoke and personnel sighted past hour.	S
1507	:	24	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol has moved out.	S
1635	:	25	:	Fr 1/3: Patrol has returned to CP.	S
1730	:	26	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol crossed RP at 1703.	S
1900	:	27	:	Daily SitRep submitted to 9thMEB	S
2000	:	28	:	Fr 3/9: Staff Duty Officer (NCO) reports a Marine at Check Point 4 (015745) heard a ticking noise inside an empty fuel pad.	S
2130	:	29	:	Fr 2/3: Spotted 6 people at coord 948768. They ducked and ran into woods.	S
2320	:	30	:	Fr 3/9: M Co reported one flare SE check point 5. Approx coord 012729, looks like a rifle illumination grenade.	S
2335	:	31	:	Fr 3/9: L Co heard 1 shot report 500 yds NW check point 19, approx coordinates 001776.	S
2400	:	32	:	Journal Closed.	S
	:		:	Summary of operation for period 1-2 May 1965.	
	:		:	Scattered firings reported during the hours of darkness. 12/1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 conducted patrols during the period. Received scattered sniper fire, one man WIA from rifle fire, one man WIA from panji stick. Patrols returned without unusual incidents.	

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3RD BRIGADE

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TIME	UT	NO	DATE	INCIDENT, AREA, COMMENTS	STATUS
0415		1		Fr 3/4: At 0350 at coord 877130 one individual was challenged and said something unintelligible. The individual fired one shot and two illumination grenades were thrown. Two shots were fired at the person. Unidentified person ran off to the south. No further contact as yet.	S
0720		2		Fr 2/3: Squire Golf patrol departed at 0655.	S
0810	0810	3		Fr 3/9: Patrol reach LP 0805.	S
		4		To 9th AFB: Artillery preparation of LZ commenced.	12MB
0908		5		Fr 2/3: Squire Gold Patrol sweeping through village of Tang Son, one round sniper fire at 0905.	S
0915		6		Fr 1/3: Burke patrol 1st wave landing at 0901 at LZ Max Wing. Last round of artillery prep at 0858.	S
1003		7		Fr 1/3: Lift off of A complete at 0945.	S
1011		8		Fr 1/3: Patrol has arrived at blocking point Delta.	S
1059		9		Fr 1/3: Patrol "C" received sniper fire.	S
1107		10		Fr 1/3: Patrol "C" searching village sniper was received from.	S
1130		11		Fr 3/9: Bobcat Patrol is in.	S
1150		12		Fr 1/3: The village that fired on "C" is now on fire and it appears it will be destroyed.	S
1200		13		Fr 2/3: Patrol Golf now at patrol base coord 885806.	S
1215		14		Fr 1/3: M79 or hand grenade started fired in village. Missile flashes were seen from 3 weapons. One MIA, no evacuation needed.	S
1305		15		Fr 3/9: Exercise counter attack has commenced.	S
1306		16		Fr 2/3: "G" reports sniper fire vicinity 885820.	S
1340		17		Fr 12MB: Now executing OpPlan (Counter Attack) drill.	S
1450		18		Fr 3/9: Airfield exercise is secured.	S

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3RD MARINES
9TH MEB

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TIME	LT	VC	DTG	INCIDENT, REMARKS, ETC.	S-STATUS
1501		19		Fr 1/3: Burke "A" & "C" patrols have effected the juncture.	S
1730		20		Fr 2/3: "G" reports 2 new trenches vicinity 889830 and 884833. I man in uniform seen in trench at 889830.	S
1850		21		Fr 2/3: "G" engagin 3-4 VC in front of their position, coord 885823.	S
1855		22		Fr 1/3: "Z" patrol at 878718 receiving sniper fire.	S
2030		23		Fr 2/3: Estimated squad of VC in combat base for Company "G" tonight.	S
2035		24		Fr 2/3: VC squad has moved out of obj and Company "G" is moving toward its night patrol base.	S
2103		25		Fr 2/3: Main body of Company C leaving combat base for combat base E-43.	S
2336		26		Fr 3/4: Southwestern portion around compound as light probe at 2220 and grew into good fire fight. One grenade thrown by VC. Believe one wounded VC. Coord 885128. Firing illumination with reaction force ready. No friendly casualties.	S
2400		27		Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 3 May 1965. Scattered sniper fire received during the night. 1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 patrolled in their T.M.R. One friendly MIA. Village set on fire during brief fire fight. 3/9 participated in counter attack drill.	S

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3RD M. LINES

9TH MEB

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TIME	UT	SEC	DTG	REPORT	STAFF
0020	:	1	:	Fr 3/4: Patrol is out after ten unidentified people, coordinates 890133. Enemy broke contact at approximately 2340. No casualties.	S
0145	:	2	:	Fr 3/4: Final report received 12 rounds small arms fire, no casualties. Fire returned, 12 to 14 unknown persons, suspect wounding of 1 VC.	S
0505	:	3	:	Fr 3/4: Patrol from K Co received a few rounds of sniper fire at 0430 and 0440 vic 870131 and 880120. Fire came from vic 873127. Estimated size of enemy 3 or 4 persons. Patrol moving out of area, no further contact.	S
0635	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: SitRep A Co now leaving position.	S
0610	:	5	:	Fr 3/4: 3 shots fired at Mike OP #1 876148 at 0530, 14 shots returned, no casualties, location of shots unknown.	S
0705	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: Co E left CP at 0705. Co G in blocking position at 0700.	S
0714	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: Recovered one dead VC	S
0840	:	8	:	Fr 3/9: At 0835 Lima Co Martin patrol crossed IP.	S
0845	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: At 0835, man from E patrol was shot in stomach at coordinates 915810. Man is being evac. 3d Plt Co E received sniper fire and has moved out into the attack at coordinates 916818.	S
0847	:	10	:	Fr 2/3: CO 2/3 now moving the entire company into the attack at coordinates 916818.	S
0902	:	11	:	Fr 3/9: Kilo Cobra has reached its position on Red Beach.	S
0918	:	12	:	Fr 1/3: Patrol A in same position. Searching village of Hoi-Wuc.	S
0920	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: Sporadic firing at E Co. 913817. Demo teams blowing obstacles and bunkers. Tanks deployed at assigned objective.	S
0941	:	14	:	Fr 2/3: 2d & 3d plt have moved through the village to the north. 1st platoon is searching & clearing village and destroying bunkers. Have blown 3 already.	S

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Coordinates 910817.

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TIME	LT	SEC	DATE	REPORT	STATUS
1047		15		Fr 1/9: A Co, we are sending 3 VCC-VCS on helo.	S
1115		16		Fr 2/3: SitRep fr E Co: Working through villages. Encountered small arms fire vic 904825. Mortar round launched in village, 1 house burning. Have ARVN troops and liaison personnel with E Co.	S
1125		17		Fr 2/3: E Co under fire at coord 907825. Am maneuvering.	S
1154		18		Fr 2/3: Air support on station, for possible strike in boat river. Helo in area for evacuation.	S
1200		19		Fr 2/3: Head and leg wound, casualty has been evac. E Co still in fire fight at last coordinates.	S
1204		20		Fr 2/3: F-4's made several passes along south shore line of river. Believe people there trying to get aboard boats. E Co holding while air strike under way.	S
1251		21		Fr 2/3: CO hold E Co to move from 902826. Move out on island round up all people. Have wounded several VC.	S
1458		22		Fr 2/3: Ait strike is ended. Reports one large and two small boats sunk.	S
1532		23		From MEB: DaNang Special Sector reported 1 platoon of VC at 900830 at LEMY.	S
1635		24		Fr 2/3: One WIA Marine at 874814. Frag grenade, helo on the way.	S
1810		25		Fr 2/3: E Co is at CP.	S
1822		26		Fr 3/9: Patrol back at 1810.	S
1943		27		Fr 3/9: At 1800 at CP "D" found Vietnamese soldier attempting to leave compound with suspected U.S. classified documents. Have called Air Police and are on way. Will inform.	S
2020		28		Fr 2/3: Popular forces reported VC carrying away 2 bodies and 3 WIA after E Co passed through area. Also believe killed some VC in bunkers on north side of river with 3.5 rockets.	S

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3RD M BONES

9TH M

OPENED 0001 5 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	SEC	DTC	ICD, T, E, G, S, C, D, J, S	S-STAFF
0706	:	1	:	Fr 1/3: "C" enroute to landing zone Duck. "A" 1700 meters west of check point 15.	S
0720	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: "E" departed CP for patrol at 0700.	S
0818	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: Cadillac patrol crossed IP at 0715.	S
0855	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: "C" has arrived at landing zone. Back on air, landing zone secured.	S
0857	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: "E" has captured suspected VC at 908819. Evacuate him to 885823. Has leg wound.	S
0910	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: "G" location 899818, moving into assembly area. "E" moving into blocking position.	S
0932	:	7	:	Fr 1/3: "C" engaged approximately 15 VC vicinity Hill 270. 2 VC KIA.	S
0945	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: Man stepped on mine. Both injured. Evacuation on way, from Company "C".	S
1008	:	9	:	Fr MEB: 604th Reg Force located in Loc Hoa.	S
1025	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: 3 VC KIA total w/weapons.	S.
1030	:	11	:	Fr 1/3: Fire mission coordinates 878679. Target is VC area. Enemy close, will adjust.	S
1034	:	12	:	Fr Recon: 2 VC seen coord 867837.	S
1045	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: "E" in position. "G" has commenced sweep. Tanks in position.	S
1130	:	14	:	Fr RegtCO: Total VC KIA in 1/3 operation is 7.	S
1145	:	15	:	Fr 2/3: "G" reports receiving small arms fire to their front.	S
1220	:	16	:	Fr 1/3: Total KIA is 4.	S
1235	:	17	:	Fr 1/3: Patrol has 1 WIA from either booby traps or mine. Evacuation is being arranged.	S
1346	:	18	:	Fr 1/3: WIA was a fragmentation wound in right arm. Condition good.	S
1445	:	19	:	Fr 1/3: SitRep, Co A(-) linked with Co C at LZ, sweeping Hill 270 with one platoon. A Co CC 600 meters west of blocking position. C Co consolidating LZ vic 878785.	S

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9TH FEB

TIME	UT	LOC	DTG	INCIDENT, ENCOUNTER, OTHER	S-STAFF
1521	:	20	:	Fr 3/9: "L" patrol has crossed IP.	S
1623	:	21	:	Fr 2/3: "E" is now at CP.	S
1740	:	22	:	Fr 2/3: "G" Co remains at his position, no change.	S
1805	:	23	:	Fr 2/3: SitRep-E Co patrol departed this CP at 0700. 1 suspected VC captured at 0850. E Co had one WIA at 0927. G Co commenced sweep at 1035. E Co returned to BnCP at 1640.	S
1808	:	24	:	Fr 1/3: A Co is back at their position.	S
1823	:	25	:	Fr 2/3: Recon A encountered 4 VC at coord 883833. Confirmed 3 VC evacuated from target area. One VC was seen being carried from target area.	S
2105	:	26	:	Fr 2/3: At 2105 3 local ambush parties are out. No contact as of yet.	S
2400	:	27	:	Journal Closed.	S
	:		:	Summary of operations for period of 5 May 1965.	
	:		:	All battalions sent out patrols during this period. They received scattered sniper fire. 1/3 accounted for seven VC KIA and estimate 3 VC WIAs. Several friendly WIAs reported. 2/3 established a patrol base and will remain out over night.	

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OPENED 0001 6 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	REF	LOC	INCIDENT, EMERGENCY, WEATHER	S-STAFF
0045	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: Out post on Hill 278 reported 2 rounds rifle fire. Req approved for illumination.	S
0140	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: At 2015, one recon group saw 14 VC, at 2230 another group saw 10 more. Total of 80 all day. One voice heard about 0030.	S
0535	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: Compound sentry rec'd fire from roof tops in Tong Vu Su, returned fire.	S
0825	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: One platoon "C" moving 1000 meters south parallel with route Vegas. Rest of company at base camp.	S
0846	:	5	:	Fr 3/9: Cadillac Panther at Int'l Point at 0830. At Check Point P at 0840.	S
1000	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: Company D receiving small arms ricochets from Hoa Cam area.	S
1245	:	7	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at return point.	S
1247	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: Patrol #1 is still out. Patrols 2 and 3 back. No contact.	S
1342	:	9	:	Fr 1/3: "C" is back in area.	S
1600	:	10	:	Chopped to Operational Control 3dMarDiv effective 061800H.	
1855	:	11	:	Fr 3/4: Received small arms fire, 12 rounds at 1732. 4 men ran from TAO. Fire came from 826129. Req ARVN troops to fire, as of yet they have not. Company CO thinks one man fell, Will inform.	
2055	:	12	:	Fr Tanks: Until further notice or until more light blubs can be obtained, tanks cannot give any more illumination.	S
2100	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: "G" situation same. Night ambushes out.	S
2400	:	14	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 6 May 65.	
	:		:	All battalions had patrols out. No significant contact.	

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TIME	UT	SEC	LOC	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
0105	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: Reported they shot off 2 rounds mortar illuminations up towards 2/3 outpost.	S
0220	:	2	:	Fr 3/9: Reported 10 shots fired fast at 345 degrees azimuth out from 3dPlt, LCo. Coordinates of person hearing shots 0078.	S
0753	:	3	:	Fr 1/3: Bravo company leaving departure area 0747H.	S
0820	:	4	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol crossed IP at 0815.	S
0852	:	5	:	Fr 1/3: Patrol at 882768.	S
0915	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: Point of B patrol set off mine at check point 32. No casualties. Appears to be home-made type.	S
1034	:	7	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol is at Rally Point at 1030.	S
1115	:	8	:	Fr 1/3: Still at check point 32. Found suitcase and other items. Negative report on mines. Have one VC suspect.	S
1250	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: Company G reports both patrols have returned to base camp. No contact.	S
1505	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: Previously reported VC suspect released. Sure not VC.	S
1655	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: Casualty grid square 8880. Believed to be hernia. Req helicopter evacuation.	S
1705	:	12	:	Fr Recon: Outpost #1 and #2 withdrawal completed. All of Recon except platoon with 2/3 now back in CP area.	S
2015	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: "H" is at 865819 at 1940.	S
2130	:	14	:	Fr 3/9: Company I reports more activity than usual along Highway 1 from south.	S
2315	:	15	:	Fr 1/3: Company B reports grenade was detonated 300 yards in front of Ivan Post #3.	S
2400	:	16	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 7 May 65. All battalions had patrols out. No significant contact.	

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (FORWARD)
OPENED 0001 8 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	SER	DTG	INCIDENT, EMB GNL, WED. R.	STAFF
0707	:	1	:	Fr 1/3: "B" has left CP and has swept through village at check point 31.	S
0800	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: "H" following predesignated patrol route. On the move and will send coordinates of position later.	S
0825	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Bullhead is at TP at 0820.	S
0842	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: Company B at village at check point 36. Searching.	S
0930	:	5	:	Fr 1/3: "B" patrol reports one VC KIA and one VC sniper WIA, vicinity coordinates 860741. Patrol had received 3 shots from 3 VC. One VC escaped.	S
1047	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: May have 1 medical evac. Req one heli to standby.	S
1100	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: 2/3 CO now at 899317.	S
1116	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: Casualty has been evac. Will inform.	S
1135	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: H is at CP coord 871819. Many used trails in area but ord. overlooking water point. Patrol in valley NW of CP is under sniper fire. Have found a VC campsite. Patrol to E of CP has not report. Trails in area lead toward objective H3.	S
1202	:	10	:	Fr 2/3: Reported earlier WIA is now KIA. LCpl KOEHLER.	S
1253	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: H at 1220 seized VC camp vicinity 868822. No weapons or personnel. Picked knife cord from US Demo kits, numerous baskets and hats, supply of charcoat. Now trying to flush out snipers in area. M-2 receiving sniper fire at 1240.	S
1415	:	12	:	Fr 1/3: "B" at check point 31 at 1355. 2 heat casualties at 1315, have requested air evacuation. Heat casualties being brought to landing zone DOVE.	S
1453	:	13	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Bobcat departed at 1445.	S

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TIME	UT	SER	NO	DTG	INCIDENT, ENCLOS, RECD, R	S-STAFF
1742	:	:	14	:	Fr 1/3: B Company is back in the area.	S
1930	:	:	15	:	Fr 2/3: Reports about 50 to 72 trucks going south toward the ocean on Route #1.	S
2120	:	:	16	:	Fr 3/9: M Company reports a fire fight at coord 001720 about 1000 meters from their position.	S
2200	:	:	17	:	To 1/3, 2/3, 3/9: Patrol activities cease as follows due to critical shortage of PRC-10 batteries. 1/3 Company D return 10 May. No further patrolling. 2/3, after completion of operation on 17 May all units return to camp. 3/9, after 9 May no further patrols unless able to use PRC-6. Patrol activity will resume on order.	S
2220	:	:	18	:	Fr Div: Activity south of river has a VC squad attacking a train. Units notified.	S
2350	:	:	19	:	Fr 2/4: Probe of 25 VC location grid squar 8913 well scattered at 2306 and contact was lost at 2338. Enemy had small arms and semi-auto weapons. 3/4 returned fire with illumination, small arms, and grenades. No friendly casualties. No known enemy casualties. Fired 24 rounds of shell mixed harrassing and interdiction fire on grid coord 812080 fired at 2230. Tanks and infantry are sweeping area to regain contact.	S
2400	:	:	20	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 8 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3, 3/9 conducted patrolling. 1/3 patrol killed 1 VC and wounded another. 2/3 patrol had one friendly KIA. Due to shortage of batteries, patrolling will be curtailed. 3/4 reported probe of roadblock, no casualties either side.	

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3RD MARINES
3RD MARINE DIVISION
OPENED 0001 9 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	NO	DTC	INCIDENT, ENGAGE, ETC.	S-STAFF
0415	:	1	:	Fr 3/4: At 0245 approximately 20 rounds automatic fire, 5 hand grenades and 3 dud grenades received at Check Point #1 on Rt #1 coordinates 896132. Fire returned. 2 squads from 106 platoon deployed as reaction force. No contact or casualties.	S
0715	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: Recon D observed about one platoon of men. Believe to be Company H. Will try to determine location.	S
0750	:	3	:	Fr 2/3: Recon 2 is in contact with Co H. "H" going to Recon position. About 3 hours to reach. Also told Recon to tell "H" to use new PRC-10 on Battalion Tac Net.	S
0900	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: 1st wave off at 0833.	S-Div
0917	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: Outpost reports about 7 parachutists dropping in grid square 9579.	S
0918	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: 1st wave in "D" in zone touch down at L 4. Artillery preparation landing zone delayed 3 minutes. No contact.	S-Div
1010	:	7	:	Fr 1/3: 30 lifts in zone at Lt 37. Landing zone consolidated. 4 helicopters remaining. No contact. 3 civilians caught in landing zone. Interrogated and released.	Div
1012	:	8	:	Fr 3/4: Conducted search of area received fire from at 090245. No trace of VC, expended rounds or other activity. 3 patrols out in free zone. 1 company size, 2 platoon size.	Div
1022	:	:	:	Fr 3/9: No patrols scheduled today. All quiet in TAOR.	S
1047	:	9	:	Fr 3/4: Company reports 10 men vic 818076 carrying equipment possibly mortars. Fired fire mission with 30 HE with VT fuses. Have sent squad (rein) to investigate damage, not back yet. Will inform.	S

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3RD MARINE DIVISION

TIME	UT	HR	DTC	INCIDENT, EVENTS, ORDERS	S-STAFF
1720	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: All units of D at check point 7 at 1700. Resupply effected at landing zone Pelican at 1700. New location of company patrol base at 861689. No contact. Ambush and patrol overlays enroute to 1/3 CP.	Div
1925	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: H at 861626. Have sent patrol to lead E to H combat base. No enemy contact. E1(-) sent to Battery "B" to provide security.	S
2150	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: "E" moving to join "H". Unable to reach "H" by radio. Outpost observed fire fight at 895765. About 200 rounds fired, heard automatic fire. No troops in area.	Div
2400	:	13	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 9 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3, and 3/4 conducted patrols. All reported no contact with VC.	

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3RD MARINES
3RD MARINE DIVISION
OPENED 0001 10 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	NO	DTC	INCIDENT, EMBARK, REDDERS	S-STATUS
0255	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: E Co and D Co Recon located at coordinates 857828.	S
0614	:	2	:	Fr Recon D-4: Position is 846756 situation same.	S
0659	:	3	:	Fr Recon D-5: Position is 825734 situation same.	S
1005	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: Co E proceeding to position 898818, Co H moving to 897823, prepared for operation at 1106. Use of thrust line for 11 May to commence at 1200. Co G will not participate.	Div
1037	:	5	:	Fr 3/9: PERMET patrol at rally point at 1030.	Div
1413	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: "D" at landing zone Canary. Lift commences 1500. CO 1/3 will be on 1st helicopter. Have one VC and weapon returning via 1st available helicopter.	Div
1455	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: Co E present located at 898818. "H" at 866815. Will remain until dark.	Div
1530	:	8	:	Fr 1/3: "D" lift complete. All unit landing zone DOVE.	Div
2045	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: No change in 2/3 area. 2/3 patrol said ARVN patrol leader said no VC were on Hill 393 in 1/3 sector.	S
2155	:	10	:	Fr 3/9: 12 shots heard in village Hakhi.	S
2230	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: A few shots fired in vic of Battery B. All under control.	S
2340	:	12	:	nothing to report.	S
2400	:	13	:	Fr 3/9: Co L reports 2 short bursts automatic fire from approximately same position as #10 above. Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 10 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3, 3/9 conducted patrols. 1/3 returned with one VC and weapon. Little significant contact during period.	S

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3RD MARINES
3RD MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
OPENED 0001 11 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	CO	DTC	INCIDENT, ENG GNS, OLD RD	S-STAFF
0409	:	1	:	Fr 3/9: L Co 1st Plt reports 30 rounds small arms fire coordinates 006776 at check point 20. Rounds didn't impact or come close.	S
0425	:	2	:	Fr 3/9: L Co 1st Plt reports 50 rounds small arms fire from coord 006776 at check point #20. Rounds didn't impact.	S
0505	:	3	:	From 2/3: Contact made with H Co H Co moving to meet with E Co. will meet in 35 minutes.	S
0625	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: Reports that both H and E Co firing at coord 904823.	Div
0700	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: Both E and H Companies moved out on schedule. Echo Received small arms sniper fire from 908813 and Hotel received fire from 903823. 3.5 Rockets fired at both these positions. Sniper fire occurred from 0615 to 0645 at which time lull in sniper fire occurred. Echo reported WIA, Pfc PRICE at 0640 and at 0700 reported him KIA. Halo evac has been requested. Foxtrot has requested that H and E Companies fire be shifted to 900834 due to sniper fire from that positions.	Div
0710	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: Hotel reports it has two critical WIA. Shifting helo evac from Echo to pick up Hotel WIA and deliver to hospital prior to picking up KIA.	Div
0747	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: Hotel on way through village collecting all males Hotel reports man and girl wounded before Marines arrived on scene. It appears that the ARVN wounded them. Echo going through village and collecting all males.	Div
0835	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: Completed sweeping through villages. Echo completed gathering males and is putting them to work filling panji traps. H Co continues to gather males together. G Co departed CP with 273 for operating area.	Div

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3RD MARINES
MARINE DIVISION (REIN)

TIME	UT	SEC	DTC	INCIDENT, ACTIONS, COMMENTS	STAFF
0850		9		Fr 2/3: E Co has 16 VCC.	Div
1025		10		Fr 2/3: E and H companies remain; ing in assigned sectors filling in panji traps, entrenchments and blowing bunkers.	Div
1035		11		Fr 2/3: CO 2/3 in 1st southern town sept with Popular Force units. Large welcome received by villagers. Echo continuing to sweep area. 20-30 VCC. One attempted to escape and was recaptured. Suspect he is ARVN deserter. CO 2/3 moving to Hotel sector to see CO 3dMar. E and H will remain in assigned sectors until relieved by Popular Forces.	Div
1100		12		Fr 2/3: G Co new CP located at 889817. Land line is in to them.	S
1135		13		Fr 2/3: G Co has 2 mine casualties at 903818. Being evac by helo.	Div
1258		14		Fr 2/3: No change except picked up 3 more VCC. H and E companies continue to sweep area.	S
1500		15		Fr 2/3: Two more male civilians apprehended at LeMy. Will be sent to DaNang Special Sector. About 50 total now. Popular Forces seem to want to go home rather than stay in position.	S-2
1515		16		Fr 3/4: At 1500 patrol crossed IP. At 1500 is at check point D.	S
1600		17		Fr Recon: Patrol at coordinates 8769 moving to position vic 8167.	S
1710		18		Fr Recon: Many VC in LZ. VC all around. Request we be pulled out.	
1812		19		To Div: Div helo is landing and have Recon patrol aboard less three members, are returning for missing three.	Div
1815		20		To Div: Recon patrol is in CP. No casualties.	Div
2010		21		Fr 2/3: Five mine casualties WIA from Co H. Coord 905828.	S
2400		22		Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 11 May 65. See page three.	

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FILE	REF	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REMARKS
I	07	06		DTC	<p>2/3 dominated the activity for this reporting period. One KIA and eight MIAs were reported. Fifty VCC were captured and turned over to Div for interrogation.</p>

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (REIN)

OPENED 0001 12 MAY 1965

TIME	UT	NO	DTC	INCIDENT, EVENTS, ORDERS	S-STAFF
0600		1		Fr 1/3: 1st wave of helicopters cleared LZ Dove.	Div
	0629	2		Re Div: Helicopters at Dove for 2nd wave. No time on when 1st wave was in landing zone.	Div
	0648	3		To Div: 3rd wave departed LZ Dove.	Div
0735		4		Fr 2/3: 2 weapons found at 0430. Popular forces in area around 908817. ARVN forces around 905824. Co E returning to battalion area by truck at 0800. Co C maintains security by the fort. District Chief arrives to discuss Popular Forces with CO at 0830. Battalion continues to search area for mines, booby traps, VC, etc.	S
0835		5		Fr 2/3: Co G and H assisting Popular Forces in Lemy area to organize local defenses. Co G also in security positions in Lemy Port, vic 893822 and vic 918818.	Div
1220		6		Fr 1/3: Co C patrol returned and reported no contact.	Div
1310		7		Fr 2/3: H has been getting sniper fire from vic 907836 907836. H is at 906833. Plan on firing artillery vic of sniper as soon as halo mission is completed.	Div
1320		8		Fr 2/3: 2 weapons captured by Popular Forces are Check sub-machine gun and springfield .03. Turned into DaNang Special Sector.	Div
1426		9		Fr 2/3: Artillery fired neutralizing mission of VC sniper.	Div
1459		10		Fr 2/3: E Co picked up 4 more VC suspects. Taking them to DaNang Special Sector. 1459	Div
1610		11		Fr Div: K Co 3/9 is scheduled for pick up at Chu Lai at 0900.	S
1625		12		Fr 2/3: I VC KIA. Pointed out by two women. Tried to escape and shot attempting to get into a boat.	Div
1900		13		Fr 2/3: G Co will have 2 platoons on flank of hamlet tonight. Popular forces will return tomorrow for three days.	Div

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3RD BATTAL DIVISION (REIN)

TIME	DATE	LOCATION	INCIDENT, OBSERV, ETC.	REMARKS
2150	14		Fr 2/3: H Co ambushes in position. G Co CP same. Have fired 2 rounds 81mm H&I in support of H Co. No contact.	Div
2400	15		Journal Closed.	
			Summary of operations for period 12 May 1965.	
			1/3 and 2/3 patrolled respective TAOR. No significant incidents were reported.	

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3RD LINE DIVISION (REIN)

OPERATION 0001 13 MAY 1965

TIME	REF	INCIDENT	STATUS
I	BT	VC	DTC
0110	1	Fr 2/3: As of 0105 H Co search party left ambush area. Saw definite signs of people being there. Found one hat with 5 bullet holes. Are definite they hit someone. Due to insufficient light were unable to find any bodies. Will continue search at first light. Ambush located at 909833. G Co - no change.	S
0750	2	Fr 2/3: H and G Co continue to operate in Lemy area. Same situation as yesterday.	Div
0835	3	Fr 2/3: G Co has negative report. CP remains the same. One platoon east of Lemy. H Co ambush party returning to H Co CP. Negative weapons or VC dead. Blood stains in and around ambush area. A number of cooking pots and rice all over area. Ambush leader says 8-10 VC were caught with negative results. One platoon returning to area of VC killed yesterday to interrogate people in surrounding area. Will search for weapons and other evidence of VC. CO, Co H is convinced people in the area will cooperate in giving info about VC since they did turn VC who was killed yesterday.	Div
0949	4	Fr 3/9: K Co initial elements returned to CP.	
1139	5	Fr 3/9: K Co has returned at 1125.	Div
1230	6	Fr 1/3: A Co patrol returned to CP area.	Div
1245	7	Fr 1/3: C Co reports all patrols in and awaiting lift back to CP.	Div
1400	8	Fr 2/3: G Co reports Popular Forces found one VC in Lemy area. VC got away but weapon was found. CO 2/3 has weapon. H Co resupplied, will be sending out squad sized patrols CO and S-3 are in field. Will return in the morning. Weapon was Chinese weapon.	Div
1520	9	Fr 3/9: Barracuda patrol crossed IP at 1505.	Div

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (REIN)

TIME	UT	LOC	DTG	INCIDENT, OBS GUS, MED RES	S-SYNT
1612	:	10	:	Fr 2/3: F Co currently relieving G Co at Lem. One platoon from H Co in CP until 14 May. Medical assistance program underway in Lem. One doctor and three corpemen will set up forward aid station at Lem tomorrow to treat minor ailments of villagers.	Div
1700	:	11	:	Te Div: Co D, 3d Recon patrols departed LZ Dove by helo to their assigned OPs.	Div
1915	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: Woman and dependents are packing up belongings and moving toward river, from town by H Co.	S
1925	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: F Co in position at 1645. One platoon east of town, one platoon in GS (GS HW) edge of town. One platoon at Lem fort. H Co at coord (LZ VS JR) town complex. ARVN reports possible VC mortar at 903835 and possibly two machine guns (VC) at 906018. Req interpreter for MED team going out tomorrow.	Divv
2135	:	14	:	Fr 2/3: At 2135, the 3d Recon Bn Surgeon and three corpemen setting up clinic for 4 or 5 days.	Div
2400	:	15	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 13 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 patrolled their respective TACRs. No significant activity reported.	

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
OPERATION 0001 14 MAY 1965

TIME	IN	OUT	NO	DTC	REMARKS	STATUS
0510	:	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: Co H reports all women in village were assembled in 2 huts. No contact made with Co F.	S
0645	:	:	2	:	Fr 1/3: A patrol departed CP.	Div
0715	:	:	3	:	Fr 2/3: F Co patrols back, no contact. H Co situation same, one patrol going out, CO 2/3 will lead.	Div
0815	:	:	4	:	Fr 3/9: Cadillac 2A at IP at 0800.	Div
0820	:	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: OF requests a helo evac and escort for Recon CP#14. Have one KIA, 1 WIA at coord 818854.	Div
0900	:	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: Best estimate on getting Recon 4 out is that it will take 3 companies with all support Regt and Div have. No artillery in position to fire. 2 H-34 and 2 HUEY on the way. About one VC company in area.	S
0915	:	:	7	:	Fr Div: 2 F4B with one TAC(A) on way. TACA up on 39.0.	S
1030	:	:	8	:	Fr Recon: CP#3 at 824857, CP#4 at 818856, LZ at 820859.	Div
1110	:	:	9	:	Fr Air: HUEYs commenced preparing landing zone. F4Bs are on station. Preparatory fire requested.	S
1112	:	:	10	:	General COLLINS arrived to discuss situation with Regimental CO.	
1120	:	:	11	:	Fr 3/9: 2A at return point at 1115.	Div
1125	:	:	12	:	Fr Air: F4Bs have completed air strike north of road.	S
1135	:	:	13	:	Fr Artillery: Battery L now in position to fire mission.	S
1146	:	:	14	:	Fr Recon 3: Request infantry assistance as it is getting hot. Evacuate Recon-4 first.	S
1301	:	:	15	:	One Army HUEY-3 landed Regt CP with wounded and one KIA. Another Army HUEY-E went to C&C with rest of casualties. All Recon-4 is back.	
1320	:	:	16	:	To 3/9: Have reaction force stand down.	S
1452	:	:	17	:	Fr Air: HUL-Es just departed to pick up Recon-3.	S
1515	:	:	18	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Romeo crossed IP at 1500.	Div
1540	:	:	19	:	Recon 2 and 3 arrived Regt CP	Div
1600	:	:	20	:	Fr 3/9: Martin patrol at Check Point X.	Div

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (FORWARD)

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TIME	UT	NO	DTC	1. SIGHT, ENG GBL, MEDICAL	S-STAFF
0730	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: "H" in village SE of French Fert, grid square 9080. Corpomen treating villagers. Doctor will arrive 1000. No contact. "F" no contact. Regional Forces in northern xxxx most hamlet of LeMy. 1st platoon "F" sweeping LeMy. Will fill trenches this afternoon.	Div
0755	:	2	:	Fr Recon-1: Present position 873824.	Div
0810	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: Panther has crossed IP.	Div
0840	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: 15 VC at 911837 firing at RF on south bank. Have requested artillery. Will fire 81mm until artillery on way.	Div
0855	:	4	:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
0900	:	5	:	Fr Recon-1: Observed VC leaving impact area. Observe machine gun fire but cannot tell which side river coming from.	Div
0913	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: Regional Forces crossing river pursuing VC.	Div
0942	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: Regional Forces unable to cross river due to lack of boats. Did find 2 rifles in village at 9082.	Div
1033	:	8	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at IP at 1005.	Div
1150	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: Patrol of Regional Forces crossed north side of river pursuing about 15 VC that were firing at them this morning. CO, 2/3 has recommended they return to south bank as soon as possible.	Div
1350	:	10	:	Fr 3/4: Truck hit mine at 844155. One WIA with slight wound, treated by corpsman, is okay. Vehicle right front wheel and fender blown off. Engineers checking road.	Div
1505	:	11	:	Fr 3/9: Cadillac Shark patrol at IP at 1455.	Div
1641	:	12	:	Fr Recon OP #1: 17 boats moving northeast up peninsula at 909827. Appear to be evacuating people from village.	Div, 2/3
1700	:	13	:	Fr Recon-1: Boats entering mouth of river at 927837. Going toward village of Xuan Thien.	Div, 2/3

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TIME	UT	LOC	INCIDENT, OBS OBS, COMMENTS	STAFF
1745	:	14	Fr 2/3: Company E ambushes will go out at 152030H to vicinity of 900806 and 898812. Present position 894801.	Div
1816	:	15	Fr 3/9: Shark patrol at RP.	Div
1940	:	16	Fr 2/3: Regional Forces crossed CaDe Song in pursuit of about 15 VC at 1140. Found 2 grenades at 904841, returned at 1505. Company E departed CP at 1515, arrived in position at 1630, now at 894890, will send out ambushes at 900806 and 898812. Company H returned at 1705. Popular Forces found 2 rifles at grid square 9082 at 0935. Medical assistance program continues in LeMy and village at 9080. Company H received 8 rounds from vicinity of Bac Cau at 1440.	Div
2000	:	17	Fr 3/4: No action, Units moving into night positions.	Div
2015	:	18	Fr 2/3: Regional forces withdrew from north of LeMy, now located in central part. Company F saw 4 boats with people, 2 of them stopped in LeMy and picked up people, other 2 went east toward mouth of river. Company F has one ambush for tonight.	Div
2130	:	19	Fr 2/3: Company F ambush at 897828. One artillery H&I mission fired at 910838. Results unknown. Company E moving out of its patrols.	S
2400	:	20	Journal Closed.	
	:		Summary of operations for period 15 May 1965.	
	:		Considerable activity was observed in the vicinity of the river, but no enemy contact during the period. 3/4 reported one friendly WIA as a result of truck running over a mine. Medical assistance to the village of LeMy continues.	

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TIME	UT	NO	DTG	INCIDENT, ENGAGED, REMARKS	STATUS
0245	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: "E" no change. "F" reports 10 rounds small arms fire received from village.	S
0400	:	2	:	Fr Div: Provide one squad for security mission to accompany LAAM Bn party to 925855 to investigate and recover remains of Marine killed earlier tonight. (Notified 3/9 at 0407).	S-3/9
0504	:	3	:	Fr Div: G-3 called 3/9 and said put rest of company on immediate standby as reaction force. Wanted to know if we had nother company standing by on alert. Advised them 1/3 has duty two hour alert comp any. Helicopters also alerted for use if needed.	3/9
0515	:	4	:	Fr 3/9: Squad has departed from LAAM Bn CP.	Div
0725	:	5	:	To Div: Informed that squad arrived at incident sight at 0630. Did not inform sooner because thought they had received info when contacting 3/9's S-3.	S
0822	:	6	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol crossed IP at 0820.	Div
0830	:	7	:	Fr 3/4: No patrols. Companies will remain at positions.	Div
0832	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: In LeMy, "F" heard VC set booby traps. One tripped by woman, slightly hurt, treated by corpman. Regional forces will sweep north LeMy.	Div
0850	:	9	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Viper on way back to CP.	Div
0945	:	10	:	Fr 3/9: Viper (squad with LAAM Bn party) in CP area. Found one Staff Sergeant dead.	Div
0955	:	11	:	Fr 3/9: Leopard at IP.	Div
1125	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: Company E has platoon sized patrol out to SW. All else remains the same.	Div
1335	:	13	:	Recon-1 back in CP area.	Div
1415	:	14	:	Fr 2/3: "E" patrolling to SW and SE 2000 meters out. SW patrol returned 1315. SE patrol at Kien Kien at 1315, on way back. Regional forces leave northern town at night to positions at 903824 and go	Div

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TIME	REF	DTG	INCIDENT, COMMENTS, ETC.	STATUS
			RECON	
			back in morning. "F" planning to put ambushes along river to prevent infiltration. "F" and engineers are looking for mines at 900827, because of booby traps set off by woman this morning. It was believed to have been set last night by infiltrators. Corpsmen treated 55-75 people per day. Women of village prepared dinner for them as gesture of appreciation.	
1503	15		Fr 3/9: Otter left company area at 1500.	Div
1710	16		Fr 2/3: "E" back in CP area.	Div
1750	17		Fr 3/9: 6 squad ambushes; 834139, 829141, 833146, 833151, 836154, 835156. Company M 3d platoon at Hill 225. Company L ambushes: 888166, 888124, 892113, 891119, 894124.	Div
1915	18		Fr 2/3: "F" has platoon ambush vicinity LeMy. "D" brought in 5 beartraps with signs. Found at 0930 at 797892.	Div
1930	19		Fr Recon-1: 1 man in boat on river going W (870830), black shorts, shirt. Boat was empty, time was 1515.	Div
1955	20		Fr 3/4: All units in position.	Div
2005	21		Fr 2/3: "F" Hq plus 1 platoon at 917823, platoon at fort, platoon (-) below fort, squad at 903181 providing aid station security and night ambush at 901831. "E" no change. Established squads at bridges at 903818 and 901831 in morning to provide security while bridges are being prepared. Popular Forces have tonight for holiday and will not return until Wednesday.	S
2240	22		Fr 2/3: "E" patrol fired on 3 VC at 893810 at 2110. VC broke contact. No casualties either side. Requested and received illumination fires from "F".	S
2245	23		Fr 2/3: "F" ambush sighted 2 boats with 6 people. Fired on boats. Possible sank one. Unable to tell. Lost sight of boat.	Div

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TIME	REF	ICD	DTG	1. ICD, T, E, G, S, C, D, R, S	2. STAFF
I	UT	IC	DTG		
2400	24			Journal Closed.	
				Summary of operations for period	
				16 May 1965.	
				1/3, 2/3, 3/9	
				2/3, 3/9 and Recon conducted	
				patrolling. 2/3 continues to	
				report considerable activity in	
				the vicinity of river. Fired	
				on boats with results unknown.	
				3/9 provided squad to accompany	
				LAAM Bn party to investigate an	
				incident which resulted in the	
				death of a SSgt. Medical assistance	
				program continues. No significant	
				enemy contact or casualties reported	
				during the period.	

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TIME	UT	NO	DIC	INCIDENT, EMBOLD, OTHER	STATUS
0225	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: Companies G and F situation same. No contact with E.	D S
0725	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: Company E sent 2 squads to provide security for bridges that are being rebuilt. No enemy contact. Company F ambush has returned to their CP.	S
0742	:	3	:	Fr 3/4: All quiet. Commenced shift of companies at 0715. Company I replacing M and M replacing Company K.	S
0915	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: Tanks started morning shoot at 0800. LVTs are making recon with tractors to see if they can operate in river and exit in the vicinity of Lemmy.	S
1132	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: LVTs are now at Company F position.	Div
1340	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: One platoon moving north on patrol has departed.	Div
1400	:	7	:	Fr 1/3: The other two platoons of Company A have departed going the southern route. ran	Div
1800	:	8	:	Fr Recon-1: Five farmers/out of field to village when AmTracs came up river. Coord 892832 at 1700.	S
1805	:	9	:	Fr Recon-1: At 1715 two men seen going east on river bank. leaving village. Six in black, one in khaki, with seven rifles.	S
2308	:	10	:	Fr 2/3: Company F has two squads in ambush. Negative contact. Company E no change, no contact.	Div
2400	:	11	:	Journal Closed.	
	:		:	Summary of operations for period 17 May 1965.	
	:		:	1/3, 2/3 and 3/4 conducted patrols. No enemy contact was reported during this period. LVTs conducted operations in the Lemmy area. No significant developments to report.	

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TIME	UT	NO	DFC	INCIDENT, EMBARK, REDUCED	S-STAFF
0105	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: At 2400, Company F has no change. Company E two squads on bridge, no contact. At 0100, F: two platoons ambush negative contact.	S
0420	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: At 0420, Ehco no change. F Company received small arms fire.	Div
0745	:	3	:	Fr 2/3: H Company on way to Lemay area. Left at 0705.	Div
0828	:	4	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Mink is at the SP.	Div
0844	:	5	:	Fr Recon: No trail yet. Thick terrain progress slow. 400 meters per hour. Outlook dim. We are trying to get to 848828. Can set up as well at these coordinates as objective. Am now set up at 865824.	Div
0920	:	6	:	Fr Recon: OP#1 present position 870826.	Div
0955	:	7	:	Fr Recon: Progress slow. 100 meters per hour. No trail, heavy brush, no water in area, 80% grade, 20 foot canyon, J factor 10.0. No heat casualties yet. Have lost one small antenna section from antenna bag. My position is 863828. Am moving to 848828.	Div
1048	:	8	:	LtGen KRULAK visited 3dMar CP	S
1335	:	9	:	Fr 3/4: Honor platoon met LtGen KRULAK at airfield. Toured artillery area, briefing by Recon platoon leader. Presented Bronze Star to PFC WALL for action on 25 April. Briefing on Hill 180 OP.	S
1605	:	10	:	Fr 2/3: E Company is starting their move back to 2/3 CP.	Div
1605	:	11	:	Fr Recon: Unable to reach coordinates 848828. No trails to Delta. Delta this side. Canyon 30 feet. Will erect 2-9-2 at 863827. One half canteen water per man. Will leave present position for water. 80 degree slopes on way back, thick terrain. 2-9-2 will cover most parts of objective area any way.	S
1623	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: E Company returned to CP at 1620. Relieved by Company F.	Div

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TIME	DATE	LOC	DTG	INCIDENT, ERRORS, REMARKS	STATUS
1925	:	13	:	Fr Recon 2: Now at 868815. Good high ground cover for tonight. Cannot observe as well as I would like to. Can see now reason for staying on low ground. Request helo pick up at 1000 on 19 May.	Recon 6
1940	:	14	:	Fr Recon 1: SALUTE reportS-one boat, dug out type, approximately 8 feet. Tiller for car. One oarman, three male passengers. A-boat pulled into shore and unloaded passengers. L-862848, waded into river at 867848. U-dressed in black. T-1830. E-not determined.	Recon 6
1942	:	15	:	Fr Recon: In addition to the SALUTE report, boat picked up four males and proceeded to 867848.	S-2
2055	:	16	:	Fr 2/3: F Company has one platoon in security at bridge. Rest of company at previously reported CP. No contact. H Company, 2nd Platoon in security position vicinity Hill 312. Hotel 3 on way to objective. H Company CP same as F Company. No contact.	Div
2320	:	17	:	Fr 2/3 FSCC: B Battery received 4 rounds small arms fire at 2320. They returned 10 rounds and 2 or 3 illumination grenades. Contact broken, no further action.	S
2400	:	18	:	Journal Closed.	
	:		:	Summary of operations for period 18 May 1965.	
	:		:	2/3, 3/9 and Recon conducted extensive patrolling during the period. No enemy contact was made. Third Marines and 3/4 were visited by General KRULAK, General KRULAK presented the Bronze Star Award to PFC WALL of 3/4.	

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3RD MARINE DIVISION (FORWARD)
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TIME	UT	REF	DTG	REPORT, COMMENTS, REMARKS	STAFF
0430		1		Fr 2/3: Company F has moved out starting sweep operations.	Div
0435		2		Fr 2/3: Correction to No 1 above: Men boarded AmTracs 0340. AmTracs in water and sweep starting now.	Div
0440		3		Fr 2/3: 105s and 155s commenced preparatory fire in support of 2/3 operation. H'I fire will follow.	Div
0515		4		Fr 2/3: Company F has AmTracs in water ready to move out. Company H in position.	Div
0600		5		Fr 2/3: Company F debarking troops as planned. H no change.	Div
0625		6		1st wave of Companies D and B 1/3 off at 0622.	Div
0705		7		Fr 1/3: Company D all in landing zone 0650. No contact. 1st Howtar airborne 0701.	Div
0714		8		Fr 2/3: FCo firing 81mm rounds into hostile area.	Div
0728		9		Fr 2/3: Firing was from 8-10 VC. 81s fire silenced VC fire.	Div
0805		10		Fr 1/3: All Howtars in landing zone in good condition.	Div
0810		11		Fr 2/3: FCo setting defensive positions at 893833. Have completed sweep of town.	Div
0855		12		Fr 2/3: Estimated 4 VC on hill at 882838 with one auto weapon. XXX Troung Dinh has extensive fighting holes and trenches, look newly made. Panji stakes, bobby-trapped, were found and destroyed. 100 lb sack of rice with initials NVN on it found. "F" has moved east of village and set up defensive perimeter. Search party to conduct more thorough search of village being organized. "H" had no contact during night, is short of food, and water. One platoon will join Company F.	Div
0927		13		Fr 2/3: One platoon "F" sweeping Troung Dinh. One platoon going to ridge line to search for VC who fired on "F". "H" platoon defensive perimeter. Remain with "F" until dark and then return to	Div

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TIME	UT	LOC	DTG	INCIDENT, EMBOLD, CTD. No	S-SWART
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1010		14		ambush site. Remainder of "F" will cross river and then move to rear of LeMy fort. "E" will relieve "F" about 1600 vicinity of LeMy fort. <u>Fr 2/3</u> : "F" consolidation continues	Div
				Command group preparing to move to south bank. Two patrols preparing to move out, one back through town, one to highground to their NE.	
1125		15		<u>Fr 1/3</u> : D-1 reconning built up area 300 meters south of check point 7. Saw 3 VC on hillside 300.	Div
				One squad from D-2 investigating.	
1135		16		<u>Fr 2/3</u> : One platoon "F" working in village. Another platoon starting movement to high ground to conduct patrolling. Command Group has crossed river, now on south bank vicinity original CP.	Div
1220		17		<u>Fr 1/3</u> : Eight rounds sniper fire received by B-1 at 940636.	S
1245		18		<u>Fr 2/3</u> : Received one sniper round, one mortar round at 882838.	S
1320		19		<u>Fr 1/3</u> : One WIA, shot in right shoulder at 950644, from "B".	S
1414		20		<u>Fr 3/9</u> : Panther patrol at IP.	Div
1500		21		<u>Fr 2/3</u> : Two platoons "F" still across river. one platoon sweeping village, one in security perimeter east of village. "E" has departed CP to relieve "F" vicinity of LeMy fort.	Div
1530		22		<u>Fr 3/9</u> : Panther at RP.	Div
1640		23		<u>Fr 2/3</u> : "E" now at "F" CP. Reports both bridges now completed. "E" will not patrol tonight.	Div
1650		24		<u>Fr 2/3</u> : One platoon "F" crossing to south bank by LVT. Other platoon will stay on north side until after dark.	Div
1650		25		<u>Fr 1/3</u> : "D" has established patrol base at 855652. D-1 reconning 700 meters SW check point 7. Uncovered large CP, unoccupied camp site, food distribution point at 835644. Recovering all items of intelligence value. D-2 established CP security	S

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		25		and reconning for trail to north	
		(Cont'd)		of check point 9. D-3 will pre-	
				pare ambush site vicinity of check	
				point 8. Resupply confirmed.	
1730		26		Fr 2/3: "D" received 40-50 rounds	S
				sniper fire. Fire howtar.	
1900		27		Fr 2/3: One platoon "F" invest-	Div
				igating ammo dump reported at	
				870832. "H" will have one ambush	
				at location in Patrol Frag Order	
				8-65.	
1925		28		Fr 2/3: "F" searching 882838 found	S
				bivouac area and some SA ammo.	
				"E" now at fort. "F" behind fort;	
				return in morning. "F" platoon on	
				north side, returning after dark.	
				"H" platoon returns in morning.	
2020		29		Fr 2/3: Two LVT stuck in river	Div
				at 870832. Two squads on north	
				side one platoon on south side for	
				protection. Two LVTs trying to	
				freethem. If freed, two squads	
				will move back to south shore.	
				Company H night ambush at 895841.	
2036		30		Fr 2/3: LVTs unstuck and on way to	Div
				"F" CP.	
2228		31		Fr 2/3: "F" LVT with two squads	S
				moving to "F" CP, No one moved	
				up to support LVT, are going to	
				"F" CP. H-3 on north bank moving to	
				position for night (out of mud).	
2333		32		Fr 2/3: All "F" units have returned	S
				to "F" CP.	
2400		33		Journal Closed.	
				Summary of operations for period	
				19 May 1965.	
				2/3 patrolled extensively in the	
				area of LeMy and river, both sides.	
				1/3 suffered on WIA. Reports of	
				scattered sniper fire were reported	
				during the period. Several VC sighted	
				but no contact.	

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I	UT	VC	DTC		
0015	:	1	:	Fr 3/4: "I" received ten rounds : small arms fire 250 meters to the front OP fired three rounds at : noise at 820100.	S
0125	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: Company F in "F" CP. One : platoon "H" in ambush site.	S
0404	:	3	:	Fr 3/4: Received five rounds : small arms fire at 887127.	S
0737	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: "B" leaving landing zone : ORIOLE at 0730.	S
0819	:	5	:	Fr 3/9: Martin patrol crossed IP.	Div
0855	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: One platoon "E" to village : on island in E area for familiar- : ization of the area. One platoon : vicinity GS 9182 to patrol until : 210600H. One platoon at "E" CP. : Last platoon will relieve village : platoon in evening and set ambush : at 906834.	Div
0940	:	7	:	Fr 1/3: Requests permission for : B-1 to search VC village at 954653. : Will not move past grid line 64. : Also requests HULBs to screen Sch : Yen to prevent VC escape. Requested : on station by 1030 for two hours. : 10-15 VC known in village.	Div
1025	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: Platoon in grid square : 9182 from "E" will have squad : size patrols all day. One platoon : in village.	Div
1045	:	9	:	Fr 1/3: D-1 received auto fire : from 835644. One VC KIA in that : area, about 6 others in area. D-3 : moving to search old VC camp at : 830642. Requests two HULBs report : to 1/3 ALO position.	Div
1103	:	10	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at RP.	Div
1235	:	11	:	Fr 1/3: D-1 confirms badly WIA : VC, now can't find him. Sent : VC KIA to "D" CP for helo evac.	Div
1354	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: 3d platoon of "E" patrol : ling north hamlet of LeMy. 16 : families of men not returning from : DaNang Special Sector leaving : hamlet. VN officials have cleared : this.	Div
1405	:	13	:	Fr 1/3: "D" needs immediate help : evac-at-coord of last nights resupply.	Div

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Has 1 KIA, 2 serious WIA,
both VC.

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TIME	UT	LOC	DTC	INCIDENT, EMB GLE, MED. RD	S-SWIFT
1409	:	14	:	Fr 1/3: "B" has killed one VC and wounded two.	Div
1450	:	15	:	Fr 1/3: "B" cancelled helo. Does not have VC bodies.	S
1530	:	16	:	Fr 1/3: 6 rounds 60mm mortar hit at 854651 at 1330H. Look to have come from 859664 about 1200 meters. One KIA, two WIAs, both USMC.	S
1535	:	17	:	Fr 1/3: "D" received 6 rounds 60mm fire at 1330 at 854651. Suspect 2 mortars firing from 859664. Re-turned fire and used rockets and small arms. Distance about 1200 meters. All casualties resulted from mortars. HULBs in area made helo-evac.	Div
1615	:	18	:	Fr 2/3: "E" patrol from north of village of LeMy reports no VC. People friendly. Corpsman treated three children for minor ailments.	Div
1705	:	19	:	Fr 1/3: "D" has two more walking WIA. Brining them in.	S
1710	:	20	:	Fr 2/3: ARVN working with "E" had one man wounded by grenade, thrown from house at 915818. Entered house and found women standing on trap door. Burned house. Man from "E" threw grenade in trap door, then found 2 VC KIA inside. .45 and .38 pistols recovered. One retained by ARVN. Woman turned over to DaNang Special Sector.	Div
1935	:	21	:	Fr 1/3: All of "D" is back.	Div
2100	:	22	:	Fr 2/3: "E" has ambush at 873796.	Div
2225	:	23	:	Fr 2/3: "H" ambush has been set in since 1800. No contact.	S
2400	:	24	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 20 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 conducted patrolling during the period. 1/3 suffered one KIA and two WIAs from mortar fire. Four VC KIA and several unconfirmed VC WIAs. 2/3 continued to patrol area adjacent to LeMy.	

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TIME	UT	NO	DTG	ICD: F, E, S, G, L, M, D, R	S-START
0900	:	1	:	Fr 1/3: Company C has landed.	Div
:	:	:	:	No fire received as yet.	:
0901	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: E-3 has relieved E-2.	Div
:	:	:	:	E-3 patrolling in area of LeMy	:
:	:	:	:	complex. E-2 CP security. E-1	:
:	:	:	:	north hamlet of LeMy. Co "E" with	:
:	:	:	:	E-1. E-2 brought papers and pistol	:
:	:	:	:	gotten from VC KIA 20 May. No radio	:
:	:	:	:	contact with "H".	:
0920	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: 0810 Panther patrol at	Div
:	:	:	:	IP.	:
0950	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: "C" landing zone secure.	Div
:	:	:	:	All troops landed. No contact.	:
:	:	:	:	HULBs have seen and fired on VC	:
:	:	:	:	position NW side of Hill 310.	:
1022	:	5	:	Fr 3/9: Panther patrol at RP.	Div
1147	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: E-3 found 2 wounded in	Div
:	:	:	:	village. Man with stomach wound	:
:	:	:	:	to be treated and questioned. Small	:
:	:	:	:	boy to be treated.	:
1305	:	7	:	Fr 3/4: Results of operation	Div
:	:	:	:	negative. Recon OP on Hill 69	:
:	:	:	:	saw pack train of mules loaded	:
:	:	:	:	with equipment. Fired on by art-	:
:	:	:	:	illery. Results unknown. Many	:
:	:	:	:	trails found. Will send overlay.	:
:	:	:	:	Written material being translated.	:
1320	:	8	:	1/3: "C" location 903673.	Div
1420	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: Ribbon cutting for two	S
:	:	:	:	new bridges at 1100. 2 VC bodies	:
:	:	:	:	from yesterdays action displayed	:
:	:	:	:	nearby. Speeches by local and	:
:	:	:	:	district officials, CO 2/3. 750	:
:	:	:	:	100 people attended. All walked	:
:	:	:	:	across bridges after ribbon cutting.	:
1430	:	40	:	Fr 3/4: Companies K and I executed	S
:	:	:	:	Frag Order 4-65 today. Recon set	:
:	:	:	:	in OPs at 816105 and 816105 in	:
:	:	:	:	support. Battery I displaced to	:
:	:	:	:	875123 in support. "K" returned	:
:	:	:	:	to CP at 1420, "I" returned to	:
:	:	:	:	previous positions.	:
1550	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: Battery L fired 3 short	S
:	:	:	:	rounds at 905828 at 1535.	:
1608	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: No casualties from short	S
:	:	:	:	rounds, rounds landed in rice	:
:	:	:	:	paddies.	:

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1614	:	13	:	Fr Div: 14 Engineers pinned down in grid square 9466.	S
1735	:	14	:	Fr 2/3: E-1 at fort. E-2 moving out on the island. E-3 still on patrol and found following: new panji traps at 913817, machine gun emplacement at 917827, spider trap with 3 entrances and empty cartridge cases. People in area very poor. Will bring C-rations, medical help and box of soap.	Div
1730	:	15	:	Fr Div: At 1600 tomorrow District Chief in LeMy area wants to sweep with one regional force company and one popular force platoon from 9179 north to 9182 east to 9482 south to 9480 east to 9580 south to 9579 west to starting point.	S
1825	:	16	:	Fr 2/3: Wounded man and boy in refused aid from Marines. Man had stomach laceration, boy had shrapnel wound.	Div
1845	:	17	:	Fr 1/3: C-1 has returned from destroying guerrilla base camp at 870664. C-1 found 8 houses capable of sleeping 8-10 people each, about 15 uniforms, large supply of civilian clothing, 20 BAR magazines, 20 flashlights and documents and five miles of Comm wire. All destroyed but documents. Returned documents via S-2 channels.	S
1848	:	18	:	Fr 1/3: C-1 was ambushed at about 100 meters south of guerrilla base camp about 1400 by one auto rifle and grenade.	S
2400	:	19	:	Fr 3/4: Column 70 meters long at 853058 fired on. TIPS-21 broke down so could not observe. Will check out in morning.	Div
2400	:	20	:	Journal Closed. Summary of operations for period 21 May 1965. 1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 conducted patrolling. Two new bridges were officially opened with CO 2/3 attending. Little enemy contact noted during this period. One incident of ambush was reported by 2/3.	

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TIME	UT	NO	DTC	REPORT, EMBOLD, RED, OR	S-STATE
0755	:	1	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Bullhead at IP.	Div
0755	:	2	:	Fr 1/3: Landing Zone REDBIRD is coordinates 91 5687.	S-Div
1108	:	3	:	Fr 2/3: VN treated yesterday and released brought in and treated at BAS today. Being held there. E-2 in north hamlet of LeMy. 2 LVTs patrolling movement on the river.	S
1130	:	4	:	Fr 1/3: "C" (all units) enroute to landing zone REDBIRD.	Div
1330	:	5	:	Fr 3/9: Bullhead at RP at 1150, now at CP.	Div
1345	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: "H" CP 898803. H05 at 896804. One ambush tonight located at 873815.	Div
1350	:	7	:	Fr 1/3: "C" in landing zone. Preparing to lift out.	Div
1355	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: E-2 back from north hamlet of LeMy. Spent morning filling trenches. E-1 in flats east of LeMy, will set ambush in that area tonight. E-3 will move vicinity north hamlet of LeMy and set up another ambush.	Div
1400	:	9	:	Fr 3/9: "K" has taken "L" defensive position. "L" now battalion reserve.	Div
1805	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: Squad patrol from "A" saw 4 VC at 877694 at 1615, 200 meters away, one VC had rifle. Patrol fired one round and VC ran. Patrol returned to "A" position.	Div
1740	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: Villagers from LeMy told "E" that a hand grenade bobby trap was set near LVT POL dump. "E" investigated it, found and destroyed it.	Div
1915	:	12	:	Fr 3/4: Mine clearing detail at 818129 was hit by sniper fire. Pursued 4 VC. VC attempted to go into ambush, killed 2 VC, 2 others escaped, one of which was wounded. Search of area being conducted. More info later. No USMC casualties.	Div
1930	:	13	:	Fr 3/4: Have two automatic weapons and one .38 pistol from dead VC.	Div

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0006	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: "H" has one ambush patrol	Div
:	:	:	:	"E" has 2 ambushes out. No contact.	
0045	:	2	:	Fr 1/3: Reports intermittent gun	Div
:	:	:	:	fire grid square 9768.	
0140	:	3	:	Fr 1/3: Naval gunfire reports	S
:	:	:	:	activity and personnel moving below	
:	:	:	:	hill 271. Patrol out to investigate.	
0200	:	4	:	Fr A 1/12: About 8-10 boats at is-	Div
:	:	:	:	land vicinity 009709. Two boats	
:	:	:	:	moving east and lot of blinking	
:	:	:	:	lights.	
0735	:	5	:	Fr 1/3: A-2 picked up one VCS	Div
:	:	:	:	vicinity Cao Sung Tuo. Will hold VCS.	
0848 0736	:	6	:	Fr 3/4: "I" in same location as	S
:	:	:	:	location as yesterday when picked	
:	:	:	:	up 2 VC. Have been fired on by	
:	:	:	:	unknown number of VC. one squad	
:	:	:	:	in pursuit with 2nd squad as back	
:	:	:	:	up. So far have found literature	
:	:	:	:	and clothing. No casualties.	
0825 0848	:	7	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at IP at 0800.	Div
0955	:	8	:	Fr Recon: Patrol departed area	Div
:	:	:	:	at 0630.	
1010	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: E-1 now in "E" CP. E-3 in	Div
:	:	:	:	north hamlet of LeMy with two	
:	:	:	:	scouts doing some sketching. E-3	
:	:	:	:	got 2 males villagers, one with-	
:	:	:	:	out ID card. Both turned over to	
:	:	:	:	"E" CP. E-2 on scout part of north	
:	:	:	:	hamlet. In process of building	
:	:	:	:	foot bridge over water there.	
:	:	:	:	Ambush set up tonight in north	
:	:	:	:	hamlet of LeMy. 2 LVTs now on	
:	:	:	:	river screening traffic on it.	
1037	:	10	:	Fr 3/9: Cobra at RP at 1030.	S
1055	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: H-1 vicinity Hill 312.	Div
:	:	:	:	H-3 security of 2 bridges on way	
:	:	:	:	to LeMy. H-2 returning to 2/3 CP,	
:	:	:	:	will go back out tonight about	
:	:	:	:	1600-1700. No day patrols. One	
:	:	:	:	ambush tonight W of "E" CP.	
1100	:	12	:	Fr 1/3: A-2 found 2 VC at 851682	Div
:	:	:	:	VC dropped packs and fled. Direct-	
:	:	:	:	ion unknown at 1010. Packs had	
:	:	:	:	drugs, overlays, diaries, documents,	
:	:	:	:	undelivered letters, 3 set of civil-	
:	:	:	:	ian clothes each. VC believed to	
:	:	:	:	be recon party. A-2 proceeding to CP 9.	

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1130	:	13	:	Fr 1/3: Impossible to make landing zone for return of captured documents. VCS was farmer adn has been released.	Div
1330	:	14	:	Fr 3/4: Saw 10 VC at 1050 at 818129, platoon pursued. VC disappeared. Area searched with negative results.	Div
1345	:	15	:	Fr 2/3: One WIA from E-2-3. Man entered bamboo grove to cut bamboo for bridge and tripped booby trap at 897826. Helo evac has been requested.	Div
1445	:	16	:	Fr 1/3: "A" wants resupply with 400 rations at landing zone vicinity 8769 at 1700. Will mark with yellow smoke.	S
1512	:	17	:	Fr 3/9: Cadillac Stingray at IP at 1500.	Div
1625	:	18	:	Fr Recon: Co D as of 1600H reverted to OPCON Recon Bn.	S
1710	:	19	:	Fr 1/3: "A" will receive resupply at landing zone PELICAN. One scout dog dead from heat, will evac after resupply. Helo evac three heat casualties 300 meters E of check point one. Not serious.	S
1725	:	20	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at RP at 1715.	Div
1740	:	21	:	Fr 1/3: Resupply of "A" complete.	S
2005	:	22	:	Fr 2/3: "H" ambush at 891805.	Div
2145	:	23	:	Fr 3/4: Ambush positions: "I" 830142 & 815123; Recon 797140; "K" 870065, 875054, 877062, 885010.	Div
2300	:	24	:	Fr 2/3: 20 rounds fired by automatic weapon from 899775 and two hand grenades (illumination) going off in that area.	S
2400	:	25	:	Journal Closed.	
	:		:	Summary of operations for period 23 May 1965.	
	:		:	1/3, 2/3, 3/9 and 3/4 continued patrolling was during the period. Scattered reports of firing, but no enemy contact reported. Co D ReconBn reverted to OpCon of ReconBn.	I

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0015	:	1	Fr 2/3: "H" ambush platoon in position.	Div
0225	:	2	Fr 3/9: 2 mines went off at check point 9 at 0150. Area checked with negative results. Possibly dogs.	Div
0240	:	3	Fr 2/3: "H" ambush moved out of position. Now at "H" CP.	Div
0455	:	4	Fr 1/3: Outpost on Hill 327 reports 9 trucks heading this way. Crossing Song Tuy Loan River at 947700.	Div
0640	:	5	Fr 1/3: "A" has 1 patrol out in immediate vicinity.	S
0835	:	6	Fr 1/3: A-6 & A-1 at landing zone, A-2 and A-3 on way.	Div
0940	:	7	Fr 2/3: "H" has platoon east of Hill 278, H-3 in BnCP, H-2 security for bridges, "H"(-) to move to LeMy this afternoon. "E" has all platoon in their CP. Footbridge done.	Div
1001	:	8	Fr 1/3: "A" helo-lift has started.	Div
1037	:	9	"A", 1/3 is now in their CP.	Div
1043	:	10	Fr 1/3: Helo-lift for "B" is completed.	Div
1120	:	11	Fr 1/3: "B" in fire fight with 6 snipers at 895685.	Div
1145	:	12	Fr 1/3: "B" 1000 meters northwest check point 3, was under fire by 4 automatic weapons, also received three mortar rounds. Requests 3 HULB. At 891689.	Div
1210	:	13	Fr 3/4: In process of making following changes: "K" from left sector to airfield, "M" from CP to right sector, "I" from right sector to CP. "L" from airfield to left sector.	S
1235	:	14	Fr 1/3: At 1130 1/3 14 was hit by enemy from high ground on ridge. About 8 VC, 4-6 automatic weapons, lasted 15 minutes, 2 enemy running away, 14 pulled out to east.	Div
1303	:	15	Fr 1/3: VC mortar shells fired from 890690, 3 fired (60mm), impact area 893693, at 1130.	Div
1405	:	16	Fr 1/3: 6 nights ago VC set up loud speaker at Hill 92. Broadcasted north for villagers to keep off trails because of mines.	S-2
1625	:	17	Fr 3/9: Patrol at CP at 1615.	Div
1850	:	18	Fr 3/4: Positions, tonight: L-1 851144; L-2 squad ambushes at 821119, 825121, 825113; L-3 848086, M One platoon in CP one at 893117 and one at 895121. "K" N portion of airfield. "I" has south portion of airfield.	S-Div
2120	:	19	Fr 1/3: Fire at 968734, "D" has platoon up there to put in out.	S
2208	:	20	Fr 3/4: 30 minutes probe of NE section of TAOR-"K" area. No casualties either side. 8-10 VC. Only small amount of fire exchanged. As Marines moved to offensive positions to capture VC, they disappeared in the darkness.	Div
2240	:	21	Fr 3/4: 3-4 men from village came about 150 yards out and fired, too far away to be effective. Fire returned.	S
2400	:	22	Journal Closed.	

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TIME	UT	SEC	DTC	INCIDENT, EMBELL, ETC.	REMARKS
0336	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: Operation "SCRAP IRON"	S
	:	:	:	activated at 0327.	
0517	:	2	:	Fr 2/3: AmTracs in river at 89-	S
	:	:	:	6828 at 0430.	
0625	:	3	:	Fr 2/3: First wave in.	Div
0626	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: "E" in position, "F" lea-	Div
	:	:	:	ving helicopters, no contact.	
0633	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: "F" moving into village	S
	:	:	:	at 0626.	
0634	:	6	:	Fr 2/3: "E" stopped at north side	S
	:	:	:	of village at 0628.	
0648	:	7	:	Fr 2/3: "F" found trenches and	S
	:	:	:	fighting holes but no panji traps.	
0731	:	8	:	Fr 2/3: "F" fired at man who	S
	:	:	:	got away.	
0749	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: "F" completed sweep of	Div
	:	:	:	village, moving back to river.	
0830	:	10	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol at IP at 0825.	Div
0900	:	11	:	Fr 2/3: "F" has 3 platoons 40	Div
	:	:	:	meters from river to support "E".	
	:	:	:	"E" has swept village and is now	
	:	:	:	sweeping south back thru it.	
0953	:	12	:	Fr 2/3: Two civilians turned	S
	:	:	:	themselves into units sweeping	
	:	:	:	through NW part of LeMy.	
1035	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: "F" has one platoon	Div
	:	:	:	sweeping village, one on river	
	:	:	:	bank, one checking out prep fire	
	:	:	:	area for casualties. "E" has	
	:	:	:	platoons in paddies south of	
	:	:	:	village. Has been swept and re swept.	
	:	:	:	Have villagers in paddies, have	
	:	:	:	87 women, 155 kids, 22 men. Held	
	:	:	:	bringing 4 villagers for interrogation.	
1050	:	14	:	Fr 1/3: B-1 1000 meters north	Div
	:	:	:	check point 17. Saw 2 VC and shot	
	:	:	:	them, VC did not fire. One French	
	:	:	:	rifle without ammo found. Cannot	
	:	:	:	bring back dead VC. Will take	
	:	:	:	pictures and bring back rifle and	
	:	:	:	personal effects.	
1135	:	15	:	Fr 1/3: B-1 fired at one VC at	Div
	:	:	:	check point 17. Probable VC WIA	
	:	:	:	have found blood in area and	
	:	:	:	searching for WIA. Found one Chinese	
	:	:	:	cartridge belt with Chinese hand	
	:	:	:	grenade, 1 slicker and one first	
	:	:	:	aid packet.	

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TIME	UT	LOC	DTG	INCIDENT, OBSERV, RECORD	STATUS
1205	:	16	:	Fr 1/3: VC camp site at 815634, 3 huts, 3 VC seen running with weapons at 1030H.	Div
1255	:	17	:	Fr 1/3: "B" has found body of VC previously reported. Now KIA. Pictures have been taken, leaving body behind.	WIA Div
1335	:	18	:	Fr 2/3: AmTracs moving "F" across river.	Div
1455	:	19	:	Fr 3/9: Patrol Leopard at IP.	Div
1520	:	20	:	Fr 2/3: Heli bringing "F" to Battalion CP. AmTracs have VCS at BnCP (Forward), 6x6 trucks to bring VCS to BnCP. Number of VCS unknown.	S
1919	:	21	:	Fr 2/3: "E" at 854853. Received few rounds small arms fire with no casualties. Moving to 8682.	Div
1955	:	22	:	Fr 1/3: "B" totals for day: 3 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 3 weapons and 2 grenades recovered. No USMC casualties. Setting base camp at 1300 meters north of CE 17.	S
2025	:	23	:	Fr 2/3: "E" has 1 WIA shot in ankle by sniper.	Div
2400	:	24	:	Journal Closed.	
	:		:	Summary of operations for period 25 May 1965.	
	:		:	1/3, 2/3 and 3/9 conducted patrolling during the period. 1/3 reported 3 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA and recovery of different type weapons from dead VC. 2/3 continues to operate in the Lemy area. 2/3 brought in large quantity of VCS.	

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0117	:	1	Fr 2/3: "E" moving to "H" CP. Road washed out. Have sent LVT to carry out WIA.	S
0436	:	2	Fr 2/3: "E" with "H". Will stay till first light. H-1 on hill 312. H-3(-) at LeMy. Lost contact with ambush patrol 0200.	S
0801	:	3	Fr 3/9: Lead elements of "L" lifted off at 0752.	Div
0855	:	4	Fr 3/9: "L" secured landing zone at 0845.	S
0950	:	5	Fr 1/3: B-1 2000 meters north check point 8. Yesterdays was 3 KIA, one WIA.	Div
1000	:	6	Fr 3/9: Sidewinder patrol back in CP area.	Div
1005	:	7	Fr 2/3: "H" at 858832 moving southwest. No contact.	Div
1050	:	8	Fr 1/3: Yesterday had two VC KIA 1000 meters west check point 17. One KIA VC and one WIA at check point 17. WIA escaped. B-1 has 3 rifles, 2 grenades, 3 canteens and some clothing.	S
1125	:	9	Fr 3/9: Village vicinity 843778 searched, found about 1000 pounds rice, which interpreter says is village harvest. 12 VC reported passing thru check point 1 yesterday by villagers. No VC contact.	Div
1220	:	10	Fr 3/4: Daylight positions: "K" at airfield, "I" at battalion CP. "M" (-) at 873066; Squad (Rein) at outpost at 867057. "L" CP and L-2 at 832143. L-1 at 832148, L-3 at outpost 225.	Div
1300	:	11	Fr 1/3: Squad in reports VC camp site at 833662. Squad returned at landing zone DOVE.	S
1309	:	12	Fr 1/3: Squad 2 HULB and 1 O-1B ran strike on 833662.	Div
1330	:	13	Fr 2/3: H-3 vicinity 857834. "E" at base of LeMy fort. ATs firing H&I north of Ca De Song, 2 LVT controlling river traffic.	S-Div
1410	:	14	Fr 2/3: "H" CP & H-1 and 2 at LeMy fort, H-3 at 847826. Will move southeast tonight. "G" to set up squad ambushes at 2000 at 885806, 896811, 902807. Tomorrow "G" will send out 2 patrol from CP, at 892802, 1st to 871803, 2d to 918792.	S
1440	:	15	Fr 3/4: Had patrols vicinity of night ambushes. Ambushes at (by company) "L" 832142, 832146, 829143, 833140, 830140, 829183. "M" CP 885076, ambushes 891085, 897087, 902083, 886068, 888063, 894066.	S
1445	:	16	Fr 3/9: L-1 at 852796 destroyed known VC hut. Confirmed by Civil Affairs Team	Div
1627	:	17	Fr 1/3: "B" at landing zone PARROT, coordinates 902684.	Div
1725	:	18	Fr 3/9: Stingray at check point D.	Div
1930	:	19	Fr 1/3: Scouting fire team pinned down by sniper fire at 950664. D-1 sent to assist.	Div

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2005	:	:	20	:	Fr 2/3: "G" CP is at 892816.	Div
2011	:	:	21	:	Fr Div: DaNang Special Secotr reports fire fight at 935663.	S
2025	:	:	22	:	Fr 1/3: D-1 received sniper fire at 935663. Returned same. No casualties.	Div
2030	:	:	23	:	Fr 2/3: Fire fight south of 910850. Want to fire 81mm at 910838.	S
2215	:	:	24	:	Fr 1/3: "D" moving back to Hill 41 until 0400 since they were found and under fire. Will then appear to be routine patrol, not scouting for night position. Will call when "D" is at Hill 41.	Div
2215	:	:	25	:	Fr 1/3: "D" will remain in previous position, one platoon at Hill 41, one at Hill 22 and one in grid square 9666.	Div
2400	:	:	26	:	Journal Closed.	
	:	:		:	Summary of operations for period 26 May 1965.	
	:	:		:	All units conducted patrolling during the period, with reported from 1/3 of scattered sniper fire. 3/9 recovered food supply from village. N/3 confiscated several weapons and grenades during patrolling action. No significant enemy activity reported.	

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0730			1		Fr 1/3: DCo 1st platoon sweeping village 964665 will proceed to check point 14. DCo 2 and 3 have made junction at 0800. Commence sweep to check point 10. 1st platoon conducting sweep of village. 2 squads covering 2 and 3 in defensive position 933662. No contact. 1 VC suspect presently holding will bring in on chopper resupply this afternoon.	S
0800			2		Fr 3/9: Still do not have contact with squad are trying to get an OE. Will send it up as soon as we can get it.	Div
0807			3		Fr 3/4: Daylight operations for today: KCo at airfield, ICo at CP, MCo at 873065. One platoon LCo on OP (No change). Rest of LCo at 815092. Situation same-no change.	Div
0811			4		Fr 3/9: Patrol Panther at IP.	Div
0830			5		Fr 1/3: One Marine WIA. Request evac at coord 965661. Will mark with green smoke. WIA condition unknown at this time.	Div
0835			6		Fr 1/3: 1 and 2 platoons present position 300m southeast check point 10. 1st platoon engaged VC across river (DCo)	Div
0838			7		Fr 1/3: D Company moving remainder of company to 1st platoon position to assist in engagement of VC.	Div
0914			8		Fr 3/9: Have regained contact with lost squad.	S
0940			9		Fr 1/3: D-1 inflicted 2 VC KIA and 2 VC WIA coord 965667. Evac accomplished, proceeding to check point 14.	Div
0955			10		Fr 1/3: VC bodies across river, Cannot get them back.	Div
1337			11		Fr 2/3: H-3 met about 10 VC at 851818. VC disappeared into underbrush.	S
1410			12		Fr 2/3: G has 3 patrols this morning all squad size. G-1 in grid square 8781, D-2 8780, D-3 moving to Kien Kien village. G CP will move to 891797 at 2030. H will set up 2 ambushes in LeMy area tonight. 1 squad patrol will move to 875822 and try to contact with H-3.	S
1525			13		Fr 3/9: Patrol at IP at 1525.	Div
1528			14		Fr 1/3: D has 1 VCS, 19 year old, improper ID card, will send back via resupply mission at 1600. Location 912678.	Div
1628			15		Fr 1/3: WIA from mine at 900700. Helo evac has been req	Div
1645			16		Fr 3/9: L-1 has search village, found panji traps around it. Corpsman treated child.	Div
1650			17		Fr 1/3: Another WIA same position, same cause.	Div
1705			18		Fr 1/3: 2 WIAs were from mines at 900700. Resupply comp.	Div
1720			19		Fr 3/9: Cobra patrol at RP.	Div
1800			20		Fr 1/3: 1 casualty was not mine, was from booby trapped grenade.	Div
1835			21		Fr 2/3: H ambush at 903816, 905829, H-6 back from patrol. H requests firing 81mm, 2 rounds at NE coord 8983.	Div
2028			22		Fr 3/9: Have ambush at 865749.	

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0715	:	:	1	:	Fr 3/9: "L" reports no contact on lat nights ambush.	Div
0750	:	:	2	:	Fr 1/3: 1 VCS caught by "D" at 888705. Completed sweep.	Div
0818	:	:	3	:	Fr 1/3: VCS is 41 year old man, wearing black and white clothing is recent arrival in area. Will return by helo later.	Div
0820	:	:	4	:	Fr 3/9: Leopard patrol departed IP.	Div
0830	:	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: "G" CP 891796. Sending patrol to 852795. One patrol down MSR to Kien Kien and one going east across GL 81. No contact.	S
0910	:	:	6	:	Fr 1/3: "D" at check point 17; D-1 moving to check point 13; D-3 will clear village check point 17. Recommend hold VCS until reaching landing zone this afternoon. No landing zone this area.	Div
0937	:	:	7	:	Fr Div: Recon returning from Phu Bai without air cover or customary security. Alert ready reaction company.	S-2/3
0935	:	:	8	:	Fr 3/9: Leopard patrol at RP at 0930.	Div
0945	:	:	9	:	Fr 2/3: "H" 1 patrol along ridge line, 2 in Lemmy complex, 1 in "H" village for people-to-people program work.	Div
1115	:	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: "D" searched 3 boats near check point 17. Loaded with charcoal. Papers in order. Released them.	Div
1154	:	:	11	:	Fr 1/3: D-1 returned to end of route. Found used .50 cal rounds at 870707. D2&3 enroute to 875717. Will send squad to recon invicinity check point 15.	Div
1157	:	:	12	:	Fr Div: Have reaction company stand down.	S-2/3
1515	:	:	13	:	Fr 1/3: "D" in landing zone. Suggest pick up point be moved to 885717.	S
1520	:	:	14	:	Fr Div: Will be election in Quang Nam Province on 30 May. Inform Marine units to let traffic passon this day.	S
1620	:	:	15	:	Fr 3/4: Situation summary 271600H to 281600H. No important events or contact reported.	S
1720	:	:	16	:	Fr 3/9: L-3 fired upon by men at 835721 at 1630. VC then ran for high ground with squad in pursuit. No casualties.	Div
1725	:	:	17	:	Fr 2/3: "H" night ambushes at 875817, 917834, & 914826. Out at 1630 return at 0530.	S
1740	:	:	18	:	Fr 1/3: "D" heli-lift completed.	Div
1741	:	:	19	:	Fr 3/9: Barracuda patrol back in.	Div
1910	:	:	20	:	Fr 3/9: "L" Co in company area. Ambushes to be set up at 868754 & 871758. 8mm registered on W side of Hill 393. Only enemy contact was reported in Item #16 above.	Div
2050	:	:	21	:	Fr 3/4: "M" CP at 889087, with squads spread out in general vicinity. "L" CP at 817104. "K" airfield security, "I" Battalion CP security with Recon.	S
2135	:	:	22	:	Fr 2/3: "G" patrol back. Ambush established, no contact.	Div
2215	:	:	23	:	Fr 2/3: H-1 in ambush position, saw fisherman in river, still there at 2150. Ambush position to observe. (Note large fish nets in river at this position.)	Div

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0633	:	:	1	:	Fr 2/3: "H" Co patrols returned.	S
0645	:	:	2	:	Fr 3/9: Company patrol base for 29 & 30 May to vicinity check point 30. Platoon size platoon patrol will patrol area between check points 25 and 30. Remainder of company will move from present position to new patrol base by way of check points 20, 21 and 22. Exact coordinates of new patrol base will be called in later.	S
0811	:	:	3	:	Fr 3/9: 0755 Cobra patrol left IP.	Div
0925	:	:	4	:	Fr 2/3: "G" Co squad sized patrol in SW direction parallel to MSR. 1 patrol down MSR to Kien Kien village. Situation remains same.	Div
1020	:	:	5	:	Fr 2/3: At 0940 "H" Co one squad to village at coordinates 898814 for people-to-people. One squad at 0920 along ridge line to west of H Co CP. One squad patrol in village to west of H Co CP. One squad patrol in LeMy village at 1300, will inform you where ambush site for tonight. Ambush patrol fired on a boat in CaDeSong at 2040 last night, the boat was unlighted, results unknown. We had no contact with this patrol.	Div
1121	:	:	6	:	Fr 3/9: Cobra patrol is at RP.	Div
1307	:	:	7	:	Fr 3/9: "L" Co conducting people-to-people work in village, at check point 22. Villagers report Main Force Company in this area about 7 days ago.	Div
1340	:	:	8	:	Fr 3/4: "L" Co daylight position 830120. "M" Co daylight position 885088.	Div
1406	:	:	9	:	Fr Div: This is a drill. Activate reflex company. Helicopter lift to grid square 8754 and lift right back. ("A" Co from Landing Zone Finch).	1/3
1450	:	:	10	:	Fr 1/3: "A" Co now at LZ awaiting helo lift.	Div
1535	:	:	11	:	Fr 3/4: Patrol and 1 light section supported by 1 squad from K Co conducted recon patrol of Hill 153 vicinity coord 798108 to check tank mobility. M Co and L Co had local patrols in area of night ambush sites. Ambush site for Co L CP and 1 platoon 817104, 1 squad 805100, one squad 809107, one squad 812101, Co M CP 889087, 1 sqd 893073, 1 sqd 898081, 1 sqd 900086, 1 sqd 897097, 1 sqd 890100, 1 sqd 886109. All patrols in by 2100. No contact. All units moved into CP at first light. Trng-Aid Station and 3/12 fam fired small arms. Tanks - light section went on patrols, heavy conducted PM. AT's conducted PM. Helos conducted dawn and evening patrols.	S
1605	:	:	12	:	Fr 1/3: Reaction force has all landed in GS 8574 at 1605.	Div
1610	:	:	13	:	Fr 2/3: G Co recon patrol returned at 1400, negative contact. Ambush site tonight 872796 at approximately	Div

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			2000. H Co patrol that left at 1330 patrolled route west of Co CP along foot of ridge. Returned to CP following W to E along NS GL SL.	
1617		14	Fr 1/3: A Co is at Landing Zone. Helos have left.	Div
1643		15	Fr 3/9: 2nd Plt, Co L discovered caves vicinity 831715; rice, ammo, grenades and clothing. More caves in area not yet searched. Will bring back gear and keep searching.	Div
1710		16	Fr 3/9: L Co patrol base 871733. Will bring contents of cave in tomorrow.	Div
1830		17	Fr 1/3: Reaction company is back.	Div
1950		18	Fr 3/4: Night positions: LCo 828122, M Co at 882088, both with squads scattered in vicinity.	Div
2015		19	Fr 2/3: H Co patrol found cache of clothing and food at coordinates 875819 of woolen trousers, black shirts, large bag of salt, bag of rice, can of oil, can for cooking and unopened package of "C" rations. No one working in area of fields.	Div
2030		20	Fr 2/3: H Co will have 3 squad sized ambush patrols tonight coord 912835, 908831, 913831.	Div
2400		21	Journal Closed.	
			Summary of operations for the period 29 May 1965.	
			All units conducted patrolling during the period.	
			3/9 discovered caves while patrolling containing numerous articles and foods believed used by the VC. All units established ambush patrols. No significant enemy contacted during the period.	

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0655	:	:	:	1	Fr 2/3: "G" & "H" patrols back. Report no contact.	S
0750	:	:	:	2	Fr 2/3: "G" sending 2 patrols; 1 to 927818 & 1 from MSR to KIEN KEIN village. Will be 1 ambush tonight at 899808 & if CP moves, will leave 1 ambush to old CP site.	S
0815	:	:	:	3	Fr 3/9: Panther patrol at IP.	Div
0822	:	:	:	4	Fr 3/4: Day light positions: "L" 830118, "M" 885088, "K" vicinity airfield, "I" at battalion CP.	Div
0850	:	:	:	5	Fr 1/3: 1st elements "C" departed area.	Div
0902	:	:	:	6	Fr 1/3: "C" landing zone secure.	Div
1315	:	:	:	7	Fr 2/3: "H" has 2 squad patrols in LE MY & 1 moving W along ridge line. Will pick out ambush sites to be reported later.	Div
1425	:	:	:	8	Fr 3/9: Panther patrol returned at 1130.	Div
1430	:	:	:	9	Fr 1/3: All late entries not reported on time - 0945: All "C" landed. 1st & 2d platoon moving along designated routes. 1014: "C" in CP at 899687. HU-1Bs firing into LZ KIWI. C-1 moving along designated route. 1045 - Recon unit (H&SCO) request helo pickup for return to Bn CP at 1300H. 1115: C-1 800 meters W chk pt 79. 1157: C-2 report 3VC, 1 WIA 500 meters W check point 5, moving W. 1232 "C" searched & cleared area. HU-1B had airstrike vicinity LZ KIWI sighted 5 VC, 1 WIA.	S
1545	:	:	:	10	Fr 3/9: "I" all in Landing Zone. Now at 873733.	Div
1601	:	:	:	11	Fr 1/3: 2 patrols from "C" have returned, no contact.	Div
1945	:	:	:	12	Fr 2/3: "G" reported receiving info from VNs that a VC platoon (+) was seen this afternoon 1/2 way up slope of DONG DEN VNs were woodcutters near newly completed S bridge. Will send patrols tomorrow and company on the 1st to that area.	Div
2030	:	:	:	13	Fr 2/3: Location of suspected VC 850795. VC had MG and mortars. 2/3 has taken appropriate follow action.	S
2035	:	:	:	14	Fr 2/3: "H" will send 3 squad patrols to N hamlet of LE MY tonight. 1st left 1930, returns 2230; 2d leaves 2330 returns 0300; 3d leaves 0300 returns 1st Light. All move along S bank of CA DE SONG.	Div
2215	:	:	:	15	Fr Div: Have battalion ready to go to CHU LAI by 0700 for indefinite period (1-10 days). Will come under OPCON 4th Mar.	1/3, 2/3
2240	:	:	:	16	Fr 2/3: "G" CP now 889797. Ambush at old site. 1 ambush from 893804 to 896801.	Div
2335	:	:	:	17	To Tanks, AT, Recon: 1/3 operation cancelled.	S
:	:	:	:	:	JOURNAL closed at 302359H May 1965	:
:	:	:	:	:	All units conducted patrolling during the period. No significant enemy contact reported.	:

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0241		1	Fr 2/3: "H" has 1 patrol out. No enemy contact.	S
0245		2	Fr 2/3: "H" patrol back in CP.	S
0250		3	Fr 2/3: Recon in "G" area till 0500, then moves to destination.	S
0612		4	Fr 1/3: "C" ready to be heli-lifted out.	S
	0632	5	To Div: 1st elements "C" in landing zone QUAIL and Recon element lifted in same helicopters at 0638.	Div
0805		6	Fr 3/9: "I" starting patrol and moving CP.	Div
0831		7	Fr 3/9: "M" Leopard patrol at IP at 0820.	Div
1005		8	Fr 2/3: Recon elements at 875788 and 871801.	Div
1020		9	Fr 3/9: Leopard patrol reached RP.	Div
1215		10	Fr 3/4: "K" on patrol in free zone. Recon enroute to right sector TAOR for rest of week. "I" outpost in CP was fired on by 1 VC from about 600 meters. Was pursued but lost in tree line near PHU BAI village. Searched with platoon but had no more contact.	S
1220		11	Fr Div: G-3 said 1/3 will probably stand down from alert. Official word later after visit from MACV J-3.	S
1440		12	Fr 2/3: "H" 1 squad looking for boat in CA DE SONG river. Gave Thread to women in LE MY as part of people-to-people program. "G" has 1 squad moving SW, will return along MSR. E-3 moving to LE MY this afternoon.	S
1530		13	Fr 3/9: I-3 back in CP.	Div
1555		14	Fr 2/3: Recon saw groups of 5-10 men moving S wearing straw hats and black clothing. Moving to better position to observe.	S
1720		15	Fr 3/9: Casket arrived and was given to villagers. All villagers turned out to thank USMC. I-1 returning to CP. No enemy contact.	S
1800		16	Fr 3/9: "I" on way to new CP.	S
1915		17	Fr 3/9: "I" encountered trip grenade. 2 casualties, do not need evacuation.	Div
2030		18	Fr 3/9: "I" at new CP (864721). Info on casualties follows ASAP.	Div
2040		19	Fr 2/3: "G" CP at 899819. "G" replaces "H" at 0900 tomorrow. "H" will stay vicinity LE MY Fort for subsequent employment. E-3 with "H". CA team in position 400 meters S of "G". Liaison with team accomplished, they are setting up bivouac. "G" has squad ambush at 899809.	Div
2130		20	Fr 3/9: Casualties occurred at 873713. Have been treated by corpsman.	Div
			JOURNAL closed at 2400	
			Summary of operations for 31 May: All units conducted patrols during period. No significant events reported;	

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(b) OG 3dMarDiv OpnOrder 321-65

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. Current ISUMS.b. Friendly forces.

- (1) Third Marine Division defends airfields and ancillary facilities at CHU LAI, DA NANG, and PHU BAI; occupies critical terrain and conducts aggressive combat patrolling in assigned TAORs; establishes and maintains reconnaissance network; and when directed executes offensive operations in order to render combat support to the RVNAF.
- (2) 4th Marines (-) (Rein) establishes secure base area, CHU LAI, for airfield construction site; conducts aggressive patrolling throughout assigned TAOR; maintains one company in reflex status (one hour) for employment anywhere in Division area; conducts unilateral offensive operations in TAORs to be determined.
- (3) 3d Recon Bn (-) prepared to establish reconnaissance net PHU BAI, DA NANG and CHU LAI.
- (4) I Corps continues operations against the VC.
- (5) VNN maintains counter-infiltration screen along RVN coast.
- (6) US Seventh Fleet conducts naval and air operations against DRV and VC and maintains readiness to provide NGF and air support to 3d Marine Division on request.
- (7) Artillery.
 - (a) 1st Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Mar light artillery batteries. DS 3d Marines.

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(b) 1st Bn (-) (Rein) 12th Mar medium and heavy artillery GS prepared to reinforce the DS batteries.

(8) Air. FMAW provides helicopters, observation aircraft and close air support as required.

(9) 3d Engineer Bn (-) (Rein) provides engineer support.

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

2. MISSION. 3d Marines defends DA NANG Airfield, PHU BAI Airfield and 8th PRU facilities; conducts patrolling throughout assigned TAORs; maintains one rifle company in reflex posture (one hour) for employment anywhere in Division area; prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined; and prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of DA NANG base area defense.

3. EXECUTION.

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

b. 1st Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Conduct combat and reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.
- (2) Until relieved by 3/9, defend Hawk missile battery with minimum of one reinforced platoon and control the 327, 268 hill mass and avenues of approach leading into the DA NANG area from the west and southwest.
- (3) On order, deploy battalion (less one rifle company and administrative CP) to position south of the SONG TUY LOAN.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct counter-attack to restore integrity of DA NANG base area defense.
- (6) Battalion reserve is Regimental reserve to be committed only on approval of DO, 3d Marines.

c. 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Control the 368, 278 hill mass and avenues of approach leading into the DA NANG area from the west and northwest.
- (2) Conduct combat and reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.

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- (3) Maintain surveillance of the LE MY area.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of DA NANG base area defense.

d. 3d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Provide security for and defend PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.
- (2) Conduct combat and reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR and free zone.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct company/battalion (-) size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined.
- (4) Prepare counter-attack plans to restore integrity of PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.

e. 3d Bn. 9th Marines.

- (1) Defend the DA NANG Airfield from (BT 013768) west around perimeter to (BT 017754).
- (2) Conduct daylight reconnaissance vicinity DA NANG Airfield with 8-14 man patrols.
- (3) Be prepared to assume operational control of other MAF/Div units that may be assigned for the defense of the airfield.
- (4) Prepare plans to support airfield defense orders issued by higher headquarters.
- (5) On order, relieve 1/3 on the 327, 268 hill mass with two companies, and occupy positions to control the 327, 268 hill mass and avenues of approach leading from the west into the DA NANG area.
- (6) On order, defend Hawk Missile Battery on hill 327 with a minimum of one reinforced platoon.
- (7) On order, conduct combat and reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.
- (8) Be prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of DA NANG base area defense.

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SECRETf. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn.

(1) One platoon DS each battalion in DA NANG area.

g. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn.

(1) One platoon DS each battalion in DA NANG area.

h. Regimental Reserve: Reserve Company, 1/3.

(1) Be prepared for employment in any Battalion TAOR.

(2) Maintain reflex posture (one hour) and be prepared for employment anywhere in Division area.

i. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination).

(3) No fewer than eight men will be placed in isolated positions at night. All patrols will consist of at least eight men.

(4) Reports.

(a) Spot report ASAP on actions wherein U. S. personnel are wounded or killed.

(b) FLASH reports on contact with enemy force of platoon size or larger, incoming artillery or mortar fire, and/or air or armored attack.

(c) Submit patrol plans and operation plans for offensive operations to CO, 3d Marines, for approval, not later than 60 hours prior to time of execution.

(d) Detailed after-action reports will be submitted within 18 hours of any action in which USMC personnel are wounded, killed or captured. Reports will contain the following information:

1. Statistical data - Units involved, strengths, time, place, casualties (enemy or friendly), nature of action. (i.e., ambush, patrol action, raid, search and destroy, attack);

2. Narrative account of action. Include sketch or overlay for clarity.

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3. Lessons learned, problems or difficulties encountered, areas or matters requiring increased training or attention, suggestions for future operations.

4. Reports will be numbered consecutively.

(5) Rules of engagement.

(a) Rounds will not be inserted in the chamber of individual weapons unless an encounter with the enemy is obvious, and in the judgement of the senior Marine present, this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.

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

1. Challenge.

2. If there is no response to the challenge or the response is incorrect, the area will be illuminated.

3. If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act and thereby endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.

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

(d) Employment of CAS and artillery will be under the positive control of an ALO/FAC or FO. Tanks and ONTOS will not fire unless the target has been clearly identified and confirmed. Use of all supporting arms will be cleared through the appropriate FSCC.

(6) Every effort will be made to avoid incidents with civilians.

(7) All patrols will be accompanied by ARVN/RF personnel.

(8) Body armor mandatory for personnel manning defensive positions. Body armor optional on patrols/operations. Any individual desiring to wear body armor will be permitted to do so.

(9) Patrols/operations in vicinity of VN villages will be accompanied by representatives from I Corps Civil Affairs Company. Submit requests to this Headquarters via assigned Vietnamese liaison personnel.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. To be issued separately.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. RegtO 002000.2 and Annex E (~~Communications-Electronics~~).
 - b. Command posts. Annex C (Operation Overlay).

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Concept of Operations
- C - Operation Overlay
- D - Fire Support Coordination (to be issued separately)
- E - Communications-Electronics (to be issued separately)
- F - Distribution

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 DA NANG, RVN
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 324-65

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3d Marines (-) (Rein)

Col GARRETSON

HqCo, 3d Marines

1st Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol LANAGAN

2d Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol CLEMENT

3d Bn, 9th Marines

LtCol MCPARTLIN

3d Bn. (Rein), 4th Marines

LtCol TAYLOR

Det, HqCo, 4th Marines

Det, 3d Svc Bn

Det, 3d Med Bn

Det, Hq Bn, 3d Mar Div

Det, 3d FSR

Det, 3d Dental Co.

Btry I (Rein), 3d Bn, 12th Mar

3d Plat (Rein), Co C, 3d Tk Bn.

3d Plat (Rein), Co B, 3d AT Bn

3d Plat (Rein), Co B, 3d Engr Bn

1st Plat (Rein), Co C, 3d MT Bn

Co C, 3d Recon Bn

Co A. (-) (Rein), 3d TK Bn

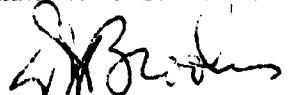
Capt DONOVAN

Co A. (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn

1stLt DONOHUE

Regimental Reserve: Reserve Co. 1/3

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 6559 II, 6558 I, 6658 I and IV
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1. MISSION. 3d Marines defends DA NANG Airfield, PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities; conducts patrolling throughout assigned TAORs.; maintains one rifle company in reflex posture (one hour) for employment anywhere in Division area; prepared to conduct unilateral company/battalion size search and destroy operations in TAORs to be determined; and prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of DA NANG base area defense.

2. CONCEPT.

- a. General.

- (1) The general concept of operations for the 3d Marines will be conducted in three phases:

Phase I - Security of base areas (considered completed)

Phase II - Deep patrolling and offensive operations

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

- (2) Phase II.

- (a) The principal military objective in Phase II will be the people. Every attempt will be made to influence the general populace towards acceptance of RVN control and rejection of the Viet Cong.
 - (b) Operations to be conducted will be aimed at liberating the areas surrounding the DA NANG and PHU BAI airfields from Viet Cong influence. Operations will be conducted in selected villages. The Viet Cong will be captured or killed. Control of the villages will be retained to deny the Viet Cong a source of supply and isolate him from the population. RVNAF liaison units will accompany USMC forces on these operations.

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(c) Other operations that contribute to the security of the base areas will be conducted.

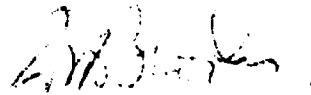
(3) Phase III. Operations during phase III include providing combat support to RVNAF forces on the basis of operational coordination.

b. Specific (Phase II)

(1) 3d Marines continues present operations and on order expands operations in enlarged DA NANG TAOR by deploying one battalion (-) south of the SONG TUY LOAN and elements of the airfield battalion forward to the hill 327, 268 area.

(2) Annex C (Operations Overlay).

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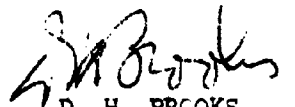
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3d Bn, 4th Marines	2
3d Bn, 9th Marines	2
1st Bn, 12th Marines	1
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Co A, 3d AT Bn	1
3d Recon Bn	1
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INFO: 2D BN, 3D MAR

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THREAT ORDER NO. 7-65

SITUATIONA. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT ISUMSB. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY 3D MEB LANDS AT CHU LAI AREA.
- (2) BEG, BRIG HQ CO, BLSG AND MAG-16 (-) PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR DEFENSE OF AIRFIELD IF REQUIRED AND ON ORDER CC, 9TH MEB.

(3) MAG-16 PROVIDES MAXIMUM HELICOPTER SUPPORT TO LIFT GROUND FORCES TO CHU LAI AND MAINTAINS 1 F-4 A/C ON CONDITION III UNTIL RELEASED.

C. MISSION. 3D MARINES PROVIDES ONE COMPANY (REIN) TO 3D MEB FOR USE AS A LANDING FORCE RESERVE ON ORDER.

D. EXECUTION.A. 3D BN, 9TH MAR

(1) COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY, REINFORCED WITH PAC TM ARTY FC TM, 81MM MORTAR FC TM AND SECTION 81MM MORTARS FOR HELILIFT TO CHU LAI AREA ON SHORT NOTICE. IF COMMITTED, COMPANY CHOP OPON 3D MEB ON ARRIVAL CHU LAI AREA.

(2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPON OF BEG, BRIG HQ CO, BLSG, AND MAG-16 (-) PROVISIONAL DEFENSE UNITS ON ORDER.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) H-HOUR AND D-DAY TO BE ANNOUNCED.
- (2) SUBMIT HELILIFT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS INDICATING NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO BE LIFTED AND WEIGHT OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

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- A. CARRY ONE DAY RATIONS.
- B. TWO FULL CANTEENS OF WATER CARRIED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL.
- C. BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR WEAPONS EXCEPT M-14 (MOD). FOR M-14 (MOD) CARRY 200 ROUNDS.

5. CMD & COMM-ELICA. III MEB RADIO FREQS:

(1) III MEB CMD	B-1	2593.5 (2592)(P)
	B-2	2156.5 (2155)(S)
(2) III MEB TAC	B-3	42.8 (P)
	B-4	47.3 (S)
(3) NGF SUPPORT		46.23 (P)
(4) SFC SPOT NET	B-22	2711 (2710.5)(P)
(5) ARTY CMD/PD	B-23	3163.5 (3162)(P)
	B-24	5301.5 (5300)(S)
(6) TAR		2227 (P)
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A. MI CPW O 323-65
B. CG, 9TH MEB OP PLAN 321-65
C. MI OP PLAN 322(A) & (B)-65

1. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, ON OR ABOUT MAY, 2/3 AND 3/9 EXECUTE RELIEF IN PLACE.

6. EXECUTION

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Ac 2D BM, 3D MAR

(1) WHEN DIRECTED, RELIEVE B/9 IN POSITION ON DANANG AIRFIELD AND ASSUME MISSION OF BATTALION NO. 3 AS ASSIGNED IN REF A. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN READY TO ASSUME MISSION OF BATTALION NO. 3 AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN DIRECTED.

(2) PREPARE LOCAL COUNTRY ATTACK PLANS AND PLANS TO SUPPORT REF-
ERENCES A AND B.

6. 30 BR, 9TH MAR.

1) WHEN DIRECTED, RELIEVE 2/3 IN POSITION ON 368, 278 HILL MASS AND ASSUME MISSION OF BATTALION NO. 2 AS ASSIGNED IN REF A. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN READY TO ASSUME MISSION OF BATTALION NO. 2 AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN DIRECTED

(2) PREPARE PLANS TO SUPPORT REF C.

CO A (C) (REIN), 3D AT AND TK BN

(1) OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO PHYSICALLY EXCHANGING DS PLATOONS WITH 2/3 AND 3/9.

H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) SUBMIT COPIES OF PLANS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS ORDER AND REF. BUDGETS A THROUGH C TO THIS HEAD QUARTERS.

(2) SUBMIT SITREPS ON STATUS OF RELIEF EVERY EIGHT HOURS.

(3) THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL DESIGNATE TIME WHEN RESPONSIBILITIES
BE LONG TO THE BATTALIONS.

(4) SUBMIT PROPOSED RELIEF SCHEDULE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR APPROVAL BY 10 MAY. DIR CT LIAISON AUTHORIZED.

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1. AIRFIELD TRANSFER OF ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLY IS DIRECTED.
2. T/O HELICOPTER AND T/O REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR COMBATATION BY 1/2 MAY.
3. ENGAGEMENT AND CARRISON PROPERTY WILL REMAIN IN POSITION.
4. T/O EQUIPMENT WILL BE RETAINED BY EACH BATTALION.
5. EACH OF AIRFIELD BATTALION WILL BE ASSIGNED TWO BUILDINGS BY THE AIRFIELD COMPOUND FOR STORING BATTLE EQUIPMENT. ALL OTHER BUILDINGS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE BATTALION PROVIDING AIRFIELD DEFENSE.

STANDARD AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

1. RADIO RELAY FACILITIES REMAIN IN PLACE.

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TO: 1/3

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4TH PLAT, CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN

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ON ORDER, ON OR ABOUT 23 MAY, 4TH PLAT, CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN (LESS 2 LVT'S WHICH REMAIN WITH 2/3 ON CA DE SONG) PLACED DS 1/3 VICE 2/3 FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 3 DAYS. UPON COMPLETION OF MISSION WITH 1/3 AMTRAC PLAT WILL BE RETURNED DS 2/3.

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3d Marines (-) (Rein)
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232400H May 1965

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- (a) Map AMS Series L701 1:50,000 Sheets 6659 III, 6658 IV
(b) 3dMar GpnO 323-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: No change.

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Current ISUMS.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 3d Mar Div provides artillery and engineer support.

(2) FMAW provides helicopters, observation aircraft and close air support as required.

c. Attachments and detachments. Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Bn detached 231600H.

2. MISSION. Defend DA NANG Airfield and conduct patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

b. 3/9.

(1) No change from reference (b).

(2) Conduct day and night combat and reconnaissance patrolling with up to one reinforced company within assigned (Western) TAOR.

c. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Annex A (Operation Overlay). TAORs effective 260800H and supersedes Annex A to reference (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

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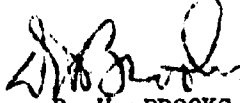
ASSIGNED TAOR.

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COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. RegtO 002000.2.
- b. Command Posts. Annex A (Operation Overlay).



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A - Operation Overlay

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DA NANG AIRFIELD DEFENSE

A. 3D MAR DIV PRAGMATICS-65

1. CO, 3D BN, 9TH MARINES IS DESIGNATED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF DA NANG AIRFIELD PER METER DEFENSE. EXECUTE TASKS AND COORDINATION DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A (PARAGRAPH 3, b, (5) EXCEPTED). BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY SECOND RIFLE COMPANY OFF OF THE AIRFIELD ON ORDER.

PERMIT DETAILED DEFENSE PLANS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 31 MAY 1965.

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ALERT COMPANY

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- A. CO THIRD MAR MSG 110810Z
B. CG THIRD MAR DIV OP ORD 321-65

1. REFERENCE A IS CANCELLED EFFECTIVE 240800H.
2. REF B DIRECTS THIRD MAIR TO MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF ONE REINFORCED COMPANY IN A REFLEX POSTURE CAPABLE OF BEING EMPLOYED ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION AREA WITHIN ONE HOUR. THE FOLLOWING UNITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE ALERT COMPANY ON THE DATES INDICATED:

UNIT

DATES

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240800H MAY - 270800H MAY

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270800H MAY - 310800H MAY

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 Da Nang, RVN
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Time Zone H

1. SITUATION

A. Enemy Forces:

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence estimate msg 050902Z April
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUMS

B. Friendly Forces

(1) 9th MEB, in coordination with I Corps, occupies defensive position of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfield and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations as a mobile reaction force.

C. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) None

2. MISSION

A. Recon Company on D-Day will establish observation posts to the west and north of the present TAOR, and establish one observation post/relay station within the TAOR, to observe for large enemy troop movements and troop concentrations for air strikes.

3. EXECUTION

A. Concept of Operation

(1) Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter, establish observation posts from D-Day till D plus four, observe the objective area, then upon order move overland to a helicopter recovery site.

- B. Patrol number one enter and establish an OP at 837828
- Patrol number two enter and establish an OP at 817793
- Patrol number three enter and establish an OP at 815767
- Patrol number four enter and establish an OP at 805735
- Relay station to be located at 932763

C. Liaison work is authorized with the regiment at S-3

D. Proceed from entry point overland to observation objective area, set up patrol/observation base and report results of recon of D Day to D-Day plus four in accordance with Annex A (Communications Plan)

E. Determine the following:

- (1) Record all military traffic, foot and vehicle
- (2) Record all civilian traffic
- (3) Record all map changes
- (4) Location of local security

F. Patrols will be recovered in accordance with Annex B (Recovery Plan)

G. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) In the event of bad weather the helo entry will take place on D plus 1.
- (2) In the event of compromise, patrols will E&E to nearest friendly unit.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. Rations - one can of C-Rations per day per man

B. Uniform - Utilities with soft cover and boots

C. Weapons - M-14 Rifle with basic ammo allowance and 2 Frag grenades

D. Extra Equipment - one yellow smoke grenade per man, 2 extra canteens per man, two water cans per patrol, vitamin pills, Dexadrine pills, 10 oranges per man.

E. No resupply

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. Reference Annex A (Communications Plan)

B. Pass word with friendly patrols - MAKO-HAWK

C. Command Post - 3d Marines CP

D. Shackle Code - Raving Club

E. Smoke Signals - Yellow grenades for Helos

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A. Communications Plan

B. Recovery Plan

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ANNEX A (Communications Plan) to Operation Order 6-65**SITUATION**

- A. Enemy Forces - Same as Operation Order
- B. Friendly Forces - Same
- C. Attachments - Same

MISSION

- A. Report pertinent intelligence information by radio to 3d Marines

EXECUTION

- A. Frequencies and call signs are as follows:

I.	PRC-10	FREQUENCY	
		PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
	Patrol #1 Meal Time One	39.0	52.9
	Patrol #2 Meal Time Two	39.0	52.9
	Patrol #3 Meal Time Three	39.0	52.9
	Patrol #4 Meal Time Four	39.0	52.9
	3d Marines CP Meal Time Six	39.0	52.9
	Relay Station - X-Ray Meal Time	39.0	52.9
II. Interval Of Transmission			

D-Day	Patrol 1	1900-1925	
	Patrol 2	1930-1955	
	Patrol 3	2000-2025	
	Patrol 4	2030-2055	
D Plus 1	Patrol 1	0600-0615	1900-1915
	Patrol 2	0625-0640	1925-1940
	Patrol 3	0650-0705	1950-2005
	Patrol 4	0715-0730	2015-2030

D Plus 2 Same as D Plus 1

D Plus 3 Same as D Plus 1

D Plus 4 Morning report same as D Plus 1 Meal Time X-Ray will act as a monitor and report at 15 minutes after last transmission for each scheduled time to Meal Time Six

B. Message Format**(1) Patrol one thru four**

- A. Location in six digit coordinates
- B. What is moving on roads
- C. Size of Vehicle
- D. Direction of movement
- E. Time of sighting

(2) Example of Plain Text

Seven three two eight five six X Infantry X Two platoons X
180 degrees X 0510

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. No Resupply

B. Emergency repair or replacement not available

C. Take four days supply of batteries and an extra handset

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ANNEX B (Recovery Plan) to Operation Order 6-65

Ref: (a) MAP AMS Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 III

1. Purpose. To set forth instructions for a primary and alternate plan of recovery from the objective area.

2. EXECUTION

A. Location	Primary	D Plus 4
Patrol #1	883815	1000 2 H-34s
Patrol #2	840775	1030 2 H-34s
Patrol #3	840775	1100 2 H-34s
Patrol #4	854745	1100 2 H-34s

B. Alternate

(1) D plus five at 0800 in the primary recovery site

(2) Second Alternate

(A) Patrols 1 thru 4 go to road junction at 899774 and wait for transportation via truck at 1600 D plus five

(3) Third Alternate

(A) Escape and Evade to the nearest friendly unit in your area of operations via foot

C. Types of Recovery

- (1) Primary - H-34
- (2) Alternate - H-34
- (3) Second Alternate - 6X6
- (4) Third Alternate - Foot

D. Coordinating Instructions

1. One H-34 will land in the field designated as your patrol recovery point. One will remain aloft until the first group is loaded.

2. Helo will circle the pickup area twice - patrol will ignite a smoke grenade to identify the pick up point.

3. The Helo frequency is 46.0, call sign is 013 Penny. Be up on the radio 20 minutes prior to recovery time.

4. In the event of serious injury come up on the Helo frequency at any time.

5. In the event of emergency the following frequencies may be utilized.

	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
(A) 1stBn 3dMar Call Sign MIDRIFF	42.6	X
(B) 2dBn 3dMar Call Sign MUDVILLE	41.8	52.8
(C) 3d Marines Call Sign MELBORNE	49.7	41.3

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Operation Order 7-65

Ref: (a) MAP AMS Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 III

Time Zone H

I. SITUATION

A. Enemy Forces

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence estimate msg 050922 April 1965
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 daily IntSums

B. Friendly Forces

(1) 9th MEB in coordination with I Corps, occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TACR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

C. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) None

II. MISSION

A. Recon Company on D-Day will establish observation posts to the West and North of the TACR of 2d Bn, 3d Marines and observe operations along the CA-DE-SONG River and locate LZ's.

B. Recon Company on D-Day will establish observation posts on the Western edge of the 1st Bn 3d Marines TACR to observe for enemy activity.

III. EXECUTION

A. Concept of Operations

(1) Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter, establish observation post for patrol one through three till D plus one and patrols four and five till D plus three, observe the objective area for enemy activity, locate Landing Zones, then upon order move overland to a helo-recovery site.

B. Methods of Entry

~~(1) Patrol number one enter the river at 865827, swim up river to 865844 and establish an OP at 870844, observe for one day and return across river to 865844. Then move down river to effect a juncture of patrols with 2d Platoon at 885825.~~

(3) Patrol number two enter at 8730Z, establish an OP, observe for one day and return to recovery site on D plus one

~~(5) Patrol number three enter at 8730Z, establish an OP, observe for one day and return to recovery site on D plus one~~

(4) Patrol number four enter at 8730Z, establish an OP, observe for two days and return to recovery site on morning of D plus three

(5) Patrol number five enter at 87730, establish an OP, observe for two days and return to recovery site on morning of D plus three.

(6) Relays will be established on Hill 387 and relayed to Regimental CP.

(7) Second platoon will establish a liaison with 2/3 for a patrol on the 10th.

D. Recovery Sites

~~(1) Patrol #1 (10 men) 8650Z - 1730 D plus 1 - 2 H-34's~~

Patrol #2 (10 men) 8650Z - 1730 D plus 1 - 2 H-34's

~~Patrol #3 (10 men) 8650Z - 1730 D plus 1 - 2 H-34's~~

Patrol #4 (10 men) 844737 - 0930 D plus 3 - 2 H-34's

Patrol #5 (10 men) 843724 - 0630 D plus 3 - 2 H-34's

Patrol leader of one, two, and three will be dropped at LZ duckholes after the bulk recovery and troops sent to LZ Dave

(2) Recovery signal is green or yellow smoke, contact radio upon sighting

(3) Alternates will be one day later for four and five. One, two and three will R&B to 2/3 on D plus one.

D. Liaison work is authorized with regimental E-3, debriefing will take place on return to Regiment by E-2

E. Determine the following:

- (1) Enemy troop activity
- (2) Enemy supply routes
- (3) Future landing zones

V. Command and Communications

A. POC-VO Primary 99.0 Alternates 52.9

B. Patrols one, two, three and second platoon communicate when necessary sending Salute Reports

C. Patrols four and five

(1) Patrol four: 0630-0630 1030-1030 D-1, D-2

(2) Patrol five: 0700-0700 1030-1030 D-1, D-2

D. On D plus three patrols four and five come on the net after you reach your recovery site

E. Call signs

~~Patrol #1 - Healtine #1~~

Patrol #2 - Healtine #2

~~Patrol #3 - Healtine #3~~

Patrol #4 - Healtine #4

Patrol #5 - Healtine #5

2d Platoon - Healtine Bravo

Relay - Healtine 1-Relay
 CP - Healtine 6

V. CP in 3d Marines Command Post

G. No Resupply

H. Password - continuation of 31

I. Phonetic Code - BLACK NIGHT

J. Reports - utilize Salute Reports on all pertinent matter

K. Extra Frequencies

- (1) 2/3 Redville 41.6
- (2) 1/3 Kidriff 42.6
- (3) 3d Marines Helibase 49.7
- (4) Hole's - Old Navy 47.4

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- 1 C-3 9th FBN
- 1 C-3 3d Marines
- 1 C-3 2/3
- 6 Patrols
- 1 Relay
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(b) MAP AMS Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 IV

Time Zone H

I. SITUATION

A. Enemy Forces

1. 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050922 April 1965
2. 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUMS

B. Friendly Forces

1. 9th MEB in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

C. Attachments and Detachments

1. None

II. MISSION

A. Recon Company on D-Day will establish observation posts to the west and north of the present TAOR and establish one relay station within TAOR to observe large enemy troop movements and troop concentrations for air strikes.

III. EXECUTION

A. Concept of Operation

1. Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter establish observation posts from D-Day to D plus 3, observe the objective area, then upon order move overland to a helicopter recovery site.

B. Methods of Entry

1. Patrol will enter at 8167, establish an CP, observe for two days and return to recovery site on D plus 3.

2. Relay will be established on Hill 327 and information will be relayed to Regimental C. P.

C. Recovery Sites

1. Patrol (9 Men) will be recovered at 8568 at 1000 on D plus 3 by 2 H-34's

2. Recovery signal is Green or yellow smoke, contact Helo by radio upon sighting

3. Alternate will be one day later

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D. Liaison work is authorized with Regimental S-3. Debriefing will take place on return to Regiment by S-2.

- E. Determine the Following:
1. Enemy troop activities
 2. Enemy supply routes
 3. Future Landing Zones

IV. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. Rations - one can of C-Rations per day per man
- B. Uniform - Utilities with soft cover and boots
- C. Weapons - M-14 with basic Ammo allowance and 2 Frag grenades
- D. Extra Equipment - 4 Yellow or Green smoke per patrol, 1 extra canteen per man, poncho, entrenching tools, and binoculars
- E. No resupply

V. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. FRC-10 Primary 39.0 Alternate 52.9
- B. Times of reporting: 0800-0820 1930-2000
- C. On D plus Three come up on net after you reach recovery site
- D. Call Signs - Patrol is Mealtime 4, Relay is Mealtime X-Ray, and Regimental CP is Mealtime 6.
- E. CP is 3d Marines Command Post
- F. Password is combination of 21
- G. Shackle Code is HOF CARBINE
- H. Reports - Utilize Salute reports on all pertinent matters
- I. Extra Frequencies
- | | | | |
|----|-------|----------|------|
| 1. | 1/3 | Midriff | 42.6 |
| 2. | 2/3 | Mudville | 41.8 |
| 3. | 3dMar | Melborne | 49.7 |
| 4. | HMM | 163 | |
| 5. | HMM | 162 | |

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050922 April 1965
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces. 9th MEB in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TACR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Recon Company on D-Day will establish observation posts to the north of the present TACR and establish one relay station within TACR to observe large enemy troop movements and troop concentrations for air strikes.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter, establish observation posts from D-Day to D plus 3, observe the objective area, then upon order move overland to a helicopter recovery site.

b. Methods of Entry

- (1) Patrol #1 will enter at 870826, ~~move overland to 855845,~~ establish an OP, observe for two days.
- (2) Patrol #2 will enter at 870826, move overland to to 855845, establish an OP, observe for two days.
- (3) Patrol #3 will enter at 815853
- (4) Relay will be established on Hill 327 and information will be relayed to Regimental C. P.

c. Recovery Sites.

- (1) Patrol #1 will be recovered at 870826 at 1500 on D plus 3 by 2 H-34's.
- (2) Patrol #2 will be recovered at 870826 at 1500 on D plus 3 by 2 H-34's.
- (3) Patrol #3 will be recovered at 815853 at 1500 on D plus 3 by 2 H-34's.
- (4) Recovery signal is green or yellow smoke, contact Halo by radio upon sighting.
- (5) Alternate will be one day later in the same location.
- (6) Second alternate is to E&E across country to Friendly front lines at 2/3.

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d. Liason work is authorized with Regimental S-3, debriefing will take place on return to Regiment by S-2.

c. Determine the following:

- (1) Enemy troop activities
- (2) Enemy supply routes
- (3) Future landing zones

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Rations - one can of C-Rations per day per man.
- b. Uniforms - Utilities with soft cover and boots.
- c. Weapons - M-14 with extra ammo allowance and 4 Frag grenades
- d. Extra Equipment - 4 yellow or green smoke per patrol, 2 extra canteens per man, poncho, entrenching tool for every 3 men and 1 pr of binoculars.
- e. No resupply

5. ~~COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS~~

a. PAC-10	CofadNet	Primary 39.0	Alternate 52.9
b. Times of reporting:	0800-0820	1930-2000	Patrol #1
	0830-0850	2010-2030	Patrol #2
	0900-0920	2040-2100	Patr. 1 #3

c. On D plus three come up on net after you reach recovery site

d. Call Signs - Patrols are Mealtime 1, 2, & 3. Relay is Mealtime XRAY. Regimental CP is Mealtime Charlie and Company Commander is Mealtime 6

e. CP is 3d Marines Command Post

f. Shackle Code is HOT CARBINE

g. Password is combination of 21

h. Reports - Utilize Solute reports on all pertinent matters with emphasis on Actual Numbers.

1. Extra Frequencies - 1/3 is MIDRIFF on 42.6; 2/3 is MUDVILLE on 41.9; 3d Marines is HOLBORN on 49.7; BOB 163 is CHERPAY on 40.7 and BOB 162 is OLD HARRY on 40.7.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050922 April 1965
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces. 9th MEB in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TACR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Recon Company on D-Day will establish an observation post to the north of the present TACR and establish one relay station within TACR to observe large enemy troop movements and troop concentrations for air strikes.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter, establish an observation post from D-Day to D plus 3, observe the objective area, then upon order move overland to a helicopter recovery site.

b. Method of Entry.

- (1) Patrol #1 will enter at 870826, establish an CP and observe for two days.
- (2) Relay will be established on Hill 327 and information will be relayed to Regimental CP.

c. Recovery Site. Patrol #1 will be recovered at 870826 at 1300 on D plus 3 by 2 H-34's.

- (1) Recovery signal is green or yellow smoke, contact Helo by radio upon sighting.
- (2) Alternate will be one day later in the same location.
- (3) Second alternate is to E&E across country to Friendly front lines at 2/3

d. Liaison work is authorized with Regimental S-3. Debriefing will take place on return to Regiment by S-2.

e. Determine the following:

- (1) Enemy troop activities
- (2) Enemy supply routes
- (3) Future landing zones

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f. Avoid enemy contact if possible. If fired upon return fire, maintain contact and continue with mission.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Rations - one can of C-Rations per day per man.
- b. Uniforms - Utilities with soft cover and boots.
- c. Weapons - M-14 with extra ammo and 4 Frag grenades

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. PRC-10 CoTacNet Primary 52.9 Alternate 39.0
- b. Times of reporting: Upon entry 0800-0820 1930-2000
- c. On D plus three come up on net after you reach recovery site.
- d. Call Signs - Patrol is Mealtime 1. Relay is Mealtime XRAY, Regimental CP is Mealtime Charlie and Company Commander is Mealtime 6 Actual.
- e. CP is 3d Marines Command Post
- f. Shackle Code is HOT CARBINE
- g. Password is combination of 21
- h. Reports - Utilize Salute reports on all pertinent matters with emphasis on Actual Numbers.
- i. Extra Frequencies - 1/3 is MIDRIFF on 42.6; 2/3 is MUDVILLE on 41.8; 3d Marines is MELBORNE on 49.7; HMM 163 is OVERPAY on 40.8 and HMM 162 is OLD HARRY on 40.8

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Operation Order 11-65

Ref: (a) MAP AMS Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050922 April 1965
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces. 9th MEB in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TAOR's establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Recon Company on D-Day will establish an observation post to the north of the present TAOR, and establish one relay station within TAOR, to observe large enemy troop movements and troop concentrations for air strikes. Also, establish a radio relay station in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Recon Company will enter the operating area via helicopter, establish observation post from D-Day to D plus 3 on Dong Bin Mountain, observe the objective area, and establish a radio relay station. Upon completion, move overland to a recovery site to be recovered by helicopter

b. Methods of Entry

(1) Patrol #2 will enter in grid square 8480, move overland to the top of Dong Bin, 838828, establish an OP and a radio relay.

(2) Recovery signal is green or yellow smoke, contact Helo by radio upon sighting.

(3) Alternate will be one day later in the same location

(4) Second alternate is to E&E cross country to friendly front lines at 2/3 located in the two/three area. This is as a unit.

(5) In the event of an emergency split up into 3 man teams and E&E to the nearest friendly unit located near village of Le My 900820.

d. Liaison work is authorized with Regimental S-3. Debriefing will take place on return to Regiment by S-2.

e. Determine the following:

- (1) Enemy troop activities
- (2) Enemy supply routes
- (3) Future landing zones
- (4) Landing zones
- (5) Rapelling sites

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3. Enemy contact, Avoid if possible, if fired upon return fire, maintain contact and continue with mission.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Rations - one can of C-rations per day per man.
- b. Uniform - Utilities with soft cover and boots.
- c. Weapons - M-14 with extra ammo allowance and 4 Frag grenades
- d. No resupply

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. PRC-10 CotaNet Primary 52.9 Alternate 39.0
- b. Times of reporting 0700-0730 1930-2000
- c. On D plus three come up on net after you reach recovery site
- d. Call Signs - Patrol is Mealtime 2, Relay is Mealtime XRAY, Regimental CP is Mealtime Charlie and Company Commander is Mealtime 6 Actual.
- e. CP is 3d Marines Command Post
- f. Shackle Code is HOT CARBINE
- g. Password is combination of 21
- h. Reports - Utilize Salute reports on all pertinent matters with emphasis on Actual Numbers.
- i. Extra Frequencies - 1/3 is MIDRIFF on 42.6; 2/3 is MUDVILLE on 41.8; 3d Marines is MELBORNE on 49.7; HMM 163 is OVERPAY on 40.8 and HMM 162 is OLD HARRY on 40.8

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OPERATION ORDER 12-65

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces
 (1) 9th REG Intelligence Estimates say 090922 April 1965
 (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily Reports

b. Defensively Trained. 9th REG in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertakes aggressive combat patrolling within PACR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force.

- c. Attaching and Detaching
 (1) 100 TO Team
 (2) One PAC Team

2. MISSTION. Recon Company on D-Day will conduct a route reconnaissance from Phu Thung to Dong Sam on D-Day. On D plus one conduct a route reconnaissance to Hoa My. *Joining of New personnel*

3. EXECUTION

a. Departure of Operation. Recon Company will enter the operating area to the village of Phu Thung 904760 via truck and conduct a route reconnaissance to Dong Sam 070795 on D-Day. Return to a night bivouac at 905776. On D + 1 conduct a route reconnaissance to the village of Hoa My and return to the starting point at Phu Thung.

b. 3d Platoon will lead as point in the route recon followed at twenty minute intervals by 2nd platoon and the 1st Platoon.

c. Radio relay will be established on Hill 987

d. Reconnaissance will determine the extent of trafficability of road, habitation of villages, bridge construction and possible landing zones.

e. Liaison work is authorized with the regimental S-3 and the Motor Transport Officer.

f. Debriefing will take place immediately upon return at the Regimental S-2.

g. Heavy fire will be returned if fired upon.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

- a. Uniforms - one can of D-Rations per day per man
 b. Uniform - Difficulties with soft cover

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c. Weapons - M-14 with extra ammo and 4 Frag Grenades

d. Extra Equipment - 3 Entrenching tools per squad, 3 yellow smoke grenades per squad, 1 pair of 6X30 binoculars per squad and 1 PRC-10 per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Company Tac Net	PRC-10	39.0	Healtine Patrol 1, 2, 3 - Plt's 4 - Headquarters 6 - CO
Intra-Company Net	PRC-10	52.9	
Relay and CP	PRC-10	39.0	Healtine XRAY for relay; Healtine Charlie for CP

b. CP is the 3d Marine Regiment

c. Shackle Code is BLACK NIGHT

d. Authentication Name of baseball team - reply is the team name -
Example: Question - Detroit; Answer - Tigers

e. Report all coordinates and check points by shackle - utilize
Salute reports - emphasize accuracy

f. Extra Frequencies - 1/3 is MIDRIFF on 42.6; HMM 163 is OVERPAY
on 40.8; 2/3 is MUDVILLE on 41.8; HMM 365 is OLD HARRY on 40.8 and
3d Marines is MELBORNE on 49.7

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Operation Order 13-65

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

- (1) 9th MEB Intelligence Estimate msg 050922 April 1965
- (2) 3d Marines S-2 Daily INTSUNS

b. Friendly Forces. 3d MEB in coordination with I Corps occupies defensive positions of key terrain at Da Nang to provide security for airfields and critical installations, undertake aggressive combat patrolling within TACR's, establish a system of deep reconnaissance along principal avenues of approach and conduct offensive operations or a mobile reaction force

2. MISSION. Recon Company on D-Day will conduct a route reconnaissance from Xom Dao to Binh Thai. On D plus one continue from Binh Thai to Dong Son to An Ngai Tay

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation - Recon Company will enter the operating area on foot to the village Xom Dao, 08 965717 and conduct a route Recon from Xom Dao to the village of Binh Thai 885715, remain overnight at 878725. On D plus one move overland to Dong Son 870755 and continue the route reconnaissance to the village of Tong Son 899774. Return overland via the 2/3 area to the Regimental OP.

b. 2d Platoon will lead as the point followed at twenty minute intervals by 1st Platoon and 3d Platoon.

c. Radio relay will be established on Hill 327

d. Reconnaissance will determine the extent of trafficability of road, inhabitation of villages, bridge construction and possible landing zones.

e. Liaison work is authorized with the Regimental S-3 and the Motor Transport Officer.

f. Debriefing will take place immediately upon return at the Regimental S-2

g. Enemy fire will be returned if fired upon.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rations - one can of C-Rations per day per man

b. Uniform - Utilities with soft cover

c. Weapons - M-14 with extra ammo and 4 Frag Grenades

d. Extra Equipment - 3 entrenching tools per squad, 3 yellow smoke grenades per squad, 1 pair of GY30 binoculars per squad and 1 PRC-10 per platoon.

5. GUARD AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Company Tac Net	PRC-10	59.0	Healtine Patrol
Intra Company Net	PRC-10	52.9	1, 2, 3 - Platoons
			4 - Headquarters
			6 - CO
Relay & CP	PRC-10	59.0	Healtine XRAY for Relay
			Healtine Charlie for CP

b. CP is the 3d Marines

c. Shackle code is BLACK NIGHT

d. Authentication Name of Baseball team - reply is the Team Name -
Example: Question - Detroit; Answer - Tigers

e. Report all coordinates and check points by shackle - utilize Salute reports - emphasize accuracy.

f. Extra Frequencies: 1/3 is MIDRIFF on 42.6; 2/3 is MUDVILLE on 41.8; 3d Marines is MELLEBORE on 49.7; EBM 163 is OVERPAY on 40.8; EBM 365 is OLD HARRY on 40.8

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24 May

REGIMENTAL ORDER 3310.1

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Air Support, procedures for requesting

Ref: (a) Div(Fwd)Order 3310.1

Encl: (1) Helicopter Support Request Format
(2) Tactical Air Request Format
(3) Helicopter Medical Evacuation Request Format
(4) Strike Request Format

1. Purpose. To promulgate procedures for requesting air support in accordance with reference (a).

2. Action

a. Preplanned. This type of request is forwarded on the day prior to the day when air support is desired. It allows for detailed planning and briefing prior to execution of the mission.

(1) Requests for preplanned air support will be forwarded to the 3d Marines FSCC.

(2) The 3d Marines FSCC will consolidate requests and forward to 3d MarDiv FSCC. 3d MarDiv FSCC will further consolidate all requests, establish priorities where required and forward the complete requirements to the 1st MAW.

(3) Enclosures (1) and (2) contain formats to be followed when requesting either helicopter or Tactical fixed wing support.

(4) Requests will arrive at the 3d Marines FSCC by 1000 on the day prior to the day for which support is requested. Requests may be submitted in writing or by telephone. Radio may be used only if courier or telephone is not available. All coordinates, times and number of aircraft will be encrypted using the current encryption system for transmission by radio or telephone.

(5) CG, 1st MAW will allocate air resources to fulfill the requirement. This information will be passed to 3d MarDiv FSCC and will in turn be forwarded to the unit that originated the request via this Headquarters.

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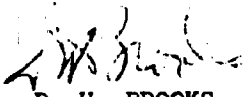
MsgtO 3310.1
24 May 1965

b. On-call. Requests for on-call tactical air support will be made from the FAC/En TACP to the DASC directly using standard procedure. Normal fire support coordination procedures apply.

c. Non-scheduled Helicopter Support. Requests for helicopter support which have not been submitted the previous day in accordance with subparagraph a. above but are not of an immediate nature will be made direct to 3d Marines FSCC by telephone.

d. Medical Evacuation. Requests for helicopter medical evacuation will be made to the DASC directly using the format in enclosure (3). The DASC will coordinate with 3d MarDiv FSCC in the lifting of supporting arms fires.

4. Coordination of Tactical Helicopter Lifts. The unit requesting a preplanned tactical helo-lift and the helicopter unit providing the lift are authorized direct liaison for planning and execution. The format on enclosure (4) is provided as a guide in preparing information for coordination with FSCCs and the air unit.


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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
FPO San Francisco 96601

3:CAJ:neh
3700
1 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Subj: Helicopter Support for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

1. At the present time, the helicopter detachment at HUE PHU BAI is apparently assigned a primary mission of support to RVN forces.
2. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines requires four helicopters available at PHU BAI on a full time basis to provide rapid reaction against the enemy, medical evacuation and logistic re-supply support.
3. It is requested that four helicopters from the squadron now assigned to support of the 9th MEB be stationed at PHU BAI and assigned a primary mission of support to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Mission requests for these helicopters will be forwarded through the DASC when time permits. It is further requested that the detachment at PHU BAI be directed to respond to emergency requests direct from Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines whenever such requests are within the tactical capability of the detachment.

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3d Marines
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
FPO San Francisco 96601

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1 May 1965

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Subj: Close Air Support Procedures

Ref: (a) CG, 9th MEB ltr 3/JEM:jpn over 3000 dtd 26 Apr 65

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report for April 1965 is submitted.
2. Interference. None noted.
3. Support Provided. F4B's conducted CAS strikes in support of the Regiment on 22 and 25 April. On 22 April, aircraft were on station within 15 minutes of the request. On 25 April, CAS aircraft were on station as pre-planned.
4. Restriction and Restraint. Under directives in effect during most of April, Close Air Support strikes could not be conducted unless an RVN liaison man was airborne over the strike area in radio contact with the FAC. As the observation aircraft was much slower than the close air support aircraft, this created delay. Confusion resulted from the need to coordinate launch times and times on station between the two types of aircraft. In addition, not enough observation aircraft were available to provide continuous relief on station, whereas the close air support squadron was capable of doing so. A recent change permitting an FAC to control strikes so long as an RVN liaison party is with him has alleviated this problem.
5. Forward Air Controller. The third aviator assigned by T/O to each infantry battalion is urgently needed as a naval aviator's presence is required to conduct a CAS mission. At present, daily patrolling requires that either the FAC or ALO alternate every other day. Intensified operations with multiple patrols within battalions will impose air FAC requirements that cannot be met.

G. H. HYNDMAN
By Direction

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division, FMP (Forward)
FPO San Francisco, 96601

3:GHH:neh
3000
21 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Support for Expanded Operations

Ref: (a) CO, 3d Mar ltr 10/MB/hgh over 2000 of 15 May 1965

1. In the event that the Regiment redispenses forces in accordance with the concept currently under consideration, the following movements are envisaged: 3/9 will move two rifle companies and a command group from the airfield to the Hill 268, 327 complex, and 1/3 will displace the battalion (minus one company and an administrative CP) to positions south of the SONG TUY LOAN.

2. To fully implement this redispersion, the following support is required:

a. 105mm Howitzer Battery DS of 1/3 to accompany 1/3 and occupy positions vicinity of battalion forward CP. Positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN will be incapable of supporting operations in all portions of the TAOR.

b. Engineer Platoon to repair the bridge at 947700. The bridge will presently support 2 1/2 ton truck traffic. However, for continuous operations, it will be necessary to reinforce the bridge and repair the decking. Additionally, the Engineer unit will be required to repair the roads and small bridges south of the SONG TUY LOAN. The roads and small bridges should be repaired to support tanks (Class 60) if possible or, on an interim basis, support ONTOS (Class 18).

c. Radio Relay AN/MRC-62 (with operators) support to ensure positive reliable communications with 1/3 forward. All operative radio sets AN/TRC-27 are currently in use or deadlined at FLSG. Also a critical shortage of planer triode tubes (ordered on priority 2 requisition 15 April) and radio relay operators exists. The Communication Platoon is currently short six operators NOS 2532, one technician NOS 2831 and will lose two technicians NOS 2831 on the June draft. The foregoing information was previously reported in reference (a). The AN/MRC-62 is preferred over the organic AN/TRC-27 due to its increased range and reliability.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
FPO San Francisco 96601

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5000
1 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
Subj: Comments and Recommendations for Changes in ITR Training
Ref: (a) Verbal Instructions from G-3
(b) MajGen BOWSER ltr to BrigGen KARCH dtd 14 Apr 1965

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following comments are submitted concerning recommended changes in ITR training to better prepare the individual Marine for duty with the 9th MEB.

a. Land Navigation and Compass

(1) Many operations require rapid response to situations that can develop during daylight and hours of darkness. In many areas the terrain is rugged and covered with high saw grass, thick brush or jungle. Additionally, maps contain many inaccuracies. In order to remain oriented under the circumstances a good knowledge of land navigation and the compass is vital.

(2) Recommend additional instruction and practical application in land navigation and the compass.

b. Night Firing

(1) It was noted during lock on and again during Camp Fuji training that troops tend to fire too high at night. This has been reconfirmed by the lack of hits during night firing incidents since arrival in Vietnam.

(2) Recommend more training in night firing techniques. Transition type firing with live ammunition at short ranges and against moving or pop up targets should be emphasized. Such training should be practiced with and without illumination.

c. Patrolling Techniques

(1) It is realized that a great deal of attention and time is currently devoted to patrolling techniques. However, the vital importance of this phase of training cannot be over emphasized in preparing the individual Marine for duty with the Brigade.

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(2) Recommend additional emphasis and practical application of patrolling techniques.

2. In general, it is felt that the Marine graduate of ITR is well grounded in fundamentals required thus far by our employment in Vietnam.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
FPO, San Francisco 96601

3:RFE:jwp
1500
4 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Subj: Quarterly Training, 3d Quarter FY65; report of
Ref: (a) DivC P3000.1D
Encl: (1) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines Report
(2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Report
(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Report
(4) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Report
(5) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Report

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are herewith submitted.

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HEADQUARTERS

2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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4 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Quarterly Training Report
Ref: (a) Divo P3000.1D

1. In compliance with paragraph 1605.7 of reference (a) this report is submitted.

a. BLT 2/3 had an opportunity to test its air mount-out capability during REFLEX I. It was the first time the Battalion and its supporting units worked jointly on an operation. Unit level training was restricted to limited scouting and patrolling, tank-infantry tactics and combat driving. The planning, coordination and gathering of equipment on short notice was excellent drill for the Battalion staff.

b. Although the FUJI Training period was cut short by approximately one week, most of the desired training objectives were met. Emphasis was placed upon conventional and raid tactics, live-fire exercises and joint operations involving the Battalion's attachments. In addition, all units gained much experience from living and operating in a cold-weather environment.

Each company underwent a tactical inspection test. The raid company's test was designed to determine its raid capability. The tests were not administered until midway through the schedule in order that units might have extensive opportunity to prepare on the smallest unit level. Units had ample night training at FUJI with most companies spending three nights per week in the field. Firex's were also conducted at night on several occasions.

Each unit participated in at least one FIREX and most units had firing exercises on several occasions. Joint training consisted of tank-infantry tactics for all companies and FIREXES involving tanks, anti-tanks and infantry. Most training was conducted in the field to take advantage of the training facilities. However, all units had the opportunity to undergo riot control training in the base camp.

c. In preparation for operation JUNGLEDROM III the BMA conducted jungle training at SURIC BAY. Each company utilized negrito guides for a twenty-four hour jungle orientation period. Other training emphasis was placed upon physical conditioning and general subjects.

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Operation JUNGLEDRUM III was conducted in a tropical climate and provided all units the opportunity to operate in jungle terrain. Companies conducted scouting and patrolling on all unit levels and gained valuable experience in land navigation. This was also the first amphibious landing in which the Battalion has participated.

2. Due to contingency commitments a twenty-four hour NBC defense field exercise was cancelled at FUJI. The PRT and NBC Training scheduled for SUBIC BAY were not completed.

3. It is estimated that 95% of the total training reached 90% of the command. The first figure is based on a Weekly Training Accomplishment submitted by subordinate units which reflects the number of personnel attending training during the period. ~~The 90% figure is based upon requirements for a training during the period.~~ *Report* The 90% figure is based upon requirements for a Rear Echelon and Working parties, which caused subordinate units to miss scheduled training.

4. It is recommended that, whenever possible, units be given a full six weeks of training at Camp FUJI. Secondly, it is recommended that aggressor forces be employed in any large scale training exercise. Based on the Battalion's limited experience in VIETNAM, it is recommended that small arms firing during the hours of darkness be stressed. The firing should stress accuracy at different ranges in a variety of types of terrain.

D. J. HUNTER
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Mdn), FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

3d MARS: jrs
1500
31 March 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: Training Accomplishments During the 3d Quarter FY 65

Ref: (a) DivO P3000.1D

1. Purpose: To submit a report of the content and scope of training completed by Headquarters Company during the 3d Quarter FY 65 in accordance with reference (a).

2. Summary:

a. The AM/TFP-21 has been used to the maximum. Thirty hours of classroom instruction and 60 hours of practical application in the field both at night and during the day.

b. The separate sections completed the following training:

(1) Security Section: In addition to continuous Guard School and standing gate duty, the AM/TFP-21 crews are from Security Section. Classes were given to Security on M16's. Live firing was accomplished on combat ranges with outstanding success.

(2) Communications Platoon: Training was confined mostly to on-the-job work except for a detail sent to a tactical test in the Philippines.

(3) A one (1) hour per week Military Motor Vehicle School was conducted.

(4) Officer and Staff NCO School has been successful with 24 hours of instruction given. Language schools are being utilized to the maximum as are the Division Schools.

3. General Military Subjects Training: Three (3) hours per week were devoted to GMP training for the Company as a whole. A new MPT program is being initiated in the 4th Quarter FY 65.

4. Requalification: The Company had 14 Personnel firing the rifle and qualified 85.2%. A detail is scheduled to fire April 2-4. This detail will have 29 men.

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31 March 1965

5. General: The Company has received three (3) VP lectures within this qtr. A Regt. Parade was held during the month of February for Lt. Col. Krulak. Hq Co participated. Moral Guidance lectures are administered by the Chaplain as soon as individuals or groups report into the Company.

6. Training Issues: Percentages for Headquarters Company are unrealistic due to constant commitments. However, training is conducted so as to reach as great a percentage of the command as possible.

7. Instruments: New GAT tests have been used to help personnel pass the Spring GAT.

8. Education: 46% of the Company is enrolled in either GVI or GVII or both, supplementing with GIII and high school or college training. Every man High School graduate in the Company has currently been administered a high school level GAT test.

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES (DEIN)
9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

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1500
26 Apr 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Quarterly Training Report, 3d Quarter Fiscal Year 1965; submission of
Ref: (a) TelCon with S-3, 3d Marines
(b) Divo 3000.1D

1. In compliance with reference (a) the following quarterly training report for the 3d Quarter Fiscal Year 1965 for 1st Battalion, 3d Marines is submitted in accordance with reference (b).

2. Background. This organization returned from Cold Weather Training at Camp Fuji, Japan on 11 January 1965.

The primary objective of training within the Battalion was the maintenance of a force in readiness, capable of deployment as part of a major ground element of a landing force in amphibious operations, or as a separate BLT under conditions of war not involving nuclear weapons. This objective included training in counter-guerrilla operations, raid training, and the deployment of the BLT by fixed wing aircraft.

3. General. The training of this Battalion, allowing for unforeseen contingency commitments, has been progressively phased through an established twelve (12) month cycle.

The 2d Quarter of the cycle (3d Quarter, FY 65), while providing for the development of those broad training objectives outlined in paragraph 2 above, additionally provided for the satisfaction of certain specific on and off-island training requirements in General Military Subjects, individual and unit training.

One Company was deployed as a security force within the Da Nang sector in Vietnam from 22 January 1965 through 7 March 1965. The remainder of the BLT was deployed on 7 March as a part of 9th MEB within the Da Nang sector, where it is presently located.

4. General Summary of Content and Scope of Completed Training

a. General Military Subjects Training

(1) Instruction and practical application in General Military Subjects included the realization of an average of 96 hours per unit, or

68% of the required MST subjects, reaching approximately 78% of the command (figures do not include one reinforced Company deployed to Vietnam).

(2) Practical application of GHS was accomplished through individual and unit tactics and a Battalion tactical test (36 hours) conducted 4-5 January 65. One Company attended Division Raid School 18 January through 8 February 65 and three Companies, with attachments, attended the Division Counter-Guerrilla School 22 January through 18 February 65 at the Northern Training Area, Okinawa. Other unit training exercises were conducted in Vietnam.

(3) Maximum utilization of MCI correspondence courses further enhanced the general military subjects proficiency of the Battalion.

b. Individual Training

(1) Technical training was accomplished through on-the-job instruction in the field of motor transport, communications and supply and logistics, for both operators and maintenance personnel in the organization.

(2) Schools for Officer/SNCO's and Jr NCO's were conducted by the Battalion on a weekly basis through the end of February 1965.

(3) There were ten (10) Officers and five (5) SNCO's who attended the Thai, Vietnamese and French Language Schools at Camp Sukiren during the Third Quarter FY 65.

(4) Ninety-four per cent (94%) of the command are qualified swimmers. Swimming classes were scheduled on a weekly basis through Feb 65, but were not carried out due to closing of the pool.

(5) A rifle requalification detail was scheduled for the week of 8-13 March, and was subsequently cancelled due to the deployment of the BLT to Vietnam. Ninety-nine per cent (99%) of the command have passed the Physical Readiness Test.

c. Unit and Additional Training Highlights

(1) On 22 January 65, Company D was deployed to Vietnam as a security force for the Da Nang Air Field within the Da Nang sector.

(2) During the period 1-18 Feb 65, Companies B and C completed 10 days of counter-guerrilla training each at the Division School's Northern Training Area. Company A acted as host company during this period.

(3) Company B (Rein), having been designated Raid Company for the Battalion, attended Division Raid School at Blue Beach during the period 18 Jan through 8 Feb 1965.

(4) The BLT was tactically tested to determine the level of individual and unit combat proficiency under simulated battlefield conditions by the 3d Marine Regiment over a 36 hour period. Testing commenced on 4 Jan and concluded on 5 Jan 1965.

(5) On 7 March the BLT conducted an air mount-out from Naha, Okinawa to Da Nang, Vietnam, where the BLT was assigned as a security force around the airfield within the Da Nang sector.

(6) During the period 7 March through 31 March, while the BLT was deployed in Da Nang, the training conducted was in response to those requirements set forth by the Marine Corps and coincided with the local situation. To this end, no formal training schedule was promulgated delineating specific times and places, in that the situation as it pertained to individual units dictated the training to be conducted. Missions and requirements placed upon unit commanders were regarded as training and said operations were reported as such. This training consisted of construction of field fortifications, field sanitation and hygiene, tank-infantry training, HST and helo operations, company and platoon in the defense, patrolling and immediate action drills, and riot control training.

5. Training Impact. It is estimated that 70% of the Battalion received 80% of the total required on-island training for the 3d Quarter Fiscal Year 1965.

6. Summary. No significant problem areas were encountered which materially affected the combat readiness posture of this Battalion. On the contrary, the quality of training received at the Northern Training Area and its applicability was subsequently realized upon deployment to Vietnam. The reality ~~presented~~ ^{of} the situation in Da Nang further enhanced the value of training conducted in the execution of the Battalion's mission while deployed.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Battalion, 9th Marines, 9th MEB
Marine #11
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

7/BSS/jmb
15 April 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
Info: 9th Marines

Subj: Quarterly Training Report for 3d Quarter FY65

Ref: (a) DivO 3000.1D (SOP for Operations and Training)
(b) DivO 1500.3F (Annual Training Directive)
(c) BuBal 1500 dtd 30Dec64 (Training Directive, 3d Quarter FY65)

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.

a. During the first month of this period "L" Company and the FAC Party were undergoing special training; therefore, all information contained in this report will not be applicable to all units of this battalion.

2. The following is a chronological general summary of training completed.

a. From 1 to 8 January the Battalion had two (2) companies at NTA (one as the host company), one company at Blue Beach undergoing training as pertains to special operations, and one company was detached and deployed for special operations. The Commanding General's Technical Inspection was conducted during this period.

b. From 8 to 12 January the Battalion made preparations for and loaded shipping for deployment as *SIF, No. 2 SURFACE BLT.*

c. From 12 January to 7 March 1965, the Battalion was deployed as the SIF. During this period the following training was conducted:

CMC Training
NBC Training
Civil Disturbances and Riot Control
Physical Training (includes obstacle course)
Escape and Evasion
Counter Guerrilla Training
Rifle Company Communications
Technical Training for appropriate units (i.e. Mortars, Motor Transport, Tanks, Communications, YACF)
Survival Training with Philippine Scouts (2 1/2 days for 406 men)
Fm Fire M-16, M-16 Modified and M-60 Machine guns on board ships

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4. From 8-31 March, the battalion was deployed in Vietnam. Training closely paralleled the battalion mission. Training, lecture and practical application, consisted of instruction and application in barriers and obstacles. Role Operations, conduct of patrols, field sanitation and hygiene, offensive tactics, jungle warfare, counter-guerrilla warfare and NBCD.

3. Significant departures from reference (a) are as follows:

a. The Battalion did not have the opportunity to requalify all personnel with the rifle and pistol.

b. Only limited training could be conducted by special operations company due to lack of time and special equipment.

c. Approximately 65% of the total training is reaching approximately 65% of this command. The above percentages are based upon the number of personnel on rolls rather than the number of personnel physically available for training.

d. Comments or Recommendations. None

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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines (-) (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Forward)
PFO San Francisco 96601

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4000
23 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (forward) (Attn: G-4)
Subj: Supply Status, report of

Ref: (a) CG, 9th MEB msg 260555Z Apr

Encl: (1) Subj Report, HqCo, 3d Mar
(2) Subj Report, 1stBn, 3d Mar
(3) Subj Report, 2ndBn, 3d Mar
(4) Subj Report, 2nd Bn, 9th Mar
(5) Subj Report, Co "A", 3d AT Bn
(6) Subj Report, Co "D", 3d Recon Bn
(7) Subj Report, Co "A", 3d Tank Bn

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.
2. Report of BLT 3/4 will be submitted when received.

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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Forward)
c/o FPO
San Francisco, Calif. 96601

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4000
22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer 3d Marines

Subj: Supply Status; report of

Ref: (a) CO, 9th MEB msg 260555Z April

Encl: (1) List of Critical Shortages

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is hereby submitted:

<u>CLASS OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>OPERATING STOCK O/H</u>	<u>AMOUNT OUT O/H</u>
I	3 days MCI	None
II Type 1	Adequate except for Lube and Servicing Unit, 4390-017-9167, Doc.#09882 Pri 05 cancelled at request of CMC. This item or any source of compressed air is badly needed by this unit.	
II Type 2	See Encl.(1)	See Encl.(1)
II Repair Parts	See Encl.(1)	See Encl.(1)
III	5 days POL	None
IV	Adequate except for sand bags and fence parts which have been badly needed for 4 weeks. No requisitions for these items have been filled by FLSG.	
V	3 DOA	None
Batteries	30 days except for those listed in Encl.(1)	None
Medical Supplies	7 days	30 days

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LIST OF CRITICAL SHORTAGES

<u>FSN</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DCC NO</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>DDO</u>
2920-724-3105	Head Lamp	02611	02	5112
5960-617-3499	Tube 6280	02695	02	5131
6350-264-9039	Cleaning Solvent	02697	02	5131
5960-619-3492	Tube 6280	02698	02	5131
9570-284-8410	Tape Elec.	02749	02	5132
6145-160-5318	Wire, Black	02103	17	5067
9905-238-6912	Tags	02100	17	5067
5977-543-0560	Brush Elec.	02706	02	5131
6135-120-1020	BA-30	02495	02	5131
6135-240-3200	BA-279	02893	02	5137
6115-610-7810	PU-278	02903	02	5139

ENCLOSURE (1)

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST BATTALION, 3RD MARINES (REIN)
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMP
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

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22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Marines (Attn: S-4)

Subj: Supply Status, Report of

Encl: (1) List of Batteries in Short Supply
(2) List of Critical Items in Short Supply

1. In accordance with reference (a) the subject report is submitted.
2. Enclosure (1) contains a listing of batteries that are in short supply.
3. Enclosure (2) contains a listing of other supplies that are in short supply.
4. Listed below is the status of supplies other than listed in enclosures (1) and (2).

<u>Class of Supply</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>M.O. O/H</u>
Class I	2 Days	N/A
Class II, Type I		
762 Gear	0	N/A
Ordnance	T/E Minus 3 3.5"	
	1 Pistol Cal. 45	
	1 Binoculars 6x30	N/A
M.T.	T/E	N/A
Comm	T/E Minus MRC-83	N/A
General Supply	T/E	N/A
Class II, Type II		
Ordnance	10 Days	30 Days
M.T.	0	10 Days
Comm		
Repair Parts	5 Days	30 Days
Batteries		
BA-279	7 Days	0
BA-270	30 Days	0
BA-48	0	0
Wire	10 1/2 Miles	0

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<u>Class of Supply</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>M.O. O/H</u>
General Supply		
Household	3 Days	0
Stationery	5 Days	5 Days
Other	5 Days	0
Class III	1 Day	0
Class IV		
Sandbags	0	0
Concertina	30 Days (117 Rls)	50 Rls.
Barbed Wire	0	50 Rls.
Class V	Basic Allowance + 1 DOA	

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOC. NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>O/H</u>
BA-279	03807	150	02	
	04520	100	12	
	04551	200	05	156
BA-414	04521	50	12	106
Battery 2HN	04573	2	05	
	04553	2	05	4
BA-200/U	03819	60	02	0
BA-42	03817	60	02	0
BA-48	03818	12	02	19

ENCLOSURE (1)

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOC. NUMBER</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>
Heater Immersion	04383	9	02
Front Apring Assy	04449	2	05
Launcher, Rocket 3.5"	04450	2	02
	04560	1	02
Cable, Telephone MX-306	04452	65	05
Revr Element	04460	5	02
Hand Set H-33	04461	20	02
	04575	20	02
Fuse, 10 AMR	04462	6	02
Mallet Face	04500	30	05
Electric Switch Cover	04501	100	05
	04502	1	02
Regulator Generator	04574	1	05
Antenna AT-271	04569	15	02
Antenna	04567	1	02
Antenna AS-390	04566	1	02
Spark Plug	04568	20	02
Linkage, Hand Brake	04559	1	05
Can, Water Military	04531	100	05
Aperature	04530	10	12
Disconnector	04529	5	12
Spring Sear	04528	10	12
Trigger & Sear Assy	04527	5	12
Spring Selector	04526	10	12
Spring Safety	04525	5	12
Selector	04524	10	12
Safety	04523	5	12
Lock, Safety	04522	5	12
Belt, Cartridge	04503	300	12
Pan, Mess W/Cover	04504	100	12
Cover, Canteen, Dismounted	04505	600	12
Lanyard, Pistol	04506	50	12
Carrier, Entrenching Tool	04507	300	12
Pocket, Ammo .45	04508	50	12
Mattress, Pneumatic	04509	400	12
Cup, Canteen, CRS	04510	200	12
Canteen, Water CRS	04511	150	12
Belt, Pistol .45	04512	200	12
Cover, Helmet Camouflage	04513	200	12
Helmet Steel	04514	30	12
Liner, Helmet	04515	200	12
Poncho	04516	100	12
Shelter Half	04517	100	12
Line, Tent Shelter Half	04518	150	12
Pole, Section, Shelter Half	04519	250	12

ENCLOSURE (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
2d Battalion, 3d Marines, Marine #22
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FPO San Francisco, California

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4:00
22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Third Marines (Attn: S-4)

Subj: Supply Status; report of

Ref: (a) CG 9th MEB msg 260555Z April

1. Weekly supply status report as of 220000 May 1965.

<u>Class Of Supply</u>	<u>Operating Stock (O/N)</u>	<u>Mount Out (O/N)</u>
I	One Day (Three days emergency at 2 MIC per man per day)	0
II	Seven Days	Thirty days 85% complete
III	Sixteen Days MORGAS	0
	One Day Diesel	0
	Twenty Days Oil	0
IV	Concertina 20 rolls	0
	Barbed Wire 21 roll	0
V	Three Days	0
2. BA-379	Twenty Days	0
BA-270	Three Days	0

3. Medical supplies three days.

4. Items of short supply.

BA-270 Batteries

Salt Tablets

Insect Repellent

Class II (Mainly spare parts)

J. E. HOPKINS
By direction

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HEADQUARTERS
3rd Battalion, 9th Marines
Marine #11
c/o VPO, San Francisco, California
96601

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h/CO
22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Marines (Attn S-4)

Subj: Supply Status

Ref: (a) CG Ninth MEB Mag 260555Z April

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

<u>CLASS OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>OPERATING STOCK O/H</u>	<u>MOUNT OUT O/H</u>
Class I	2 days	None
Class II	10 days	25 days
Class III	None	None
Class IV	None	None
Class V	3-10 DOA	None
Batteries	**30 days	**30 days
Medical Supplies	10 days	Held by C&C Platoon

** The following listed batteries are not reflected above.

<u>BATTERY</u>	<u>OPERATING STOCK O/H</u>	<u>MOUNT OUT O/H</u>
BA-48	30 days (81)	None
BA-36	30 days (2)	None
BA-270	40 days (7h2)	None
BA-279	40 days (130)	None
BA-30	4 days (61)	None
BA-200	None	None

E. M. WICKLER
By direction

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COMPANY "A"
3d Antitank Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, (Forward)
APO San Francisco 96601

LJD:trd
21 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment, (Attn: S-4)
Subj: Supply Status
Ref: (a) Your msg 260555Z

1. In accordance with reference (a), the below report is submitted.

<u>CLASS OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>OPERATING STOCK O/H</u>	<u>RECOUNT OUT O/H</u>
CLASS I	Water 350 MIC 1DOA	
CLASS III	Gasoline 1000 Gal. 20 Gal. 30 SAE Oil 50 Gal. 10 SAE Oil 50 Gal. Solvent	
CLASS V	CTG Hept, M344A1, w/Fuze PI-EDM509 1DOA CTG Hept, M346A1, w/Fuze BD M19A1 1DOA CTG, Spotter-Tracer M48A1 1.5DOA CTG, Linked 44MM2, EA & 3DOA CTG, Linked 42mm M80-1tr M62 2DOA CTG, Ball M80-5rd Clip 2DOA CTG, Linked, Yapl-NB 1APTM20 6DOA	
GENERAL SUPPLY	Batteries 2 Days Spare Parts 20 Days	30 Days

R. J. DONOHUE

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COMPANY D
3d Reconnaissance Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96601

PBG:gle
22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: 3-4, 3d Marines

Subj: Supply Status

Ref: (a) OC, 9th FEB msg 260555Z Apr

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

<u>CLASS OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>OPERATING STOCK O/R</u>	<u>MOUNT OUT O/R</u>
I	10 Days	None
II	10 Days	30 Days
III	None	None
IV	None	None
V	4 Days	None

Items which are short supply but not critical

1. Tire patches with ASSY
2. Net Mosquito
3. Dressing, battle
4. Manifold, exhaust M-422

BATTERY SUPPLIES

BA-30	30
BA-200	4
BA-279	72
BA-317	126
BA-414	24
BA-451	18

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

21 Days

PATRICK G. COLLINS

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COMPANY A
 3d Tank Battalion
 3rd Marines
 3d Marine Division (Forward)
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California, 96601

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 22 May 1965

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division,
 (Forward), c/o FPO, San Francisco, California, 96601
 (Attn: S-4)

Subj: Supply Status

Ref: (a) CO 9thMEB msg 260555Z Apr65

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following information is submitted:

<u>Class of Supply</u>	<u>Operation Stock o/h</u>	<u>Mount Out o/h</u>
I Daily Rations	0	3 days
II Individual issues of items	30 days	30 days
III All fuel & petroleum	15 days	15 days
IV Special items of issue	0	0
V Ammunition	Basic Load	(Small, (DGA), arms only)
Medical	30 days	30 days
Batteries	BA-30	

JOHN B. DONOVAN, JR.

Copy to:
 3dTkBn (Attn: S-4)

HQ CO, 3D MARINES
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

3 May - 1st Lt. FRANCIS, HM-3 PATTON, HN WILLIAMS and LOC, our interpreter/lab technician, went to the village office at HOA PHAT to assist Miss NGAN in running her dispensary. We noted that several people returned for treatment again after being treated on Apr 30. We treated approximately 20 people, mostly for scalp infections, sores and worms. Several cases were beyond our capability to treat and these people were instructed to go to USOM Hospital near Da Nang where they can receive free professional treatment. This hospital will be further investigated. For difficult cases it would be advantageous to have a doctor on hand once a week. Shortages in our equipment that will be filled on our next visit include thermometers, small bottles for doses of medicine and spoons.

5 May - The same 4 people visited the HOA PHAT dispensary. Miss NGAN, the nurse, was sick however, and her medicine chest in which we had all of our gauze was locked. Consequently, we were only able to treat about 5 patients and had to leave early.

7 May - The same group visited the HOA PHAT dispensary. The village chief gave us an empty schoolroom behind the village office to work in. This allowed us to control the crowd of children much more effectively. We treated about 25 - 30 people, mostly children. Several were in for a second treatment and showed marked signs of improvement.

Two children with cleft pallets were brought to the dispensary and the chaplain from 1/3 is working on a project to have them flown to a hospital near Saigon for an operation.

A UPI photographer will be at the dispensary on 10 May along with the MEF PI Officer.

A volleyball and net have been obtained from special services and will eventually be given to the combined schools' playground in HOA PHAT.

HQ CO 3d MARINES PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

8 May - A resupply of basitration ointment, soap and other medicines was made at the Army Medical Corps supply.

BORMANIS

10 May - The same 2 corpsmen, Lt FRANCIS, Dr. ~~BORMANIS~~ from 1/3 and Chaplain RUNNING from 1/3 visited the dispensary at Hoa Phat. Approximately 30 patients were treated. In talking with the mayor of Hoa Phat it was agreed that by rotating the location of the dispensary from one end of the village to the other more people could be treated. This will be initiated on 12 May.

12 May - Lt FRANCIS, the corpsmen and LOC, the interpreter went to the village office in Hoa Phat and the mayor showed us to an old theatre at the south end of Hoa Phat. In this building live 280 refugees from the VC. They came from about 40 ~~km~~ south of Da Nang. Very few of them have jobs or can get them. They live on 400 grams of rice per person per day and 1 water trailer full of water per day supplied by the ARVN. Their biggest shortages are rice, water and kerosene for lanterns and cooking. We treated these people with infections and will return Friday. It is hoped that a large water container can be obtained for them and a regular daily water run set up for them. A 55 gal drum of kerosene is being obtained. No immediate action is being taken on the rice problem although we saw a baby starving to death. If some of them could find work they would be much better off. We were told that there is a similar refugee center for Catholics 2 ~~km~~ south of this one and will visit it also on Friday.

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HQ CO, 3D MARINES
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

14 May 1965 - The same group accompanied by a Civil Affairs photographic team went to the refugee center in Hoa Phat. Approximately 30 persons were treated. While we were there, Lt HARRIS, Division People to People Officer, arrived with a 6 X 6 full of 60 lbs bags of rice and several Marines. 30, 60 lbs. bags of rice were given to the refugees and it was much needed.

15 May 1965 - Medical supplies for the 4th Marines at Chu Lai were delivered for their People to People program.

17 May 1965 - Of the photographs taken at the refugee center on 14 May 65, two were released to UPI. Copies were obtained for the command diary. The same group visited the dispensary at the Hoa Phat village office and treated approximately 40 persons.

19 May 1965 - The same group visited the refugee center and delivered a 55 gal. drum of kerosene which should be sufficient for 3 months supply if carefully used. An attempt to resupply through the Army Civil Affairs Team revealed that their supplies had been transferred to the ARVN 5th Med. Co. account. The Army is still drawing from this account and after obtaining proper permission we should be able to continue drawing on the Army.

21 May 1965 - Lt. FRANCIS, HM-3 PATTON from "A" Co, AT Bn, and HN HARPER from H&SCo, 1/3, visited the dispensary at the village office in Hoa Phat and treated approximately 30 persons. The mayor told us that the refugee center had been moved into Da Nang near China Beach where they will have better housing and a small amount of farm land.

As we were leaving, we noticed people setting up a small stage. We asked what was going on and were told that there would be a show that night. We asked if Marine talent would be appreciated and the answer was yes. We told them that we would see what we could dig up. Unfortunately, we were unable to raise the talent on such short notice, but a show in the future is being planned.