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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

011800H May 1965

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situation Report  
Daily Situation No. 19~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Period Covered 301800H April 1965 to 011800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See Reverse Side)

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

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

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

At 2245 "C" Company heard noises in front of their position, at coordinates 959745. An illumination grenade was thrown and two men were observed. When the Observation Post opened fire, they heard a scream. A squad size patrol was sent to investigate. The patrol showed negative results.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

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

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

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

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

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

(1) 1/3 (-) is reinforced by Tank Co (-), AT Co (-) and one company from 3/9 executed Regimental Counter Attack Plan 322(B)-55. The limited scale execution was designed to familiarize personnel with the plan and routes to the LD. Additionally, the exercise was a test of the plan. The exercise began at 0900 and terminated at the LD at 1215. H&S Co fired organic weapons at HOA CAM Range.

(2) 2/3 established blocking position with one company at coord 960775. The company remained in position during the night but there was no enemy activity. Also, 2/3 participated in the counter attack exercise.

(3) 3/9 conducted a morning and afternoon reconnaissance patrol in the vicinity of the airfield. The Security Platoon at Beach Red 1 was secured and returned to the Battalion's area at 1115.

(4) 3/4 patrolled aggressively and established night ambushes.

(5) Co D (-) (Rein), 3d Recon Battalion conducted rappelling from helicopters for a two hour period.

(6) Co A (-), 3d Tank Battalion conducted a FIREX at HOA CAM Training Center during the afternoon.

(7) Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Battalion conducted a communications exercise with two platoons. Preventative maintenance was performed on vehicles with special emphasis on weapons.

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

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

(2) Counter attack plan 322(B)-65 tested successfully.

## 3. PERSONNEL

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Strengths.	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	131	0	2
CoA 3dMar	4	90	0	2
CoA 3dATBn	4	69	0	1
CoD 3dReconBn	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	967	3	42
2/3	40	952	3	33
3/9	43	940	4	50
BLT 3/4	56	1301	6	62
TOTAL	210	4508	16	204

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None
- e. Graves Registration. None
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No Change
- i. Interior Management. No Change
- j. Civilian Employees. None
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

No change.

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

b. Status of Supply No change.

(1) Class I.

No change.

(2) Class II.

No change.

(3) Class III.

4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

b. Status of Supply No change.

(4) Class IV.

(1) Class I.

No change.

(5) Class V.

(2) Class II.

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(3) Class III.

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	37	06
M-422	109	0	20	09
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

• N/A

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation

• No change.

f. Salvage and Captured Material

• N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities

• SOD Team, BLDD picked up two 60mm mortar duds (found while excavating) and one 40mm M-79 round (projectile was loose from casing) from 2/5.

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Executive Officer

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

~~021800H May 1965~~

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DAILY SITREP TO  
UNITS REPORT No.

Period Covered 011800H to 021800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.  
UnknownB. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.  
UnknownC. Enemy activity during period.  
(See reverse side)D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.

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

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

At approximately 1245 an unusual number of farmers were observed in grid square 9573. They appeared to number about 80 to 100. The group dispersed under cover of trees. When seen again about 1345 the number had decreased to about 40 to 50. The second sighting was the last.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

There was no significant enemy activity reported in the Battalion zone during the reporting period, except occasional sniper fire.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change DA NANG Area. See Annex A (Situation Overlay).

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) At 2145, unusual movement was observed vicinity coord 987738. A patrol was dispatched from 1/3 to determine the causes of the movement. The patrol swept the area and returned with a negative report. At 0828, 1/3 commenced a reconnaissance patrol to the area west of Hill 327. The patrol returned in the early afternoon and reported no contact with VC. Co D test fired 3.5 rockets and M60 machine guns.

(2) At 0720, 2/3's patrol departed. At 0900, the patrol encountered harassing small arms fire vicinity coord 913818. Company E advanced by fire and maneuver and dispersed the snipers. Enemy forces were estimated as 6 VC. The patrol was fired on once more at 1121 and then returned to the CP area without further incident. An engineer reconnaissance team accompanied the patrol to make an estimate of work and materials required to repair two bridges in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(3) 3/9 continued patrolling and surveillance of the area around the DA NANG Airfield. At 1145, two shots were fired at CP 19. A Marine on duty on the perimeter was scratched by a fragment from a mine set off by a dog.

(4) 3/4 patrolled aggressively during daylight and established ambushes in the southern and western portion of their TAOR. No enemy action.

(5) Co D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, planned helilift into an area west of the TAOR to establish four observation posts was postponed for 24 hours due to weather.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

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

(2) One Marine WIA by panji trap.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

USMC

USN

a. <u>Strengths.</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo 3dMar	19	131	0	2
CoA 3dTkBn	4	90	0	2
CoA 3dATBn	4	69	0	1
CoD 3dReconBn	4	58	0	3
1/3	40	966	3	48
2/3	40	952	3	33
3/9	43	945	4	51
BLT 3/4	56	1301	6	65
TOTAL	210	4512	16	202

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

Two men wounded by accidental discharge  
in 3/4 area. One man wounded by panji stick,  
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4. LOGISTICSa. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No changeb. Status of Supply.(1) Class I. No change.(2) Class II. No change.(3) Class III. No change.(4) Class IV. No change.(5) Class V. No change.CONFIDENTIAL  
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CONFIDENTIAL (when filled in)c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	40	83
M-422	109	0	18	91
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO	TYPE	AIR	VEHICLE
1	WIA	1	0
1	NON-FATIAL	0	1

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

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WHEELER:

ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

031800H May 1965  
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DAILY SITREP NO. 21  
UNIT REPORT NO.  
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Period Covered 021800H to 031800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.  
Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.  
Unknown

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

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

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

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

A patrol from "C" Company received sniper fire at approximately 1130 from a village at coordinates 900711. Fire was returned from the patrol and contact with the enemy was lost.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

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

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

At 0950 an individual was challenged at coordinates 877130. The individual said something unintelligible and fired one shot. Marines threw two illumination grenades and fired two rounds at the unidentified person, who then ran off to the south. No further contact was made.



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

(1) 1/3 helo-lifted Company A vicinity 877717 commencing at 0901, after extensive artillery preparation of the landing zone. At 0845, Co C reached assembly area vicinity 935720. During the move towards the assigned juncture point, Co C received sniper fire from GIAO TRI vicinity 894708. Muzzle flashes were seen from three weapons during the search of the village. Marines suppressed the fire utilizing machine guns, hand grenades and M-79. During the ensuing fight, a fire was started in the village. Juncture was effected with Co C vicinity 890710 at 1501. Company A proceeded to patrol base vicinity 885823 and received light sniper fire enroute. Co C returned to defensive positions vicinity 960725.

(2) Co G, reinforced, departed 2/3 CP at 0655 to conduct extended patrol operations for a five day period in the Northern portion of their TAOR. At 1200, Co G reached their patrol base at coordinates 885804 and commenced platoon sized reconnaissance patrolling. At 1306, one patrol received light sniper fire from vicinity 885820. Remainder of patrols reported no contact.

(3) 3/9 participated in a drill involving execution of 9th MEB Op Plan 321-65. Additionally, two patrols were conducted vicinity of the airfield. No contact was reported.

(4) 3/4 continued to patrol within its assigned TAOR, with one reinforced rifle company. During the night, one individual probed the wire, fired four shots, and shouted several unintelligible phrases. Marines drove off the intruder with two illumination grenades and rifle fire.

(5) Co D (-)(Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion's establishment of observation posts west of the TAOR was again delayed by the weather. At 021800H, one platoon was placed under OPCON of 2/3.

(6) Co A (-)(Rein), 3d AT Battalion conducted a personnel and weapons inspection during the morning and preventative maintenance during the afternoon.

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	2
CoA 3dMtn	4	2
CoA 3dATBn	4	1
CoA 3dReconBn	4	3
1/3	40	48
2/3	40	43
3/9	43	51
BCE 3/4	56	61
TOTAL	210	211

b. Replacements. 10 Corpsmen.c. Discipline, law and order. Two Special Courts-Martial awarded by 3/4 as a result of accidental discharge last night, and a new platoon commander assigned.d. Prisoners of War. None.e. Graves Registration. None.f. Morale. Continues high.g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Medical aid team held clinic in town.h. Personnel Procedures. No change.i. Interior Management. No change.j. Civilian Employees. None.k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. 3/4 has following rations O/H:

(a) 20 days MCI

(b) 9 days "B"

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. 3/4 reported no 18 gauge combustible oil 9110 O/H.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. 3/4 reported short below items:

(a) Trip flares

(b) Grenade, hand, smoke, green

(c) Grenade, hand, smoke, red

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<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H &amp; Serv End Period</u>
M-274	123	0	40	83
M-122	109	0	21	88
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation. N/A.

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. 3/4 reported dirt roads extremely soft. Stream fords are swollen. Rain makes cross country trafficability difficult.

f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities. N/A.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Force

041800H May 1965  
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DAILY SITREP No. 22  
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Period Covered 031800H to 041800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

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

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

A patrol resulted in negative enemy contact with the exception of the apprehension of 3 VCs while conducting a search of the village of Hoi Vu, at coordinates 882712, at approximately 0830. The suspects were turned over to Sugar Bowl-2 for interrogation.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

At 1855 "G" Company received sniper fire from an estimated 3 to 4 VCs, at coordinates 885823. At 2030 a VC squad was observed at coordinates 886823. At 2035 the squad had dispersed, and contact with the unit was lost. At 1310 one VC killed in action at coordinates 903827 when the patrol returned fire. An estimated 3 VC wounded in action at coordinates 903827 at 1305 when a bunker that had been delivering machine gun fire was hit with a 3.5 rocket. The bunker was across the river and the patrol was unable to verify the damage.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

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

Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

During the reporting period, 3/4 received such small arms fire to include three grenades thrown into their area, and reception of total of twenty-six probes. The following summations were the major incidents. At 2230 on 3 May, three unknown persons were challenged and fired upon in vicinity coordinates 885129. Contact with these persons was lost. Also at 2:30 on the same day five men were sighted moving NE thru hundred meters from the Air Fl 16 in the vicinity coordinates 878131. At approximately the same time a fragmentation grenade was thrown into a company area at coordinates 891132. Five men were sighted at 2330 3 May on the road moving south at coordinates 898131. At approximate coordinates 890132, ten more men were sighted at 0015. At 0445 two fragmentation grenades were thrown into a company area at coordinates 871135. Upon investigation of the incident, there was only a deserted house in the area, with no other significant information to be obtained.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company A, 1/3, conducted a sweep to HOI-VUC and searched the village. At 1047H, 3 prisoners were taken. The sweep continued to the north to TAN AN PHUONG. A new patrol base will be established in that vicinity. There was no enemy contact during the period.

(2) During the night, Company G, 2/3, moved into a blocking position west of the village of LE MY along the river of CA DA SONG. At day break, Company E and attachments left the Battalion CP and moved northwest toward their objective on a search and destruction mission within the LE MY complex. The company made a sweep from the village of LE MY north to the river. The patrol encountered heavy harrassing fire during most of the operation. They destroyed numerous enemy bunkers and positions and were supported by Marine CAS. Upon completion of the operation, Company E returned to the Battalion CP area. Company G remains on hill mass area over looking LE MY.

(3) 3/9 conducted two reconnaissance patrols in the vicinity of the airfield and reported negative contact. At 0610H, one platoon (Rein) departed for Red Beach 1 to provide security for the next 48 hours.

(4) 3/4's southern perimeter positions were probed during the night. The incident developed into a brief fire fight involving small arms fire and artillery support from their attached battery. The VC broke contact about midnight and a sweep of the area was made by 3/4 with negative contact reported. Additionally, they received small amounts of incoming small arms fire on six different occasions. Continued patrolling during the day with no contact.

(5) A drill was conducted by Company A, 3d Tank Bn in driving and gunnery techniques at HOA CAM Training Range between 0900 and 1430.

(6) A 20 mile driving exercise was conducted by Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn between 0800 and 1100.

(7) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion completed pre-patrolling planning during the morning. Commencing at 1745, Company (-) departed the CP via helicopter to establish four observation points west of the TAOR.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

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d. Results of Own Operations

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

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(2) ~~Two~~ VC captured, one KIA and estimated several wounded.

(3) Four Marines MIA.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	13
CoA 3dMar	4	90
CoA 3dATBn	4	69
CoD 3dReconBn	4	38
1/3	40	969
2/3	40	962
3/9	43	945
BUT 3/4	56	1311
TOTAL	210	1712

- b. Replacements. 21 personnel for 3/4.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None. Three VC suspects turned over to MEB.
- e. Graves Registration. One VC KIA, evacuated to ARVN Hospital.
- f. Morale. Continue high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Four personnel WIA, one serious.

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

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M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

10. ~~10.1~~ ~~10.2~~ ~~10.3~~ ~~10.4~~ ~~10.5~~ ~~10.6~~ ~~10.7~~ ~~10.8~~ ~~10.9~~ ~~10.10~~ ~~10.11~~ ~~10.12~~ ~~10.13~~ ~~10.14~~ ~~10.15~~ ~~10.16~~ ~~10.17~~ ~~10.18~~ ~~10.19~~ ~~10.20~~ ~~10.21~~ ~~10.22~~ ~~10.23~~ ~~10.24~~ ~~10.25~~ ~~10.26~~ ~~10.27~~ ~~10.28~~ ~~10.29~~ ~~10.30~~ ~~10.31~~ ~~10.32~~ ~~10.33~~ ~~10.34~~ ~~10.35~~ ~~10.36~~ ~~10.37~~ ~~10.38~~ ~~10.39~~ ~~10.40~~ ~~10.41~~ ~~10.42~~ ~~10.43~~ ~~10.44~~ ~~10.45~~ ~~10.46~~ ~~10.47~~ ~~10.48~~ ~~10.49~~ ~~10.50~~ ~~10.51~~ ~~10.52~~ ~~10.53~~ ~~10.54~~ ~~10.55~~ ~~10.56~~ ~~10.57~~ ~~10.58~~ ~~10.59~~ ~~10.60~~ ~~10.61~~ ~~10.62~~ ~~10.63~~ ~~10.64~~ ~~10.65~~ ~~10.66~~ ~~10.67~~ ~~10.68~~ ~~10.69~~ ~~10.70~~ ~~10.71~~ ~~10.72~~ ~~10.73~~ ~~10.74~~ ~~10.75~~ ~~10.76~~ ~~10.77~~ ~~10.78~~ ~~10.79~~ ~~10.80~~ ~~10.81~~ ~~10.82~~ ~~10.83~~ ~~10.84~~ ~~10.85~~ ~~10.86~~ ~~10.87~~ ~~10.88~~ ~~10.89~~ ~~10.90~~ ~~10.91~~ ~~10.92~~ ~~10.93~~ ~~10.94~~ ~~10.95~~ ~~10.96~~ ~~10.97~~ ~~10.98~~ ~~10.99~~ ~~10.100~~

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

f. Salvage and Captured Material . N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities . N/A.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

051800H May 1965  
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UNIT REPORT No #23

Period Covered 041800H May 1965 to 051800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

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

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

Continue surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 0927 Company "C" engaged with approximately twenty VC in the vicinity coordinates 865682 on Hill 270. The fire fight resulted in eight VC KIA's. Four bodies were delivered to this headquarters and turned over to the AAVN hospital.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 2020 the Popular Forces observed some VC carrying two bodies and three WIA's after Echo Company passed through their area. It was also believed that some VC were killed in a bunker on the north side of the river with 3.5 rockets. At about 0945 a patrol came upon a land mine at coordinates 912817. Golf Company received small arms fire to their front and also from across the river at coordinates 902828. Echo Company captured a suspected VC at coordinates 908819. Upon delivery of the S/VC to this headquarters, he was turned over to counterintelligence personnel for interrogation.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines established patrol base vicinity 8772. They set out ambushes and reported no enemy contact during the night. At 0843, helicopters landed at Company C patrol base and loaded troops. The first wave landed at LZ Pelican and the LZ was reported secure at 0855. Scattered sniper fire was received from Hill 270. Ten minutes later, 1/3 engaged approximately 15 VC on Hill 270 in a fire fight, lasting approximately 80 minutes, involving both rifle and artillery fire. This action resulted in 8 VC KIA. At 1445 a juncture was effected between Company A and Company C. Company A and one platoon of Company C swept Hill 270. Landing Zone Pelican was held by Company C (-). At 1655, Company A was hoisted to LZ Finch. Patrol base for Company C has been established for the night in the vicinity of LZ Pelican.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a sweep and search operation in the LE MY area utilizing Company B as a blocking force and Company G to sweep and search from west to east through LE MY. At 0857, Company B captured a wounded VC and returned him to Regiment for interrogation. Tanks were utilized as an addition to the blocking force and to provide a long range capability to pursue by fire. By 1249, Company G had completed the sweep of the peninsula. No contact was made other than a few isolated sniper shots. Company B returned to 2/3 CP area at 1620. Company G will establish a patrol base and ambush sites near LE MY.

(3) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted daylight patrolling and established night ambush and blocking positions in the southern portion of the TAOR.

(4) Co A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Battalion conducted preventative maintenance on ordnance and classes on communication procedure.

(5) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion performed preventative maintenance in the morning and a weapons inspection during the afternoon.

(6) Company D (-) (Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion received a request from Patrol Number 3 for emergency evacuation at 1445. The patrol was withdrawn by helicopter at 1655. The early diagnosis of the casualty is appendicitis.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

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d. Results of Own Operations

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

(2) There were 8 VC KIA and 1 VC wounded POW.

(3) Two Marines were WIA.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19 131	0 2
CoA 3dM3Bn	1 90	0 2
CoA 3dATBn	1 69	0 1
CoD 3dReconBn	4 58	0 3
1/3	40 967	3 48
2/3	40 962	2 43
3/9	43 945	6 51
BLT 3/4	56 1311	6 69
TOTAL	210 4530	15 219

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. Nothing unusual to report.
- d. Prisoners of War. One turned over to MEB.
- e. Graves Registration. Four VC KIA evacuated to ARVN hospital.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Two WIA's evacuated to C&C.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. BA-279 batteries are in short supply.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H &amp; Serv End Period</u>
M-274	123	0	39	84
M-422	109	0	21	88
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>
2	WIA	2

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material Two rifles; 2 hand grenades.g. Miscellaneous Activities

(1) One 61mm mortar illum dud was picked up near 3dMar GP by BOD Team, BLSG.

(2) Regt'l Hq Supply received 200 BA-279 batteries for issue to 1/3 and 2/3.

(3) 1/3 resupplied two companies with Classes I and V supplies. by helo.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

061800H May 1965

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UNIT REPORT No. #24

Period Covered

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.  
Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.  
Unknown

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

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of your main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

A reconnaissance patrol engaged four VCs at 1835. They observed three VCs evacuating the area, one of these three was being carried. The fourth man was not seen. This action took place in the vicinity of coordinates 883833. At 2030 another reconnaissance patrol came upon some old elephant manure and elephant tracks at coordinates 819745. Still another reconnaissance patrol observed two VC in camouflaged utilities at coordinates 869833. Patrol destroyed VC base camp at coordinates 868415 at 1600.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

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

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

The post across the street from the village Tong Vu Su; at coordinates 988748, received rifle fire from roof tops of the village. The fire was returned but with no observed results. At 1006 Mike Company heard ten rounds of small arms fire approximately 300 meters south of their position at coordinates 011732.

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

Co D(-) 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Recon patrols saw and heard during a five hour period commencing at 1500H a total of approximately seventy VC in the general vicinity 858584. These VC were observed in groups ranging from five to fifteen individuals.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. ~~Namanganam~~ Annex A (Situation Overlay).

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, established a base camp in the vicinity of LZ Pelican. Several small ambushes were set during the night along avenues of approach into the base camp area. At 0825, the company began a sweep about 1000 meters south of the SONG TUY LOAN and moved in an easterly direction, crossing the river in the vicinity of 917710. The company returned to their normal positions on Hill 268 at 1342. There was no enemy contact during the sweep.

(2) Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, supported by one platoon of Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, continued to patrol in the north central portion of their TAOR. Small ambushes were established in the vicinity of their patrol base (vic 889809) during the night and three platoon sized patrols operated east and west of the base during the day. The company was resupplied at 1300 and is currently preparing to shift location of its patrol base.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, conducted two patrols in the vicinity of the airfield. No contact was made. Commencing at 1000, Company K (Rein) was helilifted to CHU LAI to establish a defensive perimeter on the Beach at coord 542062, in preparation for the landing of the 3d MEB on 7 May.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, conducted aggressive patrolling throughout their TAOR utilizing two rifle companies. Night ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, continues with one platoon under OPCOM of 2/3 and OPs under company control operating west of the TAOR. Patrol members requested withdrawal at 1505 as one patrol member was suffering from an apparent severe insect bite. Patrols 1 and 2 remain in position.

(6) Between 0900 and 1100, Company A, 3d Tank Battalion, conducted a FIREX at HOA CAN Regional Force Training Range. Preventative maintenance was performed during the afternoon.

(7) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d AT Battalion, conducted a road march within 1/3 TAOR. Additionally, GMS Training was conducted this afternoon.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

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

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	136
CoA 3dMdn	4	90
CoA 3dATTN	4	69
CoD 3dReconIn	4	58
1/3	40	967
2/3	40	962
3/9	44	948
PLT 3/4	56	1294
TOTAL	211	7517

- b. Replacements. One corpseman.
- c. Discipline, law and order. Nothing to report.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves Registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. One MIA not serious evacuated to CGO platoon.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. BA-279 batteries still in short supply.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	39	64
M-422	109	0	23	86
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR	VEH
1	WIA	1	0
1	WIA (Regional Forces)	0	1 (See subpar g. below)

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

g. Miscellaneous Activities. A 2/3 resupply convoy found one Regional Forces WIA in AN NGAI DONG village, brought him to 2/3 BAS for treatment, and evacuated him to ARVN Hospital, Da Nang.

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ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF

071800H May 1965

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Daily SITREP #25  
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Period Covered 061800H May 1965 to 071800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 0920 Patrol Bravo came upon some land mines in the vicinity of coordinates 875753. As many of the mines as could be found, were set off intentionally by the patrol. At about 1255 a suspected VC mortar platoon was observed at coordinates 861736. Surveillance is being maintained on this position. A patrol discovered a group of 60 men and 12 rounds in the vicinity of grid square 9873. HHC personnel were notified and will make an investigation of the area tomorrow morning at 0800H. While leaving this area, the patrol was fired upon by a small group of NVN with small arms weapons.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

Call Company, at 2135, observed a light resembling a airport search light going around in Lo TK village at coordinates 901618.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

At about 0220 ten small arms rounds were received about 2,000 yards from coordinates 009768 on an azimuth of 345°.

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

Company "D" (-)(Main), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Four VC were observed at coordinates 876823 by Patrol #1 while in route to landing zone at 883625.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. Annex A (Situation Overlay).b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, commenced combat patrol operations within TAOR at 0747. Several homemade mines were discovered and intentionally detonated vicinity 876766. At 1026, a search of the village of MY SON, coord 875765, was made. Nothing unusual was discovered. The patrol continued moving to the west and conducted a search of a village at coordinates 851763 commencing at 1557. Company B is now preparing to return to establish patrol base in grid square 8875. 1/3 also commenced construction of supplementary positions on the southern slopes of Hill 327, but were forced to secure because of mortar duds in the area.

(2) Company C, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, patrolled east and west of their patrol base and returned to 2/3 CP area in the afternoon. Company H departed the CP area at 1418 for a four day operation in the northwest portion of the TAOR. They detrucked at 1445 and proceeded by foot to patrol base number 1.

(3) Two patrols were sent out by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, within the vicinity of the airfield. The patrols departed at 0800 and 1500. No unusual incidents were reported.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines received approximately 12 rounds of small arms fire from vicinity 828129 during the evening of 6 May. 3/4 established ambushes along likely avenues of approach during the night and commenced patrolling operations in zone C at 0730.

(5) Classes were conducted by Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion in leadership and nomenclature and techniques of fire of the M-14 rifle.

(6) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion withdrew the remaining two OPs from west of the TAOR. The entire company, less one platoon DS 2/3, is currently located in the vicinity of 3d Marines' CP.

(7) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion conducted a FIREX in 2/3 TAOR. One platoon displaced into the sand flats and fired on the LE MY fort. The exercise was completed about noon and the platoon retired to 2/3 CP area.

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

CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19	130
CoA 3dTKBn	4	90
CoA 3dATBn	4	69
CoD 3dReconBn	4	58
1/3	40	966
2/3	40	962
3/9	44	948
BLT 3/4	56	1294
TOTAL	211	4516

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves Registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. BA-279 batteries still in short supply.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
H-274	123	0	39	84
H-422	109	0	20	89
H-35	32	0	2	30
H-37	3	0	0	3
H-54	4	0	0	4
H-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR
2	Non-battle	2

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation, No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material, N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities, BOD Team, FL80 picked up following  
duds in 2/3's TACB:

- 1 - 60mm mortar illuz
- 1 - 81mm mortar HE
- 1 - 90mm (misfire)

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ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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3rd Marines  
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMT

081800H May 1965

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Daily SITREP #26  
~~INTER REPORT~~

Period Covered 071800H to 081800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions and increased harassment.

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6. 1st Battalion

1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade

At approximately 0930, a patrol engaged with snipers at coordinates 80741. As a result of the fire fight, one VC was killed and one was wounded. Both bodies, along with personal intelligence items, were brought to the medical area and turned over to the proper authorities.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade

A liaison patrol was fired upon by a group of about 10 VC at coordinates 90302; but, contact was lost when fire was returned. At 1220 hours, contact was again made and believed to be the camp at coordinates 80822. There were no weapons or personnel found during the search. All gear or possible intelligence items will be turned over to this headquarters as soon as possible.

3rd Battalion, 3rd Brigade

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

4th Battalion, 3rd Brigade

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

5th Battalion, 3rd Brigade

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



CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. Annex A (Situation Overlay)b. Own Operations During Period

(1) The unidentified troops reported by the DA NANG Special Sector at 071800 proved to be members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines patrol. Company B, 1/3 patrol arrived at their selected Patrol Base at 2055, located at coordinates 881761. The patrol departed the Patrol Base at 0707 and swept the village of DONG SON (869756) with negative results. While enroute to TAN AN PHUONG (865734), they received sniper fire from three VC. The action resulted in one VC KIA, one VC WIA and the third escaped. The patrol searched TAN AN PHUONG at 1125, conducted search operations with negative results. The patrol continued on its assigned route and returned without further incident.

(2) Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines arrived in its Patrol Base at 1940, established local security and close-in ambush sites. The night went by without incident. Two platoon sized patrols were dispatched at 0800. The Commanding Officer of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines with a party of Marines, ARVN, one Army captain and local indigenous officials were fired upon by snipers in the vicinity of coordinates 903822. One Marine was wounded in this action. Pursuit after the sniper proved unsuccessful. At 1135, Company H arrived at the new patrol base located at coordinates 871819 and discovered numerous recently used trails, a hut under construction and a watering point. A platoon sized patrol vicinity coordinates 862821 received intermittent sniper fire. At 1253, the patrol located an apparent VC camp vicinity coordinates 868822. No weapons or personnel were in the area. Numerous household effects were destroyed. At 1240, sniper fire was again directed toward this patrol. Efforts to flush them out proved unsuccessful.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted one morning patrol and one afternoon patrol to the north and west of DA NANG Airfield without incident.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines continues to occupy its previous positions. Three companies are now located outside the airfield. No patrol effort was undertaken during this period. Company sized bases will be established during the night with close-in ambush sites along likely avenues of approach.

(5) Two officers and eight enlisted from Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion departed Base Camp via heli-lift at 1630, and established an OP at coordinates 875825. Two additional proposed OPs were aborted due to weather conditions which would not allow helicopter transport.

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c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG Airfield complex, the HUE PHU HAI area and maintains patrol bases and ambush sites in selected areas within our TAOR.

(2) 1 VC KIA  
1 VC WIA  
1 USMC KIA  
2 USMC helo-evac heat casualties.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
Co 3d Bn	19	130	0	2	
CoA 3d Bn	4	90	0	2	
CoA 3d Bn	4	69	0	1	
CoA 3d Bn	4	58	0	3	
1/3	40	966	3	48	
2/3	40	963	3	44	
3/9	44	948	4	51	
PLT 3/4	56	1294	6	70	
TOTAL	211	4516	16	221	

b. Replacements. None.

c. Discipline, law and order. No problems.

d. Prisoners of War. One sent to REB.

e. Graves Registration. One KIA evacuated to C&C.

f. Morale. Continues high.

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

h. Personnel Procedures. No change.

i. Interior Management. No change.

j. Civilian Employees. None.

k. Miscellaneous. One VC KIA evacuated to ARVN hospital.  
Two friendly heat casualties evacuated to C&C.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. B6-279 batteries still critically short

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	40	83
M-422	109	0	22	87
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR
1	KIA	1
2	Non-battle	2

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material. Captured VC ordnance

- (1) One carbine
- (2) Two hand grenades
- (1) One AP mine

g. Miscellaneous Activities

- (1) EOD Team, FLSG picked up one VC hand grenade and one VC AP mine for disposal.
- (2) Evacuated one VC KIA to ARVN Hospital, Da Nang.

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WHEELER:

ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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3rd Marines  
3rd Marine Division (Rein), IFF

091800H May 1965  
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Daily SITREP #27  
UNIT REPORT No

Period Covered 081800H May 1965 To 091800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continue surveillance of our positions, and increase harassment.

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I. C. 1st Battalion

1st Battalion, 3rd Division

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

2nd Battalion, 3rd Division

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

3rd Battalion, 3rd Division

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

4th Battalion, 3rd Division

At 0830 Check Point #1 at coordinates 896132 was probed by an estimated 20 to 25 VC employing small arms and grenades. Contact was broken at 0900 when friendly reinforcements arrived. The enemy made another 10 minute probe at 0920 of Check Point #1 with small arms fire only. At 0145 Mike Company reported a linear explosion of estimated 1,000 meters east of coordinates 840000.

Company (01)(-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

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

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change except D Company at 881689 and H Company at 861827.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1/3 had no patrols out during the night. 1st wave of helos off at 0833H carrying 2/3 out on patrol. 1st wave touched down at 0904H. Arty prep fire was delayed 3 minutes. No contact with VC. 3d lift in zone at 0937H. LZ consolidated. Apprehended 3 civilians in LZ, interrogated and released them. At 1022H, lead elements of D Company were at check point number 2. Reconned stream crossing. At 1035H, D Co., 1/3 requested medevac for one Marine with sprained ankle. At 1155H, lead platoon of D Company at check point 16. At 1250H, 1st platoon, D Company halted at check point 5 with 1 heat casualty and requested helo evacuation. 2d platoon, D Company in vicinity check point 4 with 1 heat casualty to be helo-evacuated. D Company requested re-supply of water at coordinates 882695. No contact. At 1325, D Company experienced a total of 4 heat casualties and evacuated at same time. At 1405H, 9 heat evac lifted from check point 5. Re-supply effected at 1st platoon, D Company at check point 5. 2d and 3d Platoons 400 meters east of check point 4. No contact. At 1715, D Company consolidated at check point 7. Local ambushes are being established.

(2) At 1800H, H Company, 2/3 was attempting a link-up with Recon patrol in the morning. Estimated 8 hour walk for H Company and four walk for Recon. No report of enemy contact by Recon. At 1815H, H Company started toward Recon in an effort to make physical contact. At 1930H, 2/3 OP reported 50-70 trucks heading south toward the sea on route #1. The night was spent without incident. At 0917H, 2/3 OP observed 7 parachutists dropping in grid square 8579. At 0919H, 2/3 OP observed approximately 10 Marines with flack jackets and packs with 1 M-79 moving north. Last seen at coordinates 907784. At 0938H, 2/3 OP observed 3 Mites with 2 trailers, 4 Marines per vehicle. They drove to 901799, walked off the road approximately 300 meters to the north east, remained approximately 30 minutes and then returned to their vehicles and drove off to the east. At 1047H, H Company reported its position as 861826. At 1240H, re-supply of H Company was cancelled. E Company (-) was making preparations to move to assembly area with H Company. E Company arrived vicinity 874811 at approximately 1730 in position for subsequent operations.

(3) At 1840H, 1 round was fired at 3/9 check point 1. The round hit the tin roof of the sentry shed. It apparently came from inside the base. At 1924H, 3/9 reported a fire fight approximately 500 meters on an azimuth of 350 degrees from check point 20. Approximate coordinates 006779. At 2120, M Company reported another fire fight at coordinates 001720 approximately 1,000 meters from their position. At 2130H, 3/9 reported the firing of an FPL vicinity highway #1 at an azimuth of 185 degrees from check point 6. MG, Arty and hand grenades were heard. All fire appeared to be outgoing. No patrols were scheduled during the reporting period and contact was not made with any VC.



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(4) At 2306H, 3/4 experienced a well scattered probe of approximately 25 VC in grid square 8913. Contact was lost at 2338H. VC had small arms and semi-automatic weapons. Fire was returned with illumination, small arms and grenades. No friendly casualties. No known VC casualties. 24 rounds of H & I fired were fired at coordinates 812080 at 2230. Tanks and infantry swept the area to regain contact, without success. At approximately 0245, 20 rounds of automatic weapons fire and 8 hand grenades were directed at 3/4 check point 1 on route 1, coordinates 896132. Three grenades were duds. Fire was returned and two squads were deployed. No friendly casualties were sustained. No known VC casualties. At 1012H, a report was received that a search of the area from which fire was received gave negative results. No trace of VC was found. Three patrols were dispatched to the free zone, 1 company size and 2 platoon size. At 1647H, K Company reported 10 troops in the vicinity of coordinates 818076 carrying equipment, possibly mortars. A fire mission was called with 30 HE VT fuses. A squad was dispatched to investigate results and has not returned as of the end of this reporting period.

(5) D Company, Recon landed on the wrong hill at 871826. Link-up with H Company, 2/3 will be delayed until the morning. Upon landing, helicopters spotted VC to the north of the LZ and opened fire. The Recon patrol was fired upon on landing. No casualties were sustained. Heard rifle and MG firing to the east. No VC observed. At 1950, Recon OP observed approximately 67 vehicles in convoy following highway 1 from the north. Convoy was heading south-southeast. Scheduled for helo pick-up at 1600 to be delivered to 2/3 CP to coordinate sweep scheduled for 10 May.

(6) Tanks conducted live firex during the morning.

c. Combat efficiency. 95%

d. Results of Own Operations During Period.

(1) The Regiment continues to control the DANANG Airfield complex, the HUE PHU BAI area and maintains patrol bases, ambush sites and OP's in selected areas within our TAOR.

(2) 12 USMC evacuated. (2 heat casualties, 1 sprained ankle)

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	OFF	USMC	ENL	OFF	USN	ENL
HQ 3rd Mar	19		130	0		2
Co A 3rd TK Bn	4		90	0		2
Co A 3rd AF Bn	4		69	0		1
Co D 3rd Recon Bn	4		58	0		3
1/3	40		966	3		48
2/3	40		953	3		44
3/9	44		948	4		51
ME 5/1	56		1294	6		70
total	211		4512	16		221

b. Replacements. NONEc. Discipline, law and order. NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMSd. Prisoners of War. NONEe. Graves Registration. NONEf. Morale. CONTINUES HIGHg. Civil Affairs-Military Government. NOTHING TO REPORTh. Personnel Procedures. NO CHANGEi. Interior Management. NO CHANGEj. Civilian Employees. NONEk. Miscellaneous. **III** 12 non battle casualties evacuated to C and C Co.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change

(2) Class II. 3/4 reports WIRE, WD-1/TT (FSM 6145-140-7735)  
in short supply.

(3) Class III. 3/4 reports Lube Oil, II.C.E. (FSM 9150-231-9034)  
in short supply.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	35	
M-422	110	0	20	90
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AIR
12	Non-battle	12

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation . No changef. Salvage and Captured Material . N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities . EOD picked up one VC hand grenade and one 9mm round (unservicable) for disposal.

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101800H May 1965

3rd Marines  
3rd Marine Division, FVW~~101800H May 1965~~  
(dtg)

DAILY SITREP # 28

Period Covered: 091800H May 1965 to 101800H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****1. C. THREAT ACTIVITY****2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine**

Delta Company returned to their headquarters on 2/10 that was picked up at the village at coordinates 07773, at 1130. He was personally interrogated by counter-intel go to personnel and cleared for a TC.

**2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine**

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

**2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine**

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

**2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine**

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

**Company B 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine (-)(info)**

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

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change except Company H, 2/3, 889824 and Company E, 2/3, 896820.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company D, 1/3, patrol positioned itself in a combat patrol base vicinity coordinates 887689 and established a defensive perimeter. Small, squad size ambushes were established on nearby likely avenues of approach. Patrol operations commenced at 100800H with three platoon size patrols in their assigned patrol sector. Panji stakes were destroyed by fire at coordinates 890703. One VC suspect was captured. Company D, 1/3, was heli-lifted to LZ DOVE commencing at 101500H. All elements of Company D, 1/3, had returned at 101530H.

(2) Company H, 2/3, established a combat patrol base at coordinates 861826. A patrol was dispatched to guide Company E, 2/3, in to their patrol base. Contact was made at 092235H. Local security and ambush sites were established for the night. Operation Order 324-65 in support of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines' sweep of the CA DE SONG River was cancelled. Companies E and H began movements to 898826 and 891823 respectively, to be in position for subsequent operations. *889824*

(3) The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, continues the local defense of the DA NANG Airfield complex. One squad patrol was dispatched to the north of DA NANG with negative results.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, reported no activity during the night. Local patrols were conducted without incident.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, established OPs at 845747 and 825735.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

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

(2) One VCS apprehended.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.		USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo 3dMar	19		130	0	2
CoA 3dMABn	4		90	0	2
CoA 3dMABn	4		69	0	1
CoA 3dMABn	4		58	0	3
1/3	40		966	3	48
2/3	40		958	3	44
3/9	44		948	4	51
BLT 3/4	56		1294	6	70
TOTAL	211		4512	16	211

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. One Viet Cong suspect brought in for interrogation.
- e. Graves Registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Nothing to report.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. BL-279 batteries are still critically short.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	37	86
M-422	110	0	21	89
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation. Nonee. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.g. Miscellaneous Activities. EOD Team, FLSG picked up following unserviceable ammunition for disposal:

- 1 - 40mm, HE cartridge
- 2 - 3.5" rkt WP
- 1 - Grenade, frag
- 2 - Grenade, illum

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**DAILY SITREP 09****Period Covered: 101800H May 1965 to 111600H May 1965****I. ENEMY:****A. Units in contact.****Unknown****B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.****Unknown****C. Enemy activity during period.****(See reverse side)****D. Estimate of enemy strength, material, means, morale and his probable knowledge of our situation.****The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.****E. Conclusions: Enemy capabilities in order of relative probability of adoption are as follows:****Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.****CONFIDENTIAL**

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

At approximately 0615 companies Echo and Hotel received sniper fire in the vicinity of coordinates 908813 and 903823 respectively. Starting at about 0900, Echo and Hotel companies went through the village of Lo My, at coordinates 905835, and collected all male personnel of military age. These people, who amounted to about fifty, were delivered to the Ba Lang Special Sector for interrogation and evaluation. At approximately 1135H, Golf company came in contact with two booby traps, at coordinates 903818.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines /emo

Line Company received approximately thirty and fifty rounds of small arms fire at 0409 and 0700 respectively. Both at the same coordinates (006776).

Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

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

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change except Companies E, G and H, 2/3, CPs vicinity coordinates 903817.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines continued security of the 327, 268 hill complex. There was no patrol activity during this reporting period.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines jumped off at 0625 in a sweeping movement to clear the village complex of LE MY (905825). Sniper fire was received initially but ceased at 0645. Mines and panji traps were encountered and caused several casualties. All village males of military age were collected and put to work assisting in the destruction of panji traps, entrenchments and bunkers. They will be further evacuated to the DA NANG Special Secor. At 1035H, the Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines entered the village complex and was received by a welcoming group of villagers. Companies E, G and H will remain in the vicinity of LE MY and establish local ambushes on the periphery during the night.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a daylight reconnaissance patrol around the airfield. The patrol departed at 1500 and has reported no contact.

(4) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines established night ambushes within the TAOR and reported no enemy activity.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, withdrew its two OPs at 0900 from positions SW of the TAOR. The 2d Platoon was returned from 2/3 to OPCOM of Reconnaissance Company.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations

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

(2) 50 VCC

(3) 7 USMC WIA evacuated to C&G Company. 1 USMC WIA not evacuated.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19 130	0 2
CoA 3dLTBn	4 90	0 2
CoA 3dATBN	4 69	0 1
CoD3rdReconBn	4 58	0 3
1/3	40 966	3 48
2/3	40 958	3 44
3/9	44 948	4 51
BLT 3/4	56 1294	6 70
TOTAL	211 4512	16 211

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. Fifty VCC returned for interrogation.
- e. Graves Registration. One friendly KIA evacuated to C&C Company.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing unusual to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Seven friendly WIAs evacuated to C&C Company. One friendly WIA not evacuated.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. BA-279 Batteries still critically short.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

<u>Type</u>	<u>O/H Begin Per</u>	<u>Beyond Repair or lost</u>	<u>Unserv O/H Repairable End Per</u>	<u>O/H &amp; Serv End Period</u>
M-274	123	0	40	83
M-422	110	0	22	88
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>
1	KIA	1
8	WIA	8
2	Non-battle	2

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

f. Salvage and Captured Material N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities N/A

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF121600H May 1965  
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UNIT REPORT No 30

Period Covered 111600H May 1965 to 121600H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

Five suspected VC were picked up in the village of Le My, at coordinates 898823, along with two weapons: A Czechoslovakian machine gun, and a Springfield 03 rifle; all prisoners and weapons were obtained during the reporting period. Four of the prisoners and both of the weapons were taken to the Da Nang Special Sector. The fifth prisoner was brought to this headquarters and turned over to the Division Counter-intelligence personnel. At approximately 1310, Hotel Company received sporadic sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates 907836.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

At 1955 four tracer rounds were observed from check point Charlie, on an azimuth of 220°, being fired toward Hill 327. (OP-NC at 999761) 7-4

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change except Company E, 2/3, CP vicinity coordinates 945774 and Company C, 1/3, combat patrol base vicinity coordinates 858687.

b. Own Operations Landing Period

(1) Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines departed from LZ Dove via heli-lift commencing at 0600H to conduct patrol operations in the vicinity of 1111 270 (865681). At 1145H, all patrols had returned to the LZ without making contact with VC forces. At 1140H, Company C commenced movement to the southwest to vicinity coordinates 858687.

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*conducted* (2) Companies E, G and H of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines remained in the village complex of LE MY. Several rounds of sniper fire were reported during the night. Popular Forces located two VC weapons at 0430H. One was a Czech Sub-machine gun and the other a Springfield .03. These weapons were turned in through VC channels wherein Popular Forces receive payment based on the value of the weapon. Units continue to search for mines, booby traps, weapons and VC. Efforts continue to destroy and bury panji traps, entrenchments and fortifications. Company H was returned to the Battalion CP at 1430H. A total of 6 VCC were captured and one VC KIA. Women in the village pointed out the VC as he attempted to escape across the river. he was killed at the river's edge. Engineer mine detection teams were requested and approved for use in locating additional mines in the LE MY area. Company H assisted in the improved organization of the ARVN defensive area and Company C assisted the Popular Forces in the organization of their defenses.

(3) 3/9 conducted one patrol south of the DA NANG Airfield. No VC activity was reported.

(4) 3/4 continued patrolling within their assigned TAO and established night ambushes.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion dispatched one team OP at 111600H to vicinity grid square 8367. The patrol, shortly after landing, reported that it was surrounded by VC and requested that they be heli-lifted from the area. At 111812H, the helicopters, with armed escort and CAS, lifted the OP from the LZ without incident. The zone was fired upon by four F4B aircraft and two HULB armed helicopters when the recon team was clear of the LZ.

(6) Company A, 3d AT Battalion conducted driver and tracking exercises at the HOA CAH Training Area during the morning and lecture type classroom work in the afternoon.

(7) Capt J. B. DOROVAN relieved 1st Lt E. T. KELLS as Commanding Officer, Company A (-) (Recon), 3d Tank Battalion.

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c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

- (1) The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG complex and the HUE PHU BAI area.
- (2) Excellent progress has been made in the LE MY pacification program.
- (3) Six VCC turned over to DA NANG Special Sector.  
1 VC KIA.  
2 VC weapons recovered.
- (4) 5 USMC WIA of which only 2 were serious.  
3 USMC heat casualties.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo 3dMar	19 190	0 2
CoA 3dTKBn	6 92	0 3
CoA 3dATBn	4 69	0 1
CoD 3dReconBn	4 52	0 3
1/3	40 967	3 48
2/3	40 957	3 44
3/9	44 948	4 51
BLT 3/4	56 1294	6 70
TOTAL	213 4512	16 212

- b. Replacements. None.
- c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. Five VCS.
- e. Graves Registration. None.
- f. Morale. Continue high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None
- k. Miscellaneous. Three heat casualties evacuated from 1/3 to O&O Company. Five friendly MIAs from 2/3, four evacuated.

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

c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
1-74	123	0	40	83
1-123	110	0	26	84
1-25	12	0	2	30
1-27	3	0	0	3
1-54	4	0	0	4
1-55			0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

1-74	1-123	1-25
3	Non-battle	3
4	114	4

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation

No change.

f. Salvage and Captured Material

N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities

N/A.

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
1-74	123	0	40	83

h. Status of communication

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WHEELER:

Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation

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3d Marine Regiment (S-2)

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP

131600H May 1965

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UNIT REPORT No 31

Period Covered 121600H May 1965 to 131600H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3d Marines

At 0400 in the vicinity of "L" Battery coordinates 914743 a Marine walking the lines was hit in the upper fore arm by either arrow or dart from a cross bow. It was made out of bamboo, about 3 inches long.

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

One (1) VC KIA at coordinates 906829 at 1615. The VC came out of hiding and was killed trying to escape. The body and personal effect were turned over to proper authorities via this headquarters. At 0105 approximately 8 to 10 VC were caught in an ambush at coordinates 909836. Search of area was limited due to poor light, however blood stains were observed in area of ambush. Popular forces flushed out one VC in village of Ig My coordinates 902818. The VC escape but a Chinese carbine was found.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

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

*See para 2 b (4)*

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change except Company C returned to positions on Hill 268.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines spent the night in a patrol base located at coordinates 858687. At 120710H, the company patrol moved to the Battalion Objective located at coordinates 837673. Platoon sized patrols swept the entire objective area and reported no VC contact. The company returned to coordinates 858687 in the early afternoon and were heli-lifted back to LZ Dove. The heli-lift was completed at 1410H. Company A dispatched a reinforced platoon patrol to the SONG TUY LOAN River to locate suitable fording sites, determine the capacity of the bridge located at 947700 and make initial contact with <sup>VICTIMS</sup> living in the immediate vicinity of the bridge. The patrol was accompanied by Tank, AmTrac, Engineer and AT representatives and a Civil Affairs team. The patrol returned at 121230H. No VC contact. A Marine sergeant, assigned to the platoon provided for Battery 1, 1/12, security, was struck in the left forearm by an arrow or blow-gun type missile at 0430H while checking positions. He observed someone running away from him and fired two rounds. The VC escaped. The missile was approximately 12 inches long.

(2) Companies G and H, 2/3, continued operations in LE MY complex. During the evening of 12 May, the men of the village pointed out a VC booby trap to Company H. It was destroyed by the Marines. During the night, Company G placed two platoons on either flank of the village. Company H established ambush sites throughout the area. At approximately 0100H, an ambush party located at coordinates 909833 observed 8-10 VC moving along a trail. Fire was brought to bear on them and immediate subsequent investigation revealed no VC bodies. A hat was found with 5 bullet holes in it. In the morning investigation revealed blood stains throughout the killing zone, pots and rice were strewn all along the trail. Minor sniper fire was received from the northern bank of the CA DE BONG River. Artillery fires placed in the area eliminated such harassment for the remainder of the day. At approximately 0835H, one man was seen near the river. A squad was immediately dispatched and on arrival found the area vacated. At 1400H, a group of Popular Forces were searching for hidden VC by probing the ground with a bamboo stick. The probe penetrated a tunnel in which a VC was hiding. The VC threw a grenade, injuring two Popular Forces personnel, and in the confusion escaped. Subsequent inspection of his hiding place produced one Chinese made carbine. Companies G and H, augmented by two Engineer mine detection teams, continued searching for and destroying mines, booby traps, entrenchments and bunkers. The Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines and the S-3 Officer are remaining in the LE MY village complex for the night. Continued night ambushes and patrol activity are planned.

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(3) The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines continues the local defense of the DA NANG Airfield complex. A patrol was dispatched at 1500H along the western portion of the outer edge of the complex. Results have not been reported as of the end of this reporting period. Company K returned from duty with the 3d MEB at ONU LAI. The company closed at 1137H.

(4) At about 1200, a platoon of Company L, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, on Hill 101, sighted two small groups of enemy vicinity side of 163. Artillery fire was called in. Results unknown. At 1300, Recon patrol entered area and fired on VC exiting from a cave. Wounded, captured, returned to B Med and evacuated to HUE hospital. Recon patrol captured two rifles, camp gear and 762 gear, for about a squad, ammo and rice. All supplies were returned to CP. Rice will be distributed in PHU BAI village. Wounded POW indicated about 20 VC in Hill 163 area in caves. At about 1600, another VC was captured and returned by air to 3/4 CP. Action continues as additional 3/4 forces are being introduced into area on ground. No helicopters are available for *insertion*.

Company to perform maintenance on the platoon that had been *evacuated* 2/3.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

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

(2) Reaction of LE MY populace to 2/3 efforts appears to be favorable. Thus far two women assisted in the identification of a VC and one man assisted in locating a booby-trap. Marines are openly greeted and respect accorded is noticeably improved.

(3) One VC KIA.

Two VC POW (non-wia)

(4) One USMC KIA (non-evac).

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF	ENL
HqCo3dMar	20	131
CoA 3dMdn	4	91
CoA 3dMdn	4	69
CoD 3dReconBn	4	48
1/3	40	972
2/3	40	963
3/9	44	937
RUT 3/4	56	1291
TOTAL	212	4502

- b. Replacements. Twelve replacements, (1 Officer, 11 Enlisted)
- c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. 2 VCOs.
- e. Graves Registration. One VC PW evacuated to ARVN hospital.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Nothing to report.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. One friendly WIA wounded by arrow, not evacuated.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. Receipt of shipment of BA-279 batteries has alleviated recent shortage.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	38	85
M-422	110	0	25	85
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuatione. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. 2/3 reported:

- (1) Dirt road established between CP and unimproved road at coord 948787.  
 (2) Bridges missing at coords 900805 & 898812 make log support difficult  
 for units in LE MY area. **FBI notified.**

f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities. One VC KIA evacuated to ARVN Hospital,  
 Da Nang.

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 Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Executive Officer

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 3d Marine Regiment (S-2)  
 3d Marine Division (Main), FMF  
 111600H May 1965  
 (S-2)

DAILY SUMMARY # 32

Period Covered: 131600H May 1965 to 111600H May 1965

## I. ENEMY:

## A. Units in contact.

Unknown

## B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

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

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions. It is estimated that a main force unit of approximately battalion strength is entrenched in grid squares 8285 and 8385.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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1. 0. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

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

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

At 2300H Kilo Company exchanged fire with an unknown number of VC at coordinates 901157. Check Point #1 (Coordinates 830131) observed a fire fight at Chu Bai, at approximately 0800. At 0900 a HU-1E pilot sighted enemy trench work and emplacements at the following coordinates: 782073, 782072, 793073, 793072. These emplacements were unoccupied and located on the west side of Song Tra Trach river which is outside of the Battalion T/OZ. The ARVN 1st Division has been notified. In grid square 8215, tanks came across 600 pounds of rice and cooking implements that had been abandoned by VC at the approach of the tanks.

Company "D", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Main)

A reconnaissance patrol received fire at 82557 immediately after dropoff from helicopters at 1740. Fire was returned at the VC and resulted in estimated five VC KIA/MIA. The same patrol at coordinates 817815, engaged an unknown number of VC at 0700. Estimated nine more enemy KIA/MIA. Patrol continued to receive fire from coordinates 820804. Two other reconnaissance patrols engaged the Viet Cong in sporadic fire fights at coordinates 825855 and 834854, during the hours of approximately 0700 to 1200. An estimated eight VC KIA/MIA resulted from this enemy contact. Total Enemy casualties: 5 confirmed KIA, 16 KIA/MIA.



CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a route reconnaissance to the south of the TAOR. The patrol had not returned at the end of the reporting period. No VC have been contacted so far.

(2) Company F, 2/3, replaced Company G in LE MY. Companies E and H location remains the same. A medical assistance team was established in LE MY consisting of one doctor and 3 corpsmen to assist the villagers in minor ailments for 3 or 4 days. Local patrols and ambush sites were established in the vicinity of LE MY during the night. No VC contact was reported. At 1425 the ARVN in the area reported to Company H that a possible VC scout position was located at 903835 and 2 VC machine guns were located at 906836. A fire fight was observed at 0850 in the vicinity of 903774. Approximately 300 rounds were exchanged. There were no known US troops in that area at that time. At 0820, a call was received from the executive officer of 2/3 indicating that Recon OP #4 had 1 KIA, and 1 WIA. Helicopter evacuation and armed HUEI escorts were requested by 2/3. This information was received by 2/3 OP from Recon OP #3. A patrol was sent from LE MY to 2/3 Battalion CP without incident. Sweeping the village of LE MY continued. It is expected that if VC are still hiding they will have to come out in the near future for food and water. Precautionary measures have been taken to apprehend any males of military age observed. One platoon of ARTracs was requested and dispatched to 2/3's CP for subsequent operations.

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(3) At 131615H, 3/9 patrol returned and reported no VC contact. In the early evening, Company I reported ~~a parade of~~ approximately 3 wheeled vehicles moving along Route 1. A platoon sized patrol, dispatched at 141815H, covering the northwest sector of the DA NANG Airfield, reported no VC contact. At 141335H, <sup>AN</sup> ~~AN~~ <sup>AVN</sup> vehicle ran into the fence at check point 10, ripping out 10-15 feet of barbed wire. The driver stated he swerved to avoid hitting a cyclist. The fence will be repaired before night fall.

(4) At 130600H, 3/4 sent out a reconnaissance in force, consisting of two infantry platoons and one reconnaissance platoon. A battery of ~~105mm~~ 105mm howitzers was in direct support, two armed UH-10s and an L-19 were available. <sup>FOR SUPPORT.</sup> The initial objective was Hill 163 located at YD 812079. At approximately 130812H 8-10 VC were spotted and artillery fire was fired into them. They dispersed and a search was conducted throughout the area. The search netted a still warm cooking pot with <sup>600LB.</sup> rice, an MAS 36, 7.62mm rifle, a pair of sandals and a supply of rice. ~~THE RICE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL VILLAGERS.~~ The patrol moved to the village located in Grid Square YD 8007. Thatched houses, obviously lived in, warm food, caves and fighting holes were found. There was a cultivated area and a cache of food located nearby. An ambush was established around the village and a VC walked into it. He was called back by other VC in the bushes, but as he turned, he was shot and wounded. A search of the area gave negative results. Enroute back to the Battalion area another VC was observed and literally was run down. He was observed to have thrown his rifle into a stream. Both he and the VC WIA were proven to be members of the squad sighted earlier. Blood stains were observed on trails in the vicinity of Hill 163 (YD 812079). One platoon remained on Hill 163 during the night. No further contact with VC was reported. At 140600H, a sweep was made

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of the village located at the base of Hill 163 and Hill 93 (SAN PHEN BUC 855082). Fortifications ~~and~~ in VC hamlets were destroyed. Two tanks and three ONTOS observed 8-10 VC on patrol and were unable to fire due to the proximity of friendly troops. The vehicles could not traverse the terrain. The crew members dismounted and took chase but were unable to get closer than 200 meters. The M-3A1 sub-machine gun did not appear to be effective at that range.

(5) Four patrols from Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion departed landing zone Dove by chopper at 1700. Patrols 1 and 2 landed at 1736 and moved to assigned OPs, located at coord 870826 and 855845. Patrols 3 and 4 landed in their selected LZ and commenced movement ~~and~~ west to establish OPs at coord 815853 and 798848. Patrol 4 encountered two groups of VC about 1900H and killed five. Two escaped. There was no further contact during the night. At 0630H, Patrol 3 fired on 9 VC at coord 817857, wounding at least two. They proceeded along the road until fired on at coord 815853. After silencing the enemy in this area they withdrew to 818858 to evacuate one casualty. Patrol 4 encountered VC on the high ground at coord 820854 at approximately 0820H. 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, <sup>under</sup> fire at 1300H by HUE. Patrol 3 was withdrawn at 1545H. Patrol 2, hearing the firefight moved along the road from their OP to assist the other two patrols but were stopped by fire at 838857. This patrol was withdrawn along with Patrol 3. Patrol 1 remains in position. Although withdrawn, the mission of the patrols is considered accomplished. This mission was to observe enemy in the area and attempt to determine if a bogus plan

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for an operation in the area would be compromised. Movement of 50 ~~plus~~ plus VC was observed, generally in a direction from west to east. The direction of movement and location and conduct of VC gives strong indication that the bogus plan was compromised.

d. Results of Operations

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

(2) 5 VC KIA (confirmed)

16 VC WIA and/or KIA (unable to positively confirm)

~~Additionally, several VC casualties at HUE PHU BAI resulting from artillery fire. Number unknown,~~

(3) 1 USMC KIA

7 USMC WIA (none serious)

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CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	USMC	USN
	OFF	ENL
HqCo 3dMar	20	131
CoA 3dMar	4	91
CoA 3dATBn	4	69
CoD 3dReconBn	4	47
1/3	40	985
2/3	41	967
3/9	44	937
BLT 3/4	56	1291
TOTAL	213	4518

- b. Replacements. 1/3 13 replacements, 2/3 four replacements, HqCo two replacements (1 officer, 1 enlisted)
- c. Discipline, law and order. No unusual problems.
- d. Prisoners of War. None.
- e. Graves Registration. One friendly KIA evacuated to C&C Company.
- f. Morale. Continues high.
- g. Civil Affairs-Military Government. Medical assistance team visited village.
- h. Personnel Procedures. No change.
- i. Interior Management. No change.
- j. Civilian Employees. None.
- k. Miscellaneous. Seven WIAs evacuated from Recon patrol base.

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply.

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-774	123	0	42	61
M-420	110	0	26	84
M-35	32	0	2	30
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-36	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

NO.	TYPE	AGE
7	WIA	7
1	MIA	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material n/a.g. Miscellaneous Activities MOP Team, PUSG picked up below unserviceable ammunition for disposal:

- (1) 1 - Grenade, hand, CS
- (2) 1 - Grenade, hand, MP
- (3) 1 - Grenade, rifle

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3rd Marine Regiment (6-2)  
3rd Marine Division (Main), FMF  
151/000 May 1965

DAILY SITREP # 33

Period Covered: 151/000 May 1965 to 153/000 May 1965

1. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy resources that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

D. Estimate of enemy strength, capability, intent, morale and his knowledge of our situation.

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions. It is estimated that a main force unit of approximately platoon strength is entrenched in grid squares 8285, and 8385.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy Activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

A Vietnamese Liaison Officer received information from two different sources of a VC AT platoon moving through Phu Duc district to village of Hoa Vinh 900773 via Giao Tri north along ridge 14th of hill 993. At 1030 two mortar rounds were seen impacting approximately 1000 meters from 010772 at an azimuth of 10°. A regular force patrol found two grenades and one pair of trousers in a cave at 904811.

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

A truck ran over a mine at 014355 at approximately 1330. No information available as to whether mine had been recently placed or not.

4th Battalion, 4th Marines

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

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situationa. Front Lines. Annex A (Situation Overlay)b. Own Operations During Period

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines conducted routine training and operations within their assigned TAOR. No patrolling was scheduled during this reporting period.

(2) Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines swept 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 SONG during the night. Artillery H&I fire and illumination was fired during the night. The attempted crossing did not materialize. Regional Forces relieved Company H and assumed responsibility for the village in the vicinity of coord 906830. Company H then moved to new positions on the high ground around the LE MY fort. Regional Forces were fired on by approximately 15 VC, at 0840H. The VC were located on the north bank of the river at coord 911837. The Regional Forces returned fire from the south bank. Artillery fired and dispersed the VC. No estimate of casualties possible. 2/3's medical team continued providing treatment for the people in the LE MY area. 85 women and children were treated today. Regional Forces recovered 2 rifles in LE MY.

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines provided one rifle squad as a security force for a Division wire team working on the lines between the airfield and this Headquarters. Two reconnaissance patrols were conducted, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to the west and east of the airfield. No contact.

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(4) At 1805, Company M, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines observed 5 VC vicinity coord 833063. They were taken under fire by artillery. The fire was on target but they were unable to determine the extent of casualties. Ambushes reported no contact or V<sup>h</sup> sightings during the night. At 1350, a 6x6 truck struck a mine at coord 844155. The right front tire and fender were blown off and one Marine was slightly wounded. He was treated by a corpsman and returned to duty. Engineers are checking the road for other mines. The tentative belief is that this was a mine that had probably been there for years. Company L is currently located vicinity grid square 8909 and is making a reconnaissance of tonight's prepared ambush sites in grid square 8911 overlooking the BONG NONG. Company M occupies hill 36 and 225 with one platoon each. The third platoon will establish ambushes tonight along a line running from 825112 to 821125. The battalion (-) is providing perimeter security for the airfield and the 5th BRU.

(5) One platoon from Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion remains in position on the ridge line paralleling the south bank of the CA DE BONG. They shifted position to coord 873824 during the night and are maintaining surveillance of the area to the north.

(6) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion performed PM on their vehicles and held classes on tank reconnaissance missions.

(7) Company A, 3d AT Battalion held OMSF classes and PM on vehicles.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations.

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

(2) 1 WIA (not serious) from 3/4.

CONFIDENTIAL3. PERSONNEL

a.	OFF	USMC	ENL	OFF	USN	ENL
HqCo 3dMbr	103		103			103
CoA 3dMbr	4		4			4
CoA 3dMbr	4		4			4
CoA 3dMbr	4		4			4
1/3	20		20			20
2/3	41		41			41
3/3	44		44			44
SLT 3/4	10		10			10
TOTAL	175		175			175

b. Replacements.

One enlisted for 1/3; Four enlisted and one officer for 2/3;  
Two officers and five enlisted for HqCo 3dMbr.

c. Discipline, law.

No unusual problems.

d. Prisoners of War.

None.

e. Graves Registration.

None.

f. Morale.

Continues high.

g. Civil Affairs-Military Government.

85 women and children were treated

h. by 2/3 medical team in 1st.

No change.

i. Interior Management.

No change.

j. Civilian Employees.

None.

k. Miscellaneous.

None.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	0	41	82
M-422	110	0	26	84
M-35	32	0	1	31
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation N/Ae. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation No change.f. Salvage and Captured Material N/Ag. Miscellaneous Activities . EOD Team, F130 picked up four 3.5" rocket duds for disposal.

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WHEELER:

ANNEX A - Situation Overlay

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DAILY SITREP # 34

Period Covered: 101/001/001 196 to 101/001/001 196

I. ENEMY:

A. Units in contact.  
(None)

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.  
(None)

C. Enemy activity during period.  
(No reverse side)

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

The enemy known to be in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions. It is estimated that a main force with an approximately platoon strength is entrenched in the area 0100 and 0105.

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

1. The enemy will move to our position, and increase their strength.

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1. C. Enemy activity1st Battalion, 3rd Marines

There was no significant enemy activity in the 1st Battalion zone during the reporting period.

2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines

At 2015 Fox Company observed four boats, leaving LE MY, loaded with personnel moving NE on the river of CA DE SONG. Two of the boats stopped at the village of XUAN THUAN and picked up more people while the remaining two continued moving in the same direction toward the mouth of the river.

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 4th Marines

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

Company "D", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Main)

At approximately 1635, Recon observed seventeen (17) boats moving NE on the river at coordinates 907827. These boats appeared to be evacuating personnel. At about 1700, these same boats were sighted entering the mouth of the river at coordinates 927837, heading toward the village of XUAN THUAN. At about 1800, nine people were observed searching the area hit by yesterday's air-strike at coordinates 817853.



CONFIDENTIAL2. Gen Situation

a. Front Lines. No change.

b. Gen Operations During Period

(1) Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines departed on patrol at 1300H. They have moved north and west of hill 393 and after dark will establish three platoon sized ambushes at coord 892771, 857760 and 863748. There was no VC contact during this period.

(2) Regional Forces, working with 2/3, crossed the CA DE SONG River in pursuit of 15 VC previously reported in yesterday's SITREP. They returned in the evening after having found 2 hand grenades at coord 904841. Company E established its CP at 894890 and established night ambushes at 900806 and 898812. The medical assistance program established in the village of LE MY continues. Approximately 75 women and children were treated for minor ailments during this reporting period. The women of the village prepared dinner for the Marines today, apparently as a gesture of appreciation. Small arms fire continues from the northern bank of the CA DE SONG without effect. Regional Forces withdrew to the center of LE MY during the night, leaving the river bank unprotected. They returned in the morning. Company F and Recon CP #1 observed several (approximately 17) small boats moving along the CA DE SONG River, headed east. The boats stopped in the vicinity of LE MY, picked up some passengers, household effects and continued east to the village at 932834. The evacuees were possible VC families. Ambushes were established throughout the LE MY complex without VC contact. I&I fires and illumination were fired by 81mm mortars and artillery during the night. Apparently VC crossed the river during the

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night, as several new booby traps were discovered this morning. One was set off by a local woman who was slightly injured and treated by a 2/3 corpsman. As a result, Company F will establish ambushes tonight along the river to prevent further incidents of this sort. Daylight patrols to the SE and SW of LE MY were conducted without contact.

(3) 3/9 conducted local patrols to the south and north of the airfield without VC contact. One squad was dispatched to provide security for a detail from the 1st LAAM Battalion. The LAAM Battalion detail was recovering the body of a dead Marine to the north of the TAOR along Highway #1. The remainder of company K was placed on an immediate standby as a reaction force. The alert terminated when the squad returned.

(4) The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reported no VC contact during the night. No patrols were scheduled during this reporting period. Ambushes will be established along likely avenues of approach this evening in the eastern and western portion of the TAOR.

(5) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion's OP #1 was relieved in place. No VC contact was reported. Very little indigenous activity within the assigned area of surveillance was reported.

(6) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion conducted a FIREX in the HOA CAM Training Area and conducted platoon tactics and formation driving.

(7) Company A, 3d AT Battalion conducted preventative maintenance on wheeled vehicles.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

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

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations. No change

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

(3) Class III.

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c. Status of Transportation:

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
M-274	123	8	41	82
M-422	110	0	26	84
M-35	32	0	1	31
-37	3	0	0	3
-50	4	0	0	4
-50	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation . N/A

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

f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A

g. Miscellaneous Activities None.

Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period

h. Status of Evacuation

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e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation

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3d Marine Regiment (3-2)  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FM  
~~171600H May 1965~~  
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DAILY SITREP # 35

Period Covered: 161600H May 1965 to 171600H May 1965

1. ENEMY:A. Units in contact.

Unknown

B. Enemy reserves that can affect our situation.

Unknown

C. Enemy activity during period.

(See reverse side)

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

The enemy knows we are in the area and has a basic knowledge of our main positions. It is estimated that a main force unit of approximately platoon strength is entrenched in grid squares 8285 and 8385.

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

Continued surveillance of our positions, and increased harassment.

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1. C. Enemy activity

1st Battalion, 3d Marines

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

2nd Battalion, 3d Marines

At 2250 ~~W~~ Company at coordinates 901831, observed and fired on two boats containing six people. One boat possibly sunken by fire.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

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

3d Battalion, 4th Marines

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

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the roads for mines. None were found. Company F provided a blocking force this afternoon in coordination with a Regional Forces sweep of LE MY. Company F discovered 2 nap guns (one pistol and one rifle) in the vicinity of 903824.

(3) Patrols from 3/9 reported no enemy contact at 1800H. One mine was set off by a stray dog in the Company I area. There were no patrols scheduled for today.

(4) Six squad sized ambushes were established by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at coordinates 834139, 829141, 833146, 833151, 836154 and 835156. The 3d platoon of Company M was set in on Hill 225. Company L ambushes were set in at coordinates 888116, 888124, 892113, 891119 and 894124. No enemy contact was reported. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines Battalion Surgeon departed at 0750H for the village of THUY PHU where 250 people were treated for mostly skin ailments and bone disease. There

great lack of vitamins and soap in the village of THUY PHU. Personnel from the Adjutant Section distributed soap, magazines and candy at the same village. At 0715H, the following shift of companies commenced in the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines area: Company I replaced Company M and Company M replaced Company K.

(5) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion conducted a platoon fire in the sand flats north of 2/3's CP between 0800 and 1000.

(6) Company A, 3d AT Battalion PM'd wheeled and tracked vehicles in the morning and held GMSF training in the afternoon.

(7) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion made preparations to establish an OP on DONG DEN (837826).

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

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4. LOGISTICS

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

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I. No change.

(2) Class II. No change.

(3) Class III. No change.

(4) Class IV. No change.

(5) Class V. No change.

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c. Status of Transportation:

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M-274	123	0	40	83
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M-35	32	0	6	26
M-37	3	0	0	3
M-54	4	0	0	4
M-38	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation N/A.

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

f. Salvage and Captured Material N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities N/A.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Gen Situation , 18 May 65a. Front Lines. No change.b. Gen Operations During Period

(1) LtGen KRULAK visited units of the 3d Marine Regiment this date, visiting the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI, the 3d Marines CP vicinity Hill 327 and 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in the LE MY area.

(2) A company size patrol conducted by Company A, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines returned at 0851H. No enemy contact was reported.

(3) LtGen KRULAK was met by an honor platoon furnished by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI Airfield. The General toured the artillery area and was briefed on small unit patrol contacts. Other briefing s included one by the Reconnaissance Platoon Leader and another by the Commanding Officer, 3/4 on Hill 180. LtGen KRULAK presented a Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" to PFC WALL for his performance of duty in action on 25 April 1965. Night ambush sites occupied by personnel from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reported no enemy contact.

(4) Patrol #1 from Company D (-) (Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion reported 5 farmers running from their fields to a village at coord 892832 at 1700H upon the approach of amphibious tractors in the CA DE SONG River. Later, at 1715H, 2 men wearing black shirts and shorts were observed going east on the CA DE SONG River. Another sighting occurred at 1808H when 6 men dressed in black and one in khaki and carrying rifles were observed moving east along the CA DE SONG River bank. *Patrol No. 1* ~~an OP was~~

*SHIFTED POSITION TO* *DURING THE NIGHT*  
 established at coord 870626 at ~~0930H~~. Patrol #2 from Company D (-) (Rein) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion attempting to reach coord 838828 in order to establish an OP were at coord 865824 at 0843H. Movement was reduced to 400 meters per hour due to lack of trails and heavy brush. By 0955H,

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at coord 863828, progress was further reduced to 100 meters per hour. No trails were reported, brush was heavy and no water present. The gradient was 80% in the area and a 20 foot canopy overhead. By 1233H, it was apparent that coord 838828 could not be reached. Approval to set in an OP at coord 848828 was granted.

(5) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion conducted a DRIVE-EX at the HOA CAM Training Area and a communication exercise and tracking exercises in the Company area.

(6) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion conducted a 6 man reconnaissance in grid squares 8882 and 8982 vicinity of LE MY to determine if tanks can operate in the area. The CA DE SONG River was reported to be 7-10 meters in depth. The river can be exited at coord 891825. It was determined that tanks can operate in the LE MY area without destroying rice paddies and roads.

(7) A 10 man patrol from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines returned without incident. Another patrol planned for this afternoon (18 May) was disapproved. 3d Battalion, 9th Marine will commence a 4 day familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol starting this date. In addition, 3 hours of general military subjects training and 1 hour of training in Vietnamese phrases is conducted daily. A local security check was conducted in front of platoon positions from 1330-1430 for the purpose of repairing barb wire emplacements. People-to-People projects conducted by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines consist of taking food and soap to a Catholic orphanage for 1-3 year old children, some crippled, near Marble Mountain and to another Catholic orphanage for older children near the cathedral in DA NANG. Each orphanage is visited on alternate

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days. In addition, patrols accompanied by ARVN Liaison Personnel take food and candy for any children met along the route.

(8) Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines had 2 squad size night ambushes set in. One received ineffective small arms fire at 0420H from vicinity coord 912838. No other contact was reported. Company E, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines had one squad set in at <sup>CAH</sup> bridges undergoing repair at coord 900805 and 895812. No incidents were reported. At 0705H, Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines departed the Battalion area for LE MY to assist Company E and F in sweeping the area prior to the visit by Lt Gen BRUNAK. Two amphibious tractors attached to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines are in the CA DE BONG River vicinity coord 893827; another 2 amphibious tractors are at coord 913835. These amphibious tractors are being used to turn back river traffic for a 3 day period starting today. River traffic in waterways vicinity LE MY will not be stopped. The bridge at coord 900805 can now carry 3/4 ton vehicles. It is anticipated that both bridges will be repaired so that loads up to ONTOS size may be carried into LE MY. Night ambush sites are planned for coord 907837, ~~909838~~ and 906838. Tanks and ONTOS attached to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines have made a reconnaissance of the LE MY area to select sites for possible employment. Company F has relieved Company E at the bridge sites.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

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

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4. LOGISTICS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

b. Status of Supply

(1) Class I.

(2) Class II.

(3) Class III.

4. INSTALLATIONS

a. Location of Administrative Troops and Installations.

b. Status of Supply

(4) Class IV.

(1) Class I.

(5) Class V.

(2) Class II.

(3) Class III.

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Type	O/H Begin Per	Beyond Repair or lost	Unserv O/H Repairable End Per	O/H & Serv End Period
1-74	143	0	39	84
1-75	110	0	21	89
1-76	32	0	6	86
1-77	3	0	0	3
1-78	4	0	0	4
1-79	4	0	0	4

d. Status of Evacuation

1-74	110	1
1-75	32	1

e. Condition of Roads and Status of Circulation. Engineers are continuing the repair of bridges at coords. 900805 and 90012.

f. Salvage and Captured Material. N/A.

g. Miscellaneous Activities. N/A.

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2. Own Situation, 19 May 65a. Front Lines. No change.b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Company A was assigned the mission of CP security and reaction force for today's operation. Company C provides security for the Hawk missile site on Hill 327, while Company D is on patrol. Companies B and D made preparation for today's helilift operation. At 0622H, the first elements of Company D were helilifted to LZ ORIOLE at coord 902664. This lift was completed at 0650H. Howtars were lifted to LZ ORIOLE between 0701H and 0805H. Company B was helilifted into LZ SNIPE by 0820H. After landing, Company D moved generally southwest. One platoon remained at LZ ORIOLE to provide security for the Howtars. Company D came upon unoccupied camp sites at coord 882655 and 868649. Company B conducted 3 platoon size area reconnaissance patrols to the southwest and northwest of LZ SNIPE. At coord 843653, the 1st platoon of Company D observed 3 VC. They were pursued physically and by fire and disappeared into the brush. Company B received 8 rounds of ineffective sniper fire at coord 940636. Aircraft participating in the helilift of Companies B and D were 12 H-34, 2 OHB, 4 HU-1B and 3 F4B. This evening, Company D will establish a patrol base at 855653 and Company B will relieve the Company D platoon of Howtar security at LZ ORIOLE and establish a patrol base at that position.

(2) Company E, 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines returned to the Battalion area at 1620H and Company H moved to the LE MY area. Company F provides one platoon for bridge security at coord 900805 and 898812. No enemy contact was reported. At 2239, one platoon of Company H swam across the CA DE SONG river and was set up in a night ambush site at coord 910837. Prior to first light this ambush was moved to 897838. One platoon of Company H remains on the south bank of the CA DE SONG River as a quick reaction force. At 2225H, 15 rounds of 81mm mortar fire were fired as well as 100mm at coord 915840. At 0440H, 105mm and 155mm preparation fires were laid vicinity coord 892838. At 0515H, Company F (-) embarked in amphibious tractors, moved up the CA DE SONG River, landed at the western end of the village of TROUNG DINH and commenced a sweep of the village. Automatic weapons fire was received from 882838 and was silenced by 81mm mortar fire. This sweep was completed at 0810H. Extensive fighting trenches and holes, panji stakes (2 booby-trapped) and a 100 pound sack of rice with NVN on the outside was discovered. Continued sweeps of the village of TROUNG DINH are being conducted. Defensive positions have been established vicinity coord 893833. Company F conducted a search of the area where automatic weapons fire was received earlier with negative results. Movement to the surrounding high ground and throughout the village is continuing. Columnist Joseph ALSOP visited Company F at TROUNG DINH at approximately 1515H.

(3) Company M, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol this morning. Company K has been assigned the mission as the rapid reaction alert company. Companies K, L and I remain in the position for personnel undergoing general

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military subjects training and patrolling. Fifteen men returned at 1530H from a patrol in the southeast portion of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No contact was reported.

(4) Units of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines were dispersed as follows during this reporting period: During the evening 1st Platoon (-), Company K was located vicinity Hill 108, 2d Platoon (-), Company K and Company K Headquarters were located at coord 877072 and the 3d Platoon, Company K was located at 886076. Three squad size ambushes were established at coord 867086, 882072 and 887082. No enemy contact was reported. Company K shifted location to coord 875073 after daylight. Squad size patrols were sent out in the immediate area. During the night, Company I had the 1st Platoon (Rein) on Hill 225. The 2d Platoon (-) and the CP group was located vicinity coord 826126. The remainder of the 2d platoon set in two squad size ambushes at coord 862121 and 825124. The 3d Platoon (-) was located at 839151 with the remainder of the platoon in a reinforced squad night ambush site vicinity coord 837153. Company I, less the 1st Platoon remaining on Hill 225, was located during daylight hours at coord 832121 with an outpost established at coord 821122. Companies L and M had locations on the perimeter around the PHU BAI Airfield with local security in place. No enemy contact was reported.

(5) Company A(-)(Rein), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion conducted general military subjects training and a road march for driver training in the vicinity of Hill 327.

(6) Company A(-)(Rein), 3d Tank Battalion conducted classes on head space and timing of machine guns and current events. Normal preventive maintenance of tanks were performed.

(7) Patrol #1, Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion located vicinity coord 873824, observed an 8' dugout type native craft at coord 862848 discharge 3 male passengers dressed in black at 1830H. These 3 men then waded the river to coord 867848. At 1840H, a motor boat picked up 4 males at coord 862848 and took them to coord 867848. At 2050H, two sets of signal light were observed sending signals by blinking light at coord 855804 and 825855. Recon patrol #2 moved from coord 875815 northwest to coord 863827 (Hill 300) where a 292 Remote Radio Antenna was set in and left for future use. The area crossed by Patrol #1 contains a heavy brush, no water and 20-30 foot canopy. Recon, Patrols 1&2 returned at 1430 19May65.

(8) LtGen KRULAK presented Bronze Star medals with Combat V to 3 members of the 3d Marines: Capt COLLINS and PFC PEBST from Company D, 3d Recon Bn and PF C WALL from Company B, 3d Recon Bn.

c. Combat efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Operations

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

(2) Two USMC WIA. Neither serious.

CONFIDENTIAL2. Own Situation, 20 May 65a. Front Lines. No change.b. Own Operations During Period

(1) Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, the S-2 and S-3 Officers, and additional Staff personnel made a Staff visit to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI.

(2) Companies B and D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines continued patrol operations in the southern portion of the TACR. Company D established a patrol base coor 855652. Recon patrols uncovered a large unoccupied camp site and food distribution point at coor 835644. Howtar fire was brought on a suspected VC position on Hill 270 coor 858843. A patrol base was established during the night at coor 854653 by Company D and a platoon ambush at coor 875654. Company B established a patrol base vicinity LZ ORIOLE coor 902663 last night. Two VC KIA at coor 836645 at 1700. During today continued patrolling was conducted. A suspected VC village at coor 954653 was searched with negative results. Small arms fire was received by the 1st Platoon, Company D at 1045 vicinity coor 835644. One VC was KIA and one VC WIA at this position. About six other VC were sighted. A new VC camp site at coor 830642 was searched with negative results. One VC was KIA and two WIA vicinity coor 910715 by Company B. Six rounds of 60mm mortar fire was received by Company D vicinity coor 854651 at 1330H. Suspected enemy mortar position is coor 859644. Enemy mortars silenced by 81mm mortar section with D Company.

(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines reported the two bridges at coor 900805 and 899812 have been repaired and can carry loads up to 6x6 trucks. Company F searched the village of TRUONG DINH and the hills to the north. A bivouac area and a small quantity of small arms ammunition was found at coor 862838. Company F completed its return to the south bank of the CA DE SONG River by 2333H. One platoon from Company H was deployed in an ambush position north of the CA DA SONG River at coor 895841 at 2313H. Negative contact was reported during the night and at 0500 this morning this platoon moved to the south bank of the river. At 2110H, two OP's from 2d Battalion observed 300 junks in TOURANE Bay. Company F returned to the Battalion CP area during the morning. Today's activities for the 2d Battalion are as follows: One platoon from Company E is in the vicinity of LE MY coor 919822 conducting patrols as far east as the village of HOA O coor 935825. Another platoon is patrolling the road west along the CA DA SONG River to coor 870827. No mines were reported in or along the road. Two DVTs are at coor 896827 maintaining river security. Company CP is located at LE MY fort and the third platoon is located via 910832. Company E is also conducting a sniping test of a .50 caliber machine gun. Company H is located at coor 895801 and is providing security for the bridges.

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(4) Companies I and K, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines established ambushes during the night along the western and eastern portions of the TAOR. At 2253, Company I received 10 rounds of small arms fire from vic 817102. They returned 3 rounds, with negative results. Company M in perimeter defense received several rounds of small arms from long range vic 887127 with no casualties. Companies I and K have spent today preparing for tomorrow's operations. Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12 Marines fired 16 H'I missions during the night and one illumination in support of ARVN troops at 2200. A medical team supported by two squads of the Recon Platoon treated 100-150 people in PHU BAI today. They were warmly received and returned to the CP at 1150. Tank and Ontos platoons conducted maintenance on tracked vehicles. Tonight Companies K and I positions are as follows: Company K (-) 887077, 1st platoon Company K 857073, 3d Platoon Company K 840083; Company I (-) 850085 and 2d Platoon Company I 835124. Both companies will execute tomorrow's recon in force operation in the southwest portion of the free zone from positions occupied tonight. Elements of both companies will be lifted to the objective area by helicopters.

(5) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines dispatched 15 Marines along with two ARVN liaison personnel at 0812H to patrol to the west and north of the DA NANG Airfield complex. The patrol's mission was area familiarization, achievement of friendly relations with the Vietnamese people along the patrol route and to observe any VC activity. This patrol returned at 1120H. No VC activity was observed; other patrol objectives were attained. Another patrol of 15 Marines and two ARVN liaison personnel departed the Battalion area at 1500H to patrol an area west of the DA NANG Airfield complex. This patrol's mission is to achieve friendly relations with the Vietnamese, area familiarization, observation of any VC activity and to observe Vietnamese activity and attitudes vicinity coord 997765. Company I conducted familiarization firing of the caliber .45 pistol. Companies K, L and M conducted general military subjects training in the Battalion area. Another orphanage was visited and food distributed by the Battalion Chaplain last night.

(6) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion reorganized platoons due to an influx of new personnel. These new personnel received an area indoctrination, a review of past operations and a briefing as the mission of the unit. Planning continued for future operations and communications classes were held.

(7) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion provided 3 minutes of illumination by tank searchlight to Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines at 2112H from coord 984738 to 980743. No enemy activity was detected by this SOP on-call mission. Firing of caliber .30 and .50 machine guns was conducted this afternoon, at the HOA CAM Training Area, with emphasis on sniping with the caliber .50 machine gun. Cross training of tank crews continue so each man can maintain his proficiency in all crewman's jobs.

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(8) Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion conducted a class in mine warfare as well as driver training. Maintenance and upkeep of vehicles was performed also.

c. Combat efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations

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

(2) 1 USMC KIA and 2 WIA at coord 854651 as result of enemy mortar fire.

(4) 4 VC KIA. 3 at coord 835643 and 1 at coord 910705.  
3 VC WIA. 1 at coord 835643 and 2 at coord 910705.

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2. Own Situation, 21 May 65

- a. Front Lines. No change.
- b. Own Operations During Period

(1) An aerial reconnaissance of the CA DE SONG River valley to coord 820860 was conducted by the Commanding Officer of the Tank and Anti-Tank Company, the Amtrac Platoon Commander, the S-3, S-3A and the S-4 officers. The purpose of this recon was 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 amphibious tractor operations are possible to coord 852843. The road net appears to be capable of easily supporting tank and Ontos operations. Bridges at coord 857841 and 881826 look to be 6 feet in length. If these bridges cannot carry tank and Ontos they can be by-passed.

(2) LtGen THROCKMORTON and MajGen COLLINS visited 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI this morning and the 3d Marines CP and 3d battalion, 3d Marines positions vicinity LEMY this afternoon.

(3) At 1935H, all units of Company Baand D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines had returned to the Battalion area after a successful 2 day foray into VC country. No VC contact was reported between 1600H and 1935H. By 0950H, Company C (Rein) had landed at and secured LZ ORIOLE coord 901662. No enemy activity was reported in the LZ. Armed HILLB aircraft fired on suspected enemy position vicinity coord 862667 during the landing. The purpose of this movement was to conduct combat patrol operations over a 30 hour period. Platoon sized patrol bases will be established tonight vicinity coord 879688, 893678 and 875674. Company B is standing by as the ready reaction force. Platoon size patrols had covered an area 3000 meters SW, NE and N of LZ. ORIOLE. No enemy activity has been reported. A village at coord 919667 was checked out by a patrol. No enemy activity was reported.

(4) At 1615H, a patrol from Company E, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines reported no VC in the LE MY area. The people were friendly and 3 children were treated for minor ailments by a Corpsman. At 1710H, one ARVN soldier working with another patrol from Company E was wounded by a hand grenade thrown from a house located at coord 915818. Marines entered house, 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 into the hole. Upon re-opening the trap door, 2 dead VC with a caliber .38 and .45 pistol were found. The woman was turned over to the DA NANG Special Sector. The .45 pistol and documents recovered from the bodies were retained by 2/3. The ARVN left the .38 pistol. Company E established a light ambush at coord 906854. Company H established security on the 2 repaired bridges at coord 900805 and 899812. No VC activity was reported during the night. Patrol action continued during today in the LE MY area. At 1147H, two wounded Vietnamese were found in the east part of the LE MY area. One man had a stomach wound. He will be treated and questioned. A wounded boy will be treated also. No information available as to cause of wounds or when they were wounded. At 1100H, a

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ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted at the two repaired bridges. Speeches were made by the District Official, the Village Chief, the local Popular Forces Commander and the CO, 2/3. About 75-100 people were present. On display were the 2 VC bodies from yesterday's action. After the ribbon cutting, the people walked across the repaired bridges. This was a "local" show with credit for bridge repairs being given to the Vietnamese officials.

(5) The 20 May afternoon patrol from the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines returned at 1730H. No VC activity was observed. The Vietnamese people vicinity coord 997765 were friendly and large numbers of children were observed. This represents a drastic change from previous "cool" receptions in this area. Another patrol from 3/9 returned at 1015H from a 2 hour patrol south of the DA NANG Airfield complex. No VC activity was reported. The patrol scheduled for this afternoon was cancelled due to battalion commitments. Training in Vietnamese phrases continues throughout the Battalion. The Chaplain made his daily orphanage visit as part of the unit's People-to-People Program.

(6) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines set in platoon size night ambushes at coord 872077, 877071 and 885076. No contact throughout the night was reported. This morning, Companies I and K executed Frag Order 4465. Elements of both companies were helilifted into the objective area in the vicinity of Grid Square 8006 to conduct sweep operations. Helicopters in the first lift received several rounds of long range sniper fire from enemy positions west of the river. Negative damage was suffered and no VC were sighted or any enemy action reported during the remainder of the operation. The remainder of Company K conducted an overland reconnaissance along the southern boundary of the free zone to locate any trails leading into the jungle. Numerous trails were found but there was no enemy activity reported. Written material which was picked up will be forwarded through intelligence channels. The Reconnaissance Platoon attached to 3/4 established OP's at coord 816091 and 816105 to support the operation. Company K completed a helilift back to the Battalion OP area at 1420H. Company I returned to the following positions: 1st platoon to Hill 223, 849086, 2d platoon and Company CP to coord 833120 and 3d Platoon to Hill 36 (840955). Company I has a night ambush planned vicinity coord 833120. Company K has a night ambush planned vicinity Hill 41. Battery I fired 9 M&I missions. No damage assessments are available.

(7) Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion conducted communications classes on the PRC-47, RC-292 and the PRC-10 last evening. A four hour class in map reading was conducted this morning. This afternoon, classes were conducted on warning orders and patrol orders, patrol techniques, patrol composition and patrol tips. These classes were held for review purposes and to indoctrinate new personnel.

(8) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion conducted a road reconnaissance utilizing two M38A1 vehicles to determine the possibility of using the

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route covered for tanks. This road action started at coord 979725 and then proceeded SW to coord 949707, NW to coord 899774, NE to coord 929795 and SE to coord 967775. The patrol has not returned as of 1600. Return is anticipated about 1700. Tank Company personnel continued with the caliber .50 machine gun sniping school in the HOA CAM Training Area, excellent results with 1-2 round bursts have been achieved out to 1500 meters. The caliber .30 and M-60 machine guns are being test fired today also.

(9) Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion conducted maintenance on communications equipment, ordnance equipment and vehicles. A driving exercise in the Hill 327 area was conducted this afternoon.

c. Combat Efficiency. 95%.

d. Results of Own Operations. The Regiment continues to control the DA NANG complex and the RUE PHU BAI area. There were 2 VC KIA in the LE MY area.

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ROUTINE

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SITREP 46 (211600H - 221600H)

1. FRONT LINES. NO CHANGE.

2. OWN OPERATIONS

A. AT APPROXIMATELY 1615H, THIS HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT 14 ENGINEERS WERE PINNED DOWN UNDER VC FIRE APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT 947700. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PROVIDE A HELILIFTED FORCE OF ONE PLATOON AS AN EAGLE FLIGHT REACTION FORCE. IN THE PERIOD AWAITING ARRIVAL OF THE HELICOPTERS, INFORMATION WAS RELAYED BY THE DIVISION G-3 THAT THE ENGINEERS HAD GOTTEN OUT OF THE AREA AND HAD REPORTED TO THE HOA CAM RANGE. HQ COMPANY, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING WITH THE .45 PISTOL ON THE AIR FORCE PISTOL RANGE LOCATED AT THE DA NANG AIR BASE JODH.

B. COMPANY C, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED PLATOON SIZED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE REGIMENTAL TAOR. NO CONTACT WAS MADE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1800H, WHEN THE 1ST PLATOON WAS HIT BY SEVERAL VC. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND HAND GRENADES WERE EXPERIENCED. THE PLATOON ADVANCED AND RETURNED FIRE. THE VC RAN INTO THE BRUSH AND DISAPPEARED. SEARCHES OF THE AREA FROM WHICH THE FIRE WAS RECEIVED GAVE NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE 3D PLATOON OF COMPANY C DESTROYED A GUERRILLA BASE CAMP AT 870664. EIGHT HUTS, EACH CAPABLE OF SLEEPING 8-10 PERSONS, 15 UNIFORMS, A LARGE SUPPLY OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING, 20 BAR MAGAZINES, 20 FLASHLIGHTS AND 5 MILES OF COMM WIRE WERE DESTROYED. THE EQUIPMENT WAS DESTROYED DUE TO THE EXTREME DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN THE DENSE UNDERBRUSH IN ATTEMPTING TO RETURN IT TO THIS CP. DOCUMENTS FOUND WERE RETAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED VIA INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS. A COMPANY BASE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED AT 870663 AND TWO PLATOON BASE CAMPS WERE ESTABLISHED NEARBY. LOCAL AMBUSH SITES WERE LAID OUT FOR THE NIGHT WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. PLATOON SIZED PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED TOWARD LANDING ZONE REDBIRD, 915687, IN THE MORNING, AND ALL PLATOONS JOINED THE COMPANY COMMAND GROUP BY 1350H. COMPANY C WAS RETURNED VIA HELILIFT TO LZ FINCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED BACK TO THEIR POSITION ON HILL 268 BY TRUCK COMMENCING AT 1415H. COMPANY A, RELIEVING COMPANY C, ARRIVED IN LANDING ZONE REDBIRD AT 1415H. COMPANY A WILL ESTABLISH A COMPANY PATROL BASE IN GRID SQUARE 9068, PLATOON PATROL BASES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED NEARBY. COMPANY A WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA THAT COMPANY C WAS OPERATING IN.

C. COMPANIES E AND H, 2/3, REMAIN IN THE LE MY VILLAGE COMPLEX. AT 1735H, THE 1ST PLATOON OF COMPANY E WAS LOCATED IN LE MY FORT WITH THE COMPANY COMMAND GROUP. THE 2D PLATOON MOVED TO VICINITY 910834 AND ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH AGAINST VC EFFORTS TO CROSS THE RIVER. THE 3D PLATOON FOUND NEW PANJI TRAPS AT 913817, A MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT AT 917827, A SPIDER TRAP WITH 3 ENTRANCES AND EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES. THE LOCAL PEOPLE ARE VERY POOR AND COMPANY E INHER PROVIDED THEM WITH FOOD, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SOAP. A WOUNDED MAN AND YOUNG BOY WERE

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FOUND IN LE MY AT 211145H. UPON OFFER OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, THEY REFUSED. THEY WERE BOTH LATER TREATED IN THE AID STATION LOCATED IN THE LE MY FORT. THE MAN WAS RELEASED AND THEN APPREHENDED THIS MORNING AND EVACUATED TO THIS CP. INTERROGATION REVEALED THAT HE WAS AN ARVN RANGER, HOME ON SICK LEAVE. HE WAS RETURNED TO LE MY. LVTS CONTINUED TO RESTRICT THE RIVER TRAFFIC ALONG THE CA DE SONG RIVER. NO COMPLAINTS FROM THE LOCAL CITIZENS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION. THE MORNING OF 22 MAY WAS SPENT IN FILLING IN TRENCH FORTIFICATIONS IN LE MY AND LOCAL PATROLS. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. THE 1st PLATOON OF COMPANY E WILL ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH IN THE FLATS TO THE EAST OF LE MY, THE 3D PLATOON WILL ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH ALONG THE RIVER BANK IN THE VICINITY OF THE NORTHERN HAMLET (908830). COMPANY H CP REMAINS AT 896803, 1ST PLATOON ON HILL 312 (992781), 2D PLATOON AT 896804 AND THE 3D PLATOON AT 900805 AND 898812. COMPANY H WILL ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH VICINITY 873815.

D. THE 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECT INSTRUCTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY. PISTOL PAM FIRING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY SELECTED PERSONNEL ON THE AIR FORCE PISTOL RANGE, DA NANG AIR BASE. ONE 17 MAN PATROL TO THE SOUTH OF THE AIR BASE HAD NO VC CONTACT. COMPANY K ASSUMED COMPANY L DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. COMPANY L IS NOW BATTALION RESERVE.

E. AT APPROXIMATELY 2400 AN AN/TFS-21 PICKED UP A MOVING COLUMN, 70 METERS LONG, AT 853058 IN 3/4'S AREA. ARTILLERY FIRE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE TARGET (12 ROUNDS MIXED FUSE, 12 ROUNDS MIXED SHELL) BUT BEFORE THE RESULTS COULD BE DETERMINED, THE RADAR UNIT BROKE DOWN. A SEARCH OF THE AREA THIS MORNING DID NOT LOCATE ANY SIGN OF VC. THE 3D PLATOON, COMPANY C, 3D TANK BATTALION CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. THE TERRAIN WAS FOUND TO BE TRAFFICABLE FOR TRACKED VEHICLES. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH VC. AT APPROXIMATELY 1330H, AN AIR STRIKE UTILIZING NAPALM WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST THE RIDGE LINE RUNNING FROM HILL 174 TO HILL 222 (GS 8205 AND 8305) TO DENY THE VC THE USE OF THE COVER AFFORDED IN THAT AREA. PATROLS LOCATED NUMEROUS WELL USED TRAILS IN THAT AREA DURING THE OPERATION ON 21 MAY. COMPANY K WAS HELILIFTED IN THE MORNING TO HILL 106 (866069) AND WILL ESTABLISH A PATROL BASE NEARBY. PLATOON SIZED PATROLS AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE FREE ZONE. COMPANY I, 3/4, CONTINUES TO OPERATE IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND IS CONDUCTING PLATOON SIZED PATROLS. NO VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

F. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BATTALION CONDUCTED CLASSES ON SCOUTING AND PATROLLING DURING THE MORNING AND FAMILIARIZATION FIRING FOR BATTLE SIGHTS DURING THE AFTERNOON AT THE HOA CAM RANGE.

G. THE ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE CONDUCTED BY COMPANY A, 3D TANK BATTALION ON 21 MAY PROVED THAT THE ROUTE WAS TRAFFICABLE TO TRACKED VEHICLES WITH MINOR REPAIRS. IN EACH CASE THE DOZER TANK ORGANIC TO THE TANK COMPANY COULD ACCOMPLISH ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS IN A MINIMUM OF TIME WITHOUT DAMAGING PRIVATE PROPERTY OR CROPS. TWO TANK PLATOONS CONDUCTED A FIREX AT THE HOA CAM RANGE IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE .30 AND .50 CAL MACHINE GUNS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO SNIPING MISSIONS WITH THE .50 CAL AND AREA TARGET FIRING WITH THE .30 CAL FOR RAPID REACTION TYPE SITUATIONS.

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H. THE 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY A, 3D AT BATTALION CONDUCTED DRIVER TRAINING AT THE HOA CAM RANGE IN THE MORNING AND THE 3D PLATOON CONDUCTED A FIREX IN THE AFTERNOON. PM WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND A CLASS ON UCMJ WAS HELD.

I. COMBAT READINESS. 95%.

J. RESULTS OF COM OPERATIONS. THE REGIMENT CONTINUES TO CONTROL THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX AND THE HUE PHU BAI AREA.

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SITREP 47 (221600H - 231600H)

1. FRONT LINES. NO CHANGE.

2. OWN OPERATIONS

A. COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONTINUED PATROL EFFORTS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE ASSIGNED TAOR. A SQUAD SIZED PATROL SPOTTED 4 VC AT 877694 AT 1615H 200 YARDS AWAY FROM THEIR POSITION. ONE ROUND WAS FIRED AT THEM AND THEY DISPERSED AND DISAPPEARED. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE. PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTION DURING THE NIGHT PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0025H, AN OP OBSERVED 4 MEN WALKING WEST AT 960702, ONE WITH A TORCH AND 2 OTHERS CARRYING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS. AGAIN AT 0140H, PERSONNEL WERE OBSERVED MOVING BELOW HILL 271 (965733). A PATROL WAS SENT TO INVESTIGATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE 2D PLATOON OF COMPANY A PICKED UP A VCS AT 0735H IN THE VICINITY OF CAO SUNG (2). HE WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS A LOCAL FARMER AND RELEASED. AT 1010H, THE 2D PLATOON, COMPANY A, LOCATED 2 VC AT 851682. WHEN THEY OBSERVED THE PATROL, THEY DROPPED THEIR PACKS AND FLED IN AN UNKNOWN DIRECTION. THE PACKS CONTAINED DRUGS, OVERLAYS, DIARIES, DOCUMENTS, UNDELIVERED LETTERS AND 3 SETS OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING IN EACH. RESUPPLY IS SCHEDULED FOR 1700H IN GS 8769 BY HELICOPTER. COMPANY A WILL SECURE A LANDING ZONE FOR COMPANY B TOMORROW.

B. AT 1740H, A VILLAGER FROM THE TOWN OF LE MY, INFORMED COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES OF A BOOBY-TRAPPED GRENADE NEAR THE LVT POL DUMP. IT WAS DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED. AMBUSH SITES TO THE WEST OF LE MY AND ALONG THE BANK OF CA DE SONG RIVER WERE UNEVENTFUL DURING THE NIGHT. 8-2 SCOUTS PREPARED SKETCHES OF LE MY DURING THE DAY. THE 3D PLATOON OF COMPANY E APPREHENDED 2 MALE VILLAGERS, ONE WITHOUT I. D. CARD AND RETURNED THEM TO THE BATTALION CP FOR INTERROGATION. THE 2D PLATOON, COMPANY E, WHILE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING A BAMBOO FOOT BRIDGE, EXPERIENCED ONE USMC KIA. HE HAD ENTERED A BAMBOO GROVE VICINITY 897826 AND DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP. TWO LVTS CONTINUE TO SCREEN THE RIVER TRAFFIC ALONG THE CA DE SONG RIVER ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE COMPLEX OF LE MY. COMPANY H IS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE REBLY RECONSTRUCTED BRIDGES IN THE LE MY COMPLEX. NO DAYLIGHT PATROL ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED BY COMPANY H DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. AMBUSH SITES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED TO THE WEST OF LE MY BY COMPANY H AND ALONG THE CA DE SONG RIVER BANK BY COMPANY E.

C. THE 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES PROVIDED ONE SQUAD AS SECURITY ON EQUIPMENT BEING OFF LOADED FROM SHIPPING IN BEN DA NANG HARBOR. ONE 15 MAN PATROL WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE MORNING TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANYTHING UNUSUAL. ANOTHER 15 MAN PATROL WAS DISPATCHED AT 1500H AND IS CONTINUING AS OF THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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D. AT 1715H, A MINE CLEARING DETAIL FROM 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF 818229 WAS HIT BY SNIPER FIRE. THE RIFLE SQUAD PROVIDING SECURITY PURSUED 4 VC. THE VC ATTEMPTED TO AMBUSH THE SQUAD AND IN THE FIRE FIGHT THAT FOLLOWED 2 VC WERE KIA, ONE VC WOUNDED. THE WOUNDED VC AND THE OTHER ESCAPED IN THE DENSE UNDERBRUSH. TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ONE .38 PISTOL WAS RECOVERED FROM THE VC KIS. BOTH OF THE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CHICOM SIGS 7.62MM MODIFIED K-50S. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT 3/4S TAOR AND THE FREE ZONE. NO VC CONTACT WAS MADE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. COMPANY I LOCATED IN THE SAME GENERAL POSITION AS YESTERDAY WHEN THEY WERE FIRED UPON; WERE FIRED UPON AGAIN BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. A SQUAD WAS SENT IN PURSUIT WITHOUT SUCCESS. LITTER WAS LOCATED ALONG THE TRAIL INDICATING VC PRESENCE. LITERATURE AND CLOTHING WERE RECOVERED. AT 1650H, 10 VC WERE SIGHTED AGAIN IN THE VICINITY OF 818129. WHEN A PLATOON WAS DISPATCHED IN THEIR DIRECTION, THEY DISAPPEARED IN THE DENSE UNDERBRUSH. COMPANY K PATROLLED IN PLATOON SIZED PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES 8705, 8805, 8706 AND 8806. A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS WITH ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY I PATROLLED THE EAST FLANK OF THE TAOR VICINITY GS 8906, SET UP FOR THE NIGHT AT 982092 AND CONTINUED PATROLLING TODAY. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY I DEPLOYED A REINFORCED SQUAD TO VICINITY 818126 IN THE MORNING AND RECEIVED 5 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE. THE VC WERE AGAIN PURSUED AND DISAPPEARED. AT 2307H, THE 81MM MORTAR PLATOON (--) DISPLACED IN HONGBON TO VICINITY 875123 FOR A LIVE FIRE EXERCISE. BLOCKS AND CHECK POINTS ALONG HIGHWAY #1 IN 3/4S TAOR. THEY MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. ENGINEER EFFORT TO REMOVE MINES CONTINUES, CURRENTLY IN LANG XA (831119).

E. AT 0630H, COMPANY D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION DEPARTED ON A TWO DAY PATROL THAT WILL COVER THE AREA IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF THE HILL MASSES OCCUPIED BY 1/3 AND 2/3. AT 1703H, IN THE VICINITY OF 866759, THEY DISCOVERED NUMEROUS NEW DIGGINGS AND PANJI TRAPS. ONE SNIPER SHOT WAS FIRED AT THIS TIME. SEARCH OF THE AREA DID NOT LOCATE THE SNIPER. THE PATROL CONTINUES BEYOND THIS REPORTING PERIOD, NO FURTHER CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED. AT 1600H, COMPANY D, 3D RECON BY, REVERTS TO ORCON 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION.

F. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BATTALION CONDUCTED PM ON ALL ITEMS OF ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT.

G. COMPANY A, 3D AT BATTALION CONDUCTED PM ON ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT AND PM ON TRACKED VEHICLES.

H. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. 95%.

I. RESULTS OF OWN OPERATIONS. THE REGIMENT CONTINUES TO CONTROL THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX AND THE HUE PHU BAI AREA.

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SITREP 48 (231600H - 241600H)

1. FRONT LINES. NO CHANGE.
2. OWN OPERATIONS.

A. COLONEL F. E. GARRETSON ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE 3D MARINES (-) (RCIN) ON 27 MAY 1965 VICE LTCOL D. H. BROOKS ACTING.

B. 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES. COMPANY A CONTINUED COMBAT PATROLS FROM PLATOON PATROL BASES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE BATTALION TAOR. NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED. HOWEVER, 7 TRUCKS HEADING NORTH WERE SIGHTED CROSSING THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER AT COORD 947700 BY AN OP ON HILL 327 AT 0455H. TODAY A RELIEF IN PLACE OF COMPANY A WAS EFFECTED BY COMPANY B TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE VC IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE BATTALION TAOR. AT 1037H, THE HELILIFT OF COMPANY A BACK TO THE BATTALION AREA WAS COMPLETE. COMPANY B WAS LIFTED INTO THE OBJECTIVE AREA BY 1043H. THE LZ FOR THIS SHIFT WAS AT COORD 878692. COMPANY B HAS THE MISSION OF ESTABLISHING COMPANY AND PLATOON PATROL BASES AND CONDUCTING COMBAT/RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OPERATIONS. THE COMPANY COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH OF THREE PARALLEL PLATOON SIZED PATROL ROUTES. AT 1120H, COMPANY B HQ, MOVING WITH THE THIRD PLATOON, WAS ENGAGED BY AN ESTIMATED 5-7 VC VICINITY 895685. THE VC EMPLOYED AN ESTIMATED 4 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND FIRED 3 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE COMPANY AGGRESSIVELY RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND 3.5 ROCKETS. FRIENDLY FIRE DROVE THE VC OFF INTO THE HEAVY BRUSH AND PATROL OPERATIONS CONTINUED. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED AND THERE WERE NO KNOWN VC CASUALTIES. VILLAGERS IN THE AREA REPORTED THAT 6 NIGHTS AGO THE VC SET UP A LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM AT THE HILL 92 AREA, COORD 878679, AND WARNED VILLAGERS TO KEEP OFF THE TRAILS BECAUSE THEY WERE BEING MINED. COMPANY B WILL ESTABLISH 3 PATROL BASES TONIGHT, PREPARATORY TO INVESTIGATING THE RESULTS OF THE 250400H AIR STRIKE ON A VC CAMPSITE AT COORD 825639.

C. 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES. AT 2000H, COMPANY H ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH SITE AT COORD 891805. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED DURING THE NIGHT. COMPANY E AND H (-) REMAIN IN THE LE MY AREA. COMPANY E COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOT BRIDGE AT COORD 900827. COMPANY F IS PREPARING FOR TOMORROW'S 2 COMPANY SEARCH AND KILL OPERATIONS IN THE NAM YEM AND PHO NAN THUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX COORD 850856 AND 860855 RESPECTIVELY. COMPANY F WILL BE HELILIFTED AND COMPANY E PROCEED OVERLAND. ARTILLERY, ONTOS, AMTRACS AND MARINE AIR WILL SUPPORT THIS OPERATION.

D. 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES. PATROLLING OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX CONTINUED. A 17 MAN PATROL WITH ONE ARVN LIAISON PERSONNEL RETURNED AT 1735H. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. H&S COMPANY AND COMPANY L CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING OF THE CALIBER .45 PISTOL THIS MORNING. A 16 MAN

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PATROL INCLUDING ONE ARVN LIAISON PERSONNEL WAS CONDUCTED THIS AFTERNOON NORTH AND WEST OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. THIS PATROL HAD NOT RETURNED BY THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

E. 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES. THE 81MM MORTAR PLATOON COMPLETED A LIVE FIREX YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. COMPANY I CONTINUED PATROL ACTION WITHIN THE TAOR AND ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH POSITION VICINITY COORD 815123. COMPANY K CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROLS IN THE "FREE ZONE" AND SET IN NIGHT AMBUSH SITES AT COORD 875054, 869065 AND 885065. THE RECON PLATOON ATTACHED TO 3/4 ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH SITE AT COORD 797140. THE TANK PLATOON RETURNED FROM A PATROL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. BATTERY 1, 3/12 FIRED H&I FIRES AT COORD 807069, 848063 AND 820080. COMPANY L DEFENDED THE PHU BAI AIRFIELD LAST NIGHT AND COMPANY M DEFENDED THE BATTALION CP AREA. AT 0730H, COMPANY K RETURNED TO THE AIRFIELD AND AT 0800H, COMPANY I RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP AREA. COMPANY L ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTHEAST SECTOR OF THE TAOR TODAY AND COMPANY M ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR. NIGHT AMBUSH SITES WILL BE ESTABLISHED. AT PLATOON MANNED ROAD BLOCKS AND ASSISTED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE PERIMETER DURING THE NIGHT.

F. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN. PROVIDED 3 MINUTES OF SEARCHLIGHT ILLUMINATION IN GRID SQUARE 9875 FOR COMPANY B, 1/3 AT 2120H. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. GUNNERY DRILL WAS CONDUCTED THIS MORNING AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WAS SCHEDULED THIS AFTERNOON.

G. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BN. CONDUCTED DRIVER TRAINING VICINITY HILL 327.

H. COMPANY D, 3D RECON BN. WAS DETACHED FROM OPCON 3D MARINE REGIMENT AND PLACED UNDER OPCON 3D RECON BN AT 1800H VICE 1600H.

I. COMBAT EFFICIENCY. 95%.

J. RESULTS OF OWN OPERATIONS. THE REGIMENT CONTINUES TO CONTROL THE DA NANG COMPLEX AND THE PHU PHU BAI AREA.

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SITUATION REPORT 49

1. REPORTING UNIT: 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)

2. PERIOD COVERED: 241600H - 251600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS: 1/3 CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TACH AND ESTABLISHED PLATOON SIZE PATROL BASES. 2/3 CONDUCTED SEARCH AND KILL OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TACH, HELICOPTING ONE COMPANY INTO THE OBJECTIVE AREA WHILE A SECOND COMPANY BLOCKED OFF REIN INTO THE AREA. 3/4 CONDUCTED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE HUS PHU HAI AREA AND SET IN NIGHT BURNING SITES. 3/9 CONDUCTED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE SA NAM AIRFIELD COMPLEX.

4. DETAILS

A. SITUATIONS

(1) 1/3: COMPANY I REINFORCED BY A MORTAR SECTION AND 3 SCOUT BCO TEAMS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TACH. PATROL BASES WERE ESTABLISHED AT COORD 833649 AND 861667. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. AT 1050H, AT COORD 839668, 2 VC WERE SPOTTED AND KILLED BEFORE THEY COULD FIRE A SHOT. ONE FRENCH RIFLE WITHOUT AMMUNITION WAS RECOVERED ALONG WITH SOME PERSONAL EFFECTS. AT 1135H, ANOTHER VC WAS FIRED ON AT COORD 838659 AND KILLED. A CHINESE CARTRIDGE BELT, A CHINESE HAND GRENADE, ONE SLICKER AND PONCHO AND A FIRST AID PACKET WERE RECOVERED. AT 1203H, A VC CAMP WAS DISCOVERED AT COORD 815634. 3 VC WERE SEEN RUNNING WITH WEAPONS IN THIS AREA. THREE SMOKE SIGNALS WERE SPOTTED IN GRID SQUARE 8468 AT 1225H. AT 1255H, THE VC BATTLE REPORTED WOUNDED WAS DISCOVERED DEAD AT COORD 839660. TWO RIFLES OF UNKNOWN KIND WERE ALSO RECOVERED IN THE SAME AREA.

(2) 2/3: AT 0327H, COMPANY E COMMENCED AN OVERLAND MOVEMENT ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER AS THE INITIAL PHASE OF A TWO COMPANY OPERATION. AT 0430H, 5 AMERICAN TRACTORS ENTERED THE RIVER AT COORD 896828 AND BEGAN MOVEMENT UP THE RIVER TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM COORD 864843 TO 863353. THE HEAVY ONTO SECTION ACCOMPANYING COMPANY E WAS UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE A WASH OUT AT COORD 861332 AND WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO THE LE HI PORT. AT 0625H, AFTER ARTILLERY 12 PREP FIRES WERE COMPLETED THE FIRST WAVE OF COMPANY F (REIN PLAT) LANDED WITHOUT OPPOSITION AT COORD 842859 AND COMMENCED A SWEEP OF NAM YEN FROM WEST TO EAST AT 0651H. THE COMPANY (-) LANDED AT 240860 AND ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION IN THAT VICINITY. NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES AND EXTENSIVE TRENCHES WERE FOUND BUT NO PANZI TRAPS. FOUR BUNKERS WERE BLOWN BY SUPPORTING ENGINEERS. BY 0744H, THE SWEEP OF NAM YEN WAS COMPLETE AND A PREARRANGED PYROTECHNIC SIGNAL WAS



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FIRE. COMPANY E BEGAN SWEEPING THE VILLAGE OF PHO NAM, WITH COMPANY F SUPPORTING FROM NAM YEN. THE SWEEP WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT. AT 1358H, COMPANY F WAS MOVED ACROSS TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER BY AMTRACS. COMPANY E REMAINS IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT COORD 861842. TWENTY-FIVE H34, 4 HUIB, 2 OLB AND 2 F4 PROVIDED AIR SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION. BATTERY B AND F, 1/12 WERE IN DS.

(3) 8-10 VC located via 895148 fired on KC Co at 2208. Firing lasted approx 30 min. VC dispersed as markers moved to offensive positions to capture or kill VC.

#### D. PATROLS

(1) 3/9: AT 1625H, A 16 MAN PATROL FROM COMPANY K ACCOMPANIED BY ONE ARVN LIAISON PERSONNEL RETURNED FROM A FOOT PATROL ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN PERIPHERY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX. NO SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE OR ANY VC ACTIVITY NOTED. ONE 16 MAN FOOT PATROL FROM COMPANY I ACCOMPANIED BY 2 ARVN LIAISON PERSONNEL PATROLLED THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD FROM 0830H TO 1030H. NO SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE OR VC ACTIVITY ENCOUNTERED. ANOTHER PATROL FROM COMPANY M DEPARTED AT 1450H ON A FOOT PATROL ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

(2) 3/4: SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED TO RECONNOITER TONIGHTS AMBUSH SITES.

#### C. AMBUSHES

(1) 3/4: COMPANY L HAD SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES AT COORD 825120, 821119, 825113, 834156 AND 839151. COMPANY M HAD PLATOON AMBUSHES AT COORD 893117 AND 895121 SET IN FROM 2100H TO FIRST LIGHT. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS DETECTED.

#### 5. CHANGES IN LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

A. COMPANY E, 2/3 861842. COMPANY L, 3/4 885145. COMPANY M, 3/4 885025.

6. CHANGES IN LOCATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OP'S: NO CHANGE.

#### 7. TRAINING

A. 3/9 CONDUCTED TRAINING IN WEAPONS MAINTENANCE (PRACTICAL APPLICATION), SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION AND FIRST AID (LECTURE), SQUAD TACTICS (LECTURE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION) AND A CONDITIONING HIKE.

B. COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN CONDUCTED TRAINING IN FORMATION AND COMBAT DRIVING, GREN DRILL FOR ENGAGING TARGETS, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVING CP DEFENSES (ALL PRACTICAL APPLICATION).

#### 8. PLANS

A. 2/3 WILL LEAVE COMPANY E IN THE VICINITY OF PHO NAM UNTIL TOMORROW. THE COMPANY WILL ASSIST A 20 MAN GROUP FROM COMPANY H IN MOVING WATER AND RATIONS TO THE HIGH GROUND IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH OF PHO NAM. THIS DROP OFF FORCE WILL REMAIN IN THE AREA FOR ABOUT 3 DAYS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND DESTROY A VC SQUAD BELIEVED TO BE OPERATING IN THE VICINITY. 1/3 WILL RELIEVE COMPANY B IN PLACE TOMORROW AND CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN THE SAME AREA. 3/9 WILL BEGIN A FIVE DAY OPERATION IN THE WESTERN PORTION

OF THIS TASK AT 260000H. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL AND ESTABLISH NIGHT AMBUSHES. COMPANY A, 3D TANK AND 3D AT BN WILL CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST OF HILL 393 FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING A TANK AND AND ONTO'S FIRING RANGE.

8. SQUAD TACTICS IS SCHEDULED AT HOA CAN FOR TOMORROW.

9. MISC. PLANNING

A. FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY ON CALL AND PREPLANNED JOP MISSION REQUESTED BY 3D MARINES WERE CANCELLED.

B. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES - 12 THE HAWK, A 2 YEAR OLD GIRL, RETURNED TO HER HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA PHAT, AFTER UNDERGOING A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION TO REPAIR A CLEFT PALATE. THE OPERATION WAS PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, SAIGON, INCIDENTAL COSTS BEING DEFRAID BY THE 1/3 PROTESTANT CHAPEL COLLECTION.

2d BN, 3D MARINES - ONE DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMEN, USING LIMITED ORGANIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WORKED AT 2/3'S LE MY DISPENSARY. THE DISPENSARY IS SET UP IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE WERE TREATED. MOST WERE CHILDREN AND SOME HAD COME FROM AS FAR AS 3 MILES AWAY. THE 1ST BATTAL COMMANDER AND 2 CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 30 PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF PHU NAN THUONG HA, JUST WEST OF LE MY WHICH WAS CLEARED BY 2/3 TODAY.

3D BN, 9TH MARINES - A MORNING PATROL OF 12 MEN, WORKING JUST WEST OF ROUTE #1 AND THE VILLAGE OF HOA PHAT HANDED OUT 4 OR 5 BOXES OF C RATIONS.

3D BN, 4TH MARINES - A MEDICAL CONTACT TEAM CONSISTING OF A DOCTOR AND 3 CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 250 PEOPLE IN PHU HAI(3) VILLAGE. CANDY BOUGHT IN TOWN WAS HANDED OUT TO THE CHILDREN AND THEY WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED. OTHER SUPPLIES WERE FROM 3/4'S MEDICAL AND PX SUPPLIES AND ARE RAPIDLY DEPLETING.

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1. REINFORCEMENT UNIT: 3D REINFORCED (-) (REIN)

2. PERIOD COVERED: 231600H to 261600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS: 1/3 CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH WESTERN PORTION OF THE TACR AND ESTABLISHED PLATOON SIZE PATROL BASES. 2/3 CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TACR IN THE PHO HAN THUONG HA AREA AND MOVED BACK TO THE LE MY FORT AREA DURING THE NIGHT. 3/9 REINFORCED OPERATIONS IN THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AREA AND REINFORCED COMPANY INTO THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TACR TO CONDUCT COMBAT/RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS. 3/4 CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR ASSIGNED TACR AND THE FIRE ZONE. COMPANY A, 3D TACR 2A CONDUCTED AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE TO LOCATE AND DIAGRAM TANK AND ANTI-TANK FIRING RANGES.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES

##### A. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3: COMPANY B CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TACR. AT 1818H, THE CO (-) ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE AT COORD 895675. AT 2240H, THE FIRST PLATOON SET IN AT COORD 839673. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND AT 0735H, PATROLLING AGAIN CONTINUED. SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED AT COORD 897682 AND 862666. A VC CAMP WAS LOCATED AT COORD 833662. TWO ARMED HUI-B RAN A STRIKE ON THIS LOCATION. TOTAL VC CASUALTIES FOR COMPANY B DURING THEIR OPERATION WAS 3 KIA AND 1 MIA (ALL BUT THE MIA WERE INCLUDED IN SITREP 49).

(2) 2/3: COMPANY B CONTINUED OPERATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD. AT 1919H, APPROXIMATELY 6 SNIPER ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY AT COORD 854853 WHILE OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OVERLOOKING THE VILLAGE OF PHO HAN THUONG HA (860855). ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY THIS FIRE. THE COMPANY REGAIN MOVEMENT BACK TO THE LE MY FORT AREA AT 0436H. ENROUTE BACK TO THE FORT, COMPANY E DROPPED OFF A PLATOON (-) FROM COMPANY H. THE PLATOON MOVED UP THE HILL SIDE AND OCCUPIED POSITIONS AT COORD 848827 BY 1410H.

(3) 3/9: AT 0752H, THE FIRST ELEMENTS OF COMPANY L (REIN) WERE HELILIFTED TO LZ COORD 853778. BY 0845H, THE LZ WAS SECURED. PATROL OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE LZ. AT 1125H, THE VILLAGE OF AN NGHIA TRUNG, COORD 843778, WAS SEARCHED. THE VILLAGERS ALSO REPORTED THAT 12 VC PASSED THROUGH THIS AREA YESTERDAY. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED. ONLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE SEEN AT THE VILLAGE OF AN NGHIA TRUNG. THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT TOOK PART IN THE HELILIFT OF COMPANY L: 12 H-34, 2 HUI-B AND 2 F4B.

B. PATROLS

(1) 3/9: CONDUCTED A FOOT PATROL OF THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX. THIS 18 MAN PATROL INCLUDING 2 REGIONAL FORCES PERSONNEL ENCOUNTERED NO VC ACTIVITY. TWO ADDITIONAL 17 MAN FOOT PATROLS WITH ONE REGIONAL FORCES PERSONNEL EACH PATROLLED THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AREA TODAY. NO VC ACTIVITY OR SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS WERE REPORTED IN THE MORNING PATROL. THE AFTERNOON PATROL ~~HAD~~ NOT RETURNED BY THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(2) 3/4: SQUAD SIZE FOOT PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED TO RECONNOITER TONKIN'S ARMY SITES.

(3) COMPANY A, 3D TANK BN: DISPATCHED A 12 MAN PATROL IN 4 M38A1 VEHICLES INTO THE TAO TO LOCATE AND DIAGRAM AREAS FOR TANK AND M38A1 TANK FINE RANGES ON THE EASTERN SLOPES OF HILL 393. THIS MOTOR PATROL COVERED AN AREA FROM COORD 971725 TO 952712 TO 907714 TO 897742 AND TO ~~985743~~ FROM 0700H TO 1630H.

C. AMBUSHES

(1) 3/4: COMPANY L ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES AT COORD 832142, 832146, 829143, 833140, 830140 AND 829138. COMPANY M ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES AT COORD 885076, 891005, ~~892005~~, 897087, 902083, 886063, 888063 AND 894066. NO VC ACTIVITY OR OBSERVATIONS WERE REPORTED. THESE AMBUSHES WERE SET IN FROM 2200H UNTIL FIRST LIGHT.

5. CHANGES IN LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

A. 1/3: COMPANY B AT COORD 9068.

B. 2/3: NOTED COMPANIES WITHIN THE TACK. PRESENT LOCATION OF COMPANY CP'S ARE: E AND F AT 945776, G AT 892802 AND H AT 898821.

C. 3/4: COMPANY M AT 873066.

D. 3/9: COMPANY L VICINITY 832775 TONIGHT.

6. CHANGES IN LOCATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CP'S: NO CHANGE.

7. TRAINING

A. 3/4: SNIPER SCOPE INSTRUCTION (LECTURE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION), PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE BY ~~VNAMS~~ AND CNTOS (LECTURE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION), MINE CLEARING AND ROAD IMPROVING (PRACTICAL APPLICATION).

B. 3/9: PHYSICAL TRAINING (PRACTICAL APPLICATION), VIETNAMESE FINANCES (PRACTICAL APPLICATION), OPERATION ORDERS (LECTURE), FIRST AID (LECTURE), COMBAT PATROLLING (LECTURE), SCOUTING AND PATROLLING (LECTURE), SQUAD AND PLATOON TACTICS (LECTURE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION), CONDITIONING RICE (PRACTICAL APPLICATION), CARE AND CLEANING OF WEAPONS (PRACTICAL APPLICATION) AND SUPPORT OF A RIFLE COMPANY (PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR COMMUNICATION PLATOON).

C. COMPANY A, 3D ANTI-TANK BATTALION: ROAD MARCH (PRACTICAL APPLICATION), AND FIREX (FIRING ALL 106MM HR AND ALL CAL .50 SPOTTING RIFLES FROM ONE PLATOON).

8. PLANS

A. 1/3 PLANS TO RELIEVE COMPANY B IN PLACE BY COMPANY D. COMPANY D WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. 2/3 CONTINUES ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IN THE LE MY AREA. 3/9 CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH COMPANY L AND PATROLS THE VICINITY OF THE AIRFIELD. 3/4 CONTINUES PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES IN THE TAOR AND PLANS TO SUPPORT BY FIRE AN ARVN SWEEP OF THE AREA TO THE WEST OF THE FREE ZONE.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

A. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

(1) 2/3: A DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMEN, USING LIMITED ORGANIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SOAP BOUGHT ON THE OPEN MARKET, WORKED IN 2/3'S LE MY DISPENSARY. THEY TREATED APPROXIMATELY FORTY PERSONS, MOSTLY FOR INFECTIONS, BOILS AND SCALP DISEASES. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 25 MAY, COMPANY E CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF PHU NAM THUONG HA. THEY HANDED OUT ABOUT FIFTY BARS OF SOAP AND SOME CANDY BOUGHT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND ABOUT 100 "C" RATION ACCESSORY PACKS.

(2) 3/9: ON A LATE AFTERNOON PATROL ON 25 MAY THROUGH HOA PHAT JUBE WEST OF ROUTE #1, THE PATROL MEMBERS BOUGHT POPCICLES FROM A LOCAL VENDOR AND PASSED THEM OUT TO CHILDREN. A 12 MAN PATROL WENT OUT FROM 0800-1100 AND HANDED OUT CIGARETTES TO THE CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF XUAN HOA.

(3) A CHAPEL COLLECTION WAS TAKEN TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOAP TO BE GIVEN TO A CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE NEAR CHINA BEACH.

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RELEASED BY D. H. BROOKS

ROUTINE

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SITUATION REPORT 51

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)2. PERIOD COVERED. 261600H TO 271600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. 1/3 CONTINUED PATROL AND SEARCH AND KILL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. PLATOON SIZED PATROL BASES AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THE NIGHT. TWO VC WERE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED AT 0940 VICINITY 965667. 2/3 CONTINUED TO CONTROL THE LA MY COMPLEX AND MAINTAINS A LAY OUT PATROL IN THE HILLS TO THE WEST OF THE LA MY FORT. ARVN TROOPS ASSISTED THE VILLAGERS IN THE SOUTHERN HILL OF LA MY IN THE RELOCATION OF THEIR HOUSES AS REQUESTED BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF. 3/9 CONTINUES ITS PATROL ACTIVITY AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE DA NAM AIRFIELD. 1 CO REMAINS IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR CONDUCTING PATROLS AND SEARCH OPERATIONS. 3/4 CONTINUES PATROL ACTIVITY IN THEIR ASSIGNED TAOR, WITH EMPHASIS IN THE FREE ZONE. THE TAOR PLATOON (REIN) CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL ALONG THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF SECTOR D.

4. ACTIVITIESA. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3, B COMPANY WAS REPLACED BY D COMPANY IN LZ PARROT, 902684, AT 1615H. ALL UNITS OF D COMPANY WERE IN LZ AT 1715H. MOVEMENT TO THE SOUTH AND EAST FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL. AT 1930H, THE LEAD FIRE TEAM WAS FIRED DOWN BY SNIPER FIRE AT 950664. RETURN FIRE DISPENSED THE SNIPERS. THERE WERE NO KNOWN CASUALTIES. AT 2012H, THE FIRST PLATOON OF D COMPANY AGAIN ENCOUNTERED SNIPER FIRE FROM 935663. RETURN FIRE OF SMALL ARMS AND 3.5 INCH ROCKETS QUICKLY DISPENSED THE VC. NO KNOWN CASUALTIES. A COMPANY PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT 933655 AND PLATOON PATROL BASES AT 953667 AND 963667 AND 933665. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG POSSIBLE AVENUES OF APPROACH TO THE PATROL BASES. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. AT 0730, THE 1ST PLATOON, CG D, COMMENCED A SWEEP OF THE VILLAGES OF LA CHAU, 964665, WHERE THEY APPREHENDED ONE VC. UPON COMPLETION THEY PROCEEDED TO SWEEP TOWARD 942668. THE 2D AND 3D PLATOONS MOVED TO THE WEST TO 928675. AT 0830H, A MARINE WAS WOUNDED IN THE THIRTY SNIPER FIRE VICINITY 965661. THE 1ST PLATOON, CG D, ENGAGED SEVERAL VC ACROSS THE JONG YEN RIVER IN A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT WHICH LEFT TWO VC KIA, TWO VC WIA AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. BOTH THE VC KIA AND THE VC WIA FELL ACROSS THE RIVER AND WERE NOT RECOVERED BY FRIENDLY UNITS. THE REMAINDER OF THE PATROL ACTIVITIES WERE LOCATED TO THE WEST AND WERE WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. VCS PREVIOUSLY PICKED UP IS 19 YEARS OLD, MADE WITH IMPROPER ID CARD. RETURNING TO 3D MARINES VIA 1600H MED EVAC AND RESUPPLY.

(2) 2/3 AT 2025H A FIRE FIGHT WAS HEARD IN THE VICINITY OF 910850, FIRE BOMBING WAS REQUESTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED TO FIRE 81MM MORTARS AT 910838. THE LAY OUT PATROL VICINITY 848877 REPORTED NO VC CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT. AT 0900H, IT WAS REPORTED THAT 50 ARVN TROOPS WERE ASSISTING IN THE RELOCATION OF SEVERAL HOUSES IN THE SOUTHERN HAMLET OF LE MY. THE VILLAGE CHIEF IS REPORTED TO HAVE REQUESTED THIS RELOCATION. IT IS BELIEVED THE PEOPLE WERE RELOCATED IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE SECURITY AND CONTROL OF THE BRIDGE REPAIRED RECENTLY BY THE ENGINEERS SUPPORTING 2/3. AT APPROXIMATELY 0930H, THE 3D PLATOON, CO B, (LAYOUT PATROL) ENCOUNTERED 10 VC WHILE MOVING DOWN A TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF 851812. THE VC IMMEDIATELY DISPERSED INTO THE UNDERBUSH. SEARCHES OF THE AREA FAILED TO LOCATE THEM. ONE PLATOON OPERATED IN THE NORTHERN HAMLET OF LE MY WITHOUT UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. TWO LVT'S CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ROAD TRAFFIC IN THE CA BE DAM ADJACENT TO LE MY.

(3) 3/9 COMPANY A CONTINUES PATROL ACTIVITY IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAO. THE VILLAGE HOA MY LOCATED AT 849796 ON THE MAP COULD NOT BE LOCATED. A SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE VICINITY 845786 WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT. 1 COMPANY ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE VICINITY 836777 FOR THE NIGHT AND LAID LOCAL AMBUSH SITES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH. AT 0800H, CO L MOVED TO 851764 AND ESTABLISHED ANOTHER PATROL BASE. MUCH DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED GOING CROSS COUNTRY WITH THE 81 MM MORTARS. SCOUT TEAMS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO LOCATE A CENTRAL PATROL BASE FROM WHICH ALL PATROL ACTIVITY FOR TWO DAYS CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE 81 MM MORTARS. NO VC ENCOUNTERED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

#### (B) PATROLS

(1) 2/3 THREE SQUAD SIZED PATROLS FROM C COMPANY OPERATED IN THE VICINITY OF 85 8781, 8780 AND FROM 900806 TO THE VILLAGE OF KIEM KIEN, 912785. H COMPANY DISPATCHED A SQUAD SIZED PATROL TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE 3D PLATOON OF B COMPANY (LAYOUT PATROL) AT 875822 TO RETURN AT 1630H.

(2) 3/9 CONDUCTED THREE FOOT PATROLS AROUND THE DA HANG AIRFIELD CONSISTING OF 15 MARINES, 1 COMPSMAN, AND 1 INTERPRETER. THE FIRST RETURNED TO THE CP AT 1755 H AND REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. AT 0811H THE SECOND SEARCHED THE COMPOUND AND RETURNED ~~THE~~ AT 1045H REPORTING NO VC CONTACT OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. THE THIRD PATROL DEPARTED AT 1525H AND HAD NOT RETURNED AS OF THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3/4 CONDUCTED A PATROL TO THE WEST OF THEIR TAO UNIT BEING THE TAO PLATOON (REIN). NO VC WERE OBSERVED.

#### (C) AMBUSHES

(1) 2/3 COMPANY C ESTABLISHED A SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH AT 900806. NO VC CONTACT.

(2) 3/4 SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES WERE LOCATED AT 821119, 822126, 816120, 811118, 857072, 864065, 858065, 852068, 851076, 855079, 857083. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

# 5. CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS.

(A) 1/3:	B. CO	985745
	D CO	833665
(B) 2/3	G CO	893815
(C) 3/4	L CO	316093
(D) 3/9	L CO	851764

# 6. CHANGES IN LOCATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CP'S.

(A) NO CHANGE.

# 7. TRAINING.

A. 3/4 B AND FIRED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING WITH THE CAL. 45 PISTOL THE CPOR CONDUCTED A CEMEM.

B. 3/9 PHYSICAL TRAINING (APPLICATION) VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING (LECTURE APPLICATION) DEFENSIVE TACTICS (APPLICATION) SECURITY OF MILITARY INFO (LECTURE).

C. ANTI-TANKS CARE AND CLEANING OF CREW SERVED WEAPONS (APPLICATION).

D. A1 CO. CARE AND CLEANING OF CREW SERVED WEAPONS (APPLICATION) REPAIR WORKING, FORMATION DRILL AND QUICK REACTION DRILL (APPLICATION) VD LECTURE, AFTER OPERATION MAINTENANCE (APPLICATION).

# 8. PLANS.

(A) 1/3: PLANS TO WITHDRAW D COMPANY FROM ITS PATROL OPERATIONS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT ON THE EVENING OF THE 28th.

(B) 2/3 CONTINUES RECONSTRUCTION OF THE IN PG CO PLY. LEAVES THE DAY OF PATROL OUT, CHANGING POSITION DAILY, FOR THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

(C) 3/9 CONTINUES PATROL EFFORTS IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE AREA WILLING L COMPANY AND PATROLS PERIPHERY OF THE DA MANG AIRFIELD.

(D) 3/4 CONTINUED PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES EFFORTS WITHIN THE TAOR WITH SPECIALS IN THE FREE ZONE AND PLANS TO SUPPORT BY FIRE AND BLOCKING POSITION, DRAWING SOME OF THE AREA TO THE WEST AND ADJOINING THEIR TAOR.

E. TAOR PLANS A PIRAZ IN THE NEAR FUTURE UTILIZING LOCAL IMPACT AREAS.

(F) TAOR PLAN A FIRM OF SMALL ARMS AT THE HOA BAI CAN RANGERS ON SATURDAY, 29 MAY, 1965.

# 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(A) PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

(1) 1/3 CO A OBTAINED A TD-18 FROM THE FORCE ENGINEER GROUP AND



CONSTRUCTED SEVERAL DIKES FOR SOME OF THE RICE PADDIES BEHIND THEIR POSITIONS APPROXIMATELY 1000METERS NW OF MILL 268.

(2) 2/3 A DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMAN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 70 PEOPLE IN THE DISPENSARY THAT THE BATTALION HAS ESTABLISHED AT LE MY.

(3) 3/9 A LATE AFTERNOON PATROL ON 26 MAY, BOUGHT CHOCOLATES AND POPCICLES AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO CHILDREN IN XUAN DAN 012776. ANOTHER 12 MAN PATROL GAVE OUT SEVERAL BOXES OF C RATIONS AT 1000H IN THE VILLAGE OF NOHI ON 997732.

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SITUATION REPORT 52

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)

2. PERIOD COVERED. 271600H TO 281600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. 1/3 CONTINUED SEARCH AND KILL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED AT 900700 AS A RESULT OF A MINE AND BOOM TRAPPED HAND GRENADE. A COMPANY SIZE PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE NIGHT AND A SWEEP TO THE WEST WAS CONDUCTED IN THE MORNING. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH THE VC IN 1/3'S AREA OF OPERATIONS. 2/3 CONTINUES TO CONTROL THE LE MY COMPLEX AND PATROL EFFORTS TO THE WEST AND EAST WERE CONDUCTED. NO VC WERE SIGHTED IN 2/3'S AREA OF OPERATIONS. COMPANY L, 3/9 CONTINUES PATROLLING THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND CONTINUES ITS PATROL ACTIONS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. 3/4 CONTINUES SURVEILLANCE OF THEIR TAOR AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSH SITES OF SQUAD SIZE IN THE VICINITY OF L AND M COMPANIES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.

4. ACTIVITIES

A. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3. AT 1628H, A MARINE FROM COMPANY D STEPPED ON A MINE AT 900700, WOUNDING HIM SERIOUSLY. AT 1650H, IN THE SAME AREA, ANOTHER MARINE WAS WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF A BOOM TRAPPED HAND GRENADE. A COMPANY SIZE PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT 899700. LOCAL AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED AND THE NIGHT PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. AT 0610H, COMPANY D PROCEEDED IN A SWEEP TO THE WEST FROM THEIR PATROL BASE. AT 0750H, ONE VC SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED AT 888705. HE IS A RECENT ARRIVAL TO THIS AREA AND THE INTERPRETER STATED THAT HE ACTED SUSPICIOUS. THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC, COORD 872708, WAS SWEEPED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THREE RIVER BOATS WERE STOPPED AND INSPECTED AT 1115H IN THE SONG TUY LOA RIVER, VICINITY 874708. THEIR LOAD CONSISTED OF CHARCOAL, THE CREW'S PAPERS WERE IN ORDER AND THEY WERE ALLOWED TO PROCEED. A PROBABLE VC PATROL BASE WAS CHUCKED VICINITY 860707 WITHOUT INCIDENT. EXPENDED .50 CAL. ROUNDS WERE DISCOVERED AT 870707. THE PATROL CONTINUED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND IS PREPARING TO BE HELI-LIFTED OUT AT 1700H.

(2) 2/3. LOCAL AMBUSH SITES ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF COMPANIES G AND H CPS REPORTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY DURING THE NIGHT. 81MM HEI FIRES WERE PLACED IN GRID SQUARE 8983. PATROL EFFORTS CONTINUED WITH EMPHASIS TO THE WEST. THE READY REACTION COMPANY WAS ALERTED AT 0937H FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT TO THE NORTH TO ASSIST ELEMENTS OF RECON BN RETURNING FROM PHU BAI IN THE EVENT OF NEED. AT 1157H, THEY WERE DIRECTED TO STAND DOWN.

(3) 3/9. AT 1645H, ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY L SEARCHED THE VILLAGE OF DONG SON 858762 AND FOUND ALL IN ORDER. TWO PANJI TRAPS WERE LOCATED NEARBY AND DESTROYED. A CORPSMAN WITH THE PLATOON TREATED ONE CHILD FOR A SKIN DISORDER. A COMPANY PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT 858747. THE VILLAGE OF MY SON, 877764, WAS SEARCHED AND FOUND IN ORDER. PLATOON SIZED PATROLS FANNED OUT 2000 METERS FROM THE COMPANY PATROL BASE AND REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. AT 0935H, AN AREA OF SUSPECTED VC CAVES WAS INVESTIGATED AT 862747, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A PLATOON SIZED PATROL OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF 861747 REPORTED INCREASED INDIENOUS ACTIVITY. THERE WAS AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF LOCAL VILLAGERS OUT CUTTING WOOD. AN ARRIVAL, RECONNAISSANCE OF THE COMPANY'S OPERATING AREA WAS CONDUCTED BY THE COMPANY COMMANDER, WHO SAW NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. A PATROL OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF 864733 FOUND AND DESTROYED TWO MORE PANJI TRAPS. PATROL EFFORTS CONTINUED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(4) 3/4. HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE MORNING AND AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON WITHOUT SIGHTINGS OF VC. NO PATROL ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

#### B. PATROLS

(1) 2/3. THE LAYOUT PATROL, PROVIDED BY THE 3D PLAT, COMPANY H, RETURNED AT 0930H. COMPANY G DISPATCHED ONE PLATOON SIZED PATROL TO 852795, ANOTHER ALONG THEIR MSR TO THE VILLAGE OF KINH KINH, 908788 AND A THIRD TO THE WEST ALONG THE LOW GROUND TO NB GRID LINE 81. COMPANY H DISPATCHED PLATOON SIZED PATROLS FROM THE LE MY FORT TO THE NB GRID LINE 85, ALONG THE RIDGE, THEN TO THE VALLEY, PATROLLING ALONG EN GRID LINE 82. TWO PLATOON SIZED PATROLS OPERATED WITHIN THE LE MY VILLAGE COMPLEX ITSELF. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PATROLS.

(2) 3/9. A FOOT PATROL DISPATCHED DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. TWO ADDITIONAL FOOT PATROLS OPERATED ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF THE DA HANG AIRFIELD. NOTHING UNUSUAL OCCURRED DURING THE CONDUCT OF THIS ENDEAVOR. ALL PATROLS CONSISTED OF 15 MARINES AND 2 RF.

#### C. AMBUSHES

(1) 2/3. COMPANY H ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH SITES AT 903816 AND 905829 DURING THE NIGHT. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY G WILL ESTABLISH LOCAL SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES IN THE VICINITY OF 891796 ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH.

(2) 3/9. SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH AT 865749 REPORTED NO VC SIGHTED. COMPANY L WILL ESTABLISH SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES IN THE VICINITY OF 858747 ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY L IS ESTABLISHING SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 821080, 812079, 822085 AND COMPANY H IS ESTABLISHING SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 871057, 862057, 874053.

#### 5. CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS

A. COMPANY D, 1/3 899703.

B. COMPANY G, 2/3 891796.

6. COMPANY 1, 3/9 858747.

6. CHANGES IN LOCATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OP'S, IF NONE.

7. TRAINING

A. 3/9. VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE (LECTURE/APPLICATION), OFFENSIVE TACTICS (LECTURE/APPLICATION), FO PROCEDURES (LECTURE), IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS (LECTURE/APPLICATION) AND JUNGLE DISEASES AND TREATMENT (LECTURE).

B. COMPANY 4, (REIN), 3D TANK BN. THERMAL APPLICATION (LECTURE) AND FAMILIARIZATION FIRING WITH .45 PISTOL (APPLICATION).

8. PLANS

A. 1/3. WITHDRAW COMPANY 2 FROM THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TACH AT 281700H. MOVE IT FOR EXTENDED 7 DAY OPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION (FIVE TACH WITH A BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND TWO REINFORCED COMPANIES. PLAN TO CONDUCT A LOGICAL FIRE AND A SECTION OF SLIP-ROCKERS WILL FIRE AT THE NEW CAMP NAIR ON 30 MAY.

B. 2/3. REINFORCED SLIP-ROCKERS TO E AND SW. CONTINUED PATROLLING OF MSR TO VILLAGE OF KUN HIE, 902735. CONTINUE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CHIEFS BY RADIO.

C. 2/9. CONTINUED PATROL EFFORTS IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TACH. PLAN TO REPLACE COMPANY 1 IN PLACE ON 30 MAY WITH COMPANY 1. AT 181500H AND LOGICAL FIRE ON 31 MAY.

D. 3/4. CONTINUED PATROL EFFORTS THROUGHOUT TACH AND SUPPORT AREA AND TO THE WEST OF THE SONG TA TRACH BY FIRE AND WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BLOCKING POSITIONS.

E. COMPANY 4, (-)(REIN), 3D TANK BN. SENDING A LARGE <sup>REIN</sup> GROUP WITH 1/3 ON THEIR WAY TO THE SOUTH IN THE HOPE OF FINDING OUTSIDE THERMAL IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE THEM INTO THE OPERATION.

F. COMPANY 4, (-)(REIN), 3D TANK BN. PLAN TO FIRE SMALL ARMS FOR FAMILIARIZATION AT THE NEW CAMP NAIR ON 30 MAY.

9. PARALLEL TASKS

A. A HAVOC GUNFIRE MISSION, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 27 MAY, CAPTURED IN DIVISION TACH AND RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, 29 MAY, WILL NOT BE FIRED AS THE BOMB WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DUE TO ITS DEFECTIVE DISPOSITION.

B. ACTIVITY PROFILE

(1) 2/3. A DOCTOR AND FOUR COFFERSMEN, WITH RAPIDLY DIMINISHING SUPPLIES TREATED APPROXIMATELY 120 PEOPLE AT THEIR LE MY DISPENSARY.

(2) 3/9. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION SPENT THE DAY AT THE ST. MARY'S CONVENT ORPHANAGE AT MARHE MY, REPAIRING A WATER

FUEL WITH PARTS THAT WERE PURCHASED WITH THEIR OWN FUNDS. CHAPEL FUND MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 35MM SLIDE PROJECTOR FOR USE IN ST. MARY'S CONVENT ORPHANAGE SCHOOL IN THE DA NANG CATHEDRAL. C RATIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED BY LOCAL PATROLS TO VILLAGERS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

(3) 3/4. TWO DOCTORS AND FOUR CORPSMEN ESTABLISHED A DISPENSARY IN THE VILLAGE OF TAN TO, 905155, AND TREATED APPROXIMATELY 160 PEOPLE. MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE PROVIDED BY THE BATTALION AND SOAP WAS OBTAINED FROM THE BATTALION'S PX BLOCK.

C. SEVERAL ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION TOWARDS CHECK POINT 20 ON THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. ONE ROUND STUCK THAT POSITION. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED. AT 1130H, A CALF SET OFF A MINE 50 METERS SOUTH OF CHECK POINT 7 OUTSIDE THE DA NANG AIRFIELD PERIMETER.

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## ROUTINE

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## SITUATION REPORT 53

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)

2. PERIOD COVERED. 281600H - 291600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. PATROL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. COMPANY D, 1/3 WAS RETURNED TO THE BN CP AT 1740H. TWO VC FIRED ON A PATROL FROM COMPANY L, 3/9 AND ESCAPED INTO THE UNDERBRUSH UPON PURSUIT. LOCAL AMBUSHES REPORTED ALL QUIET THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

4. ACTIVITIESA. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3. COMPANY D WAS RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP VIA HELILIFT AT 1800H. AT 1740H, THE LIFT WAS COMPLETE. NO FURTHER OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(2) 2/3. LOCAL NIGHT AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF THE LE MY COMPLEX. AT 2130H, AN AMBUSH FROM COMPANY H REPORTED FISHERMEN IN THE RIVER. THIS WAS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL AS THE RIVER HAS MANY FISH NETS POSITIONED NEAR LE MY. CONTINUED RURAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE COMPLEX OF LE MY IS BEING UNDERTAKEN. SQUAD SIZE PATROLS RANGED THROUGHOUT THE LE MY AREA. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3/9. COMPANY L CONTINUED ITS PATROLLING OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 1630H, THE 3D PLATOON WAS FIRED ON BY TWO MEN AT 835721. THE VC THEN RAN TO THE HIGH GROUND WITH ONE SQUAD IN PURSUIT. THEY WERE LOST IN THE UNDERBRUSH. AT 1945H, A PLATOON PATROL CHECKED THE LEPER COLONY AND REPORTED MANY PANJI TRAPS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THEY WERE DESTROYED BEFORE THE PATROL MOVED ON. CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITIES WERE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT VC CONTACT. AT 1305H, ONE PLATOON OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF TAN AN PHONG, 864734, WAS INFORMED BY THE VILLAGERS THAT A VC MAIN FORCE COMPANY PASSED THROUGH THE VILLAGE ABOUT 7 DAYS AGO. THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED A NEW PATROL BASE VICINITY 873737 AND CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS.

B. PATROLS

(1) 2/3. COMPANY G DISPATCHED A PLATOON SIZED PATROL TO VICINITY 888907 TO DROP OFF AN AMBUSH SQUAD. NO VC WERE SIGHTED. AT 0805H, COMPANY G DISPATCHED A SQUAD SIZED PATROL IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO THE MSR, ANOTHER SQUAD PATROL DOWN THE MSR TO THE VILLAGE OF KIEN KIEN, 912705. AT 1000H, COMPANY H SENT A SQUAD SIZED PATROL TO THE UNNAMED VILLAGE ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE LE MY COMPLEX AT COORD 890824

WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST THE VILLAGERS IN LOCAL REPAIR AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS AS WELL AS TO SEARCH FOR VC. ONE SQUAD WAS SENT ALONG THE RIDGE LINE TO THE WEST OF COMPANY H CP AND ANOTHER INTO THE CENTER OF LE MY ITSELF. NO VC SIGHTINGS OR CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(3) 3/9. ONE LOCAL PATROL CONSISTING OF 15 MEN, DISPATCHED PRIOR TO THIS REPORTING PERIOD, RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP AT 1741H. TWO OTHER PATROLS AROUND THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX, EACH CONSISTING OF 15 MARINES AND 2 ARVN, WERE CONDUCTED. ONE REMAINS OUT AT THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OR VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(4) 3/4. ONE PATROL CONSISTING OF A TANK PLATOON AND AN INFANTRY PLATOON WAS DISPATCHED FROM THE BATTALION CP TO VICINITY 800093. IT RETURNED AT 1300H, REPORTING NO VC SIGHTINGS.

#### C. AMBUSHES

(1) 2/3. COMPANY H ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 875817, 917834 AND 914826. COMPANY C ESTABLISHED ONE SQUAD VIC 888807. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(2) 3/9. COMPANY L ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 868754 AND 871758. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH VC THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY L ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 821080, 812079, 822085 AND COMPANY H ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 871057, 862057, AND 874053. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

#### 5. CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS

A. COMPANY D, 1/3 972738

B. COMPANY L, 3/9 873737

C. COMPANY L, 3/4 830120

D. COMPANY M, 3/4 885088

6. CHANGES IN LOCATION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OPS. NONE.

#### 7. TRAINING.

A. 1/3. CONDUCTED A FIREX OF SMALL ARMS, M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND 3.5" ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

B. 3/9. PHYSICAL TRAINING (APPLICATION) WEAPONS SAFETY (LECTURE/APPLICATION), BUDDY AID (LECTURE/APPLICATION), AND DEFENSIVE FORTIFICATIONS (APPLICATION).

C. COMPANY A, 3D AT BN. CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION FIRING WITH M-60 MG, .30 CAL MG, .45 CAL S&W, .50 CAL MG, M-14, AND .45 PISTOL.

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## SITUATION REPORT 54

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)2. PERIOD COVERED. 291600H - 301600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. A COMPANY SIZED REACTION FORCE ACTIVATED DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD LANDED IN GRID SQUARE 8574 AT 1605H. THE HELICOPTERS RETURNED THE REACTION FORCE TO LANDING ZONE FINCH AT 1830H. A PATROL OF COMPANY H, 2/3 DISCOVERED A CACHE OF CLOTHING AND FOOD IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR SHORTLY AFTER COMPANY L, 3/9 FOUND A CACHE OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND AMMUNITION IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. COMPANY C OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AT 0850H. OBSERVING AN AIR STRIKE BEING CONDUCTED BY F-4B, A PLATOON WENT TO INVESTIGATE AND SIGHTED AT A DISTANCE 5 VC WITH ONE APPARENTLY WOUNDED VC MOVING WEST FROM 903688.

4. ACTIVITIESA. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3. COMPANY A ACTIVATED FOR A DRILL REACTION FORCE, HELILIFTED TO GRID SQUARE 8574, HAD COMPLETELY LANDED AT 1605H AND WAS COMPLETELY RETURNED TO LANDING ZONE FINCH AT 1830H. AT 0850H, THE LEAD ELEMENTS OF COMPANY C DEPARTED LANDING ZONE DOVE AND BY 0920H REPORTED LANDING ZONE DOVE (899687) SECURE. THE 1ST AND 2D PLATOONS COMMENCED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TO THE WEST. THE COMPANY WITH THE 3D PLAT ESTABLISHED ITS OP AT 899687. AT 1014H, COMPANY C REPORTED THAT MARINE HU-1BS WERE DELIVERING FIRE INTO LANDING ZONE KINI/ 903683. A CHECK OF THE AREA BY THE 2D PLATOON RESULTED IN A SIGHTING OF 5 VC WITH 1 POSSIBLE KIA MOVING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE VC WERE NOT PURSUED DUE TO THE DISTANCE INVOLVED ON INITIAL SIGHTING. GRID SQUARES 8868, 8968, 9068, 8869, 8969 AND 9069 WERE SWEEP WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

(2) 2/3. CONTINUED CONTROL OF THE RECENTLY REBUILT BRIDGES LEADING IN TO THE LE MY COMPLEX AND THE LE MY AREA IN GENERAL IS BEING MAINTAINED. NO VC WERE OBSERVED OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL NATURE OCCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3/9. COMPANY L CONTINUED PATROLLING THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 1643, THE 2D PLATOON DISCOVERED CAVES IN THE VICINITY OF 831715 CONTAINING RICE, AMMUNITION, GRENADES AND CLOTHING. THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED ITS PATROL BASE AT 871733. SEARCHING OF THE NUMEROUS CAVES IN THIS AREA CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD BY COMPANY I WHO WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE CENTRAL WESTERN TAOR RELIEVING COMPANY L AT 1500H. COMPANY I REPORTED BACK TO THE BATTALION CB AT 1820H



OP AT 1530H AND COMPANY I WAS COMPLETELY LIFTED AT 1540H.

#### B. PATROLS

(1) 2/3. A PLATOON SIZED PATROL FROM COMPANY H RETURNED AFTER HAVING TRAVERSED THE RIDGE LINE WEST OF THE LE MY FORT TO NG GRID LINE 86 AND RETURNED ALONG THE VALLEY FLOOR ALONG THE RW GRID LINE 81. THIS PATROL LOCATED A CACHE OF CLOTHING AND FOOD AT 875819. WOOLEN TROUSERS, BLACK SHIRTS, A LARGE BAG OF SALT, A LARGE BAG OF RICE, A CAN OF OIL, A COOKING PAN AND AN UNOPENED CONTAINER OF C RATIONS WERE RECOVERED. NO ONE WAS OBSERVED IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THIS DISCOVERY. COMPANY G DISPATCHED TWO SQUAD SIZED PATROLS AT 0700H. ONE WENT TO 927818 AND THE OTHER PATROLLED THE MSR TO KIEN KIEN VILLAGE, 912735. COMPANY H DISPATCHED ANOTHER 2 SQUADS INTO THE LE MY COMPLEX AND 1 SQUAD TO THE WEST ALONG THE RIDGELINE FROM THE LE MY FORT. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(2) 3/9. LOCAL PATROLLING AROUND THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX CONTINUED. A PATROL DISPATCHED DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD REPORTED NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OR VC SIGHTINGS AS DID 2 OTHERS DISPATCHED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. EACH OF THESE PATROLS CONSISTED OF 15 MARINES AND 2 ARVN.

(3) 3/4. LOCAL SQUAD SIZED PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BY COMPANIES I AND M IN THE VICINITY OF THEIR DAYLIGHT POSITIONS, LOCATED AT 830120 AND 885088 RESPECTIVELY. TWO H-34 HELICOPTERS VISUALLY INSPECTED THE TACR FOR VC ACTIVITY IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

#### C. AMBUSHES

(1) 2/3. COMPANY G ESTABLISHED A SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH AT 872796. COMPANY H ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 912835, 908831 AND 913831.

(2) 3/9. LOCAL AMBUSHES OF SQUAD SIZE WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH, IN THE VICINITY OF THE COMPANY PATROL BASE, LOCATED AT 871733.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY I ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH SITES AT 829123, 825118, 829115. COMPANY M ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSH SITES AT 896076, 896083, AND 899086.

#### 5. CHANGES IN LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

- A. COMPANY C, 1/3 899687
- B. ~~COMPANY D, 1/3 9 68749~~
- C. COMPANY I, 3/9 871733
- D. COMPANY L, 3/9 998747
- E. COMPANY L, 3/4 830118
- F. COMPANY M, 3/4 885088

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## SITUATION REPORT 55

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)2. PERIOD COVERED. 301600H - 311600H

3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. COMPANY C, 1/3 SEARCHED ITS AREA OF OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 2335H, THE 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES WAS INFORMED THAT ITS PLANNED SWEEP OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR WAS CANCELLED DUE TO POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO CHU LAI. COMPANY C, 1/3 WAS WITHDRAWN AT 0612H. A PATROL IN 2/3'S TAOR, WAS INFORMED BY A VILLAGER THAT A PLATOON (+) OF VC WITH MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS HAD RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF HOA MY (850795) HEADED TO THE NORTH. A PLATOON OF RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL WAS PLACED UNDER 2/3 OPCON TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OF THIS AREA. 3/4 SWITCHED COMPANIES IN TAOR TAOR AND PATROLLED THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN PORTION WITH COMPANY SIZED UNITS. COMPANY I, 3/4 WAS FIRED UPON BY A SINGLE VC WHO ESCAPED INTO THE THICK FOREST PHU DAT. COMPANY I, 3/9 CONTINUED PATROL REPORTS IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.

4. ACTIVITIESA. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3. COMPANY C ESTABLISHED ITS PATROL BASE AT 899687 AND ESTABLISHED LOCAL AIDING SITES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF EASY APPROACH. AT 2335H, 1/3 WAS INFORMED THAT ITS PLANNED OPERATION OF A SWEEP OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, DUE TO ITS LIKELY DEPLOYMENT TO CHU LAI. AT 0612H, COMPANY C WAS IN ITS LANDING ZONE (899687) READY FOR PICK UP. THE LEAD ELEMENTS OF COMPANY C TOUCHED DOWN IN LANDING ZONE QUAIL (984746) AT 0632H. THE BATTALION REMAINED IN READINESS FOR A POSSIBLE TRUCK DEPLOYMENT TO CHU LAI DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(2) 2/3. CONTINUED CONTROL OF THE LE MY VILLAGE COMPLEX AND THE TWO RECENTLY REBUILT BRIDGES. COMPANY G RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM SOME VIETNAMESE ROADBOATERS THAT A PLATOON (+) OF VC WITH MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS HAD PASSED THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF HOA MY (850795) HEADED NORTH TO DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (838828). A PLATOON OF RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL WAS REQUESTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY, THE 2D PLATOON, COMPANY D, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION WAS PLACED UNDER 2/3 OPCON. THE PLATOON ESTABLISHED TWO OPS, ONE AT 875788 AND THE OTHER AT 871801 AT 1005H. COMPANY E WAS ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT TO CHU LAI WITH THE 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY M RETURNED TO THE AIRFIELD AND ASSUMED THE AIRFIELD DEFENSE AT 0730H. COMPANY L (-) RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP AND ASSUMED ITS DEFENSE AT 0800H. COMPANY I DISPATCHED ONE PLATOON TO HILL 225 (848046) TO RELIEVE ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY L. COMPANY K CONDUCTED A COMPANY SIZED PATROL TO HILL 303 (847047) WHICH DEPARTED THE BATTALION CP AT 0630H. BATTERY I, 3/12 (-) DISPLACED TO VIC 873098 WITH 3D PLATOON (-), COMPANY D, 3D AT BN, AS SECURITY DURING THE MORNING, TO SUPPORT COMPANY K. COMPANY C, 3D RECONAISSANCE BATTALION, IS CONDUCTING A RECONAISSANCE OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF 3/4'S TAOR. COMPANY I'S OUTPOST IN THE VICINITY OF THE BATTALION CP WAS FIRED ON AT 0830H, BY ONE VC FROM APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS AWAY. HE WAS PURSUED, BUT CONTACT WAS LOST AT THE TREE LINE NEAR PHU HAI. THE AREA WAS SEARCHED WITH A PLATOON BUT NO TRACE OF THE VC WAS FOUND.

(4) 1/9. COMPANY I CONDUCTED LOCAL PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF ITS NEW CP AT 851729. AT 2135H, A PERIMETER DEFENSE WAS SET AND LOCAL AMBUSH SITES OF VARIOUS SIZES WERE SET UP ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF IN ROACH IN THE COMPANY'S POSITION. AT 0735H, PLATOON SIZED PATROLS PAID OUT TO THE NORTH, TO THE EAST AND SOUTHWEST. AT 1010H, COMPANY I RELOCATED ITS CP AT 847719. PATROL ACTIVITIES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THIS REPORTING PERIOD. NO VC CONTACT OR SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED.

#### B. PATROLS

(1) 4/3. COMPANY H DISPATCHED THREE SQUAD SIZED PATROLS INTO THE VILLAGE OF LE MY WITH ESTABLISH IN THE NORTHERN HAMLET. THESE PATROLS DEPARTED COMPANY H CP AT 1930H, 2230H, AND 0300H RESPECTIVELY. THEY EACH RETURNED WITHIN 3 HOURS OF DEPARTURE AND REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. AT 1400H, COMPANY H DISPATCHED A SQUAD SIZED PATROL ALONG THE BANK OF THE CA DE BONG RIVER, MOVING EAST AND COMPANY G SENT ONE SQUAD PATROL TO THE SOUTHWEST TO 885786 AND RETURNED VIA THE VILLAGE OF KIEN KIEN (912735) AND THE MSR.

(2) 3/4. COMPANY K PATROLLED FROM THE BATTALION CP TO HILL 303(847049) AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON IN PATROLLED THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.

(3) 3/9. LOCAL 15 MM PATROLS CONTINUE AROUND THE PERIPHERY OF THE DA HANG AIRFIELD. ONE RETURNED AT 1650H REPORTING NO VC CONTACT. AIRCRAFT 15 MM PATROL DEPARTED AT 0820H, PATROLLING TO THE SOUTH OF DANANG AIRFIELD AND RETURNED AT 1020H, REPORTING NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

#### C. AMBUSHES

(1) 1/2. LOCAL AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED BY COMPANY C ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH TO ITS CP (899687).

(2) 2/2. COMPANY G ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED AMBUSHES AT 894803 AND 893804 TO 896801.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY L ESTABLISHED PLATOON SIZED AMBUSHES AT 841156, 831145 AND 844036. COMPANY M ESTABLISHED A PLATOON SIZED AMBUSH AT 834065.

(1) 3/7. THE BATTALION OBTAINED APPROXIMATELY 30 UNITS OF WEAPONS  
OF THE 2ND REGIMENT OF THE 1ST DIVISION IN SAIGON. A REPORT WAS  
OBTAINED THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BEING USED BY THE 1ST DIVISION  
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OBTAINED THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BEING USED BY THE 1ST DIVISION  
IN THE AREA OF THE 1ST DIVISION.

5. 3/7. THE BATTALION OBTAINED APPROXIMATELY 30 UNITS OF WEAPONS  
OF THE 2ND REGIMENT OF THE 1ST DIVISION IN SAIGON. A REPORT WAS  
OBTAINED THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BEING USED BY THE 1ST DIVISION  
IN THE AREA OF THE 1ST DIVISION.

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OF THE 2ND REGIMENT OF THE 1ST DIVISION IN SAIGON. A REPORT WAS  
OBTAINED THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BEING USED BY THE 1ST DIVISION  
IN THE AREA OF THE 1ST DIVISION.

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(4) 3/9. COMPANY I ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZED MEMBERS ALONG LINEAL  
ADVANCE OF APPROACH LEADING INTO THIR OF (851/29).

(2) 2/9. A MORNING PATROL HANDED OUT CANDY IN HOA PHAT (988763). AN ELDERLY WOMAN DIED IN THE VICINITY OF 847723, APPARENTLY OF MALNUTRITION. VILLAGERS SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM COMPANY I OPERATING IN THAT AREA FOR A WOODEN CASKET. THE CASKET AND SHEETS TO BURY THE WOMAN WERE DELIVERED TO THE VILLAGERS AT 1545H. THE BATTALION CHAPLAIN VISITED ST. MARY'S CONVENT ORPHANAGE IN DA NANG WITH FOOD LEFT OVER FROM THE EVENING MEAL.

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## SITUATION REPORT 56

1. REPORTING UNIT. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)
2. PERIOD COVERED. 311600H MAY - 011600H JUNE
3. GENERAL SUMMARY OF EVENTS. 1/3 MAINTAINED AN ALERT POSTURE FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT. COMPANY A (-) (REIN) WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR FOR PATROL OPERATIONS TO DISRUPT VC SECURITY, SEPARATE HIM FROM HIS BASE OF SUPPLY AND DENY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ENEMY OPERATIONS WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE TAOR. 2/3 MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE OVER THE 15 MY AREA BY OBSERVATION AND PATROL OPERATIONS. COMPANY E ~~(S)~~ ~~REIN~~ MOVED INTO GRID 3 WARE 8779 IN PREPARATION FOR 2/3 OPERATIONS NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER. 3/9 CONTINUES COMBAT/RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND MAINTAINS THE SECURITY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX BY MANNING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND BY PATROLLING. COMPANY K, 3/4 RECEIVED 8 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE AT COORD 845045 AT 1715H. SMALL ARMS FIRE AND M-79 GRENADES DROVE THE VC OFF. ONE HUT WAS DISCOVERED AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF FOOD AND CLOTHING LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL AREA. CONTROL OVER THE HUE PHU BAI AREA CONTINUES XXXX TO BE MAINTAINED.

4. ACTIVITIESA. OPERATIONS

(1) 1/3. AT 0741H, THE HELILIFT OF COMPANY A (-) (REIN) WAS COMPLETED. ONE PLATOON WAS LANDED AT COORD 895668 AND TWO PLATOONS PLUS THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS LANDED AT COORD 933651. PLATOON SIZE PATROL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE LZ. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED UNTIL 1115H, WHEN 2 VC WERE SPOTTED AT COORD 897648. M-60 MACHINE GUN AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE DROVE THE VC TO THE SOUTHWEST. ~~FOUR HEAVY CASUALTIES WERE AIR EVACUATED.~~ NO FURTHER VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. AT 1450, FRIENDLY FIRE FROM TWO US ARMY UH-1B AT COORD 913643 WAS RECEIVED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION REMAINED IN LOCATIONS FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT TO CHU LAI.

(2) 3/9. COMPANY I CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. ~~AT 1915H, 3 MARINES WERE SLIGHTLY WIA BY A TRIP GRENADE AT COORD 873713 AND KILLED BY COMBAT.~~ AT 2030H, AICP SITE WAS ESTABLISHED AT COORD 864721 AND A PERIMETER DEFENSE SET UP. ~~FOUR HEAVY CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER.~~ BINH 14A1 AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(3) 3/4. A REACTION FORCE WAS SENT FROM COMPANY M AT 1100H TO COORD 835053 TO CHECK OUT 10 PERSONNEL SIGHTED BY A PATROL. THESE PERSONNEL TURNED OUT TO BE CIVILIANS AND ALL ID CARDS WERE IN ORDER.

**B. PATROLS**

(1) 2/3. COMPANY C DISPATCHED A PLATOON SIZE PATROL TO THE SOUTHEAST FROM LE MY FORT. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(2) 3/9. ONE 13 MAN FOOT PATROL WITH A REGIONAL FORCES LIAISON MAN AND ANOTHER 21 MAN FOOT PATROL, ALSO WITH ONE REGIONAL FORCES LIAISON MAN WAS DISPATCHED ALONG THE SOUTHERN PERIPHERY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

(3) 3/4. COMPANY A HAD TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS IN GRID SQUARE 8505 WITH ONE PLATOON IN A BLOCKING POSITION GRID 840054. A PATROL FROM COMPANY G, 3D REG IN. WAS DISPATCHED TO GRID SQUARE 6211. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

**C. AMBUSHES.**

(1) 2/3. COMPANY G HAD A SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH SET IN AT GRID 899809. AMBUSHES WERE PLANNED FOR TONIGHT AT GRID 889822, 889825 AND 903805.

**5. CHANGES IN LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS**

A. COMPANY A, 1/3 - 911640

B. COMPANY G, 2/3 - 898821

C. COMPANY H, 2/3 - ~~945477~~ *991821*

~~D. COMPANY E, 2/3 - 895497~~

E. COMPANY I, 3/9 - 883712

F. COMPANY K, 3/4 - 845056

**7. TRAINING**

A. 3/9. CALIBER .45 PISTOL (LECTURE, APPLICATION), CODE OF CONDUCT (LECTURE), SECURITY AND POPULATION CONTROL (LECTURE), VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE (LECTURE, APPLICATION), SANITATION AND HYGIENE (APPLICATION), FIRST AID (LECTURE), 81MM MORTAR PROCEDURE (LECTURE).

B. 3/4. NIGHT FIRING OF SMALL ARMS AND 106MM IRL.

C. COMPANY A, 3D TANK IN. COMBAT DRIVING, RANGE DETERMINATION, FILING TABLE EXERCISES AND CHEMISTRY DRILL AT THE HOA CAM TRAINING AREA.

D. COMPANY A, 3D AT IN. CLASSES ON THE M-60 MACHINE GUN AND THE FALCON RIFLE SQUAD.

**8. PLANS**

A. 1/3. PLANS TO INTRODUCE A REINFORCED COMPANY INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAG TO RELIEVE COMPANY A AT 2300H TO CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AND SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS.

B. 2/3. PLANS TO INTRODUCE COMPANY H (REIN) AND ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY E NORTH OF THE CA BE SONG TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND KILL OPERATIONS AND ESTABLISH LAYOUT PATROLS.

C. 3/9. MAINTAIN PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.

D. 3/4. CONDUCT A NIGHT FIREX BY COMPANY L. SEND A TEAM FROM COMPANY B, 3D MED BN TO CHIET BI HA (GS 8915).

9. MISCELLANEOUS

A. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

(1) 2/3. A DOCTOR AND 4 CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 75 PEOPLE AT 2/3'S LE MY DISPENSARY.

(2) 3/9. A 12 MAN MORNING PATROL BOUGHT POPSICLES FOR CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF XUAN OAN (010776) AND A 12 MAN PATROL IN THE AFTERNOON HANDED OUT CANDY AND C RATIONS FROM HOA PHAT, 9976, TO XUAN HOA, 0077. THE 3/9 CHAPLAIN TOOK FOOD LEFT OVER FROM THE EVENING MEAL TO THE ST. MARY'S CONVENT ORPHANAGE IN CAN LE BAT AND HANLE MOUNTAIN.

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