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COMMAND DIARY

1 July through 31 July 1965

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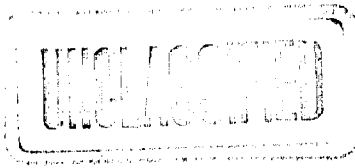
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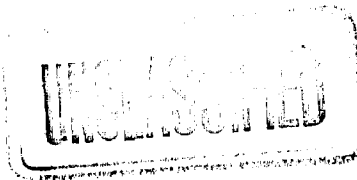
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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 1 July - 31 July 1965
3. Date of Submission. 8 August 1965
4. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. B. WHEELER
5. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, coordinates AT983743
6. Subordinate Units

Hq Co, 3d Marines	Capt D. L. NICHOLS
1st Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol W. H. J. LANAGAN
2d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol D. A. CLEMENT
3d Bn (Rein), 4th Marines	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
*1st Bn (-), 12th Marines	LtCol W. E. MCCAIN
*Co A (-), 3d AT Bn	1stLt R. J. DONOHUE
*Co A (-), 3d Tank Bn	Capt J. B. DONOVAN 1-22 July Capt F. W. JARNOT 23-31 July
*Co A (-), 3d MT Bn	1stLt C. S. LAMBERT
*4th Plat (Rein), Co B, 1st AmTrac Bn	1stLt D. M. KENNEDY
*Direct Support under operational control of 3d Marines	

PART IINarrative Summary

1. Background and Mission Assigned. During the month of July, extensive patrolling, search and sweep and ambush operations were conducted throughout the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAORs. Following an attack on the DA NANG Airbase on 1 July 1965, the defense was increased around the perimeter to three rifle companies (rein). Additionally, the remainder of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was relocated onto the airfield. Considerable effort was put forth in the HUE PHU BAI TAOR in civil relationships and the improvement of local defense of the surrounding communities. Additional combined operations in close coordination with ARVN forces were conducted with excellent coordination and results. Liaison with local districts increased, resulting in a shorter reaction time for the delivery of air and artillery fires. Increased use of tactical air in support of heli-lifts, coupled with the employment of aerial delivered smoke, has improved the efficiency of tactical heli-lifts and provides another means of deception and cover. There has been a noticeable increase of sniper activity and mine/booby-trap incidents in the southern portion of the DA NANG TAOR.

The primary mission assigned is: 3d Marines defends assigned TAORs; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAORs; maintains one company in a one-hour reaction posture for employment anywhere in the Division's Areas of Responsibility; conducts aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAORs; is prepared to conduct counter-attack to restore integrity of assigned TAORs; and is prepared to conduct combined operations with RVNAF beyond the boundaries of assigned TAORs.

2. Chronological Summary of Significant Events.

1 July - At 0133H, the DA NANG Airbase was taken under fire by 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, grenades and small arms fire in a coordinated attack by an unknown number of VC. The mortar attack lasted 3 to 4 minutes and approximately 25 mortar rounds were fired, most of which landed on the south end of the field. The main attack was directed between Posts #4 and #5. Company D, 1/9 was sent to reinforce the southern portion of the airfield. Company G, 2/3 deployed along Highway #1, to the north of the airfield, in the event a further mortar attack came from that vicinity. At first light, Company B, 1/9, a composite company from 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and a PF platoon conducted a search and sweep operation along the banks of the SONG CAN DO. Results of the night attack were three Marines WIA,

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two Air Force C-130s totally destroyed and one C-130 and two F-102s partially damage. Company D, 1/3 continued operations in the southern portion of the TAOR and at 0635H made contact with 20 VC. One VC was wounded and captured with his MAS carbine. Two VCS were apprehended southeast of HOI VUC in a sweep operation by Company D, 1/3.

2 July - At 0615H, a search was made for three VC bodies that had been hit by fire from a squad sized ambush established by 1/3 in the southern portion of the TAOR. No bodies were found, but two VC packs, food, utensils and numerous blood trails were found. One VCS was apprehended by a squad from 1/3 at 0745H in the southern portion of the TAOR. At dawn, Company L, 3/4 conducted a coordinated operation with Regional Forces in the southwestern portion of their TAOR, which resulted in one Marine WIA in a fire fight with five VC. Two squads of Company M were deployed from 1100H to 1410H providing security for a downed helicopter. The 1st Battalion, 12th Marines fired a "will adjust" mission on an enemy troop concentration using ground surveillance radar (AN/TPS-21) to plot the location and movement of the enemy, who was operating in the southern portion of the TAOR. The area was swept in the morning, but no indication of casualties inflicted was discovered.

3 July - A patrol from Company A, 1/9 picked up two VCS at 0208H, while enroute to establish a patrol base just outside the airfield perimeter. At 0905H, Company E, 2/3 picked up a civilian woman that had been accidentally wounded by PFs the night before. She was treated by the Battalion Surgeon and was heli-evacuated along with a Marine who received superficial burns while burning grass. The village chief of PHU BAI informed 3/4 that an old village near his was being used as a guerrilla base camp. The area was swept by a platoon from Company M with negative results.

4 July - At 0700H, a reinforced platoon from Company A, while operating in the southern portion of the TAOR, apprehended one VC who was armed with a .45 caliber pistol and carrying an eight day supply of rice. He was interrogated on the spot and indicated that he was a Political Instructor enroute to a meeting to be held at 1200H in the southwestern portion of our TAOR. Based on this information, an aerial reconnaissance was made and an air strike followed by artillery was fired into the suspected assembly area. A reaction force was heli-lifted to the south so that a survey could be made of the air/artillery target. A Marine from Company A was wounded by the detonation of a land mine while securing an LZ for the incoming reaction force. The survey of the target area gave no indication that the VC had suffered any casualties.

5 July - At 0700H one VC was wounded (not recovered) by a squad from Company A operating in the southern portion of the TAOR. A search of the immediate area produced a pair of reading glasses and a message having to do with a grain delivery on 4 July. Later the patrol found a stock of 50 pounds of tobacco in another area. Local patrolling of the

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outer perimeter of the DA NANG Airfield at night for the first time was conducted by 1/9. The patrols were kept within 300 meters of the outer fence line. At 2025H, 1/3, employing the AN/TPS-21, verified an earlier report that 100 - 110 VC were in the vicinity of HOI VUC (AT8770). An artillery mission was fired, during which the AN/TPS-21 indicated that the VC broke up into groups of 10 and dispersed. The HIEU DUC district chief later reported that the artillery mission had killed 50 - 60 VC.

6 July - Company D, 1/9 was alerted to protect a downed helicopter at grid square BT1355 at 0901H. The first wave lifted off at 1000H. Shortly after arriving at the site of the downed helicopter, small arms fire was received and the F4Bs on station delivered an air strike which was followed by a squad search of the area. At 1200H the sweeping unit found a lone hut, the single occupant of which fled. One carbine and 3500 pounds of corn were found in the hut. Most of the corn was delivered by helicopter to HOI AN and several hundred pounds were returned to this Headquarters and later turned over to the district chief of HIEU DUC. Another fire fight resulted in the UH-1Bs on station pursuing 20 VC with negative results. Battery B, 1/12 reported two sniper rounds were fired into their area.

7 July - At 0415H, Company E and Company H, 2/3 conducted a two company sweep of the Red Beach 2 prior to the landing of 2/9. Company E moved from LE MY Fort east to an assembly area in grid square AT9481 and then through HOA-O and XUAN THIEN, returning to their company CP by 1230H. Company H swept north from the Battalion CP through Red Beach 2 and Highway #1. They remained in that area, providing beach security for the landing operation until dark. At 0930H, four Marines were WIA, later one DOW, when a patrol from Company B, 1/3 detonated a mine. Company C, 1/9, during an afternoon patrol around the airfield perimeter, discovered 36 empty mortar cannisters, some 782 gear, a poncho and an ammo box.

8 July - At first light Company K, 3/4 moved by foot and conducted a company sized combat patrol. Upon completion they were heli-lifted to an area about 1000 meters from their night position. A search for a reported two men who were observing the DA NANG Airfield from a roof top was commenced at 072145H by 1/9 and terminated with negative results at 080115H. At 0320H, Post #16 at the airfield received one round of sniper fire from an unknown direction. At dusk a squad from Company D, 1/3, while patrolling toward an area in which to establish an ambush, killed two VC coming toward them on the same trail. One U.S. M-1 rifle and one U.S. 1903 Springfield, three CHICOM grenades and 2 rifle belts with .30 caliber ammunition were recovered.

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9 July - At 1530H, one squad of 3d Platoon, Company D, 1/3 made contact with three VC who were observed moving west in grid square AT8967. They were taken under fire and one VC was wounded. He was observed to fall and crawl into the brush. The other two broke contact and fled. A search of the area where the VC fell was conducted with negative results. The 2d Platoon of Company G, 2/3 was relieved by the 3d Platoon, Company G as the mobile combat base west of LE MY, with the mission of denying the VC infiltration into the northern portion of the TAOR. Company H, 2/3 conducted a coordinated tank/infantry sweep in the northeastern portion of the TAOR. Two squads and a heavy section of tanks swept the sand flats, discovering and destroying several VC hideouts. The engineers with 3/4, due to increased reports on mine density within the TAOR, conducted a search in the YD8314 area, producing one AT mine.

10 July - Two platoons of Company D, 1/3 remained in six squad sized ambushes until first light. Three VCS were apprehended by one of the squads as they moved back toward the Battalion area. 3/4 conducted a coordinated hammer and anvil operation in conjunction with ARVN forces. The operation involved three companies in blocking positions in the southwestern portion of the TAOR, while ARVN forces swept an area west of the SONG TA TRACH. During this operation, one VC was wounded (captured) and two Marines were WIA, one by a mine, the other by a panji stake. At 0630H, an ONTOS, while moving in support of this operation, struck a mine (grid square YD8313) and was badly damaged.

11 July - In the morning a 6x6 truck from 1/3 broke down at AT955716 and received sniper fire. The fire was returned and the Battalion dispatched a squad to provide security. At 2055H, a med-evac was requested by Company A, 1/3 for three Marines WIA (one later DOW) and one KIA from the detonation of an explosive device while on patrol in the southern portion of the TAOR. Another Marine was WIA by VC small arms fire when his squad was moving to assist the earlier mine casualties. Company K (-), 3/4 conducted a sweep operation in the northwest portion of the TAOR with negative VC contact.

12 July - Company A (-), 1/3 remained in a patrol base for the night and moved out at first light for their company CP. While enroute one Marine was WIA by a mine. Aggressive patrolling was continued by 2/3, both east and west of the LE MY complex. Two platoons of Company F, 2/3 departed their CP at 0200H, moved to DONG SON (AT8675) and from 0645H to 0812H conducted a sweep of the village, in which one VCS was apprehended. Company H, 2/3 relieved Company G in place at Iron Bridge Ridge. Company G then relieved Company F at AT902776. Company F assumed the Battalion reserve mission. Company I, 3/4 relieved Company K as mobile base company and then conducted a sweep in the eastern TAOR, during which one VCS was apprehended. Company B, 1/9 was assigned OPCON to 2/9 at 0800H for an operation south of the SONG CAU DO.



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13 July - 1/3 increased its patrolling and ambush activity in the vicinity of their MLR with four security patrols and four squad sized ambushes. 2/3 continued to maintain two platoon sized mobile bases east and west of LE MY. At 2220H, the 9th Marines requested that the 3d Marines provide a search light tank to aid a security platoon in locating snipers on Red Beach. When the tank arrived at the beach the snipers broke contact and withdrew. From 0835H to 1730H, one squad from Company F, 2/3 provided security for a downed UH-1B in the vicinity of Red Beach without incident. 3/4 conducted a two company search and sweep operation, employing Companies I and K just outside the northwestern portion of the TAOR. One VC was KIA, and one Marine was WIA by the detonation of a mine. Company B, 1/9 returned to OPCON of 1/9 at 0700H, after completing an operation for the 9th Marines.

14 July - 1/3 commenced patrol operations in the southcentral portion of the TAOR with one reinforced platoon of Company B. A squad from Company F, 2/3 conducted a sweep of the grid square AT9380 and AT9381 in a coordinated tank/infantry operation with negative results. At 1830H, a 4.2" mortar firing from AT900838 dropped a short round into the Company E mess area below the LE MY Fort, resulting in 2 dead, 6 seriously wounded and 3 minor wounded. All were evacuated. 3/4 conducted a company sized combat patrol in the southeastern portion of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Company A, 3d Recon Bn conducted a patrol in conjunction with PF in the northeastern portion of the DA NANG TAOR.

15 July - The 3d Platoon, Company B moved at daybreak from its patrol base and at 1340H encountered 6 VC and opened fire. Four attempted to escape; three were KIA and one WIA. The remaining two were apprehended. 2/3 continued to maintain mobile patrol bases east and west of the LE MY complex. A search and sweep operation was conducted in the HOA-O village (grid square AT9382) in an attempt to find individuals who had been sniping at activities on Red Beach 2. Company D, 1/9 received three rounds of small arms fire near Post #9.

16 July - The 3d Platoon, Company B, 1/3 returned from the southern portion of the TAOR to the company CP at 1110H without incident. At 1600H, two platoons of Company D replaced them and moved toward grid square AT9166. 2/3 continued to maintain its two mobile combat bases east and west of the LE MY complex. Company I, 3/4 conducted a company sweep in the western portion of the PHU BAI TAOR with negative contact. A squad size patrol from 1/9 apprehended one VCS while conducting a night security patrol south of the airfield perimeter.

17 July - At 1009H, Company D (-) made contact with three or four snipers in the vicinity of PHU SON (3) (grid square AT9464). At 1120H, more snipers were encountered and one Marine was KIA and 3 Marines WIA by

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a mine which was detonated when a rocket section went into action among some rocks. Later two more Marines were WIA by a booby-trap. At 1510H, as the patrol continued to move south, the rear of the column was taken under fire by 60mm mortars as well as numerous small arms. Two Marines were WIA. Artillery and air strikes were called in to aid the patrol. Two VC were KIA by rifle fire, four VC were KIA by artillery and five VC were KIA by the air strike, for a total of 11. 2/3 maintained two mobile combat bases, one east and the other west of the LE MY complex. Company E mobile base was relieved by a platoon from Company G. Company F relieved Company G at AT903775 and Company G then relieved Company E at the LE MY Fort. Company E reverted to Battalion reserve. Company I, 3/4 continued search and sweep operations in the central portion of the PHU BAI TAOR. 1/9 dispatched a squad to check a sniper position. The squad returned with nine VCS who were turned over to the ITT.

18 July - Company D (-), 1/3 returned from its night patrol in the vicinity of grid square AT9270 to its primary positions along the FEBA without incident. 2/3 provided security for the Secretary of Defense and party. Three companies swept around the LE MY village complex and established positions 3500 meters out to deny the VC placing mortar fire on the visiting dignitaries. The Honorable Mr MCNAMARA and guests arrived in the village of LE MY at approximately 0930H, were shown the LE MY dispensary and were taken to the site of the attack on the northern LE MY bridge. The villagers presented him with homemade gifts, after which the party departed the area. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a coordinated patrol with local PF with negative VC contact in the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. 1/9 conducted a sweep of the southern aircraft approach lane, apprehending 16 VCS (one was an ARVN deserter).

19 July - At 1400H, 1/3 heli-lifted one reinforced platoon into the western portion of the DA NANG TAOR. The platoon aggressively patrolled to the vicinity of grid square AT8668, where they established a patrol base and conducted local reconnaissance patrols. One platoon of ONTOS and one light section of tanks were dispatched from the Regimental CP to the 1/3 area to support defensive efforts on the southern portion of the MLR. 2/3 continues to maintain two reinforced platoon sized mobile bases both east and west of the LE MY complex. Each patrolled during the day out to a radius of 1500 meters without VC contact. Company I, 3/4 returned at first light to the Battalion CP and at 0630H Company M heli-lifted from the Battalion CP and established a patrol base (grid square ~~XD8311~~) and conducted squad sized patrols. Advanced elements of the first airfield defense company reported to 1/9 and by 1800H 93% of the company had reported in. Immediate familiarization of the airfield defense was the primary concern and elements of the new company spent the night on the line together with 1/9.

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20 July - The platoon from 1/3 that had been operating in the south central portion of the TAOR secured an LZ by 1300H and at 1500H a relief platoon was heli-lifted and an in-place relief was effected. The new platoon patrolled until evening, at which time they moved into a patrol base in grid square AT8669 with squad sized ambushes being placed on all avenues of approach. At 3/4, Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a patrol in conjunction with PF and established an ambush with them after dark. Company D, 1/9 conducted a coordinated operation at 0600H in an effort to uncover VC amongst the river junks. The company, reinforced by 7 LVTs, provided blocking forces for a two platoon PF search and clear operation in the TOURANE River area.

21 July - Company F, 2/3 conducted a two platoon operation in the hamlet of HUA MINH (grid square AT8877), checking identification of all persons in the area. Two VCS were apprehended and turned over to the Interrogator-Translator Team. Company M, 3/4 conducted a company patrol from the south portion of the TAOR to the Battalion CP.

22 July - At 0845H, a reinforced platoon from Company C, 1/3 was helilifted back to the Battalion area under the cover of smoke provided by four A4Ds. The platoon had been operating in the southern TAOR and patrolled from their night position to secure the LZ. Two platoons from Company A replaced the relieved platoon, moving into the area of operations by foot during the afternoon. 2/3 conducted extensive patrol activity, with patrols to MY SON, the northwest of LE MY and local security patrols. The battalion established 12 ambush sites during the hours of darkness. 3/4 conducted a battalion (-) coordinated operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR in which nine VCS were apprehended; 1/9 chopped to 9th Marines 221130H July 1965.

23 July - Two platoons of Company A conducted separate patrol activity in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. The southern most platoon made contact with three or four snipers. One Marine was WIA and was evacuated. The VC fire was so intense that air and artillery support was requested and delivered, after which contact was broken. The other platoon apprehended three VCS in the vicinity of grid square AT8673. All were in their early twenties and only one of them had an ID card. At 1600H, 2/3 commenced an extended operation in the western portion of their TAOR, with Company F and one platoon of Company H being employed. Popular Forces conducted patrol activity in the area east of LE MY without incident.

24 July - 1/3 commenced patrolling at first light with two platoons of Company A moving to and searching the village of CAO SUNG (2), grid square AT8770. Negative contact was made. However, it was noted that there were no males in the village over ten years of age. Company F, 2/3

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conducted a search and clear operation in GS AT8575 to AT8580, employing one platoon of Company H at the northern limit as a blocking force. Negative contact was made.

25 July - One platoon from Company D, operating in the southwestern portion of the TAOR, moved at first light and at 1050H arrived in the vicinity of grid square AT8363. At this time, the rear of the column spotted one VC, fired on him and killed him. Shortly thereafter, the platoon open fired on two VC, killing one, while the other, who was wounded, escaped. No weapons were recovered. One Marine was WIA by small arms fire and another was WIA from the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a mine. The two Marine WIAs were evacuated. At 1000H, while operating in the western portion of their TAOR, Company F (-) apprehended one VCS in grid square AT8776. At 0850H, Companies L and M, 3/4 and elements of the 224th Regional Forces Company commenced a hammer and anvil operation in the eastern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR. Companies L and M lifted simultaneously into separate LZs. The LZs were prepared by artillery fire which was immediately followed by four A4Ds laying smoke to the south and east. Companies L and M conducted the sweep with their flanks being protected by Company C, 3d Recon Bn. The 224th Regional Forces Company provided the blocking force. The operation terminated at 1345H with six VCS apprehended.

26 July - Company B, 1/3 established a road block in grid square AT9470 and at 1200H apprehended two VCS. Company F, 2/3 and a platoon from Company H concluded a three day operation in the NGOC SON/DONG SON Valley, arriving at their CPs at 1245H.

27 July - Company E, 2/3 moved from the Battalion CP to relieve Company G at the LE MY Fort (AT898822) and Company G in turn reverted to the Battalion reserve/reaction company and returned to the Battalion CP. Company E established a mobile combat base in grid square AT9181, while Company H established a similar base west of the LE MY complex in grid square AT8676. Naval Gunfire fired six missions in the Elephant Valley area (grid square AT8686) in support of 2/3.

28 July - At 0715H, the 3d Platoon, Company B departed their CP headed south, crossing the SONG TUY LOAN, and patrolled east to the vicinity of the SONG YEN. The platoon heard three rounds of small arms fire, source unknown. One squad was dispatched to check the vicinity of this action and discovered many trenches and fighting holes and one man sized panji trap that appeared to be new. 3/4 provided a blocking force for a sweep operation ~~to be~~ executed by elements of the 1st ARVN Division against a reported VC company in grid square YD8114. Companies L and M were in their assigned blocking positions by 0700H. The operation consisted of ARVN sweeps of grid square YD8114 in an effort to kill or to force the Viet Cong into the fires of the U. S. Marines' blocking position. One Marine blocking position was fired on by three VC from a house. An artillery mission was fired on the house, silencing the enemy. The operation was terminated by 1500H without additional VC contact

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29 July - Company B, 1/3 conducted one platoon sized patrol from their CP to THY HOA (GS AT9570), departing at 1330H and returning at 1800H, with negative contact. Another Company B platoon commenced a 26 hour patrol at 1600H, patrolling to the vicinity of grid square AT8670 and establishing three squad sized ambush positions, with negative contact. One platoon of Company E, 2/3 and a platoon from Company H, 2/3 moved from there CPs and junctured in the vicinity of grid square AT8679 at 0845H. After juncturing, both patrols moved west. The Company E patrol proceeded to locate a route over the western side of DONG DEN (grid square AT8382). The Company H patrol conducted patrol operations in the vicinity of HOA MY (grid square AT8579). One platoon from Company A, 3d Recon Bn provided surveillance and radio relay from an OP to the south. 3/4 conducted a hammer and anvil operation during the morning in the southeastern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR. Companies L and M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn were participating units. No Viet Cong contact was reported. Naval Gunfire fired five harrassing missions between 291237H and 292249H on suspected VC bunkers, CPs and positions

30 July - A reinforced platoon from Company B, 1/3, while returning from patrolling in the western portion of the TAOR, apprehended two VCS at 1213H in the vicinity of grid square AT8871. Shortly there after, one Marine was KIA and one WIA (later DOW) by the detonation of an unknown explosive device in the vicinity of grid square AT8870. Two additional VCS were apprehended in the vicinity of the explosion. Company E, 2/3 continued reconnaissance patrolling in the DONG DEN (grid square AT8382) area in an attempt to locate a route over the western slope.

31 July - 1/3 continued planning and preparation for a joint operation scheduled to commence on 2 August and to be conducted in the southern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. 2/3 completed a two platoon three day operation west of the LE MY complex with negative contact. 3/4 conducted a hammer and anvil operation in the southwestern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR, employing Company L, Company C, 3d Recon Bn, and one Regional Forces company. The operation commenced at 0700H with artillery preparation fires in the LZ, followed by an aerial smoke screen to the west of the LZ and a simultaneous helilift of the participating units. The operation secured at 1215H with negative contact.

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Weekly Operation Summary, 261600H June - 031600H July 1965

1. Operations

a. General Operations Summation of Week's Activities.

(1) 1/3. Patrol, search and sweep operations were conducted in the southern portion of the TAOR from 28 June until the close of this reporting period. Improvement of the battalion's defensive positions continued throughout the week. On 29 June, 5 USMC were KIA on an operation in the southern portion of the TAOR. In addition to the platoon which was operating in the southern TAOR, on 1 July a second platoon was helilifted into the area. The LZ was preped and during the following operation 2 VCS were apprehended.

(2) 2/3. On 27 June, Company G was under OPCON of 1/9 for an operation in the MY SON/HOA MY area and Company E provided a platoon for a blocking position for this same operation. On 28 June, patrolling recommenced and has continued throughout this reporting period. On 1 July, Company G was deployed along highway #1, after an attack on the DA NANG Airbase, in the event of an additional strike from the north.

(3) 3/4. Conducted operations in the western part of the TAOR with Company M ~~not~~ searching and sweeping from 26 June until relieved by Company L on 29 June. Company C, 3d Recon Bn was ~~not~~ extremely active during the reporting period, employing squad and platoon patrols. On 2 July, Company L conducted a search and sweep operation which involved coordinated air and artillery prep fires.

(4) 1/9. On 27 June, the battalion conducted a search and destroy operation in the MY SON/HOA MY area. The operation was a three company sweep, with blocking positions and coordinated air and artillery. On 28 June, Companies A, C and HHS (-) were in defense of the airfield. On 29 June, at 0800H, 1/9 was relieved of the reflex company mission by 2/3. On 1 July, the DA NANG Airbase was attacked by mortar fire, 57mm recoilless rifles, grenades, small arms fire and the perimeter was penetrated by a small group of VC who damaged and destroyed several aircraft before withdrawing. Company D, 1/9 was sent to the airfield after the attack and remained there to augment the airfield defense. On the morning of 2 July, a force conducted search and sweep operations on both sides of the BANG and DC from AT997707 to BT042734.

(5) 1/12. On 270900H June, 1/12 was assigned OPCON 3d Marines. The battalion provided continuous fire support for all operations of the Regiment.

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b. Summary of Activities

(1) 1/3. During the night of 26 June, the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines had no VC contact. On 27 June, the battalion continued to improve defensive positions on its portion of the MLR. Control of hills 327 and 268 was continued by Company C. On the 28th, the 2d Platoon (rein) of Company D resumed aggressive patrolling in the southern portion of the TAOR, establishing a patrol base and running squad sized patrols to the southeast. One of the squad sized patrols received ~~no contact~~ small arms fire and returned fire with 3.5s and M-79s. The VC broke contact and there were no casualties. Company D apprehended one VCS in the vicinity of AT925702 at 0930H. On 29 June, one platoon of Company D sustained 5 Marine WIA and 2 VN WIA when an explosive device was detonated in the vicinity of AT951669. Shortly after this explosion, the platoon was fired on by approximately 4 snipers. Fire was returned and contact was broken and a helicopter for the WIAs completed, except for 3 USMC who were not seriously wounded. One VCS was apprehended in the vicinity of AT958669. Patrolling continued throughout the afternoon and evening until the platoon went in ambush/defensive position for the night. Search and sweep operations continued in the southern TAOR on 30 June. A platoon patrol base and three squad sized ambush positions and negative contact during the night. The entire day was spent searching and sweeping with negative contact. At 0440H, on 1 July, Company C was alerted by verbal frag order to be prepared to helilift 2 platoons from LZ QUAIL in support of a Recon Bn outpost on hill 393. The alert was later cancelled. At approximately 0635H, one squad from the platoon patrolling the southern TAOR made contact with 20 VC in the vicinity of AT878700. One VC was WIA (not recovered) and one M16 carbine was recovered. At 0900H, the platoon junctured and made a sweep of HOI VHC, ~~and then moved on to AT878701. Two VCS were apprehended in the vicinity of AT878701. Just prior to the sweep of HOI VHC, another reinforced platoon from Company D was heli-lifted into CS8769, and swept north in an attempt to cut off the VC platoon previously contacted. No further contact was made. The LZ was preped by arty for 5 minutes prior to landing. At approximately 1500H, one Marine was wounded by a panji trap in the vicinity of AT875706; med-evac was not needed. On 2 July, a CS canister was thrown near AT896675. There was no effect on the nearby Marine position. During the night, a squad ambushed 5 VC and as a result 2 VC packs and numerous blood trails were found. On 3 July, patrol activity continued in the southern TAOR.~~

(2) 2/3. On 27 June, Company G was under OPCON of 1/9 for the three company sweep in the MY SON/HOA MY area. There were no patrols conducted on this day. Company E provided a platoon which was used as a blocking force in support of the 1/9 sweep. On 28 and 29 June, the battalion remained in its MLR positions and continued work on their defensive posture. Local patrolling was conducted by Companies F and H on the 28th and by Companies E, F and H on the 29th. On 30 June, the battalion conducted increasing patrol activity in their area with Company F conducting a squad size patrol and Companies E and G platoon sized patrols. The rest of the battalion remained in its MLR position and continued improvement of its defensive posture. A sweep of the battalion ~~CH was conducted by the Headquarters Commandant and one rifle platoon at 0600H, with negative results. At 010139H, Company G was alerted for~~

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CP was conducted by the Headquarters Commandant and one rifle platoon at 0620H with negative results. At 010139H, Company G was alerted for possible deployment in support of units defending the DA NANG Airbase. At 0330H, Company G was deployed along highway #1 between AT974770 and AT996779. The company was deployed ~~in~~ in event of additional attacks from the north. ~~Standard~~ The company was secured at 0600H and returned to the Battalion CP. At 0455H, Company F (-) was alerted to be ready to support the Recon OP on hill 393 if necessary. Later in the day, a platoon linked up with Recon and returned to the Company F CP. A platoon from Company G set up a patrol base and conducted a squad patrol during the morning of 1 July. On 2~~7~~ July one USMC was injured when hit by friendly fire. Company G continued to maintain a mobile combat base west of the FABA. Company G (-) was alerted for possible helilift to provide security for a downed helicopter. The alert terminated at 1610H. On 3 July, patrol activity continued with a platoon from Company G sweeping from AT878862 to the company CP at 1600H.

(3) 3/4. On 27 June, Company M spent the night in ambush position and on 27 June continued search and sweep operations by splitting into squad sized patrols and patrolling the area from GS8211 to GS8414. Companies I and L spent 26 and 27 June in defense of the Battalion CP and Company K was in position at the airfield. Recon conducted patrol activity in the morning and afternoon. On 23 June, Company K conducted 2 platoon sized patrols during the morning with negative VC contact. Company M was relieved by Company L and commenced patrol activity. On 29 June, Company C, 3d Recon Bn had one squad sized patrol and Company L continued search and sweep operations in the northwest portion of the TAOR. Company C, 3d Recon Bn had a platoon in the southern portion of the TAOR which made contact with an unknown number of VC. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed), 2 VC MIA and no friendly casualties. On 30 June, Company L continued operations in the western sector of the TAOR. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted two platoon sized patrols on 30 June and on 1 July conducted one platoon and one squad size patrol. On 2 July, Company L conducted a search and destroy operation in the southeast portion of the TAOR. The LZ for this operation was preped by air and arty and the operation was conducted with negative contact. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a platoon recon patrol. One USMC was injured by a premature burst of arty fire. On 3 July, Company L conducted a platoon sized patrol and Company C, 3d Recon Bn had a squad patrol in the eastern sector of the TAOR.

(4) 1/9. During the evening of 26 June, the battalion prepared for the operation scheduled the following day. On 27 June, 1/9 commenced a 3 company search and destroy operation in the MYSON/HOA MY area. The LZs were preped by artillery fire and immediately afterward Companies B, D and G, 2/3, were helilifted into the landing zones. The three companies swept east to the LE MY MSR, and apprehended 12 VCS. On 28 June, the battalion conducted patrols in the afternoon. Companies B and D were in the vicinity of the Battalion CP. On 29 June, Company A conducted two patrols, one morning and another in the afternoon. During the morning patrol, the TPS-21 was set up by the Battalion S-2 and operated from the CAM LE bridge for a 30 minute period. 1/9 was relieved of reflex company mission at 290800H by 2/3. At 300010H, a green star cluster and one round of sniper fire was received by the

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Battalion CP. In the morning one local patrol was conducted. At 1000H, Company C observed a B-57 of the 8th Bomber Squadron crash at the south end of the airstrip. The pilot and co-pilot were picked up by a Company C vehicle and returned to the Company's CP. On the 1st of July, at 0033H, 1/9 illuminated an area near their CP in an attempt to locate a reported source of movement and had negative results. Shortly thereafter, 2 rounds of small arms fire were received. This fire was returned with M-60 fire. A squad was sent out to check the area and had negative contact. At 0133H, the DA NANG Airbase was taken under fire by 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, grenades and small arms fire in a coordinated attack by an unknown number of VC. The mortar attack lasted approximately 3 to 4 minutes. Most of the rounds landed on the south and west side of the field and the main attack came in the area between posts #4 and #5. (BT015744 to BT015735). Two Air Force C-130s were totally destroyed, one C-130 was partially destroyed as were two F-102s. Three Marines were WIA during this action. At 0204H, one platoon from Company D, 1/9 was sent to the south end of the airfield and by 0405H, the remainder of the company was in position at BT017754. At 0345H, a verbal frag order was issued to 1/9 to report to BT000722 at 0600H. Forces involved: FF platoon, Company D, 3d Recon Bn and Company B, 1/9 plus 15 Amtracs. These units conducted search and sweep operations on both sides of the SONG CAN DO. The LOB was AT997707 and the LOA was BT042734. At 1800H, all units, less 4 Amtracs returned to the CP. Company D returned to the airfield. An LVT was hung up on the rocks at BT015717 and three others remained in the area. They remained in a defensive position and returned to the CP at 020830H. On 2 July, Companies A, C, D and H&S (-) were in defense of the DA NANG Airbase. At 0016H, VC contact was made between posts #3 and #4 (BT015747 - BT015735) After a small arms fire fight, the contact was broken. On 3 July, defense of the DA NANG Airbase continued with Companies A, C, D and H&S (-). At 18355H, Post #20 reported that six men (2 armed) dressed in black went into a house some 500 meters from his post.

(5) 1/12. On 270900H June, 1/12 was assigned OPCON 3d Marines. The battalion provided continuous fire support for all operations of the Regiment. The survey of the MLR continued through the week. The HOWITERS were displaced at 300800H to the vicinity of AT898747 to support 2/3. During the week the following missions were fired: H&Is - 191; "will adjust" - 32; Registrations - 6; Prep Fires - 4. The ammunition expended on these missions was follows: H&Is - 432; "will adjust" - 394; Registration - 101; Prep Fires - 435.

## 2. Training

a. General Statement of Training Accomplished. Training during this period consisted of FIREXs by Flames, Tanks, G&TOS, Company E and Company A, 1/9. The infantry battalions conducted limited training on the general military subjects. Tanks and ATs devoted more time to training since they were not as fully committed as the infantry battalions. Classes were held on gunnery drill, counterattack procedures, anti-aircraft firing and recognition of aircraft, nomenclature and functioning of the .50 caliber machine gun and the AA mount.

b. Training Problems Encountered. None.

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c. Statistics

(1) Operations by Unit

(a) 1/3. 0

(b) 2/3. 1

(c) 3/4. 2

(d) 1/9. 3

(2) Patrols by size

(a) Platoon - 15

(b) Squad - 22

(3) Casualties

(a) Friendly - KIA - 0      MIA - 14

(b) Enemy - KIA - 1      WIA - 5      VCS - 11      VCC - 12

(4) Weapons Captured. 1 U. S. carbine, M-1 and 1 French MAS rifle

(6) Artillery

(a) Battery I, 3/12

1. Missions fired - 196

2. Rounds expended - 1384

(b) 1/12 (-) (Lein)

1. Missions fired - 233

2. Rounds expended - 1362

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Weekly Operations Summary, 031600H - 101600H July 1965

1. Operations

2. General Operations Summation of Week's Activities

(1) 1/3. Continued search and sweep operations and establishing night ambushes in the southern portion of the TAOR with a reinforced platoon. On 4 July, one VC armed with a .45 caliber pistol and carrying eight days supply of rice was captured in the southern portion of the TAOR. Later in the day, one Marine was WIA by a mine while securing an LZ. A 30 man patrol, plus one doctor from H&S Company, patrolled from the Battalion CP to HOI VUC on 5 July. Also on 5 July, a reinforced platoon operating within three squad ambush sites wounded one VC. On 7 July, four Marines were WIA, one later DOW, when an explosive device was electrically detonated. On 8 July, a squad sized ambush from Company B, 1/3 received several rounds of small arms fire. At 082030H, 2 VC were killed by a squad from Company D in the southern portion of the TAOR while enroute to ambush positions. Company B (-) established 6 squad sized ambushes on the evening of 8 and 9 July with negative contact and returned to the company area at 1000H.

(2) 2/3. On 3 July, Company G continued to maintain its mobile platoon (rein) combat base west of the LE MY complex, through 10 July. Company E crossed the CA DE SONG with two platoons on 4 July. On 5 July, Company E continued to maintain one platoon north of the CA DE SONG and on 6 July Company G relieved Company H, which became Battalion reserve and reaction company. Company E and Company H conducted a two company sweep on 7 July to secure Red Beach 2 for the off-loading of RLT 9 and other Division units. Company F conducted two 25 man patrols. One patrol apprehended 10 VC in the MY SON area who were on the wanted list. On 8 July, Company G continued to maintain one platoon (rein) ~~in a mobile combat base~~. On 9 July, the 3d Platoon relieved the 2d Platoon of Company G as mobile combat base. Ambushes were established during the evening of 9 July and patrolling continued on the 10th without VC contact.

(3) 3/4. At 040630H, Company L was helilifted to a patrol base and conducted local security patrolling during the day. On 5 July, Company K relieved Company ~~in~~ L in the field and Company K continued sweep operations on 5 and 6 July. On the morning of 7 July, Company K moved one platoon by helicopter into a blocking position and two were helilifted to an area from which they swept toward the blocking force with negative results. On 8 July, Company K continued patrol operations with Battery I displacing 3 guns in support of them. On 9 July, the engineers, while checking for mines, found one AT mine in the vicinity of YD834148. On

10 July, the Battalion (-) moved into blocking positions along the SONG TA TRACH to support a sweep by elements of the 1st ARVN Division.

(4) 1/9. 3 July was spent improving defensive positions around the DA NANG Airfield. On 5 July, local patrolling outside the perimeter fence of the airfield at night was conducted for the first time. These patrols were kept within 200 meters of the outer fence. On 6 July, Company D (-) was helilifted to the vicinity of GS BT1355 to protect a downed helicopter. The operation was successfully completed and there were no casualties. On 7 July, a patrol from Company C, 1/9 discovered 36 empty mortar cannisters, some 782 gear, a poncho and a box of ammo near the southern end of the airfield perimeter. A patrol was dispatched to check on two men who were seen observing the airfield; the results were negative. On 9 and 10 July, local <sup>patrols</sup> continued to be run around the outer perimeter of the airfield without VC contact.

(5) 1/12. During the reporting period, the battalion provided continuous fire support for all operations of the Regiment.

b. Summary of Activities

(1) 1/3. During the initial hours of the reporting period, search and sweep operations continued with a reinforced platoon in the southern portion of the TAOR. On 4 July, one VC was captured at 0700H in the vicinity of GS AT9066. The VC was armed with a .45 caliber pistol and was carrying an eight day supply of rice. On the spot interrogation indicated that he was a PAVN Political Cadre Instructor on the way to a 1200H meeting in the vicinity of GS AT8565. An arty mission was fired following an airstrike at the indicated position. A Marine was WIA by a mine while his platoon was securing an LZ to be used for an in place relief. On 5 July, H&S Company dispatched a 30 man patrol plus one doctor to HOI VUC (AT869705). The patrol received one round of sniper fire at 1425H. They returned to the Battalion CP by 1900H. At 2025H, the AN/TPS-21 verified that about 100-110 VC were in the vicinity of HOI VUC. An artillery mission was fired on this target. A squad from Company A made contact and one VC was WIA (not apprehended). A search of the area produced a pair of reading glasses and a message having to do with a grain delivery on 4 July. A little later, a stock of 50 pounds of VC tobacco was found. On 6 July, the Battalion S-2 reported that district had reported that 240 VC arrived in an area in the vicinity of GS AT9567. A request was made for an AO to check the area. The results were negative. At 0930H, on 7 July, 4 USMC were WIA, one later DOW, when an explosive device was electrically detonated. The four were acting as a point when the incident occurred. The explosion produced a 27" crater. On 8 July, a squad sized ambush received several rounds of sniper fire during the night in the vicinity of GS AT8869. At 082030H, two VC were killed by a squad from Company D as they were moving to establish a night ambush. One US M-1 and one US 1903 Springfield, 3 grenades, 2 rifle belts and .30 caliber ammo were recovered. At 1530H on 9 July, three VC were taken under fire in the vicinity of GS AT8967. One VC was WIA (not recovered). On 10 July, the 3d Squad, 1st Platoon, Company D apprehended three VCS. During this reporting period, 27 squad and 2 platoon sized ambushes were laid by 1/3. Continued saturation ambushes are planned throughout the TAOR with particular emphasis on the southern portion.

(2) 2/3. Company G continued to maintain its mobile platoon (rein) combat base west of the LE MY complex from 3 to 10 July. On 4 July, two platoons of Company E crossed the CA DE SONG and swept the village of TROUNG DINH. Contact was made with the VC but there were no known casualties. As the VC disappeared into the hills when fired on by artillery. Company E helilifted a platoon north of the CA DE SONG, when the Company (-) returned to the LE MY Fort. At 060003H, Company H received several rounds of small arms fire without casualty producing effects. Company G relieved Company H at Iron Bridge Ridge (AT892801) at 061135H. An engineer mine detection team checked the Battalion's MSR for possible mines without encountering evidence of mines. On 7 July, Companies E and H conducted a two company sweep. Company E moved from the LE MY Fort to an assembly area in GS AT9481 and swept north through the village of HOA O and XUAN THIEN. The Company returned to its CP at 1230H, having made no contact. Company H moved north from the Battalion CP and swept the area around Red Beach 2 and Highway 1. They remained in position to provide security for the landing of RLT-9 and other Division units. A patrol from Company F apprehended 10 VC who were on the wanted list. On 8 July, Company G continued to operate a mobile combat base west of LE MY. One VCS was apprehended and it was determined that he was the father of a known VC. On 9 July, the 2d Platoon of Company G, which had been operating as a mobile combat base west of the LE MY complex, was relieved by the 3d Platoon of Company G.

(3) 3/4. Company L was helilifted at 040630H to a patrol base and conducted local security patrols during the day. Company K relieved Company L on 5 July and was trucked to a dismount point and then conducted a company size sweep. Operations continued on 5 and 6 July and on 7 July, Company K moved one platoon by helicopter into a blocking position and two others were helilifted to an area from which they swept toward the blocking force, with negative results. On 8 July, Company K continued sweep operations with Battery I displacing three guns in support of them. On 9 July, Company K conducted a search and sweep with negative results. The engineers, while checking for mines, found one AT mine in the vicinity of YD834148. On 10 July, the Battalion (-) moved into a blocking position in support of the 1st ARVN Division, which was conducting a sweep west of the SONG TA TRACH. At 0630H, an ONTOS was damaged by a mine while escorting Battery I (-) to its firing position. The incident occurred in the vicinity of YD832135. One Marine was WIA by a panji stake during the operation. Two VCS were apprehended and turned over to NAM HOA Sub-Sector. At 1200H, Company M was secured from the operation and Companies K and I remained in their blocking positions. Sporadic small arms fire was received from across the river. At 1410H, Companies M and I returned to the CP area, leaving Company K in blocking position. At 1435H, one Marine was WIA by a mine at YD799070. Company K was lifted out of its blocking position at 1530H.

(4) 1/9. The battalion spent 3 July improving its perimeter defenses of the DA NANG Airfield. On 4 July, two VCS were brought in by Company B. They had been observing a position which had a sniper scope. On 5 July, local patrolling of the outer perimeter of the airfield at night was conducted for the first time. The patrol kept within 300 meters of the outer fence. One VCS was picked up by Company B in the

vicinity of the Battalion CP. The Battalion CP displaced to the airfield at 1703H, leaving Company B (-) in defense in the vicinity of AT973753. On 6 July, at 0901H, a helicopter was reported down at BT135555 and Company D (-) was alerted for helilift to provide security for the rescue mission. Company D (-) was helilifted by 1030H. Shortly after landing, the company received small arms fire from the east. On-station aircraft provided an airstrike and immediately thereafter a squad swept in an easterly direction. A lone hut, whose occupant fled, was found to contain one carbine and 3500 pounds of corn. The corn was recovered and distributed between the District Headquarters HOI AN and DA NANG. Company D (-) was fired on by approximately 20 VC, who were immediately pursued by HU-1Bs. On 7 July, a patrol from Company C, while patrolling the perimeter of the airfield discovered 36 empty mortar cannisters, some 782 gear, a poncho and a box of ammo. On 8 July, at 0115H, a patrol returned from searching an area where it was earlier reported that two men were observing the airfield. The search of the area produced nothing. On 9 July, day and night local security patrols continued to be run around the outer perimeter of the airfield.

(5) 1/12. All batteries were in their primary position except one platoon of Battery L at coordinates 94627606 and the HOWTARs, in the vicinity of Company H, 2/3. The battalion fired a total of 148 H&Is at suspected VC assembly areas, avenues of approach and CPs. Over 80% of the battalion fire missions have been harassment and interdiction missions due to lack of artillery size targets. Ammo expended by type/caliber: 105mm: 561 HE, 4 illumination, 5 WP; 155mm: 309 HE, 15 illumination, 38 WP; 8": 21 HE; 105mm: 261 HE, 37 WP. Missions by type: 21 "will adjust", 148 H&I, 10 precision registrations, 8 "fire for effect" and (2 missions fired for AN/TPS-2). Change of command ceremonies were held 9 July with Generals WALK and KARCH attending. CMR is only operating one set continuously, because of ~~generator~~ generator failures. A Vietnamese boy was killed by an accidental discharge on 6 July. Headquarters, 12th Marines arrived on 8 July. The battalion joined 25 men.

## 2. Training

a. General Statement of Training Accomplished. Training during this period consisted of FIREXs by 81mm mortars, Tanks and ONTOS. Companies F, G and M conducted FAM fire for individual weapons. Driving exercises were conducted by Tanks and ONTOS. The infantry battalions conducted limited training on the general military subjects.

b. Training Problems Encountered. None.

## c. Statistics

### (1) Operations by Unit

- (a) 1/3. 0
- (b) 2/3. 2
- (c) 3/4. 4
- (d) 1/9. 1

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(2) Patrols by Size

(a) Platoon. 11

(b) Squad. 36

(3) Casualties

(a) Friendly. KIA - 1 WIA - <sup>7</sup>6 (one minor not reported)

(b) Enemy. KIA - 2 WIA - 1 VCS - 20 VCC - 1

(4) Weapons Captured

(a) 1 .45 caliber pistol, 1 MAS-36, 1 US M-1, 1 1903 Springfield

(b) Weapons Lost. None.

(6) Artillery

(a) Battery I. 3/12

1. Missions Fired. 217

2. Rounds Expended. 691

(b) 1/12 (-) (Rein)

1. Missions Fired. 187

2. Rounds Expended. 1250

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TIME	SER.	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action
N	OUT	NO	
0033	:	1 : Fr 1/9: Movement vicinity 978754, Illuminating same.	S
0036	:	2 : Fr 1/9: 2 shots fired, flare tripped. Sending sqd to check.	S
0050	:	3 : Fr 1/9: Illumination NE of CP, fired M-60, M-79, saw 2	:
:	:	men running into wood line NE of CP. Illumination fired.	S
0133	:	4 : Fr 1/9: Mortars or rockets on airfield(possible).	S
0139	:	5 : To 2/3: Alerted "G".	:
0141	:	6 : Fr 1/3: "G" saw 6 rounds mortar fire, now small arms fire.	S
0145	:	7 : Fr 1/9: Mortar rounds hit on USAF side of field. Planes	:
:	:	burning and exploding.	Div
0204	:	8 : Fr 1/9: 1 platoon to airfield from CP.	:
0210	:	9 : Fr 1/9: Flare plane on station, dropping flares.	Div
0221	:	10 : Fr 1/9: Post 2 saw possible mortar muzzle blast at 027746.	Div
0227	:	11 : Fr 1/9: Fire fight at rialroad bridge S of airfield.	Div
0251	:	12 : Fr 1/9: 3 casualties, minor.	Div
0256	:	13 : Fr 1/9: Mortar hit bunker by Post 5. Cause of casualties.	Div
0330	:	14 : To 2/3: Deploy "G" along Highway 1 between 974770 & 996779	:
0345	:	15 : To 1/9, LVTs: Assemble at 000722 at 0600H. Form column	:
:	:	with PF platoon, Recon Co., "D" 1/9 & enter river at	:
:	:	998717; Search both banks to 043735, employ leap frog	:
:	:	maneuver, interrogate VN carefully.	:
0425	:	16 : Fr 1/12: A section of the fence was cut on USAF side.	S
0455	:	17 : Fr 2/3: "G" at 976769, 980771, 983773, 987776, 991779.	S
0535	:	18 : Fr 1/9: Cut in fence at 015740 between Posts 4 & 5. All	:
:	:	lines out except top two. This is in the Marine sector.	Div
0735	:	19 : Fr 3/4: Operation started as planned. No contact yet.	Div
074	:	20 : Fr Div: Found mortar position at 017735. Have 1 VC WIA	:
:	:	and 1 VC, total 2, and 2 81mm rounds.	S
0841	:	21 : Fr 1/3: D-1B made contact with 20 VC. Had 1 radio,	:
:	:	cartridge belts, packs and weapons. Wounded 1 VC. Did	:
:	:	not get body but did get his Mauser carbine. No friendly	:
:	:	casualties. At 878700.	Div
0920	:	22 : Fr 1/9: Arrived new CP location at 017715 at 0917H.	Div
1010	:	23 : Fr 1/9: PF in BINH THAI reported to "B" they found 1 81mm	:
:	:	mortar shell, grenade and VC clothing in THUAN AN (grid	:
:	:	square 0173).	Div
1021	:	24 : Fr 1/9: Found another grenade behind Post 5.	Div
1112	:	25 : Fr 1/12: Crater Analysis Team counted 23 craters. Recovered	:
:	:	7 tail fins. Shells were 81mm light U. S. Mortar shells	:
:	:	M43A1. Mills grid of the best craters were 2540, 2480,	:
:	:	2400, 2415. They believe they were fired from vicinity	:
:	:	035714. Range dispersion generally along this axis.	Div
1145	:	26 : Fr 2/3: Recon & "F" platoon made contact & are returning.	Div
1215	:	27 : Fr 3/4: "L" back from patrol and will be lifted to	:
:	:	833120.	Div
1345	:	28 : Fr 1/3: MLR Construction - 50% positions, 7% wire.	S



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TIME	SER.	NO.	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action
1415	29		Fr 3/4: SITREP: Operations: Patrol from L Co was heli- lighted from 828087 to 878072. Moved by foot to 885070. Conducted a Company sized sweep to 885040. Returned to 878072 and helilifted to their present location at 833120. No contact. Recon Co helilifted one platoon to GS 8918 on a recon patrol from 895185 to 954140 and helilighted back to CP. Arty displaced 3 guns to position at 883091, in support of L Co. Heavy section of ONTOS w/one platoon of M Co as security. <u>Training</u> : Tanks conducted 90mm FIREX from 883091. Target area was 848050. AT's will conduct 106mm RR FIREX from same place to same target area. Helos conducted normal resupply, lifted L Co, & recon. Just completed med-evac from pre-mature burst of arty fire. <u>One</u> casualty in good condition at 883092. <u>Plans</u> : Recon plans will go in accordance with Frag0 12-65. L Co will have change from Frag0 12-65. L Co will deploy from 817105 and move to blocking position from 800089 to 808096. L Co will be in blocking position for 4 platoons of RF from MAN HOA sub sector. Sub sector sweeping south- east along SONG TA TRACH river from 785120 to 793093. Prior recon of blocking position will be accomplished by 011900H. The U.S. Army advisor w/NAM HOA sub sector has intelligence reporting a platoon of local VC oper- ating in area of the sweep. The Regional Company will be wearing red arm bands. Advisor with RF will operate on 3/4 Bn TAC Net. At no time will either be closer than 800 meters from the other. <u>People to People</u> : Med team went (w/2 squads M Co) to village of TAN TO. Held Sick Call and treated about 60 persons.	
1450	30		Fr 2/3: G Co one squad will set in an ambush tonight at 915774.	Div
1521	31		Fr 1/3: "D" has WIA with panji trap wound in left arm at 875706.	Div
1856	32		Fr Tanks: Tide has dropped. 3 LVTs on rocks with 10 Recon people aboard at 997707.	Div
1920	33		Fr 2/3: "F" ambush tonight has been moved to 891772.	Div
1925	34		Fr Tanks: LVT are hung up at 015716.	Div
2030	35		Fr Tanks: 2 LVT's are free and have set up perimeter defense on south bank of river at 018716. Am sending rein squad to reingforce and will check in at Dist Hq.	Div
2058	36		Fr 1/3: D-1 ambushed 5 VC, under fire with automatic weapons, approx 25 meters. Hit 3 VC killed or wounded. are leaving casualties to see if remainder will pick up bodies. Have rec'd auto wpns fire.	Div
2215	37		Fr Tanks: LVTORL is still in river with no one on board.	

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2215	(cont'd)			3 LVT's on north side river in bed position with recon and crew. Smokeroom 6 and a squad are accompanying RF in an ambush on south of river.	
2315		38		Fr 1/9: One round of mortar fire at 015744.	Div
2326		39		Fr NGF OP: Reports 81mm Mortar airburst on bridge at 998707.	Div
2335		40		Fr 1/9: Think the 57mm Rifle is at 016748.	S
2355		41		Fr NGF OP: Reports 4 more mortar rounds on bridge at 998707.	Div
				Journal closed at 012400H July 1965.	
				SUMMARY: DaNang Air Base hit by enemy mortars. 2 USMC WIA. Enemy activity throughout this period. SITREP by 3/4:	

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0155	1	Fr 1/3:	D-1A have 5-10 VC in area. VC threw what smells like CS. No danger to D-1A.	Div
0200	2	Fr 1/3:	D-1A receiving small arms fire.	Div
0210	3	Fr 2/3:	1 man wounded in chest by small arms fire. Extent of injury unknown. Med-evac has been requested.	Div
0215	4	Fr 1/3:	Found cannister of CS Gas, is U. S. type.	Div
0235	5	Fr 2/3:	Man was shot by another Marine. Do not know details.	Div
0	6	Fr 1/3:	D-1A found 2 VC packs with food, utensils. Many blood trails.	
0710	7	Fr 3/4:	At 0620H "L" had contact with VC, 1 USMC WIA. Lost contact at 0700.	Div
0805	8	Fr Tanks:	All LVTs on way back.	S
1012	9	Fr 1/3:	Found wounded VC woman in building firing came from. Taken to District Hqts.	Div
1047	10	Fr 2/3:	G-1 at 846797.	Div
1330	11	Fr Div:	Have helicopter down, location unknown. Alert reaction force.	2/3
1500	12	Fr 2/3:	"E" ambushes at 894826 & 905823 tonight.	Div
1610	13	To 2/3, 1/12:	Stand down from Helicopter alert.	
1750	14	Fr 2/3:	Found magazine with 12 foreign rounds in good condition W of "H" CP.	S
1805	15	Fr 1/9:	Post 4 saw 2 groups of 4-5 men with silver tubes digging holes at 019745. Request to send squad patrol to check it out. (Permission granted).	
1944	16	Fr 1/9:	Patrol back. 2 groups of 6-7 seen moving out in front of patrol. All in civilian clothes, no weapons. Nothing else found.	Div
2005	17	Fr 2/3:	"G" CP tonight at 843798, with ambush at 847797.	Div
2055	18	To 2/3:	Alert "G" there is a VC Bn crossing River at 009719	1/3
2116	19	Fr 1/9:	Saw 3 VC with TPS-21. Took them under fire, believe 1 was hit. Vicinity of Battalion CP.	Div
2227	20	Fr Div:	Conduct continuous patrol all night between 98 and 90 along coast with 2-3 M0422 followed by troops. Stay on road and beach. Drive with lights on. Check post at 991779 and police action in GS 0077. Da Nang Special Sector knows you will be there.	Recon
2255	21	Fr 1/9:	3 holes E of Forward CP with 10 people in them. Sending dogs out to check.	S
			Journal closed at 022400H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: Reported activity of VC in several areas. Patrolling by units during this period. 1 USMC WIA, 1 killed by friendly forces. 1 VC woman (wounded) captured.	

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0010	1		To Div: Recon motor patrol departed.	
0040	2		To Div: Recon patrol has completed route patrol.	
0240	3		Fr 1/3: A-2 has 2 VCS, will send them in tomorrow.	Div
0756	4		Fr 2/3: G01 leaving CP had going to S bridge of LE MY.	Div
0905	5		Fr 2/3: "E" has a civilian casualty at N bridge. "H" has 1 USMC casualty with burns on feet and legs. Both being evacuated.	Div
1327	6		Fr 3/4: "L" was blocking force for ARVN operation vicinity of 800089. 2 USMC were WIA, leg wounds. Recon patrolling from 888071 to base camp. Negative contact.	Div
1345	7		Fr 2/3: (See entry #5) Civilian was woman wounded in leg by PF. USMC was injured while clearing fields of fire by burning grass. Gas spilled on leg and ignited. Burns were superficial.	Div
1405	8		Fr 2/3: F-3 ambush tonight at 983779. 2 "E" squad ambushes at 904821 and 889826.	Div
1430	9		Fr 3/4: "L" had platoon patrol from 841145 to 830130 to 843127 and return with negative contact. "M" will send 2 platoons to vicinity 908087 on info of village chief at PHU BAI, tomorrow. Supposedly, group of VC in that area.	
1720	10		Fr 3/4: At 1430H 2 platoons of "M" lifted to 908087. 1 swept to 907091, the other to 917087 and found hut with black clothes. Both back by 1705H.	Div
1800	11		Fr 2/3: "H" squad ambush at 891799 tonight.	Div
18	12		Fr 3/4: Night positions: "M2" CP, "L" 841146, Recon at 894098, "I" highway defense, "K" airfield defense.	S
1917	13		Fr 2/3: G-2 at 867819 for night.	Div
2042	14		Fr 2/3: OP reports HOWTAR WP rounds started fire in grid square 8682, moving west. Fire started at 1500H.	
2233	15		Fr 2/3: Perimeter defense took 8-9 rounds of fire at 944775 at 500 meters. Fired illumination, no further contact.	Div
2245	16		Fr 1/3: A-2 at 905670.	Div
			Journal closed at 032400H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: No significant enemy activity reported during this period. All units patrolled during period. 1 USMC casualty(burns) and 1 civilian (woman) leg wound.	

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0730	1	Fr 1/3:	A-2 captured 1 VC with weapon at 0700, at 906668. Believe to be an officer. Weapon was .55 pistol	Div
0830	2	Fr 2/3:	G-2 has squad patrol this morning to 865779.	Div
0840	3	Fr 1/3:	A-2 reports VC meeting at 041200H. Interpreter says he has location. Interpreter says VC was heading for rally point at "T110". Suspected area is vicinity grid square 8565.	Div
0950	4	Fr 2/3:	2 VC in village of DA THOUC fired at by Popular Forces. (Last Night) VC ran and were seen by USMC. Illuminated and fired on by USMC. VC got away.	S
10	5	Fr 1/9:	One ARVN came in gate, turned toward post 21, passed water point, stopped at a rice paddy and hid his bike, then made a lean-to to hide himself and started digging. Dug up 2 57mm RR containers. Had a hammer, chisel and wire cutters. USAF picked him up. (Later: man was found to be a thief, had nothing of military value.	Div
1215	6	Fr 2/3:	2 platoons "E" across river and swept entire thru village.	Div
1230	7	Fr 1/3:	At 1400H, A-3 will lift to 897675 and relieve A-2. Will then patrol to 870663 to 908670 and establish night ambushes in that vicinity.	Div
1308	8	Fr 2/3:	"E" saw 5 VC vicinity 874834. Firing arty and 81mm's.	Div
1314	9	Fr 1/3:	At 1210H, A-2 had mine casualty at 897677. Was serious. Med-evac completed at 1215H.	Div
1414	10	Fr 2/3:	OP saw 9-10 VN in black clothes with white pith helmets at 940785. No weapons in sight.	Div
1424	11	Fr 2/3:	E-1 at TRUONG DINH. E-3 saw 6 VC with weapons. Received fire, no casualties. E-2 moving to 881837.	Div
1600	12	Fr 2/3:	E-1 patrolling NE of 896837. E-2 patrolling E of 896837.	Div
1700	13	Fr 2/3:	E-2 saw 3 VC with weapons at 882831. Moved into village out of sight.	Div
1745	14	Fr 2/3:	"H" will have ambush at 903806.	Div
1830	15	Fr 1/3:	Squad at 942755 received incoming 60mm mortar fire one round at 1800H, from azimuth of 265°.	Div
1925	16	Fr 1/3:	Squad that went to check (entry #25) found only fragments. Will bring back.	Div
1930	17	Fr 2/3:	G-2 patrol limit is 866218. Village chief of TAN MINH says 28 VC living in village in grid square 8979.	Div, S-2
2015	18	Fr 1/3:	A-3 has 2 squads on hill 310. 1 squad in ambush 500-1000 meters E of hill 310.	S

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0816	1	Fr 2/3: "H" had squad patrol to 888797 0630H-0730H.		
		"G" had 2 patrols checking MSR as far as KIEN KIEN, left		
		at 0830H. "H" will have squad patrol 0900H-1200H to		
		905807.		Div
0834	2	Fr 1/3: A-3 fired on 1 VC at 0700. Now following blood t		
		trail. Found reading glasses & message dealing with grain		
		delivery on 4 July. Vicinity Hill 310.		Div
0900	3	Fr 2/3: 1st patrol base at 897848. 1st patrol to 897855;		
		2d to 894350.		Div
0944	4	Fr 1/3: "A" found stockpile of VC tobacco at 869664. 50-		
		60 lbs. "Y" now 200 meters east of 920721.		Div
1527	5	Fr 1/3: Squad from A-3 at 871664 reports 1 VC WIA. No		
		prisoners taken this morning. Destroyed guerrilla base		
		camp in area of 871664.		S
1540	6	Fr Div: VC planning to mine road at 940789.		2/3
1740	7	Fr 2/3: "F" ambush at 895778, "H"'s at 890796, Both squad		
		size.		Div
1815	8	Fr 1/3: "A" ambush tonight at 906714.		Div
2025	9	Fr 1/3: AN/TPS-21 verifies about 100-110 VC vicinity HOI		
		WUC (870707). Intend to call artillery.		Div
2055	10	Fr 1/3: Groups of 10 went N,S,W. Picked up by AN/TPS-21.		Div
2100	11	Fr 1/3: LNO agent reports VC reported at 943663 forcing		
		villagers to cut road from 943671 to 943662. HOA CAM will		
		deliver H&I fires. Report is considered A-1.		Div
22	12	Fr 2/3: VC will mine road between DA PHUOC & 918793 to-		
		night. VC expected from NE by Highway #1. Not confirmed.		Div
2245	13	Fr 2/3: "H" reports 1 USMC killed by another. Helo-evac.		
		requested (in morning).		Div
2335	14	Fr 2/3: "E" to relieve "H" on Iron Bridge Ridge 061000H.		S
		Journal closed at 052359H July 1965.		
		SUMMARY: All units patrolling during this period.		
		Reports of VC activity during report. No significant		
		contact with enemy. 1 USMC Killed by friendly forces.		

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0003	1		Fr 2/3: "H" reports a few rounds small arms fire on right flank. "F" received 4 rounds at 2230H.	Div
0230	2		Fr 1/3: Fire mission on 2 VC in open at 93356770. Picked up by AN/TPS-21, adjusted at District Hdq HIEU DUC.	Div
0433	3		Fr 1/9: A-3 patrol at IP.	S
0821	4		Fr 2/3: G-2 Patrol limits from 859797 to 876798.	Div
0825	5		Fr 1/3: A-3 at "A" CP.	Div
0900	6		Fr 2/3: "G" will replace "H" at Iron Bridge Ridge. G-2 has another squad patrol to 872794.	Div
0912	7		Fr Div: Helicopter down at BT135555 receiving small arms fire. Alert Company (-).	1/9
0922	8		Fr 1/9: "B" (-) to be lifted from MAG Flight Line.	Div
1030	9		Fr 1/9: Company to go changed to "D".	Div
1112	10		Fr 2/3: E-1 has squad patrol to 886850. 1 OP at 899849, another at 898854.	Div
1130	11		Fr 1/9: Lift complete at 1030H. Receiving sporadic small arms fire from E. Request re-supply for 100 men.	Div
1135	12		Fr 1/9: "D" reports small arms fire has ceased.	Div
1200	13		Fr 2/3: "G" has relieved "H" at Iron Bridge Ridge.	Div
1415	14		Fr 1/9 D: Found hut whose occupant fled. Found 3500 pds. of corn in hut and 1 carbine. Corn is to be lifted to Regt CP.	Div
1430	15		Fr 2/3: "F" ambushes: Platoon - 899751; Squad - 907756.	Div
1545	16		Fr 2/3: "E" ambushes at 896827 & 905822.	S
1700	17		Fr 1/9 D: VC met S of river. Had 5 minute fire fight, now pursuing 20 VC. No friendly casualties.	Div
1931	18		Fr 1/9: All 1/9 D troops heli-borne and returning to CP.	Div
1933	19		To Tks, ATs, LVTs, 1/9: Be prepared on order to establish 2 river control points, consisting of 1 squad, 1 tank, 1 ONTOS, and 2 LVTs in SONG CAN DO.	
2019	20		To Recon: Be prepared to established 4 blocking positions on road between 975769 and 005779 on order.	
2030	21		Fr Div: PF sqd will be at 943811 tonight.	2/3
2040	22		Fr 2/3: LVTs have established CP at 951779.	Div
2150	23		Fr 2/3: "H" squad left for Red Beach at 1700.	Div
2208	24		Fr 1/9: A-2 patrol recalled, receiving sniper fire.	Div
	25		Fr 2/3: G-2 ambush at 868796. Base camp at 868800.	Div
			Journal closed at 062359H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: Considerable sniping and reports of large groups of VC in several areas. All units patrolling during this period.	



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0030	1	Fr 1/3: 1/3 line receiving small arms fire/automatic rifle fire from 932683, 925680, 920683. Sending squad to check out villages at 936823 and 833832.	S
0525	2	Fr 2/3: "H" moving out of CP area with vehicles.	Div
0631	3	Fr 2/3: "H" in assembly area vicinity Red Beach.	Div
0720	4	Fr 2/3: F-2 has 2 squad patrols 0530H-1600H with check points 892757, 885779, 879754, 885772, 903755. F-2 has 2 squad size patrols 0400-1500 with check points 882779, 879771, 883769, 892770.	Div
0930	5	Fr 2/3: G-2 patrol base at 867800.	Div
0931	6	Fr 1/3: "B" has requested med-evac for 4 WIA from booby-trap at 898683.	Div
1030	7	Fr 2/3: "G" sweep and search complete, now at 932837. "H" at 944814.	Div
1105	8	Fr 2/3: "F" patrol to MY SON (877764) got 2 VC on wanted list. Families taken also, turned over to Village Chief. VC are on way to Regt CP.	Div
1157	9	Fr 1/3: (see entry 6) Fire team on point was injured by mine as it crossed stream at 899682. Was set off electrically. Have pieces of wire and shrapnel. Crater was 27" across.	Div
1400	10	Fr 2/3: "E"'s interpreter received report from VN Political Action Team of 3 armed VC working out of KIEN KIEN (908788). Have been there about 15 days.	S-2, Div
1400	11	Fr 1/3: 73% individual positions and 8% wire complete.	S
1400	12	Fr 1/9: "C" patrol found small camp at 024745.	Div
1500	13	Fr 1/9: "C" patrol found 782 gear and ammo box at 024745.	Div
1721	14	Fr 2/3: "F" ambushes at 893778 and 902774 tonight.	Div
1750	15	Fr 2/3: "E" back from Red Beach and at LE MY Fort.	Div
1800	16	Fr 1/3Ln: VC unit plan attack on TUY LOAN. Main objective is bridge at 946697.	Div
1850	17	Fr 2/3: "G" ambush tonight 880796. Cp at 881791.	Div
1920	18	Fr 2/3: Mr LU reported a VC platoon spread out over an area of about 2500 meters, vicinity 925825-908800. Commanded by HA LANH. Mission: spy on ARVN & USMC. Mr LU has moved his PFT platoon into village S of S bridge.	Div
1940	19	Fr 2/3: Mr NAM reported elements of a VC platoon infiltrated hamlets at 934838, 950790, 937800, 935793. Mission: Assassinate agent of administration, spy on USMC and ARVN, mine road.	Div
2045	20	Fr 1/3: "B", "D", Arty OP all report 5-6 rounds small arms fire being taken in their area. Seem to be coming from NW of 1/3 CP, 500-600 meters away.	Div
2355	21	Fr 1/12: "D" 1/3 OP at 958758 thought they saw movement. Frag grenade and M-14 fired after illumination with negative results.	S

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0550		1 : Fr 1/3: Man in "A" accidentally shot himself in foot with M-14. Med-evac has been requested at 910745.	Div
0635		2 : Fr 1/3: "B" ambush NE check point 15 received a few rounds of sniper fire during night. No casualties.	S
0850		3 : To 1/9, 1/12: Da Nang special sector to have police action from 994746 to 997737 starting at 090400H.	S
1018		4 : Fr 1/9: B-2 at village at 034737, holding sick call.	Div
1030		5 : Fr 2/3: 2 squads of "G" will sweep villages E of MSR to 917792. Leaves at 1500H, to return before dark.	Div
1205		6 : Fr 2/3: "E" will have 2 sqd ambush at 903822 & 891826 tonite.	Div
1		7 : Fr Div: ARVN have fire mission in grid squares 8987, 8887, 8486, have a suspected VC company.	2/3
1515		8 : Fr 2/3: Patrol checked a VN ID card at 871762 and name was of man on wanted list. Found out later that man was VC's father. Was sent to Div. Anti-helicopter stakes were found at 869778. Are 5 feet high, very thick, securely set in. Also several newly dug panji traps in same area. Could land 1 helo safely.	Div
1559		9 : Fr 2/3: "F" to run 32 man patrols to 890760, 879764, 869765, 876783, 882768.	Div
1920		10 : Fr 3/4: Night positions: "I" CP, "L" highway defense, "Mn" airfield, "K" at 828086. All quiet.	Div
2030		11 : Fr 2/3: Ambushes preparing to go into positions. PF will have sweep from 917792 to 905805 and from 917792 to 950788 starting 0600H tomorrow. All Marine units notified.	Div
2058		12 : Fr Regt InO: 2 companies of RF will sweep from line 020757/032760 to line 021743/032735 tomorrow. PF will block flanks.	1/9
2212		13 : To Recon: Place 1 platoon on 30 minute alert to have motorized patrol around airfield periphery.	
2307		14 : Fr Tanks: CP has moved from 1166 to 985742.	S
2318		15 : To Recon: Platoon motor patrol to depart Regt CP at 0130 for clockwise circuit of airfield on prescribed route. Leave check point overlay at Regt CP prior to departure and return by 0300H. Secure platoon upon completion of patrol.	Div
		Journal closed at 082400H JULY 1965.	
		SUMMARY: No significant enemy activity reported during this period. Units participated in sweeps and patrolling during this period. One USMC 1/3 wounded in foot by his M-14.	

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0137		1 : Fr 1/9: Redwood D-2 left patrol area.	Div
0302		2 : Fr 1/9: Redwood A-2 back in.	Div
0818		3 : Fr 1/3: D Co, all units have completed move to daylight covered positions. Unless otherwise reported, following are fixed positions until Beer is re-established. D 3B at 898675. D3 & D3a at 898671.	Div
0852		4 : Fr 1/9: Hawkeye patrol leaving IP at 0845.	Div
1000		5 : Fr 1/3: D-1C has 2 VC bodies, rifles, grenades. Taken at 2030 at check point 15. Brining them to "D" CP.	Div
1		6 : Fr 2/3: "E" squad ambushes at 896823, 897828, 894813.	Div
1230		7 : Fr 2/3: Tanks on recon patrol ran over a 4' x 4' hole with a brush roof supported by bamboo poles at 942801. Villagers say VC hide in such holes and come into village at night.	S
1250		8 : Fr 1/3: 2 VC KIA at 030230H at 879700 by "D" patrol on way to ambush. 1st seen 50 meters S, allowed to approach, ambushed. Recovered 1 US M-1, 1 US 1903 Springfield, 3 grenades, 2 rifle bolts with 8 clips .30 cal. ammo, 1 packet of papers. 2 VCS taken at 922708 at 091030H. Trying to run away from "D" patrol.	S
1415		9 : Fr 2/3: "F" ambush tonight at 909760 and 894778 & 907776.	Div
1500		10 : Fr 2/3: "G" ambushes tonight at 895805 & 894802.	Div
1535		11 : Fr Tanks: While seeping sand flats in GS 9379, 9380, 9479 & 9480, platoon destroyed 3 small bamboo camps at 942800, 940803 & 936803. Recovered 3 dummy weapons (burp gun, carbine, rifle) & many documents. All given to 2/3 S-2.	S
1600		12 : Fr 1/3: D-3B had contact with 3 VC going W at 879677. they ran toward 892677. Saw 1 fall and crawl away when shot at 892677. 1 VC had weapon. Area checked with negative results.	Div
1855		13 : Fr 2/3: Mr NAM says road mined vicinity 873763. Would like mine detection team to check it out.	Div 1/12
2000		14 : Fr 2/3: Village chief of HOA NINH will go with patrol to clear mines tomorrow.	Div
2130		15 : Fr RegtLn0: RF & PF sweep from line 033760/035737 to line 037759/045740 at 0530H. 1 VC company in GS 0471 & 0571 last night, moved S today. Also ARVN artillery firing 1-3 kilometers S of Marble Mountain tonight.	Div
		Journal closed at 092400H July 1965.	
		SUMMARY: Ambush patrol killed two VC & captured 2 VCS, during this period. Recovered several weapons from VC. All units patrolled during this period and some set up ambushes.	

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0653		1	Fr 3/4:	ONTOS hit a land mine at 0630 this morning. Entire right suspension system out. No one hurt. Will follow up with complete info. Coord 832135.	Div
0810		2	Fr 3/4:	K & I Co's in blocking positions. No contact. M Co being helilifted now.	Div
0840		3	Fr 3/4:	Last lift going out now. All ARVN in positions. We have received some sporadic fire. The HU-1B's have expended all their ammo and are returning for more. 1 USMC WIA from panji stake.	Div
1140		4	Fr 3/4:	K Co in position on obj 43 at 0700. M Co in position on obj 41 at 0800. I Co in position on obj 42 at 0830. ARVN received some small arms fire when they landed at 0700H but HU-1B's dispersed VC. 1 USMC panji stake, treated and returned to duty. 2 VCS apprehended and turned over to NAM HOA Sub sector. M Co will be secured at 1200. Cmd CP (Fwd) will remain in position. Sporadic small arms fire across river. No VC contact with USMC forces as of this report.	Div
1145		5	Fr 2/3:	G-3 saw 5 VC with weapons at 862791 moving South. No contact was made. VC moved out of sight.	Div
1146		6	Fr 2/3:	F Co, two patrols still out, one in area of suspected mines. Have found no mines at this time. No enemy contact.	Div
1410		7	Fr 3/4:	M & I Co have returned to CP area. K Co remains in blocking position. Sporadic fire being received.	
1310(late entry)		8	Fr 1/3L:	A Co at 1700 will send A-1 & A-2 on patrol in accordance with Frag O 15. B Co will support A Co by sending 1 Plt to man their positions. C Co continues to man defensive positions. D Co secure from patrol in accordance with Frag O 14. 74% positions, 11% wire.	S
1420		9	Fr 2/3:	G Co sending local patrol to recon ambush site at 893802. Laying wire and clearing fields of fire. Will have 3 ambush sites tonight at 895805, 893802, & 900806. Are still laying wire. Tomorrow, will work on positions. E Co is resting and improving positions today. Tonight will have 4 ambushes out at 900890, 895824, 892812, 903821. F Co reported that mine 150 meters west of bridge were mine blow up bridge 883769. Was removed this morning by VC. No mine in that area. Chief of HOA VINH reported that VC came in morning and removed mine. Mine was reported to be size of	

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1420	cont'd		of cover (hat). Not pressure type mine. Had two progs with wire attached. Not known if pulled out or destroyed. Chief of same village said that VC in DONG SON are short of food. He has been stopping large shipments of rice to that area and is keeping watch in that area if anyone didn't take much food there. Approx 30 VC in DONG SON are armed with approx 25 auto weapons. Is reported that more strangers in DONG SON at night. Every one goes to HOA VINA village at 887768, then go back to work in fields in the day time. This confirms indication that people of DONG SON are evac to our area of control. Although they still farm their land in the day time in DONG SON, villagers report that anyone in DONG SON are VC. F Co will have 2 squad size ambushes in same location as last night. Tomorrow, 2 patrols. One from F-3 and on from F-2. Each platoon size will patrol to the west to vicinity of MY SON and DONG SON. E Co will have no patrols tomorrow, G Co will have one squad sized patrol from G-3 tomorrow.	
1435		10	Fr 3/4: ARVN KIA 8 VC (Have bodies). 1 USMC WIA by mine at 799070.	Div
1522		11	Fr 3/4: "K" will lift out of blocking position at 1530.	Div
1550		12	Fr 1/9: Sent squad with ARVN LNO to check VN digging holes and pulling up stakes holding wire 100 meters in front of Post 19.	Div
1700		13	Fr 3/4: "K" captured 1 VC WIA. Said he was local guerrilla, had been operating in that area for a long time.	Div
1805		14	Fr 3/4: VC WIA found by "K" at 789107.	Div
1947		15	Fr 3/4: Night positions: "I" reserve, "L" highway defense, "M" airfield defense, "K" at 832123.	Div
2020		16	Fr 2/3: E-2 ambush tonight at 929801.	Div
			Journal closed at 102359H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: All units participated in patrols during this period. ARVN KIA 8 VC's (have bodies). 2 VC WIA captured. VC are said to be DONG SON village.	

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	OUT				
0730		1	Fr 2/3: H-1 leaving to check MSR. Negative contact on ambushes.	Div	
0750		2	Fr 2/3: E-2 base camp at 923796.	Div	
0803		3	Fr 2/3: H-1 back from MSR check. Negative results.	Div	
1130		4	Fr 1/3: 6 x 6 broke down at 95516, a sniper fired at it, returned fire believe to have wounded sniper. Squad was sent to check area. Returned with negative results.	Div	
1150		5	Fr 2/3: "G" ambushes tonight (squad): 896800, 895804, 902801.	Div	
1305		6	Fr 2/3: F-2 patrol will leave 111600H, return 120730H, to 905761, 897754, 884754, 879754, 871763, 884769, 899775. F-3 will leave 120200H, back 120730H, to 866763, 871762, 886768. "E" ambushes (squad) tonight: 892810, 905828, 890823, 898829.	S	
1500		7	Fr 2/3: E-2 has 2 patrols, 1 to 912797, 1 to 930787, left 1500.	Div	
1544		8	Fr 2/3: E-2 sent another squad patrol to 929800 at 1510.	Div	
1630		9	Fr 2/3: G-3 at 875784. CP tonight 878783. Ambush tonight 878785.	Div	
1855		10	Fr 3/4: Night positions: I at CP, "K" at 843127, "L" highway defense, Battery I on airfield, Recon at CP.	Div	
1925		11	Fr 2/3: E-2 at 921784. Ambush 917796, Base Camp 916795.	Div	
2030		12	Fr 2/3: Village Chief at Iron Bridge Ridge says VC company in village at 830858. Has 1 60mm mortar, 1 57mm RR, 1 light machine gun, 7 BARs. 2/3 taking precautionary measures.	Div	
2055		13	Fr 1/3: A-2 has 4 WIA USMC. med-evac at 926668.	Div	
2110		14	Fr 2/3: "G" saw light moving down hill at 877819. Fired 3 81mm HE light as H&I. Light has not come back on.	Div	
2200		15	Fr 1/3: TPS-21 and helicopters indicate heavy automatic weapons vicinity of casualties. Unconfirmed cause of casualties is electronically detonated device. Helicopter received fire from N, NE & S attempting to evacuate casualties.	Div	
2218		16	Fr 1/3: A-3 600 meters from scene of casualties, moving to them. Unit has 4 WIA, 1 KIA, still receiving light sniper fire.	Div	
2315		17	Fr 1/3: A-2 & 3 junctured with squad, will move casualties 500-1000 meters W of present location and secure LZ.	Div	

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2335		18	Fr 1/3: A-3 to secure LZ. A-2 will cover with- drawal of casualties. Have 2 KIA, 4 WIA.	Div
2345		19	Fr 1/3: 1 KIA, 1 DOW, 3 WIA from mine. 1 WIA flesh wound from small arms fire.	Div
			Journal closed at 112400H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: 4 USMC WIA, 2 KIA result of Mine, during patrol. Enemy activity, sniper fire received on several occasions. No known enemy killed or wounded.	

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	OUT				
0202	0027	1		To Div: 1/3 casualties evacuated at 0020H.	
		2		From interview with 1/3 casualties: Patrol moved from day position at 903667 at dusk to 925667 where a mine was seen crossing trail. Word passed back to step over mine. One man in center of column apparently didn't see it and tripped it. Mine detonated and in turn detonated M-79 ammo carried by man who tripped it. After explosions some small arms fire was taken from 923672. Squad coming to assist from NW was fired on from 920675 and took 1 WIA (grazed). Automatic weapons fire at this point. Believe helicopter which came first for med-evac took automatic fire from about 2000 meters NE of area where squad was located.	
0207		3		Fr 1/3: 1 ambush still in position at 905698. "A" will set up patrol base and sweep GS 9267 in morning.	S
0545		4		Fr 2/3: H-1 leaving to check MSR for mines. H-3 going also.	Div
0645		5		Fr 2/3: H-1 & 3 back from MSR check. Negative contact.	Div
0736		6		Fr 1/3: "A" mine casualty at 906698. Med-evac has been requested. Conscious but serious.	Div
				Fr 2/3: F-2 has completed DONG SON Sweep with no VC contact.	Div
0858		7		Fr 1/9: "B" left at 0745H for bridge, reported OPCON 2/9 0800H.	S
	0916	8		To 1/12: Displace 1 platoon of 155mm to fort area at 902775. 2/3 will provide security.	2/3
1037		9		Fr 2/3: "H" has relieved "G" at Iron Bridge Ridge.	Div
1038		10		Fr 2/3: "C" has relieved "F" at "F" fort.	Div
1205		11		Fr 2/3: E-2 base camp at 922702. 1430H patrol limit is 916824.	Div
1700		12		Fr 2/3: "H" has 3 ambushes tonight at 895797, 901799, 891799. 1 patrol at 1800H from patrol base 865792 to 866780. "G" will have 3 local patrols within 300 meters of position.	S
1750		13		Fr 1/3: "B" fire team ambush at 950727. "A" squad ambush at 908744, squad patrol/ambush 914740 to 925720. "D" fire team ambush at 930722, fire team patrol/ambush 933729 to 937731, fire team ambush at 936713, ambush/patrol 930717 to 929713, patrols from 940710 to 950711, fire team size.	S
1931		14		Fr 2/3: "G" ambushes tonight at 918678, 899769, 910774.	Div

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1932		15	Fr "A" Recon: "A" WIA at 924606. Evac has been requested. Request permission to return to fort at 917583 (Granted)	Div, Recon, S
2028		16	Fr 1/9: LVTs stuck in river at 973698.	S
2030		17	Fr AO: A-1 Recon has been lifted out.	Div
	2155	18	To 1/3: Recon is at 886690. Do not fire arty within 1500 meters.	Div
2235		19	Fr 2/3: E-2 recon team saw 2 people in graveyard moving W to SE. People saw recon team and ran to village. Area searched with negative results.	S
2325		20	Fr 2/3: Village at 918823. Patrol found wounded woman. Corpsman states wound is in stomach and is serious.	S
	2350	21	To 1/9: Troops from "B" at bridge will be sent to your CP. Rest will stay with LVTs until they are free from rocks.	
			Journal closed at 122400H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: USMC casualties from 1/3, stepped on mine which detonated mine. On VN woman found wounded in house, treated same. All units patrolled during this period. No enemy activity of any significance.	

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0725		1	Fr Div: 1 HU-1B down at 955800. Provide security	2/3
0810		2	Fr 2/3: F-1 left for security of HU-1B at 0800H.	Div
0835		3	Fr 2/3: F-1 at site of HU-1B. While checking area: where people were seen last night found hunting knife and sheath. Sheath has word "VAN-CONG-THANH" on it.	Div
0845		4	To 2/3: HU-1B will be trucked to airfield. Your squad will accompany it for security. Secure when at airfield.	
0920		5	Fr 2/3: H-2 at 879799. Has squad patrols to 867797 and 870800. E-2 CP at 917824.	Div
1015		6	Fr 3/4: 1 VC KIA at 805132. 1 USMC slight WIA from mine at 810143 at 0900H.	Div
1022		7	Fr 3/4: Recon platoon on hill inside TAOR reports: group of VC at 798098. ARVN artillery firing on them.	S
1125		8	Fr 1/9: At 1100 D-1 crossed IP.	Div
1210		9	Fr 1/9: D-3 leaving IP.	Div
1245		10	Fr 1/9: D-1 stopped at 999776 for chow.	S
1435		11	Fr 3/4: Sweep finished at 1233H. "K" back at CP at 1430H. "I" still in blocking position, will lift out at 1600H. Got CHICOM K-50 submachine gun, 3 magazines with KIA VC.	Div
1500		12	Fr 2/3: "H" will have ambushes tonight at 890796, 897798 and 894804. "E" ambushes 893826, 902823 and 890913. E-2 patrols at 1400H and 1500H to 917829 and 920832 respectively.	Div
1540		13	Fr 1/3: "B" squad ambush at 956718, 4 man IP at 946726 and 953726 from 2000H to first light.	Div
1644		14	Fr 1/9: D-1 back in battalion CP area.	Div
1803		15	Fr 2/3: E-1 ambushes at 919826 and 923835. H-2 base camp at 870795, ambush at 870797. E-2 base camp remains the same.	Div
1845		16	Fr 1/3: A-2 has squad at 915748, 1 at 926735 and 1 at 915730.	Div
2010		17	Fr 3/4: Night positions: "I" 865077, "K" reserve, "L" highway defense, "M" airfield.	S
2220		18	Fr 9thMar: Have 1 KIA, maybe 2 at Red Beach 2. Request light tank.	2/3, Div
2230		19	Fr 2/3: Tanks on way to beach.	Div
2241		20	Fr Tanks: Have made contact with infantry on beach.	Div
2320		21	Fr Tanks: All quiet at Red Beach.	Div
2358		22	Fr Tanks: About 18 VC on NW beach area & 3 from SE & unknown number firing from water. 5-6 seen leaving beach from N by water. Since arrival of tanks, firing ceased. VC fired about 4 hours.	

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0250		1	Fr 1/9: C-3 crossing IP.	Div
0500		2	Fr 1/9: C-2 inside perimeter.	Div
0515		3	Fr 2/3: E-2 base camp at 920815, ambushes at 920817 and 926824.	Div
0542		4	Fr 2/3: F-2 squad left Bn CP to search MSR for mines.	Div
0800		5	Fr 2/3: F-1 squad back, no contact. G-1 squad to 892764 left 0720H. G-2 squad to 892764 will leave at 0800H.	Div
1030		6	Fr 2/3: Mobile combat outpost base camp 964797, with patrol to 867791. E-2 at "E" CP. E-1 to assume mission.	Div
1237		7	Fr 2/3: "E" squad ambushes: 900830, 895824, 892812 & 903821. E-1 will relieve E-2 of mobile combat base at 1600H.	Div
1414		8	Fr 3/4: OP 225 fired on 3 men at 843071 with 106s & artillery. Have 1 definite KIA, 2 possible WIA as result.	Div
1420		9	To 2/3: Conduct search & sweep of HOA O (GS 9382), tomorrow with 1 platoon & ARVN & PF forces. Suspect VC guerrillas from that area are harassing Red Beach.	Div
1440		10	Fr 2/3: At 1500H, H-2 will move to GS 8681, 8781. Squad ambushes at 891800 and 897798.	S
1630		11	Fr 2/3: G-1 squad ambushes at 998768, 901775. G-2 squad ambush at 909768. G-3 squad ambush 908777.	S
1650		12	Fr 1/3: "A" squad ambushes 908752, 914735, 926735, "B" squad ambush 951727. "D" fire team ambushes 938725, 945726. "D" patrol at 2000H from 953721 to 954715 to 941718.	S
1700		13	Fr 2/3: Speaker for intrusion device at S bridge stolen last night at time VN woman was injured by M-60 ricochet.	Div
1815		14	Fr 3/4: Night positions: "K" reserve; "M" airfield; "L" highway defense; "I" 890078.	S
1830		15	Fr 2/3: 4.2" Mortar firing at 900838 dropped one short round into "E" mess area below LE MY Fort. Shot was about 50% short. 7 serious wounded, 1 DOW. Helicopters have been requested.	Div
1900		16	Fr 2/3: Now 2 dead, 6 seriously wounded, 3 minor. Med-evac completed.	Div
2015		17	Fr 2/3: E-1 CP at 917823, ambush at 920826.	Div
2055		18	Fr 2/3: H-3 CP at 873807. H-2 CP at 875815.	Div
2122		19	Fr Div: Provide platoon for security of 3dMedBn at 968752.	2/3
2155		20	To Div: 2/3 operation tomorrow postponed due to	

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	OUT				
0102			1	Fr 1/9: A-3 in platoon area.	Div
0755			2	Fr 2/3: G-1 ambush tonight 892764, G-2 902749, G-3 891770.	S
0830			3	Fr 2/3: E-1 base camp 915825 with patrols to 925829 & 925825.	Div
1007			4	Fr 2/3: H-2 base camp is 873807.	Div
1026			5	Fr 2/3: H-3 is now at "H" CP.	Div
1315			6	Fr 2/3: HQA-0 sweep started at 1305H.	Div
1320			7	Fr Recon: 6 men seen digging around in road at 873827. Wore black bottoms, mixed black & white tops. Moving toward PHO NAN THUONG HA. Had 4 baskets.	Div
1340			8	Fr 1/3: B-3 200 meters SW check point 15 encountered 6 VC. 4 ran, of them 2 are KIA, 2 WIA with 1 WIA escaped in Jungle. Have the other 2.	Div
1400			9	Fr 2/3: "H" ambushes tonight at 897798 & 890796. "E" ambushes at 892812, 907822, 900830, 995824, All squad sized.	S
1425			10	Fr 1/3: B-3 now has 3 KIA, 1 WIA. Found other body.	Div
1530			11	Fr 2/3: Sweep completed at 1440H. PF picked up all males in village & processing them thru district headquarters. No VC contact.	Div
1535			12	Fr Div: Provide Platoon for Red Beach security tonight and tomorrow.	2/3
1555			13	Fr 1/3: "D" will have a squad patrol from 926718, to 936714. A fire team will set in at 945726 and 951728. "A" will have squad at 926741.	S
1744			14	Fr 2/3: E-1 CP 917797, Ambush at 916800.	Div
2020			15	Fr 1/9: A-3 left IP at 2000H.	Div
2200			16	Fr 1/9: B-3 moving to Gate 6 at 2124H.	Div
	2235		17	To 2/3: Company on 1 hour alert commencing tomorrow for about 5 days, for possible use with Da Nang Special Sector operation. Reinforce with FO, FAC, 81mm mortars, PRC-47 for Regt Tac Net.	
2330			18	Fr 1/9: B-3 entered lines through Gate 1 at 2300H. A-2 at check point 1 at 2315.	Div
				Journal closed at 152400H July 1965. SUMMARY: During this period 3 VC KIA, 1 WIA by B-3 of 1/3. Patrolling during this period by some units, also ambushes set up.	

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0245		1	Fr 1/9: At 0222, post 6 reported an explosion at an az of 180, 30 meters out. Coord 01157335. Sentry threw an illumination grenade.	
0321		2	Fr 2/3: E & H remains same. No contact on ambushes. G Co no contact, no change.	S
0359		3	Fr 2/3: Hill 368 all secure.	S
0607		4	Fr 2/3: E Co no change no contact. G-1 patrol departed CP.	S
0625		5	Fr 2/3: G Co ambushes all in. No contact. Future plans: 2 patrols out as reported before. Care and cleaning of equipment. Prepare to move to LE MY Fort.	S
0635		6	Fr 1/9: Investigation of explosion of post 6. Proved to be land mine set off by dog.	S
0639		7	Fr 1/3: B Co now displacing. Negative enemy contact.	S
	0740	8	To 1/9: Conduct a company size sweep on 18 July after first light to be completed prior to 0900. Of the area from the south end of the airfield to the river. Purpose is to ensure area safe for landing of VIP aircraft from that end of the field.	1/9, Div
0844		9	Fr 2/3: E-1 CP located at 917794.	Div
0817		10	Fr 1/9: A-1 patrol just crossed IP.	Div
1000		11	Fr 2/3: H-1 base camp located at 877798. Negative contact at this time.	Div
1240		12	Fr 1/9: D-1 at IP.	Div
1350		13	Fr 2/3: Request 2 mine detections teams at the LE MY Fort by 1800 on 17 July. To sweep road from LE MY Fort to North bridge on 17-18 July. (Engr have scheduled).	Div, Engr.
1435		14	Fr 1/3: A Co has 1 plat opcon to D Co. A Co working on positions. A Co returned from patrol. C Co in assigned positions. D-1 & 2 are patrolling in compliance with FragO 17-65. MLR Construction figures: 81% positions, 26% wire. B Co ambush will be called in later.	S
1430		15	Fr 3/4: Operations: At 0705, I Co commenced patrol from 825084 to 831119. Completed at 1325. Will move to 820119 at 1600. Will set in night position there. One platoon will set in as ambush at 815119. Recon Co has one squad sized OP located at 877057, and one at 874067. At 1300, OP 225 dispatched a squad size recon patrol to 851079. ETR 1500. TRAINING: Tanks and AT's had PM. Helos conducted	



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1430	(Cont'd)			resupply. Co's K, L, & M had material maintenance and field fortifications. PLANS: At 0630 tomorrow, I Co will lift from 820119 to vic 866096. Will conduct squad size patrols in that vic. Will detach the section of 81's with morning resupply. Recon Co maintains OP's in present position until 1900 on 16 July. Recon Co will conduct at platoon sized security patrol in conjunction with PF from 1900 to 0300 tonight. Patrol route not announced yet. L & M Co's will conduct 2 separate squad sized perimeter security patrols each and H&SCo will conduct one such patrol. OP on 225 will conduct a recon patrol tomorrow afternoon.	S
1430			16	Fr 2/3: Future plans for E Co: Will continue laying wire and working on equipment. Will have night ambushes at 890824, 904830, and 892813. E-1 will return by 1701799. Tonight's ambushes for H Co are 897798 and 891799. G Co will have 3 local ambushes tonight. Coord to follow later.	S
1445			17	Fr 1/3: B Co will have one squad sized ambush at 950724. Will go out at 2000.	Div
1530			18	Fr 2/3: H Co requested helo evac for 2. Had heat casualties at coord 860783. Copters have already been requested.	Div
1500			19	To 1/3 fr Recon: Village at 943613 known to be VC built up area. No civilians. Barracade at 932600 to 930625 made of brush, wire and bamboo (under construction). At 952627, there is a platoon of hard core VC.	1/3
1710			20	To 2/3: Send platoon (-) to C Med for security tonight same as last night. Permission granted to withdraw forces from alert company.	2/3
1805			21	Fr 1/3: D-2 receiving automatic fire from VC. Are bringing up mortars to counter. 700m N ck pt.	5. Div
1821			22	Fr 1/3: D Co engaged 4 VC with carbines and one light machine gun. No casualties on either side. Will keep you informed. 700m N ck pt. 5(942678).	Div
1842			23	Fr 1/3: D Co sweeping village. Received one 60mm mortar round and approx 250 rounds small arms fire. Request med evac at 943678. Contact presently broken. Village S ck pt 5.	Div
1920			24	Fr 3/4: C Recon will patrol GS 8717, 8817 and 8816 tomorrow.	S
2020			25	Fr 1/3: D Co ambushes at 937664, 925666, 917664.	Div
2326			26	Fr 1/9: Redwood 2 has 1 VCS. Will re enter at post 19 where truck will pick up VCS.	Div

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0045		1	Fr 1/9: Sent squad to vicinity Post 9 about 2300H. Went into houses to look for sniper, packed up 0 VCS without ID cards, who said they did not hear shots.	Div
1009		2	Fr 1/3: D-1 & 2 proceeding to check point 18. D-2 encountered 3-4 VC with 1 authentic weapon. D-2 sweeping PHU SON (3).	Div
1120		3	Fr 1/3: 4 WIA from booby-trap vicinity check point 22. Evac has been requested.	Div
1140		4	Fr 1/3: Booby trap thought to be planted 81mm mortar round. "D" has 1 wounded VN, shot by unknown source near check point 19. Will send with other WIAs.	
1159		5	Fr 1/3: Med-evac complete. Patrol to proceed to check point, 17.	Div
1200		6	Fr 1/3: See 3, D-1 was receiving small arms fire. 3.5" rocket team went into action, detonated booby-trap.	Div
1215		7	Fr 1/3: D-1 has KIA, WIA as result of M16A1 mine, loaded 8-57, Lot #42-5. Buried in ground among cluster of rocks. Have cannister, piece of shrapnel. Occurred while taking positions among rocks.	Div
2221		8	Fr 1/3: Gunner and A-Gunner were 10 meters apart. 1st WIA was 30 meters away & next was 40-50 meters away. At 952665.	Div
1350		9	Fr 1/3: Emergency med-evac has been requested at 952678. Fire mission requested at 946675. Suspected VC mortar firing from there. Have 2. WIA.	Div
1416		10	Fr 1/3: D-2 WIA believed to be from buried grenade. D-1 and 2 at check point 17.	Div
1510		11	Fr 1/3: "D" received 18-20 rounds of mortar fire, and much small arms from snipers. All casualties are evacuated. Fire mission was effective. Air support by helicopters or AO could not be obtained. Another fire mission is being requested to be followed by sweep of LA CHAU (4). Mortars and small arms came from there. (Artillery mission was changed to airstrike).	Div
1540		12	Fr Air: Strike complete. "D" will sweep target (LA CHAU (4)). 2 confirmed VC KIA from airstrike.	Div
1550		13	Fr 1/3: 2 WIA from mortars. Total so far 1 KIA, 7 WIA.	Div
1900		14	Fr 1/3: D-1 & 2 now moving to check point 1. District Chief says 1 VC company at 895708 with 60mm mortar and 1 machine gun. Reinforcing unit by SONG YEN maybe Chinese. All wearing helmets.	

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1900	(cont'd)			and appears metal armor. Do not speak Vietnamese. Weapons of unknown make. Have OP at 954683. Staying by river from 956680 to 964640. Reliability B-2.	S
2030			15	Fr 1/3 Ln0: Troops along SONG YEN "may" be Chinese. <u>Are not</u> local & don't speak language. Seem well trained, wearing helmets and body armor of metal plate. Uniform is green. All are armed, with unknown weapons.	Div
2241			16	Fr 1/9: Post 21 had trip flare go off in front of position but saw nothing. Post 20 saw a man run away and get into hole in village in front of post 21.	Div
2300			17	Fr 1/3 Ln0: VC unit firing on PF at 945693 with automatic weapons and rifles.	Div
				Journal closed at 172400H July 1965.	
				SUMMARY: Enemy sighted or either contacted throughout period. Several VCS apprehended and turned over to District Hqts. 2 VC KIA confirmed by Airstrike. 1 KIA, USMC, 7 WIA results of booby-traps, mine.	

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0100		1	Fr 2/3:	CP security fired 3 shots at movement that failed to halt when challenged. Results unknown.	S
0532		2	Fr 1/9:	B-1 has now crossed IP.	Div
0759		3	Fr 1/9:	"B" at LOA, searching area.	Div
0930		4	Fr 2/3:	"H" area is clear. All personnel in position.	Div
0944		5	Fr 1/9:	"B" has returned to 1/9 CP.	Div
1220		6	Fr 1/9:	"B" picked up 16 VCS (1 an ARVN deserter); without proper ID. Turned over to VN.	Div
1537		7	Fr Div:	USAF has requested alert company be made ready. No info to be passed over phone. Inform when Company ready. Company representative to report to G-3. (Was for pick-up of classified gear dripped by helicopter. Handled by ReconBn.) stand down came at 1547H.	1/9
1600		8	Fr 1/3:	"A" squad ambushes at 927735 and 915728.	S
1628		9	Fr 1/3:	H&S Company will have 8 man ambush at 945725.	S
1705		10	Fr Div:	"D" Recon will make heli-landing at AT882883. Info nearest friendly unit of plans. May have to blow up gear on site. If need artillery, Recon will call and control. Being handled for USAF. May be in area for 24 hours.	2/3
1810		11	Fr 1/3 LnO:	VC 380 man Bn from 945667 to 964669 to 954619 to 939619 to 945667. 1 57mm RR, 2 81mm mortars, 2 machine guns. 120 man VC company from 966699 to 953678. 1 60mm mortar, 1 machine gun.	Div
1900		12	Fr 1/3 LnO:	District Headquarters requests H&I fires at 934670, 952680, 954664, 958673 from 2100-0200. 2 rounds each.	Div
2100		13	Fr 9thMar:	HOA CAM says ARVN have contact vicinity 967698 & 959709.	1/3, Div
2115		14	Fr 9thMar:	ARVN request to shoot artillery at 958701 & 959698. They want 3dMar permission.	Div, 1/3
2125		15	Fr 9thMar:	ARVN now requesting to shoot 955699 to 962699.	1/3, Div
				Journal closed at 182400H July 1965.	
				SUMMARY: 16 VCS picked up for questioning. No significant enemy action reported during this period. Units patrolling during this period.	

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0015		1	Fr 1/3: S-2A requested fire vicinity 958673, much VC activity in that area. Also at 957687, isolated small arms fire and drum beating along river. (Rounds were reported on target, drums ceased.)	Div
0037		2	Fr 1/9: "E" crossed IP. B-4 has crossed IP at 0028.	Div
0350		3	Fr 1/9: B-4 at gate #1.	Div
0941		4	Fr 2/3: E-3 patrol back at 2/3 CP.	Div
1059		5	Fr 2/3: H-3 saw 10 people at 868798. Will keep watch.	Div
1155		6	Fr 2/3: G-1 base camp now 924819, tonight 928816. Squad ambushes at 925816, 929819. Patrol TOD is 1400H, limit is 927812.	Div
1252		7	Fr 1/9: B-1 crossed IP.	Div
1302		8	Fr 1/9: Patrol 1 just crossed IP.	Div
1430		9	Fr 2/3: "G" ambushes (squad size): 910834, 903814, 885826, 905820. "H" squad ambushes: 897798, 893800, 893797.	Div
1455		10	Fr 1/3: Request 1 platoon tanks with LnO and radio report to "B".	Div, Tks.
1500		11	Fr 2/3: E-3 now sweeping Red Beach 2. "F" squad ambushes: 905777, 913761, 916764, 894779.	Div
	1540	12	To ATs: Complete move of heavy section to "B" 1/3, and follow up with light section ASAP.	Div
1555		13	Fr 1/3: "D" ambushes 946727, 930710, 2000H-0600H, 8 men each.	Div
1605		14	Fr 1/3: Tanks now at our position.	Div
	1615	15	To 1/12: Send HOWTAR Btry (-1 platoon) to 1/3 in DS 1/3.	S
1630		16	Fr 2/3: "E" patrol is back from Red Beach 2.	Div
1655		17	Fr 2/3: H-3 combat patrol base at 868811. Ambush at 867811.	Div
1725		18	Fr 2/3: Correct G-1 base camp to 917810 and have 1 ambush at 925808.	Div
1940		19	Fr 1/9: "E" is at IP.	Div
	2010	20	To 1/9: Move 1 reaction plt to N end of airfield for tonight.	Div
2020		21	Fr 2/3: CP reports large brush fire at 893778.	S
2030		22	Fr 2/3: All "G" ambushes in position.	Div
2045		23	Fr 1/9: "G" has left IP.	Div
2053		24	Fr 2/3: "H" ambushes in position.	Div
2120		25	Fr 1/3: Firing artillery at 95236921, 15 men moving seen by TPS-21.	Div
2130		26	Fr Recon: Motor Patrol route: 974764, 991779, 988777, Dogpatch, Regt CP. Ck pts A-E respectively.	Div



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0105		1	Fr 1/9: "I" on way in compound.	Div
0218		2	Fr 1/9: "J" entered compound at gate 6 at 0207H.	Div
0300		3	Fr 1/9: "D" now leaving Battalion area.	Div
0348		4	Fr 1/9: G-1-3 heard 1 shot about coor 021743.	Div
0555		5	Fr 2/3: 2 patrols going along MSR to look for mines. Just left.	Div
0720		6	Fr 1/9: "D" reports sweep in conjunction with PF complete, search almost complete. "D" has no contact. PF have VCS.	Div
0945		7	Fr 2/3: G-1 patrol limit 930805, base camp 917810. Left 0900. H-3 base camp at 883816.	S
1155		8	Fr 1/3: At 1015H, a refueling truck was hit by 1 sniper round at 952714, snipers was at 953714. No casualties.	Div
1210		9	Fr 2/3: G-1 base camp 929796, ambushes 920808 & 923816. "G" ambush 906822. G-2's at 881826 and 895826. G-3's at 892812.	Div
1300		10	Fr 1/3: "C" at LZ at 896696.	Div
1327		11	Fr 2/3: "H" ambushes will be at 897798, 890797, and 893802.	Div
1330		12	Fr 1/9: On today's operation: "D" left at 0400, in position at 0500H, sweep started 0600H. Negative contact by all units. All troops in Bn CP by 1015H. PF had about 9 VCS, USMC had 1. About 10 boats searched with negative results.	Div
1335		13	Fr Div: Btry W, 1/12 now DS 1/3 with decentralized control.	1/3
1340		14	Fr Div: HOA VANG District Agent reports VC planting mines at: 4 at 910669, 3 at 920690 near school. Also booby traps and mines under shade trees.	S
1500		15	Fr 1/3: "C" has commenced helilift to relieve platoon operating in GS 8668 area.	Div
1612		16	Fr 1/3: B-1 has ambushes at 900747 and 914728. H&S ambush at 945726. "D" ambushes 927747 and 938715 and patrol from 939711 to 948715 from 2000 to first light.	
1645		17	Fr 2/3: All "G" patrols and ambushes are cancelled. New ambushes tonight are: G-1 910834, 896827 and 904821. G-2 888826 and 889821. G-3 893813 and 902814.	Div
1720		18	Fr 1/3: LZ for relief of "C" tomorrow is 890680.	Div
1910		19	Fr 1/9: "H" just left CP area.	
1932		20	Fr 1/9: "H" has crossed IP.	Div
2140		21	Fr 1/9: "E" <del>xxxx</del> patrol at the RP.	Div
2301		22	Fr 1/9: "H" entered their CP perimeter.	Div



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IN	OUT	NO	
0017	1	Fr 1/12: SITREP: 1. 1/12; 2. 211600H to 2124400H; 3. D/S 3d Marines; 4. All batteries remain in same position as before. Battalion fired 10 harrassing, 6 interdiction, 5 will adjust, 7 fire for effect unobserved from 212200 to 212245. Battery A 3 interdiction at trail crossing at 211545. Battery B fired w/a for FO A-4 at suspected VC OP. Very good effect on target. 211930 Battery B fired illumination for FO B-2 at suspected VC OP. Good illumination on target. No VC spotted. Battery B fired 7 harrassing for 2/3 at VC campsite and assembly areas. Battery B assigned on barrage for which fired 3 adjust rounds to obtain corrections in case required to fire barrage during the night. At 21200 Battery D fired 3 adjust rounds on their barrage also. Between 212200 and 212300 Battery L (rear) fired 7 interdiction at trails frequented lately by VC. At 211630 Battery L (fwd) fired 1 w/a mission for FO B-2 at suspected VC OP. Effect very good. Between 212200 and 212400 Battery L (fwd) fired 3 harrassing at suspected VC OP and 2 stream crossings. Between 212230 and 212330 8" Howitzer Battery fired 2 illuminating at trail crossing and 2 suspected VC OPs. Ammo expended by type and caliber 105mm HE 34, illumination 11 WP 16, 155mm HE 28. 8" 10. Missions fired by type 5 w/a 13 illumination, 10 harrassing. S	
0035	2	Fr 1/3: 28A fire 6 rounds at barrage. A3 situation remains same. 28 call off mission fire within 100 meters of District Headquarters. 28A assignment did not hit village within 300 meters. District Headquarters Direction good, dispersion good. VC cut their firing when round hit at least. Some VC KIA depending on how many there. At least 1. s/Div	
0104	3	Fr 2/3: "H" reports ambushes and patrols no contact. S	
0112	4	Fr 2/3: "F" & "G" no contact, no change. S	
0405	5	Fr 2/3: H, F & G - no change S	
0830	6	Fr 2/3: Fr 2/3 H-3 present position coord 870800. Base camp will be at coord 881805. Div	
0848	7	Fr 1/3: C Co now at LZ prepared to be lifted out. Div	
1035	8	Fr 1/3: The platoon leader who had platoon that came in stated that when the smoke came in they initial had good effect, however the wind changed, and LZ had to be moved 200 meters. Visibility for 5-7 minutes was 200-250 meters. The platoon leader	

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				out there now will provide report tomorrow when relieved.	
1038		9		Fr 2/3: Company F picked up 2 women this morning at 86769 while on their check of the village. One was on the VC wanted list. The other had no ID. Checked with her village chief who said he didn't issue her one because her husband was a known VC. The women are being transferred to Division ITT. At 0700H.	Div
1125		10		Fr 2/3: "H" plans: Squad ambushes at 897798, 893797, 893802 tonight. H-2 patrol this afternoon along 892798, 883788 at 1600H, 2 squad size. Will set ambush this evening at 873788. Resupply at 869792 then move to 871798 where they will set up ambush tomorrow night, patrol will return Friday morning.	Div
1330		11		Fr 1/9: C-3 now crossing IP.	Div
1345		12		Fr 1/3: Plans - Intend to send 2 platoons of "A" tomorrow between 1400-1500 for period of 2-3 days. 1 platoon to vicinity hill 310 (862665) and hill 502 (832660). The other platoon to an area west of hill 393 (864777). Platoon presently out and in position to be returned tomorrow PM	Div
1430		13		Fr 1/3: "A" augments "C" with one platoon. "B" improves defensive position. "C" C-3 continues to patrol in accordance with FragOrder 18-65. "D" improving defensive positions. MLR 87%, 35%.	S
1400		14		Fr 2/3: An explosion occurred at 895831, across the CA DE SONG from the LE MY Fort. Apparently 1 small boy was killed and a woman injured. Am-Tracs were dispatched to the scene and helicopter evac has been requested.	S
1427		15		Fr 3/4: Operations Last Night: Recon Co set up 3 platoon sized ambushes at 91115, 912143 and 889145. Company M set in one platoon sized ambush at 895084, H&S Company had one squad size security patrol. Companies I & K had 2 separate squad sized security patrols each. This morning, Co M conducted a company size sweep from last night's position to the Bn CP. Company I had a battalion commander's inspection of weapons and equipment. Company L had material maintenance, Company K had field fortifications and tanks & ATs had PM. Plans: Recon Company will have one squad size ambush vicinity 883168 and another at 899153. At	Div

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1445		16		1800 will lift 2 separate squad size OPs to 875079 and 836128. Tomorrow's plans: Will go in accordance with OpOrder 18-65 (POKER FLUSH). Fr 2/3: Company G both patrols have returned. Future Plans: Will have one squad sized patrol to 905820 & another squad size patrol to 895826. Both patrols will set up ambushes at these coordinates and return at 1st light. G-2 will have a squad size patrol to 893823 and ambush there and return at 1st light. G-3 has 2 squad sized patrols departing at 2000 and returning at 1st light. One to 899712 and 1 to 902817. Will set up ambushes there tonight. Tomorrow will send one platoon sized patrol to 885824 and return along the ridge line. Company F future plans: Two squad sized patrols, departing at 2000 to 893786 and one to 902772. Will set up ambushes there and return at first light. F-2 will send a squad sized patrol tonight to 929768 and one to 915757. Will set up ambushes there tonight and return at first light. Will have one squad (rein) sized patrol tomorrow morning. Check points: (1) 916766 (2) 924766 (3) 905768 (4) 906763 and back to CP. Mission is to check ID cards of indigenous personnel. Tomorrow: The doctor will go to MY SON area to check and treat the people. E-1 with a squad from E-2 will provide security. Fr 2/3: (See entry #14) Small VN boy fishing in the CA DE SONG was pulling his net in when an explosive device, which had become entangled in the net, detonated. The boy was killed, and a woman nearby injured by fragments. LVTs returned the injured woman to the LE MY Fort and she was treated by the Ba Surgeon at the LE MY dispensary. Her condition was diagnosed as serious and she was heli-evaced out. The helicopter received SA fire from the NE of the LE MY dispensary. A search of the area will be conducted tomorrow. Fr 2/3: G-2 patrol found a large cave in the vicinity of AT 856841. The cave could hold a platoon sized unit. A US Goodwill-package was found in the cave.	
1445		17		Fr 1/3: C-3 ambushes for tonight are (1) 880701, (2) 884704 & (3) 878704. CP for tonight 883700.	
1500		18		Fr 1/3: D-1 will have an 8 man patrol tonight from 940722 to 947728. D-2 will have an 8 man	
1550		19			Div
1610		20			S

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			ambush tonight at 936713. Depart 2000. B will have a squad ambush at 958703. C-3 situation same, no contact.	S
1930		21	Fr 2/3: 2 reinforced squads will conduct sweep operation indicated in "Plans" section of today's SITREP.	Div
2030		22	Fr 2/3: Company G ambushes for G-1 and G-2 have departed for their positions. H-2 is at their base camp. Ambush is established. No contact.	Div
2045		23	Fr 1/3: C-3 is in position.	Div
2052		24	Fr 2/3: Company F's 4 ambushes are established. No contact.	Div
2213		25	Fr 2/3: "G" ambushes in position at this time.	S
2245		26	Fr 1/9: Patrol A-3 has just crossed IP.	Div
2317		27	Fr 1/9: Patrol A-1 returned to inside perimeter.	S
2343		28	Fr 1/9: Patrol D-2 has crossed IP.	S
2354		29	Fr 1/9: Patrol D-1 is back in battalion area.	S
			Journal closed: 212354H July 1965	
			SUMMARY: All units patrolled during this period, also set up ambushes. No significant enemy action reported. 1/12 SITREP.	

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0054		1	Fr 1/9: A-3 patrol returned to perimeter.	S
0015		2	Fr 1/12: SITREP: 211600H-212400H. All batteries remain in same position as before. Bn fired 10 H&I, 5 will adjust. 7 fire for effect unobserved; from 212200 to 212245. Battery A-3 interdiction at trail crossing at 211545. Battery B fired w/a for FP A-4 at suspected VC OP. Very good effect on target. 211930 Battery B fired illumination for FO B-2 at suspected VC OP. Good illumination on target. Battery B fired 7 harrasing for 2/3 at VC campsite and assembly areas. Battery B assigned one barrage for which fired 3 for adjust; rounds to obtain correction in case required to fire barrage during the night. At 212000 Battery D fired 3 adjust rounds on their barrage also. Between 212200 & 212300 Battery L (rear) fired 7 interdiction at trails frequented lately by VC. At 211630 Battery L (Fwd) fired 1 w/a mission for; FOB-2 at suspected VC OP. Effect very good. Between 212200 and 212400 Battery L (fwd) fired 3 harrasing at suspected VC OP and stream crossing. Between 212230 & 212330 8" Howitzer Battery fired; 2 illumination at trail crossing and two suspected VC OPs. Ammo expended type & caliber: 105mm HE-34, illumination 11, WP 16. 155mm HE-28 8" HE-10 Missions fired by type: 5 w/a, 13 illumination, 10 harrasing.	
0205		3	Fr 1/9: A-4 now leaving IP.	S
0216		4	Fr 1/9: Patrol A-2 now crossing IP.	S
0228		5	Fr 1/9: Patrol "G" now leaving IP.	S
0300		6	Fr 3/4: MLR was probed by 5 men at 882130, time 0155. Men spotted by sniper scope. Illumination flare tripped. Men definitely armed. 2/4 fired 4 rounds. Men moved away to SE. Believed wounded 1 man, others seen carrying one man with them.	Div
0317		7	Fr 2/3: "F" have 4 ambushes in platoon defense, negative contact. "G" & "H" situation remains the same, negative contact.	S
0400		8	Fr 1/9: A-2 now back at CP site.	S
0448		9	Fr 1/9: "G" and A-4 now back at CP site.	S
0607		10	Fr 2/3: E-3B & 3C now departing to sweep MSR.	S
0630		11	Fr 2/3: G-1 & 3 ambushes have returned, negative contact.	S
0706		12	Fr 2/3: "H" all ambushes and patrols have returned negative contact.	S

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0850		13	Fr 3/4: All units here in blocking position prior to first light and Company M moved by truck to debark point and commenced village search at first light. Village Chief and District Chief are accompanying Company M. 100 VN have been interviewed as of this time and 7 determined to be VCS. VCS turned over to ARVN.	Div
0855		14	Fr 2/3: "G" patrol to sweep village NE of their CP has departed. Company F patrols have been activated. H-2 patrol now moving to secure their resupply area.	Div
1010		15	Fr 1-4: LZ at 885793 smoked at 0850H with single E-W line south of zone. First wave of troops picked up at 0855H.	S
1115		16	Fr 3/4: Search of PHU BAI #5 completed. Total of 7 VCS and 1 deserter picked up and turned over to ARVN. All units returning to Bn CP area.	Div
1133		17	Fr 2/3: G-1 ambushes for tonight 905820 and 895826. G-2 at 889822 and 889824. G-3 at 898812 & 902814. No patrols.	Div
1245		18	Fr 1/9: B-1 now leaving the IP.	Div
1301		19	Fr 3/4: Additional prisoner added to 3/4's 7 VCS. 1 woman who had a suitcase full of medical supplies, including anti-biotics, was also turned over to ARVN.	Div
1315		20	Fr Recon: 20 men crossing river at sand bar at AT844857, had black PFs, equipment unknown. Moving SE. 5 more crossed at 1320.	2/3
1318		21	Fr 2/3: G-3 patrol returned to "G" CP with negative contact.	Div
1328		22	Fr 2/3: Future plans for "H": ambushes tonight at 897797 & 893800. No patrols scheduled for tomorrow as of this time.	Div
1330		23	Fr 1/3: A-3 departing Company CP.	Div
1418		24	Fr 3/4: Operations last night went as reported. Operation today: Operation POKER FLUSH went in accordance with OpO 18-65 as planned and reported. Company M will helilift at 1600 to 872077 and set up night defenses in that position. Training: Company K fam fired 10 personnel with M-14. I Battery FAM fired 75 persons with M-14. Company I FAM fired 8 persons with .45 cal pistol and the assault section of Company I conducted a FIREX of 3.5" RL. Battery M, 4/12 is FAM firing 20 people with 3.5" RL and 20 with M-60s and .50 cal MGs. One half of H&S Company participating in Bn Cmdr's	

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			weapons and equipment inspection. Tanks & ATs conducting preventive maintenance. Plans: Recon Company will set a night ambush vicinity 907148 from 2300 to 0500 tonight. Tomorrow: Company M will move by truck to base camp at 0700 and remain there until 1730. Then will lift to 820119. Will set in night position there. Will set night ambush within 500 meters of night position (coord of ambush will be submitted tomorrow.) Recon Company will set up 2 separate daylight OPs, one on 867069 and one on 868058. Will lift out tomorrow at 0800 and return by helo to Bn CP at 1830. MLR wire 75%, holes 90% (due to changing of lines).	
1505		25	Fr 1/3: A-1 & A-2 commenced patrolling in accordance with FragOrder 19-65. B-1 was relieved of 1/3 CP defense. C-3 returned from patrol in accordance with FragO 18-65. C-1 relieved B-1 as CP security. "D" continues improving defensive positions. Bn Overall - 88% positions, 37% wire. H&S will have a 10 man ambush from 2100-0400 at 935681. "B" will have a squad ambush from 2000 to 1st light at 959702. "D" will have squad ambush from 2100-0530 at 943712.	S
1545		26	Fr 2/3: F-1 will have ambushes at 902775 & 901773. F-2 will have ambushes at 909761 and 914764.	Div
1700		27	Fr 2/3: Plans - H-2 position 870798. Base Camp at 871104. Operation plan 336-65 effective 231600H. G-1 two day recon patrol from 230600H along 885805, 871507, 846807, 846814, 840824, 832827, 830831, 825835, 828818, 845802, 876801, 885805.	Div
2035		28	Fr 3/4: 1 USMC injured by a long round of artillery fire at YD872082 at 221850H. Superficial wound. Man has been treated and returned to duty.	Div
2040		29	Fr 2/3: H-2 Base Camp 875804. "H" has ambush at 874805.	Div
	2115	30	To 2/3: G-1 patrol to recon route around DONG DEN to ELEPHANT Valley. Will have to be postponed due to Med Bn security requirement.	Div
2130		31	Fr 2/3: G-3 ambushes have been activated.	Div
2220		32	Fr 2/3: E-1 is now set in.	S
2355		33	Fr HqCo: 4 rounds fired and later another bunch fire at 975748 from ridgeline. Fire returned. Illumination requested and granted.	Div
			Journal closed: 222359H July 1965.	
			SUMMARY: 1/12 had SITREP. No significant enemy action reported. Patrols and ambushes by units this period.	



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0055		1	Fr 1/3: "D" patrol is returning to scene of activity and will remain out all night to observe. Will search area thoroughly at first light.	S
0116		2	Fr 2/3: "H", "G", "F" situation same, negative contact.	S
0320		3	Fr AT: 2 men who had just come off walking post around AT CP heard noise in bush back of their tent. They went outside to investigate and was joined by the sentry. They moved into the brush and exchanged fire with 2 Marines from HqCo who were on perimeter security. LCpl DICKEY was killed instantly. At least one of the 2 groups challenged. Death resulted as apparent failure to respond to challenge.	Div
0302		4	Fr 2/3: "H", "G" and "F" situation same, negative contact.	S
0628		5	Fr 2/3: G-1 and G-3 ambushes have returned to "G" CP, negative contact.	S
0640		6	Fr 2/3: G-2 ambush has returned with negative results.	S
0740		7	To 1/3: VC Bn located at AT845645 between 2000-2200 last night, moving south.	1/3, Div
1025		8	Fr 1/3: A-3 automatic rifle sniper fire - 1 casualty check point 33.	Div
1040		9	Fr 1/3: A-1 has 3 VCS.	Div
1047		10	Fr 1/4: Casualty shot thru thigh. Requested heli-evac. Area heavily overgrown. Will try to use hoist to evacuate as could take about 2 hours to get casualty down to low ground where helo can land.	Div
1050		11	Fr 1/3: A-3 under fire by sniper about 50 meters up trail from them. Trouble going up trail because of grenades.	Div
1057		12	Fr 1/3: A-3 trail heavily mined. Sniper fire from left flank, can not operate off trail.	Div
1127		13	Fr 1/3: Mines on trail are booby trapped grenades. Total of 5-6. They are easy to spot and are being taken care of by patrol.	Div
1143		14	Fr 1/3: A-3 WIA has been evacuated. Request air strike on 310. A-3 TACP out. Will mark front line with yellow smoke. A-3 700 meters E of 310. Target is 863665. Have contact with helicopters.	Div
1205		15	Fr 1/3: A-1 took VCS by surprise in village at 863735. 1 has ID, all are in their 20s. (See 9)	Div
1230		16	Fr 2/3: "G" will have no patrols today or tomorrow. Ambushes tonight are: G-1 (squad) 918825.	

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	OUT				
				G-2 (fire team) 889821 and 895827; G-3 (fire team) 905821, 902814 and 892813.	S
1245		17		Fr 2/3: "G" will have 2 squads at C-Med each night. PF will occupy Zone EVE night and day until Monday.	S
1315		18		Fr 2/3: "H" will have ambush at 897798 from 2000-0600, 1 at 892797 from 2000/0100. Tomorrow "H" will work on positions and people to people program.	Div
1415		19		Fr 2/3: Mr NAM, chief of HOA THANH reported that VC about a squad size whent into PHOUC-DONG and tried to get the refugees to return to MY SON and DONG SON. They refused to go back. No info as if they had weapons or not.	S-2
1425		20		Fr 1/3: "A" on patrol as shown in Frago 19-65. B-1 relocated to tie in with ARVN at OP 10. "E" still in defensive mission. "D" augmented "A" while "A" is on patrol, positions 79% and 40% wire. "B" will have an ambush squad size at 970699, will be more ambushes. Will call them in later.	S
1445		20		Fr 3/4: Operations last night: Recon had ambush site vicinity 907148. "M" night position 820119. "K" conducted 2 separate security patrols. Co I conducted 2 separate squad size security patrols. H&S conducted 1 squad size security patrol operation. Today "M" trucked back to CP at 0630H. Recon Co helilifted 1 platoon to 869084, set in 2 daylight OPs, 1 at 867069, lat 862158. Will return by helolift 1830H. "M" will helilift to 820119 at 1730, will set in a platoon size night ambush at 826119. A light section of tanks and ONTOS conducted a mechanized patrol to 894074. and returned to CP. Time out 0806H, time in 1140H. Separate action: at 1205H OP hill 180 sighted 7 persons vicinity 838130. Reaction squad from Company L dispatched by helo to check them out. They were found to be women and children. Brought back 3 boys ages 10-12 for questioning. Others told to leave TAOR. Reaction force returned to CP at 1320H. Training today: OP Hill 225 fired 81mm mortars for registration. Companies I, K and L conducted material maintenance and field fortifications. 1 section of tanks and ONTOS conducted preventative maintenance. Plans for tomorrow: Company M conducted sweep for night	

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			positions to 828086, set in a night defense at that position. Recon will helilift at 0630 1 platoon to 834068, will conduct a recon patrol to LZ to 850068 from there to a LZ located 885067, will lift back to CP. Tonight Company I will conduct 2 separate squad security patrols. H&S will conduct 1 squad size security patrol. MSR construction figures: 92% complete in holes, 74% complete tactical wire. Co K will conduct 2 separate squad sized security patrols.	
1528		21	Fr 1/3: "D" ambush for tonight 945716 from 2000 to first light. Squad size.	S
1625		22	Fr 2/3: H-1 has departed "H" CP.	Div
1645		23	Fr 1/3: A-3 air and artillery completed. Good coverage of target area. Moving to establish patrol base vicinity check point 27. Will move about 300 meters N then head NW. Now at ck pt 33.	Div
1740		24	Fr 1/3: A-3 rpts suspected VC position was totally destroyed.	S
1750		25	Fr Recon: Req artillery be fired at 867856). Approved at 1755H).	Div
1823		26	Fr 1/3: A-1 received one round sniper fire. Negative casualties. Have just searched HOI VUC.	Div
1858		27	To 1/3: Tomorrow from 0800-1300 there will be a police action in an area bounded by 980770, 987776, 980750, 992753.	
	1900	28	To 2/3: "D" Recon occupies positions vic 9779 1/2 nightly.	
2115		29	Fr 2/3: Modification of plans based on intelligence report of Bn in operating area is as follows: Ambushes have been pulled in tighter so as to react faster along MR. F Co will block pass at 893770 tonight with 1 platoon on North side of pass and the Co (-) on the South side. H Co platoon will move to 862804 for night. If Co G or H is attacked tonight, Co F move on order to block positions at 863787 & 878783 and H Co platoon move to block position at 856796. If attack at pass have sufficient depth to hold there. If no attack, plan will proceed in the morning essentially as planned except: Co F will follow predesignated route with 3 platoons on line. If situation permits drop off platoon will proceed to area in 8177 & 8277 as previously planned in evening. Co H platoon blocks from vic 853800 during F Co search and destroy operation.	Div

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0030		1		Fr 2/3: F Co has reached its position and has set in.	Div
0215		2		Fr Arty: Arty just has an end of mission on an arty illumination mission for Med Bn/Shore Party. It was reported by both units that they were receiving SA fire at about 0120. No casualties were reported.	Div
0325		3		Fr 2/3: F Co set in defensive position, negative contact. E Co negative contact, situation remains the same.	S
0740		4		Fr 2/3: F Co is moving out on their sweep, negative contact.	Div
0828		5		Fr 2/3: F Co present location 865762.	Div
0900		6		Fr 1/3: A-1 is in blocking position at objective. A-3 searching objective. Negative males over 10 years of age.	S
1130		7		Fr 2/3: F Co sweeping valley. 1st Platoon at 850768, 2d platoon at 855768, 3d platoon at 843768.	Div
1157		8		Fr 2/3: To F Co: After sweep, turn south and continue assigned mission using F-3 in valley with you. H-1 stay in position until further word. Resupply at 1300.	Div
1355		9		Fr 1/3: A Co, 75% positions, 65% wire. 2d & 3d platoons returned from operation at 1145. B Co positions 76%, wire 70%. B Co continues assigned defensive mission. C Co continues assigned defensive mission. Due to realignment, has no position report. D Co - 98% position, 54% wire. Departs on operations as scheduled in accordance with FragO 20 to opno 328-65. Ambush sites: D Co has two 2 man sites at 931718 & 935721. Bn overall 79% positions, 41 % wire.	S
1405		10		Fr 2/3: H-1 spotted what appeared to be 2 VN farmers approx 200 meters from their position, who were unarmed. Future plans: 2 squad size ambushes at 897798 and 891799. Will continue laying wire and work on people to people program. G-2 has one squad (Rein) patrol to 885823. Ambushes from G Co: G-1 904825. G-2 889825, 889822 and 898819. G-3 892814 and 902814. All ambushes will be squad sized.	S
1422		11		Fr 2/3: F Co present location 855766. Now commencing last part of sweep.	S
1610		12		Fr 1/3: A Co 5 man ambush at 905745, 2d at 914736, 3d at 927734. B Co squad size ambush at 959701.	S

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0140		1	Fr 2/3: "E", "H" and "G" nothing unusual, negative contact.	S
0535		2	Fr 2/3: "H", "E" & "G" no change, no contact. F-1 & 2 are in position. No change no contact. S-3 is on the move.	Div
0545		3	Fr 1/3: D-3 now moving out for today's patrol.	Div
0637		4	Fr 2/3: "G"'s ambushes have been deactivated. Negative contact.	Div
0727		5	Fr 2/3: F-3 present position is at 832770.	Div
0740		6	Fr 2/3: "H" is at 851792 moving toward ridge line at 846788.	Div
0855		7	Fr 2/3: OP reports that a VN civilian reports that 9 VC came up to the OP last night and booby-trapped their "C" rations. Also VC in area of KEN KEN. Someone along road has something that they will throw at a vehicle sometime today.	S, S-2
0925		8	Fr 3/4: The LZ was preped and smoked following prep (0850-0910). Blocking position was in place by 0850H. The helicopters commenced landing troops at 0915H.	Div
1015		9	Fr 1/3: "D"-3 has 1 VC KIA by small arms fire vicinity check point 6. More info to follow on contact with D-3. 830632.	Div, S-2
1028		10	Fr 2/3: On report at 0855: Village Chief of KEN KEN reports that there were not VC in area, but were small boys trying to steal food.	S-2
1036		11	Fr 2/3: Plans for "G": ambushes for tonight, all squad size, G-1 at 904820 and at 895826. G-2 at 888822. G-3 at 903814 and at 894814.	S
1130		12	Fr 1/3: D-3 at 1050H opened fire on two VC at check point 6. One VC KIA, 2 USMC wounded, 1 by bullet, 1 by fragments from mine in back. Bullet wound was in shoulder. Both should be evacuated, location not suitable for evacuation.	
1137		13	Fr 1/3: D-3 request med-evac for 2 USMC. LZ at 830632 not secure. Total of 2 VC KIA and 1 WIA who escaped.	Div
1212		14	Fr 2/3: F-3 location 832760. One "F" ambush picked up one VCS. A squad of PF are taking the VCS to "E" CP.	Div
1300		15	Fr 2/3: Future plans for "H": 2 ambushes at 897798 & 987298. Will continue working on positions and people program tomorrow. (Vicinity "H" CP).	S
1324		16	Fr 2/3: Will commence sweep of Red Beach 2 at 1330 today with 1 squad (rein), 2 LVTs and 2 composite squads.	Div

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1445		17	Fr 1/3: "A" ambushes at 921735 & 926740, squad size. "B" squad size ambush at 970699. "C" working on positions. D-3 patrolling as set forth in OpPlan 20-65. 83% work on position, 44% on wire.	S
1500		18	Fr 1/3: "D" has 2 two man LPs at 931719 & 933821 tonight.	S
1615		19	Fr 2/3: F-3 moving in an E direction and searching and sweeping from 835768. H-1 position at 843787.	
1705		20	Fr 2/3: "E" ambushes: 903773 & 918768. A patrol will be sent to pass to cover return of "F".	Div
1735		21	Fr 2/3: 2 LVTs with 2 squads that swept Red Beach are back.	Div
1810		22	Fr 1/3: At 1730H D-3 has 2 VC KIA. 1 VC WIA (not recovered) a total of 5 VC were spotted as the platoon moved along the trail, in the vicinity of AT842638. Some clothing and ammunition was recovered. Guerilla base camp was burned and platoon is moving on along patrol route.	Div
1855		23	Fr 2/3: F-1 ambush for tonight 858765. Base Camp is at 856764.	Div
1910		24	Fr 2/3: F-1 & 2 patrols have returned with negative contact.	Div
2200		25	Fr 2/3: An old man & old woman came up to Marines at a well by bridge at 899811 & indicated by signs that VC mortar and small arms were located; to W, toward DONG DEN. Also another villager pointed to N and indicated VC. "G" & "H" taking maximum precautions. "G" scanning area W & N with TPS-21. Both Co's using sniper scopes. Interpreter will interrogate villagers by N bridge more fully tomorrow morning.	Div, S-2
			Journal closed at 252400H July 1965	
			SUMMARY: 2 VC KIA, 1 WIA. Units patrolled and set up ambushes during this period. Villagers indicate that VC are in several areas.	



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0330		1	Fr 2/3: "E", "F", "G" situation same, negative contact.	Div
0655		2	Fr 2/3: "F" plans: After helicopter resupply lift is completed. "F" will patrol in same area as last night, then return to fort. All ambushes have returned.	Div
0725		3	Fr 1/3: "D" present position 852631. Negative enemy contact.	Div
0845		4	Fr 1/3: D-3 present position 858634, LZ coord 889657.	Div
0935		5	Fr 2/3: "G" patrols: G-1 moving in tract of 900820, 900827, 910830, terminating at 910830. G-2 moving up ridge line to W of LE MY Fort, terminate at 885822, dropping into valley and return. G-3 moving in circular patrol to villages at 902813, 904818, 886815, 898812. Ambushes to night (all squad size): G-1: 906833, 906820. G-2: 889821, 889825, 896818. G-3: 896812, 903814.	Div
1050		6	Fr 2/3: H-1 junctured with "F" at 1015 at 850776.	Div
1125		7	Fr 1/3: D-3 position 865640. Negative enemy contact.	Div
1145		8	Fr 2/3: H-1 & "F" are returning to "E" CP at 1005.	Div
1431		9	Fr 1/3: "A" continues to improve defensive position. Establishes 5 man ambushes at 923737 & 909744. "B" continues to improve defense positions & establishes ambush at 959708 (squad size). "C" continues assigned defensive mission. "D" continues to improve defensive positions. D-3 returns from patrol in accordance with FragO 20-65 & D-1 commenced patrolling in accordance with FragO 21-65. 84% individual positions, 47% wire.	
1145		10	Fr 3/4: Operations last night: "F" had 2 squad size patrols. "K" had 2 squad size patrols. H&S had 1 squad size patrol. "M" night position was 873099 at 0600 "M" moved by foot to Bn CP. One platoon "M" helilifted to Hill 225 at 0900H. Recon lifted 1 platoon to 830129 moved to 821119 by foot and set in platoon size ambushes. At 0600 this morning moved to 831144 and trucked back to CP. "L"(-) helilifted to 830120, had recon patrol to 816105. 1 Platoon, from "L" on hill 225 went to 816105 to join company from there. "L" will set in 5 squad size ambushes, one at 817105, one at 811001, 1 at 811099, 1 at 811109 and 1 at 809106. Recon trucked 1 squad to 883092, are conducting security patrol in that	

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				area. Will return 1630H. OP on hill 225 will have recon patrol (squad size to 845098). Plans for tomorrow: Recon will set 1 squad size ambush at 912103 with Popular Forces. "L" will have 3 platoon size patrols from night positions to 841082. will set night position there and also have 5 night ambushes that area. Recon will truck 1 squad to 908060 and patrol to 912090 will return by truck at 1530H. Tomorrow Recon will helilift 1 platoon to 837020, night patrol to 816105, 1 squad to 806088 send daylight OP there. Positions 98%, wire 80%. S	
1455			11	Fr 2/3: Plans: Tomorrow "E" will move to LE MY and "G" will revert to Battalion Reserve. S	
1528			12	Fr 2/3: G-1 and 2 patrols have returned to "G" CP; G-3 patrol still out. G-1 & G-2 patrols had negative contact. Div	
1609			13	Fr 1/3: "B" road block (948706) has 2 VCS. Were released shortly after pickup. One was the son of PF Sgt and the other was his friend. S	
1715			14	Fr 2/3: Location of "E" ambush tonight 912753. S	
1730			15	Fr 2/3: "H" squad ambushes 897798, 893802, 890795. S	
1800			16	Fr 2/3: G-3 patrol has returned at 1745, negative contact. Div	
1920			17	Fr 2/3: Hqs patrol base at 877777, ambush at 877776. Div	
2030			18	Fr 1/3: D-2 ambushes positions: D-2A 916701, D-2B 916706 & D-2C 921707. Div	
2218			19	Fr 2/3: "H" reports negative contact for all ambushes and patrols. All quiet. S	
				Journal closed at 262400H July 1965.	
				Summary: No significant enemy action reported during this period. All units patrolled and had ambushes during this period.	

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0045		1	Fr 2/3: 2/3 reports all quiet, no contact.	S
0305		2	Fr 1/3: D Co situation remains same.	S
0537		3	Fr 2/3: E, F, and G Co's nothing to report.	S
0600		4	Fr 2/3: H & H-3 no contact, no change.	S
0608		5	Fr 1/3: D-2 situation remains same.	S
0725		6	Fr 2/3: All ambushes are in from G & H. No contact.	Div
1314		7	Fr 2/3: E Co working on positions, classes being held. Plans for E Co: 2 squads from E-3 will move to Doris area at 1600. 3 squad size ambushes at 893814, 890826 and 905820. G Co is back in CP area. H Co will have ambushes from 2000 to 0600 at 987798, 894803, and 984798. All squad size.	
1335		8	Fr 1/3: D-2 situation remains same. Negative contact.	Div
1400		9	Fr 1/3: A Co improving positions and establishing 3 man OP at 922737 and 8 man ambush at 914736. B: improving positions and establishing ambush (sqd; size) at 955719 from 2000 to 1st Light. C Co in defensive position. D-2 patrolling in accordance with Frag Order 21-65. MLR positions 86%, Wire 48%.	
1420		10	Fr 2/3: Village chief of HUA LOC reports the following: When arty fired in NAM YEN & PHU NAM area, VC dispersed to following coord. 823849, 826846, 844868, and 843851. A guerilla company in area consisting of 100-120 men. 3 plts. Mr. TU is company Cmdr. Local Force.	Div
1430		11	Fr 3/4: Operations last night: Co's K & I conducted 2 separate squad sized security patrols each and H & S Co conducted one sucy patrol. Recon Co set in a night ambush in conjunction w/PF at 903154. Out 2300, in 0330. TODAY: L Co conducted a company size sweep from 816105 to 841082. Sweep commenced at 0600 and was completed at 0950. L Co will set up 5 squad size ambushes at 834082, 837082, 841081, 843077 and 848077. At 0600 Recon Co lifted to 908060 and is patrolling to 912090. Will return from there by helo by 1600. At 1530, one platoon Recon will lift to 830120. Will start 2 separate squad size night patrols from there. One to 816105 and one to 806088. Will set day-light OP's in those positions for tomorrow. OP: 225 conducted a 1 squad recon patrol to 848079 & return. Out 0830 - In 1100. PLANS: At 1st light L Co will lift to base camp. At 1830, L Co will lift to 891077 and set up 5 squad size night ambushes. Will send coord tomorrow. At 0900, Recon will lift one squad to 880060. Will conduct	

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				recon patrol to 891077. Squad will return on lift that takes L Co out. MLR holes 98%, Wire 85%. S	
1503		12		Fr 2/3: F Co future plans: 1st plat ambushes (squad size) 888770 and 902772 from 2000 to 0530. Tomorrow 1st platoon will have a squad patrol to: 894770, 882768, 893771. From 0600-1200. F-2	
				ambushes at 910761 and 914770. Also from 2000-0530. S	
1605		13		Fr 2/3: Patrol base and ambush tonight at 862767. Ambush at 863768. Patrol went to MY SON today. Had negative contact. S	
1800		14		Fr 1/3: Bk 28: The VC ban reported in vic of AT 8464 has moved to 8066. Only one VC company remains area 8577, the other companies moved to 8066. Div	
1955		15		Fr 2/3: At 1900 B Btry forward now in position to fire at foxtrot fort. 1940 E-3 on eastern combat OP. Base camp at 919823. Locate patrols in that area. Will establish ambush after dark at 919820. All units negative contact. All other companies to send patrols Total 13. Div	
1900		16		Fr 1/3: Received word from 9thMar that the platoon that had been in defense position on hill 47 (GS9770) was moved to another position. S	
2125		17		Fr 2/3: H-3 new base camp is 877763. Local patrol ambushes in that area. Div	
2131		18		Fr 1/3: B Co has two patrols, one from 978701 to 987701. 15 men 0100-0300. 2d from 968719 to 960718 also 15 men from 0100-0300. Div	
2258		19		Fr 2/3: E Co in defensive positions, ambushes out. E-3 is in mobile combat base, negative contact. F Co negative contact. S	
				Journal closed at 272400H July 1965.	
				Summary: Units participating in patrolling and ambushes during this period. No significant VC activity.	

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0157		1	Fr 1/3:	D-2 situation, negative contact.	S
0256		2	Fr 2/3:	H Co negative report, negative contact.	S
0301		3	Fr 2/3:	F Co ambushes set, negative contact.	S
0336		4	Fr 1/3:	D Co situation same, negative contact.	S
0400		5	Fr 2/3:	E Co situation same, negative contact. H Co all quiet. Negative.	SO
0506		6	Fr 2/3:	H, F & E situations same, no contact.	S
0507		7	Fr 1/3:	D-2 situation same, no contact.	S
0645		8	Fr 1/3:	D-2 moving out.	S
0710		9	Fr 3/4:	Operation outside of TAOR with ARVN Forces in zone "D" outside western border of TAOR. 1st Div reports suspected VC company in vic 8114, and they are sweeping from the South and North and blocking in the West. L Co is blocking in the SW outside the TAOR. Mike is blocking NW corner of TAOR. Recon has OP's manned in Western border of TAOR.	Div
0906		10	Fr 2/3:	E-3 at 916824. Patrol from E3 will work in GS 9382.	Div
0920		11	Fr 3/4:	M Co at 820155. L Co 1 plt at 812113, 1 plt at 810105. 1 plt arty PO at 797107. Recon at 817105.	Div
1045		12	Fr 3/4:	3 armed men were spotted at 790100 and an arty mission fired. The men fired from a house that was destroyed by the arty fire.	Div
1046		13	Fr 3/4:	M Co is in blocking position at 841155. L Co is moving from 797107 to new objective at 828150. Route is along TAOR boundary.	Div
1103		14	Fr 1/3:	B Co is now back in CP.	Div
1156		15	Fr 2/3:	F Co patrol at 882768, no contact. Remainder of company working on positions. E working on positions. H Co improving positions. E-3 negative contact.	S
1315		16	Fr 3/4:	Casualty report. Man injured on OP 225. Fire mission was being fired by 3/4 mortars. Round exploded about 125m from his position. Piece of shrapnel came into bunker, hitting <del>W. L.</del> TAYLOR in the left eye, 2099732. Was in bunker with 3 other men.	Div
1405		17	Fr 2/3:	H Co squad size ambushes tonight at 897798, 893803, and 890797. Will depart at dusk and return at 0200. H-3 will return to H Co CP at 0500. New patrol will leave at 0600. Rest of company continues working on defensive positions.	S

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1440		18	Fr 2/3: Eastern mobile combat outpost will return at 1700 to CP to prepare for tomorrow's patrol to DONG DEN. Tanks will conduct recon patrol tomorrow afternoon in sand flats. Will depart CP and patrol in GS's 9180, 9280, 9380 and 9381.	S
1500		19	Fr 3/4: Operations last night. K & I Co's conducted 2 separate squad size security patrols and H&S Co conducted one. M Co moved by truck to 841154 and set a blocking position for ARVN there. Will truck to CP about 1500. L Co lifted from night position to 800100. Set blocking position there till 1230. Then conducted sweep to 828150. Will lift from there to 891077 for night position. Will establish 5 squad size ambushes that vicinity. Recon has one platoon OP at 816105. Operation today just finished with negative results. OP 225 conducted squad sized recon patrol to 843077 from 0700-0930. PLANS: Bn will conduct a hammer and anvil operation with L Co, 2 plts M Co & 2 plts Recon. L Co will move by foot to 904073. Will conduct search from there to Co M's blocking position. M Co will lift one platoon from the airfield to 903056. Will set blocking position there. Co M will lift 1 plt from Bn CP to 913065. Bn command group will be with this platoon. Platoon will screen Eastern flank of L Co and observe and support operation. At 281915Z, 1 platoon Recon will move by foot to 907054. Will secure LZ 903056 prior to 0700. Will lift from there to 907073. 3d platoon Recon will lift from Bn CP to 907073, and join the other platoon of recon. The 2 platoon will search BONG NONG RIVER. Will search from 909073 to 906057. 1 platoon recon Co will lift back to Bn CP w/M Co. The other platoon will remain in GS 9006 and set in ambush in that grid square. After the operations, L Co will move by foot to 889087. Will set night position there. M Co will lift from its two separate positions back to the CP. MLR constr: Holes 98%, Wire 85%.	
1600		20	Two 4-man LP's 908742 and 927734. Squad ambush at 958703. 8 man ambush at 940711.	S
1730		21	F Co ambushes for tonight. F-1 - 1 at 882768, 1 at 895770. F-2 at 926774 and 912764. Plans for tomorrow: 1 squad size patrol from 0600-1100. Ck Pts at: (1) 892777, (2) 893286, (3) 901785.	SitRep

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:0154	:	:	1	Fr 2/3: E & F Co's all quiet, no contact.	S
:0207	:	:	2	Fr 2/3: H Co ambushes have returned, no contact.	S
:0530	:	:	3	Fr 2/3: E, F, & H Co's no change, no contact. E-1 departed E Co CP. H-2 with attachments departed H Co CP. G Co road sweep patrols departed CP.	S
:0900	:	:	4	E-1 and H-2 junctured at 865793 at 0845. H-2 CP at 849795 w/1 squad patrol to 845794.	Div
:1140	:	:	5	Fr 2/3: F Co 2 platoon patrol 292100-301200 to (1) 906764; (2) 893765; (3) 872755; (4) 871762; (5) 882768; (6) 893770. 2 ambushes tonight at 894779 and 902774.	S
:1310	:	:	6	Fr 2/3: E Co will have 3 ambushes at 893824, 893818 and 892813.	S
:1405	:	:	7	Fr 3/4: Operations: K & L Co's conducted 2 squad sized security patrols and H&S Conducted one. C Recon moved to vic 907054 at 1915 and set in ambush there. At 0633, moved to 903056 and secured the LZ. L & M & C Recon conducted hammer and anvil operation. As reported in yesterday's report and in Frago 21-65. No contact. L Co is now moving by foot to 889087. Will set 2 squad size night ambushes there. Plans: At 1st light, L Co will conduct a sweep to Bn CP. C Recon will select platoon night ambushes in GS 9006. Will lift out in the morning to CP. Will helilift a platoon to CP Crow and set ambush there.	SitRep
:1510	:	:	8	Fr 1/3: A Co continued work on positions and established a 5 man LP at 922735 and 916728. B Co is patrolling in accordance with Frago 22-65 at 291600 and squad size ambush at 966702. C Co continues its defensive mission. D Co improving defensive positions and 3 man OP at 936622 and 936721. MLR - Holes 91%, Wire 50%. 1/3 Co and S-3 had air recon in conjunction with future operation.	S
:1715	:	:	9	Fr 2/3: At 1315, H-2 base camp same. Patrol returned reported drinkable water. Scat A-2 reports 2 civilians moving South.	Div
:1718	:	:	10	Fr 2/3: H Co plans to work on positions and on people to people program. Ambushes at 897798 & 894803 and 891799.	S
:1719	:	:	11	At 1605(Fr 2/3), sweep of Red Beach complete by G-2. Now in CP area. At 1615, E-1 at 838810. Patrol at 840814. Pass heavily overgrown and leech infested, making patrol impossible. Stream not suitable for travel.	Div
:1720	:	:	12	Fr 2/3: At 1630, H-2 moving to new base camp. Heavy rain, visibility "0" Position 853796	Div



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TIME		SER.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc	Action
IN	OUT	NO		
1745		13	Fr 2/3: Base Camp from H-2 is at AT856805.	S
1942		14	Fr 2/3: (P6 @ 1630): Mr. GIONG, Chief HOA NINH-4, reports 2 families, total 12 people, have 2 MG's of unknown type. Are staying in MY SON area vic 865775 and 871774. These families stay in area 0300-1200 almost everyday. Believed to be Early Warning body for VC forces to the West. Mr. SHIRIX, PAT, reports that VC radio site operates periodically from 835810 has security element of about 2 squads. Another radio operates along river from Ft LE MY to ocean. Not known if radio is on Boat or positioned on N or S side of river.	S-2 called in.
1958		15	Recon CP remains in same position. H Co ambushes preparing to leave. F Co's 3 ambushes are out. E Co ambushes not yet out. No contact.	Div
2020		16	F Co's 3d ambush will be established by the patrol leaving this evening. H-2 CP located at 856805. Ambushes will be at 856804 and 856806. Coord for F Co 3d ambush 906764.	Div
2125		17	H-2 ambushes are in position. Recon A-2 location same. No contact.	Div
2230		18	Fr 1/3: B Co situation same, no contact.	S
2245		19	Fr 2/3: E & H negative contact on all positions and ambushes.	S
2345		20	H Co reports all ambushes have negative contact. H-2 situation same, negative contact.	S
		SER.	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc	Action
IN	OUT	NO		
			Journal closed at 292400 July 1965.	
			Summary: Units set up ambushes and patrolled during this period. Report of VC family with MG's probably acting as Early Warning for VC. Also VC Radio Site reported.	

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0020		1	Fr 2/3: Situation same, negative contact.	S
0150		2	Fr 2/3: "E", "H" & "F" situation same, negative contact, landline to your position.	S
0640		3	Fr 2/3: F-1 & H-2 ambushes in, negative contact. "E", "F", "H" nothing unusual to report. E-2 at check point 2.	Div
0730		4	Fr Recon: OP2A34 located at AT856786 & OP2A12 located at AT 850786 in position by 0600H. No persons travelled north or south during night.	S
1020		5	Fr 2/3: Recon OP at 856786 & 850786. Recon in position at 0600. No persons traveled N Or S last night. "F" reports patrol reached check point 3, negative contact. H-2 enroute to new combat base.	S
1245		6	Fr 2/3: "H" working on wire and people to people program. Plans - will have 3 fire team size ambushes at 896797, 896799, & 897798.	S
1343		7	Fr 1/3: B-3 has 1 KIA & 1 WIA (later DOW) in serious condition. Wounded by mine at 865706. Request immediate heli-evac. Have found part of mine. Seems to be home made device. Will bring into CP. Have found no wires.	Div
1350		8	Fr 2/3: "E" reports small boats are crossing river at 850853. Those desiring to go to BAS are permitted. Those carrying food are sent back. 3 ambushes established at 897818, 894814, 898925.	S
1410		9	Fr 3/4: Last night "I" & "K" conducted 2 separate squad size security patrols each & H&S conducted 1 such patrol. Today: "L" conducted a sweep from night position to Bn CP. Left night position at 1st Light, arrived CP at 0915. "M" lifted one squad to vicinity 828087 and set in daylight OP there. Operation in accordance with Frag Order 22-65. At 1800 today "L" will lift to 863080. Will move by foot to LZ OHIO at first light. MLR-Holes 98%, wire 87%.	S
1420		10	Fr 1/3: Bn overall: Positions 91%, wire 50%. "A" continues improving defensive positions. "B" to establish squad ambush 956718. B-3 continue operations in accordance with FragO 22 to OpnC 328-65. "C" continues assigned defensive mission. "D" to establish ambush at 946727.	S
1610		11	Fr 2/3: E-1 patrol moved 500 meters from base camp due W. No trails. Present base camp 846798. Patrol present position 842798. H-2 base camp at 872797.	S

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IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action
1810		12	Fr 3/4: Tomorrow's operation: "I" will helilift two platoons from pick up point at 870083 to 819056, search to 797073 return to base camp (pick up point). 2 squads from base camp to 820082. Also 1 squad from base camp to 812079. Regional forces company will helilift from 745168 to 795085, search area and set in blocking position. Upon completion return to pick up point. "C" Recon will lift 1 platoon from Bn CP to 811056 then move to river at 808054, search E of river bank to 796064, return to CP. 4/12 will helilift HOWAR Btry to 820082, support operation from this location. Also displace 1 section each of 105 and 155 to 876122. Will prep fire at 0600 and stop at 0659. Engineers will attach 4 demo teams to "I". Also flames will attach 3 teams to "L". Will have high speed aircraft - will smoke area from 789045 to 773073. Smoke will indicate "H" hour. "C" Recon will be under OPCON of "I". Bn CP forward will be at 812079.	S
1931		13	Fr 1/3: Found 3 dead (not 4) on hill 268, OP4. believed to have been struck by lightning. Are being evacuated by helicopter.	Div
1955		14	Fr 2/3: H-2 base camp at 852398. Plan to move at 2000H to 848737.	Div
2019		15	Fr 1/3: Heli-evac cancelled. 3 KIA will be trucked out.	Div
2103		16	Fr 2/3: "F" has 4 ambushes out, Rest of Company in defensive. Negative contact. "E" ambushes out. Company in defensive position. Nothing unusual to report. "H" ambush negative contact.	Div
2200		17	Fr 2/3: "H" remains the same, negative contact.	Div
	2256	18	To 2/3: Warning Order: 2 platoons of 2/3 are to be relieved by a 1/3 company on monday. Direct liaison authorized. You will be relieved from MedBn security detail while platoons are in 1/3 area. Platoons will return your OPCON Tuesday PM or Wednesday PM. One FAC team is to be attached to ARVN force. Details available this Headquarters tomorrow. Recon Platoon must be returned to Recon CP not later than 1800 tomorrow. Direct liaison with 1/3 authorized.	
			Journal closed at 302400H July 1965. Summary: 1 USMC KIA, 1 DOW. 3 USMC killed (cause unknown). No significant enemy action. Units patrolled during this period.	

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0150		1	Fr 2/3: H-2 and recon OP have reported negative contact.	Div
0720		2	Fr 3/4: Arty prep on time. Air strike on time. 3 smoke post were dropped, 1 hung. 4 A4's still on station. Helicopters have gone in on time with 1 Co and elements of the RF Co. Everything going according to plan. Col NICKERSON, MAF inspector is in the area.	
1025		3	Fr 3/4: Operation going as scheduled, no problems, negative contact thus far.	
1310		4	Fr 23/: Co H working on positions and wire and people to people program. Plans squad size ambushes tonight at 897796, 890796, and 892800. E Co working on positions and classes. Plans squad size ambushes tonight at 892816, 887826, 904822. F Co squad size ambushes tonight at 902776, 894787, 909765 and 916763.	S
1404		5	Fr 3/4: Co K & I had 2 squad size security patrols. Tanks had patrol at 0750 from 885135 to 896057 in accordance with FragO 19-65. will return. A1 so 1 plt of M Co. Tomorrow at 0730, L Co will lift to vic 828087. Will conduct 6 squad size patrols in that area. Tonight M Co will have squad size ambush at 898116. Tomorrow, M Co will conduct 3 squad size patrol at 841155. MLR: 98%, wire 87%.	S
1403		6	Fr 2/3: H 2 and Recon 2A have junctured at 856796. Have radio contact with E1. E1 presently located at 852796 and has not junctured yet.	Div
1407		7	Fr 1/3: A, E, & D Co's each continue improving defensive positions and each conducted morning road sweeps for mines and booby traps. Co C continues assigned defensive mission. A Co will have 2 five-man LP's at 904745 & 925736. D Co will have two LP's at 924723 & 928721. 92% Pos. 52% wire.	
1630		8	Fr 2/3: H1 will become mobile combat outpost this evening. Will work initially in GS 8778.	S
2145		9	Fr 2/3: E, F & H nothing unusual to report, no contact.	S
2200		10	Fr 2/3: Ambushes at 877786. H Co ambushes are out at this time, negative contact.	Div
			Journal closed at 312400H July 1965.	
			Summary: Units set up ambushes and patrolled during this period. No significant enemy activity reported. Units also improving defensive positions.	

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 6559 II, 6558 I, 6658 I and IV  
 AMS Series L005 1:50,000 Sheet 6560 III and 6559 IV  
 (b) 3d Marines Operation Order 326-65 (MLR Defense Order)  
 (c) RegtO 3121.1  
 (d) RegtO 003000.6

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current intelligence summaries and reports.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Third Marine Division defends airfields and ancillary facilities at CHU LAI, DA NANG and HUE-PHU BAI; occupies critical terrain and conducts aggressive combat patrolling in assigned TAORs; establishes and maintains reconnaissance network; and executes offensive operations in coordination with the RVNAF.
- (2) 4th Marines defends CHU LAI Airfield; conducts unilateral search and destroy missions; maintains one company in a one-hour reaction posture; conducts aggressive patrolling throughout TAOR; is prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of CHU LAI Airfield defense area; and is prepared to conduct combined operations beyond assigned TAOR.
- (3) 9th Marines defends DA NANG Airbase and assigned portion of TAOR; is prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations; maintains one company in a one-hour reaction posture; conducts aggressive patrolling throughout assigned portion of TAOR; is prepared to conduct counter-attacks to restore integrity of DA NANG Airbase defense perimeter; and is prepared to conduct combined operations beyond assigned TAOR.
- (4) 1st Bn, 9th Marines is Division reserve, to be committed by CO, 9th Marines only on approval of CG, 3d Mar Div.

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- (5) 3d Recon Bn provides one company Direct Support of 3d Marines.
- (6) I Corps continues operations against the VC.
- (7) 7th Fleet and VNN maintain counter-infiltration screen along RVN coast.
- (8) 7th Fleet conducts naval and air operations against DRV and VC and maintains readiness to provide NGF and air support to the 3d Marine Division on request.
- (9) Artillery.
  - (a) Battery L, 4/12. General support reinforcing 2/12.
  - (b) 1st 8" How Btry SP (-). General support reinforcing 1/12.
- (10) Air. FMAW provides helicopter, observation aircraft, and close air support as required.
- (11) 1st Amphtrac Bn (-). General support.
- (12) 3d AT Bn (-). General support.
- (13) 3d Engr Bn (-) (Rein). General support.
- (14) 3d Tank Bn (-). General support.
- (15) 3d MT Bn (-) (Rein). General support.

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

2. MISSION. 3d Marines defends in assigned TAORs; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAORs; maintains one company in a one-hour reaction posture for employment anywhere in Division's Areas of Responsibility; conducts aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAORs; is prepared to conduct counter-attack to restore integrity of assigned TAORs; and is prepared to conduct combined operations with RVNAF beyond the boundaries of assigned TAORs.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operations. Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- b. Hq Co, 3d Marines.
  - (1) Reference (b).

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SECRETc. 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Defend MLR (FEBA) in accordance with reference (b).
- (2) Conduct combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.
- (3) Conduct unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct combined operations with RVNAF beyond the boundaries of assigned TAOR.

d. 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Defend MLR (FEBA) in accordance with reference (b).
- (2) Conduct combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.
- (3) Conduct unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct combined operations with RVNAF beyond the boundaries of assigned TAOR.
- (5) Bn reserve is Regimental reserve, to be committed only on approval of CO, 3d Marines.

e. 3d Bn (Rein), 4th Marines.

- (1) Defend PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.
- (2) Control assigned TAOR.
- (3) Conduct combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAOR.
- (4) Conduct unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR. Operations outside TAOR on approval of this Headquarters.
- (5) Conduct combined operations with RVNAF within and beyond the boundaries of assigned TAOR on approval of this Headquarters.
- (6) Prepare defense and counter-attack plans to defend and restore integrity of PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.

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SECRETf. 1st Bn (-), 12th Marines.

- (1) DS 3d Marines.
- (2) Be prepared to assign Mortar Battery DS either battalion on order.
- (3) Be prepared to reinforce ARVN or 2/12 fires on order.

g. Platoon (Rein), Company B, 1st AmTrac Bn.

- (1) Platoon ~~(X)~~ DS 2d Bn, 3d Marines.
- ~~(2) Maintain 2 LVTP5s in 1st Bn, 3d Marines CP.~~

h. Company A (-), 3d AT Bn.

- (1) One platoon DS each battalion in DA NANG area.
- (2) Company (-) remain vicinity Regimental CP.

i. Company A (-), 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) One platoon DS 2d Bn, 3d Marines.
- (2) One section DS 1st Bn, 3d Marines.
- (3) Company (-) remain vicinity Regimental CP.
- (4) Reference (b).

j. Regimental Reserve: Reserve Company, 2/3.

- (1) Be prepared for employment anywhere within Regimental TAORs.
- (2) Maintain a one-hour reaction posture and be prepared for employment anywhere in Division's Areas of Responsibility.
- (3) Reference (b).

k. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- (2) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination).
- (3) Reports. Reference (c).
- (4) Rules of engagement. Reference (d).

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- (5) Submit concept of operations overlays for up to and including company-sized operations and for all planned patrols to this Headquarters for information at least 52 hours prior to scheduled time of execution. Operation plans for battalion-sized and combined operations will be submitted to this Headquarters for approval not less than 52 hours in advance.
- (6) All units coordinate closely with RVNAF forces located in assigned TAOR.
- (7) Maintain close coordination with local government officials in whose villages/districts you are operating.
- (8) Every effort will be made to avoid incidents with civilians.
- (9) Body armor mandatory for personnel manning defensive positions. Body armor optional on patrols/operations. Any individual desiring to wear body armor will be permitted to do so.
- (10) Patrols, ambushes and isolated positions will contain a minimum of eight personnel.
- (11) This order supercedes all previously issued operation and frag orders.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. To be issued separately.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex E (Communications-Electronics).

b. Command posts.

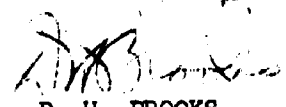
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| (3) 4th Marines               | BT534089 |
| (4) 9th Marines               | AT999726 |
| (5) 1st Bn, 3d Marines        | AT953719 |
| (6) 2d Bn, 3d Marines         | AT945775 |
| (7) 3d Bn (Rein), 4th Marines | YD883136 |

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(8) 1st Bn, 12th Marines AT957758

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ANNEXES:

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

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Col WHEELER

Hq Co, 3d Marines

Capt NICHOLS

\*Co A (-), 3d MT Bn

1st Bn, 3d Mar

LtCol LANAGAN

2d Bn, 3d Mar

LtCol CLEMENT

3d Bn (Rein), 4th Mar

LtCol TAYLOR

3d Bn, 4th Mar

Co C, 3d Recon Bn

4th Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Mar

Hq Btry, 4/12

Btry M, 4/12

107mm Mortar Btry, 2/12

Btry I, 3/12

CMR Tm, Hq Btry, 11th Mar

3d Plat, Co B, 1st AmTrac Bn

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

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

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

\*1st Bn (-), 12th Mar

\*Plat (Rein, Co B, 1st AmTrac Bn

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\*Co A (-), 3d AT

1st Lt DONOHUE

\*Co A (-), 3d Tank Bn

Capt JARNOT

Regimental Reserve: Reserve Co. 2/3

\*Direct support under operation control of 3d Marines

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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 325-65

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 6559 II, 6558 I, 6658 I and IV  
 AMS Series L005 1:50,000 Sheet 6560 III and 6559 IV

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1. MISSION. 3d Marines defends in assigned TAORs; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAORs; maintains one company in a one-hour reaction posture for employment anywhere in Division's Areas of Responsibility; conducts aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout assigned TAORs; is prepared to conduct counter-attack to restore integrity of assigned TAORs; and is prepared to conduct combined operations with RVNAF beyond the boundaries of assigned TAORs.

2. CONCEPT.

- a. General.

- (1) The general concept of operations for the 3d Marines is based on instructions outlined in COMUSMACV Letter of Instruction to III MAF on 5 May 1965, and will be conducted in three phases.

Phase I - Security of base areas.

Phase II - Deep patrolling and offensive operations.

Phase III - Mobile Reserve Striking force operations in coordination with RVNAF.

- (2) Phase I. Considered completed.

- (3) Phase II.

- (a) The principal military objective in Phase II will be the people. Every attempt will be made to influence the general population towards acceptance of RVN control and rejection of the Viet Cong.
      - (b) Operations to be conducted will be aimed at liberating the areas surrounding the DA NANG and PHU BAI Airfields from Viet Cong influence. Operations will

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1. The purpose of this document is to provide a clear and concise statement of the concept of operations for the 3d Marines in the DA NANG area.

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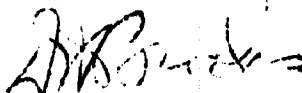
be conducted in selected villages. Viet Cong found will be captured or killed. Control of the village will be retained to deny the Viet Cong a source of supply and to isolate him from the population. RVNAF liaison units will accompany USMC forces on these operations.

(4) Phase III.

- (a) Phase III ~~operations~~ ~~in the~~ provision of combat support to RVNAF forces on the basis of operational coordination.
- (b) The commencement of Phase III operations will be coordinated with the CG, I Corps, and must be specifically approved by COMUSMACV.

- b. Appendix 1 (~~Operation~~ Overlay, DA NANG) and Appendix 2 (Operation Overlay, PHU BAI).

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APPENDICES

1 - Operation Overlay, DA NANG

2 - Operation Overlay, PHU BAI

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**Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 325-65**

- Ref: (a) 3d Marine Division COI  
(b) 3d Marine Division COM SOP  
(c) 3d MarDiv Opn # 321A-65  
(d) RegtO F2000.1B

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**1. SITUATION****a. Enemy forces**

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 325-65.

(2) The enemy will attempt to disrupt all forms of communications by sabotage, imitative deception, and jamming. Wire lines will be especially vulnerable during the hours of darkness and in areas of congestion.

**b. Friendly forces**

- (1) See basic order

(2) Command Posts

3d Marines (-) (Rein) vicinity AT 983743  
1st Bn, 3d Marines vicinity AT 953719  
2d Bn, 3d Marines vicinity AT 945775  
3d Bn (Rein), 4th Marines vicinity YD 883136

**2. MISSION.** Communication elements of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) will install, maintain and operate communication facilities to support the operation in the DaNang/Phu Bai complexes in the Republic of Vietnam.

**3. EXECUTION****a. ComMPlt. HqCo. 3d Marines**

- (1) Install, maintain and operate communication facilities in accordance with references (a) through (d).

(2) Be prepared to provide communications to attached units for independent operations as directed.

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SECRETb. 1st Bn, 3d Marines

(1) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with references (a) through (d) as modified herein.

(2) Install, maintain and operate AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Link to 3d Marines in accordance with reference (d) and appendix (1).

c. 2d Bn, 3d Marines

(1) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with references (a) through (d) as modified herein.

(2) Install, maintain and operate AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Link to 3d Marines in accordance with reference (d) and appendix (1).

d. 3d Bn(Rein), 4th Marines

(1) Install, maintain and operate communications in accordance with references (a) through (d) as modified herein.

(2) Install, maintain and operate AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay Link to 3d Marines in accordance with APPENDIX 1.

e. Naval Gunfire Support Communications. See Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to the basic order.

f. Artillery Support Communications. See Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to the basic order.

g. Air Support Communications. See Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to the basic order.

h. Coordinating instructions

(1) See references (a) through (d).

(2) Maintain strict security of communication and cryptographic equipment.

(3) Effectiveness. This Annex only is effective at 010800H August 1965.

(4) Communication Center

(a) Use GMT (ZULU) time for all message Date-Time-Groups. Local time may be used in the text of a message.

(b) Teletype internal tape relay use CW call as routing indicators.

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SECRET(5) Messenger Service

(a) Each unit establish a helicopter landing site in the proximity of their headquarters, marked in accordance with references (a) through (d).

(b) Commanders will instruct liaison and visiting Staff Officers to report to the unit Communication Center for possible courier service.

(c) Motor messenger as required. When carrying classified messages during daylight hours the messenger will be accompanied by a driver and one guard, all armed with T/O weapon, magazines loaded but not inserted in the weapon. During the hours of darkness 4 fully armed men will accompany the messenger. Delivery of a message by messenger after dark must be approved by the CO or XO of the unit.

(6) Radio

(a) All units guard assigned nets and only assigned nets. Units wishing to enter an unassigned net must request permission from NET CONTROL station, then only in an EMERGENCY.

(b) Request for additional frequencies will be submitted to the headquarters.

(c) Report jamming and interference in accordance with reference (d).

(d) Radio Call Signs. See Appendix 1 (Radio Call Sign) to reference (c).

(e) Radio Frequency Assignment. See Appendix 2 (Radio Frequency Assignment) to reference (c).

(f) Radio Frequency Employment. See Appendix 4 (Radio Frequency Plan).

(g) Emergency radio contact with DAO can be made on frequency 40.8, call sign Deadlock.

(7) Wire and Radio Relay

(a) Wire will be used as the primary means of communication whenever possible. Repeated incidents of wire cutting dictates exercise of caution in selection of and installation of wire lines.

(b) Submit line route maps and traffic diagrams in accordance with reference (d).

(c) Switchboard Code Names. See reference (a).

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SECRET(8) Cryptographic

(a) Authentication. KAA-60 has been designated as the In-Country authentication system and may be used on all radio nets. Use of KAG-24 on intra-units nets is encouraged.

(b) Numerical code. Use current effective edition KAC-138. Originator must ascertain the need for encoding numerals.

(c) Operational codes KAC-140 has been designated as the In-Country operational code and will be used accordingly. This code may not be released to foreign nationals.

(d) ACP-165 Operational Brevity codes. ACP-165 contains a compilation of operational brevity codes for use in Radio-Telephone communication and is effective for joint use in RVN.

(e) KAG-138 CINCPAC Numerals code is effective for joint use within the Pacific Command.

(f) Self-Authentication will not be employed using any table used for challenge and reply authentication. Only system Number 2, KAG-24/TSEC series will be used within RVN for self-authentication.

(g) KAA-57 is effective for joint/combined Challenge and reply authentication only between U.S. Forces and RVNAF Forces.

(h) Covered TT circuits (KW-7). The effective edition of KAK-2641 will be used on all circuits below the Division level.

(9) Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics

(a) Warning, Visual, and Sound. See reference (d).

(b) Pyrotechnics

(1) See reference (c).

(2) DOUBLE RED STAR CLUSTER means fire the FPL.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS. To be issued separately.

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APPENDIX:

1. Radio-Frequency Employment Plan

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Appendix 1 (Radio Frequency Employment Plan) to Annex E (Communications-  
Electronics) to Operation Order 325-65

UNIT		CALL SIGN		DESIG	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	CIRCUIT
CG, 3d MCDIV	NONROE	VOICE	CM				
(COLL) MOTHERHOOD	787L			D-25	(P) 3881	6A9B	DIV CMD #1
(NET) RADLANCE	770X			D-72	(S) 10221		
3d MFR STAKEOUT	Q920			D-65	(P) 9254	3A3J	DIV TAC #1
(COLL) MOTHER				D-3	(S) 2244		
1/3 PRETEXT	62L			D-191	(P) 41.8	36F3	DIV TAC #2
2/3 OLD FIELD	55X			D-173	(S) 38.2		
3/4 MORTGAGE	P241			D-2	(E) 2154	3A3J	DIV ALERT
3d AT BN MORRIS	788X			D-5	(P) 2452	3A3J	DIV RECON
3d TK BN SHARPSHOOTER	W7N			D-47	(S) 6770		
OPS STAKEOUT #				D-80	(P) 11540	3A3J	DIV DAM CONT
				D-29	(P) 4314	3A3J	NGF SUPPORT
				D-81	(S) 12750		
				D-82	(P) 3224	3A3J	NGF CONTROL
				D-83	(S) 5882		
				D-84	(P) 4301	3A3J	SFC SPOT #1
				D-85	(P) 8230	3A3J	SFC SPOT #2
				D-86	(P) 8630	3A3J	SFC SPOT #3
				D-300	(P) 262.2	6A3	NGF AIRSPT #1
				D-305	(P) 318.6	6A3	NGF AIRSPT #2
				D-177	(P) 38.7	36F3	DAO
				D-302	(P) 283.4	6A3	TAD
				D-87	(P) 7995	3A3J	TAR #1
				D-88	(S) 2196		
				D-89	(P) 2227	3A3J	TAR#2
				D-90	(S) 10898		
				D-304	(P) 312.0	6A3	TAD #1
				D-307	(P) 325.0	6A3	TAD #2
				D-303	(P) 285.8	6A3	TAD #3
				D-301	(P) 273.8	6A3	HD #1
				D-211	(P) 48.3	36F3	LZ CONTROL
				D-17	(P) 3322	6A9B	REGT CMD (KW-7)
				D-40	(S) 5189		
				D-182	(P) 40.1	36F3	REGT TAC #1
				D-197	(S) 43.5		
				D-19	(P) 3464	3A3J	REGT TAC #2
				D-42	(S) 5615		
				D-46	(P) 6362	3A3J	1/3 BN TAC #1
				D-63	(P) 8749	3A3J	2/3 BN TAC #1
				D-39	(P) 5173	3A3J	3/4 BN TAC #1
				D-111	(P) 22.3	36F3	A/3d AT CMT
				D-109	(P) 21.8	36F3	A/3d TK CMD

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## 2. RADIO RELAY

UNIT	DESIG	FREQUENCY	
		TRANS	REC
3/4	D-280	69.0	57.8
1/3	D-314	5A	5B
2/3	D-325	16A	16B
Spare	D-331	22A	22B

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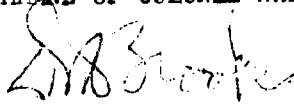
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27 Jul 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

Subj: Tactical Area of Responsibility

Ref: (a) CG, 3dMarDiv (Rein) (Fwd) ltr ser 0042-65 of 20 Jun 1965

Encl: (1) Overlay of PHU BAI TAOR

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is the approved TAOR for your command.
2. The TAOR boundary follows stream and trail/road lines in northwest from DAI GIANG to SONG TA TRACH; south along western bank of SONG TA TRACH; east along unnamed stream; due east to SONG NONY; north along eastern bank of SONG NONY and SONG NONG; and northwest along northern bank of DAI GIANG. Where rivers or streams form part of boundary, they are included within the TAOR.

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3 Jul 1965

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF (Forward)

Subj: .50 Caliber Machine Gun in Anti-Aircraft Training Role

Ref: (a) CG 3d Mar Div Msg 241600Z Jun 1965

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

DA NANG, Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion

- a. Number of guns on hand with aerial mounts. One
- b. Number of personnel with AA gunnery experience. None
- c. Present level of crew training. Personnel have had limited live fire experience on OKINAWA and have engaged only ground targets.
- d. Projected training syllabus. To conduct classes on technique of fire, recognition of friendly and enemy aircraft and live fire at ground targets.

PHU BAI, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

- a. Number of guns on hand with aerial mounts. Four
- b. Number of personnel with AA gunnery experience. Five
- c. Present level of crew training. Five Marines are completely trained and the remainder of the personnel have limited ground fire experience.
- d. Projected training syllabus. To conduct classes on safety regulations, nomenclature and functioning of the .50 caliber machine gun and mount, and to conduct live fire exercises.

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TO: THIRD MAR  
INFO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

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COMMUNICATIONS

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1. THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH SMALL UNITS OPERATING IN FORWARD AREAS IN WIDELY DEPLOYED FORMATIONS IS A FACT OF LIFE WHICH MUST BE FACED DAILY. SITUATIONS HAVE ARISEN IN WHICH POOR COMMUNICATIONS HAVE COMPOUNDED THE PROBLEM OF CONTROL AND MADE INTELLIGENT DECISION MAKING DIFFICULT.

2. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNITS OPERATING IN FORWARD AREAS, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE A PRC-10 CAPABILITY DOWN TO THE SMALLEST UNIT OPERATING ALONE. IF ASSETS WON'T STRETCH THIS FAR, THE PRC-6 MAY BE UTILIZED, BEARING CAREFULLY IN MIND ITS LIMITED RANGE AND RELIABILITY, WHICH WILL THEN NECESSARILY RESTRICT THE TACTICAL OPERATING RADIUS OF THE UNIT. PYROTECHNICS WILL BE CARRIED BY ALL UNITS AND USED IN CASE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FAIL.

3. OBVIOUSLY, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE CONTINUOUS RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS AT ANY GIVEN TIME OR PLACE. HOWEVER, THE REQUIREMENT NEVER CEASES TO EXIST AND WE MUST ALWAYS STRIVE TO ACHIEVE IT.

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3 Jul 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF (Forward)

Subj: Aircraft Smoke Screen Capability, requirement for

1. This command had been informed that aircraft smoke screening is available only from a USAF aircraft on 48 hour alert.
2. A requirement exists for smoke screen laying aircraft on at least a four hour alert to provide cover for helicopter assault landings and ground maneuver. It is requested that this capability be achieved for a tactical aircraft to provide cover under conditions of hostile fire.
3. A four hour alert is required due to the requirement to react to enemy actions, and to provide flexibility in planning operations.

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