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Situation Report 117

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 010001H - 012400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 1/3 completed planning for Operation HAST OUT I (OpnO 327,65). No patrols or ambushes were employed during the reporting period. 2/3 continued to maintain one reinforced platoon of Company H in a mobile combat outpost operating in GS AT8778, and one platoon of Company E moved into GS AT9180 and AT9179. 3/4 continued search and sweep operations in the south~~west~~ast portion of the TAOI. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period. 1/12 fired 38 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 2/3. Continued to maintain one reinforced platoon of Company B as a mobile combat base patrolling in GS AT8678, AT8679, AT8778, and AT8779. Negative contact was ~~xxx~~ made during the reporting period. It returned ~~xxxxxx~~ to the Company CP at 010940H for additional radio equipment and went back out at 011010H. Another mobile combat base was established on 011630H by one platoon of Company E in GS AT9180, ~~and~~ AT9179. Base camps of the two mobile combat bases were established at: Company E, AT915804; Company H AT871800.

(2) 3/4. Company L conducted a helilift at 010730H from YD882073 to YD828087 and conducted 6 squad patrols in that general vicinity.
Night Defense Positions at YD 828087

(3) 1/12.

(a) Battery positions: No change.

(b) Battery A: Between 31220H and 310500H Battery A (Fwd) fired 4 unobserved harrassing missions and 14 unobserved interdiction missions at hilltops and trails suspected of containing VC. Between 312215H and 310530H Battery A (Rear) fired 1 high burst registration with QBR, and 1 illumination "will adjust" mission for 1/3 28 at suspected VC location between 312104H and 312119H.

(c) Battery B: Between 312300H and 310500H Battery B (Fwd) fired 8 unobserved harrassing missions and 4 unobserved interdiction missions at hillsides, wooded areas and trails suspected of containing VC. Battery B (Rear) fired 4 interdiction missions during the same time period. At 011100H and 011345H Battery B (Rear) fired a "will adjust" mission at suspected enemy OPs.

(d) NGF. Naval Gunfire fired 10 missions of which ³ were combined in a mass fire mission fired by 2 DDs. Naval Gunfire expended 7 illumination, 18 WP and 421 HE rounds.

(e) ~~MMs~~ expended by type/caliber: 105mm - 78 HE, 4 illumination.

(f) Missions Fired by Type: 1 high burst; 3 "will adjust" illumination; 12 harrassing; 22 interdiction.

4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 2/3. One platoon from Company H patrolled GS AT8678, AT8679, AT8778 and AT8779. The patrol remains out at the close of the reporting period with its base camp in the vicinity of AT871800. One platoon of Company E commenced patrol activities in GS AT9180 and AT9179 at 011630H and remains in a base camp in the vicinity of AT915804.

(2) 3/4. Company L conducted 6 squad sized patrols in GS YD 208 during the reporting period. Negative VC contact was made. Companies I, K and H&S conducted 5 security patrols in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and airfield.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company E established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT888825, AT898824 and AT893817. Company F established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT887779, AT901770, AT911764 and AT914761. Company H established 4 squad sized ambushes at AT897798, AT893802, AT891799 and AT873800.

(2) 3/4. ^{C.A.} Established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD341079, YD325076 and YD317086.

5. Changes in Location of Headquarters

a. Company L, 3/4 - YD828087

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6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company C, 3d Recon Bn held a 3.5" Rocket Launcher FIDEX this morning.

8. Plans

a. 3d Marines will conduct a two day search and destroy operation in the SONG YEN area commencing at 020600H. The 4th Regt, 2d ARVN Division will co-locate a command group with 3d Marines command group in the vicinity of Hill 55 (AT970620) and will provide the 3d Bn, 4th Regt to conduct the search and destroy operation in close coordination with the 3d Marines. The 3d Recon Bn (-) will be under OPCON of 3d Marines. Commencing at 020700H, 1/3 will land in and secure LZ YELLOW (AT958612), followed by 3d Marines command group, the 4.2" Mortar Btry, and the 4th ARVN Regiment command group. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines will conduct a search and destroy operation in GS AT9459, AT9460, AT9461, AT9559, AT9560 and AT9561 during the day and will establish night defensive positions in the vicinity of Hill 55 (AT970620). The 3d Recon Bn (-) will land on 020630H in LZ RED (AT914646) and LZ WHITE (AT932637). They will establish an OP in the vicinity of AT914646 and maintain surveillance of the area of operations. Recon Bn will assume OPCON of Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn when the tanks arrive at LZ WHITE (AT932637). Two companies will conduct search and destroy operations south and east of LZ WHITE on D-Day. Defensive positions will be established in the vicinity of AT932637. 1/12 will prep LZ RED and WHITE from 020615H to 020625H on D-Day upon clearance from AO. LZ YELLOW will be prepped from 020625H - 020645H. The LZs will also be smoked prior to the landing of troops by 4 smoke laying aircraft. Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn will form a mechanized column and commencing at 020630H move from AT982742 to the vicinity of AT932637 under OPCON of 3d Recon Bn.

b. 1/2. Participate in Operation BLAST OUT I.

c. 2/3. Continue to maintain two mobile combatbases; one east in the vicinity of AT9180 and one west in the vicinity of AT9780 of the LE MY complex. Two platoons will assume defensive positions in 1/3's area for the duration of Operation BLAST OUT I.

d. 3/4. At first light Company L will be helilifted from YD8208087 to the battalion CP and will assume the mission of highway defense company. At 020800H, Company I will depart the PHU BAI Airfield by C-130 for DA NANG. Upon arrival at DA NANG, the company will assume a defensive posture in the 1/3 area for the duration of the Regimental operation in the southern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. Company K will move one platoon to OP 225 (GSYD8408).

9. Miscellaneousa. Civil Affairs

(1) 2/3. The Battalion CO, S-2, Captain HOA, the District Chief, Mr LU, the village chief of HOA LOC, Mr NAM, the village chief of HOA THAMH, Mr SHIRLEY, the PAT advisor, Mr SON, the PAT supervisor, and the PAT commander met and discussed the following:

a. Reviewed the PAT's activities in 2/3's TAOR over the past 2 months and found it adequate.

b. Decided that the PAT would replace 2 wells in HOA LOC village GS AT9006).

c. Decided that the PAT would renovate a hut for use as the village chief's office in HOA LOC.

d. Decided that the PAT would scrub down and set up a school building in HOA LOC. Capt HOA, the district chief, stated that 2 teachers would be available the first week of August to start the school.

e. Marines will assist Mr BINH, village chief of HOA HIEP (AT9030) in the relocation of families from THUY TU (AT9085) to HOA HIEP and HOA LOC villages. Orderly and rapid cutdown of timbers for new buildings and fencing will be effected.

(2) 1/12. Party for 34th RVN Artillery Battalion dependents progressing as scheduled. 1st MAW Band procured. Barbed wire laid around mortar position in agreement with village chief and local landowners. MEDCAG supplies received this date.

b. MLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
52% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90 % wire

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Situation Report 118

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 020001H - 022400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines (-)(Rein) conducted the first phase of Operation BLAST OUT I in close coordination with the 4th Regiment of the 2d ARVN Division. The 3d Marines operated today in the SONG YEN area. All males of military age were apprehended and returned to the Regimental CP for questioning. More than 100 were processed through at the close of the reporting period. A total of 9 VC were KIA, four by artillery prep fires on LZ YELLOW (AT957615) and 5 were killed by demolitions in a cave at AT946597. One VC was captured in that same area and 3 French rifles, several grenades and personal effects were also found. Several buildings, boats, tunnels, caves and trenchworks were destroyed as the Marines swept to the south and southwest. Defensive positions were established for the evening in and around Hill 55 (vicinity AT970620). 1/3 participated in Operation BLAST OUT I. 2/3 continued to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. Two platoons of Company C man positions in 1/3's area while Operation BLAST OUT I is in progress. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach. ~~XXX~~ Company L, 3/4 returned to the Battalion CP during the morning from its last night's position in the vicinity of YD828087. Company I flew from PHU BAI to DA NANG and are presently manning positions in the 1/3 area. 1/12 fired 84 missions in support of the 3d Marines. 3d Recon participated in Operation BLAST OUT I.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 3d Marines. At 020600H, the 3d Marines commenced Operation BLAST OUT I, a search and destroy mission in the SONG YEN area, GS AT9761. The operation is being conducted in close coordination with the 4th Regt, 2d ARVN Division. Participating in this two day operation are companies A, B and C, 1/3; the 3d Recon Bn (OPCON 3d Marines); the 4.2" Mortar Battery; and the 4th ARVN Regiment. At 020545H, the artillery aerial observer was on station and precisely as scheduled LZ RED and WHITE were preped from 0615H to 0625H and LZ YELLOW from 0625H to 0645H. It was later reported that all LZ preparation fires were extremely accurate. LZ GREEN was smoked, however LZ YELLOW was not due to aircraft not being on station. The 3d Recon Bn was scheduled to land in LZs RED and WHITE at 0630H, however, due to a transportation delay the battalion did not arrive at the airfield until 0605H and departed the flight line at 0615H, setting down at their designated areas by 0640H. By 0657H Company C, 1/3 had lifted into and secured LZ YELLOW. The company provided one platoon security for the LZ and commenced search and destroy operation with the other two platoons within their area of responsibility, moving generally east by northeast to the vicinity of AT979622. Within 30 minutes of the Company C landing at LZ YELLOW, Company B, which had occupied an assembly area in the vicinity of 965710 at 0630H, was landed in LZ YELLOW. The LZ being secure, the company continued in their assigned search and destroy mission, moving southwest in GS AT9560 and AT9459. Company A occupied their assembly area by 0600H and by 0730H had landed in LZ YELLOW and aggressively moved into their area of operation. The company moved southwest on the right flank of Company B and conducted search and destroy operation in GS AT9561, 9461 and 9361. The 3d Marines command group arrived at LZ YELLOW, made liaison with the command group of the 4th ARVN Regiment and colocated a command CP by 0835H in the vicinity of AT959612. At 0841H the security platoon at LZ YELLOW apprehended 5 VCS. By 0915H, 3d Recon Bn had established an OP in the vicinity of AT916626 and commenced surveillance of the area of operations with the Company A CP being established at AT915649. By 0855H, Company I, 3/4 had its lead elements arrive at the DA NANG Airfield and shortly thereafter the company assumed a defensive posture in the 1/3 area of responsibility as previously planned. By 1000H, Company A, 1/3 had its platoons operating at AT941610, AT942607, AT938807 and up until this time had negative contact. Company B was deployed and moving aggressively in the vicinity of AT954599, and AT950603 (two platoons). The 1st platoon of Company B had one wounded VCS at this time. At 1000H, Company C was conducting a sweep in the vicinity of AT960615. The 4th ARVN Regiment had successfully landed at their LZ in GS AT9861 and commenced search and destroy operations west of the SONG YEN in close coordination with the Marine forces on the east of the river. At 1000H, communications were temporarily lost with the ARVN and shortly thereafter established when Company C made visual contact with the ARVN unit. At 0630H, Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn commenced a mechanized column consisting of a Headquarters Tank, 1 platoon of tanks, 1 tank flame section, one dozer tank and two LVTs. The column moved south and joined 3d Recon Battalion by 1212H without incident. Company D, 3d Recon Bn established their CP at AT945638 during the morning and conducted numerous aggressive activities in the immediate vicinity. It was reported by the Regimental Headquarters Forward at 1215H that 4 VC

were killed by the artillery prep fires on LZ YELLOW earlier this morning. At 1230H, 1/3 had collectively destroyed four tunnels and one house and had 9 more VCS apprehended. By 1245H, the Regimental S-2 Rear had processed 56 VCS, one of which was female. At 1300H, Company C completed their sweep of GS AT9762 and commenced sweeping in a south westerly direction, maintaining visual contact with the ARVN. At 1300H, Company B had its platoon deployed in the vicinity of AT960604, AT955606 and had apprehended 8 VCS, destroyed 4 tunnels, and 1 house. Company A was deployed and aggressively moving through AT938610 and AT945614. At 1350H, Company C received sniper fire from the VC at AT963603 (east of the river) and through a well coordinated operation the ARVN moved south and silenced the VC activity. By 1440H, 3d Recon Battalion companies were operating as follows: Company D AT945638, Company C AT929609 and Company A at AT915647. The 1st Platoon, Company B, at 1400H, secured Hill 41 in GS AT9366 under sporadic small arms fire. The operation continued as planned with the coordinated efforts of U. S. Marine and ARVN troops. As of 1800H, the ARVN had 15 VC KIA, by a UH-1B strike and 1 KIA by small arms, 6 VCS and two ARVN WIA. Marine forces had 9 KIA (4 probably by artillery), 80 VCS, 1 VCC and 3 French Rifles and a number of grenades. The Regimental CP will remain in the vicinity of Hill 55 in GS AT9762. 1/3 will have their companies in defensive/ambush position as follows: Company A - AT955615, Company B - AT962610 and Company C in the vicinity of Hill 55, GS AT9762. Company A, 3d Recon Bn will be at AT915645. The remainder of the battalion is deployed at AT937653 (forward CP) to AT937646 to AT933646 and AT938053.

(2) 1/2. Conducted Operation BLAST OUT I (see operations for 3d Marines).

(3) 2/3. Continued to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. Both mobile combat bases returned to their Company CPs early this morning and then returned to their area of operations. The Company E combat base operated in GS AT918794 and the Company H base operated in the vicinity of GS AT8780. Company F conducted a platoon (-) patrol from their Company CP to AT884769 during the morning. Company G provided 2 platoons to man defensive positions in the 1/3 area. One VCS, a wife of a known VC, was apprehended at the dispensary in LE MY this morning. She was turned over to the ITT Team.

(4) 3/4. Company L moved at first light on foot from YD828087 to YD831144 and returned to the battalion CP. Company M helilifted 1 platoon to OP225 this morning. Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one squad to YD861145 and patrolled to YD828150 to YD865156 and trucked back to the CP. One squad was lifted to YD879063 and established a daylight OP in the vicinity of YD869057. The OP returned by helilift at 021700H. The OP on Hill 225 had a squad patrol to YD861093 and returned with negative VC contact. Company I flew from PHU BAI to DA NANG and was trucked to the 1/3 CP. The company manned defensive positions in the 1/3 area while the battalion was out on operation BLAST OUT I.

(5) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Battery A displaced to AT973709 at 012050H and mortar battery displaced by helicopter at 020815 to the vicinity of AT971624 in support of 3d Marines OpOrder 327-65.

b. Battery A: At 011800H conducted a high burst registration at 955630. Between 012130H and 012400H the battery fired 16 unobserved harassing missions at trails and stream beds suspected to be traveled by VC, and 18 unobserved interdiction missions at suspected OPs and campsites. Between 020615H and 020645H the battery fired 7 observed concentrations as part of LZ prep fires.

c. Battery B: Between 012200H and 012400H Battery B (fwd) fired 14 unobserved harassing missions at trails and streams suspected to be traveled by VC, and 10 unobserved interdiction missions at suspected assembly areas and avenues of approach. Also during the same period Battery B (rear) fired 6 unobserved harassing missions at trails and streams traveled by VC and 6 unobserved interdiction missions at suspected OPs and assembly areas.

d. Mortar Battery is in position near the 3d Marines forward OP with a prescribed load designed to support probable missions, but no missions have been fired.

e. Reinforcing Fires: (1) Battery E - between 020630H and 020640H the battery fired 3 observed concentrations as part of LZ prep fires. (2) Battery L: Between 020616H and 020640H the battery fired 4 observed concentrations as LZ prep fires. At 021145H the battery fired an observed FFE mission for observer D-4 attached to ARVN forces participating in Operation ELAST OUT I. The target was snipers in the vicinity of AT992608, firing at helicopters. Battery 3 rounds FFE was on target, sniper fire ceased. (3) 1st 8" Howitzer Platoon (-) fired one observed concentration at 020635 as part of LZ prep fires. The fires were aimed to cover entire area 500 meters beyond and short of ~~XXXX~~ AT957614.

f. NGF: Between 011930H and 020400H fired 7 unobserved harassing missions at areas suspected to be used by VC. During the same period 6 unobserved interdiction missions were also fired. The harassing and interdiction fires covered two of the landing areas for the 3d Marines operation.

g. Missions fired and ammo expenditure: Missions: 1 registration, 42 harassing, 40 interdiction, 1 landing zone preparation (15 concentrations); ammo expended: ~~XXXX~~ 105mm - 741 HE, 8 Smoke Green; 155mm 296 HE; 8" Howitzer 46 HE; 6"/47 (NGF) 176 HE.

(6) 3d Recon Bn (-). Participated in Operation ELAST OUT I (See 3d Marines operations).

(7) Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn. Participated in Operation ELAST OUT I. (See 3d Marines operations).

4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company F conducted a platoon (-) patrol (020530H-021200H) from its company CP (AT902777) to AT884769 and returned during the morning. Negative VC contact was made. Company E mobile combat base patrolled in the vicinity of GS AT9179 during the reporting period. Company H mobile combat base patrolled in the vicinity of GS AT8780 during the reporting period. Neither mobile combat patrol base made any VC contact. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

(2) 3/4. One squad from the Company M ~~squadron~~ platoon on OP225 conducted a patrol to YD861093 and returned. Negative contact was made. Company C, 3d Recon Bn had one squad trucked to YD861145 and it patrolled to YD865156 and was trucked back to the CP this morning. Four squad sized security patrols of the battalion CP and airfield during the hours of 012200H and 020400H.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company F established 5 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT903773, AT889782, AT909758, AT919767 and AT885768. Company H established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT895805, AT897798, AT894795 and AT879782.

5. Changes in Location of CPs.

a. Company A, 1/3 - AT955615

b. Company B, 1/3 - AT962610

Company C, 1/3 - AT970620

d. Company D, 3/4 - AT930720

e. Company A, 3d Recon Bn - AT916639

f. Company C, 3d Recon Bn - AT928643

g. Company D, 3d Recon Bn - AT932643

h. Company A, 3d Tank Bn - AT916639.

i. Company L 3/4 YD 881136

Changes in OPs. None

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company K had a one hour class on artillery FO procedures.

b. Company A, 3d Tank Bn. Conducted a weapons, personnel and crew served weapons inspection.

8. Plans

a. 3d Marines will continue operation BLAST OUT I in close coordination with 4th Regt, 2d ARVN Division. At 030600H, 1/3 will helilift one company to the west of the SONG YEN and it will assume operational control of Company A (-) (Rein 3d Tank Bn. The company plus Company A (-) (Rein) will then sweep north to the LOA (GL AT66). The battalion will sweep north with one company on the ~~xx xx~~ west bank of the river and two companies on the east bank. 3d Recon Bn will follow in trace of 1/3 (not closer than 300 meters) and conduct riparian reconnaissance along the SONG YEN. 1/12 will continue to support the operation and will be prepared to helilift 4.2" Mortar Battery back to battery area on the afternoon of D+1. The Regimental command group will move to the vicinity of AT970620 and establish the CP there.

b. 1/2. Will continue to conduct Operation BLAST OUT I.

c. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 2 platoons in mobile combat bases. The company E base will operate in the vicinity of GS AT9179, AT9180 and the Company H platoon will patrol in the vicinity of GS AT8678, AT8779, AT8679, AT8778. Two platoons of Company G will continue to man positions until completion of Operation BLAST OUT I.

d. 3/4. Company K will truck two platoons to the vicinity of YD814125 and will patrol to YD816132 and establish their night positions there. Security patrols of the battalion CP and airfield will continue.

e. 3d Recon Bn. Will continue to conduct their portion of Operation BLAST OUT I.

f. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

g. Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn. Will continue to conduct Operation BLAST OUT I and support 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

- (1) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 102 people.
- (2) 1/12. At 1700H on 1 August this unit hosted a party for the 34th ARVN Artillery Bn. Approximately 350 children were present. The 3d Mar Div band presented a half-hour concert. Ice cream for all. Gifts were distributed to about 70 families, consisting of materials, bacon, juices, etc. LtCol W. E. MCCAIN, CO, 1st Bn, 12th Mar attended with 30 Marines from his command. Work has apparently ceased on the project to rebuild the village gates at DA SON and KAN SON. Consider ~~early~~ early completion of this project essential to successful people to people program. These gates were accidentally demolished approximately 17 April by trucks from MT Bn and this command. Work started approximately 17 June, and concrete pillars have been erected, but there has been no apparent progress for about a month. The pillars need to be refaced and painted or tiled, and the elaborate wire mesh and block letter village sign needs to be erected on top of the pillars.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
52% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.8% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90% wire

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Situation Report 119

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 030001H to 032400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines conducted the second day of Operation BLAST OUT I. From their defensive positions around hill 55 (AT920670) 1/3 helilifted one company to the west bank of the SONG YEN, and with 2 companies on the east bank, the entire battalion swept north along the river, seizing 9 objectives before reaching their 10A (W GI AT66). As the companies leapfrogged forward, numerous caves, tunnels and various other fortifications were destroyed by demolitions and bulldozing by LVTs. 3d Recon Bn (-) followed in trace of 1/3 and conducted riparian reconnaissance of the SONG YEN. Several underwater tunnels were destroyed during the reporting period. The operation today apprehended 12 VCS, 4 VC were KIA and one VC was WIA. ~~Two~~ ^{Three} USMC were WIA. The operation secured at approximately 031700H and all units were lifted back to either the airfield or the 1/3 battalion area. 2/3 maintained 2 mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. Company F conducted one patrol and established numerous ambushes. Two platoons of Company G remained in positions in 1/3's area until approximately 042000H. 3/4 continued patrol and ambush activities in the vicinity of YD391101. 1/12 fired 111 missions in support of 3d Marines. 3d Recon Bn remained OPCON 3d Marines and participated in Operation BLAST OUT I. Co A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn supported the operation.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 3d Marines. An uneventful night terminated with the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) deactivating defensive positions shortly after first light. Companies A and C prepared for today's search and destroy operation while Company B was helilifted from last night's position at AT962610 and landed in GS AT9363 at approximately 0650H and commenced search and destroy operations. Company A moved out from last position at AT955615 and by 0820H had secured objective one (AT960625). Immediately after the objective was secured Company C moved from AT970620 through Company A and on to secure objective 2 (AT966634) by 0855H. In compliance with their mission, the 3d Recon Bn commenced a riparian reconnaissance along the YEN River with Company C moving from AT928643 to AT950635 and Company D moving from AT932643 to AT956628. Company A continued to provide surveillance from the vicinity of AT918645. At 0925H the 3d Recon command group observed what appeared to be 30 VC digging positions. These 30 were checked out by a patrol of tanks and LVTs. Three VCS were apprehended and the remainder of the group was released. At 1000H, Company A, 1/3 was located at AT954632 and Company B was located at AT948633. Company C was operating at AT968638. The battalion CP followed in trace of Company A. Shortly thereafter, an Army AO received small arms fire from the vicinity of hill 22 (GS AT9566); an airstrike was requested and the sniper ceased firing. By 1037H, Company D, 3d Recon Bn had advanced to AT954632 and destroyed a cave in that area with demolitions. Also Company A had secured objective 3 at AT955637 and was holding in the vicinity of AT958640. Company B, at this time, was preparing to move to secure objective 8 (AT949639). Company C was moving to objective 4 (AT970642) and was located in the vicinity of AT953635 at 1037H. At 1102H, Company A, 3d Recon Bn was located in the vicinity of AT928634, AT924628, AT927645 and AT925645, continuing the surveillance mission. By 1140H, Company D, 3d Recon Bn, moving along the river, found three networks of tunnels in the vicinity of AT956689. They used demolition and bulldozed with the LVTs to destroy these tunnels. Company B, 3d Recon Bn was located in the vicinity of AT951632 and Company C was located in the vicinity of AT954632. At 1225H, Company A, 1/3 was in the vicinity of AT954642. Company B was at AT953642 and Company C was located at AT968648. Company D, 3d Recon Bn, at 1335H, had advanced to the vicinity of AT957630 and discovered a cave with two VC hiding in it. A hand grenade was thrown into the cave and one VC was KIA, the other WIA. A helilift was requested for these casualties. By 1415H, Battery W began displacement to LZ QUAIL. The Regimental CP was preparing to depart hill 55 to AT967708, the move being completed by 1500H. By 1420H, Company C, 1/3 had secured objective 4 at AT970642 and was moving to objective 6 (AT969649). Companies A and B were abreast and Company A was moving to secure objective 5 (AT958645). Company A, 3d Recon Bn was following in trace 300 meters behind, and was sweeping both sides of the river. Company D, 3d Recon Bn reported the destruction of one large and one small tunnel, and 3 VC KIA in the vicinity of AT953627 at 1420H. 1/3 had two USMC WIA by small arms and one by a panji stake that were evacuated by helicopter by 1420H. Company C, 1/3

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had completed its sweep of objective 6 (AT969649) by 1630H and was holding a position in the vicinity of AT960648. Company A, 1/3, having completed its sweep of objective 5 (AT958645) was moving to objective 7 (AT960655). Company B, 1/3 had completed its sweep of objective 8 ~~XXX~~ (AT949639) and was moving to the east-west grid line 65. By 1635H, all battalion objectives had successfully been secured and the first elements of 1/3 had been helilifted from AT968649 to the 1/3 CP. At 1655H, Company C, 3d Recon Bn was providing security for a helicopter that was down in the vicinity of AT944654 and by 1810H the helicopter was repaired and the troops departed the area via helicopter to LE PHICH. At 1700H, it was reported that an LVT had broken down in the vicinity of AT923658 and by 1830H another LVT was down in the same vicinity. By 1350H, the 3d Recon Bn had all units lifted and enroute to their CP. Company C, 1/3 had returned to their CP by helilift and by 1230H, Company B had returned by foot to their CP. By 1905H, Company A, 1/3 had helilifted back to the Battalion CP.

(2) 1/3. Conducted final phases of Operation BLAST OUT I. (see 3d Marines' Operations.)

(2) 2/3. Company E and Company H continued to maintain their mobile combat bases to the east and west of the LE MY complex. The Company E mobile combat base operated in GS AT9280, GS AT9182 and established base camp in the vicinity of AT915823. The Company H platoon was replaced by another platoon of Company H at 031600H. The new Company H mobile base established its patrol base in the vicinity of AT874815 and will remain there until morning. Company F conducted a patrol during the morning from the company CP to AT905764 and it returned at 030930H with negative VC contact. Company G continued to provide 2 platoons for security of 1/3 positions during Operation BLAST OUT I.

(4) 3/4. Companies K, L and H&S conducted 5 squad sized security patrols during the late evening and early morning hours. Negative VC contact was made. Company M returned from their platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of YD889087 at 030600H. Negative contact was made. Company K moved on foot at 031350H to YD891101 and established night defensive positions there. The OP on hill 225 conducted a squad sized recon patrol in the vicinity of YD845075 and returned to OP 225, vicinity ~~XX~~ GS YD8408.

(5) 3d Recon Bn. Conducted final phases of Operation BLAST OUT I (see 3d Marines Operations).

(6) Company A(-3680in), 3d Tank Bn. Conducted final phases of Operation BLAST OUT I (see 3d Marines' Operations).

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(7) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: No change except Mortar Battery returned to their primary position at 031405H.

b. Battery A: Between 021725H and 021800H fired one "will adjust" mission at 3 VC for D-3 at AT922622, with good effect on target. Between 022325H and 030410H fired 6 harrassing missions at clearings suspected to cont in VC and 9 interdiction missions at trails and crossings.

c. Battery B: Between 02247H and 030248H Battery B (Fwd) fired 16 harrassing missions at hills, wooded areas and clearings suspected to contain VC and 6 interdiction missions at trails and streams. Between 022110H and 030250H Battery B (Rear) fired 8 harrassing missions at wooded areas, clearings and trail junctions suspected of containing VC, and 10 interdiction missions at trails and stream crossings suspected of being used by VC at this time. Between 031330H and 031430H Battery B (Fwd) conducted a destruction mission at a bunker at AT866847 using AO as observer. Mission was ~~xxx~~ secured due to priority mission for AO.

d. Reinforcing fires: (1) Battery L between 022353H and 030424H fired 21 harrassing missions at hills, wooded areas, and clearings suspected of containing VC and 18 interdiction missions at trails, clearings and roads suspected of being traveled by VC. Between 030600H and 030621H Battery L fired 4 preplanned prep fires for D-4 (ARVN). ~~xx~~ Between 030850H and 030855H Battery L fired 2 observed FFE missions for ARVN. Good effect on target. (2) Battery E: Between 022335H and 030420H fired 9 harrassing missions at hills, trails, streams and clearings suspected in ~~xxx~~ use by VC. (3) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (-) between 021815H and 021840H fired 1 "will adjust" mission at 4 VC in grass hut, at AT956588. Good effect on target.

e. Ammo expended by type/caliber: 105mm - 151 HE, 155mm - 162 HE
8" - 12 HE.

f. Missions fired by type: W/A - 2, FFE (Obs) - 2, harrassing (Unobs) 61, interdiction (Unobs) 43, prep fires (Obs) 4, Destruction (Obs) 1.

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E conducted patrol activity from its mobile combat base in the vicinity of AT915823 to AT922796. Company H conducted patrol activity from its mobile base in the vicinity of AT874815. Company F conducted a squad sized patrol from the Company CP to AT912776, AT928773, AT918769 and AT905764. The patrol departed at 030530H and returned at 030930H. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

(2) 3/4. Conducted 5 squad sized patrols in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and airfield during the period 022200H - 030400H.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company E established two squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT890825 and AT892817. Company F established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT890770, AT881770, AT909763, and AT929773. Company H established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT897798, AT893797, AT891799 and AT886815.

(2) 3/4. Company K established 2 squad sized night ambushes in the vicinity of AT891101.

5. Changes in Location of CPs.

a. Company A, 1/3 - AT922732

b. Company B, 1/3 - AT965709

c. Company C, 1/3 - AT968737

Company K, 3/4 - YD891101

6. Changes in Location of OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. H&S Company and Company L had a one hour lecture on patrolling and techniques for squad leaders. Tanks and ATs had PM.

8. Plans

a. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one from Company H in the vicinity of AT874825 and one from Company E in the vicinity of AT915823. Company F will have a 2 squad sized recon patrol departing at 040545H and will return at 041200H. It will patrol from AT905764, AT892770, AT885768, AT876772, AT882768, AT892770 and AT899775. It will be trying to locate a suitable stream crossing in the vicinity of AT876772.

b. 3/4. Company I and Company C, 3d Recon Bn (-), will return from DA NAMG via fixed wing aircraft at approximately 040830H. Company K will return to the Battalion CP at first light tomorrow.

c. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. The Battalion Aid Station at AT950731 treated 15 people. The census of HOA TINH village has been completed. The seven constituent hamlets contain 3560 people.

(2) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 143 people. Company F held sick call at the PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT905765). 46 children and adults were treated.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
52% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
(98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90% wire

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Situation Report 120

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 040001H - 042400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary. Company D, 1/3 conducted a search and destroy operation in the hamlet of AN NHON-2 (vicinity AT9069). The operation was conducted in coordination with approximately 30 ARVN troops. Four VC were KIA and one VC was captured. Three US carbines, 2 French rifles and one French automatic rifle plus 2 grenades and assorted small arms ammunition were captured. Four rounds of incoming mortar and some small arms fire were ~~experienced~~ experienced. No friendly casualties resulted. The company returned by foot to its CP following the operation, leaving one platoon to provide security for a disabled LVTE in the vicinity of AT903698. 2/3 maintained 2 mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. Extensive patrolling continues as does the emplacement of numerous ambushes along likely avenues of approach. Company I, 3/4 and Company C, 3d Recon Bn returned to PHU BAI from DA NANG by 041000H, following support of 1/3. Company I (-) patrolled at 041600H to the vicinity of YD889087 and established night positions. Security patrols continue to be conducted in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and airfield. 1/12 fired 76 missions in support of the 3d Marines. Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Bn had 2 flame tanks and two gun tanks providing security for a disabled LVTE in the vicinity of AT923658 until 041415H, when the tanks and LVTEs moved to juncture with Company D, 1/3. The tanks returned to the company CP at approximately 041830H without incident. One disabled LVTE remained, with a platoon of Company D, 1/3 as security. *and few others*

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. At 032140H, Company D commenced movement to the vicinity of AT909698 arriving there at 040335H. They remained in covered positions until approximately 040700H, when they moved to secure an LZ in the vicinity of AT906698. At 040745H approximately 30 ARVN were landed by helicopter and they linked up with Company D and moved out to conduct a coordinated search and destroy operation in the hamlet of AN NHON-2 (vicinity GS AT90669). Company D encircled the hamlet at 040810H and the ARVN entered the village from the northwest. By 040858H one unoccupied tunnel was discovered and destroyed. At 041000H the ARVN troops exchanged 15-20 rounds of small arms fire with an unknown number of VC in the central portion of the hamlet. No casualties resulted. At 041030H one VC, who had injured himself falling on barbed wire was apprehended. He was armed with two hand grenades and was reported to be a VC courier. At 041035H, 3 French carbines, one US carbine and assorted small arms ammo in a tunnel in the southeast portion of the hamlet was recovered. Four incoming mortar rounds and approximately 10-20 rounds of small arms fire were received from AT895686. Negative casualties resulted. The search continued and at 041215H, two VC were KIA in a tunnel on the north side of the village. Two additional VC were KIA in separate tunnels in the northern perimeter of the hamlet. Three more weapons, 2 US carbines and one French automatic weapon were captured. The sweep was completed at 041330H and the ARVN were helilifted out at approximately 041530H. A mechanized column of tanks and LVTs junctured with the company in the vicinity of AT908698. The company planned to return with the vehicles but one LVT was disabled and had to be towed to the vicinity of AT903698. At that point ~~the~~ LVT could be towed no further and one platoon of Company D remained with it, ^{providing} security through the night. The remainder of Company D returned to their company CP, arriving there at approximately 041715H.

(2) 2/3. Continued extensive patrol activity ~~was conducted~~ during the hours of daylight and established numerous ambushes along likely avenues of approach. Company E continued to maintain one reinforced platoon as a mobile combat base in grid square AT9182 and AT9183. At 041030H it was located in the vicinity of AT919831 and by 041245H was in the vicinity of AT915832. Negative contact was made by this platoon during the reporting period. Company F had a 2 squad patrol that conducted a reconnaissance of a possible stream crossing in the vicinity of AT876772. A platoon of Company F established a mobile combat base in the vicinity of GS AT8777 at 041600H. It will remain in the general vicinity of GS AT8777, AT8677, AT8776, AT8676, for the next few days. Company G remains as the battalion reserve/reaction company. Company H established a platoon sized mobile combat base which patrolled from AT866811 to the company CP (AT899803), arriving there at approximately 041600H.

(3) 3/4. Company I returned from DA NANG at 040930H and Company C, 3d Recon Bn returned by 041000H, after supporting 1/3 in Operation BLAST OUT I. At 041600H, Company I lifted one platoon to relieve the Company K platoon on the hill 225 OP. The remaining two platoons of Company I moved on foot to YD889087 and established 2 platoon sized ambushes in that vicinity. The joint action platoon (consisting of one squad from each company) reconned the villages of THUY PHU and THUY LUONG and worked in conjunction with the Popular Forces in those areas. Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one platoon at 041600H to YD843142 from which it moved by foot to YD821155 and established a platoon sized ambush. ~~there;~~

(4) 1/12. Battery positions: Battery A (-) displaced to primary position. One platoon of Battery "A" displaced to AT940722. Batteries B, L, and the 1st 8" howitzer Platoon (-) reverted back to general support.

a. Battery A: Between 032200H and 040430H fired 10 unobserved harrassing missions at trails and streams suspected to be traveled by VC. During the same period ten unobserved interdiction missions were fired at hillsides, hilltops suspected to contain VC.

b. Battery B: Between 032259 and 040459, Battery B (Rear) fired 12 unobserved harrassing missions at trails traveled by VC. During the same period Battery B fired 4 unobserved interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC. Also during the same period Battery B (Fwd) fired 12 unobserved interdiction missions at hillsides and draws suspected to contain VC. At 041015H Battery B (Fwd) fired one precision destruction mission for Battery A at a bunker. EOM: AO unable to stay on station.

c. Reinforcing fires: (1) Battery L: Between 032200H and 032400H fired six unobserved harrassing missions at trails traveled by VC. During the same period two unobserved interdiction missions were fired at hillsides containing VC.

d. Ammo expended by type/caliber: 105mm - 141 HE, 155mm - 16 HE.

e. Missions fired by type: 1 precision destruction; 46 harrassing; 29 interdiction.

4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E's mobile combat base conducted a squad sized patrol from its patrol base in the vicinity of AT915822 to AT922825 in the early afternoon. Company F conducted a 2 squad sized patrol patrolling to AT905764, AT892770, AT885768, AT876772, AT882768, AT892770 and AT899775 from 040530H to 041230H. One platoon from Company F ~~then~~ patrolled from the company CP to GS AT8777 and established a mobile combat base there. The Company H mobile combat base patrolled from AT866811 back to their Company CP, AT892803. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company B ~~will~~ established a squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT959702.

(2) 2/3. Company E established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT887826, ~~and~~ AT894816. Company F established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT912757, AT913765 and AT895770. Company H established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT897798, AT891798 and AT893802.

(3) 3/4. Company I established 2 platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD889087. Company C, 3d Recon established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of YD821155.

5. Changes in Location of CPs.

a. Company I, 3/4 - YD889087

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6. Changes in Locations of OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company M conducted a class on hand grenades including throwing live grenades. Tanks and ATs conducted PM. Battery M displaced to YD878122 and conducted a 155mm FIREX and returned to CP.

8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Will continue defense of their assigned portion of the TAOR and conduct local patrols of the MLR.
- b. 2/3. Companies E and F will continue to maintain two platoon sized mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. One platoon of Company F will be operating in GS AT8676, AT8677, AT8776 and AT8777. Company E will have one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of GS AT9182. Two squads of Company F will patrol from 050600H to 051200H to AT905763 to AT895759 to AT891763 to AT895758 to AT903757 to AT906762.
- c. 3/4. Company I will remain in the vicinity of YD889087 and will conduct local patrols in that area during the day and will establish defensive/ambush positions in that vicinity after dark.
- d. 1/2. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

- (1) 1/3. The battalion aid station (AT950731) treated 15 people.
- (2) 2/3. The dispensary at LE MY treated 117 people.
- (3) 3/4. One doctor and 4 corpsmen treated 250 people at THUY LOUNG (ID868179).

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
59% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90% wire

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Situation Report 121

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 050001H - 052400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary. One platoon of Company D, 1/3 provided security for three LVTs in GS AT9069, one of which was inoperative. By 1400H the platoon had escorted the LVTs back to the MLR without incident and by 1510H the LVTs had returned to their CP. 2/3 maintained 2 mobile combat bases, ~~two~~ east and the other west of the MLR. Company E withdrew ~~from~~ its mobile ~~arm~~ patrol base at 0700H and by 1035H it was replaced by another platoon. Nine squad sized ambushes were emplaced tonight on likely avenues of approach. CINCPACFLT, Adm JOHNSON, visited the battalion at 1700H. 3/4 last night deployed one platoon and two tanks to the northwestern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR against a reported VC company suspected to be located at YD820160. They returned to the Battalion area at 0600H with negative contact. Company I established a night defensive position at YD889087. 3d Marines supported the ARVN during a Viet Cong small arms and mortar attack on the SS30 ~~xxxx~~ storage area in GS AT9386 with combined air, artillery and Naval Gunfire missions. 1/12 continued to support the 3d Marines.

Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. The 1st Platoon, Company D, with three LVTs, spent the night in defensive positions in the vicinity of AT904698 without incident. The platoon continued to provide security as LVT maintenance crews worked on a disabled LVTE and at 1330H the vehicle was ready to move. By 1400H the platoon and the three LVTs were back to the MLR. By 1510H the LVTs and the platoon from Company D had returned to their respective CPs.

(2) 2/3. Company E continued to maintain one reinforced platoon as a mobile combat base, operating east of the LE MY complex with negative contact. At 0700H the platoon returned to the Company area and the 1st Platoon of Company E replaced them as mobile combat base at 1035H and commenced operations in GS AT9379, AT9380. Base camp for tonight ~~at~~ AT916812 *be announced. A platoon from Company F continued to maintain a reinforced platoon as a mobile base, operating in the vicinity of GS AT8777, GS AT8677, AT8776 and AT8676. The platoon from Company F will establish a base camp at AT864768. H-3 has a base camp at AT 942799. Co B. provided one plat. for security of EOD team at ESSO storage area during their setup.*

(3) 3/4. Last night at approximately 2000H the battalion received a report from the District Headquarters that there was a VC company in the vicinity of YD820180. It was also reported that a PF platoon was surrounded and the District Headquarters had received mortar fire. A platoon from Company C, 3d Recon Bn was located at AT821154 and a platoon from Company K was moved with a light section of tanks to YD841155 in the event the suspected VC should move south. No contact occurred and at 0600H the platoon returned to the CP. Company C, 3d Recon Bn lifted one squad to YD824125, which moved by foot to YD822120 and established a daylight OP, remaining in that location until 1630H, then returning to the Battalion area. Company I moved from their night position at YD889087 to YD898098 and conducted two squad sized patrols in that vicinity. At 2000H Company I moved by foot to its night position at YD889087.

(4) 3d Marines. At approximately 0130H the 3d Marines FSCC received word that the ESSO storage area in GS AT9386 had been ~~attacked~~ attacked. Artillery and Naval Gunfire were immediately alerted. Earlier in the evening an ASHAT mission, followed by Naval Gunfire, was delivered along a line from AT910880 south to AT910853, as two companies of VC were reported in that area. Following the ~~attack~~ on the ESSO storage area there was a coordinated air-artillery-Naval Gunfire mission in support of ARVN efforts to kill the attacking VC.

(5) 1/12

a. Battery Positions: No change.

b. Battery A: Between 041930H and 041947H Battery A Fwd fired 1 "will adjust" mission for 1/3 FSCC at AT805680, with good effect on target. Between 042101H and 050430H Battery A Fwd fired 17 harrassing missions at hill sides, wooded areas, clearings and cross roads suspected of containing VC, and 4 interdiction missions at trails and stream crossings. Between 051000H and 051126H Battery A Fwd fired a high burst registration using the facilities of counter mortar radar.

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b. Battery B: Between 042308H and 050317H Battery B Rear fired 10 interdiction missions at streams and clearings suspected of containing VC. Between 042400H and 050140H Battery B Fwd fired 13 harassing missions on stream beds, hillsides, and rice paddies suspected of containing VC. Between 050140H and 050430H Battery B Fwd fired unobserved fire on VC, who ~~were~~ were attacking the ESSO storage area in the vicinity of AT936864. These fires were used to saturate the area from grid intersection AT9085 to grid intersection 9187 in order to route the attackers.

d. Reinforcing fires: (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery: Between 050140H and 050425H fires were delivered by 1st 8" Howitzer Battery from AT9287 to AT9389 on suspected positions of VC attacking the ESSO storage area in the vicinity of AT936864. Between 050430H and 050445H, 8" fired on a trail at AT914353 to cut off escape of VC attackers of the ESSO ~~refinery~~ STORAGE AREA.

e. NGF: NGF fired along a line from AT910880 to AT910853 at 2 VC companies reported to be ready to strike the ESSO storage area at AT936864. Following the attack on the ESSO storage area, NGF fired a spread fire mission in grid squares AT9186 and AT9187.

f. Ammo Expended by Type/Caliber: 105mm - 220 HL, 8 WP; 8" - 37 HB; 5"/38 - 400 HL, 10 illumination.

g. Missions fired by type: 1 "will adjust", 31 harassing, 14 interdiction 1 high burst registration; 4 unobserved fire for effect.

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4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 2/3. The 2d Platoon, Company F dispatched a two squad patrol from their CP to AT905763 to AT895759 to AT891763 to AT895758 to AT903757 to AT906762 from 0600H to 1103H. Negative contact was reported.

(2) 3/4. Companies L and M each had two squad sized local security patrols and H&S Company had one squad sized patrol between 042100H and 050400H. Company I conducted two squad sized patrols from YD898098, one to YD909073 and return, the other to YD900103 to YD907039 and back. Negative VC contact was reported.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A has one 8 man ambush established at AT914736. Company B has one squad ambush at AT966701.

(2) 2/3. Company E has two squad sized ambushes located at AT897825, AT903822. Company F has squad ambushes established at AT910763 and AT913761. 1st Platoon, Company F has one squad ambush at AT869774. Company H has established three squad sized ambushes at AT898798, AT395799 and T895797.

(3) 3/4. A squad from Company C, 3d Recon Bn established an ambush at YD827157. Company I established a two ~~squad~~ squad sized ambush in the vicinity of YD89037.

Changes in Location of CPs.

a. Company I, 3/4 - YD889087

6. Changes in Location of OPs.

a. 2/3. Squad OP at AT887823.

7. Training

a. 1/3. Company C conducted a small arms FIREX from 1400H - 1500H.

b. 3/4. H&S Company had classes on hand grenades followed by live fire practical application. Tanks and ATs ~~bx~~ conducted PM.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue defense of their assigned portion of the TAOR and conduct local patrols of the MLR. Planning is underway for a platoon sized patrol to the vicinity of GS AT8673 and is scheduled from the afternoon of 6 August to the afternoon of 7 August.

b. 2/3. Companies E and F will continue to maintain two platoon sized mobile combat bases, one east and the other west of the MSR.

c. 3/4. A squad from Company C, 3d Recon Bn, spending the night in ambush position at YD827157, will move at first light back to the Battalion CP. Company I will spend the night at YD889087 and at 0700H will helilift to YD842077 and conduct daylight patrols in a 2000 meter radius. Company K will be airlifted from the PHU BAI airfield tomorrow to participate in Operation THUNDER BOLT in support of the 4th Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. CINCPACFLT visited the 2/3 area this afternoon.

b. People to People

(1) Separate report will follow.

c. MLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
52% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90% wire

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Situation Report 122

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 060001H - 062400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. 1/3 commenced 2 separate platoon sized operations. One Company A platoon commenced patrolling into the western portion of the Battalion TAOR at 061600H. Negative contact was made and defensive/ambush positions were established in the vicinity of AT883717. Company B sent one platoon, 2 flame tanks and 1 gun tank on a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of AT870692. Negative contact was made on the search, ~~which started from 061600H until 061800H.~~ 2/3 continued to maintain three mobile combat bases, two east of the LE MY complex and one to the west. Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach to company positions. 3/4 continued patrol operations with Company I in the southeastern portion of the TAOR. Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued patrol and ambush activities. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period. 1/12 fired 40 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. Company A commenced a one reinforced platoon operation in the northwestern portion of the Battalion TAOR. It departed the Company CP at 061600H and patrolled from AT920729 to AT895710 and established night defensive/ambush positions in the vicinity of AT883717. Company B commenced an operation with one platoon plus two flame tanks and one M-48A3 tank. Their operation commenced at 061000H and by 061040H the platoon was in the vicinity of AT949708 and by 061130H they had progressed to the vicinity of AT9068683. The mission of this unit was to destroy five VC caves which were reported to be located in the vicinity of AT876692. The objective area was reached at 061330H but the caves were not immediately located. The search continues in the surrounding area. The platoon and its supporting tanks remain in defensive positions in the vicinity of AT875690.

(2) 2/3. Company E continued to maintain one reinforced platoon in GS AT9181, AT9182 and AT9282 from a base camp in the vicinity of AT918870. One squad conducted a patrol to the vicinity of AT913810 during the early morning. Company F mobile combat base operated in GS AT8676 from a base camp in the vicinity of AT865766. Company H had a mobile combat base patrolling in GS AT9280 from their base camp in the vicinity of AT920803 during the morning. The platoon returned to the Company CP at 061300H and was replaced ~~back~~ at 061830H with another that departed for GS AT9180. Company G remains as the Battalion reserve/reaction company. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period.

(3) 3/4. Company I helilifted at first light from YD877094 to YD842077 and conducted 2 squad sized ~~sq~~ patrols, one to YD833094 and returned. The other patrolled to YD853070 and returned. The company moved to night defensive positions in the vicinity of YD829094. One platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked to YD843142x at 061600H and moved by foot to YD817153 and established ambush positions. The platoon maintaining the OP on Hill 225 conducted a squad sized recon patrol to YD873083 and returned to the OP during the morning. Company K was air transported to CHU LAI to support an operation of the 4th Marines.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: No change since last report.

b. Battery A: Between 052205H and 060515H Battery A (Fwd) fired 7 harrassing and 9 interdiction missions on hills and trails suspected to be traveled or occupied by VC.

c. Battery F: Between 052201H and 060400H Battery B (Rear) fired 7 harrassing and 5 interdiction missions on trails, streams and wooded areas suspected to be occupied or traveled by VC. Battery B (Fwd) fired 8 harrassing and 3 interdiction missions between 052357H and 060029 at trails, rice paddies suspected to be used by VC.

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d. Mortar Battery: Mortar Battery Fired an illumination mission at AT964753 between 052210H and 052230H with good effect on target.

e. Ammo Expended by type/caliber: 105mm - 100 HE; 107mm - 2 illumination.

f. Missions fired by type: 22 harrassing, 17 interdiction, 1 will adjust.

(5) Company A, 3d Tank Bn. 2 Flame tanks and one gun tank supported a platoon of Company B, 1/3 on an operation in the vicinity of AT875690.

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4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E's mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT9181, AT9182, AT9282. Company F's mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT8676 from its base camp in the vicinity of AT865766. Company H's mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT920808 and returned to the Company H CP at 061300H.

(2) 3/4. Company L, Company M and H&S Company conducted 5 squad sized security patrols from 052200H - 060400H. The Joint Action *(Handwritten: 060400H)* patrolled in the vicinity of villages in YD3917 and YD9015.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company B established 8 man ambushes in the vicinity of AT957704 and AT960703.

(2) 2/3. Company E established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT892812 and AT892825. Company F established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT862766, AT909763 and AT926757. Company H established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT898797, AT898796 and AT895798.

(3) 3/4. Company I established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT823090 and AT843073. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of AT817153. The Joint Action Company established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT892155.

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5. Changes in CPs.

- a. Company I, 3/4 - YD829094
- b. Company K, 3/4 - ~~M~~ To CHU LAI

6. Changes in locations of OPs.

- a. Company E, 2/3 established a one squad OP in the vicinity of AT895823.

7. Training.

- a. 3/4. Tanks and ATs had a 90mm & 106mm RR FIREX.

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8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue to maintain one platoon of Company B in a patrol base until approximately 071400H, at which time it will ~~xxxx~~ return to the company CP. It will destroy all fortifications on Hill 112(GS AT8868) on its way back tomorrow. The platoon from Company A, operating in the west central portion of the DA NANG TAOR, will encircle the village of TAN AN PHUONG (AT8673) during the night and shortly after first light will enter and clear the village in conjunction with ARVN forces. Planning is underway for a coordinated search and destroy operation with the 9th Marines.

b. 2/3. Will continue to operate with three mobile combat bases. The ~~xxxxxx~~ Company E patrol base will be in the vicinity of AT915816. Company F will establish its patrol base in the vicinity of AT864780 and Company H will patrol in GS AT9180. Numerous ambushes will continue to be established.

c. 3/4. Company I will return to the Battalion CP at 070700H. A light section of tanks and a light section of ONTOS plus one platoon of Company L will conduct a patrol from the Company L CP to YD884073 and return. Security patrols of the Battalion CP will continue around the Battalion CP and airfield.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) The III MAF Civil Affairs, the 3d Marines Civil Affairs Officer and the 3d Marines CO ~~met with Miss DEPPE and Mr LUE, columnists for the NEW YORK HEARLD TRIBUNE, and discussed the 3d Marines Civil Affairs program. The III MAF Civil Affairs Officer, the 3d Marines Civil Affairs Officer, Miss DEPPE and Mr LUE then helilifted to the LE MY Dispensary, where the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Executive Officer presented a briefing on Civil Affairs activities within the Battalion TAOR. Miss DEPPE and the Civil Affairs Officers of III MAF and 3d Marines then met with Mr LU, village chief of HOA LOC (AT900804), Mr NAM, village chief of HOA THANH (AT913785), and Father SHINN, pastor of the Catholic Chapel and orphanage at PHU THUONG (AT906764). Miss DEPPE and the Civil Affairs party then visited the new refugee market place at AT900805.~~

(2) 1/3. Company A treated 30 people at AT924723 and 25 people at PHU HA (AT912743). Company B sponsored an 8 man combo that entertained 95 people at AT949702 (PHU HOA). Company D assisted a TD-18 in clearing 300 meters of new road for a school site at AT938717. Company D treated 32 people at AT938716. The Battalion Aid Station (AT951718) treated 10 people.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
54% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
90% wire

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Situation Report 123

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 070001H - 072400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 1/3 continued to maintain two platoons forward of the MSR. One platoon from Company A operated in the TAN AN PHUONG (AT8673) area and successfully completed a night encirclement of the TAN AN PHUONG village. Ten Vietnamese interrogators were helilifted into an LZ near the village and aided in a search of the village with negative results. The 1st Platoon, Company B continued searching in the southwestern portion of the TAOR for 5 reported VC caves. VC huts were discovered and destroyed in the vicinity of AT87568L. A platoon from Company A, 3d Recon Bn apprehended three VCS in the vicinity of AT845736 and turned them over to the platoon from Company A operating in that vicinity. 2/3 maintained three platoon sized mobile combat bases with one west and two east of the MSR. The battalion established six ambushes on likely avenues of approach. 3/4 conducted numerous patrol activities in the PHU BAI TAOR, with negative contact. 1/12 fired 63 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion continued to maintain two platoons forward of the HIR. During the night the 1st platoon of Company A moved to the vicinity of grid square AT8673 and encircled the village of TAN AN PHUONG. By 0830H an LZ had been secured and ten interrogators from the HIEU DUC District Headquarters were helilifted in to aid the platoon in its search missions. At 1400H the search terminated with negative ~~contact~~ contact. The 2d Platoon, Company A, 3d Recon Battalion, while conducting a surveillance operation in RAOR-3, ~~at~~ apprehended three VCS in the vicinity of AT845736 and at 1113H rendezvoused with the platoon from Company A at AT862735 and turned over the VCS, who were later helilifted to HIEU DUC, interrogated and released. At 1210, the interrogators were helilifted from AT866735 to HIEU DUC District Headquarters. The patrol returned by foot to its company CP. The 1st Platoon of Company B spent the night in defensive positions, with three tanks from Company A, 3d Tank Bn, in the vicinity of AT875690. One of the tanks threw a track and at first light a tank retriever was dispatched to the vicinity of the night defensive position. Upon arrival of the retriever the platoon continued with its search and destroy mission. The two remaining tanks were employed with the one gun tank firing on Hill 502 (AT8365), while flame tank moved to Hill 112 (AT8868) where a coordinated tank infantry search and burn missions was conducted. By 0900H there was negative VC contact. One booby-trap had been located at AT875696. At 0915H, the platoon observed 20 VC moving in a westerly direction from AT872624. Shortly thereafter an artillery mission was fired and by 1000H the two tanks and the platoon moved to check the target area. enroute, another tank threw a tread. A security unit remained with it while the remainder of the force continued, arriving at the target area by 1040H, with negative results. At 1210H they destroyed two VC huts in the vicinity of AT875681. Ponchos, canteens and VC propaganda were taken from the huts. Both disabled tanks were repaired and the patrol returned to their respective company CPs, departing from the operating area at 1545H.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continued to provide three reinforced platoon size mobile combat bases with the mission of searching out and destroying any VIET CONG forces. The Company E platoon mobile combat base patrolled from AT915823 to AT919832 during the morning with negative contact. The mobile combat base platoon from Company F patrolled the area in grid squares ~~AT8677~~ and AT8678 with negative contact. The patrol base from Company H moved into the area ~~AT9280~~, AT9281, AT9381 and AT9380 and reported negative contact.

(3) 3/4. After spending an uneventful night, Company I helilifted from YD829094 to the Battalion CP. At 1830H the company moved by foot to YD822101, established defensive positions for the night. Company B, 3d Tank Bn conducted a mechanized patrol with a light section of tanks from the Battalion CP to YD884073 and return, between the hours of 0930H and 1300H with negative contact.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: No change since last report.

b. Battery A: Between 061355H and 070511H Battery A (Fwd) fired 5 harrassing and 8 interdiction missions on trails and trail junctions suspected to be traveled by VC. At 07930H Battery A (Fwd) fired on 20 VC in the open at AT870674 with good effect on target.

c. Battery B: Between 062230H and 070455H Battery B (Fwd) fired 7 harrassing and 5 interdiction missions on roads, draws, and stream beds suspected to be occupied or traveled by VC. Between 062208H and 070257H Battery B fired 8 harrassing missions on hills suspected to be occupied by VC. At 071230H Battery B (Fwd) fired on a suspected enemy mortar at AT797779. At 071350H Battery B (Rear) fired a "will adjust" mission at a suspected VC OP at AT865810 with good effect on target.

d. Ammunition expended by type/caliber: 105mm - 133 HE, 105mm - 22 WP

e. Missions fired by type: 20 harrassing; 13 interdiction; 1 fire for effect; 2 "will adjust".

4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E's mobile combat base patrolled in grid squares AT9182 and AT9183. The Company F mobile combat base patrolled in the AT8676, AT8677 area. Company F conducted a platoon sized patrol to AT89774, to AT894778 to AT888781 to AT880781. The patrol commenced at 1700H and remained out at the close of this period.

(2) 3/4. Companies L and M and H&S Company conducted five squad sized security patrols from 062200H - 070400H. OP 225 conducted a squad size recon patrol to YD849095 and returned between 0630H and 0900H. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a platoon sized recon patrol with a team of Engineers. They were trucked to YD842152 and patrolled by foot to YD830137 and return.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company E established two squad sized ambushes at AT883816 and AT897826. Company F has one squad sized ambush at AT899771. Company H has three squad sized ambushes at AT888803, AT889797 and AT897798.

(2) 3/4. Company I has two squad sized ambushes established at YD899099 and YD898109.

5. Changes in OPs

a. Company I, 3/4 - YD892101

6. Changes in locations of OPs. None.7. Traininga. 2/3. The 2d Platoon, Company F conducted a small arms FIREX at 0830H.b. 3/4. The 81mm mortar platoon conducted a FIREX. Company M and H&S Company conducted a M-60 FIREX while Company L had a one hour intelligence briefing by the Battalion S-2. ATs conducted PM.c. Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Bn. Company headquarters was inspected by the Battalion Commander this morning. Rotation of vehicles from the Regimental CP with those at 2/3 occurred.

8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Continues to defend its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR.
- b. 2/3. Continue to operate three established reinforced platoon size mobile combat bases, two east and one west of the MSR to search out and destroy any VC forces attempting to infiltrate the TAOR. Numerous ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.
- c. 3/4. Company I will be helilifted from YD892101 to YD816091 and will conduct aggressive patrol activity in that area. Security patrols of the Battalion CP and patrols around the airfield will continue.
- d. 17/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. Company B treated 35 people at AT947702. An 8 man combo entertained 115 people at AT947701. The company presented the PHU HA (AT947702) nurse with a TIMEX watch purchased by the company. A luncheon at the Battalion OP is scheduled for 10 August with the village chief of HOA TINH and his 8 staff members. Company D and the TD-18 from Shore Party Battalion has completed the preparation of a school site at AT936714. 1000 square meters of surface land was prepared by the Marines. Company D has completed 50% of the road clearing operation at HOA KHUNG (AT938717. The battalion aid station treated 15 people at AT951721. ~~XXXXXX~~ The Battalion Protestant Chaplain donated \$75.00 to the Christian Mission Alliance Church at AT947701.

(2) 2/3. One squad of Marines from Company E and 1 corpsman visited HOA NHA (AT905807) and treated 39 people. Fifty pounds of powdered milk was distributed. The Commandant of the Royal THAI Marine Corps visited the LE MY dispensary and LE MY Refugee Market (AT899814) with the Commanding Officer, III MAF. The party witnessed a weapons demonstration at PHU THUONG (AT900758). On 5 August ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~the~~ CINCPACFLT, Admiral JOHNSON, visited the LE MY Dispensary and Refugee Market place. Miss DEPPE of the New York HEARALD TRIBUNE and the Civil Affairs Officer of III MAF completed their interviews with the HOA THANH and HOA LOC inhabitants. The dispensary at LE MY treated 137 people.

(3) 3/4. A medical team of 1 doctor and 4 corpsmen treated 250 people at THUY PHU (YD905120). A medical team of 2 doctors and 3 corpsmen treated 200 patients at THUY TAN (YD910148).

b. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was honored by a visit from the Commandant of the Royal THAI Marine Corps today.

c. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
54% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.8% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
92% wire

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Situation Report 124

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 080001H - 082400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 1/3 continued its defense of their sector of the MLR. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach into MLR positions. 2/3 continued to maintain three mobile combat bases, two east of the LE MY complex and one to the west. Negative VC contact was made. At 081530H, one squad (Rein) was dispatched from the Battalion CP to the CA DE SONO Bridge on Highway #1 with instructions to assist the ARVN troops in the security of the bridge. 3/4 continued to conduct security patrols around the Battalion CP and airfield. Company I continued to conduct operations in the Southwest portion of the TAOR. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted patrol and ambush activities to the west and south of the PHU BAI TAOR. Negative contact was reported. 1/12 fired 46 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

- (1) 1/3. Continues to improve its defensive positions and establish numerous ambushes along avenues of approach to the MLR. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period.
- (2) 2/3. Continued to maintain three platoon sized mobile combat bases. The Company E mobile combat base camp is located in the vicinity of AT916817. The Company H mobile base camp is located in the vicinity of AT939802. The Company F mobile base camp is located in the vicinity of AT876788. ~~Negative~~ Negative VC contact was reported. ~~At 081605H one squad (reinforced) of Company G moved to assist the ARVN with the security of the Highway #1 bridge at the mouth of the CA DE SONG, AT927843. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach to the company positions.~~
- (3) 3/4. Company I helilifted at first light from YD892101 to YD816091 and conducted patrols from there to GS YD8007 and YD8221. Night defensive positions were established in the vicinity of YD816091 and 2 squad sized ambushes were established nearby. The OP on hill 225 conducted a squad sized recon patrol to YD838082 and returned. Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one platoon to YD841152 at 081800H and patrolled on foot to YD825154 and established ambushes in that general vicinity. Another platoon was helilifted to YD898080 and patrolled to AT898082 and established a platoon sized ambush. Security patrols were conducted around the Battalion CP and airfield with negative contact.

(4) 1/12

a. Battery positions: no change since last report.

b. Battery A: Between 072021H and 080511H Battery A (Fwd) fired 8 harrasing and 5 interdiction missions on trails, streams and rice paddies suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC.

c. Battery B: Between 072200H and 080458H Battery B (Rear) fired 6 harrasing 8 interdiction missions on valleys and streams suspected to be occupied by VC. Between 072207H and 080420H Battery B (Fwd) fired 6 harrasing and 6 interdiction missions on hills and roads suspected to be traveled by VC. At 072145H Battery B (Fwd) fired an illumination mission on coordinates AT861782 at a possible VC assembly area with good effect on target. At 081225H Battery B (Rear) fired a "Will adjust" mission at AT859791 on a suspected enemy OP with good effect on target. At 081245H Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust mission on a suspected assembly area at AT826793 with good effect on target. *Between 0800 and 0805H Naval Base fired 4 harrasing missions on suspected VC assembly areas.*

d. Ammunition expended by type/caliber: 105mm 110 HE, 6 illumination; 5"/38 60 HE, 21 illumination, 6 WP.

f. Missions ~~expended by type/caliber~~ fired by type: 19 interdiction, 24 harrasing, 3 "will adjust".

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. The Company E mobile combat base patrolled in the vicinity of GS AT9181 with negative contact. The Company F mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT6778. The Company H mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT9280. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative VC contact was made by any patrol.

(2) 3/4. The OP on hill 225 conducted a squad sized recon patrol to YD38082 and returned during the morning. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a patrol from YD841152 to YD825154. Company I conducted 2 patrols from YD816091, the first to YD803073 and return, the second to YD825118 and return. Negative contact was made by any patrol.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

- (1) 1/3. Company A established two squad ambushes in the vicinity of AT902746 and AT922734.
- (2) 2/3. Company E established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT893818, AT887826 and AT914818. Company F established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT903776. Company H established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT897798, AT891796, AT888800 and AT936809.
- (3) 3/4. Company I established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD808038 and YD832991. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD825154 and one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of YD816157. A platoon sized ambush was established in the vicinity of YD898082.

5. Changes in Location of CPs.

a. Company I, 3/4 - YD816091

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs.

a. Company E, 2/3 established a squad sized EP in the vicinity of AT895822.

7. Training.

a. 3/4. The Joint Action Platoon conducted language school. Howtar Battery and Battery M conducted FIREXs during the morning.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue to maintain its present defensive posture. Plans are being completed for a one company operation in GS AT8263 on 10 August.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 3 platoon sized mobile combat bases. The Company E platoon will operate in GS AT9181 and AT9182. The Company F platoon will operate in GS AT8778 and the Company H platoon will operate in GS AT9380. Planning is underway for a Battalion (-) night helilift into the NAM YEN area, scheduled for approximately 13000LH.

c. 3/4. Commencing at first light one platoon of Company I will helilift from YD816091 to YD820153 and will establish blocking positions there. The remaining platoon will helilift to YD814118 and sweep North to the blocking positions. A section of 81mm mortars will support the operation. Security patrols will continue around the Battalion CP and airfield.

9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

- (1) 1/3. The Battalion Aid Station (AT950720) treated 13 people.
- (2) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 97 people.
- (3) 3/4. A Doctor and 4 Corpsmen treated 225 people at THUY LUONG (GS YD8915).

b. MLK Construction

- (1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
54% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
92% wire

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Situation Report 125

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 090001H - 092400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 1/3 continued ~~activities~~ in the defense and completed preparations for a one company operation in GS AT8263. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period. 2/3 rotated Companies G and H this morning. The move commenced at 091000H and had been completed by 091200H. The Battalion continues to patrol on both sides of the LE MY complex with ~~the~~ platoons to the east side and one to the west. Ambushes continue to be established along probable avenues of approach. 3/4 continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Night security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield continue to be conducted during the late evening and early morning hours. Company I conducted a "hammer and anvil" operation in the western portion of the TAOR with negative contact. Company C, 3d Recon Bn continues its patrol and ambush activities. 1/12 fired 49 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. Remained in its defensive positions during the reporting period. Final preparations were completed for tomorrow's company operation in GS AT8263. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period.

(2) 2/3. Commencing at 09100H, Company G relieved Company H in place at AT899804. The Company H mobile combat base returned to the Company CP and Company H reverted to the Battalion Reserve and Reaction Company At 091200H. Company E continued to maintain one platoon to the east of the LE MY complex from a base camp in GS AT9182. The Company F mobile combat base was located at AT860785 and conducted patrols from that area in GS AT8678 and AT8679. Company G had one platoon in GS AT9179. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period. 1 squad remains on the CA DE SONG bridge and a platoon (rein) has been positioned on the sand spit to the east of the southern end of the bridge.

(3) 3/4. Two Company C, 3d Recon Bn platoons returned from last night's ambush positions at first light with negative contact. The security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield also reported no contact. One platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn helilifted at first light to YD822082 and conducted a platoon sized patrol back to the Battalion CP with negative contact. At first light, Company I helilifted to YD820153 and established blocking positions. Another platoon was helilifted to YD814124 and swept north to the blocking positions with negative contact. The Company (-) then moved to YD841156 and established night defensive/ambush positions.

(4) 1/12

(a) Battery Positions: No change since last report.

(b) Battery A: Between 082118H and 090500H Battery A (Fwd) fired 9 harrassing and 1 interdiction mission on trails and hills suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. Between 082400H and 090530H Battery A (rear) fired 2 interdiction missions on a trail suspected to be traveled by VC. At 091450H Battery A (Fwd) fired a precision destruction mission at AT796787 on a suspected VC bunker with very good effect on target.

(c) Battery B: Between 082255H and 090441H Battery B (Rear) fired 10 harrassing and 4 interdiction missions on hills, trails and streams which were believed to be traversed or occupied by VC. Between 082310H and 090559H Battery B (Fwd) fired 9 harrassing and 10 interdiction missions on hills, streams, valleys, and rice paddies suspected to be used or traveled by VC. Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected OP at AT796787 at 090747H with good effect on target.

(d) NGR: Between 081515H and 090005H Naval Gunfire fired 7 harrassing missions on suspected VC assembly areas.

(e) Missions fired by type: 29 Harrassing, 18 interdiction, 4 "will adjust".

Ammo expended by type/caliber: 105mm 127 HE, 5"/38 121 HE, 9 illumination.

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT8982 and AT8981. Company F mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT8678 and AT8679. Company H mobile combat base patrolled from GS AT9380 back to the Company CP. 8 squad sized patrols were conducted from Company CPs to ambush sites.

(2) 3/4. Companies L, K and H&S conducted 5 security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield. The OP on Hill 225 conducted a squad sized patrol to YD831086 and returned. Negative contact was made by all patrols during the reporting period.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company E established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT897825 and AT893816. Company F established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT866792, AT872790, AT902775 and AT897771. Company G established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT901799 and AT883794.

(2) 3/4. Company I established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD839152 and YD839145.

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5. Changes in Locations of CPs.

- a. Company G, 2/3 - AT898803
- b. Company H, 2/3 - AT945773
- c. Company I, 3/4 - YD841155

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs

- a. Company E, 2/3 established a squad sized OP in the vicinity of AT890823.

7. Training

- a. 3/4. One squad of the Joint Action Platoon conducted a small arms FIREX at the ARVN training center.

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8. Plans

a. 1/3. Commencing at 101700H, Company D (-) will helilift to AT832612 and establish a patrol base. A search will be conducted for a "medium level Viet Cong Cadre training camp", which may be located in the vicinity of AT829632. A radio relay site ~~will~~ and one squad (rein) plus one section of mortars will remain at AT832612, providing patrol base security and fire support.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 2 mobile combat bases to the east of the LE MY complex and one to the west. The Company E base camp will be in the vicinity of GS AT9182. The Company F base camp will be in the vicinity of AT871792. The Company G base camp will be in the vicinity of AT9179. Planning is underway for a Battalion (-) night helilift into the NAM YEN area, scheduled for approximately 130001H.

~~xxxxxxx~~

c. 3/4. Company I will truck to the Battalion CP at first light. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will truck one squad to YD841120 and will conduct a recon patrol to YD831189 and return. At 101700H, Company K will truck two platoons to the vicinity of YD889087 and establish night defensive/ambush positions there.

D. 1/2 Will continue to support 3d MARINES

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) HoCo. Two officers and 2 Corpamen accompanied by an interpreter and one Vietnamese nurse treated 64 people at BT002729.

(2) 2/3. The Headquarters Commandant and S-4 accompanied Mrs BAHN NGO and her son, AN NGO, to SAIGON Hospital for a cleft palate operation. The Battalion S-2 and S-4 are scheduled to have lunch with Mr NAM of HOA THANH (AT910783) and Mr BINH of HOA HIEP (AT927794) at Mr BINH's home on 11 August. Company E visited HOA LOC (AT898812) and distributed 100 pounds of beans and rice. The PA team has displaced from LE MY to the CA DE SONG at AT895827, where they are controlling river traffic. The LE MY dispensary treated 118 people.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 98% individual positions
54% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
92% wire

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Situation Report 126

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 100001H - 102400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines, during this reporting period, conducted one Battalion (-) operation, 14 patrols and established 11 squad ambushes.

1/3 continued in the defense of its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR. The battalion established 4 ambushes on likely avenues of approach.

2/3 committed two companies in the NAM YEN area (AT8486) (AT8586) to search out an area north of NAM YEN for a VIET CONG artillery weapon which had been observed by the Naval Gunfire Team on DONG DEN (AT8382). The companies were helilifted into the area after heavy artillery and naval gunfire preparatory fires.

3/4 continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR without incident. Company I was trucked back to the battalion CP at first light and x Company K dispatched two platoons out of the FEBA to operate as a mobile combat force. One platoon of the Joint Action Company was helilifted to QUANG TRI and conducted an assault demonstration for ARVN.

1/12 fired 31 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3 will continue to defend the assigned portion of the DA NANG TAOR.

(2) 2/3. Reported that at 0050H the PF operating in the vicinity of AT905825 had observed two VC and had thrown a grenade and fired 10 rounds of small arms fire at them with negative results. At first light three reinforced platoon combat bases deactivated their night position and prepared for patrol activity. The western mobile base moved from AT861785 at 0800H to AT880775 and by 1000H had patrolled to the vicinity of AT864782. At 0800H the two platoons operating as Mobile combat bases to the east of the MSR were located at AT929824 and AT925797 and continued throughout the day to patrol within a 1500 meter radius of these base camps with negative contact. At 1008H the Naval Gunfire spot team on DONG DEN mountain (AT8382) observed a VC artillery piece in the vicinity of AT851869. Two men were in the area and appeared to be covering the weapon. A squad from Company A, 3d Recon Bn, also maintaining surveillance from DONG DEN, verified that there was an artillery piece and that it was of the howitzer type. Ten men wearing khami moved into the area. Shortly thereafter an air strike was made by 4 F4s dropping 500 pound bombs and rockets. The air strike was followed by artillery and by 1245H Naval Gunfire commenced fire on the target area. An LZ was prepared at AT84861 by Naval Gunfire and artillery from 1305H to 1315H. Battery B (Rear) displaced to the LE MY fort by 1300H, followed by one platoon of Battery L, which arrived in place by 1330H. At 1316H, the 1st and 3d Platoons of Company F landed and secured the LZ after lifting 110 men from AT902776 (the company CP) and 55 men (the mobile combat base operating west of the MSR) from AT864782. The 12 helicopters returned to pick up Company H (-) and a FAC at LZ TURKEY (AT945772) and landed them in the secured LZ by 1410H. The Battalion Command Group moved into the LZ (AT8486) with Company H (-) as Company H prepared to serve as a reaction force to be moved by LVT if required. At 1400H, Company F was at AT850860 and moving north. The operation continued with negative results throughout the afternoon. The LVT platoon moved up river at 1530H to return Company F upon completion of the search. Company H was helilifted from the vicinity of AT848861 at 1800H and returned to their defensive position. Company F continued to search the assigned area in an effort to discover the location of the reported VC artillery. At 1755H, Company F had reported finding a VC base camp of supplies, hard core clothing, 7.62mm ammo, rice, cooking gear, pamphlets and ID cards in the vicinity of AT850860.

(3) 3/4. At first light Company I was trucked from last night's defensive/ambush position at YD841155 to the Battalion CP (YD8813) with negative contact. Company I, upon arrival at the Battalion CP, assumed the mission of reaction company. At 1700H Company K dispatched two platoons by truck to YD889087 from there the platoon moved by foot to YD841151 where two squad sized ambushes were established in the vicinity of YD840150.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery Positions: All Batteries in last reported positions except Battery B (Rear) moved to AT901821.

b. Battery A: At 092200H Battery A (Fwd) fired one harrassing mission at a trail suspected to be used by VC. Between 100030H and 100300H Battery A (Fwd) fired two interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC.

c. Battery B: Between 092130H and 100500H Battery B (Rear) fired eight harrassing missions at trails and streams traveled by VC. During the same period they also fired four interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC. Battery B (Fwd) fired six harrassing missions at trails traveled by VC. Also during the same period eight interdiction missions at assembly areas and avenues of approach. At 101300H Battery B (Fwd) fired a fire for effect unobserved mission at an avenue of approach reported by Regimental Artillery at AT875865 with good effect on target.

d. Reinforcing Fires: (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery : Between 101313H and 101322H a preparation fire on AT845861 to AT846363 to AT847861 requested by the Artillery Liaison Officer, 1st Bn, 3d Mar. At 100950H 8" fired on AT841869. Target called in by OP DONG DEN.

e. NCF: Between 091605H and 100015H fired a total of 7 "will adjust" missions at VC assembly areas and flashing lights. Personnel confirmed as VC due to presence of elephant. 15 to 20 VC KIA. 2 DDs fired preparation fires at AT837867 to AT863867 to AT863873 to AT837873 and was fired from 101247H to 101315H.

f. Ammo fired by type/ caliber: 105mm 70 HE, 5"/38 221 HE, 8" 29 HE.

g. Missions fired by type: 1 fire for effect, 15 harrassing, 13 interdiction, 1 preparation fire, 1 will adjust.

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 3/4. Companies L, M and H&S conducted five security type patrols of the Battalion CP area and airfield. The Joint Action Company, which is comprised of 6 RF platoons and three U. S. Marine infantry squads, had one platoon patrol in the THUY PHU village (YD9011). A second platoon patrolled in the village of THUY TAN (YD8915). A third platoon patrolled in the THUY WONG village (YD8817). All 3 patrols had negative contact. Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked a platoon to YD841152 and conducted a recon patrol to YD832120 which returned to YD841152 with negative contact. The platoon was trucked back to the Battalion CP. The platoon maintaining the OP 225 (YD8408) conducted a morning patrol to YD855090 and return with incident.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A has one squad sized ambush at AT904720 and Company B established three squad sized ambushes at AT959702, AT960701 and AT966702.

(2) 2/3. Company E established two squad sized ambushes at AT895826 and AT893814. Company G has two squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT888794 and AT898799.

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5. Changes in Locations of CPs

- a. Company I, 3/4 - YD882136
- b. Company K, 3/4 - YD841151

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs. None

7. Training.

- a. 3/4. Company B, 3d Tank Bn and Company B, 3d AT Bn conducted maintenance of equipment and lectures.

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8. Plans

(1) 1/3. Due to the cancellation of the operation today for Company D, it has been rescheduled for tomorrow. Commencing at 111700H, Company D (-) will helilift to an LZ to be announced and establish a patrol base. A search will be conducted for a Viet Cong Cadre training camp which may be located in the vicinity of AT829632. A radio relay site and one squad (rein) plus one section of mortars will remain at AT832612, providing patrol base security.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continues with preparations for the forthcoming search and destroy mission in the NAM YEN/PHU VAN Valley.

(3) Will truck ~~the~~ platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn from YD812151 to the Battalion CP at first light. At first light Company K will conduct a security patrol from YD841152 to YD832145. At 1600H, Company K will helilift the two platoon patrol from the vicinity of YD832145 to the vicinity of Hill 61 (YD8211) at 1600H where the patrol will establish night defensive/ambush position. Company C, 3d Recon Battalion will truck one squad to the vicinity of YD880070 and conduct an area reconnaissance in that vicinity. The Recon Bn will also establish a platoon night ambush on the SONG NONG (YD910083).

(4) 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. 200 pounds of Bulgar wheat and 10 pounds of vitamins were distributed at AT906764. Company D treated 20 people at AT940718. The BAS at AT950720 treated 20 people.

(2) 2/3. The Vietnamese Grade School at LE MY (AT900817) opened. The Battalion S-2 conferred with Mr LU, village chief of HOA LOC, on the placement of two wells. The PA team is to do the digging and construction of the wells. The Battalion land lines are being elevated on bamboo poles by the villagers. The following work has been completed: HOA LOC (AT8980) - 80%; (HOA THANH (AT9179) - 90%; HOA VINH (AT8977) - 80%. The Battalion Surgeon is making a medical survey of HOA THANH and HOA HIEP (AT906764) in order to estimate supply levels needed to establish effective continual medical services for those villagers. The dispensary at LE MY treated 167 people.

b. ~~3/4~~ ~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ One platoon of the Joint Action Company, 3/4, was helilifted to QUANG TRI (YD345540) where they conducted a demonstration for 2 ARVN Battalions on envelopment and frontal assault.

c. MIR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 98% individual positions
43% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
93% wire

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Situation Report 1-7

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 110001H - 112400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines ^{conducted} ~~commenced~~ one company sized operation, 25 patrols and established 10 ambushes.
 1/3 commenced a Company (-) operation at 111700H. The company helilifted to the vicinity of AT867628 and moved to AT833613 and established night defensive positions. Negative VC contact was made.
 2/3 continued to maintain 2 mobile combat bsses, one to the east of the MLR and one in the west with negative contact. Company F and one platoon of Company H returned from LE MY this morning to their respective company positions. Final preparations are being made for the search and destroy mission in the vicinity of NAM YEN and PHU VAN valley.
 3/4's Company K continued operations, patrolling at first light from YD841152 to YD832145. At 111600H they helilifted to the vicinity of Hill 61, GS YD8211, and established night defensive/ambush positions. Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued patrol and ambush activity.
 1/12 fired a total of 39 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. Company D (-) (Rein) helilifted at 111700H to the vicinity of hill 419 (AT867628). The lift was completed at approximately 111730H and the company established a patrol base in the vicinity of AT833613 for the evening.

(2) 2/3. Company E continued to maintain a mobile combat base in the vicinity of AT916818 and conducted patrols to the southwest and the northeast. Company F returned from LE MY to their company position at 110900H and spent the remainder of the reporting period preparing for tomorrow night's operation in the vicinity of NAM YEN and PHU VAN. Company G continued to maintain a platoon sized mobile combat base, located in the vicinity of AT878808. Company H remained as the Battalion reserve and reaction company. One squad of Company E provided security for Battery B, 1/12 at AT903822. One squad (reinforced) from Company G continues to provide security of the CA DE SONG bridge on Highway #1.

(3) 3/4. Company K moved at first light and patrolled from YD841152 north to the Battalion CP. Negative VC contact was made. At 111600H, 2 platoons of Company K helilifted from the Battalion CP to the vicinity of hill 61, YD8211, and established night defensive/ambush positions. Company C, 3d Recon Btr trucked one squad to the vicinity of YD880070 and conducted an area reconnaissance.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Battery positions remain same as last reported except Battery A moved to AT939721.

b. Battery A: Between 102020H and 110505H, Battery A (Fwd) fired 8 harrassing missions on hills and trails suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. At 111400H, Battery A fired a precision registration at AT921647.

c. Battery B: Between 101710H and 110547H, Battery B fired 18 harrassing missions on hillsides suspected to be occupied by VC. Between 101805H and 102000H Battery B fired 7 smoke missions to cover movement of friendly troops. At 101700H Battery B fired a precision registration at AT834867. At 110705H Battery B fired a "will adjust" mission at an enemy artillery weapon at AT844877.

d. Naval Gunfire: Between 101945H and 102109H Naval Gunfire fired 3 missions on a known VC position at AT843866 and a VC bunker at AT849870, utilizing a DD type ship equipped with 5"/38 guns.

e. Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 214 H., 32 smoke HC; 5"/38 100 HE, 20 WP, 21 illumination.

f. Missions fired by type: 26 harrassing, 7 screening (smoke).
~~100x~~ 4 "will adjust", 2 registration.

4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 10/1/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative VC contact.

(2) 2/3. Company E mobile combat base conducted 2 squad sized patrols from AT916818. The first patrol departed at 110800H and patrolled to AT912803 and returned. The second departed at 110930H and patrolled to AT927827. Company G had one squad sized patrol to the village of HOA VINH this morning. The Company G mobile combat base patrolled GS AT8778. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative contact with VC was reported.

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(3) 3/4. Conducted 5 security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield during the late evening and early morning hours. The Joint Action Company conducted two platoon sized patrols in THUY PHU (YD9011) and THUY TAN (YD3915). Company C, 3d Recon Bn patrolled from YD890077 to YD860046 and returned to the base camp. The OP on hill 225 conducted a recon patrol to YD850098 and returned during the morning. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative VC contact was reported.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company ^A established 2 squad ~~x~~ sized ~~ambushes~~ in the vicinity of AT905746 and AT923735. Company B established 1 platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of AT966698 and one squad sized ambush at AT960704.

(2) 2/3. Company E established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT892810. Company G established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT890798 and AT902799.

(3) 3/4. Company K established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of hill 61 (GS YD8211). Company C, 3d Recon Bn established a platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of YD910088.

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5. Changes in Locations of CPs.

- a. Company D, 1/3 - AT833613
- b. Company K, 3/4 - YD825114

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OPs.

- a. Company B, 2/3 established a squad sized OP in the vicinity of AT895822.

7. Training

- a. 3/4. Companies L and M had a one hour lecture on tank capabilities. Tanks and ATs conducted preventive maintenance.

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a. 1/3. Company D (-) will conduct a search and destroy mission ~~for~~ *Against* a Viet Cong Cadre Training Camp, which is suspected to be located in the vicinity of AT829632. A radio relay site guarded by one reinforced squad will be established in the vicinity of AT833613. One section of mortars will support the operation.

b. 2/3. Final preparations will be made for ~~xxxx~~ tomorrow evening's search and destroy mission in the VICINITY of NAM YEN and PHU WAN. Company E and Company G will continue to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one to the east of the LE MY complex and one to the west. Company G's mobile base will operate in GS AT8778 and AT8779. The Company E mobile base will operate in GS AT9282 and GS AT9182.

c. 3/4. At 120630H, the 2 platoons of Company K will helilift back to the Battalion CP. At 121700H two platoons of Company K will truck to the vicinity of YD891078 and establish night defensive/ambush positions in the vicinity of hill 42, GS YD8907. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will truck one squad to the vicinity of hill 36 (YD841115) and conduct a daylight area reconnaissance of GS YD8111 and YD8112. They will also conduct a night platoon sized ambush along the DAI GIANG River. Company I will move to DA NANG between 121200H and 121230H via fixed wing aircraft in support of 2/3.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support 3d Marines.

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9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) HqCo. The 3d Marines Civil Affairs Officer met with the village chief of HOA PHAT (AT993746) and settled two dozen property interference claims of his villagers.

(2) 1/2. Company B treated 28 people at AT947702. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer had lunch with the village chief of HOA TINH (GS AT91470) and his staff. Community improvement projects were discussed. The Battalion Aid Station (AT950720) treated 22 people.

(3) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 100 people. The Battalion Surgeon and 2 Corpsmen treated 82 people at HOA THANH (AT915790).

b. MLR Consturction

(1) 1/3. 92% individual positions
43% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
93% wire

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Situation Report 128

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-1 (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 120001H - 122400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines conducted 1 company sized operation, 19 patrols and 8 ambushes were established during the reporting period.

1/3. Company D conducted a search and destroy operation in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. The VC training camp was not located. At 121600H 2 VC were WIA in the vicinity of AT873628 by Company D (not recovered). Company B apprehended 10 persons without identification cards in the vicinity of AT965694.

2/3 continued to maintain 2 platoons in mobile combat bases, one east and one west of the LE MY complex. The company G mobile combat base exchanged small arms fire with 3 VC in the vicinity of AT863778. No casualties resulted from the encounter. Preparations continued for tonight's operation in the NAM YEN/PHU VAN valley.

3/4. Company K continued operations in the southeast portion of the TAOR. Company I flew from PHU BAI to DA NANG to support the 2/3 operation. ~~X/XXXXXXX~~

1/12 fired 79 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/2. Company D (-) conducted a search for a Viet Cong ~~x~~ training camp, which was reported to be located in the vicinity of AT829632. Company D moved from the vicinity of AT850620 to the vicinity of AT841614, arriving there at 120720H. By 120745H the company was in the vicinity of AT835617 and at 120835H in the vicinity of AT835613. At 122227H the company was in the vicinity of AT839628 and failed to locate any trails leading into the area of the VC camp. At 121350H the company had returned to the vicinity of AT833613 and by 121545H were in the vicinity of AT837613. At 121600H 2 VC were WIA in the vicinity of a radio relay site at AT873628. Two fire teams pursued the VC but were unable to locate them. Both VC were wearing packs. Company D established night defensive positions in the vicinity of AT873628. One platoon of Company B, returning from last night's ambush positions apprehended ~~x~~ 10 persons with no identification in the vicinity of AT965694. Three caves were located nearby.

(2) 2/3. Continued to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one from Company F in the vicinity ~~xx~~ of AT929828 and the one from Company G in the vicinity of ~~AT862775~~ AT862775. Both mobile combat bases patrolled within their respective grid squares during the day and established night defensive/ambush positions ~~from~~ at approximately 122000H. At 121343H the Company G mobile combat ~~base~~ base exchanged small arms fire with 3 VC in the vicinity of AT863778. No casualties resulted on either side. The VC were all armed and were last seen moving northeast in the vicinity of AT866774. Company F spent the reporting period preparing for the NAM YEN/ PHU VAN Valley operation. Company H remained as the Battalion Reserve/Reaction company and prepared for the forthcoming operation. At 121800H both Companies F and H commenced movement to the DA NANG Airfield in preparation for L-Hour at 122400H. At 121800H, the Battalion CP moved to the vicinity of LE MY and under cover of darkness moved to a CP/OP position in the vicinity of AT899820 at approximately 122000H. One squad of Company B continues to provide security for Battery B, 1/12 in the vicinity of AT903822. One squad of Company G continues providing security ~~x~~ for the CA DE SONG bridge on Highway #1.

(3) 3/4. At 120715H, the 2 platoons of Company K helilifted back to the Battalion CP. One Company K platoon was lifted to the OP on Hill 225 to relieve the platoon from Company I which returned to the Battalion CP. Company I ~~IK~~ flew from PHU BAI to DA NANG, commencing at 121000H. The company will occupy Company F, 2/3's positions while 2/3 conducts its operation. At 120730H, Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one platoon to YD841152 and conducted a recon patrol to YD819112 and trucked back to the Battalion CP in the late afternoon. At 120745H, tanks and ONT~~90~~ conducted a patrol to YD885104. The patrol returned at 120930H. At 121700H, Company K (-) trucked to the vicinity of YD891078 and established night defensive/ambush positions.

(4) 1/12

- a. Battery Positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.
- b. Battery A: Between 112000H and 120500H fired 13 harrassing and 1 interdiction missions on trails and streams suspected to be traversed by VC. At 121025H, Battery A fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected VC OP at AT920654 with good effect on target. At 121405H Battery A fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy position at AT867815 with good effect on target.
- c. Battery B: Between 112100H and 120501H fired 12 harrassing and 24 interdiction missions on areas of reported VC activity. Between 112100H and 120225H Battery B (Fwd) fired 9 harrassing and 2 interdiction ~~missions~~ missions on trails and streams suspected to be utilized by VC. At 121135H Battery B fired a "will adjust mission on an enemy bunker at AT868849 with good effect on target.
- d. Reinforcing Fires: (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery: At 112100H fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected VC company at AT820630 with good effect on target.x
- e. Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type: 105mm - 188 HE, 11 WP; 8" - 12 HE.
- f. Missions fired by Type: 34 harrassing, 39 interdiction, 4 "will adjust".

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Conducted night p trols to its ambush position. Negative VC contact was made.

(2) ~~XXXXXX~~ 2/3. Company E's mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT9282 and AT9182. Negative VC contact was made. Company G's mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT8678, AT8578, AT8579 and AT8677. Contact was made with 3 VC in the vicinity of AT863778 at 121340H. Small arms fire was exchanged but no casualties resulted on either side. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites with negative contact.

(3) 3/4. Conducted 5 security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield between 112200H and 120400H. Tanks and ONTOS conducted a patrol from the Battalion CP to YD885104. The patrol departed at 120745H and returned at 120930H. The CP on Hill 225 conducted a morning patrol to YD842083. The Joint Action Company conducted 2 platoon sized patrols in GS YD8915 and YD8817. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative VC contact was made by all patrols.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company B established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT959704.

(2) 2/2. Company E established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT895817. Company G established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT895727, AT894805, AT895780.

(3) 3/4. Company K established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of YD891078. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established a platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of AT914162.

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5. Changes in Locations of CPs.

- a. Company D, 1/3 - AT873628.
- b. Company I, 3/4 ~~XD~~ - YD902777
- c. Company K, 3/4 - YD891073

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None.

7. Training

- a. 3/4. Companies L and M received a one hour class on field sanitation. Company M had a one hour class on indigenous personnel. Tanks and Ts conducted preventive ~~Maintenance~~. The Joint Action Company had lectures and application classes on ambush formations and immediate action drills.

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8. Plans

a. 1/3. Company D will return from its search and destroy operation by helicopter at 131000H. The ~~rem~~ remainder of the battalion will continue its defensive mission. Ambushes continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.

b. 2/3. Commencing at L-Hour (122400H) Company F and one platoon of Company H will helilift to the vicinity of AT847862 (Company F) and AT857849~~2~~ (Company H). One platoon of Company F will establish blocking positions around the village of NAM YEN and remain there until first light. A second platoon will ~~move~~ to AT865850 and assume the mission of reaction platoon, while the 3d Platoon moves up the ridge line to the north to search ~~for~~ for the howitzer reported at AT847878. The Company H platoon will establish blocking positions around the village in GS AT8585 and AT8685. At 130430H the remaining two platoons of Company H will move up river by LVT to the vicinity of AT857858. One platoon will search the southern village and the second platoon will be prepared to search NAM YEN on order. 1/12 will deliver preparatory fires from L -14 to L -4 and 4 HU-1Bs will escort the 20 UH-34s conducting the helilift. A flare plane will be on station, providing illumination for the landing and ensuing operations. On D+1 both banks of the CA DE SONG will be swept as far west as GS AT8185 and AT8186 and as far east as NS grid line 87.

c. 3/4. At first light the 2 platoons of Company K will conduct a patrol from YD891078 back to the Battalion CP. The platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn at YD914162 will also return to the Battalion CP at first light by truck. At 131800H, Company K will helilift two platoons to YD815105 and establish night defensive/ambush positions. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will truck one squad to YD897082 and conduct a river reconnaissance patrol along the SONG NONG to Route #1. The company will also helilift one squad to the OP on Hill 225 at 131600H and establish an ambush in that vicinity.

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9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

(1) 1/3. Company B treated 20 ~~ms~~ people at AT947702. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer distributed 72 story books, 5 dolls, 2 basketballs 30 bars of soap and 5 pounds of chewing gum to the ~~ms~~ people of HOA TINH (AT947702).

(2) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 153 people. The Battalion Chaplain visited the Catholic Orphanage at PHU THUONG (AT905765) and distributed 300 Holy Cords, 12 dozen Rosaries, 600 religious medals and 30 gallons of ice cream. The Battalion Civil Affairs officer met with the village chief of HOA VING (AT903506) and discussed community improvement. The Company E Commander and Corpsman treated 75 people at AT903506. The Battalion Surgeon treated 85 people at HOA HIEP (AT933832).

b. MLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 92% positions
43% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% positions
94% wire

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Situation Report 129

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 130001H - 132400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted one Battalion (-) operation, one company sized operation, ten patrols and established seven ambushes.
 - 1/3. Company D (-) had negative VC contact during the night and at first light, deactivated its defensive/ambush position. The search for a Viet Cong training camp was resumed. The search ended with negative results and the company was helilifted back to their CP at approximately 1530H.
 - 2/3. At 122400H (L-Hour) the battalion commenced a battalion (-) operation employing companies F and H (-) in a coordinated night helicopter operation in the NAM YEN Valley (AT 8485). As scheduled, the first wave of helicopters landed in LZ's following artillery prep fires. The entire operation progressed as planned under illumination provided by flares dropped from a U. S. Air Force plane. Co F and a platoon from H Co established blocking positions around NAM YEN nad PHO NAN without VC contact during the night. At first light, they commenced search operations of villages. One VC was killed when he attempted to escape from the village of NAM YEN, later 7VCS were apprehended. The area west of NAM YEN and to the north of the river in the vicinity of (AT 8286) was prepared for afternoon operations by aircraft dropping Napalm. Two remaining platoons of Co H were moved by LVT, at 130430H, to join the remainder of the company. This operation continued throughout the afternoon with negative Viet Cong contact. At 1450H, Co F apprehended 22 VCS. The remainder of the afternoon had negative contact.
 - 3/4. Co K (-) continued to operate as the mobile combat company beyond the MLR, returning this morning to resupply and rest. The company resumed operations this afternoon and helilifted into the eastern portion of the PHU BAI TAOR.
- 1/12. Fired 58 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities.

a. Operations.

(1) 1/3. Co D (-), at first light, deactivated its night defensive positions in the vicinity of AT 873628. The search continued for a Viet Cong training camp suspected to be located in the vicinity of AT 8263 with negative results. At 130900H, the company was resupplied by helicopter in the vicinity of AT 868626. The company remained in the vicinity of the resupply, sending out local patrols with negative contact. At 1530H, the company was helilifted from AT 867626 back to its positions along the MLR. Under the cover of darkness, two reinforced platoons moved out on foot to HOI VUC (AT870708), encircled the village and prepared to conduct a search and sweep operation at first light. The patrol has two mine detection teams with it and will, upon completing the sweep, conduct a clearing operation from HOI VUC to AT 863748. Effective 132400H, 1/3 was placed on a 12 hour alert for possible deployment.

(2) 2/3. At 122400H, commenced a battalion (-) operation in the NAM YEN/PHO NAN Valley (AT8485) with the purpose of destroying Viet Cong forces located therein and to conduct extensive patrols to gather intelligence data. Also, the Battalion assisted refugees to evacuate the area. Prior to L-Hour, Naval Gun-fire fired H & I's from 122115H to 122220H in the vicinity of the area of operation. At 122340H, The hills overlooking the LZ's, one north and the other south of the CA DE SONG, were simultaneously prepared by artillery fire. Prep fires were terminated at 122355H and at 122352H the first wave lifted off the airfield. As planned, Co F (-)(Rein) landed north of the CA DE SONG near the hamlet of NAM YEN and established blocking and ambush positions. ~~Simultaneously, a reinforced platoon from Co H landed south of the CA DE SONG near the hamlet of PHO NAN and established blocking and ambush positions.~~ By 130030H, all units were on the ground. The helicopters were guided to the approach for the LZ by a squad from Co A, 3d Recon Bn, occupying an observation post on DONG DEN (AT 8382) and employing a flashing directional light. The helicopters passed DONG DEN on the west and as the first wave approached the LZ, a U. S. Air Force plane dropped flares to illuminate the area. At 130002H, the first wave landed in the valley. Four UH-1B's remained on station, and by 130006H, the 2d wave had landed. ~~At 130017H, gun fire was reported at the eastern end of the southern LZ.~~ There were no casualties. At 130025H, the lead elements of the final wave touched down in the valley. There was negative enemy contact up to this time and by 130041H, all helicopters had departed the area. The Air Force plane remained on station providing the battalion with illumination until approximately 130130H. At 130415H, the remaining two platoons of Co H commenced movement up the CA DE SONG from LE MY arriving in the vicinity of AT 857858 by 130445H. At 0445H, one VC was killed as he attempted to move out of NAM YEN. By 130821H, the 2d platoon, Co H, had apprehended 7 VCS and the 3d platoon Co F had discovered an observation post in the vicinity of AT 848873. At 131100H, 2 LVT's arrived at LE MY from NAM YEN area with 7 VCS, who were earlier apprehended. The 1st and 2d platoons of Co F were in blocking positions around NAM YEN and were preparing to search the village at 1100H. The 3d platoon of Co F continued to move the high ground to the north of NAM YEN. The 1st platoon of Co H commenced a search of PHO NAN and by 131200H had completed their mission with negative VC contact. The 2d and 3d platoons, at 131130H, were located at AT 857857 providing security for the LVT's and were available as a reaction force. At 1000H, a napalm attack was conducted in the vicinity of

AT 820860 to turn off that area for subsequent operations there. By 131140H, Co H had completed the search of PHO NAN and moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of the LVT's at AT 857857. Both companies, having completed their initial search, began to sweep the area around the villages and at 131430H had reported negative contact. At 1450H, Co F apprehended 22 VCS. The two companies continued to search and sweep.

Co G today established two squad size mobile combat outposts, one east and one west of Iron Bridge Ridge. Both of these squads operated locally today in a radius of approximately 2,000 meters. The platoon size combat outpost from G Company will establish night position at AT 892803. This afternoon the platoon operated in the AT 8980 - AT 8880 with negative contact. Company I, 3/4, commenced patrol activity in the area west of the Foxrot Fort in a radius of 1200 meters with emphasis on the northern slopes of hill 393 complex.

(3) 2/4. Company K deactivated its night position at dawn and moved by foot from YD 891075 to the Bn CP without incident. Also at dawn, a platoon from Co C, 3d Recon Bn, moved from their ambush position at YD 914162 back to the Bn CP. This morning, one squad from Co C 3d Recon Bn, was trucked to the vicinity of YD 897082 where they conducted a recon of the banks of the SONG NONG up to Route #1 where they boarded trucks and returned to the Bn CP. This afternoon, Co K helilifted 2 platoons to YD 905105 and established night defensive positions and 2 squad ambushes in that vicinity.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 121450H and 121530H, fired 2 will adjust missions at enemy OP's. One mission was observed by A-1 at coord (AT953668). Good effect on targets. Above information was previously reported. Between 122000H and 130500H, Alpha fired 10 harrassing missions at hills suspected of containing VC and 10 interdiction missions at trails and crossings. At 131102H to 131124H one will adjust mission for A-4 at suspected enemy OP at coord AT 871641. Surveillance: Good effect on target.

c. Battery B: Between 120500H to 122330H, 24 interdiction missions at hill sides and ridges suspected of containing VC. Between 121634H and 121645H, one will adjust mission for I Co, 3/4, at coord AT 88878589, at enemy OP. Good effect on target. Between 122346H and 122355H 1 LZ prep mission at coord AT 846862. Between 121520H and 121618H B (Fwd) fired 2 will adjust missions for I Co, 3/4, at suspected enemy OP's. One at AT 80207856; surveillance, too misty to observe. One at 80658065. Surveillance: Good effect on target. Between 122346H and 122355H 1 LZ prep mission at coord AT 85628505 and AT 85458515.

d. Reinforcing fires: None.

e. NGF: Between 122115H and 122300H fired 7 harrassing and interdiction missions (heavy) at suspected VC positions in support of 2/3 landing. All missions were fired by a ship of the CLG type, main armament 6"/47 Cal.

f. Ammo expended by Type/Caliber: 105mm - 150 HE, 36 WP. 6"/47 Cal 55 HE, 11 WP.

g. Missions fired by type: 17 harrassing, 34 interdiction, 5 "will adjust", 2 LZ prep.

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Co I, 3/4, while occupying the defensive positions of Co F, 2/3, conducted one squad sized patrol commencing at 130630H at the Co F CP area and patrolling to AT 904768 and returned to CP by 1020H with negative contact. At 1300H, Co I, 3/4, conducted a squad sized recon patrol to AT 892770, to AT 879764, to AT 883768, to AT 876772 with negative contact.

(2) 3/4. H & S Co conducted one squad size patrol and companies M & L conducted two squad patrols in the vicinity of En CP and airfield. The Joint Action Company conducted a platoon sized recon patrol in the village of THUY LUONG (YD 8817)

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4. Activities.

c. Ambushes

- (1) 1/3. Company B has one squad sized ambush located at AT 963707.
- (2) 2/3. Company G has squad sized ambushes established at AT898799, AT894798, and AT895803. Company I, 3/4, has squad ambushes located at AT885756 and AT912753.
- (3) 3/4. Co K has two squad sized ambushes established in the vicinity of YD 903105.

5. Changes in location of OP's.

a. Company D, 1/3 - AT 941719

b. Company F, 2/3 - AT ~~844~~ 844819

c. Company H, 2/3 - AT ~~854~~ 854853

d. Company K, 3/4 - YD 905105

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OP's. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company M had a one hour class on procedures for calling in artillery fire/81mm Mortar fire. Company C, 3d Recon Bn, and H & S Co had a one hour class on relation with indigenous personnel. A detachment from 4/12 conducted a firex this morning.

8. Plans

a. ^{One} 1/3. ~~Two~~ platoons of Co C, reinforced with a heavy section of tanks will commence patrol activity in the DA NANG TAOR south of the SONG TUY LOAN.

#1 ~~The initial platoon~~ will remain out on patrol until 15 August at which time an LZ will be secured and a relief platoon will be lifted in. The heavy section of tanks will continue to support the new platoon. 1/3 was placed on a 12 hour alert for contingency plans in support of division requirements.

b. 2/3. Will continue with the Bn (-) search operation being conducted in the northwest portion of the DA NANG TAOR and will ^(S2) move west to the vicinity of AT 8186.

c. ^{LoC} 3/4. At 140630H, Co K (-) will be helilifted back to the Bn Cp. The 3d Recon ~~Bn~~, along with a detachment of engineers, will conduct a road recon along the ~~a~~ western portion of the TAOR. ^{After dark on 14 AUG Co K will establish 3 Squad sized ambushes via Y69/10}

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. 42 people were treated by D Company at AT 947702. The Battalion Aid Station treated 13 people. (AT 950720)

(2) 2/3. ME LU, the village chief of HOA LOC, and the Battalion S-2 met and discussed Community Improvement and Sanitation projects. (AT 898314). ME LU has provided 3 more villagers for medical instruction at the LE MY dispensary. Five villagers have been undergoing training at the Dispensary for the past six (6) weeks and will soon be returned to do medical work within their hamlets. The LE MY Dispensary treated 115 people.

b. MLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 92% positions
44% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% position
94% wire

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Situation Report 130

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 140001H - 142400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted one Battalion (-) operation, 26 patrols and established 14 ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3. At 140345H, 2 USMC from B Company were WIA by an explosive device in the vicinity of AT 860709 while enroute to Hoi Vu. The platoon conducted a search of the village of Hoi Vu (AT872707). It received six rounds of small arms fire while conducting the search. Five VCS were spotted running away from the village to the west. The search had negative results. The road from AT 848716 north to AT 860746 was swept for mines following which the platoon was heli-lifted back to its Company CP at 141600H. At 141100H a platoon from Company C supported by a heavy section of tanks departed on a patrol in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. Sniper fire was received from AT892678. Tanks returned the fire and the snipers broke contact. The platoon established its patrol base in the vicinity of AT903673.

2/3. The Battalion continued its operation in the Nam Yen valley. One platoon of Company F patrolled in the vicinity of GS AT8487 this morning. Two VC huts (deserted) were found and destroyed. The remaining two platoons of Co F conducted a sweep of Nam Yen in conjunction with Popular Forces. Company H patrolled from a base camp at AT829861 and patrolled in GS AT8286, AT8386, and AT8387. Company I 3/4 continues supporting 2/3 by patrolling and establishing ambushes on likely avenues of approach. Company G maintained two mobile combat bases with negative contact during the reporting period.

3/4. Two platoons of Company K patrolled to the Battalion CP from last night's position and became part of the defensive perimeter. Company I continues to support 2/3 in the Da Nang TAOR. Company C, 3d Recon Battalion continues patrolling and ambush activities.

1/12. Fired 54 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities.

a. Operations.

(1) 1/3. One platoon of Company B moved during the early morning to conduct a search of the village of Hoi Vuc (AT872707). Enroute to the village, two USMC were WIA by an explosive device (a booby-trapped gate) at 141345H in the vicinity of AT880709. By 140800H the village was encircled and the platoon in conjunction with a team of ten ARVN interrogators swept the village. Six rounds of sniper fire were received and five men in black pajamas were seen running away from the village to the west. The search of the village had negative results and the patrol continued on its route. It swept the road from AT848716 to AT860746 for mines. There was negative contact throughout the day. No mines were located along the road. The platoon was heli-lifted back to its company CP at 141600H. One platoon of Company C and a heavy section of tanks commenced a two day patrol operation at 141100H. The patrol moved generally South during the day. At 141410H several rounds of sniper fire were received from the vicinity of AT892678. The tanks returned the fire and the sniper broke contact. At 141705H the tanks could patrol no farther and one squad remained with them in the vicinity of AT 875691. The patrol continued and established night defensive positions in the vicinity of AT903673. The remainder of the Battalion remains on 12 hour alert.

(2) 2/3. The Battalion continued its search and destroy operation in the Nam Yen valley. Company F(-) in conjunction with Popular Forces reswept the village of Nam Yen commencing at 140820H. The search had negative results. One platoon of Company F patrolled in the vicinity of AT846872. Two deserted VC huts were found in that area and were destroyed. At 140800H Company H moved in LVTs to the vicinity of AT837863 and established a patrol base. The Company then patrolled GS AT8286 and AT 8387. At 141210H Company H discovered a 6'X6'X4' cave with a 2'X2' entrance in the vicinity of AT833862. One and one half gallons of rice were found in the cave. It was located in the bank of a dry stream bed. A clothing bag was found 1500 meters upstream from the cave. It contained 16 rounds of .30 ~~Cal.~~ Cal. ammunition, 7 rounds of 7.62MM, 2 black, 2 grey and one khaki uniform, 2 grey cotton blankets, 1 white shirt, one toothbrush and toothpaste, 1 fish hook and 1 small first aid packet. Company F upon completion of the sweep of Nam Yen dispatched one platoon on patrol which will last until tomorrow morning. It will patrol from AT863859 to AT877867 to AT882864 to AT866857. Patrols were also conducted in the vicinity of AT850850 and AT843852 with negative results. The patrol to AT843852 was checking a cave where two persons were seen and fired on by 106's. Company F established its night positions in the vicinity of AT854855 and Company H its night positions in the vicinity of AT863854. One platoon of Company F continues patrol activities at the close of the reporting period. Forty-five refugees relocated temporarily at Le My. Company G conducted patrols in the vicinity of AT883802 and AT919798. The Company E mobile combat base operated in the vicinity of GS AT9181. Company I 3/4 conducted three patrols and established three ambushes this evening.

3/4. Two platoons of Company K returned to the Battalion CP on foot at first light and became part of the defensive perimeter. Local security patrols continue around the battalion CP and airfield. Company C, 3d Recon Battalion, returned its previous ambush at first light with negative contact. The Battalion now has three full rifle companies in the defensive of the airfield at all times. Company I continues to support 2/3 and will return tomorrow afternoon.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 132230H and 140500H fired twelve unobserved harassing missions at trails and streams suspected to be traveled by VC. During the same period ten unobserved interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC. Three will adjust missions were also fired. The first one at 141340H (AT903637) at a suspected OP for an AO. This mission was also fired again at 141400H with good effect on targets. At 141430H (AT911643) for AO at suspected bivouac area with good effect on target.

c. Battery B: Between 132230H and 140356H B (rear) fired eight unobserved harassing missions at trails and streams ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ used by VC. During the same period eleven unobserved interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC. B (rear) during the period fired seven will adjust missions. The first one at 131502H (AT883836) for B4 at a suspected OP with good effect on target. The second one at 131540H (AT87238700) for B4 at a suspected Op with good effect on target. The third one at 131626H for B4. The fourth one at 131630H (AT87838714) for B4 with good effect on target. The fifth one at 141104H (AT804858) for B4 at a suspected OP with good effect on target. The sixth one at 141120H (AT813859) for B4 on a suspected OP with good effect on target. The seventh one at 141150H (AT813859) for B4 at a suspected Op with good effect on target. B (fwd) fired ~~two~~ will adjust missions. The first one at 131703H for 1st Plt, Co A 3d Recon Bn at AT837758 on 5 VC in the open with good effect on target. The second one at 131755H for the 1st Plt Co A 3d Recon Bn on 9 VC in the open with good effect on target.

d. Reinforcing fires.

(1) Battery L: At 131755H a reinforcing mission was fired at AT835776 to reinforce battery B with good effect on targets.

e. Ammunition expended by type:

- (1) 105MM 342 HE, 12WP
- (2) 155MM 40HE

f. Missions fired by type:

13 will adjust, 20 harassing, 21 interdiction.

b. Patrols.

(1) 2/3. Company G maintained 2 squad sized mobile combat bases. One patrolled in GS AT8880 and the other patrolled in GS AT9179. Company I 3/4 conducted three squad sized patrols from 141800H to 150600H. The first patrolled to AT892770 to AT883768 to AT875773 to AT887773. The second patrolled to AT893764 to AT881757. The third patrolled to AT906760 to AT903754 to AT893752. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

(2) 3/4. Conducted five security patrols at the Battalion CP and Airfield between the hours of 142200H and 150400H. The Joint Action Company conducted a platoon sized patrol in GS YD9011 and YD8915.

c. Ambushes.

(1) 1/2. Company A established 2 eight man ambushes in the vicinity of AT928737 and AT914835.

(2) 2/3. Company G established 5 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT892811, AT919808, AT894804, AT898803 and AT882795. Company I 3/4 established 3 squad sized ambushes at AT887773, AT881757 and at AT893752.

(3) 3/4. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established a platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of YD830121.

5. Changes in Locations of CPs

- a. Co F 2/3 - ^W854855
- b. Co H 2/3 - ^W864855
- c. Co K 3/4 - YD 889143

6. Changes in location or establishment of new OP's. None

7. Training.

- a. 3/4. Btry M, 4/12, had a hand grenade firex. The 81mm Mortar platoon conducted a firex. Tanks and AT's had preventative maintenance.

8. Plans.

a. 1/3. One platoon of Co C supported by a heavy section of tanks will continue search and destroy operations in the southwest portion of the TAOR. It will be relieved by another C Co platoon in the vic of 908672 at 150830H by helilift. Remainder of Battalion remains on 12 hour alert status.

b. 2/3. Will helilift all units back to Battalion area except one platoon of Co H which will provide LZ security and return to LE MY by LVT. The helilift will commence at 150730H. Co G will maintain one platoon patrolling to the west of LE MY complex. Co E will maintain one platoon in GS AT9181.

c. 3/4. At first light the ~~3 squad sized ambushes~~^{OF CO A} will conduct an area reconnaissance patrol back to Bn CP along the eastern border of the TAOR. At 151800H, 2 platoons will helilift to vic of YD 827087 and will establish 2 squad sized ambushes in that general area. Co C, 3d Recon Bn, will truck one squad to vic of YD 890080 and will conduct an area reconnaissance patrol to YD 890070 then west of YD 870070 and will then patrol north to the Bn CP. One platoon will conduct a night ambush on the eastern side of the SONG NONG River in the general tic of GS YD 9005. Co I will return to PHU BAI at 151200 H

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous. People to People.a. 1/3. The BAS treated 22 people at AT 950720.b. 2/3. The LE MY Dispensary treated 141 people.

c. 3/4. On 11 August, 1 doctor and 3 Corpamen treated 175 people at THUY LUONG (YD 871179). On 12 August, the Battalion held a party for 250 children of the HUE Buddhist Orphanage. Plates and silverware for 300 people were given to the orphanage while 2 battalion combos entertained the staff and children. On 13 August, 150 people were treated at LOC BAN (YD 926105). On 14 August, 165 people were treated at THUY THANH (YD 895156). PF Corpamen have been trained by the Battalion Surgeon and are now located in each hamlet. 2 classes were held by the Battalion Corpamen in each hamlet demonstrating Sanitary Disposal of Human Excrement. The villagers have constructed at least 5 one hole latrines in each hamlet. The Battalion printed and distributed 9,000 propaganda leaflets stating that the Marines are friendly and wish to help the people in all their problems. A volley ball tournament is being held with the Boy Scout Troop of THUY THANH (YD 895156). 2,000 bars of toilet soap have been distributed to each of the 3 village chiefs. The Battalion C A officer has presented 200 used ARVN uniforms to the Popular Forces of the Battalion TAOR. The Civil Affairs situation grows increasingly better. A continual stream of intelligence information is being received from the civilians within the 3 villages adjacent to the Battalion. The people of PHU LOC (YD 9506) are particularly productive in forwarding information about Viet Cong activity.

d. MLR Construction(1) 1/3. 92%
55%(2) 2/3. 99.7%
98%(3) 3/4. 99%
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Situation Report 131

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 150001H - 152400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 19 patrols and established 9 ambushes.
 - 1/3. One platoon of Co C supported by a heavy section of tanks continued patrol operations in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. Light sniper fire was received at 151300H in the vic of AT 878695. No casualties resulted. A search of the village in vic of AT 886668 produced negative results. The platoon established night defensive positions in GS AT 9070.
 - 2/3. Concluded operations in the NAM YEN Valley. Co F and all but one platoon of Co H helilifted back to the Bn area commencing at 150730H, completed by 150847H. The remaining platoon of Co H returned to the Bn CP at 151200H. Companies E, F, & G maintained mobile combat bases patrolling areas east and west of the LE MY complex. Co I departed DA NANG for HUE PHU BAI TAOR at 151600H.
 - 3/4. Continued defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Security patrols of the Bn CP and airfield continue. Co C, 3d Recon Bn, continues patrol and ambush activity. Co I returned from DA NANG.
- 1/12. Continued to support 3d Marines. 86 missions were fired during the reporting period.

4. Activities.a. Operations.

(1) 1/3. At 150707H, one platoon of Co C moved to secure an LZ in the vic of AT 908673. It was relieved in place by another platoon of Co C at 150900H. The new platoon commenced patrol activity supported by the same heavy section of tanks. At 151010H, they were in vic of AT 899682 and by 151104H had patrolled to AT 887687 without incident. AT 151300H, light sniper fire in the vic of AT 878695 was received. The platoon then returned to AT 887687 and searched the village in that area. The search yielded negative results. The patrol continued on and at 151530H, were in the vic of AT 888703. Night defensive positions were established in the vic of AT 890700. The remainder of the Bn remains on 12 hour alert.

(2) 2/3. The Bn concluded its operation in the NAM YEN Valley. Co F and 2 platoons of Co H helilifted back to the Bn CP at 150847H. One platoon of Co H returned to the Bn CP by LVT at approximately 151200H. Prior to leaving the caves in the vic of AT 843852 were fired on by 106's. Two men were observed moving in the vic of the Bn CP (rear) at 150105H and were taken under fire by a sentry. The suspected VC broke contact immediately. The Co E platoon sized mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT9181. The Co F platoon sized mobile combat base patrolled in GS AT 8877. G Co established two squad sized mobile combat bases, one east of the MSR (AT8880) and one to the west (AT9179). A reaction squad from Co E responded to a report of possible VC activity in vic of AT 868835. They were lifted in by 2 helicopters at approximately 151645H. Four men and five women were apprehended in that area and taken to village chief for interrogation.

(3) 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Security patrols continue around the Bn CP and airfield. Negative contact reported. Co I returned to the Bn CP at 151630H from support of 2/3 in the DA NANG TAOR.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Positions remain same except Btry B moved back to primary position at coord AT 94837612.

b. Battery A: Between 142200H and 150500H fired 18 unobserved harrassing missions at hillsides, trails and stream crossings. Also fired 4 interdiction missions at trails and streams suspected to contain VC.

c. Battery B: Between 142130H and 150220H fired 10 interdiction missions at hilltops and hillsides. B Btry fired harrassing missions at streams, wooded areas and draws suspected to contain VC. From 150912H to 150959H, fired 7 smoke missions at coord AT 84208505, AT 87318530, AT 87238424, AT 85368400, AT 85058455, AT 87318530 in support of 2/3 operation. From 151000H to 151020H fired 4 will adjust missions at targets suspected of VC activity. One at coordinates AT 87238424 with very good effect on target, one at AT 875845 with good effect on target, one at AT 875845 with good effect on target, one at AT 875845 with good effect on target.

d. Battery B (Fwd): From 151400H to 151445H fired 2 will adjust missions at suspected VC assembly areas, one at coord AT 844851 with good effect on target, one at coord AT 872836 with good effect on target.

e. Reinforcing fires: Between 142200H and 142230H, Btry B (Fwd) fired 1 unobserved mission at coord AT 840855 to AT 844847. Target was a stream bed. Between 150030H and 150254H fired 14 harrassing and 6 interdiction missions on rivers, highways, hillsides and streams suspected of VC activity. Between 151300H and 151430H fired 4 will adjust missions on targets suspected to contain VC, one at AT 844851 with good effect on target, one at AT 845868 with good effect on target, one at AT 851868 with good effect on target and one at AT 840860 also with good effect on target.

f. Ammo expended by type and caliber: 105mm - 168 HE, 114 HC smoke, 155mm - 81 HE, 7WP.

g. Missions fired by type: 46 harrassing, 21 interdiction, 2 unobserved FFE, 7 screening, 10 will adjust.

4. Activities (Con't).

b. Patrols.

(1) 2/3. Co E platoon mobile combat base operated in GS AT9181. Co F platoon mobile combat base operated in GS AT 8877. Co G 2 squad sized mobile combat base operated in GS AT 9179 & 8880. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites. Negative contact was made by any patrol.

(2) 3/4. Conducted 5 security patrols of the Bn CP and airfield during the late evening and early morning. Co C, 3d Recon Bn, conducted a security patrol from the Bn CP to YD 870070 and returned to the BnCP. Negative contact was made by any patrol.

c. Ambushes.

(1) 1/3. Co B established a squad sized ambush in vic of AT 962706. Co D established a squad sized ambush in the vic of AT 944716.

(2) 2/3. Co E established 2 squad sized ambushes in vic of AT 893813 and AT 888825. Co G established four squad sized ambushes in vic of AT 919796, AT 897806, AT 903801 & AT 893801.

(3) 3/4. Co C, 3d Recon Bn, established a squad sized ambush on the Eastern bank of the SONG NONG (YD 9005)

5. Changes in Locations of CP's.

- a. FCo, 2/3 - AT 920777
- b. H Co, 2/3 - AT 945773
- c. I Co, 3/4 - YD 882186

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New OP's.

- a. Co E, 2/3, established a squad sized OP in the vic of AT 833823.

7. Training.

- a. 2/3 Co G had a one hour class on the M-60 Machine Gun.
- b. 3/4. Co M and H & S fired small arms on the ARVN range.

8. _____.

a. 1/3. The platoon of Co C will return to the Co CP tomorrow morning at 161100H. The remainder of the battalion remains on 12 hour alert and continues its defensive mission.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 3 mobile combat bases in the GS 9181, another in GS 8877 and the third in AT 8881. Commencing at 162000H, four squads (rein) from OJOF will depart on a three day patrol that will move as far west as the AT 83 grid line..

c. 3/4. Will conduct coordinated operation with ARVN forces on 16 Aug 1965. Co I and elements of H & S Co will establish blocking positions south of the village at YD 857173. Three platoons of the 218th Regional Force Co. and 20 National Policemen will search the village at first light.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous.

a. People to People.

- (1) 1/3. BAS treated 27 people.
- (2) 2/3. The LE MY Dispensary treated 127 people.

b. MLR Construction.

- (1) 1/3. 98%
54%
- (2) 2/3. 99.7%
98%
- (3) 3/4. 99%
95%

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Situation Report 132

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 160001H - 162400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted nine patrols and established fifteen ambushes during this reporting period.
 - 1/3. One platoon of Company C, supported by a heavy section of tanks, continued patrolling south of the SONG TUY LOAN with negative Viet Cong contact, returning to its company CP this morning.
 - 2/3. The 2d Platoon, Company F commenced a three day patrol in the north western portion of the TAOR this afternoon. The platoon moved under the cover of darkness to the vicinity of NGOC SON and established night defensive positions. Companies E and G maintained mobile combat bases, patrolling areas east and west of the MSR.
 - 3/4. Company K returned to the Battalion CP area this morning and then at 161200H departed for the northwest portion of the TAOR. The company was dispatched due to an ARVN report that there was a VC company operating in that vicinity. The company established a blocking position in support of an ARVN force. An aerial ~~observation~~ observer on station reported no sightings of a VC company in that vicinity at 161300H. Company K then returned to the Battalion CP without incident. Company K later moved under the cover of darkness to an area in the eastern portion of the TAOR and established night defensive/ambush positions.
- 1/12. Fired 77 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. At first light, one platoon of Company C, with a heavy section of tanks from Company A, 3d Tank Bn, deactivated their night defensive/ambush positions in the vicinity of AT890700. The patrol continued search operations, moving in an easterly direction, generally 500 meters south of the SONG TUY LOAN. By 160740H, the patrol had advanced to the vicinity of AT948702, having searched several small built up areas with negative results. The reinforced platoon continued aggressive search activity in a northeasterly direction. The patrol returned to the company CP at 160932H with negative contact. The remainder of the battalion remains on a 12 hour alert for possible deployment.

(2) 2/3. At daylight, the battalion deactivated its six squad sized ambushes, all of which reported negative contact. The 1st and 2d Squads of the 2d Platoon, Company G, patrolling as squad sized mobile combat bases, one east and one west of Iron Bridge Ridge, returned to the company CP at 160907H for resupply. The two squads combined into a platoon (-) patrol and at 161800H moved to grid square AT9180 with negative contact. They set in defensive/ambush positions for the night in the vicinity of AT917808. The 3d Platoon, Company E spent an uneventful night in a base camp in Grid Square AT9181 and during the early morning patrolled to their Company CP for resupply. The platoon then patrolled to grid squares AT8680 to AT8779 with negative VC contact. At dark the platoon established its night defensive position in the vicinity of AT ~~TO BE ANNOUNCED~~ AT 162000H the 2d Platoon, Company F departed their company CP enroute to NGOC SON village (AT8578). The platoon will conduct a three day search, capture and destroy operation in the area from NGOC SON to AN NGHIA TRUNG (AT8377) and then southeast to the vicinity of DONG SON (AT8676). The platoon moved under the cover of darkness to the vicinity of NGOC SON, where they established a patrol base.

(3) 3/4. Company K, after spending the night with ~~xxxx~~ negative contact, deactivated its two squad sized ambushes and was trucked to the Battalion CP at 0700H. During the late morning the battalion received information from the ARVN that one VC company was suspected to be operating in the western portion of the PHU BAI TAOR. Company K was moved by truck at 161200H to establish a blocking position at YD841155, while an ARVN force was deployed in support. An AO on station reported that there was no VC company sighted in that area and at 161300H, Company K returned to the Battalion CP without incident. At 162000H, Company K moved out of the Battalion CP by foot and under the cover of darkness to the vicinity of YD891101 and established night defensive positions with four squad sized ambush ~~positions~~ established. Company C, 3d Recon Bn was helilifted from last night's defensive position (YD904058) into the Battalion CP at 160600H. At 161400H, Company C, 3d Recon Bn ~~xxxx~~ was trucked to YD840153, conducted patrol activity and established a night ambush position at YD816124. There was negative VC contact in the PHU BAI TAOR during this reporting period.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery Positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 15200H and 160430H Battery A fired 9 unobserved harrasing missions at trails and streams suspected to be used by VC and 17 unobserved interdiction missions at areas suspected to be used by VC. At 161000H, a precision registration was conducted at AT887666 for AN40. Battery A fired a salvo right on registration point AT887666 at 161110H.

c. Battery B: Between 152000H and 160444H fired four unobserved harrasing missions at trails and streams suspected to be used by VC and 5 unobserved interdiction missions at hillside suspected to contain VC. During the same period Battery B (Fwd) fired 9 unobserved harrasing missions at trails used by VC and 9 unobserved interdiction missions were also fired at areas containing VC. At 151800H Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission at AT806787 for B-2 with rounds on target.

d. NGF: Entry not previously reported: Between 142015H and 142110H 4 NGF "will adjust" missions were fired at AT850875, AT883874, AT891873 and AT889867 at VC assembly areas with good effect on target. Between 152230H and 160115H 7 NGF "will adjust" missions were fired at AT842853, AT847850, AT867848, AT846874, AT866847, AT871866 and AT886869 at suspected VC assembly areas by a DD.

e. Ammunition fired by caliber/type: 105mm - 130 HE; 5"/38 cal - 99 HE, 34 illumination, 30 WP.

f. Missions fired by type: 14 "will adjust", 22 harrasing, 31 interdiction

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 3/4. Companies L and M conducted 2 squad patrols and H&S company conducted one squad sized security patrol in the Battalion CP and airfield area. The Joint Action Company conducted one platoon sized patrol in the THUY LUONG (YD8817) area with negative contact. Company G, 3d Recon Bn patrolled from YD840153 to YD829829 to YD816124 with negative VC contact.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established 8 man ambushes at AT903736 and AT905718. Company B has a squad sized ambush at AT958690. Company B has one eight man ambush at AT946727. Company B established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT946707 and AT960706.

(2) 2/3. Company E has squad sized ambushes established in the vicinity of AT893817 and AT894826. Company F established two squad sized ambushes at AT895774 and AT902775. Company G established squad ambushes at AT895798 and AT895795. The 3d Platoon, Company G (mobile combat base) has an ambush at AT913813.

(3) 3/4. Company K established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of their Company Patrol Base at YD891101.

5. Changes in Locations of CPs.

a. Company K, 3/4 - YD691101

6. Changes in Location or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company M conducted a M-60 machine gun FIREX this morning while Company C, 3d Recon had a combination 3.5 rocket launcher and small arms FIREX. Tanks and Anti-Tanks conducted preventative maintenance.

8. Plans

- a. 1/3. The battalion continues in its defensive mission and remains on 12 hour alert.
- b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 2 mobile combat bases, one in grid square AT9180 and the other operating in grid squares AT8779 and AT8780. The 2d Platoon of Company F will continue its search and destroy operation in the western portion of the battalion TAOR.
- c. 3/4. Company K will conduct an area reconnaissance patrol from their night position at YD891101 to the battalion CP at first light. Company E will continue as the Battalion Airfield Defense Company and Company L will continue as the Highway Defense Company. Company I remains as Battalion Reaction force. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will return to the Battalion CP.

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9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

(1) 1/3. 24 ~~xxxxxx~~ people were treated at BAS (AT950720).

(2) 2/3. The Civil Affairs Officer and 2 Corpamen distributed 100 pounds of Bulgar wheat and treated 50 people at HOA NHA (AT905807). 70 people were evacuated from NAM YEN (AT856859) to HOA LOC and HOA THANH (AT900805) ~~xxx~~ (AT910785). The village chiefs, Mr LU and Mr NAM, gave the immigrants a warm reception. Three LVTs assisted the movement of the evacuees and their possessions. The LE MY dispensary treated 165 people.

b. HLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
96% wire

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Situation Report 13^a

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 170000H - 172400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 20 patrols and established 13 ambushes during this reporting period.
 - 1/3. Continued its assigned defensive mission within the TAOR and remains on 12 hour alert. Numerous night ambushes continue to be employed along likely avenues of approach to the MRR.
 - 2/3. The 2d Platoon of Company F continued in its three day patrol in the northwestern portion of the TAOR. It conducted a sweep of the village of THON HOA TRUNG (AT847778) and the area generally south. A total of 30 VCS were apprehended during the reporting period. Twenty-four were released and six were turned over to ITT. Two ~~xxx~~ platoon size mobile combat bases continue to operate on both sides of the LL MY complex. Numerous night patrols and ambushes continue to be conducted.
 - 3/4. Continued defense of the HUE PHU BAI area. Recon patrols during the day and security patrols during the night continue to be conducted.
 - 1/12. Fired 86 missions in support of 3d Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. The Battalion remained on 12 hour alert until the end of the reporting period. Negative contact was made during the reporting period as the battalion remained in its MRR positions. Night ambushes were established on likely avenues of approach to the MRR.

(2) 2/3. Continued to maintain two mobile combat bases, one from Company L operating in GS AT8683 and one from Company G operating in GS AT9182 and AT9183. The patrols made negative contact during the reporting period. The 2d Platoon of Company F continued ~~for~~ its 3 day patrol in the northwestern portion of the TAOR. Commencing at first light, the platoon established a squad sized combat base in the vicinity of AT834775 and the remainder of the unit swept from the village of THON HOA TRUNG (AT847773) south to the vicinity of AT862768. At 170610H four rounds of sniper fire were received from the vicinity of AT847778. A search of the area for the snipers yielded nothing unusual. During the sweep of the village a total of 30 VCS were apprehended and turned over to a village chief, Mr NAM in the LE MY village complex, for questioning. Twenty-four were released and 6 turned over to IFF. Numerous ambushes and night patrols continue to be conducted. Company H flew from DA NANG to CHU LAI at 171400H and reported OPCON 4th Marines at 171600H.

(3) 2/4. At first light Company K patrolled from YD891101 back to the battalion CP, arriving at 170938H. Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one platoon back to the battalion CP from YD840153 at 170800H. Company L was flown to CHU LAI and reported OPCON 4th Marines as of 171600H. Negative contact was made by all units.

(4) 1/12.

4. Battery positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 162000H and 170540H fired 15 unobserved interdiction missions at hillsides, trails and wooded areas suspected of containing VC. Between 162150H and 162230H fired 1 observed FFE mission at suspected VC company with mortars at AT955567158, reported by TPS-21 (B-2-C), with excellent effect on target area. No further surveillance available at this time. Between 170225H and 170430H fired 1 will adjust mission at 15 VC in open at AT93356825 reported by TPS-21 (B-2-C). Shell HE, WP and FZ VT and quick in effect with excellent coverage of target area. Movement ceased and illumination of area revealed no further activity. Fired HE and WP interdiction mission on that area until 0530 to prevent removal of bodies. ⁴⁴⁰Infantry patrol ~~known~~ scheduled to enter area for detailed surveillance.

c. Battery B: Between 162123H and 170343H fired 6 unobserved interdiction missions at suspected VC assembly areas. Between 162105H and 170455H Battery B (fwd) fired 6 unobserved harassing missions at stream beds ~~and~~ ⁴⁴¹possible assembly areas, and 8 unobserved interdiction missions at hillsides suspected of containing VC. Between 170220H and 170300H fired 1 will adjust mission for Recon A-1 at VC in open at AT871839. Rounds were on target, but detailed surveillance not possible due to darkness.

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d. N6F Between 162200H and 171145H fired 4 will adjust missions at suspected VC positions. At AT850868, AT877847, AT855850 and AT865858. Missions fired by USS ORLECK (DD 886) with good effect on targets.

e. Training: 15 Aug 65: Forward observer school fired 2 precision registrations and 20 will adjust training missions during the day's course of instruction. 16 Aug 65: Forward Observer school fired 2 precision registrations and 10 will adjust training missions during the day's course of instruction. 17 Aug 65: Forward observer school fired 2 precision registrations and 8 will adjust training missions during the day's course of instructions.

f. Ammunition fired by caliber/type: 105mm - 526 HE, 28 WP, 22 illumination; 5"/38 - 25 HE, 35 WP, 8 illumination.

g. Missions fired by type: 29 unobserved interdiction, 6 unobserved harassing, 1 observed PFE, 6 will adjust, 38 will adjust (training), 6 registrations (training).

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a. Operations

b. Patrols

(1) ~~2/3~~. One squad sized patrol checked area of last night's artillery fire at ~~AT933682~~ with negative results.

(1) ~~2/3~~. Company B's mobile combat base patrolled in the vicinity of AT865832. Company G's mobile combat base patrolled in ~~vicinity of AT865832~~ and AT9182 and AT9183. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

(2) ~~2/4~~. Conducted 5 squad sized security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites. One platoon of Company K patrolled from YD841155 to YD821119. One platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn. patrolled from YD880093 to YD894036. Both patrols departed at approximately 171800H and were in ambush positions by dark.

4. Activitiesc. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A ~~will~~^{did} establish a squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT902724. Company B established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT955692, AT946708, AT966703. Company D established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT927717.

(2) 2/3. Company E established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of T865832. Company F established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT889771 and AT902775. Company G established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of AT911826, AT895806 and AT898799.

(3) 3/4. Company K established one platoon sized ~~with~~ night ambush in the vicinity of ~~AT~~821119. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established a platoon sized night ambush in the vicinity of ~~AT~~894066.

anges in CP Locations.

a. Company K, 3/4 - YD888144

Company H, 2/3 and Company L, 3/4 reported OPCON 4th Marines at 171600H.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs

a. Company E, 2/3 established a squad sized CP in the vicinity of AT895823.

7. Training

a. 1/3. Company A conducted a small arms FIREX. Company C conducted a crew served weapons FIREX. Companies B and K have completed 60mm mortar school. Land Mine Warfare school being conducted by 3d Engineer Bn is being attended by 16 members of 1/3.

b. 3/4. Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a small arms FIREX. Tanks and ATs had PM.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue its normal defensive mission within the TAOR. Extensive use of ambushes will deny the enemy routes of approach to the MLR. A heavy section of tanks supported by infantry will be placed near the bridge at AT947699.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain 2 mobile combat bases. The Company E mobile base will operate tomorrow in GS AT8882 and the Company G mobile base will operate in GS AT9183. Company F (Rein) platoon will continue to patrol in the vicinity of AT835770. Numerous ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.

c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the HUE PHU BAI complex. Security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield will continue to be conducted. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will have 2 squad sized patrols in the vicinity of YD913117 and YDS41155. Night ambushes will also be established on avenues of approach.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

- (1) HqCo: The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer, 2 Corpsmen and an interpreter treated 68 people at DONG PHUOC (BT001725).
- (2) 1/3. The BAS treated 23 people at AT950720.
- (3) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 109 people. The S-2 received some very significant information from Mr NAM, village chief of HOA THANH (AT910738). *SEE 30 MAR 1969 #59*
- (4) 3/4. One doctor and 4 corpsmen treated 243 people at THUY LUONG (CS YD6817).
- (5) 1/12. The Battalion Aid Station treated 30 people.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
96% wire

c. Both 1/3 and 2/3 have appointed specific platoon sized units to act as reserve/reaction units within their specific Battalions, replacing the Regimental reserve company, which was detached for duty with the 4th Marines for a period of about 72 hours.

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1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 180001H - 182400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 68 patrols and established 25 ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3 continued its assigned defensive mission within the TAOR. Extensive ambushes were established by Companies A, B and D forward of the MLR, to counter infiltrators. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

2/3. One platoon of Company F continued its patrol activity in the northwestern portion of the TAOR with negative contact. Two combat bases continue to be maintained both east and west of the LE MY complex. Patrols from Company E's combat base apprehended 21 VCS, 8 of which were forwarded to ITT for further questioning. The Company G combat base patrolled without incident and negative contact. Numerous ambushes were established on likely avenues of approach.

3/4 continued its defense of the vital area of HUE PHU BAI. Negative contact was made despite extensive patrol and ambush activities conducted during the reporting period.

1/12 fired 64 missions in support of 3d Marines.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. At first light all units returned from last night's ambush positions to their company positions. One squad of Company D remained at District Headquarters (HIEU DUC) during the day. Extensive night patrols and ambushes were established this evening forward of the MLR.

(2) 2/3. Company E continues to maintain a platoon size combat base operating in GS (AT8781) and (AT8782). The platoon apprehended a total of 21 VCS during the reporting period. At 180035H in the vicinity of (AT868830) one VCS was apprehended and later identified as VC by MR LU, the village chief of HOA ~~Wan Lu~~. The additional 20 VCS were apprehended as the platoon patrolled during the day. Of the 20 VCS forwarded to Mr LU, all but 8 were released. The remaining 7 men and 1 woman were forwarded to ITT for further questioning. Company F maintained one reinforced platoon patrolling in the northwestern portion of the TAOR. Negative contact was made prior to establishing night positions in the vicinity of (AT824165). The Company G patrols operating from its combat base in grid square (AT9182) made negative contact. Numerous ambushes were established on likely avenues of approach.

(3) 3/4. At first light, 2 platoons of Company K returning from night ambushes patrolled back to the Battalion CP. Company M helilifted one platoon to the OP on Hill 245 and relieved the Company K platoon. Company M moved two platoons forward of the MLR and established night defensive/ambush positions. Security patrols continued in the Battalion CP and airfield areas.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Mortar Battery displaced to new position at (AT924738).

b. Battery A: Between 172000H and 180500H Battery A fired 15 harrassing and 12 interdiction missions on areas suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC.

c. Battery B: Between 172031H and 180458H Battery B (Fwd) fired 12 harrassing and 16 interdiction missions on locations suspected to be occupied or traveled by VC. Between 172030H and 180358H Battery B fired 2 harrassing and 6 interdiction missions on hills and trails used by VC. At 172144H Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission on stationary and moving lights at (AT858851) at the request of Recon In OP on DONG DEN Mountain, with rounds on target and lights extinguished.

Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 126 HE, 34 WP.

Missions fired by type: 29 Harrassing, 34 Interdiction, 1 "will adjust".

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4. Activitiesb. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative VC contact was made.

(2) 2/3. Company E's combat base patrolled in GS (AT8781) and (AT8681). Company G's combat base patrolled in GS (AT9182). One platoon of Company F conducted 2 squad sized patrols to the vicinity of (AT835770) and southeast to (AT924765). Negative VC contact was made by Company F or Company G. Company E apprehended 21 VCS in GS (AT8781).

(3) 3/4. One platoon from Company K conducted a patrol at first light from its ambush position (YD821119) to (YD841155). Another Company K platoon patrolled at first light back to the Battalion CP from (YD873099). Five squad sized security patrols were conducted around the Battalion CP and airfield during the late evening and early morning. The CP on Hill 225 conducted a morning patrol to (YD861093) and returned. Company C, 3d Recon Bn, during the period 180640H - 181230H, patrolled from (YD898065) to (YD913117). Another squad from Company C, 3d Recon Bn helilifted to (YD816105) at 180630H, patrolled to YD841155) and was trucked back to the Battalion CP at 181130H. The Joint Action Company conducted squad sized patrols in GS (YD8817), (YD8915) and YD9011.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established 6 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT897741), (AT898728), (AT902722), (AT897705), (AT898706) and (AT899704). Company B established 4 squad sized ambushes located in the vicinity of (AT946699), (AT954692), (AT957692) and (AT947707). Company D established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT925693), (AT928706), (AT931704) and (AT934713).

(2) 2/3. Company E established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT895826). Company F established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT902775), (AT896773), (AT863770) and (AT862767). Company G established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT918820), (AT911826), (AT893797) and (AT899799).

(3) 3/4. Company M established two platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD841155) and (YD89087).

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5. Changes in CP Locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs.

a. Company E established one squad sized OP in the vicinity of (AT897823).

7. Training. None.

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8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Will continue its normal defensive mission within the TAOR. Extensive use of night patrols and ambushes forward of the MLR will continue.
- b. 2/3. The Company F¹₀ (reinforced) platoon will continue operations in the northwestern portion of the TAOR. During the day it will patrol in the vicinity of (AT828765) south through GS (AT8296), (AT8275) and will return to Company F's CP at approximately 191800H. The Company G combat base will be relieved tomorrow evening by another ~~Company~~ Company G platoon. Prior to being relieved the platoon will patrol in GS (AT9179). Units from Company E's combat base will patrol in GS (AT8781) and (AT8681). Numerous ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.
- c. 3/4. Two platoons of Company M will conduct patrols in the area of tonight's ambush positions. One platoon will patrol in the vicinity of (YD341155) and the other will patrol (YD389087).
- d. 1/12. Will continue to support 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

- (1) 1/3. The BAS treated 17 people at AT950720.
- (2) 2/3. The Battalion Commander and S-3 Officer attended an opera and concert as guests of Capt TRAM HUIE TRAIL, Commander of ARVN engineers adjacent to the Battalion TAOR. The S-2 Officer visited Mr TOA, village chief of HOA VINH and discussed establishing a land line from the village office to the Battalion CP. The S-2 Officer arranged for the introduction of a new PA Team into HOA VINH village (AT900800) with Mr BRACKET, advisor to the PA unit. The Battalion Surgeon departed for SAIGON with a 19 month old girl from HOA VINH (AT900800). She is to undergo a cleft palate correction. The LE MY dispensary treated 143 people.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
97% wire

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Situation Report 13⁵

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 190001H to 192400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 27 patrols and established 19 ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3. Continued in defensive posture within its assigned area of responsibility with negative contact. Three of the battalion rifle companies established extensive ambushes forward of the MLR to destroy any Viet Cong forces attempting to infiltrate into the MLR. A platoon size sweep of HOI VUC (AT8770) was conducted this morning with negative VC contact. The platoon returned to their company CP.

2/3. One platoon of Company F continued its patrol activity in the northwestern portion of the TAOR. After deactivating its night defensive positions at first light, the patrol moved from (AT863768) approximately 1500 meters in a southwesterly direction. Under the cover of darkness, one reinforced platoon from Company E crossed the CA DE SON and commenced a four day search and destroy operation in the TRUONG DINH area (AT8783).

3/4. Continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area with negative VC contact. Two platoons of Company M established defensive/ambush positions outside of the MLR.

1/12. Fired ¹⁵¹ ~~100~~ missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. At first light the fourteen ambushes established during the previous ~~night~~ night were deactivated. All ambushes reported negative contact during the night. All returned to their company position except the 2d Platoon from Company A, which patrolled to and conducted a search of the NOI VUC village at (AT871708). The search ~~was~~ terminated ^h by 190925H with negative results. The platoon then patrolled along the southern bank of the SONG WUY LOAN, returning to their Company CP at 190953H. No VC contact was made.

(2) 2/3. At 190009H the 3d Squad (Rein), 3d Platoon, Company G (on the Highway #1 bridge on the CA DE River) requested an artillery mission to illuminate (AT927842). RFA on the bridge reported earlier that they observed 15 VC near the bridge. Negative contact was made, nor VC observed under the illumination. The 2d Platoon of Company F, at first light, deactivated its night defensive position at (AT863766). The platoon dispatched two squads to the vicinity of (AT851758), the other squad moved south to (AT860753). After searching the vicinity of (AT851758) they patrolled east and junctured with the 3d Squad at (AT860753). The platoon then moved to the village of THON PHUOC SON (AT8776) and conducted a search of the area. At approximately 191200H three VCS were apprehended ~~near the village~~ at (AT860762). The patrol returned to their company CP, arriving there at 191445H. The VCS were turned over to Mr NAM, the village chief in that area, who cleared and released them at 191513H. Under the cover of darkness the 3d Platoon (rein), Company E (-), crossed the CA DE SONG by rubber boat and established squad blocking positions at (AT879832), (AT885873) and (AT892832) in preparation for a sweep and search to be conducted by Company E (-) of TAUONG DINH tomorrow.

(3) 3/4. At dawn, the 2d and 3d Platoons of Company M, operating at (YD841155) and (YD889087), deactivated their night defensive/ambush positions. The platoons remained in position and conducted local patrol activity during the morning and afternoon with negative contact. They established night defensive/ambush positions after dark in the vicinity of (YD841155) and (YD889087).

(4) 1/12

a. Battery positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 181910H and 191310H Battery A fired 60 harrassing and 40 interdiction missions on areas suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. At 182050H Battery A fired illumination over suspected enemy movement at (AT894745).

c. Battery B: Between 181930H and 191310H Battery B (Fwd) fired 19 harrassing and 9 interdiction missions on areas suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. Between 181910H and 191310H Battery B fired 8 harrassing missions on areas suspected to be occupied by VC. At 182045H and 182340H Battery B (Fwd) fired 2 illumination missions at (AT925847) on suspected enemy movement.

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- d. NCE: Between 191327H and 191530H fired 7 missions at suspected VC positions and at trails suspected to be used by VC.
- e. Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 296 HE, 16 illumination 18 WO; 5"/38 - 251 HE, 5 WP.
- f. Missions fired by type: 87 harrassing, 49 interdiction, 5 "Will adjust".

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4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions with negative VC contact.

(2) 2/3. The 1st Squad (Rein), 1st Platoon, Company G conducted a recon patrol from the company CP to (AT877779) and return, from 191430H to 191800H with negative contact.

(3) 3/4. Company K conducted 2 squad sized security patrols, while Company I and H&S Company conducted one each, around the Battalion CP and airfield. The patrols were conducted between 182000H and 190500H with negative VC contact. At first light, a platoon from Company C, 3d Recon Bn patrolled from their last night's position at (YD814118) to (YD841155) with negative contact. The platoon from Company M maintaining OP 225 in grid square (YD8408) conducted a one squad patrol to (YD850098) and return during the morning with negative contact.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes. All ambushes established during the last reporting period reported negative VC contact.

(1) 1/3. Company A has two squad sized ambushes at (AT895714) and (AT899728) and a platoon ambush at (AT914722). Company B has six squad sized ambushes established at (AT945709), (AT947702), (AT945698), (AT957694), (AT916695) and (AT969698). Company B established four ambushes at (AT921655), (AT926679), (AT932680) and (AT934713).

(2) 2/3. Company F has two squad size ambushes established at (AT899772) and (AT902775). Company G established two squad sized ambushes at (AT894795) and (AT898799).

(3) 3/4. Company M has two squad sized ambushes, one at (YD841155) and the other at (YD889087).

5. Changes in CP Locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training

a. 1/3. Company A conducted a small arms FIREX at 191500H.

b. 2/3. Company E conducted a 106mm RR FIREX at the LE MY Fort this afternoon and Company G had a 3.5" Rocket Launcher FIREX at 191300H.

c. 3/4. The 81mm mortar platoon conducted classes on hand grenades followed by practical application.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue the defense of its assigned area of responsibility and continue extensive use of night patrols and ambushes forward of the MLR.

b. 2/3. At first light, one reinforced platoon from Company E will cross the CA DE SONG in LVTs and conduct search and clear operations in THUONG DINH (AT8883). OPs will be established (AT895822) during the daylight and on LVTs in the CADE River vicinity of (AT876830) and (AT897832) during the hours of darkness. Commencing after dark on 20 August, one platoon (-) becomes a "lay out" patrol and conducts operations until 231800H in an effort to kill or capture Viet Cong. One platoon of Company E will return to the LE MY Fort on 21 August following search and clear operations. One squad size patrol will be conducted from 0730H to 1200H on 20 August to (AT917778) to (AT934773) to (AT929768) to (AT915766).

c. 3/4. At first light, two platoons of Company M, operating outside of the MLR, will patrol from their night positions to the Battalion CP. The Joint Action Company will conduct night squad size security patrols in THUY LUONG, THUY TAN and THUY PHU.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, 1 doctor and 2 Corpsmen treated 47 people at (AT910784).

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(2) 2/3. The S-2 and S-3 were guests of Mr NAM, village chief of HOA THANH, for dinner on 17 August. The S-2 took the village chiefs of HOA THANH (AT910784) and HOA LOC (AT900818) on a helicopter reconnaissance of the Battalion TAOR. Terrain conditions of the monsoon season and road availability were discussed. The village administrator of HOA LOC is conducting school at (AT900818) until the district chief, Capt HOA, can locate teachers. Mr NAM has invited the Battalion CO and his staff to dinner on 22 August.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
97% wire

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Situation Report 136

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 200001H - 202400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 28 patrols and established 17 ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3. Continued its defensive mission within the DA NANG TAOR. At 201440H Company B moved to new defensive positions south of the SONG TUY LOAN. It junctured with the 9th Marines in the vicinity of (AT958692) after having conducted a search and clear operation of GS (AT9469, AT9569). Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Extensive use of ambushes continues as the Battalion's main activity.

2/3. Company E (-) continued its search and clear operation north of the CA DE SONG. A search of TRUONG DINH village (AT8883) was conducted at first light. Negative contact was made and no tangible evidence of VC was found. Both Company G and Company F established OPs on the western and eastern approaches to the MLR with the Battalion's area of responsibility.

3/4. Continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAY vital area. Security patrols during the late evening and early morning continue to be conducted. Two platoons of Company M established night defensive/ambush positions forward of the MLR. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

1/12. Fired 177 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion continues to operate mainly during the hours of darkness, establishing numerous ambushes forward of the MLR. Company B moved to new defensive positions commencing at 201400H. The Company (-) ~~is~~ ^{is} junctured with the 9th Marines in the vicinity of (AT958692) after having swept GS (AT9469 and AT9569). Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

(2) 2/3. Company E (-) conducted a search and clear operation in the village of TRUONG DINH (AT8883). Under cover of darkness on 19 August, the 3d Platoon of Company E crossed the CADE SONG and established squad sized blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT879832), (AT885873) and (AT892832). At first light on 20 August, the 2d platoon crossed the river in LVTs and conducted the village search. The search was completed at 200955H with negative contact. The 2d Platoon established a daylight OP in the vicinity of (AT895822) and two OPs on LVTs in the river in the vicinity of (AT876830 and AT897832). The 3d Platoon remained in its blocking positions and will continue the operation as a "lay out" platoon. The remainder of the Battalion continued extensive patrol and ambush activity.

(3) 3/4. Continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Patrols and ambushes during the hours of darkness and the early morning continue to be the main activity of the battalion. The two platoons of Company M and one platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn returned to the battalion CP at first light. They had patrolled from their last night's ambush positions without making any enemy contact. Night patrols and ambushes from Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn made negative contact.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Positions remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 191730H and 201430H fired 44 unobserved harrasing missions at trails and streams suspected to be used by VC. ~~dur~~ During the same period 44 unobserved interdiction missions were fired at areas suspected to be containing VC.

c. Battery B: Between 192210H and 201355H Battery B (Rear) fired 8 unobserved harrasing missions at trails and streams used by VC. During the same period 8 unobserved interdiction missions were fired at ~~xxxxx~~ suspected VC areas. And Battery B (Fwd) fired 17 unobserved harrasing missions at trails and streams used by VC, and 11 unobserved interdiction missions at suspected VC areas.

d. Battery W: Between 192330H and 201430H fired three unobserved harrasing missions at trails traveled by VC and 9 unobserved ~~x~~ interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC.

e. Reinforcing fire: (1) Battery L: Between 191820H and 201330H fired 2 unobserved harrasing missions at trails traveled by VC and 19 unobserved interdiction missions at areas suspected to contain VC.

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f. NGF: Between 191327H and 191530H fired 7 will adjust missions at (AT842860), (AT850866), (AT853853), (AT867859), (AT860847), (AT867848) and (AT865865).

g. Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 336 HE, 6 illumination; 155mm - 46 HE; 107mm - 38 HE; 5"/38 - 231 HE, 5 WP.

h. Missions fired by type: 12 will adjust, 74 harrassing, 91 interdiction.

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4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

(2) 2/3. Company F's 3d Platoon conducted one squad sized patrol between 200730H and 201200H. It patrolled to (AT917778) to (AT934773) to (AT929768) to (AT915766). Negative contact. Company G's 1st Platoon conducted a squad sized patrol during the morning to (AT8865800) and to (AT892805). Negative contact.

(3) 3/4. Conducted 4 squad sized security patrols, 2 from Company K and 1 each from Company I and H&S Company. Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted 3 platoon sized night patrols to their ambush positions. The Joint Action Company patrolled in GS (YD8817) and (YD9011). Negative contact reported by all patrols.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established 5 squad sized ambushes at the following locations (AT914710), (AT906710), (AT912708), (AT898738), and (AT903723). Company B established 2 platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT943693) and (AT959692). Company D established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT928706), (AT931705) and (AT934713).

(2) 2/3. Company E established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT911725), (AT913761), (AT894778), and (AT920775).

(3) 3/4. Company M established 2 platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD821119). Company C, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD813104).

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5. Changes in Locations of CPs. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs.

a. 2/3. Company F established one squad sized OP in the vicinity of (AT923816). Company G established one squad sized OP in the vicinity of (AT877796).

7. Training

a. 2/3. Company G conducted a FIREX for all crew served weapons.

b. 3/4. ~~Company I and Company K conducted 1 hour of instruction in scouting and patrolling. Elements of 4/12 conducted classes and practical application in employment of hand grenades.~~
Company I and Company K conducted 1 hour of instruction in scouting and patrolling. Elements of 4/12 conducted classes and practical application in employment of hand grenades.

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8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Continues its defensive mission within the Battalion area of responsibility and continues extensive use of night patrols and ambushes forward of the M.R.
- b. 2/3. Company E (-) continues its operation north of the CA DE SONG. Upon completion of mission one platoon withdraws to the Battalion area by LVT during the afternoon of the 21st. The "lay out" platoon remains on the north side of the river and conducts search and kill operations north of TRUONG BINH. In addition, special emphasis will be placed on locating and determining the trafficability and amount of use of trails in that area. The squad sized OPs of Companies F and G will remain in position. The one squad sized OP from Company F will move to the vicinity of (AT928813).
- c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital area and conduct numerous patrols and ambushes. At first light all night ambushes will ~~partially~~ ~~be~~ ~~conducted~~ ~~on~~ ~~their~~ ~~return~~ ~~routes~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Battalion~~ ~~CP~~. Preparations for Operation JUNGLE FOOT" continue, contingent upon the return of Company L from CHU LAI operations.
- d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
97% wire

b. People to People

- (1) 1/3. The BAS treated 22 people.
- (2) 2/3. The S-2 met with Mr BROCKET the province Political Action Team advisor. Company G provided transportation to the DA NANG Hospital for 2 villagers afflicted with yellow jaundice. The S-2 was informed by Capt HOA, the district chief, that "I" Corps will no longer permit the displacement of refugees from VC controlled areas. Marines are participating in a cooperative vegetable garden with the people of HOA LOC village (AT900820). The LE MY dispensary treated 132 people.

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Situation Report 137

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 210001H - 212400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 25 patrols and established 18 ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3. Continued its defensive mission within the DA NANG TAOR. At 210935H one USMC was WIA (later DOW) in the vicinity of (AT955695). Wound was inflicted by a VC sniper who fired one round from the vicinity of (AT953692). PF and Marines searched the area and apprehended 4 VCS, who were held for questioning at the HOANG DUC district headquarters. Night patrols and extensive use of ambushes continues to be the main activity of the battalion.

2/3. The battalion continued to carry out its assigned defensive mission by conducting extensive day and night patrols, establishing numerous ambushes and maintaining outposts forward of the MLR. One platoon of Company B remains north of the CA DE SONG, patrolling north of their patrol base located at (AT890849). Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

3/4. Continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Security patrols during the late evening and early morning continue to be conducted around the Battalion CP and airfield. Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued to conduct night patrols to their ambush positions and will patrol back to the Battalion CP at first light. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

1/12. Fired 113 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion continues to conduct its operations mainly during the hours of darkness. During the day the companies remained in their defensive positions and moved under cover of darkness to their preselected ambush sites. At 210935H one USMC was WIA (later DO) in the vicinity of (AT955695) by a sniper who fired one round from the vicinity of (AT953692). A search of the area was conducted by a PF platoon that was dispatched by the district chief, Capt TROUNG. Four VCS were apprehended and returned to district headquarters for questioning. No further contact was made during the reporting period.

(2) 2/3. One platoon of Company E continued operations north of the CA DE SONG. It patrolled from a base camp located in the vicinity of (AT890849). Excellent trails were located in GS (AT8954 and AT9085) but no contact was made. Company F's 3d Platoon has its first squad on hill 100 (GS AT9077), second squad on hill 368 (GS AT9371) and third squad on hill 312 (GS AT9378). At 211700H, the 3d Squad moved from hill 312 and established an OP in (GS AT8877). The 2d Squad of the 1st Platoon, Company G remained as an OP in the vicinity of (AT877793) and moved under cover of darkness to new position in the vicinity of (AT876797). One PF platoon commenced patrolling within the battalion area of responsibility this afternoon and will operate in GS (AT9180, AT9181, AT9280, AT9281, AT9380 and AT9381).

(3) 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI complex. Patrols and ambushes during the hours of darkness continued to be the main activity of the Battalion. Two platoons of Company M returned to the Battalion CP from last night's ambush positions at first light. At 211630H, the same 2 platoons trucked to (YD912117) and patrolled to (YD897037), where night ambush positions were established.

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: No change.

b. Battery A: Between 202000H and 211600H fired 27 unobserved harrassing missions, 29 unobserved interdiction missions and 1 "will adjust" mission at (AT865715) on a suspected enemy OP.

c. Battery B: Between 202250H and 211600H fired 1 harrassing mission at a suspected enemy OP, 2 unobserved interdiction missions. At 211440H to 211515H Battery B fired a high burst registration at (AT8781). Between 202100H and 211600H Battery B (Fwd) fired 17 unobserved harrassing missions, 26 unobserved interdiction missions and 1 "will adjust" mission at (AT857812) on a suspected troop assembly area, with good effect on target. At 211520H to 211600H a highburst registration at (AT8485) was fired.

d. Mortar Battery: Between 202300H and 211600H fired 3 unobserved harrassing missions and 5 interdiction missions.

e. NGF: Fired 7 missions between 211327H and 211437H at suspected VC assembly areas, supply routes and bunkers.

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- f. Ammunition expended by type and caliber: 105mm - 175 HE, 8 WP;
4.2 mortar - 16 HE; 5"/38 - 126 HE.
- g. Missions fired by type: 47 unobserved harrassing, 61 unobserved interdiction, 3 "will adjust" and 2 high burst registration.

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4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Conducted night patrols to all ambush positions. Negative contact was reported by all patrols and ambushes.

(2) 2/3. Company F conducted a squad sized patrol from the Company CP to its OP position in GS (ATB777). The patrol departed at 211700H and reached its destination at approximately ~~4~~ 211830H without making enemy contact. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative contact was reported by all patrols and ambushes.

(3) 3/4. Conducted four squad sized security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield during the late evening and early morning. Company H conducted a 2 platoon sized patrol from (YD821119) to (YD831155) this morning as it returned to its unloading point from last night's ambush positions. One squad of Company M on OP 225 patrolled from the OP to (YD859080) and returned. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative contact was reported by all units.

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4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established 5 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT903724), (AT906729), (AT904728), (AT894744) and (AT898735). Company D established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT931705), (AT934705) and (AT934713).

(2) 2/3. Company B established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT893814) and (AT890826). Company E established 5 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT903776), (AT897769), (AT915763), (AT909759) and (AT872773). Company G established one LP/ambush in the vicinity of (AT872773).

(3) 3/4. Company M established 2 platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD377037). Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD794107) and (YD796103), and one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD906050).

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5. Changes in CP Locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs.

a. 2/2. Company F established a squad sized CP in GS (PT8777) at 211830H.

b. 2/4. Company C, 3d Recon Bn established 2 squad sized OPs in the vicinity of (YD794107) and (YD796103). One platoon sized CP was also established in the vicinity of (YD906050).

7. Training

a. 3/4. The weapons platoon, Company I conducted an machine gun FIREX. The 2d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a small arms FIREX.

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8. Plans

a. 1/3. Continues its defensive mission within the Battalion area of Responsibility and continues extensive use of night patrols and ambushes forward of the MLR.

b. 2/3. The "lay out" platoon of Company E continues to operate on the north side of the CA DE SCNG in the vicinity of TRUONG DINH. Special emphasis remains on locating and determining the trafficability and amount of use of trails in that area. At 220800H, Company F will occupy the high ground in the vicinity of (AT914746) with one platoon. One squad of Company F will occupy the high ground in the vicinity of (AT913763). The Company F CP will remain in its present location.

c. 3/4. The Battalion continues to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital area. The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company M will patrol at first light from last night's ambushes (YD397087) to (YD395030). Company C, 3d Recon Bn continues to provide surveillance from the OP positions that were established today. Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" is still contingent upon the return of Company L from CHU LAI.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
98% wire

b. LtGen KRULAK visited the 3d Marines and presented decorations during formal ceremonies.

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1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines -((Rein)

2. Period Covered. 220001H - 222400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines conducted 16 patrols and established ~~seven~~ ambushes during the reporting period.

1/3. The battalion reported that this morning approximately 25 Viet Cong attacked the Popular Forces unit located in the vicinity of THON PHUOC HUNG. The attack commenced with the explosion of an electrically detonated device which killed two civilians. Immediately following the explosion, the VC conducted a limited attack which was repelled by the PF. During the action four PF were WIA. The CO of Company A assisted in evacuating the casualties by using two UH-34s which were to be used for an aerial reconnaissance. All patrols and ambushes of the battalion reported negative contact during the reporting period.

2/3. The battalion extended its southern defensive positions to include the high ground at (AT913745) in compliance with a battalion TAOR change. One platoon from Company E continued to operate north of the CA DE SONG with negative VC contact. The battalion established two platoon sized combat bases west of the LE MY complex. Both platoons reported negative VC contact.

3/4. The battalion conducted extensive patrols in and around the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued activity outside of the MLR and reported negative VC contact. Leading elements of Company L returned from CHU LAI at 221800H.

1/12. Fired 100 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion reported negative contact during the night. At approximately 220730H small arms fire was heard and observed in the vicinity of THON PHUOC HUNG (AT916727). A call was made to the district chief, Capt TRUNG, regarding the fire. He reported that his men were in the area. Shortly thereafter, the CO of Company A was approached by a PF who requested assistance in the evacuation of wounded Vietnamese. Two UH-34s that were to be used for an aerial reconnaissance by the CO of Company A were diverted to evacuate the wounded. Upon return from the evacuation the CO of Company A landed in THON PHUOC HUNG and was informed that at 220730H an explosive device, electrically detonated, had killed two ~~civilians~~. Immediately following the detonation approximately 25 VC conducted a limited attack against the PF located in that area for the purpose of capturing weapons. The VC attack was repelled and no weapons were captured by either side. Four PF were WIA in this action. The district chief had his forces search the area with negative results.

At 220820H, Company D observed small arms fire in the village of TRU BAO, located at (AT907718); ten persons dressed in black were observed and 50 - 100 rounds of fire were heard. The battalion continued its defensive mission with negative contact during the reporting period.

One platoon from Company E established defensive positions in the vicinity of (AT943693) to (AT951690) in close coordination with 9th Marines on their left flank.

(2) 2/3. In compliance with a change in the battalion's TAOR, the 2d Platoon, Company F, at 220730H, assumed the defense of the high ground in the vicinity of AT913745 and the 1st Squad of the 3d Platoon, Company F assumed responsibility for the vicinity of (AT912762). The remainder of the 3d Platoon is on hills 312 & 368 (AT9376). One platoon of Company E continued operations north of the CA DE SONG with emphasis on the TRUONG DINH area. The platoon reported no VC contact during the reporting period. At 222000H the 3d Platoon, Company E patrolled from the Company CP to (AT887834) and established a combat base. The platoon will remain in its base until tomorrow, when it will commence patrol activity. The 1st Platoon, Company F, at 221700H, patrolled from the Company CP to the vicinity of (AT860780), while the 2d Platoon,

Company F patrolled to (AT865755). Both platoons established night defensive positions at their limit of advance and had negative VC contact during the reporting period. Company H returned from CHU LAI and reverted OPCON to 2/3 at 221435H.

(3) 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Extensive patrol activity was conducted during the reporting period to deny the Viet Cong infiltration of the vital area. The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company M conducted patrol activity outside the MLR. At 221500H the platoons had patrolled to the vicinity of (YD895030), where they established defensive/ambush positions for the night.

(4) 1/12.

- a. Battery positions: Remain the same as last reported.
- b. Battery A: Between 212130H and 220530H Battery A fired 19 harrassing and 19 interdiction missions on hillsides, trails and streams suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. At 211620H Battery A fired a high burst registration at (AT880680). At 221305H Battery A fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected OP at (AT919657) with good effect on target. Between 221300H and 221500H Battery A fired 6 harrassing and two interdiction missions on trails, open areas and hills suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC.
- c. Battery B: Between 212230H and 220400H Battery B fired 3 harrassing and 4 interdiction missions on trails, hillsides and streams suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. Between 212130H and 220530H Battery B (Fwd) fired 8 harrassing and 9 interdiction missions on river banks, trails and hillsides suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC. Between 212130H and 212146H Battery B (Fwd) fired 4 fire for effect missions on landing zones which had been used in a previous operation. These zones were at (AT844861), (AT846860), (AT856849) and (AT853851). At 212205H Battery B (Fwd) fired on an abandoned village, at (AT855862), suspected to be used by VC as a resting and assembly point. Between 221300H and 221500H Battery B and Battery B (Fwd) fired 5 harrassing and 2 interdiction missions on hillsides and trails suspected to be occupied or traversed by VC.
- d. Mortar Battery: Between 211944H and 220400H Mortars fired 16 harrassing missions on hillsides suspected to be occupied by VC.
- e. Reinforcing fires: At 212150H 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a fire for effect mission on a village at (AT855862), reinforcing the fires of Battery B (Fwd).
- f. Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 209 HE, 15 WP, 13 illumination; 4.2" - 32 HE; 8" - 7 HE.
- g. Missions fired by type: 56 harrassing, 36 interdiction, 2 "will adjust" and 6 fire for effect.

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company G conducted a platoon sized patrol in grid squares (AT8977), (AT8980) and (AT8981) with negative contact. A composite squad from Company F swept Red Beach II this afternoon with negative results.

(2) 3/4. Conducted four squad sized security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield between 212000H and 220600H with negative contact reported by all patrols. The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company M patrolled from last night's position at (YD897087) to the vicinity of (YD895030) at 221500H with negative VC contact. The two platoons of Company C, 3d Recon Bn helilifted to (YD804053) with negative contact. The 1st Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Bn patrolled from last night's ambush position at (YD906050), returning to the Battalion CP by 221235H. The platoon reported that no VC were encountered. The 2d Platoon of Company M, which maintains OP 225 (YD8408), conducted a squad sized recon patrol to (YD837084) and return with negative contact.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes. All ambushes were deactivated at first light and reported negative VC contact.

(1) 1/3. Company A established one ambush at (AT914722).

(2) 2/3. Company E established squad ambushes at (AT877833) and (AT885833). Company G established ambushes at (AT892790), (AT899801) and (AT894804).

(3) 3/4. The 2d Platoon, Company M established an ambush at (YD894043), while the 3d Platoon established an ambush at (YD906051).

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5. Changes in CP Locations

a. Company H, 2/3 returned to OPCON 2/3 at 221435H and reactivated its CP at (AT940784). The lead elements of Company L, 3/4 arrived at HUE PHU BAI at 221800H.

b. 2/3 Battalion CP displaced to (AT940784).

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None

7. Training

a. 2/3. Company G conducted a small arms FIREX at 1500H.

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8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Commence a Company (-) operation with one platoon from Company A, 3d Recon Bn in the southwestern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. Two platoons of Company A, 1/3 and the Recon platoon will helilift into an LZ in the vicinity of (AT8662) and the three units will commence patrolling over different routes. The operation is scheduled to be conducted from 231100H to 251700H, at which time all units will be helilifted back to the Battalion CP.
- b. 2/3. The "lay out" platoon from Company E, operating north of the CA DE SONG in the vicinity of TRUONG DINH, will return to LE MY by 231800H. Special emphasis will remain on locating and determining trafficability of trails in that area. One platoon of Company G will patrol in GS (AT9079).
- c. 3/4. The 2d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Bn will establish a daylight OP at (YD804053). At first light both platoons of Company M will patrol from their night ambush position at (YD894043) and (YD906051) back to the Battalion CP.
- d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines' operations.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) Headquarters. The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer and Division Civil Affairs Officer toured the 2/3 Civil Affairs Projects.

(2) 1/3. On 20 August Company B treated 32 people at (AT947702). Also, on 20 August a combo entertained 100 people of THAI LAI village (AT947702). The BAS treated 29* people at (AT950720) on 21 August.

(3) 2/3. On 21 August, Company E dismantled a reported VC meeting house at TRUNG SON (AT888831) and utilized LVTs to transport the structure to HOA LOC (AT899810). LVTs also assisted the people of HOA LOC in moving 300 bamboo poles from TRUNG SON to HOA LOC. Company G ~~xxx~~ treated 25 people at Iron Bridge Ridge (AT899801).

(4) 3/4. On 18 August one Doctor and 3 Corpsmen treated 175 people at THUY PHU (YD942116). The Battalion CO and Civil Affairs Officer hosted all village chiefs and Popular Force commanders at a luncheon at the Battalion CP. An Artillery demonstration followed. The party also discussed village defenses and a Popular Force training program. On 20 August one Doctor and 3 Corpsmen treated 150 people at THUY THANH village (YD911154). One squad and an engineer detachment is assisting the people of THUY PHU move and refurbish a foot bridge for a school (YD940115).

b. MLR Consturction

(1) 94% individual positions
44% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
98% wire

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Situation Report 139

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 230001H - 232400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events

1/3. Continued to defend its position of the DA NANG TAOR. Night patrols and ambushes continue to be the main activity of the Battalion. At 231600H Company A (#) helilifted to the vicinity of (AT868628) and commenced a two day operation in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. ~~At 231800H, leading elements of Company A's patrol made contact with approximately 20 VC at (AT878625). One VC was captured.~~

2/3. The Battalion continues to conduct extensive patrols and establish numerous ambushes forward of the MLR. Three platoon sized combat bases continue to operate west of the LE MY complex. Negative VC contact was made during this reporting period.

3/4. The Battalion continued defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Two platoons of Company M patrolled from last night's ambush positions back to the Battalion CP at 230830H. Company L provided its first platoon for security of a downed helicopter in the vicinity of (YD835094). Artillery fired at 21 VC who were sighted in the southwest portion of the TAOR. A search of the area produced negative results, although 6 VC were sighted and one appeared to be carrying a body. The 6 VC were fired on by a unit of Company C, 3d Recon Bn. No casualties resulted on either side. At 231500H the first phases of Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" commenced when Company M and Company L helilifted to the vicinity of (YD868058) and assumed ~~the~~ defensive positions. At 231600H, Company C, 3d Recon Bn moved by truck to the vicinity of (YD891078) and established defensive positions.

1/12. Fired 108 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. At 231600H, Company A (-) (two platoons) was helilifted to the vicinity of (AT868628). From the LZ, the two platoons commenced patrolling to the west. A distance of approximately 1000 - 2000 meters was maintained between platoons as they patrolled roughly parallel routes. At 231800H, the point of Company A (-) patrol made contact with approximately 20 VC in the vicinity of (AT878625). One VC was captured by the 3d Platoon. Artillery was fired on VC who broke contact and evaded. No weapons or equipment were seen. The Company moved to search the area of the artillery fire.

(2) 2/3. Detailed information from debriefing of the 3d Platoon, Company B indicates their engagement with VC north of the CA DE SONG last night was a well planned and executed ambush on the part of the VC. At approximately 222130H two reinforced squads were proceeding west toward their planned ambush sites. As they moved west between a rice paddy and a pond (AT79834884), two or three grenades were thrown at the point of the patrol from behind a dike approximately 40 meters to the left of the point. The platoon commander was immediately WIA and was ineffective for the remainder of the fire fight. Immediately after the grenades exploded, a machine gun, firing directly down the trail, opened fire as did another machine gun from the north side of the pond. These two machine guns succeeded in splitting the two squads. The rear of the patrol then received small arms fire and had several grenades thrown in their direction by approximately four VC on their right flank. Firing on both sides continued as the Marines, now split into two units, attempted to consolidate their positions. The platoon sergeant, though wounded himself, moved to the third squad and called them up to the area of the action. When the 3d squad arrived it deployed on line and swept west, firing M-79s at the VC machine guns. The VC then broke contact and withdrew to the west. As the VC withdrew, the patrol received small arms fire from what appeared to be a VC covering force blocking to the west. The "L" shaped ambush was directed by one VC who gave commands from the vicinity of a shrine north of the pond and who later worked his way down closer to the pond. Twelve USMC casualties resulted from the action, 9 of which were evacuated. It was estimated that approximately 15 VC were casualties, although none were confirmed. The entire platoon returned to the Company CP at 230030H. Company F employed two platoon patrols, the first operating in GS (AT8778 & AT8678) and the 2d in GS (AT8775). Company G had a platoon sized patrol base located this evening in the vicinity of (AT875803). The platoon patrolled in GS (AT8579 and AT8679). Company H remains in Battalion Reserve. The displacement of the Battalion CP continued throughout the day. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach this evening.

(3) 3/4. At approximately 230345H, a total of 21 VC (9 in one group and 12 in another) were sighted in the vicinity of (YD800000) by Company C, 3d Recon in OP. All were wearing helmets, carrying weapons and dressed in khaki. Artillery was called by the OP and a Recon platoon helilifted into the area to search the area and report surveillance of the fire mission. The platoon sighted 4 VC, one carrying what appeared to be a body on his back. Shortly thereafter, another two VC were also sighted. The Recon platoon exchanged small arms fire with both groups with negative results.

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with negative casualties on either side. From 230815H to 231430H, Company L provided one platoon for security of a downed helicopter in the vicinity of (YD935094). At 231500H, the first phases of Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" began with Companies L and M helilifting into night defensive positions in the vicinity of (YD868058) and trucking Company C, 3d Recon to the vicinity of (YD891078).

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: No change.

b. Battery A: Between 221830H and 231600H fired 36 unobserved harrassing missions and 18 interdiction missions. Between 231015H and 231154H fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy OP at (AT920657), a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy OP at (AT924650) and a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy OP at (AT876686), all with good effect on target.

c. Battery B: Between 221830H and 231600H fired 2 unobserved harrassing missions. Between 222015H and 230515H Battery B (Fwd) fired 7 unobserved interdiction missions, a "will adjust" mission on two columns of smoke in a suspected VC base camp at (AT874873) and a "will adjust" mission on suspected VC movement at (AT877835), all with good effect on target.

d. Mortar Battery: Between 222130H and 230400H fired 11 unobserved harrassing missions, 16 unobserved interdiction missions and a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy assembly area at (AT889738), with ~~good~~ very good effect on targets.

e. Reinforcing fires: Between 231114H and 231142H 8" Battery fired a "will adjust" mission on suspected VC base camp at (AT874873).

f. Ammunition expended by type and caliber: 105mm - 142 HE, 18 WP; 4.2" - 65 HE, 23 WP; 8" - 10 HE.

g. Missions fired by type: 49 harrassing, 53 interdiction, 6 "will adjust".

h. Naval Gunfire: Between 231311H and 231518H fired ten "will adjust" missions at suspected Viet Cong assembly areas and trails suspected to be used by the VC. The ship in support of the 3d Marines was the USS HENDERSON (DD787). The ammunition fired: 5"/38 - 126 rounds HE and 14 rounds WP.

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4. Activities

b. Patrols

- (1) 1/3. Company A conducted one night patrol to its ambush position. Negative contact was reported.
- (2) 2/3. One platoon of Company F patrolled in GS (AT8778) and one platoon in GS (AT8775). Company G had one platoon patrolling in GS (AT8780). Negative contact was reported by all patrols.
- (3) 3/4. Conducted 4 security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield. Negative contact reported by all patrols.

4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT914722).

(2) 2/3. Company E established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT889825) and (AT892817). Company F established a squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT873758) and one in the vicinity of (AT877758). Company G established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT899801) and (AT895796).

5. Changes in CP Locations

- a. Company L, 3/4 - (YD868058)
- b. Company M, 3/4 - (YD868058)
- c. Company C, 3d Recon Bn - (YD891078)

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs

- a. 2/3. Company F established squad sized OP in the vicinity of (LT895823).

7. Training

- a. 2/3. Company G conducted a 3.5" rocket launcher FIREX and an M-14 FIREX.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue to maintain Company A ~~1A~~ (-) patrolling in the southwest portion of the TAOR. One more platoon will be helilifted into the area in the vicinity of (AT857646) and it will patrol generally south. All ~~these~~ platoons will juncture in the vicinity of (AT832660). The ~~xxxxx~~ remainder of the Battalion will continue to maintain its present defensive positions.

b. 2/3. Will continue to conduct extensive patrols and night ambushes. Company F's platoon patrol bases will operate in GS (AT8778) and (AT8678) and GS (AT8775) and (8675). Company G's patrol base will be in GS (AT8780) and (AT8779). Numerous ambushes will be established along likely avenues of approach.

c. 3/4. Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" will commence tomorrow morning at 240400H. Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn~~x~~ will conduct a search south from their present positions in the southern portion of the TAOR. Company L will serve as the Battalion reserve and will follow in trace of Company M.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

- (1) 1/3. The Battalion Aid Station at (AT950721) treated 12 people.
- (2) 2/3. Mr NAM, the village chief of HOA THANH (AT897777), gave a dinner party, in his house, for the Battalion CO and his staff. Villagers entertained the party with folk songs and ceremonial dances. The Battalion CO hosted four prominent Japanese News Analysts, escorted by the Press Attache to the American Embassy, TOKYO, on a tour of the LE MY area. The news analysts were most concerned about the civil re-adjustment of refugees recently liberated from Viet Cong control. After touring the LE MY dispensary and market place, the news analysts ate dinner with Company E.
- (3) 3/4. One Docotr and 3 Corpomen treated 175 people at LOC BON (YD935105). The village chief of LOC BON, Mr UNG HOA, had lunch with the Battalion Civil Affairs officer and discussed enlarging the Civil Affairs Medical Program.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
98% wire

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Situation Report 140

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 240001H - 242400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events

4. 1/3. During the reporting period patrolling continued in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. The 1st and 3d Platoons of Company A moved north toward a VC campsite located in the hill 502 area (AT833659). At 240800H the 2d Platoon, Company A helilifted into (AT857686) and patrolled southwest to converge with the 1st and 3d Platoons on the hill 502 site. Dense jungle growth restricted movement and prevented juncture during the reporting period.

b. 2/3. The Battalion continued to maintain two platoons from Company F operating as combat bases west of the LE MY complex. During the morning, the 2d Platoon, Company F was fired upon by two VC who were placing booby traps. During the initial ^{contact} contact, one VC was KIA, the other withdrew to the east, was pursued, and apprehended. The VC KIA was armed with a CHICOM K-50 machine gun, the WIA with a U. S. Rifle, M-1. During the extensive search for the M-1 rifle, a third VC was observed and fired on from long range. The VC evaded and was not captured.

c. 3/4. Completed Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" without making contact. Company L (-) and Company C, 3d Recon Bn were helilifted back to the Battalion CP, while Company M patrolled to, and established night defensive/ambush position at, (YD891078). At 241520H, five VCS were apprehended by a platoon of the Joint Action Company in the vicinity of (YD912118).

d. 1/12. Fired 224 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

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4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. At 240120H, Company B reported that an infiltrator had made his way to their perimeter and had thrown two grenades, which slightly wounded one Marine (non-evac). This occurred in the vicinity of (AT951689). The VC was not observed, nor was he fired upon. During their operations yesterday, Company A (-) apprehended one VC who was returned by the patrol. Interrogation indicated he was a member of an 180 man VC company and that he would guide the patrol to his base camp. At 240700H, the patrol departed from last night's position at (AT857626) and by 240837H had patrolled to the vicinity of (AT855629). The patrol continued to (AT850621) to (AT859626) and by 241230H had patrolled without incident to (AT847627). At this time, the patrol encountered heavy underbrush and progress was considerably slowed. At 240800H, after a ten minute artillery preparation, the 2d Platoon, Company A was helilifted into the vicinity of (AT857686) and commenced movement in a southeasterly direction, advancing to the vicinity of (AT844677) without incident. Due to the dense jungle the platoon patrol advanced only as far as (AT840670) by 241615H. The two platoon sized patrol from Company A, operating further south, was unable to locate the VC guerrilla base camp and commenced moving north to juncture with 2d Platoon. At 241547H, Company A (-) med-evacuated five non-battle casualties and the VC captured yesterday.

(2) 2/3. At 240930H, the 2d Platoon, Company F patrol was fired upon by two VC in the vicinity of (AT870754). The VC ~~small arms fire~~ from concealed positions at close range. As the Marines returned fire and assaulted the position, one booby trapped grenade was detonated, indicating that the VC had placed trip-wired grenades between themselves and lured the Marines through the emplaced grenades with ineffective small arms fire. During the initial contact one VC was KIA and another who withdrew to the east was WIA. The patrol pursued the ~~VC~~ wounded VC, apprehending him in the vicinity of (AT885753). Additionally, one CHICOM K-50 submachine gun, one U. S. Rifle M-1, several grenades and two cartridge belts were captured. ~~It was believed that the wounded VC had hidden a weapon prior to his apprehension and a search of the area produced the U. S. Rifle M-1.~~ The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company F terminated patrol activity and returned without further incident to the Company CP by 241700H. The Battalion continued preparation for the forthcoming Operation "BRIAR PATCH" in the MY SON area (AT8677).

(3) 3/4. Operation "JUNGLE FOOT" commenced yesterday with Companies L (-) and M being helilifted into the vicinity of (YD868058) and Company C, 3d Recon Bn being trucked to (YD891078). The three companies established night defensive positions in their respective areas. At 240400H, under the cover of darkness, the night defensive positions were deactivated. Company M and Company C, 3d Recon Bn, prior to first light, crossed the line of departure, moving on nearly parallel routes, patrolled in a southwesterly direction. Shortly thereafter Company L (-) followed in trace of Company M, maintaining approximately 1000 meters interval. The two lead companies aggressively patrolled through their assigned areas, reaching the limit of advance at 241145H without making

4. Activities

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. The 1st squad, 3d Platoon, Company G patrolled without incident from their Company CP to the vicinity of (AT852796) during the period 240835H to 241300H. One squad of the 1st Platoon, Company F patrolled approximately 1500 meters from their CP and returned this morning. No contact was reported.

(2) 3/4. Company M patrolled from (YD858023) to the vicinity of (YD891078) during the afternoon with negative contact.

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contact. At 241200H, Company C, 3d Recon Bn and Company L (-) were helilifted back to the Battalion CP. Company M remained in the vicinity, providing security for the LZ until all units had departed the area. Company M ^{then} patrolled in the vicinity of (YD891078), where they established night defensive/ambush positions. The Joint Action Company apprehended five VCS at (YD912118) at 241520H, on information received from the village chief of THUY PHU (YD9111).

(4) 1/12.

a. Battery positions: Remain the same as last reported.

b. Battery A: Between 232030H and 241600H fired 65 unobserved harassing missions and 83 unobserved interdiction missions. Between 240040H and 240215H fired 2 "will adjust" illumination missions on suspected enemy movement at (AT952682). No enemy sighted. Between 240803^H and 240813H fired 4 landing zone preparations at (AT866672), (AT867672), (AT864673) and (AT865673) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

c. Battery B: Between 232000H and 240500H fired 9 unobserved interdiction and 2 unobserved harassing missions. At 240803H, Battery B fired 1 landing zone preparation at (AT870683) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines. Between 232000H and 240500H Battery B (Fwd) fired 11 unobserved interdiction missions and 12 unobserved harassing missions. At 240803H fired 4 landing zone preparations at (AT865680), (AT865681), (AT867682), and (AT866681) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines. Between 241320H and 241435H fired 3 "will adjust" missions on a X reported VC supply area at (AT824758), (AT812751) and (AT81237533) and a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy OP at (AT861817), all with good effect on target.

d. Mortar Battery: Between 231945H and 240500H fired 8 unobserved interdiction missions and 7 unobserved harassing missions.

e. Reinforcing fires: (1) Battery F, at 240803, fired 3 landing zone preparation fires at (AT870685), (AT869684) and (AT869684) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines. (2) Battery L, at 240803H, fired 2 landing zone preparations at (AT869672) and (AT872671) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines. (3) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired 5 "will adjust" missions on suspected enemy at (AT831659), (AT831659) ~~and~~ (AT858642), (AT853638) and (AT840633) with good coverage of the target area. At 240803 fired 2 landing zone preparation fires at (AT867682) and (AT868683) in support of patrol operations of 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

f. Ammunition expended by caliber/type: 105mm - 550 HE, 137 WP, 24 illumination; 4.2" - 30 HE; 155mm - 21 HE, 9 WP; 8" - 39 HE.

g. Missions fired by type: 11 "will adjust", 16 preparation fires, 86 harassing, 111 interdiction.

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4. Activities

c. Ambushes

(1) 2/3. Company E established squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT894815), (AT893825) and (AT903822). Company F established squad sized ambushes at (AT894778) and (AT898773).

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5. Changes in CP Locations

- a. Company L, 3/4 - (YD882135)
- b. Company M, 3/4 - (YD891078)

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPe. None.

7. Training. None.

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8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Company A (-) continues patrolling in the southwest portion of the DA NANG TAOR. The 1st and 3d Platoons will juncture with the 2d Platoon at the VC campsite located in the vicinity of (AT832660).
- b. 2/3. Continues planning for Operation "BRIAR PATCH", a search and clear operation to be conducted in the MY SON (AT8677), PHUOC SON area, grid square (AT8676).
- c. 3/4. Company M will conduct a patrol from their night position at ~~KTY~~ (YD891078) to the Battalion CP at first light. Company I will activate a 72 hour combat base in the vicinity of (YD889087). Company I will assume duty as Battalion Highway Defense Company while Company M will revert to Battalion Reaction Force. Company K will defend the airfield.
- d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

(1) 1/3. Company D set up an aid station at VIEN KIEN (AT941719) and treated 29 people.

(2) 2/3. The LE MY dispensary treated 139 people.

b. MLR Construction

(1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
14% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 98% individual positions
98% wire

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Situation Report 141

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 250001H - 252400H AUG 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued its defensive mission within the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAOR. The reporting period was highlighted by two separate contacts with small groups of VC. These contacts plus several others during recent days point to increased enemy activity within the TAOR.

a. 1/1. The Battalion continued its defensive mission within the TAOR. Company A continued its patrol operation in the far western portion of the TAOR. Extremely dense vegetation and a lack of trails prevented the company from following its scheduled route. The first platoon searched the vicinity of (AT865629) during the morning with negative contact. The 3d platoon searched the area in the vicinity of (AT879625) and the second platoon in the vicinity of (AT846679), also with negative contact. The company found numerous spider traps, sleeping mats, articles of discarded clothing and other signs that the area is being used as an overnight way station. At 250300H, Company B, in the vicinity of (AT953687), received several rounds of sniper fire from two to three VC in the vicinity of (AT958698). Fire was immediately returned and one VC was KIA but not recovered.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued its defense of its portion of the TAOR, conducting several patrols and establishing numerous ambushes. One ambush from the second platoon of Company B (AT894827) made contact with approximately 4 VC at 250405H. The VC initiated the action by throwing a hand grenade and firing 10 - 15 rounds into the ambush position. One Marine was KIA by the first burst of fire. One VC was KIA when he attempted to break contact. He and his weapon were recovered. At 250930H, Company C commenced a sweep of grid squares (AT8679), (AT8779) and (AT8778), searching for approximately 40 to 50 men in the vicinity of (AT870790) that had been reported by an ARVN aerial observer. Negative contact was reported.

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital area by conducting numerous patrols, maintain two combat outposts and establishing extensive defensive/ambush positions forward of the MLK. Company B patrolled back to the Battalion CP at first light, after their "lay out" at the conclusion of Operation "JUNGLE FOOT". Company I trucked two platoons to the vicinity of (YD889087) at 251500H and established a combat base which will remain in that area for 72 hours. At 251300H the third platoon, Company I trucked to (YD841155) and conducted three

patrols in the vicinity of (YD831119). A platoon sized ambush was established in the vicinity of (YD821118). Negative VC contact was reported. Company M moved one platoon to the CP on Hill 225 to patrol in that area. Companies I and K continue to defend the Battalion CP and airfield complex.

d. 1/12. Fired 133 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3

(a) Company A (-) continued its patrol operations in the western portion of the TAOB. The first platoon searched the area in the vicinity of (AT865629), the second in the vicinity of (AT846679) and the third in the vicinity of (AT879625). Many signs of recent VC activity were noted; overnight ^{camp}espies, spider traps, ground mats, and articles of discarded clothing. Negative VC contact was reported. At 251835H, an artillery mission was fired on a suspected VC base camp located in the vicinity of (AT833632). At 251600H, Company A (-) was lifted back to their MIA positions.

(b)

(b) Company B (AT953687) continued to maintain two platoons south of the SONG TUY LOAN. At 250300H, the company received several rounds of sniper fire from two to three VC in the vicinity of (AT958648). The fire was immediately returned and one VC was MIA but not recovered. A search of the area had negative results.

(c) Company C continued to defend the Hill 327 complex and the Battalion CP.

(d) Company D continued its normal defensive mission without making VC contact.

(2) 2/3

(a) Company E continued the defense of the LE MY Fort area. Contact was made by one of the second platoon's ambushes at 250405H. Approximately four or five VC threw one hand grenade and fired 10 to 15 rounds into the ambush position. One Marine was MIA by the first burst of fire. The ambush returned fire with small arms and threw two grenades at the direction of the VC firing position. One VC was seen running toward the CA DE BANG. He was fired upon and was MIA. A search of the area by LVIs recovered the VC and his weapon, a CHICOR K-50 sub-machine gun. Both the USMC MIA and the VC MIA were evacuated by helicopter to the Medical Battalion.

(b) Company F continued to defend the highground in the western portion of the Battalion TACB and established ambushes on likely avenues of approach.

(b) Commencing at 250935H, Company G (-) conducted a sweep of grid squares (AT8679), (AT8779) and (AT8778) in an attempt to locate 40 to 50 men in blue uniforms who had been reported in the vicinity by an ARVN aerial observer. No contact was made and the company returned to its CP at approximately 251600H.

(d) Company H continues its mission as the ^{regimental} Battalion reserve and reaction company.

(3) 3/4.

(a) At the conclusion of its "lay out" mission, Company H patrolled back to the Battalion CP from (YD891078) at first light. Negative contact was reported. Upon return, Company H assumed the role of the Battalion reserve and reaction company. At 251300H the second platoon of Company H was helilifted to the CP on Hill 245 and relieved the third platoon of Company L.

(b) At 251300H, one platoon of Company L trucked to the vicinity of (YD841155) and patrolled in squad sized units to the vicinity of (YD841119) and established defensive/ambush positions in the vicinity of (YD821118). At 251500H, the remaining two platoons of Company L trucked to (YD889087) and established a combat outpost with local ambushes in that vicinity.

(c) Company C, 3d Recon Bn trucked one platoon to (YD89087) and moved under cover of darkness to (YD907054), establishing defensive/ambush positions in the area. The third platoon of Company C helilifted to (YD828087) at 251700H and conducted a patrol to (YD825060) and established two ambushes in that area.

(d) The Joint Action Company continued to operate in THUY LUONG, THUY PHU and THUY TAN. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

(4) 1/12

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 24200H and 250525H fired 23 unobserved harassing and 26 interdiction missions. At 250415H fired an illumination mission on suspected enemy movement at (AT952682) with good illumination of area but no enemy observed. At 251310H fired a "will adjust" HE mission on suspected assembly area at (AT920658) with good effect on target.

(c) Battery B. Between 241915H and 250300H Battery B (-) fired 12 unobserved interdiction missions, on between 241930H and 250515H Battery B (Fwd) fired 12 unobserved harassing and 6 interdiction missions.

(d) Mortar Battery. Between 242230H and 250330H fired three interdiction missions.

(e) Reinforcing Fires

1. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery. Between 242100H and 250430H fired 36 unobserved harassing and three interdiction missions. At 241800H fired on an unoccupied VC campsite at (AT840633) with good effect on target. At 251035H fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected enemy base camp at (AT835634) with good effect on target. Two "will adjust" missions were fired on suspected enemy at (AT83706339) and (AT84166371). All "will adjust" missions were fired in support of patrol operations by 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

2. Naval Gunfire Activity Not Previously Reported. Between 241424H and 241709H NGF fired nine "will adjust" missions on suspected VC assembly areas and supply points at (AT851891), (AT861821), (AT852838), (AT850867), (AT866848), (AT832853), (AT833872), (AT866840) and (AT871839) with good effect on target. These missions were fired by the USS HENDERSON (DD 787) employing main armament.

(f) Ammunition Expended by Type and Caliber. 105mm - 125 HE, 6 illumination; 4.2" - 6 HE; 8" - 59 HE; 5"/38 - 88 HE.

(g) Missions Fired by Type. 71 harassing, 50 interdiction and 17 "will adjust".

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Company A conducted one squad sized night patrol to its ambush position.

(2) 2/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Company A's platoon combat base in the vicinity of (AT917811) patrolled in the vicinity of (AT916824) and (AT941823). Company C's platoon combat base located in the vicinity of (AT835787) patrolled in grid squares (AT8379) and (AT8479).

(3) 3/4. Conducted 4 security patrols of the Battalion OP and airfield during the hours 24220H and 250400H. Negative contact was made. The OP on Hill 225 conducted a squad sized recon patrol during the afternoon in the general area of the OP. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company A established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT942710).

(2) 2/3. Company B established 3 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT889825) (AT891817) and (AT915810). Company C established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT845797), (AT887792), (AT895805) and (AT901801).

(3) 3/4. Company I established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (Y0821118) and three squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (Y0891064), (Y0908088) and (Y0905089). Company G, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (Y0707054) and 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (Y0825060) and (Y0826054). The Joint Action Company established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (Y09114).

5. Changes in CP locations

- a. Company H, 3/4 - Y0884137
- b. Company I, 3/4 - Y0889087

6. Changes in or establishment of new CPs

- a. Company H, 2/3 established a squad sized CP in the vicinity of (Y0894813).

7. Training

- a. 3/4. H&S Company conducted one hour of instruction on 81mm mortars. Company K conducted one hour of instruction on VD prevention.

8. Plans

- a. 1/3. Will continue the defense of its portion of the DA BANG TACK. The battalion is in the initial preparation stage for embarkation on 1 September.

b. 2/3

(1) Tomorrow at 1230H, Company B (-), after helilifting into an LC in the vicinity of (Y0718339) and (Y066840), sweeps TRUONG HINH (Y06683).

(2) Company F continues preparation for Operation "FEBRUARY PUNCH", a search and clear operation in the MY SON (Y08677), PHUOC SON (Y08676) area, to be conducted the 28th. The remainder of the battalion will continue its defensive mission within the TACK.

b. 3/4

(a) The second and third platoons of Company I will patrol in the vicinity of grid square (Y08308) during the day and establish ambushes in that vicinity during the hours of darkness. The first platoon of Company I will patrol from (Y0821118) to (Y0831118).

(b) The first platoon of Company C, 3d Recon Bn will helilift back to the Battalion CP at first light. The third platoon of Company C will patrol from (Y0825060) to (Y0840070). The remainder of the battalion continues its defensive mission.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) Headquarters. The 3d Marine Civil Affairs Officer gave two basket balls, and 50 children's story books to Mr THENG, the village chief of HOA THAT (AT993760).

(2) 1/3. Company B gave a water buffalo they had been raising for the last two months to the village chief of HOA THENG (AT938722). The buffalo is to be given to the village's most needy family. Company A gave one case of powdered milk, and one case of vitamins (12 bottles), to the village chief of DAI LA (AT925743). The Battalion Aid Station treated 10 people for minor skin ailments.

(3) The Battalion Surgeon and S-2 delivered 2 cases of vitamins to the Medical Dispensary in HOA NIEP (AT934834). One nurse is being trained to operate the dispensary by the Battalion Surgeon and Corporal. The Battalion Surgeon paid a house call on an 80 year old woman in HOA THANH village (AT908787). The woman has a leg tumor that can be easily removed. The Battalion Surgeon can be easily removed. The Battalion Surgeon is awaiting family approval for the operation. The Battalion S-2 met with the District Chief, Capt HOA, and discussed the authorization of certain indigenous personnel for access to the banana grove within the new Battalion CP. The S-2 met with Mr LU, village chief of HOA LOC (AT893814) and discussed the economic problems of the village. The LS MY dispensary treated 110 people for various minor injuries and afflictions.

b. Base Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
445 wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
985 wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99 wire

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Situation Report 142

1. Reporting Unit.

2. Period Covered. 260000H - 262400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued its defense of the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAORs. Activity within the Regiment was highlighted by a search and destroy operation conducted by Company B in the hamlet of TRUONG DINH (AT8683). The Regiment also conducted 13 patrols and established six ambushes.

a. 1/3. The Battalion continued the defense of its portion of the TAOR. Preparations continue for embarkation on or about 1 September. All companies remained in their defensive positions during the reporting period and ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach to the TAOR. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

b. 2/3. In addition to its normal patrol and ambush activity, the battalion conducted a company (-) (Rein) search and destroy operation, north of the CA DE SONG in the hamlet of TRUONG DINH. Company B (-) (Rein) helilifted at 261230 into two artillery prepared LZs, then commenced its search of the hamlet of TRUONG DINH. One Marine was injured at 261345H when he stepped into a "bear trap" in the vicinity of (AT868338). The company (-) swept from west to east to a blocking position established by one platoon of Company H, supported by one platoon of LVTs. Negative contact was made and the company (-) (rein) returned to the battalion area by LVTs at approximately 261800H. Company G continued to maintain one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT864793) and (AT877803). The company also continues to establish numerous ambushes during the hours of darkness. Company H remains as the Regimental reserve and reaction company.

c. 3/4. Continued the defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Two platoons of Company L continue to operate from a combat outpost in the vicinity of (YD889037). The remaining Company L platoon patrolled from (YD821118) to (YD815129) and established ambush positions for the evening. Company I, Company K and Company M continued their defense of the Battalion CP and airfield complex.

d. 1/12. Fired 79 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion continued the first stages of preparation for embarkation on 1 September.

(a) Company A continued its defensive mission without making VC contact.

(b) Company B continued its defensive mission without making VC contact.

(c) Company C continued to defend the Hill 327 complex without incident.

(d) Company D continued defense of its assigned area and established one squad sized ambush forward of its company positions.

(2) 2/3

(a) Company E (-) (Rein) commenced a search and destroy operation at 261230H. The company (-) (rein) landed in the vicinity of (AT871839) and (AT866840) following a 12 minute artillery preparation. A sweep was made of the hamlet of TRUONG DINH from west to east. One platoon of ~~XXXX~~ Company H supported by LVTs established a blocking position in grid square (AT8983). Negative contact was made during the operation and the company (-) (rein) returned to the Battalion area by LVTs at approximately 261800H.

(b) Company G maintained one platoon patrolling as a combat outpost in grid square (AT8679) and (AT8779). The company established four squad sized ambushes this evening on likely avenues of approach.

(c) Company F remained ⁱⁿ its defensive positions and established one ambush this evening.

(d) Company H remained as the reserve/reaction company. One platoon supported the Company E operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT8983).

(3) 3/4. Continued to defend the HUE PHU BAI complex.

(a) Company I continued defense of the Battalion CP and highway complex. Continues to conduct security patrols in that general area.

(b) Company K continued as the Battalion airfield defense company and also conducted security patrols.

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(c) Company L continued to operate forward of the MLR. The first platoon patrolled from (YD821118) to (YD831118) to (YD815129) and established night defensive/ambush positions there. The second and third platoons patrolled in the vicinity of their combat outpost (YD889088). The third platoon patrolled to (YD908082) and returned to the patrol base. The second platoon conducted a night patrol to (YD883068) and established an ambush in the vicinity of (YD881080).

(d) Company M remains as the battalion reserve and reaction company.

(e) Company C, 3d Recon Bn helilifted its first platoon from its ambush position back to the Battalion CP at first light. The third platoon acted as a blocking force (YD809079) for an ARVN sweep in that area and then patrolled to (YD840069) and established an ambush there.

(4) 1/12

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 251815H and 260530H fired 11 unobserved harassing and 19 interdiction missions. At 251950H, 252400H and 260400H fired for effect on an area suspected to be occupied by VC at (AT848860).

(c) Battery B. Between 251930H and 260530H Battery B (Fwd) fired 16 unobserved harassing and 10 interdiction missions. Fired a landing zone preparation in support of 2d Bn, 3d Marines operations at (AT869838) and (AT860838). Between 261200H and 261224H fired a will adjust mission on a suspected enemy OP at (AT826705) with good effect on target. At 261410H an unobserved mission at (AT878868) for 2d Bn, 3d Marines at suspected VC concentration. At 261415H an unobserved FFE mission at (AT872858) for 2d Bn, 3d Marines at suspected VC concentration. At 261450H a "will adjust" mission at (AT871867) for 2d Bn, 3d Marines at suspected VC concentration with good effect on target.

(d) Mortar Battery. Between 252100H and 260530H fired three harassing and three interdiction missions.

(e) Reinforcing Fires

1. Naval Gunfire. Between 251415H and 251608H fired 8 "will adjust" missions on VC positions at (AT862843), (AT835876), (AT844864) and (AT867889), on supply routes at (AT866862) and (AT851866), on an emplacement and on assembly area at (AT878878) and (AT867847). These targets were fired by the USS HENDERSON (DD 787) using main armament with good effect on target.

2. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery. Between 261220H and 261224H fired a landing zone preparation in support of operations by 2d Bn, 3d Marines at (AT865840), (AT865839) and (AT866839).

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3. Battery L. Between 261220H and 261224H fired a landing zone preparation in support of 2d Bn, 3d Marines operations at (AT866838), (AT866840) and (AT865838).

(f) Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type. 105mm - 253 HE, 8 WP; 155mm - 29 HE; 8" - 16 HE; 4.2" - 12 HE; 5"/38 - 94 HE.

(g) Missions Fired by Types: 30 harrasing, 32 interdiction, 10 "will adjust", 5 fire for effect, 2 landing zone preparations.

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Company D conducted one squad sized night patrol from its Company CP to (AT947727) where it established an ambush. Negative VC contact was made.

(2) 2/3. Company G's platoon combat base patrolled in grid squares (AT8679) and (AT8780). One squad of the second platoon patrolled from the Company CP (AT898802) to (AT885794). Negative Contact was made.

(3) 3/4. Conducted 4 squad sized security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield during the hours of 252200H - 260400H. Negative VC contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company D established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT947727).

(2) 2/3. Company F established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT902775). Company G established 4 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT876794), (AT885794), (AT85806) and (AT902803).

(3) 3/4. Company L established two platoon sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD815129) and (YD881080). Company C, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD840069).

5. Changes in CP Locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training. None.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue the defense of its portion of the DA NANG TAOR. The battalion is in the initial preparation stage for embarkation on 1 September.

b. 2/3. Company F continues preparation for Operation "BRIAR PATCH", a search and clear operation in the MY SON (AT8677), PHUOC SON (AT8676) area, to be conducted the 28th. The remainder of the battalion will continue its defensive mission within the TAOR. Extensive patrolling and ambushes will continue. Company GIN establishes ~~its~~ platoon patrol base in grid square (AT8880) tomorrow.

c. 3/4. Company L's first platoon will conduct squad sized patrols from (YD815129) to (YD833152). The remaining two platoons of Company L will continue to patrol from their combat outpost in the vicinity of (YD889087). Company C, 3d Recon Bn's third platoon will patrol from (YD840069) to (YD852074) and helilift back to the Battalion CP from there. The remainder of the battalion will continue their normal defensive mission.

9. Miscellaneous

a. 1/3. The Battalion Aid Station treated 12 people. ~~xx~~ (AT950720). The village chief of VIEU KIEU (AT938712) received 10 baby dolls for needy children of the village.

b. 2/3. The Battalion Surgeon delivered 25 pounds of medical supplies, soap aspirin and de-congestant tablets to the dispensary at HOA HIEP (AT933832). A little girl from THUNG SON (AT898778) was taken to the LE MY dispensary by Company F and treated for a badly lacerated hand. The LE MY dispensary treated 116 people.

c. 3/4. One Doctor and 3 Corpsmen treated 250 people at THUY PHU (YD905118).

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

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Situation Report 143

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 270001H - 272400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued its defense of the Da NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAORs. Activity within the Regiment was highlighted by Operation "BRIAR PATCH", a search and destroy operation in the MY SON (AT3677) area.

a. 1/3. The battalion continued to defend its area of responsibility. Preparations continue for embarkation on 1 September. There was no VC contact during the reporting period.

b. 2/3. Company F (rein) conducted operation "BRIAR PATCH", a search and destroy mission in the western portion of the Battalion TAOR. The operation commenced last night with one platoon moving by foot into blocking positions. The remainder of the company plus one platoon from Company H was helilifted into the area late this morning. The search was completed by 271641H with negative contact.

c. 3/4. Continued the defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Company I continued to operate forward of the Battalion MLR with negative Viet Cong contact. The first platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Bn returned to the Battalion area at 271030H, after a successful ambush which resulted in five confirmed VC KIA, three weapons, individual equipment and documents being recovered from the ambush site.

d. 1/12. Fired 90 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. The battalion continued preparation for embarkation on 1 September.

(a) Company A continued to defend its portion of the MLR without incident.

(b) Company B continued in defensive posture without making Viet Cong contact.

(c) Company C continued to defend the Hill 327 complex without incident.

(d) Company D continued to defend the center portion of the Battalion MIA with negative VC contact.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continued to defend the northern sector of the BANANG TACH.

(a) Company E remained in defensive posture in the vicinity of the LE MY Fort with negative VC contact.

(b) Company F conducted Operation "SERIAL PATCH", a search and destroy operation in the MY SON (AT8677), PHUCC SON (AT8676) area. The operation commenced prior to the reporting period when the 2d platoon, Company F moved under the cover of darkness to occupy blocking/ambush positions in the vicinity of (AT874761) by 270330H. Following artillery preparation of the landing zone, vicinity (AT870779), the first platoon of Company F landed by helicopter at 271327H and swept south to a blocking position on the northern perimeter of PHUCC SON. At 271420H, Company F (-) plus the point platoon from Company H landed in an LZ west of the village and conducted a search from west to east. The sweep was completed with negative results and by 271641H all units had returned to their CPs.

(c) Company G continued to maintain its first platoon patrolling in grid squares (AT8679) and (AT8779) until 271400H with negative contact. At 271400H, the platoon was relieved by the second platoon of Company G, which established a combat base at (AT874792). The platoon commenced patrol activity within 1000 meter radius of the base camp. After dark, one squad size ambush was established.

(d) Company H remained as the reserve/reaction company with negative VC contact during the reporting period.

(3) 3/4. Continued to defend the vital area of the NUI PHU BAN TAOR.

(a) Company I continued defense of the Battalion CP and highway. The company conducted two squad size security patrols with negative contact.

(b) Company K continued as Battalion Airfield Defense Company. At approximately 262300H a sentry from NUI 161 reported that he observed two unidentified persons in the vicinity of the helicopters and upon challenging they fled. There was no further incidents. The company conducted two squad sized patrols around the perimeter of the airfield, with negative contact.

(c) Company L continued to operate forward of the MIA. The first platoon moved from last night's position at (YD815129) to (YD839145) and established a combat base with negative contact. After dark the platoon established a squad size ambush in that vicinity. Company L (-) established a combat base in the vicinity of (YD889090) with two squad ambushes established just after dark. The company reported negative contact with VC during the reporting period.

(d) Company M remains as the battalion reserve/reaction company. The first squad, first platoon conducted a patrol of the Battalion CP with negative VC contact.

(e) Company O, 3d Recon Bn reported that at 262330H its first platoon ambushed approximately 15 VC at (YD909157). Immediately after the ambush the area was checked and five VC were confirmed KIA. Four cartridge belts, one 7.62mm M100M rifle, two M49 sub-machine guns, eight grenades and documents were recovered. The bodies were left at the ambush site and the platoon moved to another location. At first light the platoon returned to the vicinity of the ambush and recovered three VC KIA and returned to the Battalion CP at 271030H. The third platoon moved from its night CP at (YD809079) to establish a daylight CP at (YD316071). At 271330H, after negative contact, the platoon returned to the Battalion CP.

(4) 1/12

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 262100H and 270600H fired four harassing and 36 interdiction missions.

(c) Battery B. Between 262215H and 270330H fired one harassing and 16 interdiction missions. Between 261550H and 270530H Battery B (Fwd) fired 24 interdiction and one harassing missions. At 261550H and 261230H Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission at (AT880864) on a suspected VC concentration with good effect on target. Between 271200H and 261225H fired a landing zone preparation in support of 2d Bn, 3d Marines at (AT867776), (AT868778) and (AT868779). No report of effect on target was available. At 271224H Battery B (Fwd) fired marking rounds to indicate the end of the preparation at (AT868778).

(d) Reinforcing Fires

1. Naval Gunfire. Activity Not Previously Reported.
Between 261215H and 261547H fired on VC positions at (AT878838), (AT877843), (AT877868), (AT882866), (AT880875) using 5"/38 caliber guns.

(e) Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type. 105mm - 249 HE, 12 WP; 5"/38 - 108 HE.

(f) Missions Fired by Type. 6 harassing, 76 interdiction, 7 "will adjust", 1 landing zone preparation.

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Company D conducted one squad sized night patrol from its Company CP to (AT934713), where it established an ambush.

(2) 2/3. Company G's platoon combat base patrolled this morning in grid squares (AT8679) and (AT8779) with negative contact.

(3) 3/4. Conducted five squad sized security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield during the hours of darkness with negative VC contact. The Joint Action Company Patrolled in the THUY TAN area with negative contact.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company D established one squad sized ambush in the vicinity of (AT934713).

(2) 2/3. Company E established two squad sized ambushes at (AT897828) and (AT894816). Company G has ~~two~~ ambushes established at (AT892797), (AT895805) and (AT899801), while the second platoon of Company G (combat base) has one ambush at (AT853798).

5. Changes in CP Locations

a. Company L, 3/4 - (YD889090)

6. Disruption in or Establishment of New CPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company I conducted two hours of instruction on tank capabilities.

8. Plans. The 3d Marines will commence displacement of its command post.

a. 1/3. Will continue the defense of its portion of the DANANG TACH. The battalion will continue preparation for embarkation on 1 September.

b. 2/3. The battalion will continue to defend the northern sector of the DA NANG TACH. Extensive ambushes and patrol operations from combat bases will continue. The second platoon, Company G will patrol from their base camp at (AT834792) to a radius of 1500 meters.

c. 3/4. At first light Company L will conduct a company size security patrol from its night position at (YD889090) to the Battalion CP. At 281830H, two platoons of Company L will helilift to Hill 107 (YD815091) and establish a combat base in that vicinity for 72 hours. Patrols and ambushes will be conducted within the area bounded on the south by the 06 grid line, on the north by the 11, on the west by the 81 and on the east by the 84 grid line. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will conduct a squad size river recon of the SONG HONG, east of the AN HONG bridge. Additionally, the Company will establish a platoon sized night ambush in the vicinity of Hill 36 (YD830144).

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) Headquarters. The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer~~in~~ distributed the following food stuffs to Mr THONNG, village chief of KGA THAT (AT991760):

- (a) 100 pounds of rice
- (b) 180 pounds of dry milk
- (c) 600 pounds of bulgar wheat
- (d) 400 pounds of corn meal
- (e) 60 pounds of salt

(2) 1/3. The battalion aid station (AT950720) treated 12 people for conjunctivitis~~s~~ and other infections.

(3) 2/3. The LA MY dispensary treated 136 people today.

b. MRK Consturction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

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1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 280001H - 282400H Aug 1965
3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines CP displaced during the morning and ~~xxx~~ opened ~~at~~ new CP at 281400H in the vicinity of (AT945763). Normal patrol and ambush activity continued. Three VC were reported KIA in the vicinity of (AT894695) by an artillery mission called in by Company A, 3d Recon Bn.
 - a. 1/3. Remained in defensive positions throughout the reporting period. Preparations for embarkation on 1 September continued throughout the day. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.
 - b. 2/3. The Battalion continued its defense of its portion of the TAOR by conducting extensive patrol and ambush activities. Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period.
 - c. 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Company L continued to operate forward of the MLR, as did elements of Bn Company C, 3d Recon Bn. Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Companies I, K and M remained in defensive positions in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and airfield.
 - d. 1/12. Fired 116 missions in support of the 3d Marines.
4. Activities
 - a. Operations
 - (1) 1/3. Remained in defensive positions for the entire reporting period. Preparations continued for embarkation of the battalion on 1 September.
 - (2) 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its portion of the TAOR.
 - (a) Company E and Company G each continued to maintain one platoon patrolling east and west of the MSR. Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Normal night patrol and ambush activity continued. One reinforced platoon was provided to defend the Highway #1 bridge at NAM O (AT927842).
 - (3) 3/4.
 - (a) At 281830H two platoons of Company L helilifted to (YD815091) and established a combat base in that general area. The remaining platoon established a night ambush in the vicinity of AN

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(b) Companies I, K and M remained in defensive positions around the Battalion CP and airfield.

(c) Company C, 3d Recon Bn conducted a squad sized river recon of the BUNG HONG east of the AN HONG bridge and also established a platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (Y08301/4).

(4) 1/12

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 272000H and 280615H fired 11 harassing and 11 interdiction missions. At 280320H fired on a suspected fortified bunker at (AT863717) with good effect on target. At 280730H fired on five VC in the open with one weapon at (AT86697), and at 281055H on a suspected CP at (AT863728), both with good effect on target, but with no casualties reported.

(c) Battery B. At 271945H, Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected CP at (AT873830) with good effect on target. At 270420H fired an illumination mission over junk in the bay at (AT948826) with good effect on target. Between 272045H and 280530H fired four interdiction and two harassing missions. Battery B (Fwd) fired 28 harassing and 18 interdiction missions between 272045H and 280530H. At 281135H (Battery B (Fwd) fired a "will adjust" mission on a suspected CP at (AT875845) with excellent effect on target.

(d) Barter Battery. Fired two interdiction missions. At 280930H fired on a suspected enemy CP at (AT886736) and at 281018H fired on a suspected CP at (AT8887305), both with good effect on target.

(e) Ammunition Expended by Type/Caliber. 105mm - 24 HE, 3 illumination, 42 WP; 4.2" - 41 HE.

(f) Missions Fired by Type. 54 harassing, 54 interdiction, 8 "will adjust".

b. Patrols

(1) 2/3. Company E's platoon patrol base today was located in the vicinity of (AT908813) and patrolled from there to (AT91812). Company G's platoon patrol base departed the CP at 281500H and patrolled to (AT854798). Patrol base was established for the evening in the vicinity of (AT842796). Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

(2) 3/4. Conducted 5 security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

c. Ambushes(1) 2/3.

(a) Company E established three squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT892824), (AT893817) and (AT925811).

(b) Company F established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT902775), (AT887773), (AT911730) and (AT916746).

(c) Company G established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT892798), (AT901802), (AT891805) and (AT846795).

(2) 3/4

(a) Company L established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of GS (YD9109).

(b) Company G, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD830144).

5. Changes in GP locations

a. 3d Marines - (AT945763)

b. Company L, 3/4 - (YD815091)

6. Changes in or Establishment of New GPs. None.7. Training

a. 2/3. Company E conducted a 106mm RR and 3.5" rocket launcher FIREX.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Continues preparation for embarkation on 1 September, and will conduct patrols and ambushes in conjunction with elements of 1/1.

b. 2/3. Will continue extensive patrol and ambush activities. One platoon of Company E will continue to patrol in the vicinity of GS (AT9081) and (AT9181). One platoon of Company G will patrol in the vicinity of (AT8579).

c. 3/4. Two platoons of Company L will continue to conduct patrol and ambush activity in the vicinity of (YD815091). The remaining platoon will conduct an ambush along the SONG NONG, south of AN NONG. Remainder of the battalion remains in defensive positions. Company B, 3d Recon Bn will conduct a night platoon sized recon patrol in the vicinity of (YD857055).

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. The Battalion Aid Station treated seven people for cuts and abrasions (AT950720).

(2) 2/3. On 26 August, Company H assisted villagers of HOA KHANH village (AT950786) in placing barbed wire about the village chief's headquarters. On 26 August, the Battalion provided transportation for Mr LU, village chief of HOA LOC, (AT860855), and a representative of HOA HIEP (AT933932), to attend a meeting at HOA VANG District Headquarters. On 27 August, the LE MY dispensary treated 99 people. On 27 August, Company G set up a medical team on south bridge (AT901806) and treated 100 people for minor skin infections. The Battalion Surgeon and three Corpman treated 120 people at the DA PHOUO New Life Hamlet (AT950786) on 27 August. Also on 27 August, the Battalion Surgeon operated and removed a tumoric growth from the leg of an 80 years old woman from AN NGAI TAY (AT907783). Her prognosis is good.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

c. Late Entry

(1) At 281642H, Battery B fired a "will adjust" mission at (AT888706) with Recon OP surveillance. There were three VC KIA. Secondary explosions from a hut set afire appear to be small arms and grenades. Additionally FFE caused secondary explosions that appeared to be a mine.

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Situation Report 145

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Main)2. Period Covered. 290000H - 292400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. 3d Marines continued to defend the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAORS. The Regiment conducted 20 patrols and established 13 ambushes.

a. 1/3. Remained in defensive positions throughout the reporting period. Preparations for embarkation on 1 September continued throughout the day. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its portion of the TAOR by conducting extensive patrol and ambush activities. A patrol from Company G sighted two VC at 291030H in the vicinity of (AT839785). An artillery mission was fired at the VC and a search of the area produced negative results.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Company I continued to operate forward of the MSR, as did elements of Company C, 3d Recon Bn. Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Company I, Company K and Company M remained in defensive positions in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and airfield.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/3. Remained in defensive positions for the entire reporting period. Preparations continued for embarkation of the battalion on 1 September. Negative contact was made during the reporting period. Key personnel will work with members of 1/1 tonight in ambush positions.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continued to defend its portion of the DA NANG TAOR by conducting aggressive patrols coupled with numerous ambushes. One platoon of Company E continued to patrol east of the MSR and one platoon of Company G continued to patrol to the west of the MSR. At 291030H a patrol from the second platoon of Company G sighted two VC in the vicinity of (AT839785). They were wearing khaki uniforms, cartridge belts and carrying weapons. An artillery mission was fired, the results of which were undetermined. A search of the area (AT842787) by the patrol yielded negative results. Company F continued to establish numerous ambushes. Company H remains as the Regimental reserve/reaction company.

(3) 3/4. Continued to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Company I continued to operate forward of the IAR. The first and second platoons continued to conduct extensive patrol activity in the general vicinity of their patrol base (YD815091). The third platoon conducted a river reconnaissance of the SONG HONG in the vicinity of (YD906053). Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued its patrol and ambush activity with one platoon in the vicinity of grid square (YD8408) patrolling to (YD8505). The remainder of the battalion continued to maintain defensive positions around the Battalion CP and airfield. The Joint Action Company continued patrol activity in the THUY PHU (YD9013) area.

(4) 1/12.

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. At 281705H fired a "will adjust" mission on VC emplacements at (AT889704), resulting in destruction of the emplacements and one secondary explosion.

(c) Battery B. Between 281930H and 290430H fired 18 interdiction missions. Between 281845H and 290430H Battery B (Pnd) fired on a suspected VC hiding place at (AT887836). The mission was cancelled due to receipt of a priority mission and at 291019H fired on two VC carrying weapons at (AT839785) with good effect on target. At 291325H (Battery B (Pnd) fired on an avenue of approach at (AT866822) with good effect on target.

(d) Reinforcing Fires

1. Naval Gunfire Activity Not Previously Reported. At 281300H fired on a VC position at (AT862843) with good effect on target. Ship which fired was the USS HENDERSON (DD 787) and used main armament.

(f) Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type: 105mm - 346 HE, 108 WP; 5"/38 - 11 HE.

(g) Missions Fired by Type. 88 interdiction, 18 harassing, 6 "will adjust", 1 "fire for effect".

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions. Negative contact was made.

(2) 2/3. Company E maintained one platoon patrolling in grid squares (AT9081) and (AT9181). Company C maintained one platoon patrolling in grid squares (AT8579), (AT8478) and (AT8379). Two VC were sighted in the vicinity of (AT839785). Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

(3) 3/4. Conducted four security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield. The Joint Action Company patrolled in grid square (YD9013). Negative contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/3. Company D will establish three squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT947727), (AT934713) and (AT941711). Personnel will come from 1/1 with key personnel from 1/3 giving advice and assistance.

(2) 2/3. Company E established 2 squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT892313) and (AT896325). Company G established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT867784), (AT860798), (AT896804) and (AT899802).

(3) 3/4. Company L established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD906053) and two squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD336082) and (YD823092). Company C, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD857055).

5. Changes in CP locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 2/3. Company G conducted a small arms FIREX.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Will continue to prepare for embarkation on 1 September. Will conduct limited company sized patrol using Company D, 1/1 personnel and all key personnel, down to and including squad leaders, of Company D, 1/3. The patrol will go no farther west than the north-south grid line 90.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain two platoons patrolling both sides of the RMR. Numerous ambushes will be established on likely avenues of approach.

c. 3/4. Company L (-) will continue to patrol in the general area of its patrol base (YD815091). The third platoon of Company L will patrol back to the Battalion CP at first light. Company C, 3d Recon Bn will continue patrol and ambush activity within the TAOR.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. The Battalion Chaplain gave the village chief of HCA THONG (AT947700) the following items for needy people of the village.

(a) One pig, grown by H&S Company, 1/3.

(b) Nineteen baby dolls.

(c) Fifty pounds of buttons.

(d) Thirty-seven American Story Books (Illustrated).

(e) Six member Marine combo from the Battalion performed for 100 people at (AT947700), HCA THONG village. The Battalion Aid Station (AT905720) treated 20 people for minor skin infections.

(2) 2/3. The L. MY dispensary treated 107 people.

b. H&S Construction

(1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire

(2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire

(3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

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Situation Report 146

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 300000H - 302400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued to defend the BA NANG and HUN PHU BAI TAOs. The Regiment conducted EI patrols and established 10 ambushes. The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines dispatched the first platoon of Company B, and one platoon from Company B, 1/1, to search an area suspected to be occupied by Viet Cong.

a. 1/3. Remained in defensive positions on the assigned HLT. ~~To deny the Viet Cong infiltration of the HLT while the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assume defensive posture, extensive patrol activity was conducted.~~ In response to an agent report, two reinforced platoons were dispatched to search an area southeast of Company B's southern defensive positions. The area to be searched was partially within the 9th Marines' TAO. The operation was coordinated with and approved by the 9th Marines.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its portion of the TAO by conducting extensive patrol and ambush activities. The battalion maintained two combat bases, one east and one west of the HLT with negative contact.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUN PHU BAI TAO with emphasis on the vital area.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/3. Continued to defend its assigned sector of the BA NANG TAO. At approximately 301145H the battalion received an agent report from Division via the 3d Marines that either a VC platoon or battery with mortars was allegedly digging at (AT955688). Immediately, coordination was effected with the 9th Marines and two reinforced rifle platoons were dispatched to search the suspected area. The first platoon of Company B, 1/3 and the first platoon of Company B, 1/2 patrolled south from the vicinity of (AT965710) through the Company B forward positions to the vicinity of (AT955688). A search was conducted, followed by a sweep from west of the BO BAN (1) village to the HLT. The two platoons returned by 301600H, reporting negative contact and no significant observations.

Key personnel from 1/3 continue to work with members of 1/1. Patrols and ambush activity were increased to deny the VC infiltration during the critical relief period. Patrols and ambushes established will include approximately 50% of 1/1 personnel.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continued to defend its assigned portion of the DA NANG TAOR without incident. The second platoon of Company G conducted one patrol west of the LE MY complex and established night defensive positions at (AT874804) with negative contact. The third platoon of Company E continued to operate as a combat base east of the MSR and after dark established a base camp at (AT913807). At 301400H divers from Company A, 3d Recon Bn conducted an underwater survey of the piles and ground under the bridge over the CA DE SONG in grid square (AT9284). Nothing unusual was reported. Numerous ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach.

(3) 3/4. Continued to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital area. Company L continued operations forward of the MLR with the First platoon conducting reconnaissance activity from (YD815091) to (YD823071) with negative VC contact. The third platoon, Company L patrolled from their base camp in the vicinity of (YD906053) to the Battalion CP with negative VC contact. The second platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Bn maintained a daylight OP in grid square (YD8505) until dark, at which time they moved to (YD866061) and established a night ambush.

(4) 1/12.

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 291800H and 300530H fired 15 harrassing and 30 interdiction missions. Based on an ARVN report and request, at 291823H fired a "fire for effect" mission on a VC battalion at (AT943616) with rounds reported on target. *No surveillance on target*

(c) Battery B. At 291620H Battery B (Fwd) fired on a suspected enemy OP at (AT865809) with good effect on target. Between 291900H and 300400H Battery B (-) fired nine harrassing and four interdiction missions. At 291926H fired an illumination mission over suspected enemy movement at (AT929844) with good illumination of the area; no enemy sighted. Between 292040H and 300600H Battery B (Fwd) fired 34 harrassing and 23 interdiction missions. At 301030H Battery B (-) fired on a suspected enemy OP at (AT885747) with good effect on target. At 301400H Battery B fired a "will adjust" mission for 2d Battalion, 3d Marines at suspected bunker at (AT885747) with good effect on target.

(d) Mortar Battery. Between 292000H and 300530H fired 21 harrassing and 21 interdiction missions.

(e) Reinforcing Fires

1. Battery L. At 291823H fired a "fire for effect" mission on an ARVN reported VC battalion at (AT943616).

(f) Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type. 105mm - 303 HE, 20 WP, 4 illumination; 4.2" 84 HE; 155mm - 6 HE.

(g) Missions Fired by Type. 79 harrassing, 78 interdiction, 1 "fire for effect" and 4 "will adjust".

b. Patrols

(1) 1/3. Conducted five platoon sized patrols. Three platoons from Company D patrolled south of the SONG TUY LOAN from 301100H to 301700H with negative contact. The second platoon of Company D, while on patrol, reported that the women and children were moving out of KHUONG MY (2) (AT9169). The interpreter with the patrol was unable to determine the reason for the exodus. Two platoons from Company A commenced patrol activity in the western portion of the battalion's TAOR and will remain out until 310800H. All patrols reported negative VC contact.

(2) 2/4. Conducted five security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield area. The Joint Action Company patrolled in the vicinity of (YD9013). Negative contact was made by all patrols.

c. Ambushes. All ambushes established during the last reporting period were deactivated by first light with negative VC contact.

(1) 1/3. Company A has ambushes established at (AT899733), (AT915729), (AT925731), (AT904725) and (AT915724).

(2) 2/3. Company E has ambushes established at (AT897825), and (AT892818). Company F has ambushes at (AT915747) and (AT916754). Company G has established ambushes in the vicinity of (AT874795).

5. Changes in CP Locations. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 3/4. Company I received a one hour lecture on field sanitation while Company M held a class on relations with indigenous personnel.

8. Plans

a. 1/3. Continues to prepare for embarkation on 1 September. Patrol and ambush activity continues, using key personnel from 1/3 in conjunction with 1/1 personnel. Two platoons from Company A will continue patrol activity at first light and will return to the Company A CP by 31000H.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain two combat bases, one east and the other west of the MRR. Numerous ambushes will continue to be established.

c. 3/4. The second platoon of Company B, 3d Recon Bn will patrol from its night position at (YD866061) to the vicinity of (YDM9085) and establish a base camp there. At first light, the first and second platoons of Company L will helilift from their night position to the Battalion CP.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneousa. People to People

(1) 1/3. On 29 August the Battalion Aid Station at (AT950720) treated nine people for minor skin infections.

(2) 2/3.

(a) On 28 August the Battalion Surgeon visited the 82 year old woman of AN NGAI TAY (AT907783) and re-dressed the wound from her left leg tumor operation. Prognosis is excellent. On 28 August the Battalion CO arranged transportation for two seminary students from HOA THANH village (AT907787) to the HUE Catholic Monastery. One of the young men is the son of Mr NAM, village chief of HOA THANH. The men depart for the seminary on 30 August.

(b) The Battalion S-2 talked to refugees of PHUOC THUNG (AT384768) on 28 August. He offered them relocation in HOA THANH village if they desired protection by the U. S. Marines. Six refugee families responded immediately to the invitation and are currently in the process of moving themselves to HOA THANH. All the other families (approximately 60 more) stated they would also displace to HOA THANH following the rice harvest.

(c) On 28 August, a Corporal of Company F treated 40 people of KIM KIEN hamlet (AT907783) for minor skin infections. On 28 August Company G Corporals treated 11 people for minor infections at Iron Bridge Ridge positions (AT901806). The Lt MY dispensary treated 107 people on 28 August.

(d) On 29 August the S-2 met with Capt HOA, district chief, and arranged for Popular Force security for PHUC THANH hamlet (AT956787) of HOA KHANH. The hamlet has no security forces at present.

(e) On 29 August, the S-2 discussed the relocation of HOA MINH refugees (AT974784) to an area within the Battalion TAOR. The village chief of HOA MINH, Mr GIAM, wishes to relocate the refugees within a more secure area.

(f) The Company F executive officer and ten marines of Company F attended Mass at PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT907766) on 29 August.

(g) On 26 August, the Company F Commander and Gunnery sergeant were dinner guests of Father SHIEN, Pastor of PHU THUONG Orphanage. The LE MY dispensary treated 122 people on 29 August.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/3. 94% individual positions
44% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

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Situation Report 147

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

2. Period Covered. 310001H - 312400H Aug 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued to defend the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAORs. At 310800H, 1/1 assumed responsibility for 1/3's portion of the TAOR. During the reporting period the Regiment conducted 22 patrols and established 15 ambushes.

a. 1/1. Assumed responsibility of 1/3's portion of the 3d Marines' TAOR. Emphasis during this reporting period was on area familiarization and final consolidation of units in their new positions. Eighteen members of 1/3 will remain with 1/1 for several days to assist and instruct members of the new battalion. Sporadic rifle fire was received during the early morning from positions in front of Company B. Negative casualties resulted. Three platoon sized patrol bases were established, one each by Companies A, C and D. These bases are operating forward of the MLR, conducting recon patrols, establishing OPs and ambushes.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its portion of the TAOR by conducting extensive patrol and ambush activities. At 211245H, a patrol from the third platoon of Company F had four USMC KIA by an explosive device in the vicinity of AT874751. Although there is not clear information as to the type of device, the area in which the patrol was operating contained numerous booby traps, one of which is believed to be the cause of the casualties. Company E and Company G continued to maintain platoon sized patrols east and west of the MLR.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued its defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Company L and elements of Company C, 3d Recon Bn continued patrol, ambush and surveillance activity forward of the MLR. Companies I, K and M remained in defensive positions around the Battalion CP and airfield. Negative contact was made during the reporting period.

d. 1/12. The battalion fired 163 missions in support of the 3d Marines.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/1. The battalion continued to consolidate its positions and familiarize itself with its area of responsibility. Between the hours of 302400H and 310200H Company B received approximately ten rounds of small arms fire. The firing came from an estimated four or five VC in the vicinity of (AT950690). Negative casualties resulted. At 311300H one platoon each from Company A, Company C and Company D moved to establish patrol bases in the vicinity of (AT897715), (AT910702) and (AT932684). The platoons will operate from these patrol bases for the next 48 hours. Numerous night patrols were conducted and ambushes were established on likely avenues of approach.

(2) 2/3. The battalion continued to defend its portion of the TAOR by conducting extensive patrols and establishing numerous ambushes. Company E maintained one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT912831). The remainder of the company continued to occupy positions in the vicinity of LE MY Fort. Two squads of Company F patrolled to the southwest of their company position. Four Marines were KIA by an unknown explosive device, believed to be a booby trap, in the vicinity of (AT874751). The incident occurred as a squad was moving down to check a draw. It could not be determined if the device was thrown or tripped. No VC were observed in the area nor was there any trace of recent VC activity. The low ground in that general area was reported to be saturated with booby traps, both on the ground and in the trees. The four KIA were helioevacuated and the remainder of the two squads returned to the Company CP. Company G continued to maintain one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT875782). Company H remains as the Regimental reserve/reaction company.

(3) 3/4. The battalion continued to defend the HUB THU BAI vital area by conducting numerous patrols and ambushes. At first light two platoons of Company I returned to the Battalion CP by helicopter. The entire company moved at 311700H to the vicinity of (YD865107) and it established five ambushes in that area. Company C, 3d Recon established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD814155). Negative VC contact was made during the reporting period.

(4) 1/12.

(a) Battery Positions. No change.

(b) Battery A. Between 301815H and 310615H fired 32 harassing and 45 interdiction missions. At 302130H fired an illumination mission at (AT952682) on suspected enemy movement with good illumination of the area; no enemy sighted.

(c) Battery B

1. Battery B (-). Between 302000H and 310445H fired 13 harrassing and five interdiction missions. At 302015H fired an illumination mission at (AT929844) over suspected enemy movement with good illumination of the area, and at 310200H an illumination mission at (AT925846) with good illumination of the area; no enemy sighted on either mission.

2. Battery B (Fwd). Between 301845H and 310615H fired 25 interdiction and seven harrassing missions. Between 311347H and 311440H fired three missions (unobserved) on supply areas and two missions on rally points at (AT825755), (AT819715), (AT832757), (AT835747) and (AT81757506).

(d) Mortar Battery. Between 302145H and 310430H fired six harrassing and three interdiction missions.

(e) Reinforcing Fires

1. Naval Gunfire Activity Not Previously Reported. Between 301350H and 301730H fired on seven suspected VC positions at (AT862843), (AT878878), (AT832839), (AT867839), (AT867889), (AT851865) and (AT857862), and on a VC bunker at (AT867849) with good effect on target. The ship that fired was the USS ORLICK (DD386); main armament was employed.

(f) Ammunition Expended by Caliber/Type. 105mm - 260 HE, 68 mm, 11 illumination; 4.2" 18 HE.

(g) Missions Fired by Type. 69 harrassing, 78 interdiction and 16 "will adjust".

b. Patrols

(1) 1/1. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush positions.

(2) 2/3. Company B maintained one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT912831) and (AT911828). Company F conducted a two squad patrol southwest from the Company CP to the vicinity of (AT874751). Four Marines were WI by an unknown type explosive device at those coordinates. Patrol returned at 311530H. Company G maintained one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT875782).

(3) 3/4. Conducted four security patrols of the Battalion CP and airfield during the late evening and early morning.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/1. Established local ambushes in the vicinity of the three platoon sized patrol bases.

(2) 2/3. Company E established two squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT893823) and (AT892817). Company F established a squad ambush in the vicinity of (AT899753). Company G established four squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (AT871781), (AT892797), (AT894804) and (AT899801).

(3) 3/4. Company L established five squad sized ambushes in the vicinity of (YD865107). Company C, 3d Recon Bn established one platoon sized ambush in the vicinity of (YD814155).

5. Changes in CP Locations

a. Company L, 3/4 - (YD865107).

6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None.

7. Training

a. 2/3. Company G conducted a small arms FIREX at 311300H.

8. Plans

a. 1/1. The platoons (rein) will continue to operate from patrol bases in the vicinity of: Company A - (AT897715), Company C - (AT910702) and Company D - (AT932684).

b. 2/3. Company E will continue to maintain one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of grid square (AT9182). Company G will maintain one platoon patrolling in the vicinity of grid square (AT8778). Company H will remain as the Regimental reserve/reaction company. Normal ambush activity along likely avenues of approach will continue.

c. 3/4. Company L will conduct three platoon sized patrols from ambush sites back to the Battalion CP at first light. Normal security patrols of the Battalion CP will be conducted.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Marines.

9. Miscellaneous

a. People to People

(1) 2/3. The battalion aid station treated 110 persons for minor cuts and infections of the skin.

(2) 3/4. The medical team went to the village of THUY TAN and treated approximately 75 people. There has been a noticed decrease in the attendance of children since the team showed the children and mothers of the children how to bathe properly.

b. MLR Construction

- (1) 1/1. 94% individual positions
64% wire
- (2) 2/3. 99.7% individual positions
98% wire
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions
99% wire

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