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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF

Subj: Situation Report #178

Encl: (1) Civil Affairs Report

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

2. Period Covered. 301800H Sep - 011800H Oct 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continued to defend the assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR and the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. At DA NANG, there were 24 patrols and 17 ambushes, while at HUE PHU BAI seven patrols and two ambushes were conducted.

a. 1/1. Maintained defensive positions along the MR and in the Hill 22, Hill 41 complex. The battalion's offensive posture continued with extensive platoon sized patrols in the western portion of the battalion's TAOR, which continues to be effective in denying the VC infiltration of the vital areas of responsibilities. At 011361, the 1st Platoon, Company A, while sweeping the west bank of the SONG YET, apprehended two VCs at (AT965668). The 3d Platoon, Company C discovered at 011240H one dead VC at (AT845715). He was carrying documents, had no weapon and appeared to have been killed by a mine. There was no further VC contact reported.

b. 2/3. Offensive and defensive operations continue with the battalion (-) defending along the assigned MR. Companies E (-) and H (-) at 011300H moved north across the SONG CA DE in LVTs and commenced a search and destroy operation. Company H (-) landed south of, and swept through, THUONG DINH (AT8783), while Company E (-), plus a Battalion OP group, landed in three LVTs and conducted search and clear operations in HOA IAC (AT8883). The operation progressed as scheduled without incident.

c. 3/4. Defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area continued with three rifle companies (-) occupying a perimeter defense and elements of two rifle companies and a reconnaissance platoon operating forward of the MR. The Joint Action Company continues to provide forces for tactical support and civic action within their areas of responsibility.

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(1) 1/1. The battalion (-) continues to defend from positions along the MLR. Company A (reinforced) occupies positions forward of the MLR on Hill 22 (AT9566) and at LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). Company M (-) (reinforced) occupies positions on Hill 41 (AT9566). The 3d Platoon (-), Company M occupies a defensive position at (AT965707) with one squad providing security at the bridge located at (AT946699). Company C (reinforced) occupies positions at (AT922734) and Company D (reinforced) defends (AT942717). Two platoons of Company B occupies positions on Hill 327 and defends the pass at (AT99753). At 301930H, the 3d Platoon, Company C, located at (AT836711), reported receiving eight rounds of carbine fire and ten rounds of automatic rifle fire from the vicinity of (AT884710). There was no further contact during the night. At 010630H, the 1st Platoon, Company A continued operations along the SONG YEN in conjunction with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. By 011136H, the platoon had swept to the vicinity of (AT965668) and had blown 13 caves and apprehended two VCS at LA CHAU (5) (AT9666). The 1st Platoon, Company C helilifted from their Company CP to (AT892707) and by 010845H had commenced patrolling to (AT862724), arriving there by 011500H without incident. The platoon established a patrol base in the vicinity. At 011240H, the 3d Platoon, Company C, while returning to the MLR from extended patrol, discovered one dead VC, without a weapon, who appeared to have been killed by a mine at (AT845715). He was carrying several documents and it was reported that he had been dead about 18 hours. Aggressive patrolling continued throughout the reporting period without Viet Cong contact.

(2) 2/1. The battalion continues to defend the northern sector of the DA NANG TACH and provides one platoon in support of the ARVN company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). At 081300H, the battalion commenced a search and destroy operation to kill or capture Viet Cong forces believed to be operating in TRUONG DINH (AT8683), HOA LAC (AT8883) and TI TOU (AT8986). Elements of Company E (-) (reinforced) and Company H (-) (reinforced), with a Battalion CP group, crossed the SONG CA DE in LVTs. Company H (-) (reinforced) moved west on the river and landed south of TRUONG DINH at (AT875832) and immediately moved north into the village and conducted search and clear operations. Concurrently, Company E (-) (reinforced) and the Battalion CP group moved in three LVTs and landed south of HOA LAC at (AT865831). Search and clear operations were conducted from the landing area to the eastern limit of the hamlet. In conjunction with the search, one platoon was dispatched to the vicinity of (AT886844), where they secured the area and provided a blocking/ambush force. Company H (-) (reinforced), upon completion of their search of TRUONG DINH, moved to a prearranged assembly area at (AT885834) and then to (AT866843). The operation progressed as scheduled and without VC contact.

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(3) 3/4. The battalion continues defense of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR with Company K (-) assigned as the Airfield Defense Company and Company I (-) defending the highway. Company I defends the Battalion/PHU BAI village area. The 2d Platoon, Company I patrolled to the vicinity of (YD8014), established a patrol base and conducted reconnaissance patrols in search of a suitable night ambush site. The 2d Platoon, Company I moved from (YD872077) to the vicinity of (YD8908) and prepared for the establishment of a night ambush. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion established a platoon CP in the vicinity of (YD813079) and will continue to conduct surveillance for the next 24 hours. There was no VC contact during the reporting period.

(4) 4/12. Fired 18 observed and 36 unobserved missions.

Caliber	Amount Expended by Type			
	HE	MP	Smoke	Illum
155	91	2	-	40
105	24	-	24	-
4.2"	-	-	-	42

b. Patrols

(1) 1/1. Five reinforced platoons conducted aggressive patrol activity during the reporting period.

(2) 2/3. Limited patrol action was conducted in conjunction with the battalion (-) search and destroy operation north of the SONO CA DE. One squad each from the 1st and 3d Platoons, Company F in the vicinity of PHU THUONG THAI (AT9076) and HOA (AT9074).

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

c. Ambushes. All ambushes established last night were deactivated by 010645H and reported negative VC contact.

(1) 1/1. Established 12 squad sized ambushes during the reporting period.

(2) 2/3. Established five squad sized ambushes during the reporting period.

(3) 3/4. Established one platoon sized and one two-squad sized ambushes.

5. Changes in CP Locations. None

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6. Changes in or Establishment of New OPs. None

7. Training

a. 1/1. Companies B, M and HAS conducted a small arms FIREX this morning.

b. 3/4. Company I conducted a two hour class on the 60mm mortar.

8. Plans

a. 1/1. The 1st platoon (rein), Company A will continue sweeping the west bank of the SONG YEN in conjunction with 2/9. The 2d Platoon, Company A, will sweep south along the west bank of the SONG YEN from La Chau (9) (AT959 8) to (AT966670) and return to La Chau (9) by 021300H. The 1st platoon, Company C will continue to patrol the TUNG SON area (AT845724) and will operate from a patrol base at (AT853728). Company D will remain on one hour alert status as the Division Reserve. Company M (rein), will dispatch its 1st platoon to patrol KHUONG MY (2) (AT9069), DONG HIGH (2) (AT9068) and DONG HIGH (1) (AT8968) and return from 020800H to 021300H. The 2d platoon, Company M will sweep PHUOC MINH (2) (AT928669) at 020800H. The 3d platoon, Company M will patrol PHUOC NHAN (6) (AT902674) to (AT 905661) and return during the afternoon.

b. 2/3. The battalion will continue to defend the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR. The Battalion (-) will continue search and destroy operations along the north bank of the SONG QA DE with emphasis on the villages of THUONG DINH (AT8683) and HOA LAC (AT8883).

c. 3/4. Company I will conduct a squad daylight security patrol in the vicinity of (YD828087) and will lift back to the Battalion CP by 021800H. Two squads from Company I will move to and establish an ambush at (YD8214) while the 1st platoon of Company I will establish a night ambush within (YD9007). The 3d platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion will continue to maintain an OP at (YD813079). The Battalion S-2 Scouts will conduct a daylight patrol within (YD8015) and (YD8016).

4. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

Company A. ^{958664, 953678} ~~(AT9598)~~, ~~(AT9598)~~ and ~~(AT9598)~~

Company C. (AT910732), (AT871717)

Company M. (AT919690), (AT916672), (AT923657) and (AT937646)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

Company G. (AT894804) and (AT895798)

(3) 3/4.

Company I. (YD8014), Platoon

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Company L, (YDS908), Platoon

9. Miscellaneous

a. MR Construction

- (1) 1/1. 68% individual positions, 72% wire.
- (2) 2/3. 99% individual positions, 99% wire.
- (3) 3/4. 99% individual positions, 99% wire.

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MEMORANDUM

From: CA Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Via: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: CA Report for period ending 010900 Oct 1965

1. 1/4

a. On 30 September the BAS (AT950720) treated 23 people for worms, headaches and intestinal disorders.

b. On 30 September "D" Company treated 10 people at sick call at the Company Aid Station (AT938721).

c. On 30 September the Battalion Medical Team treated 147 people in Hoa Thinh (AT946702). One Vietnamese student nurse, and one Vietnamese qualified nurse assisted in the sick call. 200 bars of soap and 1000 vitamins were distributed to mothers attending sick call.

2. 2/3

a. On 30 September the Le My Dispensary treated 122 people for skin and eye infections, colds and headaches.

3. 3/4

a. On 30 September the Joint Action Company treated 69 people in Thuy Luong (YD060175).

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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Situation Report #179

Encl: (1) Civil Affairs Report

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 011800H - 021800H Oct 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Third Marines continued to defend the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAOR's. At DA NANG there were 13 patrols and 8 ambushes, while at HUE PHU BAI 7 patrols and 2 ambushes were conducted.

a. 1/1. The Battalion continued to maintain defensive positions along the MTR and on the Hill 22, Hill 41 complex. Extensive patrolling was conducted by 5 rifle platoons. Two VO were KIA, by Company M ambushes, during the reporting period, one at 020110H in the vicinity of (AT923655) and one in the vicinity of (AT915668) at 020130H. Both bodies were recovered as were two CHIOM 7.62mm rifles. The sweep of the Song Yen continued by one platoon of Company A in conjunction with 3/9. Numerous tunnels and panji sticks were found in the vicinity of (AT960676). At 021420H, 8 USMC were WIA in vicinity of (AT961677) by 3 grenades wired together on a stump. All 8 were evacuated by helicopter.

b. 2/3. The Battalion continued to defend the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR. The Battalion (-) (rein) continued its search and destroy operation north of the CA DE SONO in the vicinity of TRUONG DINH (AT8683) and HOA LAC (AT8883). No Viet Cong contact was made during the reporting period.

c. 3/4. Defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area continued with three rifle companies (-) occupying a perimeter defense and elements of two rifle companies and a reconnaissance platoon operating forward of the MTR. At 012130H the 2d platoon of Company I made contact with 15 VO in vicinity of (YD802146). Two VO were KIA, one weapon captured. Again at 022230H, the platoon enroute to a new ambush site made contact with 10 VO (YD804150). An artillery mission was fired. No casualties resulted.

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a. Company A, 1st platoon continued its sweep of the SONG YEN in conjunction with 1/9. By 020917H, they were in the vicinity of (AT964671) and had destroyed 5 caves with explosives. By 021222, they were in the vicinity of (AT960676) and reported having found 10 panji sticks and one magazine for an M-3 sub-machine gun. Three more holes were destroyed with explosives. At 021420H, 8 USMC were WIA in the vicinity of (AT961577) when the lead elements of the patrol tripped a booby trap consisting of 3 U. S. M-26 frag grenades wired to a stump, 18 inches off the ground. Two of the grenades exploded when the 2d man in line was passing through a hole in a dense hedgerow. The platoon was fairly well dispersed and some of the WIA's were as far as 26 paces from the explosion. All were wearing flak jackets. The third grenade did not detonate. All 8 casualties were believed.

b. Company B, continued to maintain defensive positions on the Hill 327 complex and the pass at (AT997754).

c. Company C continues to man its MIR positions. The first platoon of Company C patrolled during the day in the vicinity of (AT870705) and (AT875715). Between 01210H and 012035 the 1st platoon received approximately 30 rounds of small arms fire from an estimated 3 or 4 VC in vicinity of (AT875715). Four rounds of M-79 fire was returned and the VC broke contact.

d. Company D continued to occupy MIR positions and established night ambushes.

e. Company M conducted 3 separate platoon sized sweeps, the first platoon departed at 020800H and returned 021300H. It swept KHUONG MY (2) (AT9069), DONG HICH (2) (AT9068) and DONG HICH (1) (AT8968). The 1st platoon apprehended one VOS at 021135H in the vicinity of (AT917693). He had no identification. The 2d platoon also departed at approximately 020800H and swept PHOUC NINH (2) (AT928669) and reported people in the area very friendly. The villagers said no VC had been in the area since Marines moved to Hill 41. A few panji sticks were found in the Northwest edge of the village. The 3d platoon departed at 021315H and patrolled from Company G to PHOUC NINH (6) (AT902674) to (AT905661) and returned.

(2) 2/1. The Battalion (4) continued its search and destroy operation in the TRUONG DINH (AT8683), HOA LAO (AT8883) and TI TON (AT8986) area. Negative contact was made during the evening as the operation proceeded as scheduled with elements of Company E, Company G and Company H establishing ambushes and conducting patrols throughout the area. At 021500H, the 2d platoon of Company E, the 1st platoon, Company G and the 2d platoon of Company H moved from Red Beach #2 across the Nam O bridge (AT902863) and commenced 3 platoon sized sweeps to the Southwest. The remainder of the Battalion remains in MIR positions.

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(3) 3/4. The Battalion continued to defend the HUE PHU BAI vital areas. Security patrols continued to be conducted as did night ambushes by 2d platoon, Company I (YD802146) and 2d platoon of Company L (YD896083). At 012130H, the 2d platoon of Company I made contact with 15 VC in the vicinity of (YD802146) and killed 2. One U.S. carbine was captured and the two bodies recovered. Again at 022230H, the platoon was enroute to a new ambush position, sighted 10 VC, an artillery mission was fired in the vicinity of (YD804150). No further VC casualties were reported.

b. Patrols

(1) 1/1. Conducted extensive patrols in conjunction with Company A, Company C and Company M operations throughout the reporting period. Night patrols were conducted to night ambush sites.

(2) 2/3. Company F conducted 2 squad sized patrols to the vicinity of grid squares (AT9176), (AT9276), (AT9277), (AT9174), (AT9074). Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

(3) 3/4. The Battalion conducted 4 squad sized security patrols of the Battalion OP and airfield. One squad sized patrol was conducted of the OP on Hill 225. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/1. Established 8 squad sized ambushes, 2 of which made contact resulting in 2 VC KIA and two 7.62mm (CHICOM) rifles captured.

(2) 2/3. Established 2 squad sized ambushes. Negative contact.

(3) 3/4. Established 2 platoon sized ambushes one of which made contact resulting in 2 VC KIA and one U.S. carbine captured.

5. Changes in Locations of OP's. None.

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

7. Training. None.

8. Plans

a. 1/1. Company A will continue the search and clear operation on the SONG YEN with 2 platoons. One platoon will continue the sweep north and one platoon will sweep to the south. Company D, 1st platoon will conduct a sweep of AP PHUOC THUAN (AT9372). Company M will have 3 platoon sized patrols that will patrol to the west and southwest of the Company M OP. First platoon of Company C will patrol in the vicinity of grid square (AT8770).

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b. 2/3. Will continue to conduct extensive patrols in the area of operations in conjunction with the search and clear operation in the TRONG DINH (AT8703), HOA IAC (AT8883) area.

c. 3/4. One platoon of Company K will establish an ambush in grid square (YD9005). One squad of Company L will conduct a security patrol in grid square (YD8410, YD8411, YD8510, and YD8511). Two squads of Company L will establish a night ambush in grid square (YD8215).

d. Ambushes Planned for This Evening

(1) 1/1. All squad sized.

a. Company A (AT951677)
(AT955637)

b. Company D (AT948727)

c. Company M (AT921688)
(AT919672)
(AT935635)

(2) 2/3. None.

(3) 3/4

a. Company I (YD8214) Platoon

b. Company L (YD9007) Platoon

9. Miscellaneous

a. MLR Construction

(1) 1/1. 69% individual positions, 71% wire.

(2) 2/3. 99% individual positions, 99% wire.

(3) 3/4. 99% individual positions, 99% wire.

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MEMORANDUM

From: CA Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: CA report to period ending 021530 October 1965

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a. On 2 October the Regimental CA Officer met with the village chief of Hoa Khanh (AT955765) and discussed security and economic status of the village.

2. 1/1

a. On 1 October the BAS (AT 950720) treated 25 people for skin and eye infections.

b. On 1 October the Battalion CO met with Captain Tuong, district chief of Hieu Duc District, and made arrangements for marine security to Hoa Thinh during the rice harvest in (AT8970).

3. 2/3

a. On 1 October the Battalion Chaplain visited the Phu Thuong Orphanage (AT 906765) and distributed 1000 writing tablets, two cases of canned apricots, and two cases of canned milk to the students, and staff, of the Orphanage. All of the distributed material was purchased by the Battalion Chaplain.

b. On 2 October the Battalion CA Officer met with the village chiefs of Hoa Thanh (AT 9178) and Hoa Loc (AT 8883) and finalized plans for marine security during the rice harvest in Truong Dinh (AT 869835).

c. On 30 September two companies provided security for 300 harvesters from My Son (AT 900797) and Da Son (AT 967764) during the day's harvest of 3000 kilos of rice.

d. On 1 October the Le My dispensary treated 118 people for respiratory, intestinal and skin infections.

4. 3/4

a. On 1 October the Battalion medical team went to Thuy Luong and treated 103 persons. (YD 881173)

b. On 1 October the Joint Action Company treated 31 people in Thuy Tan (YD 907151) for malaria, headaches, and worms.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Situation Report #180
Encl: (1) Civil Affairs Report

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered. 021800H - 031800H Oct 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The 3d Marines continues to defend its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR and the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. A total of nine ambushes were established, seven at DA NANG and two at PHU BAI, while 17 patrols were conducted at DA NANG and nine at PHU BAI.

a. 1/1. The battalion continues to maintain both defensive and offensive posture with the battalion (-) defending along the MTR, Hill 22 and Hill 41 and conducting extensive patrol and ambush activity. During the night, the battalion received sporadic small arms fire at the bridge located at (AT947699). There were three incidents at this bridge. The first two consisted of sporadic small arms fire and the third occurred at 030210H when an unknown number of VC conducted an intense small arms and grenade attack. During this attack a boat was observed floating toward the bridge and was sunk by an M79 round. There were no Marine casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. The 1st Platoon, Company M, while on patrol at 030630H, apprehended one VCS in the vicinity of (AT928683).

b. 2/3. Continued to defend the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR with three companies (-) occupying defensive positions along the MTR. One platoon continues to support an ARVN company in defense of the NAM O bridge, located at (AT9284). The Battalion (-) (rein) continued its search and destroy operation north of the BONG CA DE. At 021830H, the 1st Platoon, Company E, at (AT88844) received several rounds of sniper fire. Shortly thereafter, the platoon wounded one VC (later DOW) at (AT88844). The operation continued as scheduled throughout the day without further Viet Cong contact.

c. 3/4. Defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital airfield complex continues with three rifle companies (-) occupying a perimeter defense and with elements of two companies and the 1st Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion conducting patrol, ambush and surveillance activity forward

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of the MLR. At 031515H, an observation post maintained by the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion observed five VC at (YD809097). An artillery mission was fired. There was no surveillance conducted.

d. 4/12. The battalion fired 25 unobserved missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1/1. The battalion continues to defend its area of responsibility with the battalion (-) occupying defensive positions along the MLR. Offensive posture is maintained by numerous aggressive patrols and ambushes. Saturation patrols continue to deny the Viet Cong infiltration and freedom of movement. At 022015H, the 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company A, in the vicinity of HIEU DUC District Headquarters, received 40 to 50 rounds of automatic weapons fire from the west. At 022050H, the squad (-) security force at the bridge at (AT947699) was taken under fire by approximately ten VC. The fire was returned and the VC withdrew. An AM/TP3-21 tracked the movement of four people to the vicinity of (AT929651). A tank fired one MP round at the target. No surveillance was made. At 030100H, the bridge at (AT947699) received 15 rounds of small arms fire from an estimated three VC firing from the north. A third incident occurred at 030210H when the bridge unit received heavy small arms fire and four hand grenades from an unknown number of Viet Cong. During illumination in the ensuing fire fight, a boat which had been some 75 meters away had moved to within 25 meters of the bridge. The boat was sunk by a well placed M79 round. The VC broke contact and there were no further incidents. There were no Marine casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. The battalion conducted eight patrols during the reporting period in addition to those conducted to night ambushes. The 1st Platoon, Company H, while on patrol, apprehended one VCS at 030830H in the vicinity of (AT928683). The VCS was returned to HIEU DUC District Headquarters.

(2) 2/1. The battalion continued to defend the assigned tactical area of responsibility with three companies (-) on the MLR and one platoon in support of the ARVN company defending the NAM O bridge (AT9284). Elements of Companies E (-) (Rein) and H (-) (Rein) continue to operate north of the SONG CA DE on a search and destroy mission in the TRUONG DINH, HOA LAC (AT8883) area. In conjunction with the search and destroy operation within the village complex, numerous aggressive patrols were conducted throughout the surrounding vicinity. Two patrols were conducted south of the SONG CA DE without VC contact.

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(3) 3/4. The battalion continues defensive and offensive operations within the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. Three companies (-) provide security for the vital PHU BAI Airfield complex. The 1st Platoon, Company K continued patrol activity in the southeast portion of the TAOR while the 3d Platoon, Company L conducted aggressive patrolling in the northwest portion of the TAOR. The platoon from Company K established a base camp within (XD9007) and the platoon from Company L moved to (XD8215). Both platoons operated without VC contact and conducted local reconnaissance for night ambush positions. At 091515H, an OP maintained by the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion observed five VC in a stream bed at (XD809097). An artillery mission was requested and fired with good coverage over the target area. No surveillance was conducted.

(4) 4/12. Fired 25 unobserved missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines during the reporting period.

Caliber	Amount and Type of Ammunition		
	HE	MP	Incineration
155mm	25	-	12
105mm	30	-	-
4.2"	-	-	12

b. Patrols

(1) 1/1. Conducted eight patrols during the reporting period in addition to patrols to night ambush positions. The 1st and 2d Platoons, Company A continued activity along the west bank of the SONG YEN. All three rifle platoons from Company M conducted aggressive patrol activity. Two were out in the morning and one in the afternoon, covering the area north, west and south of Hill 41 (AT9366). The 1st Platoon, Company D patrolled within (AT9370) without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company G patrolled from its base at (AT870703), the 2d platoon patrolled (AT9173), (AT9072) and (AT8973).

(2) 2/1. Numerous aggressive patrols were conducted in conjunction with the battalion (-) operation north of the SONG CA DE. The 1st Platoon, Company F dispatched a patrol to (AT907746) and remained there as a "lay out" in an attempt to apprehend those responsible for cutting communications lines in that vicinity. The patrol will return prior to dark today. The 2d Platoon, Company F conducted a reconnaissance patrol from 030800H to 031700H in the HOA VINH (AT9079) (AT9078) area without VC contact.

(3) 3/4. The battalion conducted five squad sized security patrols around the vital PHU BAI Airfield complex without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company K and the 3d Platoon, Company L patrolled within their areas of responsibility without incident.

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1/4. Established six squad sized ambushes on likely avenues of approach at (AT931677), (AT935657), (AT945727), (AT921688), (AT919672) and (AT935635), which were deactivated at first light without VC contact.

(2) 3/4. Established two platoon sized ambushes, one from Company I at (YD8214) and one from Company L at (YD907078).

5. Changes in Locations of CPs. None

6. Changes in or Establishment of New CPs. None

7. Training

a. 3/4. H&S Company conducted a small arms FIREX and held classes on U. S. hand grenades followed by practical application.

8. Plans

a. 1/4. Company A will continue search and clear operations on the west bank of the SONG YEN. One platoon will sweep north to (AT968698), while the 2d Platoon will sweep north in trace and then swing to the northwest through LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) and LA CHAU (1) (AT9468). The 1st Platoon, Company D will conduct a sweep of AP PHUC YUAN (AT9372). Company M will provide three platoon patrols, two in the morning and one in the afternoon. They will operate west and northwest of Hill 41 (AT9366). The 1st Platoon, Company G will continue to operate from its base at (AT870702).

b. 2/3. Will continue to conduct extensive patrols in the area of operation in conjunction with the search and clear operation in the HGA LAC (AT8883) area.

c. 3/4. One squad from Company N will helilift from the Battalion CP to Hill 225 (YD8408) and patrol back to the CP. Two squads will be trucked to LOC BON (YD9111) and at dusk move in an ambush position along Highway 14, moving back into LOC BON at 030630H. The 1st Platoon, Company L, with a team of engineers, will move to the vicinity of (YD8111) and join a platoon from the Reconnaissance Company. The two platoons will then clear and secure an area to (YD797097) by 050700H. A sweep of the village complex in (YD7910) will be conducted with the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion thinking at (YD790115). After the sweep, both platoons will move to establish night ambushes.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Amputation Planned for Tonight(1) 1/1. All squad sized:(a) Company A - {AT955637}
{AT951678}
{AT964695}

(b) Company D - (AT947727)

(c) Company H - {AT931633}
{AT916670}
{AT918688}(2) 2/2. Squad (-):(a) Company G - ⁸⁷{AT984804}
{AT893798}(3) 3/4. Platoon sized:

(a) Company K - (Y09005)

(b) Company L - (Y08215)

9. Miscellaneousa. W.L. Construction(1) 1/1. 69% individual positions, 71% wire(2) 2/2. 99% individual positions, 99% wire(3) 3/4. 99% individual positions, 99% wireDrafted by L. E. AKINSH. J. COMLIN
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MEMORANDUM

From: OA officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, (Rein), FMF
Subj: OA report to period ending 031430 October 1965

1. 1/1

a. On 2 October the BAS (AT 950720) treated 37 people for skin infections, colds, headaches and intestinal troubles.

2. 2/3

a. On 2 October the Battalion CO escorted the Regimental CO, and the Editor-in-chief of TIME, INC., on a tour of the Le My dispensary, marketplace and schoolhouse.

b. On 2 October the Le MY dispensary treated 96 people for respiratory and intestinal infections, worms, and minor abrasions.

3. 3/4

a. On 2 October the Battalion medical team treated 103 people in Thuy Luong (YD 881173).

b. On 2 October the Joint Action Company treated 30 people in Thuy Phu (YD 905115) and 32 people in Loc Don (YD 925105).

c. On 2 October a fire team of the JAC spent 13 man hours installing drain pipes along the Luong Dong Road in Thuy Luong (YD 889164).

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3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
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4 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF

Subj: Situation Report #181

Encl: (1) Civil Affairs Report

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

2. Period Covered: 031800H - 041800H Oct 1965

3. General Summary of Events: The 3d Marines continued to defend the vital areas within the assigned sector of the DA NANG TACR and the PHU BAI TACR. A total of eleven ambushes were established, nine at DA NANG and two at PHU BAI, while 17 patrols were conducted at DA NANG and nine at PHU BAI.

a. 1/1: The battalion continued to defend its assigned sector of the TACR, employing the battalion (-) in defense along the HIR, Hill 22 and Hill 41 complex. Offensive posture was maintained by conducting numerous patrols and establishing night ambushes. At approximately 031800H, the Division Reserve was alerted for possible commitment in support of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. At 031900H, one platoon from Company A moved from Hill 22 and by 031930H was in blocking position on the west bank of the SONG IEN in the village of BUNET SON (3) in support of the 9th Marines. The platoon remained in position through the night and the morning of the 4th. The 3d Platoon, Company M apprehended one VC at 041030H in the vicinity of (AT28664). At 041434H, the 1st Platoon, Company C received sniper fire while being hoisted from (AT870703). Artillery was requested and fired.

b. 2/1: Continued defensive and offensive operations within the assigned TACR. At 031934H, the 1st Platoon of Company C found a VC base camp with limited supplies and some ammunition located at (AT286654). The 2d Platoon, Company H, operating as part of the battalion (-) force north of the SONG CA BE, engaged an unknown number of VC at 030045H in the vicinity of (AT363863). There were no Marine casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. The operation terminated at 040800H and all participating units returned to their primary positions.

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c. 3/4. Defense of the HUE PHU BAI vital area continued with three rifle companies (-) occupying a perimeter defense. Two rifle platoons and a reconnaissance platoon continued to operate forward of the MIA. At 030315H, the 4th Platoon of the Joint Action Company, located at 100 30N (100111), received sporadic small arms fire. The fire was returned and the VC broke contact.

d. 4/2. Fired 51 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

1. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1/4. The battalion continued to defend its assigned sector of the DA 200 FACB with two companies along the MIA, two companies (-) (reinforced) occupying positions in the Hill 41, Hill 22 complex ~~complex~~ (AT9566) and two rifle platoons continued to defend the Hue Hill site and the post located at (AT941754). At 031835H, the battalion was alerted for the possible employment of a mobile reserve strike force to support the 9th Marines, who were involved in an intense fire fight in the vicinity of 10 30N (4) (AT960646) with a suspected VC company. Shortly thereafter, the battalion was ordered to deploy one rifle platoon from Company A to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9566). At 031905H, the 2d Platoon of Company A departed Hill 22 (AT9566) and by 031905H was in position at DUYEN SON (3) (AT9566). The platoon was assigned the mission of a blocking force and remained in position throughout the day without VC contact. The 3d Platoon, Company A, while on patrol, at 041050H, apprehended one VC at (AT95669). At 041430H, the 2d Platoon Company A, which had been occupying a blocking position in support of the 9th Marines returned to (AT95666). At 041434H, while lifting from an LZ at (AT970703), the 1st Platoon, Company C received sniper fire from the west. The lift was completed and artillery fired into the sniper position at (AT967703). There was no surveillance of the target area.

(2) 2/4. The battalion continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within their assigned area of responsibility. Numerous patrols and ambushes continue to be employed as a means to deny the VC infiltration of the vital area. During the battalion (-) operation in the TRUNG BINH and HOA IAC (AT8883) area, the 1st Platoon, Company C, at 031914H, discovered a Viet Cong base camp with supplies and ammunition located at (AT88834). The 2d Platoon, Company B, at 040045H, made contact with an unknown number of VC at (AT883863). During the ensuing fire fight, four VC were observed withdrawing to the southwest. There were no friendly casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. At 040800H, the search and clear operation was terminated and Company B (-) (Reinforced) and Company E (-) (Reinforced) returned to their CPs.

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(3) 3/4. The battalion continues offensive and defensive operations within the HUE PHU BAI TACH. Three rifle companies (-) occupy a defensive perimeter around the vital airfield complex. Two rifle platoons and a reconnaissance platoon operated forward of the HAT, conducting patrol, ambush and surveillance activity. The 2d Platoon of Company K was trucked to LOC BUE (XD9111) and remained with the Joint Action Headquarters. At 040700H, the 2d Platoon, Company L and attached Engineers and the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion commenced movement to junction by 050700H within (XD9111) and conduct a sweep of the village complex at (X07910). The operation continued without VC contact.

(4) 4/12. Fired 14 observed and 37 unobserved missions during the reporting period.

(a) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	160mm	Totals
	HE	30	0	59	89
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illumination	3	0	5	8
	Totals	33	0	64	97

b. Patrols

(1) 1/1. The battalion continued its policy of saturation patrolling within its area of responsibility. Six platoon sized patrols were conducted in addition to seven night patrols to ambush positions.

(2) 2/2. The battalion (-) conducted extensive patrol activity in conjunction with its search and clear operation north of the 5000 GA DE. Four squad sized patrols were conducted enroute to night ambush sites.

(3) 3/4. Four local night security patrols were conducted in the vicinity of the PHU BAI Airfield without VC contact. Two rifle platoons and a Reconnaissance platoon conducted limited daylight patrol action.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1/1. Established seven night ambushes, all of which were deactivated by 040630H, reporting negative contact.

(2) 2/2. The battalion had two squad sized ambushes along the HAT, both of which reported no VC contact. In conjunction with the search and destroy mission north of the the 5000 GA DE, the 2d Platoon,

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Company H at 040045H, while in defensive/ambush position in the vicinity of (AT083863) engaged an unknown number of VC in a firefight. Four VC were observed withdrawing from the area. A subsequent search failed to locate any VC.

(5) 2/4 Established two platoon sized ambushes which were deactivated by 040030H without incident.

5. Changes in location of CP's. None.

6. Changes in or Establishment of New CP's.

7. Training

a. 2/4 Companies I, K and L conducted morning classes on the 60mm mortar (care and cleaning).

8. Plans

a. 1/4 The 3d platoon, Company A will conduct a south to north sweep from 090730H to 091900H in the area from hill 22 (AT9366) to (AT952698) and will return by a different route to the east of the original route. The 1st platoon (-), Company B will patrol from the Binh Mieu site 3000 meters west and return during the hours 090930H - 091600H. A combination tank infantry reconnaissance patrol will be conducted from 090730H to 091900H along the GOV TOY LOAN to determine suitable tank trails. It will run from east to west on the south side of the river and return. Company H will conduct three platoon sized patrols west and north of Hill 41. Two will be conducted in the morning and the third in the afternoon.

b. 2/4 Will continue to defend the vital area within the northern sector of the DI NAMO TACH with three companies manning positions along the M.R. Extensive patrol and ambush activity will be conducted within the area bounded by grid intersections (AT2479), (AT0979), (AT0975), and (AT0474).

c. 2/4 One squad from Company K will patrol to the vicinity of (XD 873099) and establish a daylight CP and will patrol back to the Battalion CP by 052000H. Two squads from Company K will move to and establish a night ambush within (XD8920). One platoon of Company L will operate within (XD 8015) and (XD8115) and will establish ambushes.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4 All squad sized:

- (a) Company A (AT952675)
(AT945670)
- (b) Company D (AT939728)
- (c) Company M (AT932697)
(AT937646)
(AT932658)
(AT924664)
(AT924670)
(AT943679)

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2/3 Squad sized:(a) Company K (ATG98319)
(ATG98325)(b) Company G (ATG97804)
(ATG97809)(3) 2/4 Platoon sized:

(a) Company K (XD9111)

(b) Company L (XD9111)

9. Miscellaneousa. HIA Construction(1) 1/1 69% individual positions, 71% wire.(2) 2/3 99% individual positions, 99% wire.(3) 2/4 99% individual positions, 99% wire.DRAFTED BY R. L. AKERSH. J. COMPTON
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MEMORANDUM

From: CA Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, (Rein), FIF

Subj: CA report to period ending 1430, 4 October 1965

1. My Co

a. On 4 October the Regimental CA Officer and Regimental Surgeon treated 49 people for skin and eye infections, abscesses, and intestinal troubles, in Khanh Son hamlet (AT 930765). 105 bars of toilet soap and 2 pounds of candy were distributed to the mothers and children attending sick call.

2. 1/1

a. On 3 October the BSB (AT 930720) treated 26 people and distributed 26 baby dolls to children attending the sick call.

b. On 3 October the "D" Company CO and GySgt had lunch at the home of Mr. Van, the hamlet chief of Hoa Khung hamlet (AT 930730).

c. On 3 October "O" Company treated 12 people at sick call in Dai La hamlet (AT 925745), and 9 people at (AT 925740).

d. On 3 October the Battalion transported a catholic priest from Da Hong to Durgam Lam (AT 945699) to celebrate Mass for 27 villagers.

e. On 3 October the Battalion donated 1000 piasters to the Ho Mang Catholic orphanage.

3. 2/3

a. On 3 October the Battalion Surgeon accompanied a nine-year old girl, from Hoa Lee (AT 923222), to Saigon for a cleft lip operation.

b. On 3 October the 1st Ky dispensary treated 87 people for skin and eye infections, respiratory disorders, and wounds.

4. 2/4

a. On 3 October the ^{TRAC} Command Action Company treated 28 people in Lot Son village (TB 940110).

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CONFIDENTIAL**ESTIMATION REPORT****ROUTINE**

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), MACV

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

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3d Marines (-) (Rein) REFREP #182, 041800H - 051800H 0408 1965

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** The reporting period was highlighted by numerous Viet Cong contacts within the 1/1 CP and Company D area with nine incidents reported during the night. One Marine was MIA (non-ewoc) by a grenade thrown by an infiltrator and one VC was MIA (not captured). At 040500H the second platoon, Company L, 3/4 and the 3d platoon, Company B, 3d Recon Battalion, sustained two UNK MIA by what appeared to be a booby trapped grenade. At approximately 051100H one Marine was MIA by a booby trap at (AT958078). Increased emphasis was placed on aggressive patrols throughout the 3d Marine's area of responsibility.

2. **DETAILS**

a. **1/1.** The Battalion continued offensive and defensive operations within its assigned area of responsibility. The battalion (-) defense along the Hill and maintains two companies (-) (Rein) occupying defensive positions in the vicinity of Phase Line Orange. Two rifle platoons continued to defend the Hill 327 (AT9773) complex and the pass at (AT941734). Company D and the Battalion CP reported nine separate Viet Cong contacts during the early evening and night. At 041800H Company D reported fire from an automatic weapon at (AT946713). Within an hour the 3d Platoon, Company D located at (AT940727) reported three rifle rounds fired into their position. By 042000H the activity had spread to the Battalion CP (AT954733). They reported sporadic fire and one hand grenade received. Shortly thereafter the 1st platoon, Company D was probed by 3 VC, and during the ensuing fire fight one VC was MIA (not captured). The 3d Platoon, Company D at 042055H reported that two men were observed when they tripped a flare and darted into the brush. Immediately thereafter, several rounds of small arms fire was received by the platoon. Simultaneously with this activity, the Battalion CP received automatic weapons fire from three directions and one grenade. The area was illuminated by flash mortars and a search light tank was deployed into a firing position. The VC broke contact and with the exception of sporadic fire at 042236H a Marine of the 3d platoon, Company D sustained a minor wound from a grenade thrown by a VC infiltrator at (AT941726) at approximately 040314H. At 050050H a wounded PW was brought to the security unit on the bridge over the BONG TUY LOAN (AT 8469) for aid. The PW was immediately moved to the 1/1 LA and a med ewoc

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Requested. The RF died of wounds prior to evacuation and was returned to his village this morning. The 3d Platoon, Company A conducted a sweep from Hill 22 (AT9566) due north to the 3000 TWT 1000 without incident. The 3d Platoon, Company B conducted patrol activity within the Hill 307 Complex during the morning without significant observation. Company H saturated the Hill 41 area with three reinforced platoon patrols. At 084300H one Marine, from Company A, was KIA by a VC booby trap at (AT958778).

b. 2/3. Continued defense of the northern sector of the DA BANG TACH with three companies (-) defending along the UH and one company in reserve with a platoon assigned in support of the RF company defending the TAM O bridge (AT9584). The 2d Platoon, Company F continued patrolling throughout the day in the THOI NOI TRUNG (AT9577) area without VC contact.

c. 2/4. Continued offensive and defensive operations within the PUE PUE BAI TACH with defensive posture being maintained by three rifle companies in a perimeter defense at the vital PUE BAI Airfield. The 2d Platoon, Company K spent the night in ambush at (YD912092) and after light conducted local patrols without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company L and the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Recon Battalion remained in a patrol base at (YD909120). Prior to 090300H the two platoons patrol deactivated its base and moved southeast. At approximately 090445H two USMC from the reconnaissance platoon were KIA by a VC booby trap at (YD797109). At 090725H one Marine from the Company L platoon received minor wounds from another booby trap (YD798095). In support of this operation at 090630H 4 155 howitzers, a light section of tanks, Battalion Scouts and a CF command group departed (YD81156) and arrived at a firing position at (YD805100). Both platoons conducted search and clear operations within the vicinity of (YD7920) without further incident.

d. 2/12. Fired 25 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	20mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE	20	0	60	80	
WP	0	0	0	0	
Snake	0	0	0	0	
Flare	13	0	0	13	
Totals	33	0	60	96	

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) Small Unit Actions

	DA NAME	PUE BAI
(a) Night Contacts	8	2
(b) Day Contacts	1	0
(c) Total Contacts	9	2
(d) Action w/o contact	6	2
(e) Box Scores of Units Making Contacts		

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Province/ Coordinates DANG NAM 122 21 12	Date/ Time	Type of Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
(AT946723)	041850H	Defense received sniper fire	Co. D/None	None/None
(AT940717)	041955H	Defense received 3 x small arms fire	Co. D, 31st/None	None/None
(AT954723)	042030H	Defense received SA fire, 1 grenade	1/1 Bn CP/None	None/None
(AT944724)	042055H	3 VC Probed Defense	Co. D, 1st Plt/None	None/1 KIA (Not Captured)
(AT940717)	042055H	Defense received Small Arms Fire	Co. D, 31st/None	None/None
(AT954723)	042057H	Intense Small Arms Fire, 1 grenade	1/1 Bn CP/None	None/None
(AT954723)	042212H	Defense received fire	1/1 Bn CP/None	None/None
(AT954723)	042236H	Defense received sporadic fire	1/1 Bn CP/None	None/None
(AT941716)	050234H	Defense received 1 grenade	Co. D, 31st/1 KIA	None/None
(AT958678) THUA THIEN 122 21 12	051410H	Patrol, VC booby trap	Co. A/1 KIA	None/None
(DT971209)	050445H	Patrol, VC booby trap	31st Co. C, 31 Recon/2 KIA	None/None
(DT980095)	050725H	Patrol, VC booby trap	31st, Co. I/1 KIA	None/None

3. PLATOON ACTIVITY

a. 1/1. On 6 October a reinforced platoon from Company A will patrol from (AT953448) south to (AT952641). Coordination with 3/9 for support on the east side of the river has been effected. Company B will conduct a platoon sized patrol within (AT9574), (AT9574) and (AT9574), during the morning. The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 060800H to 061500H from (AT945674) to (AT903675) and from 061400H to 061800H, the 3d Platoon, Company M will sweep (AT938661) and (AT97667). Company C will dispatch its 3d Platoon at 051900H from their CP to (AT8673) and will sweep the village of TAY AT PHUONG at first light. The Platoon will establish a patrol base and remain out for three days.

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b. 2/3. The Battalion will continue to defend the northern portion of the DA BANG TRACH with three companies (-) occupying positions along the MR. The 2d Platoon, Company F will continue aggressive patrol activity in the TIEU PHUOC SON (AT8876) area. The 3d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 062000H to 070000H to (AT899714), (AT890769), (AT897777), (AT871477), (AT876779), (AT897777) and to (AT885776). The 3d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 070900H to 072000H over a route to (AT900821), (AT907634) (AT914328) (AT914328) and to (AT912819).

c. 2/4. The 1st Platoon of Company I will conduct patrols in the vicinity of (T09006) and by 062000H will establish a platoon ambush within that vicinity. 1 squad from Company I will establish a daylight OP in the morning at (T089013). A two squad (rein) patrol from Company I will move to and establish an ambush within (T08213). The Joint Action Company will continue an active Civil Affairs Program and night patrol action within their assigned areas of responsibility.

d. ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 2/1. All squad sized.

(a) Company A - (AT951682)
(AT952674)
(AT956679)

(b) Company B - (AT954745)

(c) Company C - (AT928728)
(AT879730)
(AT880717)

(d) Company D - (AT918709)
(AT928707)

(e) Company E - (AT915695)
(AT915637)
(AT911677)
(AT923679)
(AT937764)
(AT936665)

(2) 2/2. A 1 squad sized.

(a) Company B - (AT899826)
(AT890815)

(b) Company F - (AT864775)

(c) Company G - (AT893798)
(AT892805)

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(a) Company K - (YD9008), platoon sized

(b) Company L - (YD9013), 2 squad sized

c. Summary of Casualties

	<u>IM. BATT</u>	<u>1ST BATT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Patrols, Platoon sized	8	2	10
Antiair	20	2	22
Totals	28	4	32

4. Major Actions

a. 1/1. On 4 October, the BAI (AY950723) treated 35 people for fever, colds, and intestinal disorders.

b. 2/1. On 4 October, the LE MY medical center treated 86 people for skin and eye infections, worms and colds.

c. 3/4

(1) On 4 October the Battalion medical team treated 69 people in THUY PHU (YD905115).

(2) On 4 October, the Joint Action Company treated 90 people in THUY LUONG (YD90174) for abrasions, eye and ear infections and worms.

(3) On 4 October, a JAC fire team spent 18 man-hours constructing a VC collection point in THUY PHU (YD901118), while another JAC fire team spent six man-hours digging a community hand at the same coordinates.

(4) On 4 October, a JAC fire team spent 18 man-hours transporting cement from THUY LUONG (YD90174) to HUY, for construction of a Catholic Elementary school.

(5) On 4 October, the Joint Action Company treated eight people in LOU PHU (YD901104). A proprietor of a small store in LOU PHU donated the use of two small rooms attached to his house to the JAC for storage.

d. Medical Report

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
24 OCT	<u>1/1</u>	35
	<u>2/1</u>	86
	Total	121

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5. Miscellaneous, None

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b. 2/3. The Battalion will continue to defend the northern portion of the DA HILL ROAD with three companies (-) occupying positions along the HILL. The 2d Platoon, Company F will continue aggressive patrol activity in the THOT HILL (AT8676) area. The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 062000 to 070000 to (AT07777), (AT90779), (AT80777), (AT87677), (AT86577) and to (AT86376). The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 070000 to 071500 over a route to (AT90001), (AT90003) (AT91478) (AT91478) and to (AT912819).

c. 2/4. The 1st Platoon of Company F will conduct patrols in the vicinity of (X03003) and by 060000 will establish a platoon ambush within that vicinity. 1 squad from Company F will establish a daylight OP in the morning at (X039013). A two squad (rein) patrol from Company F will move to and establish an ambush within (X03213). The Joint Action Company will continue an active Civil Affairs Program and night patrol action within their assigned areas of responsibility.

4. Amphibious Landing for Tonight

(1) 2/2. All sound closed.

(a) Company A - (AT930632)
(AT932674)
(AT936673)

(b) Company B - (AT954715)

(c) Company C - (AT928723)
(AT975730)
(AT800717)

(d) Company D - (AT918709)
(AT935737)

(e) Company E - (AT915695)
(AT915687)
(AT911677)
(AT923679)
(AT937764)
(AT936665)

(2) 2/3. All sound closed.

(a) Company F - (AT899876)
(AT890015)

(b) Company G - (AT864775)

(c) Company H - (AT893708)
(AT893005)

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

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1. Highlights. The reporting period was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad and platoon sized ambushes. The 3d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company B, while moving to establish an ambush, made contact with eight to ten VC armed with approximately six automatic weapons. Contact was broken and as the squad was enroute to their CP they engaged four to five VC with three automatic weapons. There were no Marine casualties in either encounter, nor were there any confirmed Viet Cong casualties.

2. Operations

a. 1st. Defense of the battalion's area of responsibility continued with two companies (-) manning defensive positions along the MR and two platoons defending the Hill 927 (AT9465) complex and pass at (AT941754). The battalion had two VC contacts and received sporadic small arms fire throughout the night. At 001950H, the 3d Platoon, Company B departed their CP enroute to an area of operations in the HUNG BOI (AT9473) and TAN AN PHUEN (AT8673) complex. Under the cover of darkness the platoon moved to (AT941746), (AT947250) and to (AT947717), where they established a patrol base. The platoon remained in the base throughout the reporting period and after dark will move into their assigned area. At 002050H, while moving to establish a night ambush, the 3d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company B made contact with eight to ten VC armed with approximately six automatic weapons at (AT920670). Contact was broken shortly after the Marine squad returned fire. The squad was ordered to return to their CP and while enroute was engaged in another intense fire fight by four to five VC with three automatic weapons. The squad returned to friendly lines without further incident at 002200H. The battalion CP was harassed by sporadic small arms fire. The fire commenced at 002200H and lasted for several minutes during which time two men were observed running away from the CP area. There were no casualties. At 002101, all night ambushes returned to their CP without contact. In addition to the extended patrol by the 3d Platoon, Company B, there were four platoon sized patrols conducted during the reporting period. The 3d Platoon, Company B, while on patrol at (AT949677) at approximately 061000H, found and destroyed a ten pound shaped charge. At 061130H, the 1st Platoon, Company A found a 150mm artillery round, 100mm mortar and some machine ammunition in a temple at (AT949655). 300 personnel were requested and one squad left at the temple to provide security. There was no further contact during the day.

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b. 2/3. The battalion continued to maintain its defensive posture with three companies (-) (rein) occupying positions along the MR. The fourth rifle company is assigned a reserve mission and defends an area to the rear of the MR. The 1st Platoon, Company F continues to support the ARVN company defending the HAM O bridge (AT9284) without incident. At 061300H, the 1st Platoon, Company F conducted a small arms FIREX. The 2d Platoon, Company F continued aggressive patrol activity in the THON PING VON (AT8676) area without VC contact. The 3d Platoon, Company E commenced extended patrol action in the area west of IS MY. At 061426H, the platoon was located on the high ground overlooking the SANG CA DE (AT871838). The battalion did not have a VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 2/4. The battalion (-) continued to occupy defensive positions around the vital PHU BAI Airfield. Two rifle platoons continued to operate forward of the MR. The 1st Platoon, Company K moved to, and established a base camp within, (YD9078) and made plans for the establishment of a night ambush. The 1st and 3d Squads of the 3d Platoon, Company L patrolled in the vicinity of (YD8213), while the 2d Squad maintained an observation post on the high ground at (XD899135). The battalion reported no VC contact during this period.

d. 1/12. Fired 34 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	64	0	152	216
	WP	15	0	0	15
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	3	0	0	3
	Totals	82	0	152	234

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions: None

(2) Small Unit Actions:

	DA KANG	THU BAI
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(a) Night Contacts	3	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	3	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	7	6

(e) Box Scores of Units Making Contacts Resulting in Casualties

Province/Coordinates	Date/Time	Type of Action	Friendly Unit/Losses	Enemy Unit/Losses
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QUANG NAM.	None			
THUA THIEN.	None			

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a. 1/1. Will continue to defend the MTR with two companies on line. Two companies (-) (rein) will maintain position in the Hill 41, Hill 32 complex. Extensive patrolling will continue with emphasis on the area south of the SONO TUNLOAN. The 1st Platoon, Company B will patrol from 071600H to 081100H from their CP to (AT969746), (AT969742), (AT969736) and will establish a night ambush at (AT969698). At 080700H, the platoon will move to (AT969738). The 3d Platoon, Company C will continue extended operations in the area bounded by grid intersection (AT8471), (AT8771), (AT8773) and (AT8473). The 1st Platoon (-), Company C will move to and sweep the area within (AT8770) and (AT8870). The 2d Platoon, Company D will operate within (AT9370) and (AT9371). The 1st Platoon, Company M will commence a patrol at 062000H to 071500H and will sweep (AT9267), (AT9268), (AT9367) and (AT9368), while the 3d Platoon patrols to (AT8867) and selects an ambush site.

b. 2/3. Will maintain these companies (-) (rein) along the MTR, with one company (-) (rein) in reserve. The 1st Platoon, Company H will continue to assist the ARVN in the defense of the NAM O Bridge. The 2d and 3d Platoons, Company E will continue to patrol west of the MTR. The 3d Platoon will operate in the vicinity of (AT8781), (AT8782), (AT8881) and (AT8882). The 2d Platoon will commence patrolling at 070900H and will return at 071800H, along the S NG CA NE in the vicinity of (T9082) and (AT9182). Numerous ambushes will continue to be established along likely avenues of approach.

c. 3/4. The 1st Platoon, Company K will deactivate its night ambush at (YD9008) and will patrol to (YD891079) and return to (YD9008). Two squads from Company K will helilift from the Battalion CP to the vicinity of (YD3606) and will patrol back to the CP. One platoon from Company L will patrol to and establish an ambush within (YD8116). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will helilift to grid square (YD8208) and patrol to (YD81079) and establish a night CP.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(A) Ref. All squad sized.

(a) Company A - (AT955655)
(AT959677)
(AT956667)

(b) Company D - (AT928717)
(AT941727)

(c) Company M - (AT926660)
(AT928654)
(AT925645)

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(2) 2/3. All squad sized.

(a) Company E - (AT885827)
(AT892838)

(b) Company F - (AT856767)
(AT861764)
(AT856765)

(c) Company G - (AT893797)
(AT894804)

(3) 3/4.

(a) Company H - (YD9008), platoon sized

(b) Company I - (YD8213), 2 squad sized

c. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NAME</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Patrols	9	2	11
Ambushes	15	2	17
Totals	24	4	28

4. Civic Actions

a. 1/1.

(1) On 5 October, the BAS (AT930720) treated 33 people, and gave a bar of soap to each of the patients. Ten baby dolls were given to the young girls attending the sick call.

(2) On 5 October, the Battalion CA Officer and Engineer officer met with the principal of HOA THINH village school, and made arrangements to repair school desks that had been damaged in a fire at the schoolhouse on the evening of 3 October (AT949704). The CA Officer gave the principal a new volley ball at the same time.

(3) On 5 October, Company D treated 12 people at a sick call held at (AT940724). Each patient received a bar of soap.

(4) On 5 October, Company G treated 15 people in the hamlet of BAI LA (AT923743).

b. 2/3

(1) On 5 October, the Battalion CA Officer met with Mr LU, the village chief of HOA LOC (AT898815), and discussed the training of the village's Popular Forces by the Marine rifle companies in marksmanship and patrolling.

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(2) On 5 October, the LE MY dispensary treated 103 people for skin and intestinal infections, headaches, indigestion and worms.

c. 2/4

(1) On 5 October, the JAO treated 32 people in 100 MY village (YD925105) and 35 people in THUY PHU (YD913117).

(2) On 5 October, a JAO fire team spent 15 man-hours assisting Popular Forces construct a community hall in THUY PHU (YD906115).

(3) On 5 October, the Battalion QA Officer arranged a hall-convulsion to Company A, Medical Battalion for a little girl from (YD881172).

d. Medical Record

<u>TAKE</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA TANG	1/1	60
	2/3	103
	Total	163
THUY PHU TAI	3/4	42
	3d Marines	17
	Total	210

5. Miscellaneous None

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), RM
 Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #124, 061200Z - 071200Z Oct 1965

1. HIGHLIGHTS. The reporting period was highlighted by numerous aggressive day and night patrols and by the establishment of ambushes on likely avenues of approach. A single contact with the VC occurred at 071420H when Company A received 15-20 rounds of sniper fire. Within the DA TAVC area of responsibility, there were 15 ambushes and 11 patrols conducted while at HUE PHU BAI there were 2 ambushes and 7 patrols.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. Offensive and defensive operations continued to be conducted throughout the battalion's area of responsibility. Two rifle companies (-) occupy positions along the MR and two platoons continue in the defense of the DO BAI LA pass (AT9473) and the Hill 327 complex. Two Companies (-) (Rein) continue to occupy positions on Hill 41, Hill 22 complex. The Battalion offensive posture was maintained by conducting eight sound sized night patrols to ambush sites and eight reinforced platoon sized patrols during the day. Company A conducted a platoon patrol north of Hill 22 (AT9566) to the DO BAI (1) (AT9566) area and returned. At 071059H, the 1st platoon, Company A reported that a Vietnamese woman detonated a VC booby trapped hand grenade near their perimeter (AT9566). A med evac for the woman, who was injured by the blast, was requested and completed. The 1st platoon, Company B commenced an overnight patrol at 071630H in the high ground located at (AT 9873) and (AT9874). The platoon conducted an afternoon reconnaissance and selected night ambush site. The 3d Platoon, Company C continued patrol activity in the TRUNG SON (AT9472), AN LOI area without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company C swept the area within (AT9370) and (AT9370) while the 2d Platoon, Company B patrolled (AT9370), (AT9371). The 2d Platoon, Company H apprehended 7 VCS, without identification cards, while on patrol at 071040H, in the vicinity of (AT94167). The 3d Platoon, Company H discovered and destroyed a cave at (AT910672) at 071340H. Company A (AT959667) received 15-20 rounds of small arms fire at 071420H. There were no friendly casualties, nor were there any known VC casualties.

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b. 2/3. The Battalion continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its assigned area of responsibility. At 070730H, Company G, reverted to Division reserve and was relieved in place at Iron Bridge Ridge (AT896801) and South Bridge (AT900806) by Company H. Company H is located at (AT896801) and Company G is in the Battalion CP (AT942763). The 3d Platoon, Company E returned from an extended patrol west of IE MY (AT896801) at 070845H, and reported no VC contact nor significant observations. The 2d Platoon, Company E from 070900H to 071800H conducted a reconnaissance patrol to (AT902829) to (AT907834) to (AT914828) and (AT912819) without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company F continued extended patrol activity operating within (AT8575) and (AT8675) with no VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 3/4. The Battalion continues to occupy a perimeter defense of the vital PHU HAI airfield complex with three rifle companies (-). Elements of two rifle companies and the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance continue to conduct patrol, ambush and surveillance activity forward of the MIA. The 3d Platoon, Company I deactivated its night ambush position at 070630H at (ID829183) and patrolled to (ID8116) and conducted reconnaissance for a night ambush site. The 3d Platoon Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, established an observation post at (ID813079). The platoon will remain in this vicinity for 48 hours. At 071530H, two squads from Company E helilifted to (ID8606) and patrolled to select an ambush site at (ID890055). No VC contacts were reported.

d. 4/12. Fired 40 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 14 were observed and 26 unobserved. The targets were: 3 suspected VC assembly areas, 5 concentration, 5 registration and 1 actual VC known position. 26 HHE missions were fired.

(1) Ammo Expended:	Type	105mm	107mm	155mm	Totals
	HE	78	1	74	153
	WP	1	0	0	1
	Smoke	5	0	0	5
	Illum	1	0	0	1
	Totals	85	1	74	160

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) Small Unit Actions:	DA NANG	PHU HAI
(a) Night Contacts	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	1	0
(c) Total Contacts	1	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	11	7

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(c) Box Scores of Units Making Contacts Resulting in Casualties.

Province/Coordinates	Date/Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
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QUANG NAM

None

THUA THIEN

None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Will continue to defend the MR with two companies on line. Two companies (-) (Main) will maintain positions on the Hill 41, Hill 22 complex. The establishment of numerous ambushes and patrols will continue with emphasis being placed to the south of the SONG TUY LOAN. On 8 Oct the 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol to checkpoints, #1 (AT942655), #2 (AT 940641), #3 (AT948636), from 081400H - 090800H. The 3d Platoon, Company C will continue operations in the TUNG SON (AT8472), AN LAI (AT8571) area. Company D is preparing to conduct a destroy and capture operation in the southwestern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. The 3d Platoon, Company M will sweep from (AT8867) to (AT9366) from 080700H to 081800H.

b. 2/1. Will maintain three companies along the MR and one in reserve. The adjustment of defensive responsibilities will continue with Company E assuming responsibility for providing the support platoon for the defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) at 080800H. Company E will continue to defend Fort LE MY (AT999821) and the North Bridge at (AT898812). Company F will continue to defend the FOX FORT (AT902775) and South Fort (AT923745) and will keep its 2d platoon operating west of the MR. Company G will remain as the Division reserve and will attach one squad to Company F to occupy position at (AT912763). Company G will have squads located at (AT933781) and (AT933761) and on 10 Oct one fire team will go to DONG DIEN (AT837828) to act as a security force.

c. 3/1. The Battalion will continue to defend the vital PHU BAY Airfield area with three companies (-) in a perimeter defense. The 1st Platoon, (Main) Company K will continue to patrol within (AT9009) and (AT9109). Two squads from Company L will patrol to (AT814285) and return to the Battalion CP. The Combined Action Company will continue to conduct civil action and patrol activity within their assigned areas of responsibility.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tomorrow(1) 1/1. All squad sized.

(a) Company A (AT953672)
(AT953678)
(AT953651)

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(b) Company B (AT969798)

(c) Company D (AT920783)
(AT944714)

(d) Company H (AT935646), (AT939664), (AT923666), (AT916676), (AT932678)

(2) 2/1. All squad sized.

(a) Company E (AT914886)
(AT930818)(b) Company G (AT935834)
(AT937798)

(3) 2/4

(a) Company K (XD890068), 2 squads.

(b) Company L (XD8116), platoon.

c. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.	DA NANG	PHU BAI	TOTALS
Patrols	10	3	13
Amphibious	10	2	12
Totals	20	5	25

4. SIGINT ACTIONS

a. 1/1

a. On 6 October the BAS (AT930720) treated 39 people for wounds, headaches, and skin infections.

b. 2/1

a. On 6 October the Battalion CO, CA Officers, and Sergeant Major were present for the dedication ceremony of the DA PHUC marketplace (AT 943788).

b. On 6 October two H Company companies treated 27 people in NAM O (AT933837).

c. 2/4

a. On 6 October the GAO treated 13 people in THUY TAN (XD906192), and 5 people in THUY PHU (XD913117).

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<u>TACR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	21
	2/3	66
PHU DAI	3/4	12
	34 Marines Total	99

5. Miscellaneous. NoneDRAFTED BY R. E. AKINSRELEASED BY H. J. CONLINCONFIDENTIAL

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), MACV
 Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #185, 071800H - 081800H Oct 1965

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by seven contacts with the Viet Cong resulting in three USMC KIA's (2 non-evac). One VC was KIA (not captured). Of these seven contacts, six were made south of the SONG TUY LOAN in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area of responsibility. Within the DA NANG TAOR there were 17 ambushes and 9 patrols conducted while at HUE PSU BAI there were 2 ambushes and 2 patrols.

2. OPERATIONS.

a. 1/1. Two companies occupy defensive positions along the LI and two rifle platoons defend the Deo Dai La Pass (AT9475) and Hill 327 complex (AT 9773). To the south, two rifle companies (-) (Rein) defend along Route Lane Orange. Offensive posture was maintained by flooding the southern portion of the battalion's area of responsibility with squad sized night ambushes and numerous platoon sized daylight combat patrols. The 3d platoon, Company C while operating in the western portion of the TAOR patrolled to and established an ambush position at (AT85702). At 072220H an unknown number of VC fired 10-15 rounds into the ambush site. One Marine was KIA and was evacuated. The fire was believed to have come from (AT832702). Intense fire was returned into their area with no confirmed VC casualties. There was no further contact during the night. At 080600H as the 2d Platoon, Company A began patrolling two Marines were KIA by a VC booby trap believed to have been a grenade at (AT959676). During the morning the battalion experienced four incidents involving an exchange of fire with the Viet Cong. There were no friendly casualties no confirmed VC casualties.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued to defend its assigned area of the DA NANG TAOR without Viet Cong contact. Three rifle companies remain on line along the HLA and one company occupies defensive positions within the rear area. The battalion's offensive posture was maintained by the establishment of numerous ambushes along likely avenues of approach. Two platoons conducted aggressive patrol activity west of the HLA without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company E patrolled in an area west of LE MY (AT9082) to Hill 216 (AT8732) and return from 080800H to 081800H. The 1st Platoon, Company F moved to establish a patrol base in the vicinity of (AT878755) at 072100H and remained in that position dispatching squad sized local patrols throughout the reporting period. The patrol is scheduled to remain out until 082900H.

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c. 3/4. The Battalion continued to occupy a perimeter defense of the vital PHU BAI area with three companies (-). Two rifle platoons and the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion continue to operate forward of the MJA. Today the 3d Platoon, Company K conducted limited patrol activity in the vicinity of (YD9009) and (YD9109) with no significant results. The 2d squad, 1st platoon, Company L patrolled from the Battalion CP to (AT814125) and return. The 1st Platoon, Company K remained in a patrol base within (YD 8214) and conducted limited patrol activity. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion continued to maintain an observation post at (YD813079) reporting ~~to~~ significant observations during the reporting period. The first occurred at 081015H when 4 VC were observed heading north at (YD796078). Two were men and two women. All were brush tied to their bodies and heads. It could not be determined if they had weapons. At 081030H, 4 VC were observed moving south at (YD800027), also with brush as camouflage. All four were armed. An artillery mission was called and one VC was observed WIA as a result of the mission. There was no further surveillance.

d. 4/12. Fired 42 missions in support of the 3d Marines, 4th Battalion, of which 26 were observed and 16 unobserved.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	24	340	14	378
	WP	0	60	0	60
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	24	400	14	438

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Action. None

(2) Small Unit Actions

DA NANG

PHU BAI

(a)	Night Contacts	1	0
(b)	Day Contacts	1	1
(c)	Total Contacts	2	1
(d)	Action Without Contact	9	2
(e)	Box Scores of Units Making Contacts Resulting in <u>Casualties</u>		

<u>Province/Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
QUANG NAM				
(AT885702)	072220H	Defense Position VC Sniper	C-3/1 WIA	Unk/None
(AT955676)	080600H	Patrol VC Booby Trap	A-2/2 WIA	Unk/None

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(YD800827)

09103H

OP Observed
4 VC

3-0-3dPerson/None

Unk/1 MIA

3. PLANS SUMMARY

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to maintain a defensive posture with two companies along the MIA and two platoons occupying positions on the Hill 327 complex and the Dao Dai La Pass (AT9475). Two companies will continue to defend the Hill 41, Hill 22 Complex. At 090830H, Company D (Rein) will land and secure an LZ following prep fires delivered by air and artillery in the western portion of the DA NANG TAOR. A flight of two F-4's will provide helicopter transport escort and will remain on station for CAS until L 4 75. In addition, two F-4's will remain on 15 minute strip alert during the operation and one flare plane will be on 30 minute alert during the hours of darkness. After securing the LZ the company will establish a combat base in the immediate vicinity and will conduct combat and reconnaissance patrols to suspected enemy activity areas on the 9th and 10th. The platoon will operate from its patrol base and conduct search, find and destroy operations until 13 Oct when they will return by helilift to their primary positions. The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 090800H - 091200H to checkpoint #1 (AT 933654), #2 (AT917653), #3 (AT905663), #4 (AT921667). Company C will conduct a sweep of the village within (AT8870) tomorrow. Company A will dispatch its 3d Platoon to establish road blocks and check ID cards between checkpoint #1 (AT942659), #3 (AT941653).

b. 2/3. Will continue to defend the assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR and to conduct aggressive action to thwart Viet Cong activity. The 2d Platoon, Company E will conduct a patrol from 091400H to 101000H to (AT885813), (AT870813), (AT867812), (AT878818). The 1st Platoon, Company F will remain out until 100630H and will continue to operate within (AT8977), (AT8876), (AT 8776) and (AT8775). The 1st platoon, Company E will patrol from 110800H to 111700H over (AT885824), (AT878816), (AT870816) and (AT885814). The 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol to (AT878796) from 100300H - 101100H and the 3d Platoon, Company H will patrol from 110700H to 111200H to (AT888810).

c. 2/4. The battalion will continue to defend the HUE PHU BAI Airfield complex employing three rifle companies (-) in a perimeter defense. Elements of two rifle companies and one reconnaissance platoon will continue to conduct ambush/patrol and surveillance activity forward of the MIA. Company K will maintain a platoon forward of the MIA, conduct patrols and ambushes with (YD 9003) and (YD9004). Company L will helilift one squad to (YD9010) and they will patrol back to the CP. Also, Company L will maintain two squads operating in (YD8316).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight(1) 1/1. All squad size:

(a) Company A (AT951644)
(AT955677)
(AT943664)

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(b) Company B (AT955701)

(c) Company M (AT929614)
(AT936645)(2) 2/3 All squad sized:

(a) Company E (AT882825)

(b) Company N (AT893795)
(AT892805)(c) Company F (AT855744)
(AT864749)(3) 3/4(a) Company K (YD8214) Platoon
(YD9009) Platoon

<u>a. Summary of Operations</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	3	3	6
Ambushes	11	2	13
Totals	15	5	20

4. Civic Action

a. On 8 October the Regimental Surgeon treated 41 people in HOA THIANH hamlet (AT950764).

b. 1/1

(1) On 7 October the BAS (AT950720) treated 33 people for colds, headaches, and worms.

(2) On 7 October D Company treated 17 people at sick call at (AT940724).

(3) On 7 October A Company treated 14 people at the Company aid station on Hill 22 (AT953668) and 15 people at LA CHAU (3) (AT956072).

(4) On 7 October M Company sent two corpsmen and security to PHUOC NINH (1) (AT939672) and treated 45 people while distributing 3 pounds of candy and fifty bars of soap.

(5) On 7 October the Battalion medical team treated 113 people at HOA THIANH (AT950710). Seven village officials were present to watch two village girls begin their training as nurse trainees. 200 bars of soap and 100 vitamins were distributed.

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(6) On 7 October the Battalion CA Officer met with the school teacher of HOA THINH school (AT948705) and gave him 70 pounds of chalk, writing paper, and crayons.

c. 2/3

(1) On 7 October the IE MY dispensary treated 112 people for malaria, conjunctivitis, headaches, respiratory and intestinal infections.

d. 3/4

(1) On 7 October the Combine Action Company treated 13 people in THUY TAY (YD928151) and 5 people in THUY PHU (YD913117).

e. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	222
	2/3	112
PHU BAI	3/4	<u>18</u>
	TOTAL	352

5. Miscellaneous

Today the Honorable Senators, Howard W. CANYON (D-Kev) and Stephen M. YOUNG (D-Ohio) visited the 3d Marines. The Commanding General, III MAF, Major General L. W. WALT and the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (A1v), Brigadier General K. B. MOCUTCHEN accompanied the Senators in their visit to the 3d Marine's Command Post.

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 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #186, 081800H - 091600H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the commencement of a reinforced company operation in the southwestern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. The operation is being conducted to search, find and destroy or capture Viet Cong or Viet Cong material in that area. Within the DA NANG TAOR, there was one company sized operation, 19 patrols and 11 ambushes, while at HUE PHU BAI two ambushes and twelve patrols were conducted.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The defensive status of the battalion continues the same with one exception, the commitment of Company D on an operation in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. At 081915H, a vehicle departing the Battalion CP received two rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of KNU CHAN SU (AT9771). There were no casualties. A squad from Company A, operating at (AT949640), received 20 to 30 rounds of small arms at 081820H. The origin of these rounds could not be determined and there were no casualties. The night terminated without further incident. By 090725H, all night ambushes had been deactivated and had returned to their defensive positions without contact. A five day Company D (reinforced) operation commenced this morning at 090700H, when air engaged six prearranged targets to the west of the area of operations. The air strike was completed by 090751H. At 090755H, artillery commenced firing at targets to the west and southwest of the planned LZ. These fires lasted for five minutes and were immediately followed by prep fires in and around the landing zones. At 090815H, 15 minutes prior to L-Hour, artillery ceased fire and fixed wing aircraft prepared the landing zone. At 090830H, the first wave of helicopters made an unopposed landing and by 090846H, the 2d wave had landed and all troops were on the ground. Thirty minutes after the initial elements of the company landed in the LZ, a reconnaissance platoon from Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion landed at (AT838763) and moved to establish an OP at (AT828674). On 8 October, a platoon from Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion was landed at (AT868626) and today moved to recon enemy activity at (AT829621) without significant observation. The company commenced movement as scheduled and at (AT858656) sniper fire

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was received and one Marine was MIA. Progress was slow due to the heavy vegetation. Occasional sporadic small arms fire was received during the afternoon.

b. 2/3. Defensive and offensive operations continued within the battalion's area of responsibility. Three companies (-) continue to occupy defensive positions along the MRR, while one company is assigned the rear area defense and provides a platoon in support of the ARVN company defending the NAM O bridge (AT9284). Although numerous ambushes were established and aggressive patrolling conducted east and west of the MRR, no VC contact was made during the reporting period. The 1st Platoon, Company F continued its extended patrol, establishing a patrol base at (AT855743) and conducting two squad sized patrols from their base. Both patrols reported nothing unusual. At 091400H, the 2d Platoon (-) (Rein), Company E commenced a 20 hour patrol in the area due west of LE MY (AT9081) and established a base at (AT870814). The 2d Platoon, Company H dispatched a squad patrol at 090730H to (AT937815). The squad will remain in that vicinity until 120800H.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued to defend the vital PHU BAI Airfield complex, conducting four local security patrols, two patrols forward of the MRR and establishing two night ambushes. At 090630H, the 1st Platoon, Company L deactivated its ambush at (YD823149) and patrolled back to the Battalion CP as did the 3d Platoon, Company K from its night position at (YD907088). The 1st Platoon, Company K patrolled to, and operated within, (YD9003) and (YD9004). The 3d Platoon, Company L dispatched one squad by helicopter to (YD8310) and conducted a patrol back to the Battalion area. The remaining two squads patrolled to (YD8316) and established an ambush. The Joint Action Company continued its civil affairs and security mission within its assigned area.

d. 4/12. Fired 58 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Seven were observed and 46 unobserved. Six of the missions were fired at suspected VC positions, 1 at a route of approach and 46 were H&Is. Battery I displaced to (YD878124).

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	46	0	123	169
	WP	13	0	0	13
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	59	0	123	182

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Action. None

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(2) <u>Small Unit Actions</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	3	0
(c) Total Contacts	3	0
(d) Action Without Contact	9	2

(e) Box Scores of Units Making Contacts Resulting inCasualties:

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
QUANG NAM (AT858658)	091115H	Patrol VC Small Arms Fire	D-1-1/1 WIA	Unk/None

THUA THIEM - None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Plans for defense of its assigned area within the DA NANG TAOR remain basically the same. Company D (Rein) will continue its operations in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. Two companies continue to maintain defensive positions south of the SONG TUY LOAN along Phase Line ORANGE. Company G (-), 2/3 is occupying defensive positions in place of Company D until the company returns from its present operation. The 3d Platoon (-), Company A will conduct a sweep from 100700H to 101100H in the area from (AT960660) to (AT963665). The 2d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company A will sweep LA CHAU (2) from south to north from 101400H to 101800H. The 1st Platoon, Company A, from 100700H to 101200H, will sweep BO HAN (AT966698) to (AT953692). Company C will continue to defend along the MLR. Company H will conduct a tank/infantry patrol to (AT933641), (AT925626), (AT932606) to (AT935632).

b. 2/3. The battalion will maintain three companies (-) on line along the MLR and one company (-) in a rear security position. Company G (-) is occupying defensive positions along the MLR in place of Company D, 1/1. The battalion will maintain one platoon in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Four patrols are planned with the 2d Platoon, Company G having commenced its activity to the west of the LE MY fort. A squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H will continue to operate in the vicinity of (AT937815) until 120800H. A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol to (T878796) and return from 100800H to 101100H. The 3d Platoon of Company H will dispatch a squad patrol to (AT888810) from 110800H to 111200H, while a reinforced squad from Company H will patrol from 110800H to 111700H over (AT885824), (AT872825), (T870816) and (AT835814). Extensive ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.

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c. 3/4. Defense of the vital PHU BAI area will continue, as will aggressive patrol activity, ambushes and surveillance operations. One squad from Company K will establish a daylight ambush within (YD8014) and prior to dark two other squads will move to juncture with the first and will establish a platoon night ambush in the vicinity of (YD8115) and (YD8215). Company I will have one squad patrolling near (YD9006) and two squads will patrol to (YD927103) and will juncture with a Joint Action Patrol and operate in that vicinity throughout the night.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad sized.

(a) Company A - (AT956666), (AT956655), (AT937680)

(b) Company C - (AT914735), (AT931732)

(c) Company M - (AT928654), (AT936646), (AT942676), (AT922677)

(2) 2/3. All squad sized.

(a) Company E - (AT898827), (AT867815)

(b) Company H - (AT894803), (AT893796)

(3) 3/4

(a) Company K - (YD9004), platoon; (YD8014), squad (tomorrow, daylight)

(b) Company L - (YD8316)

e. Summary of Operations:

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	9	3	12
Ambushes	13	2	15
TOTALS	23	5	28

4. Civic Action. None reported.

5. Miscellaneous. None

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 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #187, 091800H - 101800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the continuance of the Company B search and destroy operation in the southwestern portion of the DA NANG TAOR. During the operation today, two caves were found and destroyed, one VC was KIA and two packs and numerous documents were captured. At 1100Z PHU BAI today the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion made contact with three VC, killing one and wounding the other and capturing one U. S. carbine. The third could not be located following a fire fight. During the reporting period, seven patrols were conducted at DA NANG and two at PHU BAI, while 13 ambushes were established at DA NANG and two at PHU BAI.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continues to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR. Defense continues with Companies M (Rein) and A (Rein) occupying positions on Hill 41 (AT9366) and Hill 22 (AT9566) respectively. Company C and Company B (-), 2/3 remain in defense along the SAH. Two platoons from Company B defend the Hawk Missile site and the DAI LA Pass (AT9479). The battalion established nine ambushes, conducted five platoon sized patrols and Company B continued operating in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. At 092125H, the 2d Squad, 2d Platoon, Company M, while in ambush position at (AT927655), observed five VC moving in a southwesterly direction about 250 meters distant. The VC were taken under fire and returned fire. The area was immediately swept with negative results. At 092359H, a squad ambush from the 2d Platoon, Company C, located at (AT931732), sustained one KIA (non-evac) when a VC infiltrator threw a grenade. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results. At 100530H, the 3d Platoon, Company A, at (AT955655), opened fire on two VC who were approximately 400 meters from their position, wounding one. Both VC escaped; however, one document was found. Yesterday, Company B conducted a search and destroy operation in the southwestern portion of the TAOR. After a successful landing, the company moved toward the assigned area. By 091917H, the platoons were located at: 1st Platoon and Company Headquarters (AT835643), 2d Platoon at (AT853654)

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and the 3d Platoon at (AT843659). The 3d Platoon had located a large cave at its position and established ambushes around the cave during the night. At approximately 101140H, a squad from the 1st Platoon, Company D found a large cave (12 feet high and 30 feet long) at (AT864664), which contained a first aid case, battle dressings and bundles of wood. Shortly thereafter, the 3d Platoon, Company D found four previously destroyed buildings (10 feet by 15 feet) at (AT832643). In this same vicinity, at 101224H, the platoon engaged two VC, killing one in the initial contact. The three platoons continued aggressive search/patrol activity throughout the day. At 101340H, Company C received 20 rounds of small arms fire at (AT889704). There were no casualties.

b. 2/3. The defense of the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR continues with three companies (-) occupying positions along the HTR and one platoon supporting the APVN company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Company C (-) remains in defensive position in place of Company D, 1/1, which is participating in an operation. The battalion established six squad sized ambushes during the night, which were deactivated by 100630H without VC contact. Four patrols were conducted west of the HTR and one east without contact during the reporting period. The 1st Platoon, Company F patrolled from the west of TRON PHUOC SON (T4675), returning to their CP by 101300H without incident. A patrol from the 1st Platoon, Company H operated in the vicinity of (AT878796) from 100800H to 101100H, while the 2d Platoon of the company conducted a sweep of the eastern portion of the TAOR from (AT937815) to (AT934823) to (AT935833). The fourth patrol was the 2d Platoon, Company E, which returned to their CP after having patrolled over (AT85813), (AT86813), (AT867812) and (AT878818). The battalion reported no VC contact during this period.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued to defend the vital PHU BAI Airfield complex, conducting four local security patrols, two patrols forward of the HTR and establishing two night ambushes. At 101204H, the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion made contact with three VC at (YD810115). One VC was KIA, one KIA (apprehended) and one KIA (escaped). In addition, one U. S. carbine was captured. A strike force was helilifted into the area after the helicopter evacuating the VC casualties was fired upon. The subsequent search produced negative results. The 3d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company E patrolled in the vicinity of (YD8014) and, during the afternoon, the 1st and 2d Squads junctured to establish a platoon patrol base within (YD8115). The 1st and 2d Platoons, Company I conducted a daylight security patrol to (YD9006) and returned without incident. At 101700H, the 2d and 3d Squads, 1st Platoon, Company I commenced a security patrol to (YD927103) and remained out at the close of this report. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintained their CP at (YD8115). The 1st and 3d Platoons of the Combined Action Company conducted a FIREX at the BONG DA Training Center range this morning.

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a. 4/12. Fired 46 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 11 observed and 35 unobserved.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	63	0	38	101
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	2	0	0	2
	TOTALS	65	0	38	103

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Action. None

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions</u>	DA BANG	PHU HAY
(a) Night Contacts	3	0
(b) Day Contacts	1	1
(c) Total Contacts	4	1
(d) Action Without Contact	9	2

(3) Box Scores of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	DATE/ TIME	TYPE ACTION	FRIENDLY UNIT/ LOSSES	ENEMY UNIT/ LOSSES
QUANG NAM (AT931732)	092357H	Ambush, VC granted	C-2-1/1 WIA	Unk/None
(AT955055)	100530H	Ambush	A-3-1/None	Unk/1 MIA (not captured)
(AT930413)	101244H	Patrol	D-3-1/None	Unk/1 MIA
THUA THIEN (YD8105)	101204H	Recon OP	C-3-3d Recon/None	Unk/1 MIA, 2 MIA (1 escaped)

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Company B will continue to operate in the southwestern portion of the DA BANG TACP in accordance with 1/1 Op Order 128-65. The 1st platoon, Company A will have a squad sweep HUYN SON (2) from 110700H - 111100H from checkpoint #2 (AT960600), #6 (AT963605). The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol from 110700H to 111200H, to checkpoints #1 (AT956603), #3 (AT953602). The 2d Squad, 3d Platoon, Company A will sweep LA CHAU (2) from 111400H - 111800H, checkpoints #4 (AT943662), #7 (AT947677). Numerous ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.

1. Will continue defense of its assigned area of responsibility minus Company C (a) which is occupying defensive position within the 1/1 M.R. Patrols will be conducted during the next 24 hours. A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company E will patrol (AT883824), (AT873825), (AT870816), (AT885814) from 11000H to 111700H. The 3d Platoon (Rein), Company F will commence a patrol over (AT898776), (AT891777), (AT897777), (AT892778), (AT871775) from 102100H to 102300H. Tomorrow the platoon will patrol (AT870770), (AT871761), (AT871756), (AT871751) from 111200H to 111400H. The 2d Platoon, Company H will have a squad patrol to (AT888810) from 110800H to 111300H. Ambushes will continue to be established.

c. 2/4 The battalion will continue to defend the vital PHU HAI area and to conduct offensive operations within the PHU HAI TACH. The 1st Platoon, Company I, 1st platoon of the Combined Action Company will operate in the village area around LOC BON (TD9111) during the next 24 hours. The 1st Platoon, Company I will move to and establish an ambush at (TD932060).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad sized.

a. Company A (AT943677)
(AT943667)
(AT958658)

b. Company B (AT966702)

c. Company C (AT960713)
(AT928736)
(AT964703)

d. Company D (AT923621)
(AT928615)
(AT931638)
(AT920637)
(AT915630)

(2) 2/1. All squad sized.

a. Company E (AT888826)
(AT839810)

b. Company F (AT910751)
(AT865774)
(AT891770)

c. Company H (AT893796)
(AT890794)
(AT925812)

(3) 3/4

a. Company K (TD8115), Platoon.

c. Summary of Operations

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU LAM</u>	
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	9	2	11
Ambushes	20	1	21
Totals	30	3	33

4. Civic Actiona. 1/1.

(1) On 8 October the BSB (AT950720) treated 27 persons at sickcall. A mother from HOA HUNG village (AT910728) brought her four year old daughter to the BSB. The child was hemorrhaging in the vagina following a fall upon sharpened bamboo. The child and mother were evacuated by helicopter to C Medical Company and then to the DA NANG hospital. Prior to departure from the BSB, the mother was given 300 piasters to defray hospital expenses, by the CA office.

(2) On 8 October the CA officer gave a soccer ball to the principal of LA CHAU (1) school (AT945682).

(3) On 8 October the Battalion medical team held sick call at the HIEU DUC District Headquarters (AT945700). The medical team treated 146 people and were assisted by four Vietnamese nurses and four Vietnamese student nurses from HOA HUNG. The Battalion Surgeon arranged for ambulances to evacuate two women suffering from incomplete miscarriages, to the USOM hospital in DA NANG.

(4) On 8 October the D Company medical team treated 14 people at (AT 940724).

(5) On 8 October A Company treated 7 people on hill #22 (AT954668).

(6) On 9 October the BSB (AT950720) treated 11 people for headaches and worms.

(7) On 9 October C Company treated 8 people at the company aid station (AT925737).

(8) On 9 October the Battalion CA officer met with Captain THUONG, the District Chief of HIEU DUC District and discussed various upcoming CA projects.

(9) On 9 October H Company treated 25 persons at a sick call at DIEM SON (1) and (4) (AT943669).

b. 2/1

(1) On 8 October H Company treated 6 people at (AT948811).

(2) On 8 October the LE MY medical center treated 126 people for worms, colds, respiratory and intestinal disorders.

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(3) On 9 October the Battalion 00 escorted Senator BRUNETT, LtGen. KRULAK, MajGen. WALT and BrigGen. MCCUTCHION on a tour of the HUA YUEN school and market place (AT1345). Briefings were presented on the medical, educational and construction programs of the village.

(4) On 9 October the LE MY medical center treated 127 people for conjunctivitis, malaria, fever and skin infections.

(5) On 9 October H Company treated 13 people at (AT896001).

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(1) On 8 October the Combine Action Company treated 4 people in THUY THU (YD913117) and 5 people in LOC BON (YD925105).

(2) On 9 October a dental detachment from A medical company treated 44 people in the village of KHE SAN (YD826400).

d. Medical Recap

<u>TACON</u>	<u>UNIT TREATMENT</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	243
	2/3	272
THU BAI	3/4	63
	3d Marines TOTAL	576

5. Miscellaneous. None

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 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) DRYDEN AIRS, 101500H - 111500H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the continuation of the Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines search and destroy operation. The operation is in its third day and is being conducted generally in the valley and surrounding terrain to the west of 1025 NORD (AT9565). During the reporting period within 3d Marines' areas of responsibility there were two night contacts and one day contact. There were 31 patrols and 20 ambushes conducted within the assigned area. At 101500H, while at 101500H there were two patrols and one ambush.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. Defense of the battalion's assigned sector of the 1025 NORD continued with Company G (-) and Company C in position along the MIA. Company B (-) defending the Hill 327 complex and the DAO DAI 1025 Pass (AT9575). South of the 1025 TUN 1025, Company A (Rein) occupies the critical Hill 22 (AT9566) area while Company H defends Hill 11 (AT9566). Offensive posture was maintained by numerous aggressive platoon patrols and sweep. By 110700H, the battalion had deactivated its 12 sized ambushes. At 101945H, a squad from the 1st Platoon, Company A, enroute to an ambush site, made contact with two VC. During the ensuing fire fight one Marine was wounded by a pangi stake (non-evac). The subsequent search produced negative results. Company B had its 3d platoon operating in the vicinity of (AT9564) during the reporting period. At 110525H, the platoon fired at a VC infiltrator. An immediate search produced negative results. At 111351H, the 3d Platoon, Company B received sniper fire from the high ground within (AT9564). When fire was returned, the VC activity was quelled. Aggressive search and clear operations continued throughout the day without significant results. The remainder of the battalion conducted four platoon and two squad patrols, with the above mentioned 1st Platoon, Company A incident being the only contact.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued its defense of the assigned area of responsibility with Companies E (-), F and H manning positions along the MIA. Company G (-) remains on the MIA within the 1/1 area. However one reinforced platoon of the company provides rear area security for 2/3.

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The 3d Platoon, Company B remains at the BUNO Bridge in support of the 1st BN company defending that area. Five patrols were conducted during the reporting period, one east and four west of the BR. There were no Viet Cong contacts nor significant observations made by any of the five patrols.

c. 3/4. Defense of the vital BUNO BRD BAI Airfield complex continues with Companies I (-), E (-) and L in a perimeter defense. The battalion maintains its offensive posture with elements of two rifle companies and the Combined Action Company operating forward of the BR. Two squads each from Companies I and L conducted local security patrols during the night around the perimeter of the airfield complex without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company E deactivated its ambush at (YD916050) and patrolled back to the Battalion CI without VC contact. The 3d Platoon, Company E continued to operate with the Combined Action Company in their assigned villages in the vicinity of 100 BUN (149211). The 2d Platoon, Company I relieved the 1st Platoon and continued operations in the southeastern portion of the TAOB. The platoon established a patrol base in the vicinity of (YD932060).

d. 4/2. Fired 38 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines of which 18 were observed and 20 unobserved. 15 service practice missions, two at actual VC known positions, one at suspected VC movement and 20 H&I's comprised the targets.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	10	213	14	237
	WP	0	33	0	33
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illus	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	10	246	14	270

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions</u> .	DA NANG	THE BAY
(a) Night Contacts	2	0
(b) Day Contacts	1	0
(c) Total Contacts	3	0
(d) Action Without Contact	10	3
(e) <u>Box Scores of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:</u>		

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<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Frien. Losses</u>
QUANG NAM				
(AT843656)	101945H	Patrol VC Panji Stake	D-1-1/1 WIA	Unk/None
THUA THIEN				
None				

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Will continue to defend its area of responsibility and to conduct offensive operations to deny the Viet Cong infiltration and freedom of movement within the area. Company D will continue its search and destroy mission in the valley and surrounding terrain to the west of DONG NGHIE (AT8865). The 3d Platoon, Company A plans a sweep of PHU SON (2) from checkpoints #1 (AT958645) and #2 (AT958657) from 120700H - 121100H. The 2d Platoon, Company H will sweep PHUOC NINH (2) (AT9266) from 121500H to 121800H. The 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol over a route to checkpoints #1 (AT903649), #2 (AT888655) to #3 (AT902669) during the morning. The 1st Platoon, Company C plans to sweep AN NINH (2) (AT9069) and then GIAO TRI (3) (AT8870) from 120800H to 121700H. North of the BONG TUY LOAN, Company B will conduct a two squad recon patrol within (AT9570) and (AT9670) from 120800H - 121300H.

b. 2/3. Will continue defense of its assigned area with three companies on line along the HLR. One company (-) in the Bear area and a platoon in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Three platoon and one squad sized patrols are planned for tomorrow. The 2d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 120800H - 121700H to (AT917812), (AT921829). The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 120800H to 121000H to (AT871755) to (AT870758). Tomorrow from 120700H to 121000H the platoon will patrol over checkpoints #1 (AT871756), #2 (AT871761), #3 (AT867763), #4 (AT866760), #5 (AT864758). The 1st platoon, Company H will dispatch a squad patrol to (AT880786), (AT871789), (AT880794) to (AT870788) and two squads to an area east of the HLR (coordinates not available).

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations within the PHU BAI TAOR. Three companies will continue to occupy positions in a perimeter defense while elements of two of the companies operate forward of the HLR. Company K will maintain one rifle platoon operating with the Combined Action Company in the vicinity of LOC BON (YD9111). Company I will have one platoon operate within (YD8910) and establish a night ambush in that vicinity tomorrow night. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion will commence operations with the Combined Action Company in the PHU BAI village complex. The 1st Platoon of the Combined Action Company will return to the Battalion CP.

d. 4/2. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI.

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(a) Company A (AT961677)
(AT957667)
(AT959659)

(b) Company B (AT965741)

(c) Company H (AT924658)
(AT931644)
(AT912675)
(AT932678)
(AT921673)

(2) 2/3. All squad sized.

(a) Company E (AT885814)

(b) Company F (AT892770)
(AT919752)

(c) Company G (-) (AT908761)

(d) Company H (AT892805)
(AT893798)

(3) 3/4

(a) Company I (AT932060), Platoon

c. <u>Summary of Operations</u>	<u>DA HANOI</u>	<u>THU HAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	8	3	11
Amphibious	12	2	14
Totals	24	5	29

4. Civic Actiona. Hq Co.

(1) On 11 October the Regimental CA Officer and Regimental Surgeon met with the hamlet chief of MUOMI SON and discussed hamlet improvement projects while treating 43 people at sick call (AT950765).

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(1) On 10 October the PAS (AT950720) treated 37 people for worms, fever and headaches.

c. 2/3

(1) On 10 October the Battalion CA Officer met with Mr. NAM, the village chief of HOA THAM (AT900783) and made arrangements for Marine security for the refugees of HOA NINH, now living in TUCHO SON hamlet (AT898718), to return to HOA NINH and collect their personal effects on 12 October. 8/

(2) On 10 October the Battalion Surgeon departed to the Saigon hospital with a small boy, his mother and sister, from Quang Nam hamlet of Hoa Loc village (AT912418). The boy is to undergo a second operation to repair damage to his mouth, caused by an accident with a banana knife.

(3) On 10 October the LE MY medical center treated 16 people for skin and eye infections, headaches, colds, and intestinal problems.

d. 3/4

(1) On 10 October the Battalion medical team treated 11 people in the village of THUY THU (AT911117).

(2) On 10 October the CAC treated 13 people in LOC HON.

(3) On 10 October a dental detachment from A Medical Company treated 18 people for dental disorders at the HUE Catholic Orphanage.

(4) On 10 October the CAC evacuated two children of LOC HON (YD 925105) suffering from an overdose of rat poison, to the HUE Hospital.

e. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
HUE	3/4	42
DA NANG	2/3	66
DA NANG	1/1	37
DA NANG	Hq Co.	43
	Total	188

5. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY R. E. AKINSRELEASED BY H. J. CONLIN

SITUATION REPORTROUTINE

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), F2F

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #189, 111800H - 121800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. Third Marines activity was highlighted by a combined USMC and Popular Force search and sweep of the area in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3). Caves were searched and destroyed and VC located therein captured or killed. 4 VC were KIA, 1 VCC and 3 VCS were apprehended during the operation. Several weapons and other equipment was confiscated. Company B, 1/1 continued in its third day of operations in the DONG NGHE (AT8865) area without VC contact. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines provided forces in support of an ARVN sweep in the vicinity of DAI PHAI (YD8317). There were 25 patrols and 13 ambushes conducted within the assigned DA HANG TAOR while at NUK PHU HAI there were 2 patrols and 1 ambush.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continues to defend its assigned sector of the DA HANG TAOR and to conduct aggressive offensive activity. The battalion (-) occupies positions along the MLN and Hill 327 Complex (AT9773). Company A (Rein) and Company M (Rein) defend Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366) respectively. Company D continued its search and destroy mission in the valley and surrounding hill masses west of DONG NGHE (AT8865). Numerous combat and reconnaissance patrols were conducted throughout the reporting period. Emphasis today was placed on combing the high ground at the west end of the valley. There was no VC contact made by the company during the reporting period. Company A conducted two platoon sized operations along the west bank of the SONG YEN this morning. The 3d Platoon, Company A apprehended one VCS at (AT958657) at approximately 121130H. The 1st Platoon, Company A while conducting a search and sweep along the west bank of the SONG YEN between LA CHAU (5) and LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) made its initial contact with the VC at 121045H during a combined operation with Popular Forces who were directly under the control of the District Chief of Hieu Duc. A cave was located at (AT961677) and the two VC located therein were KIA and 2 VCS apprehended. One .03 Springfield rifle and a small amount of ammo were found in the cave. In the subsequent search of the area a bundle of clothing containing one I.D. card and one Geneva Convention Card belonging to Pvt. Larry E. REARDY, service number 2130155, was discovered. Also in the same vicinity, a box of .30 caliber ammo and four plastic mines were found. The 1st Platoon, Company A continued searching the area utilizing the 2 VCS to show them the location of caves in that area. At one cave, a civilian was sent inside, in an effort to talk the occupants into coming out, and was apparently killed by the detonation of a booby trap. Several other caves were discovered

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and at 121300H, the platoon had advanced to (AT962667) where one VC was WIA in a cave by a grenade and another VC apprehended, as was one U. S. Springfield Rifle .03, a cartridge belt and a grenade. At 121120H, another VC was killed as he attempted to throw a grenade at the patrol. The grenade rolled back into the hole and detonated. A U. S. Carbine was recovered here. Through the coordinated efforts of the 1st Platoon, Company A and Popular Forces there were 4 VC KIA, 3 VCO, and 3 VCS. One Marine was wounded by a VC booby trapped grenade at (AT961677) and was subsequently evacuated.

b. 2/3. The Battalion continued its defense of its assigned area of responsibility with Companies E (-), F and H occupying positions along the MLR. Company G (-) continues in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and same positions along the MLR. The remainder of Company G plus H&S Company occupy positions in the battalion rear area. The 3d Platoon, Company E remains in support of the ARVN Company assigned to defend the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The 2d Platoon, Company E patrolled from their Company CP to (AT917812), to (AT921824) from 120800H to 121700H without VC contact. The 3d Platoon, Company F continued its extended patrol in the THON HCA TRUNG (AT0477) area with today's patrol base being located at (AT850778). Two squad sized patrols were conducted from their base to (AT8775), (AT8776), (AT8675) and (AT8676). The 1st Platoon, Company H commenced an extended patrol at 151500H and plans to remain out until 151100H operating from a base at (AT909004). The battalion deactivated its six squad sized night ambushes at first light without incident. There was no VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 2/4. Defense of the vital RUE THU HAI Airfield complex continued with Companies I (-), K (-) and L in a perimeter defense. The battalions offensive posture was maintained by elements of Companies I, K, H&S and the Combined Action Company operating forward of the MLR. The 1st Platoon, Company E, elements of H&S Company and the 3d Platoon, G Company, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion participated in a combined ARVN, PF sweep of an area between east-west grid line (YD16) and north-south grid lines (YD81) and (YD84). PF were used in blocking positions along the east and west flanks and the 3d Battalion, 4th Marine forces were deployed generally along Highway #1. The operation was supported by a light section each of tanks and OBTCs. The sweep commenced this morning when an ARVN Battalion jumped off moving from southeast to northwest with its right flank on Highway #1. The operation terminated during mid afternoon with 3/4 forces reporting no Viet Cong contact. The 3d Platoon, Company I established a patrol base at (YD691101) and conducted limited patrol activity in that area. The battalion reported no VC contact during the reporting period.

d. [REDACTED] Fired 54 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, all 54 were unobserved.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	38	0	16	54
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	38	0	16	54

CONFIDENTIALc. Summary(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU HAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	4	0
(c) Total Contacts	4	0
(d) Action without Contact	8	2
(e) <u>Box Scores of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:</u>		

<u>Province/ Casualties</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
QUANG NAM				
(AT961677)	121045H	Patrol	A-1-1/None	Unk/2VCS and 2VC KIA
(AT958657)	121130H	Patrol	A-3-1/None	Unk/2VCS
(AT962667)	121305H	Patrol	A-1-1/None	Unk/3VCS and 1VC KIA
(AT962677)	121420H	Patrol	A-1-1/None	Unk/1VC KIA
(AT961677)	121600H	Patrol VC Booby Trap	A-1-1/1 WIA	Unk/None

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NONE

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. Company D will continue to conduct its search and destroy mission in accordance with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Op Order 128-65. The Company is scheduled to be helilifted from their area of operation back to the primary position on the MLR on 14 Oct 1965. The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol to DUONG LAM (1) (AT948691), from 131400H - 131800H. The 2d Platoon, Company A will sweep LA CHAU (5) (AT964666) from 130800H - 131100H, while the 3d Platoon will establish a road block and check I.D. cards at (AT942657). The 2d Platoon, Company C in defensive positions along the 1/1 MLR will conduct a squad patrol during the morning to (AT949706) (AT945698) (AT936700) (AT938716). The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 130800H - 131200H over (AT914676), (AT890674), (AT911668). Company C plans to commence a two platoon patrol scheduled to last 3 or 4 days. The route is not available at this time, but the planned area of action is (AT847723).

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain three rifle companies occupying positions along the MLR and one company (-) in the rear area plus one rifle platoon in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Three platoon and two squad sized patrols are planned for tomorrow. 1st Platoon, Company F will dispatch a squad patrol from 130830H - 131200, to (AT908744), (AT910750) to (AT914746). The 2d Platoon (Rein), Company F will patrol from 131800H - 161500H from a patrol base located at (AT844766). The 3d Platoon (Rein), Company F will patrol from 130800H - 131400H over a route to (AT855768), (AT865759), (AT873761), (AT871756), (AT884767), (AT890769), (AT888776), (AT898776) and (AT902774). Company H will provide two patrols. Its 1st Platoon will continue its patrol commencing 121500H until 151100H over (AT916809) (AT920795), (AT928797) and will establish its patrol base at (AT909804). The 3d Platoon, Company H will conduct a squad patrol from 130900H - 131300H to (AT830786), (AT871789), (AT880794).

c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the vital RUE PHU BAI Airfield Complex with the equivalent of three companies occupying a perimeter defense. Elements of two rifle companies and a reconnaissance platoon will continue to establish ambushes, conduct patrols and maintain surveillance forward of the MLR. During the next 24 hours, two rifle platoons will patrol to ambush positions. The 1st Platoon, Company K will establish a river ambush in the vicinity (YD9008), while a platoon from Company I will establish a daylight ambush on Highway 11 at (YD9105). The Combined Action Company will continue to conduct security and Civic Affairs within the assigned villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC HON (YD925105).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/4. All squad sized.

(a) Company A (AT943683)
(AT943683)
(AT943683) 2 rpl (AT961677)
(AT943683)

(b) Company B (AT9570)

(c) Company H (AT924663)
(AT928655)
(AT920673)
(AT932678)

(2) 2/3. All squad sized.

(a) Company B (AT886819)

(b) Company F (AT910751)
(AT898760)
(AT843777)
(AT853775)

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(c) Company G (AT909760)

(d) Company H (AT911806)
(AT895796)
(AT896804)(3) 3/4

(a) Company I (XD891101), Platoon

<u>a. Summary of Operations</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU HAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	9	2	11
Ambushes	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals	23	3	26

4. Civic Action. None reported.5. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY A. L. AELINGRELEASED BY H. J. CONLIN

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 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #190, 121800H - 131800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. Third Marines activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad sized and larger ambushes during the night and aggressive day and night patrols. Company D continued its search and destroy mission in the valley and surrounding high ground west of DONG NGHIE (AT8865) and advanced west to north-south grid line (AT82). During the afternoon, the 3d Platoon, Company D received intense sniper fire from the high ground to their west. An artillery mission was requested and fired and the VC activity quelled. There were 25 patrols and 16 ambushes conducted within the assigned DA NANG TAOR, while at HUE PHU BAI there were 2 patrols and 2 ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/4. Due to communication difficulties the following information was not reported during previous reporting period. Resume of Company D activities 10-12 Oct 1965: Company D continued its search and destroy mission in the valley and high ground west of DONG NGHIE (AT8865) advancing as far west as north-south grid line (AT82). At 121250H, the 3d Platoon, Company D observed 2 VC following them at (AT8263) (exact coordinates unknown) and took them under fire. The VC immediately withdrew. Upon searching the area two booby trapped grenades were detected and destroyed. There were no friendly casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. At (AT843656) a long empty cave was found with fresh foot prints on the deck, at (AT864663) a large cave with a 12' ceiling and shelves cut into its sides was found, at (AT858664) four huts, a kitchen fireplace, two 10'x15' dwellings and a smaller hut 100 meters away had been discovered (all had been destroyed), at (AT835643) a large cave containing 30 to 40 blood stained bandages and four huts were found. The company reported no other significant observations. During this reporting period, the battalion continued to defend its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR and conducted aggressive offensive activity. Company C and Company G (-) 2/3 continue to defend along the MR while two platoons of Company B defend the Hawk Missile Site and the Deo Dai La Pass (AT9475). Company A (Rein) and Company M (Rein) defend Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366) respectively. Company D continued its search and destroy mission with emphasis on the (AT8262), (AT8263) and (AT8664) area. At 131410H, the 3d Platoon, Company D requested artillery fire to quell VC sniper fire being received from the vicinity of (AT817646). There were no friendly casualties nor confirmed VC casualties. The 2d Platoon, Company A swept LA CHAU (5) (AT9646) during the morning and the 1st Platoon, Company A patrolled to DUONG LAM (1) (AT9469) during the afternoon. The 3d Platoon, Company A moved to (AT942657) and established a road block and checked I.D. cards. Company G (-) in defensive positions along the MR dispatched a squad that patrolled to the bridge at (AT9469) and returned without VC contact. The 2d Platoon, Company M patrolled

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during the morning through PHUOC NHAN (2) and (1) (AT9066) and returned by 131200H without incident. The 2d and 3d Platoon of Company C commenced a 72-96 hour patrol this morning and by 131245H had established a patrol base at (AT888715) without incident.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued its defense of the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR with Companies E (-), F and H occupying positions along the M.R. The 3d Platoon, Company E remained in support of the ARVN Company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) reporting no VC contact during the reporting period. Company G (-) remains in position along the M.R. with the 1/1 TAOR. One platoon of Company G plus H&S Company provide security for the battalion rear area. During the reporting period, there were two squad and three platoon sized patrols. A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company F patrolled during the morning to the village of THAN XUAN LAG (AT9074). The 3d Platoon, Company F returned from patrolling in the western portion where their attention was centered in the THON HOA THUNG and THON PHUOC SON (AT8676) area. The 2d Platoon, Company F departed their CP at about 131800H enroute to establish a patrol base at (AT864766). The patrol remains out at the close of this report and will be out until 161500H. The 1st Platoon, Company H continued to operate in the salt flats east of the M.R. with today's emphasis on (AT9279) and (AT9080). A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company H patrolled this morning in the village complex within (AT8879) and the high ground at (AT8778). All five patrols operated without VC contact and only the patrols for the 2d Platoon, Company F and 1st Platoon, Company H remains out at the close of this report.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued to defend the vital HUE PHU BAI Airfield complex with the equivalent of three companies occupying a perimeter defense. Four local security patrols were conducted around the environs of the vital area. One platoon from Company I remained forward of the M.R. in night ambush position at (YD894101) and returned to the Battalion CP early this morning. The 2d Platoon, Company K patrolled to the vicinity of (YD9006) while the 1st Platoon, Company I moved to Highway 14 (YD9105) to establish an ambush. Both of the latter were temporarily diverted to establish a blocking position to the north and south of (YD9006), following receipt of an intelligence report that a VC platoon would be within this area. With the blocking forces in place artillery fires were placed throughout the area at 131500H and continued until 131800H. The area will be swept and the platoons continue their assigned mission. The Combined Action Company continued to operate in their assigned villages with the third platoon returning to the Battalion CP this afternoon.

d. 4/12. Fired 38 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 3 were observed and 35 unobserved. The missions fired were classified as 35 H&I's, 2 check rounds and one at a suspected VC position.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	30	0	67	97
	WP	0	0	20	20
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	0
	Totals	30	0	87	117

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CONFIDENTIALc. Summary(1) Major Unit Actions. None.(2) Small Unit Actions.

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU DAT</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	1	0
(c) Total Contacts	1	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	9	4
(e) <u>Box Scores of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:</u>		

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>TYPE ACTION</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
QUANG NAM				
NONE				
THUA THIEN				
NONE				

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. Will continue to conduct its defensive mission and aggressive offense missions within its assigned area of responsibility. The 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol from Hill 22 (AT9566) to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) from 141400H to 141800H while a squad from the 2d Platoon, will patrol to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) and search caves from (AT965669) to (AT961662) from 140800H to 141200H. The 1st Platoon, Company A will operate from 140800H to 141400H, patrolling from Hill 22 (AT9366) to PHU SON (1) (AT9565) to PHU SON (2) (AT9564) then north to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565) to DUYEN SON (4) (AT9466) and back to Hill 22. Company C will continue with its 1st and 2d platoons on an extended patrol with a base at (AT855715). Company D is scheduled to be helilifted from its area of operation at 140800H and will return to its primary position. The 1st Platoon, Company M will patrol tomorrow to (AT919655), to (AT920640) to (AT930645). The 3d Platoon, Company M will commence a 96 hour patrol at 141800H and will establish its patrol base at (AT889645). The 3d Platoon, Company B will patrol within (AT9532) from 140800H to 141300H. Ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach.

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain three rifle companies occupying defensive positions along the M.R. One rifle platoon will remain in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9484). Company G (-) is scheduled to return to the battalion area and will assume a defensive posture in the rear area. The battalion has three squad and one platoon sized patrols planned during the next 24 hours. The 1st Platoon, Company B will dispatch a squad patrol from 140800H - 141700H to (AT885810), (AT870814), (AT871824), (AT882826). The 2d Platoon, Company F will conduct a reinforced platoon patrol from 131800H - 132200H, to (AT899774), (AT882769), (AT870761), (AT866760), (AT864766). The 3d Platoon, Company F will provide a squad (-) to patrol to (AT899774), (AT904777), (AT907780), (AT899774), (AT902775), from 141230H to 141630H. Company G will dispatch a squad (-)

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patrol from 141300H to 141600H over (AT906764), (AT909745), (AT920743), (AT921749), (AT916754), (AT917760), (AT919765). Numerous daylight patrolling will be augmented by the establishment of night squad sized ambushes.

c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the vital HUE PHU BAI area with the equivalent of three companies occupying a perimeter defense. Tomorrow the 1st Platoon, Company K will move to (YD9104), search the area and will establish a daylight ambush at (YD910045). The 1st Platoon, Company I will move to (YD9004) and establish an ambush along the west bank of the river. The 2d and 4th Platoons of the Combined Action Company will return to the Battalion CP while the 1st and 3d continue to operate in the villages around LOC BON (YD925105).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT963664), (AT950677)
- (b) Company B (AT9671), (AT964612)
- (c) Company C (AT877002), (AT894705)
- (d) Company M (AT912676), (AT918666)

(2) 2/3. All squad sized.

- (a) Company E (AT898828)
- (b) Company F (AT908774), (AT908746), (AT863757), (AT858764)
- (c) Company G (AT916765)
- (d) Company H (AT896799), (AT893805)

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- (a) Company K (YD9008), Platoon

e. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Company Operations	1	0	1
Patrols	11	2	13
Ambushes	16	1	17
Totals	28	3	31

4. Civic Action

(1) 1/1

a. On 11 October the BAS (AT950720) treated 19 people at sick call.

b. On 11 October C Company treated 9 villagers at sick call held at (AT925734).

c. On 11 October M Company treated 28 villagers at sick call in DUYEN SON (5) and PHUC NINH (2) area (AT9266).

d. On 12 October, the BAS treated 20 people at sick call (AT950720).

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e. On 12 October the Battalion CA Officer resupplied the HIEU DUC dispensary (AT945699) with 75 pounds of medical material and 240 bars of soap. He also gave the workers, at the dispensary, four tea pots.

f. On 12 October the A Company medical team treated 9 people at sick call on BUOYEN DON (3), during which one sergeant was wounded by sniper fire.

(2) 2/3

a. On 11 October E Company distributed 100 pounds of corn meal, 60 pounds of powdered milk, and ten pounds of sugar to 8 destitute families living behind the LE MY market place (AT898815).

b. On 11 October a platoon of E Company held sick call in Quang Nam hamlet (AT912819) and treated four people while distributing 6 cans of sweet potatoes, 25 pounds of sugar, and 60 pounds of dry milk to 12 poor families, under the supervision of the hamlet chief. One four year old boy of the hamlet was evacuated to the LE MY medical center, by motor vehicle, for correction of malnutrition and dehydration.

c. On 11 October a platoon of F Company provided security for refugees formerly from HOA NINH (AT846779) now of HOA THANH (AT899784), while the refugees returned to HOA NINH and picked-up remaining household effects.

d. On 12 October the Battalion Chaplain donated 650 piasters to the PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT906764).

e. On 12 October the Battalion CA Officer met with Mr. NAM, the village chief of HOA THANH (AT910785) and finalized plans for the Japanese Ambassador's tour of LE MY scheduled for 13 October.

f. On 12 October the LE MY dispensary treated 122 people for skin, eye, and throat irritations, worms and headaches.

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a. On 11 October the CAC treated 2 people in THUY DUONG village (YD 882172) and evacuated a 45 year old villager by helicopter, to A Medical Company for treatment of a respiratory ailment.

b. On 11 October the CAC evacuated two men from THUY LUONG (YD881173) to A Medical Company, by motor vehicle, for treatment of a broken collar bone and a stabbed hand, both injuries resulting from separate accidents.

c. On 12 October the CAC treated 26 people in the village of LOC BON (YD925106), and 25 people in THUY TAN (YD908151).

b. Medical Recap:

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u># RECEIVING TREATMENT</u>
HUE	3/4	11 Oct 2
		12 Oct 51
DA NANG	1/1	11 Oct 56
		12 Oct 29

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2/3	11 Oct	4
	12 Oct	122

RECAP	11 Oct	62
	12 Oct	202

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CONFIDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

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 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITHET #191, 131800H - 141800H Oct 1965

1. [REDACTED] 3d Marines continued aggressive patrolling and established numerous squad and platoon ambushes on avenues of approach. Today at 141240H, Company D returned from a five day search and destroy mission in the southwestern portion of DA NANG TAO. A two platoon reinforced combat patrol from Company C continued operations in the HOI VUC (AT8770) area reporting two Viet Cong contacts during the reporting period. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reacting to an intelligence report, conducted a sweep of the area within (B99006) in search of 30 Viet Cong long suspected to be operating in that area. The sweep was concluded without VC contact. There were 31 patrols and 16 ambushes conducted at DA NANG, while at PHU DAI there were 2 ambushes and 3 patrols. All squads conducting ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their ambush sites.

2. Operations

a. 1/4. The Hill 41, Hill 22 (AT9566) complex continued to be defended by Companies A (rein) and H (rein) while Company C and Company G (-) occupied positions along the MIA. Two platoons from Company B continued to defend the Hawk Missile Sites and the Dao Doi La Pass (AT9475). The battalion maintained its offensive posture by employing one company operating in the southwestern portion of the TAO during the morning plus, one two platoon reinforced and six platoon sized patrols throughout the battalion area. Company D concluded its five day search and destroy mission in the valley and surrounding terrain west of DA NANG (AT8865) and returned to their primary position by helicopter at approximately 141240H, receiving approximately 50 rounds of sniper fire in the LZ (AT857657). The 1st and 2d Platoon of Company C continued their extended patrol in the northwest portion of the battalion area of responsibility without contact until 131928H when the 1st platoon (AT878705) received 10 rounds of small arms fire from (AT875703). There were no casualties. The patrol, after an uneventful night, swept HOI VUC (AT8770) at 141120H. As the patrol was completing its sweep at 141220H, it received 20-30 rounds of small arms fire at (AT873708), from an unknown number of VC. The fire was returned and the area searched with negative results. The battalion had two other minor contacts. The first was at 132040H, when Company G (-) received one round of sniper fire at (AT946721) and the second at 141140H, when Company A received four rounds of small arms fire at (AT955652). There was no further contact during the reporting period.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAO with Companies B (-), F and H along the MIA and one platoon from Company E in support of the ARVN company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT9284).

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Company G reverted, relieved of its ~~the~~ responsibilities and returned ~~from~~ ^{from} OPUCON 1/1 to 2/3 and assumed its previous role as Division Reserve at 141630H. The battalion conducted eight patrols and established eight night squad sized ambushes. The 1st Platoon, Company K patrolled in an area to the west of 141630H (AT1092) from 140800H - 141700H without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company F continued to maintain a patrol base in the vicinity THON PHUOC SON (AT8676) and conducted two squad sized patrols this morning. A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company F patrolled just west of the MSR in the vicinity of (AT9077) with no significant observation. A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company G patrolled to the east of the MSR and in line with the Company F squad with emphasis on (AT9176). Company H had two patrols, one a squad patrolling in the vicinity of (AT8878), during the morning, and the other an extended patrol operating from a patrol base at (AT930800). The battalion reported no VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 3/4. Defense of the vital area of the PHU HAI TACH continued with Companies I (-), K (-), L and elements of PMS manning a perimeter defense. Four local security patrols were conducted around the airfield complex. There was no VC contact in the vicinity of the vital area. Yesterday, acting on an intelligence report, the battalion established platoon blocking forces north and south of (YD9006) where a 30 man VC platoon was reportedly operating. Artillery fires were employed from 131900H on a continuing basis. At 131600H, the battalion reported that two VC had attempted to break out of the area to the north (YD905075). The enemy was taken under fire and withdrew. There were no confirmed casualties. At 140719H, the 1st Platoon, Company I was helilifted to the south of (YD9006) and joined the 2d platoon in a sweep to the north. The 2d Platoon, Company K in blocking position to the north was joined by the 3d Platoon, Company K which had been trucked down Highway 14. At 140920H, the sweeping forces discovered a VC grenade and panji sticks, and a freshly dug cave at (AT903057) and (AT906058) respectively. The sweep was concluded at 141500H. The 1st Platoon, Company I and 2d Platoon, Company K returned to their perimeter locations. The 3d Platoon, Company F moved to (YD910045) while the 3d Platoon, Company I moved to the river bank at (YD9005). Both platoons conducted reconnaissance for night ambush sites.

d. 4/12. Fired 35 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 9 were observed and 26 unobserved. 26 HAI's and 9 missions at suspected VC position were fired.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HR	192	0	39	231
	WP	10	0	0	10
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	0
	Totals	202	0	39	241

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

CONFIDENTIAL(2) Small Unit Actions.

	LA BANG	PHU BAI
(a) Night Contacts	2	0
(b) Day Contacts	2	1
(c) Total Contacts	4	1
(d) Actions without Contacts	16	2
(e) <u>Box Scores of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:</u>		

Province/ Coordinates	Date/ Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
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QUANG NAM

None

THUA THIEN

None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to defend their assigned sector within the LA BANG TAO. Offensive posture will be maintained by conducting aggressive patrols and establishing numerous ambushes. During the next 24 hours, the battalion plans six ~~patrol~~ size or larger patrols. Company A will dispatch its platoons from Hill 22 (AT9566) as follows: 1st platoon from 151400N to 151800N to DUYN SON (4) (AT9466), DUYN SON (3) (AT9565), to PHU SON (1) (AT9565) and return. 2d platoon from 150700N - 151400N to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567), HO BAI (1) (AT9568) and return. 3d Platoon from 151400N - 151800N to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467), LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) to DUONG LAM (2) (AT9569) and DUONG LAM (3) (AT9569). The 3d Platoon, Company B will conduct a two squad recon patrol within (AT9670). Company C will continue to maintain the 1st and 2d platoons operating on an extended patrol at the west end of the CONG TUY LOAN. The 2d Platoon, Company H will sweep from Hill 41 (AT9366) to (AT95455) from 151500N to 151800N. The 3d Platoon, Company H will continue its 96 hour patrol in the high ground to the west of Hill 41.

b. 2/3. Will continue with three rifle companies occupying positions along the LA and one company in defense of the rear area. A rifle platoon will be maintained at the BAN B Bridge. Ambushes will continue to be established and patrols will be conducted in accordance with the following: The 2d Platoon, Company I will have a squad patrol from 150800N-151700N to (AT86823), (AT87225), (AT86825), (AT86832), (AT881826). The 1st Platoon, Company F from 151300N-151630N will patrol (AT908750), (AT907757), (AT908750), (AT909743), (AT914746). The 2d Platoon, Company F will continue its patrol until 161500N with its present base being at (AT884772). Company H will commit all three of its platoons. The 1st will continue its activity until 151100N from a base at (AT930300). The 2d will patrol from 150800N-151100N to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785), (AT887782), (AT895790), while the 3d platoon will patrol from 151700N-161200N to a patrol base at (AT917813).

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c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the PHU BAI Airfield Complex with the equivalent of three companies occupying defensive positions. Offensive operations will continue with one platoon of Company E continuing to operate with the Combined Action Company in the four villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913000), and LOU PHU (YD925105). The 1st Platoon, Company I will move to and establish an ambush at (YD891079). The 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Recon Battalion with a sniper team from Division will maintain an observation post at (YD816105) and provide surveillance for ARVN training operations in that area.

d. A/13. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT955654), (AT944664), (AT962675)
- (b) Company B (AT959703)
- (c) Company C (AT926670), (AT928652)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company D (AT898814), (AT885810)
- (b) Company E (AT919741), (AT896767), (AT874773), (AT879764)
- (c) Company F (AT910762)
- (d) Company H (AT893805), (AT884715), (AT936815)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company I (YD9006) Platoon
- (b) Company K (YD910045), Platoon

f. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Patrols	12	2	14
Ambushes	16	2	18
Totals	28	4	32

h. Civic Action

a. 1/1.

(1) On 13 October the BAC (AT950720) treated 37 people for skin and respiratory infections, colds and headaches.

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(1) On 13 October the Battalion CO and Civil Affairs Officer escorted the Japanese Director of Youth, on a tour of the LK MY dispensary and marketplace.

(2) On 13 October the Battalion CO, XO and Sergeant Major, along with the Staff Officers and Company Commanders, were guests at a dinner given by Mr. NAM, village chief of HOA THAM (AT908/52), at his house in HOA THAM.

c. 3/4

(1) On 13 October the Battalion medical team treated 21 people in HOY LUOM village (YD622172).

(2) On 13 October the CAC treated 21 people in LOC BOU (YD925105).

(3) On 13 October the medical team of 4/12 treated 4 people in PHU BAI, (YD396109), 37 people in PHU LUOM (YD866156), and 55 people in TUY LUOM (YD862175).

(4) On 13 October 7 Marines from CAC squad #4 and 8 PJs spent 48 man-hours constructing a dike in LOC BOU (YD937115).

d. Medical Record

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
PHU LUOM	1/1	37
	2/3	●
PHU BAI	3/4	201

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine
Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marine
Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marine

3d Marine (-) (Rein) SITREP #102, 141800H - 151800H Oct 1965

1. Mobilizing. 3d Marines continued aggressive patrolling throughout the night and established numerous squad ambushes on likely avenues of approach to the vital areas. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the aggressive action of the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and a sniper team from the newly formed 3d Marine Division Sniper Group. The latter units, while enroute to establish an ambush, engaged an unknown number of VC and during the subsequent fire fight 2 VC were KIA and 2 captured, 1 French automatic weapon, some 762 gear and approximately 200 pounds of rice were captured. The patrol remained in ambush position throughout the night. At 150700H, 3 VC were observed by the patrol, artillery fire was requested, and delivered following which the area was swept, resulting in the apprehension of one VC KIA. There were 29 patrols and 16 ambushes conducted at DA HHD, while at PMU HAT, there were 2 ambushes and 4 patrols.

B. Operations

a. 2d. Defense of the battalion area of responsibility continued with companies C and D occupying defensive positions along the MR. Two platoons of Company B continue to maintain defensive positions on the Hill 327 Complex and Dee Dai La Pass (A79475). The Hill 22, Hill A1 (A79366) complex and Phase Line Orange continue to be defended by Companies A and B respectively. Offensive posture was continued with a two platoon operation in the northwestern portion of the TIGR and six squad or larger patrols. At 141820H, in response to a report received of 6-8 VC in the area, a three squad sweep of the LA GRAB (2) (A79467) was conducted with negative results. At 142000H, the Battalion CP reported receiving six rounds of automatic weapons fire. The fire was returned with no confirmed casualties. At 151215H, while resupply of the 2d Platoon, Company C at (A7886705) was being effected, sporadic VC sniper fire was received. There were no casualties. There was no further contacts reported.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its assigned area of responsibility with companies E (-), F and H along the MR and one platoon (rein) from Company E maintaining defensive positions in support of the ANVN Company at the BAN O Bridge. Company G occupies positions in the battalion rear area and maintains the posture of Division Reserve. At 150630H, Company G was placed on a one hour alert. Ten squad sized night ambushes were established during the reporting period. All reported, no VC contact upon observation. The 1st Platoon, Company F at 141830H received six rounds of sniper fire from the NVA LOC village (A79072). A rifle squad was dispatched to search the area. Again at 141940H, the platoon received sniper fire from the same vicinity. The area was illuminated and the searching squad observed one VC fleeing and shortly thereafter, one VC was apprehended. As the patrol returned toward their position, they received small arms fire and

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4 had grenades at (17907145). There were no friendly casualties and no estimated VC casualties. The battalion continued the subsection patrolling of the area west and east of the HSI. One squad and five platoon sized patrols were conducted during the day, of which two remain out at the close of this report. All patrols were conducted without VC contact.

5. 3/4. Three rifle companies (-) and H&S Company continued to occupy a perimeter defense around the environs of the PHU BAI Airfield. During the hours of darkness, four local security patrols were conducted around the airfield without incident. One platoon of Company I continued to operate with the Combined Action Company from its headquarters at LOC BOH (YD925105) conducting Civic Action and security missions. The 1st Platoon, Company I deactivated its night ambush at (YD921079) and patrolled in that area throughout the day without contact. At 190500H, the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and a team from the newly formed 3d Marine Division Sniper Detachment, while moving to establish a night ambush made contact with an unknown number of Viet Cong. During the ensuing fire fight, two VC were KIA and 2 seriously, 1 French automatic weapon, 1 grenade and approximately 200 pounds of rice were captured. The patrol established their ambush with no further contact until 190720H when they observed 3 VC at (YD789216) and requested an artillery mission following the end of the mission, the area was searched and one VC walking VLA was intercepted. 1 mobile strike force was sent to search the area but found no further trace of VC. The operation was secured and all units were hallmarked back to the Battalion CP at 151115H.

4. 4/12. Fired 35 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 2 were observed and 53 were unobserved. The nature of the missions were, 2 actual VC targets and 53 BAI's.

(C) Area Expended:	KTE	Actual	Unobs	Actual	TOTALS
BS	74	0	200	274	
SP	0	0	0	0	
Sniper	0	0	0	0	
ILLUM	0	0	3	3	
TOTALS	74	0	203	277	

a. Summary(C) Mar Det Actions. None.(D) Small Unit Actions.BA M&SPHU BAI

(a) Night Contacts	3	1
(b) Day Contacts	1	1
(c) Total Contacts	4	2
(d) Action without Contacts	12	2
(e) <u>Mar Source of Contacts Resulting in Casualties:</u>		

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Province/ Coordinates	Date/ Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
QUANG NAM				
None				
THUA THIEN				
(YD804114)	150300H	Patrol to Ambush	3dPlat, Co. C, 3dRecon Bn, Div Sniper Team/None	Unk/2 VC KIA
(YD783116)	150730H	Patrol Base	3dPlat, Co. C, 3dRecon Bn, Div Sniper Team/None	Unk/1 VC KIA

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. The battalion will continue to maintain two companies along the MR, two platoons in the Hill 327 (AT9773) complex and two companies (rein) deployed in defensive positions along Phase Line Orange. The 3d Platoon, Company B will dispatch a squad sized reconnaissance patrol from 160800H to 161300H to checkpoints #1 (AT964702), #2 (AT948708), #3 (AT950705), #4 (AT960715). The 1st and 2d Platoons, Company C will operate in the area of the westernmost extremities of the BOM TUY LOAN. At 161730H, the 1st Platoon, Company M will establish blocking position at PHUOC MINH (1) (AT9367) and PHUOC MINH (2) (AT9266). The 2d Platoon, Company M will commence a sweep at 161800H from (AT941672) to (AT929669) to (AT929662) and return to Hill 41 (AT9366). The 3d Platoon, Company M will depart at 161800H and establish a patrol base at (AT885662). The battalion will continue to establish ambushes along likely avenues of approach.

b. 2/3. Will continue with three rifle companies occupying defensive positions along the MR and one company in defense of the rear area. A rifle platoon will be maintained in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge. Night squad sized ambushes will continue to be established. One platoon and two squad sized patrols will be conducted during the daylight tomorrow. The 1st Platoon (-) (rein), Company E will patrol from 160800H to 161700H to (AT885823), (AT872825), (AT863825), (AT861819), (AT870814), (AT885814). A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 160800H to 161200H to (AT897774), (AT907781), (AT899774), (AT902775). The 2d Platoon, Company H will conduct a squad recon patrol from 160730H to 161100H to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785), (AT887782), (AT895790). The 2d Platoon, Company F and the 3d Platoon, Company H will continue to conduct their extended patrols.

c. 3/4. The battalion will maintain, at a minimum, the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the vital PHU BAI area. Offensive operations will continue with one platoon of Company K moving to establish a night ambush within (YD8015). A platoon from Company I will relieve the one from Company K operating with the Combined Action Company. The Company I Platoon in conjunction with the Combined Action Company will provide security and conduct ambushes within the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

-- 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size:

(a) Company A (AT955656 AT964668 AT956621
~~(AT962662), (AT953672), (AT931665)~~)

(b) Company D (AT942711), (AT938710)

(c) Company M (AT922664), (AT942677)

(2) 2/3. All squad size:

(a) Company E (AT898824), (AT882810), (AT930837)

(b) Company F (AT910773), (AT920749), (AT871761), (AT864747)

(c) Company G (AT916765)

(d) Company H (AT902800), (AT891800), (AT915814)

(3) 3/4. Platoon Size:

(a) Company I (YD891079)

f. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>HUE BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Patrols	10	2	12
Ambushes	18	1	19
Totals	28	3	31

4. Civil Actions. None Reported.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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IDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #193 151800H - 161800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the continued establishment of squad sized ambushes and numerous aggressive patrols. Significant at the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines area was the apprehension of three VCS by the 3d Platoon, Combined Action Company. The 3d Platoon, Company H (USMC 1/1) had three MIA's this morning from the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a grenade. During the reporting period there were 30 patrols and 18 ambushes conducted at DA NANG while at RUE PHU BAI, there were 2 ambushes and 3 patrols. Night patrols were conducted to all ambush sites.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to conduct defensive and offensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR. Companies C and D remained in defensive positions along the MLR while two platoons of Company B continued to occupy defensive positions at the Hawk Missile Site and the DEO DAI LA East (AT 9475). The area south of the SONG TUY LOAN down to Phase Line Orange continued to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and H (Rein) from command posts located at Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366). At 151950H, the 1st and 2d Platoons of Company C returned to the CP completing an extended patrol in the area at the west end of the SONG TUY LOAN. Company A had two of its platoons out today. The 1st Platoon swept LA CHAU (5) (AT9676) during the morning and the 3d Platoon patrolled to BO BAN (1) (AT9566), BO BAN (2) (AT9669) and LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). Neither patrol made VC contact. A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company B conducted a reconnaissance patrol from 160800H - 161300H in the CAM HOA (1) and (2) village complex (AT970). The 3d Platoon, Company C conducted a patrol from 161300H - 161800H along the north bank of the river between the villages of THON THAI LAI (AT9271) to THON TRUC DONG (AT9071). With the 1st Platoon blocking to the northwest, the 2d Platoon, Company M swept the THUOC MINH (1) (AT9367), THUOC MINH (2) (AT9266) area before dark yesterday. The 3d Platoon, Company K, while conducting a local security patrol from their CP on Hill 41 (AT9366) reached the vicinity of (AT925672), when at 160925H, the detonation of an explosive device wounded three Marines. The device was believed to have been a booby trapped grenade. There were no other contacts made during the reporting period.

b. 2/2. Defense of the area of responsibility continued with Companies E (-), F and H occupying defensive positions along the MLR and one platoon from Company B maintaining defensive positions in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge. Company O continues to defend the rear area and maintains its posture of Division Reserve. Yesterday, the company was placed on a one hour alert and at 161040H permission was received to stand down to the normal two hour alert. The 3d Platoon, Company H continued its extended patrol east of the MLR

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operating from a patrol base located at (AT939814) until moving to (AT954806) during the afternoon. The platoon placed its night emphasis on Red Beach II, without VC contact. The 1st Platoon, Company E dispatched a squad patrol which checked the area west of LE MY (AT9081) with negative results. A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company F conducted a morning patrol within (AT8882), (AT8782) and (AT8682). A squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H conducted a morning reconnaissance patrol to (AT8879), (AT8878), (AT8978) and (AT8979) with no significant observation.

c. 3/4. Defense of the vital area of the HUE PHU BAI TACK continued with the equivalent of three rifle companies manning a perimeter defense. Between 152000H and 160600H, four local security patrols were conducted along the airfield perimeter without VC contact. The only contact made during the reporting period was at 152240H, when the 3d Platoon, Combined Action Company apprehended three male VCS, age 66, 32 and 17. All of the suspects were from different living areas and were apprehended at (YD924118) and turned over to the District Chief. The 1st Platoon, Company K deactivated its night ambush at (YD916083) and returned to the Battalion OP this morning without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company K patrolled to the vicinity of (YD8015) and selected a night ambush site. The 1st, 2d and 4th Platoons of the Combined Action Company continued to provide security for their assigned villages, while the 3d Platoon provided security for a medical team treating Vietnamese within their area.

d. 4/12. Fired 64 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 12 were observed, 11 unobserved, 5 practice and 36 H&I.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTALS
	HE	124	0	92	216
	WP	9	0	1	10
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	3	0	15	18
	Totals	136	0	108	244

SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	1
(b) Day Contacts	1	0
(c) Total Contacts	1	1
(d) Action without Contacts	11	1
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

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<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
(AT925672)	160925H	Patrol	M-3/4/3-WIA	Unk/None
<u>THUA THIEN</u>				
(YD924118)	152240H	Patrol	CAC-3/4/None	Unk/3-VCS

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to maintain two companies along the MLR, two platoons defending the Hill 327 (AT9773) and DHO DAI LA PANG (AT9475) and two companies south of the SONG TUY LOAN in the Hill 41 (AT9366), Hill 22 (AT9566) complex. During the next 24 hours, numerous ambushes will continue to be established and patrols conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A from 171300H to 171600H, will patrol to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567), LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) and BO BAN (1) (AT9568) and return to Hill 22 (AT9566). The 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol from Hill 22 from 171300H to 171700H, to DUYEN SON (4) (AT9466), DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565) to (AT942650) to (AT951645) and return. A road block will be established from 170500H to 170900H at the intersection located at (AT 943663) by the 3d Platoon, Company A. From 170800H to 171600H, the 3d Platoon, Company D will patrol to checkpoints #1 (AT932710), #2 (AT938707), #3 (AT941698), #4 (AT913701), #5 (AT921695).

b. 2/3. Three rifle companies will continue to be deployed along the MLR. One platoon will be maintained in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The fourth rifle company will occupy defensive positions in the battalion rear area. In addition to the establishment of numerous sized ambushes, one squad and three reinforced platoon patrols will be conducted during the next 24 hours. The 2d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 170800H - 171700H to (AT885823), (AT872825), (AT872810), (AT888810). The 1st Platoon, Company F will conduct two patrols. The first will be from 161800H - 162200H to (AT908750), (AT907760), (AT895766), (AT884769), (AT870761) to (AT874751). The second patrol will be from 171200H to 171530H to (AT867750) to (AT854751). The 2d Platoon, Company H will have a squad patrol from 171300H to 171500H to patrol to (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT878796), (AT874796), (AT895795).

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain, at a minimum, the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the vital PHU HAI TAON. Offensive operations will continue with one platoon of Company I patrolling to (YD8014) and two squads from Company L moving to establish a night ambush within (YD9005). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will establish a daylight OP at (YD81125). The Combined Action Company will continue to operate in THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151) and THUY PHU (YD913117).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU HAI.

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- (a) Company A (AT943677), (AT962663), (AT951675)
- (b) Company B (AT9570)
- (c) Company C (AT930733), (AT902911)
- (d) Company D (AT947723), (AT955708)
- (e) Company M (AT921673), (AT928655)

(2) 2/3. Squad (-):

- (a) Company E (AT898824), (AT887816), (AT930837)
- (b) Company F (AT928749), (AT892769), (AT860715), (AT867753)
- (c) Company G (AT910762)
- (d) Company H (AT896804), (AT888796), (AT928823)

H-3 (Short duration each one during the night) (AT952807),
(AT941820), (AT939825), (AT956809)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company K (Y08015), Platoon

f. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Patrols	11	2	13
Ambushes	23	1	24
Totals	34	3	37

4. Civic Actiona. Hq Co

(1) On 15 October, the Regimental CA Officer and Surgeon, held sick call for 120 people at the KHANH SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720). They distributed 50 bars of soap to 50 children of the hamlet.

b. 1/1

(1) On 15 October, the Battalion CA Officer and Regimental Claims Officer met with the HOA THINH village chief to discuss 10 claims of damages.

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(2) The Battalion Surgeon held sick call for the children of LA CHAU school (AT946697), 49 children were treated. Approximately 250 persons gathered while sick call was held. Candy (15 lbs) and 240 bars of soap were given to the children.

c. 2/2

(1) The CA Officer talked to the village chief of HOA MINH village on 15 October and arranged for sick call to be held twice weekly.

(2) ^FCompany Medical personnel held sick call for 65 persons of TUNG SONG hamlet (AT93781). They distributed 200 bars of soap to the persons attending sick call.

d. 3/4

(1) The Combined Action Company treated 23 persons in the village of THUY PHU (YD213117) on 15 October. They also visited the village of LOC BON (YD925105) and treated 15 persons.

(2) The Battalion Medical Team treated a total of 81 villagers of PHU LUONG (YD866156).

e. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
DA BANG	Hq Co.	120
	1/1	49
	2/3	65
PHU DAI	3/4	96

5. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY R. L. ABINERELEASED BY H. J. CONNIN

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SITUATION REPORT

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #194 161800H - 171800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by contacts in both of its TAOR's. At PHU BAI, the 3d Platoon, Company K 3/4 made contact last night with three to five VC which resulted in 1 VC KIA and the capture of his weapon, a GILCOM K-50 (mod). Four Marines were wounded. At DA NANG, the 3d Platoon, Company K 2/3 apprehended three VCS, one of which had been wounded during the engagement. At 171115H, at HUE PHU BAI, one UH-34 departed the CP area to effect a relief of personnel on Hill 225. Contact was lost with the helicopter and at 171300H it was observed down in the southeast corner of the TAOR. A reaction force was immediately dispatched to aid the downed personnel. At 171430H, it was reported that there were two dead of the ten aboard. The survivors were lifted out by hoist and taken to Company A, Medical Battalion. During the reporting period there were 36 patrols and 25 ambushes conducted at DA NANG, while at HUE PHU BAI there were 2 ambushes and 6 patrols.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to defend its tactical area of responsibility with two platoons of Company B defending Hill 327 (AT9773) and the pass at (AT940753). Companies C and D occupied defensive positions along the HUE, while Companies A and M defended along Phase Line Orange at Hills 22 (AT 9566) and 41 (AT9366) respectively. The battalion had two minor contacts during the night. The first occurred at 162355H when the Battalion CP (AT9572) reported receiving one round of sniper fire. The second occurred at 170415H when a sentry at the Company D CP area (AT940720) fired 12 rounds at a VC infiltrator. A subsequent search revealed nothing. Five platoon sized patrols were conducted during the reporting period. Company A operations were as follows: The 1st Platoon patrolled through LA CHAU (3) (AT9567), LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) and BO HAN (1) (AT9568) from 171300H - 171600H. The 2d Platoon patrolled from their CP to the southeast to (AT951645) and returned. The 3d Platoon established a roadblock during the morning at (AT943663). The 3d Platoon, Company D patrolled from 170800H - 171600H from their CP to the south of the BOU TOY LOAN and west to NINH AN (1) (AT9070) and return. The 2d Platoon, Company M patrolled in the area north of their CP, Hill 41 (AT9366), with (AT 929686) as LOA. All patrolling was completed without VC contact.

b. 2/3. The battalion defense posture was maintained with three Companies, E (A), F and H occupying defensive positions along the HUE. One platoon of Company E remains at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) in support of the ARVN Company assigned to defend that area. Company G and H&S Company defended the battalion

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rear area. The battalion had one contact during the reporting period. The 3d Platoon, Company H operating on an extended patrol in the sand flats/beach area in the eastern sector of the TAOR had established a series of ambush locations along the railroad and beach. At 170940H, the ambush at (AT947817) observed three individuals approaching. Orders were given for the individuals to halt and they turned and ran. In an effort to apprehend the VCS, one was wounded. The wounded man was evacuated, while the other two were forwarded to 3d ITT.

In addition to the patrol above, one squad and two reinforced platoons conducted patrol activity. The 3d Platoon, Company E patrolled today in area west of LE MY (AT8981) to (AT872810) and return. The 1st Platoon, Company F conducted two patrols. The first last night from 161800H to 16200H to (AT908750), (AT907760), (AT884769) to (AT874751) and the second one to (AT867750) to (AT854751) from 171200H to 171330H. A squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H [REDACTED] from 171300H to 171500H in the HOA VINH village complex (AT8879) and (AT8779). With the exception of the 3d Platoon, Company E, all patrols reported no contact.

c. 3/4. The battalion continued to defend the vital airfield complex within the HUE PHU BAI TAOR. During the hours of darkness, four squad sized local security patrols were conducted around the perimeter of the airfield, without VC contact. The 3d Platoon, Company K, at 162131H engaged three to five Viet Cong at (YD807158). During the ensuing fire fight, one VC was KIA and his weapon a CHICOM K-50 (mod) was captured. Four Marines were wounded and although they were evacuated it was reported that they were not seriously injured. At 171115H one UH-34 departed the Battalion CP enroute to Hill 225 (YD8408) to effect a relief of personnel. Contact was lost with the helicopter and at 171300H, it was observed down in (YD9005). Because of the canopy and rugged terrain the reserve force dispatched to aid the ten men aboard were set down some distance away and walked in. At 171430H the battalion reported that two men were killed in the crash. The survivors were lifted out by hoist and taken to Company A, 3d Medical Battalion.

d. 4/12. Fired 21 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. 1 observed mission was fired in support of the ARVN at (XD775095). 20 unobserved missions and 28 H&I's were fired.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	13	0	106	119
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illus	0	0	0	0
	Totals	13	0	106	119

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) Small Unit Actions.

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(a) Night Contacts	3	1
(b) Day Contacts	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	3	1
(d) Action Without Contacts	10	1
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
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(AT947317)	170340H	Ambush	H-2/3/None	Unk/3 VCS (1 WIA)
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(YD807158)	162131H	Ambush	R-3/4/4 WIA	Unk/1 VC KIA 1 weapon
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3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to maintain two companies along the MLR. Two platoons defending the Hawk Missile Sites and Deo Dai La Pass, and two companies south of the SONG TUY LOAN in the Hill 41 (AT9366), Hill 22 (AT9566) complex. During the next 24 hours, in addition to the establishment of numerous ambushes, the following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol from Hill 22 (AT9566) to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) from 180700H to 181100H. During the afternoon, from 181300H to 181600H, the 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol to PHU SON (3) (AT9564) and return. The 2d Platoon, Company C will patrol from 181300H to 181600H to (AT915731), (AT920726), (AT928718), (AT923714), (AT904711), (AT904711), (AT903726). The 3d Platoon, Company B will patrol from 180800H to 181200H to (AT926672), (AT914678), (AT914662).

b. 2/3. Three rifle companies will continue to be deployed along the MLR. One platoon will be maintained in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The fourth rifle company will occupy defensive positions in the battalion rear area. Numerous squad ambushes will continue to be established on likely avenues of approach. The following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company F will conduct two patrols with the first commencing at 172000H and scheduled to 172300H from (AT858759) to (AT848765), (AT845764). The platoon will also patrol from 180800H to 181500H to (AT853777), (AT866784), (AT868775), (AT886777), (AT890769), (AT902775). The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 180900H to 181200H to (AT892770), (AT883768), (AT871775), (AT875770), (AT877763), (AT871761), (AT862753), (AT874751). A composite squad from the H&S Company will patrol from 180900H to

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181200H to (AT899773), (AT902775). The 1st Platoon of Company E will dispatch a squad from 180800H to 181600H to patrol to (AT881826), (AT866832), (AT864825), (AT885823). A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol from (AT 880786), (AT871789), (AT880794), (AT870788) from 180900H to 181200H.

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain at least three companies occupying perimeter defense around the vital area of the PHU BAI TAOK. Two squads from Company L will establish a night ambush within (YD9010). The 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Recon Battalion will establish an Observation Post at (YD820155). The Combined Action Company will continue to conduct security and Civic Action missions within their assigned area.

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at RUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size:

- (a) Company A (AT952673), (AT956656), (AT962665)
- (b) Company B (AT964703)
- (c) Company D (AT945721), (AT928718)
- (d) Company M (AT932677), (AT918670), (AT925661), (AT929645), (AT939745)

(2) 2/3. All squad size:

- (a) Company E (AT884827), (AT885821), (AT930845)
- (b) Company F (AT911757), (AT892764), (AT830771), (AT849764)
- (c) Company G (AT916765)
- (d) Company H (AT893805), (AT888796), (AT928807)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company L (YD9005), 2 squads
- (b) 3d Plt., Company C, 3d Recon Bn (YD811125)

f. Summary of Operations:

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Patrols	10	2	12
Ambushes	22	2	24
Totals	32	4	36

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4. Civic Action

(1) 2/3

a. LB MY medical center treated 28 females, 21 males and 73 children.

b. CO, F Company and 2 men held an English class for 15 people using the church (AT899774) for a classroom.

c. Squad size patrol with 1 corpsman from F Company treated 11 children at (AT923756).

(2) 3/4

a. Medical team treated 65 people of LOC BON village (YD925105) on 12 October 1965. On 13 October, the medical team treated 56 people of TRUY PHU VILLAGE (YD905115). The Combined Action Company treated 37 people of LOC BON VILLAGE (YD925105) on 13 October.

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #195 171800H - 181800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by two contacts within the DA NANG TAOR, both of which occurred in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area of responsibility. The first was a minor contact which occurred at 172045H when a radio relay site received 3 to 5 rounds of small arms fire, the second wounded two Marines at 172400H when an explosive device believed to have been a grenade was detonated. During the reporting period, there were 37 patrols and 22 ambushes within the assigned area of responsibility at DA NANG, while at PHU BAI, there were 9 patrols and 2 ambushes. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual sites.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. Defense of the Battalion's assigned area of the DA NANG TAOR continued with Companies A and M defending the area south of the SONG TUY LOAN to Phase Line Orange with command post on Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (9366) respectively. The northern portion of the battalions vital area is defended by Companies C and D occupying positions along the MRL. Two platoons of Company B continued to maintain positions in the Hill 927 (AT9773) complex and the pass at (AT940753). The battalion had two contacts during the night. The first occurred at 172045H when the radio relay site at (AT952723) received 3 to 5 rounds of small arms fire. The fire was returned and there were no confirmed VC casualties. The second contact occurred at 172400H when two Marines from the 2d Platoon, Company M were wounded by the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a grenade. There was no further contact during the night. At approximately 181440H, the 3d Platoon, Company M while on patrol found one bear trap at (AT915675). In addition to the 3d Platoon, Company M patrol which covered the area (AT928672), (AT914678), (AT914662), the battalion had six other patrols. Company A had two patrols. The 1st Platoon patrolled from Hill 22 (AT9566) to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567), LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) from 180700H to 181100H. The 2d Platoon, Company A patrolled to PHU SON (3) (AT9564) and returned to Hill 22 during the afternoon. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon, Company C commenced patrolling at 172100H and continued to operate throughout the day in the vicinity of (AT925735) to (AT926718). At 181230H, a squad from the 3d Platoon, Company C patrolled to (AT914737) to (AT928718) and remained out at the close of this report. The battalion had no further VC contact during the reporting period.

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b. 2/3. The battalion continues to defend the northern portion of the DA NANG TAOR with Companies E (-), F and H occupying positions along the MSR. The ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) continued to be supported by the 3d Platoon, Company E. The battalion rear area is defended by Company G and H&S Company. The battalion maintained its offensive posture by the establishment of eleven squad sized ambushes on likely avenues of approach and conducting three squad and five platoon sized patrols. A reinforced squad from Company E patrolled from 180800H to 181600H from (AT881826), (AT866832), (AT8646825), and (AT885823). Company F had two platoons out with the 1st Platoon conducting two patrols. The first was from 172000H to 172300H to (AT858759), (AT848764), to (AT845769) and the second to (AT853777) to (AT868775) to (AT902775). The 3d Platoon, Company F commenced a patrol at 181600H in the area to the west of the MSR to the vicinity of THON PHUOC SON (AT8676) and remained out at the close of this report. All three of Company H's rifle platoons conducted patrol activity. The 1st Platoon had a squad out from 180900H to 181200H to (AT880786), (AT871789), (AT880794) to (AT870788). The 2d Platoon continued its extended patrol to the east of the MSR from its base at (AT928807). The 3d Platoon, Company H returned to its CP from an extended patrol east of the MSR. The platoon remained in a patrol base at (AT932800) without contact during the night. One squad from the 1st Platoon, Company G patrolled from 171900H to 180500H in the (AT9479), (AT9379), (AT9380), (AT9381), (AT9482). The battalion had no VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 3/4. The equivalent of three rifle companies continued to occupy a perimeter defense around the vital PHU BAI Airfield Complex. Four local security patrols were conducted around the vital area without VC contact. Aggressive patrolling, ambush and surveillance activity continued throughout the reporting period with two squads from Company L operating in the vicinity of (YD9010) and the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintaining an observation post at (YD820155). While the 1st Platoon provided security for a medical team, the 2d, 3d and 4th continued to provide security for the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151) and THUY PHU (YD913117) without incident.

d. 4/12. Fired 26 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI, of which 6 were observed and 4 unobserved, 13 H&I's and 3 illumination.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	13	0	32	45
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	9	0	47	56
	Totals	22	0	79	101

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

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(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>			<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU DAI</u>
(a)	Night Contacts		2	0
(b)	Day Contacts		0	0
(c)	Total Contacts		2	0
(d)	Action Without Contacts		15	3
(e)	<u>Box Scores</u>		<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>		
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
(AT925674)	172400H	Patrol to Ambush M-1/1/2 WIA		Unk/None
<u>THUA THIEN</u>				
NONE				

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. The battalion will continue its defense of the assigned TAOR with two companies along the MLR, two platoons defending the Hawk Missile Sites and the DEC DAI LA Pass (AT9475), and two Companies south of the BONG TUY LOAN in the Hill 41 (AT9366), Hill 22 (AT9566) complex. During the next 24 hours, seven new patrols will be conducted. The 2d Platoon, Company A will conduct a combat patrol from Hill 22 (AT9566) to LA CHAU (5) (AT9866) from 190800H to 191100H. The 3d Platoon, Company A will depart Hill 22 at 191200H enroute to (AT966670) and will return by 191700H. The 1st Platoon, Company C will patrol from 182100H to 190100H to checkpoints #1 (AT914736), #2 (AT917728), #3 (AT927718). The 3d Platoon, Company C will helilift at 190900H to (AT894708) and move to establish a patrol base at (AT88708). The platoon is scheduled to return at 201800H. The 2d Platoon, Company D will patrol from 190530H to 191600H over (AT936706), (AT924703), (AT909696), (AT914679), (AT929695), (AT943696), to (AT947707). The 1st Platoon, Company M will depart Hill 41 (AT9366) and move to establish a patrol base at (AT891651). The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 182200H to 190200H to (AT93583), (AT941678), (AT942672).

b. 2/3. Three companies will continue to be deployed along the MLR. One platoon will be maintained in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The fourth rifle company will occupy defensive positions in the battalion rear area. Squad ambushes will continue to be conducted during the next 24 hours as will the following patrols. One squad from the 2d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 190800H to 191600H to (AT885823), (AT861825), (AT861819), (AT870311), (AT885823). The 1st Platoon,

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~~Company F will move to establish a patrol base at (AT874751) at 190700H. The~~
 3d Platoon, Company F, presently on patrol, will remain out operating in the
 vicinity of (AT892770), (AT883768), (AT874751) until 182300H. From 190700H
 to 191100H, the platoon will patrol to (AT863747), (AT860740), (AT870754),
 (AT871761), (AT883768), (AT892770), (AT902775). One squad from the 3d Platoon,
 Company G will patrol from 190800H to 191200H to (AT924769), (AT934774), (AT
 926774), (AT911774), (AT904778), (AT906784). One squad from the 1st Platoon,
 Company H will patrol from 190900H to 191200H over (AT891801), (AT881791),
 (AT884795), (AT874751) to (AT895795) while the remaining two squads will patrol
 from 191200H to 200000H to (AT913791), (AT928796), (AT926811), (AT918807) to
 (AT923796), (AT918795), (AT913806), (AT904795).

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to defend the vital HUE PHU BAI
 Airfield Complex and will continue to conduct ambush, patrol and surveillance
 activity. Company I with an attachment of Engineers and the 3d Platoon, Com-
 pany G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will depart the high ground at (YD842155)
 at 180800H and move by foot to an assembly area at (YD818088). From there the
 platoons will move to establish separate reinforced platoon sized ambushes at
 (YD805055), (YD800064), and (YD797072). While the rifle platoons occupy their
 ambush positions, the Recon Platoon will establish a daylight OP/night ambush
 at (YD800073), while the battalion scouts, an FO and FAC establish an OP at
 (YD812079).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE
 PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad sizes:

- (a) Company A (AT943684), (AT955660), (AT943672)
- (b) Company B (AT967705)
- (c) Company D (AT948707)
- (d) Company M (AT888675), (AT941678)

(2) 2/3. All squad sizes:

- (a) Company E (AT889819), (AT931844), (AT892815)
- (b) Company F (AT914742), (AT893772), (AT871756), (AT872762)
- (c) Company G (AT910762)
- (d) Company H (AT902800), (AT891800), (AT925807)

(3) 3/4.

- (a) Company L (YD9010), 2 squads
- (b) 3d Plat., Company G, Recon Battalion (YD820155)

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f. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Patrols	20	1	21
(b) Ambushes	18	2	20
(c) Company Operations	0	1	1
Totals	38	4	42

4. Civic Action(a) Hq Co.

(1) The Regimental Surgeon held sick call in the KHANH SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720), a total of 20 persons received treatment.

(b) 1/1

(1) The Battalion Medical Team treated 94 persons at LA GIAB school (AT946697), they also provided 8 lbs. of salt for the children of the school.

(c) 2/3

(1) An I Corps "Psychological Warfare Audio Team" operated in HOA THACH village (AT899784) on 18 October. The Battalion CA Officer, stated that they were well received and had a favorable effect on the population.

(2) The CA Team of F Company gave medical treatment to 73 villagers of TUNG SON (AT892781), they also distributed vitamin pills to all persons attending sick call.

(3) The LE MY medical center (AT900795) treated 67 children on 18 October 1965.

(d) 3/4

(1) The OAC gave medical aid to 31 persons in the village of LOC BON (YD925105), and also treated 23 villagers of THAI PHU (YD913117).

(e) Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
	Hq Co.	20
DA NANG	1/1	94
DA NANG	2/3	140
DA NANG	3/4	54
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5. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY R. E. ABINGRELEASED BY H. J. CASHINCONFIDENTIAL

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3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP 180000Z - 191800Z Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by three contacts within its DA HANG TAOI. The first was a minor contact which occurred at 182015Z when a single burst of automatic weapon fire was received by the 2d Platoon, Company F. Shortly thereafter, a squad dispatched to search out the area moved to apprehend two individuals located at (AT918746) and received automatic weapons fire from an estimated three VC located at (AT911749). There were no friendly casualties nor confirmed VC casualties. The third contact occurred in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area when at 182123Z, one Marine on duty at a radio relay site at (AT954724) was KIA by small arms fire, there were no known VC casualties. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their respective sites. During the reporting period, there were 30 patrols and 18 ambushes conducted at DA HANG, while at 3d BATT there were 9 patrols and 2 ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to conduct defensive and offensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA HANG TAOI. Companies C and D remained in defensive positions along the M4, while two platoons of Company B continue to occupy defensive positions at the Hawk Missile Sites and the pass at (AT941754). The area south of the DA HANG TAOI down to Phase Line Orange continued to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and M (Rein) from command posts located on Hill 22 (AT9366) and Hill 41 (AT9366) respectively. At 182123Z a Marine from Headquarters Company, 3d Marines occupying a radio relay site at (AT954724) was KIA by small arms fire. Two VC were observed running from the site and were pursued by fire. The subsequent search revealed nothing. There was no further contact during the night. The 2d Platoon, Company A patrolling this morning to LA CHAU (S) (AT9666) and the 3d Platoon patrolled to (AT966670) returning to the CP by 191700H. The 1st Platoon, Company C patrolled from 182100H to 190100H, through the villages of THON PHUOC HUNG (AT9172) and THON TRIAI LAI (AT9271) without incident. The 2d Platoon, Company D patrolled from 190530H to 191523Z within (AT9370), (AT9270), (AT9269) to (AT9069) to (AT9470) without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company M operated from a patrol base at (AT9366), while the 2d Platoon patrolled from 182200H to 190200H to (AT933643), (AT941670) to (AT942672), without significant observation.

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b. 3/3. Defense of the tactical area of responsibility continued with Companies J (-), F and H occupying defensive positions along the H&R and one platoon from Company E maintaining defensive positions in support of the ARVC Company at the H&R Bridge (AT9284). Company G continued to defend the rear area and to maintain its posture of Division Reserve. At 1800Z, the 2d Platoon, Company F while occupying defensive positions along the high ground within (AT9174) received a burst of automatic weapons fire from one VC who was observed fleeing upon illumination. The platoon observed two men standing by a fence at (AT918745) at 172100H. When a squad was sent to investigate, the men ran into the village at (AT917745). The patrol received 15-30 rounds from an estimated three VC located at (AT911749). The fire was immediately returned and the area searched with negative results. There were no friendly casualties nor confirmed VC casualties. The battalion experienced no further VC contact during the reporting period. The 2d Platoon, Company E had a squad patrol from 191000H to 191400H to (AT85323), (AT864825), (AT85323). The 3d Platoon Company F continued its extended patrol activity operating today in the TAN AN PHUNG (AT917) area. A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company G patrolled from 190800H to 191200H to (AT924769), (AT934774), (AT911774), (AT900744). A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H patrolled from 190900H to 191200H to (AT911911), (AT877746), (AT855795). The 2d and 3d Platoons of Company H returned to the CB this morning from extended patrols in the eastern portion of the battalion area.

c. 3/4. Defense of the vital area of the HUE PHU LAY TACOM continued with the equivalent of a minimum of three rifle companies manning a perimeter defense. Between 180000H and 190400H, four squad sized local security patrols were conducted along the airfield perimeter without Viet Cong contact. Two squads came from Company E and two were from Company L. This morning, Company I with an attachment of Engineers and the 3d Reconnaissance platoon departed (YD842155) at 190000H and moved by foot to (YD813039). The company selected platoon attack sites for this evening at (YD805055), (YD800064) and (YD797077). The reconnaissance platoon moved to and established an observation post at (YD842155) reporting no significant observations during this reporting period.

d. 4/12. Fired 86 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marine at PHU LAY, of which 70 were not observed H&R's and 16 were observed. Two of the observed were fired in support of the Combined Action Company, one in support of the ARVC, 12 for the 4/12 CP (YD843145) and one at a suspected VC location at (YD797077).

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	101mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
	HE	30	160	92	282
	WP	0	35	0	35
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Flare	23	0	0	23
	Total	53	195	92	340

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	<u>LA LANG</u>	<u>THU DIA</u>
(a) Night Contacts	3	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	3	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	12	2
(e) <u>Box Losses</u>		

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
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(AT951724)	182125H	Radio Relay Site Infiltration	HqCo-30th/1 MIA	Unit/None
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None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Will continue its defense of the assigned sector of the BA HANG TACH with two platoons defending the Hill 327 (AT9775) complex and the DMZ D-1 LA Pass (AT9475). Two companies along the M.R. and two reinforced companies south of the SONO TUY LOAN, generally along Phase line Orange. Tomorrow, the 3d Platoon, Company C will helilift at 200900H to (AT894708) and move to establish a patrol base at (AT889708) for extended operations. The 2d Platoon of Company C will patrol from 200900H to 211600H to (AT915734), (AT904710), (AT919716), (AT915730). The 1st Platoon, Company A is presently occupying defensive positions near the dam in (AT9565). At 201200H, the 3d Platoon, Company A will relieve the 1st Platoon in place and the 1st platoon will return to Hill 22 (AT9566). The 3d Platoon, Company A will establish a road block at (YD943658) from 200500H to 200900H. The 3d Platoon, Company B will patrol from (AT965718), (AT955715), (AT949705), (AT959701) from 200200H to 201300H. The 3d Platoon, Company B will patrol from 200300H to 201700H in the area (AT945700) to (AT931710). The 1st Platoon, Company H will establish a patrol base at (AT891651) for a 48 hour period. The platoon will then conduct limited patrol activity in that area.

b. 2/3. The battalion will continue to defend its vital area with three rifle companies deployed along the M.R., one platoon in support of the ARVN Company at the HAK O Bridge (AT9284) and the fourth rifle company defending the rear area. Numerous squad sized ambushes will continue to be established along likely avenues of approach. The 1st Platoon, Company E will patrol from 200300H

to 201100H to (AT916025), (AT924018), (AT917621), (AT905020). The 2d Platoon, Company F will conduct the following patrols: 191800H to 192000H to (AT852770), (AT862768), (AT879764), (AT871761), (AT855759), (AT857764), (AT843770); squad, 200700H to 201230H to (AT843768), (AT836767), (AT830771), (AT848770); squad 201300H to 201600H to (AT850770), (AT856771), (AT844770); platoon 201700H to 201930H to (AT856766), (AT862763), (AT871761), (AT870754), (AT870750). The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 200900H to 201200H to (AT897773) to (AT902775). The 1st Platoon, Company H will continue its patrol commenced today at 192200H and will return at 201200H. The 2d Platoon, Company H will patrol from 200900H to 201200H following (AT857790), (AT857793), (AT872785), (AT887782), (AT895790).

e. 2/1. The battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum, the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the vital PHU MY TAO. Offensive operations will continue with Company I operating in the southwestern portion of the TAO. By 192000H, the three rifle platoons will have occupied platoon ambush sites at (YD809055), (YD800064), (YD797077) and will remain in those positions until 200800H. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion will maintain its OP at (YD814125). The Battalion Scouts, a PC and PAC Teams will continue to maintain an OP at (YD812079). All units will juncture and be helilifted back to the Battalion area at 200800H. The Combined Action Company will continue to provide security and conduct civic action projects in the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC DON (YD925105).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAY.

e. Amphibies Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad sizes:

- (a) Company A (AT957655), (AT952668), (AT943672)
- (b) Company B (AT956703)
- (c) Company C (AT926717)
- (d) Company D (AT947724), (AT942617)
- (e) Company H (AT886557), (AT935658), (AT933668)

(2) 2/1. All squad sizes:

- (a) Company E (AT886423), (AT88410), (AT933841)
- (b) Company F (AT919712), (AT892769), (AT842768), (AT858764)
- (c) Company G (AT916765)
- (d) Company H (AT902800), (AT891800)

SECTION(3) 3/4. All Platoon Sizes:

(a) Company 1 (YD803055), (YD800064), (YD797077)

(b) 3d Platoon, Company 2, 3d Recon Battalion (YD842155)

f. Summary of Operations:	<u>DA HANG</u>	<u>THU DAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Patrols	13	3	16
b. Ambushes	20	4	24
c. Company Operations	0	1	1
Totals	33	8	41

4. Civil Action(1) Hq Co.

a. On 19 October, the Regimental Surgeon treated 37 people at the THANH SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720).

(2) 2/1

a. On 19 October, the Civil Affairs Team held sick call at the HIEU DUC District Headquarters dispensary (AT945699), 68 villagers were treated. Candy was distributed to approximately 100 children.

b. Mr. BONG, in charge of Health and Sanitation for the HIEU DUC District, was given 24 boxes and 250 bars of soap to be used at the district dispensary.

(3) 2/2

a. On 19 October, the 15 PX medical center (AT900795) gave medical aid to a total of 124 persons.

(4) 2/4

a. On 19 October, a Dental Detachment team from A Med performed 22 extractions on 22 patients at the main Buddhist Pagoda in HUE (YD751234).

(5) Medical RECAP

<u>THOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DA HANG	Hq Co.	37
DA HANG	1/1	68
DA HANG	2/2	124
THU DAI	3/4	22
	5	<u>251</u>

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5. Miscellaneous. Note.

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3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #197 191800H - 201800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The prominent event in 3d Marines activity occurred at 200530H in the southwest portion of the PHU BAI TAOR, when one Marine was KIA and two were WIA by 3 to 5 grenades thrown by four VC during an ambush engagement. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their respective sites. During the reporting period, there were 33 patrols and 20 ambushes conducted within the DA NANG TAOR, while at PHU BAI, there were 7 patrols and 4 ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The Hill 41, Hill 22 (AT9566) complex continued to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and M (Rein) while Companies C and D occupied defensive positions along the MLR, north of the SONG TUY LOAN. Two platoons from Company B continued to defend the Hawk Missile Sites and the DEO BAI LA Pass (AT 9475). The battalion deactivated its ten squad sized night ambushes by 200700H and reported no VC contact. An offensive posture was maintained by elements of all five of the battalions rifle companies. The 3d Platoon, Company C patrolled by foot march to their patrol base (AT888708) without VC contact. The 2d Platoon of Company C patrolled from (AT913734), (AT904710), (AT919716), to (AT 915730) commencing at 200900H and will remain out until 211600H. The 3d Platoon, Company B patrolled from 200800H - 201300H within (AT9671), (AT9571), (AT 9570) and (AT9470). The 3d Platoon, Company D patrolled from 200800H to 201700H in the area (AT945700) to (AT931710). In patrol activity south of the river, the 2d Platoon, Company A moved to relieve the 1st Platoon, Company A at the dam within (AT9565) and the 1st Platoon patrolled back to Hill 22 (AT9566) without contact. A road block was established by the 3d Platoon, Company A from 200900H to 201200H on the road at (AT943658). The 1st Platoon, Company M conducted limited patrol activity from their patrol base at (AT891651). There was no reported Viet Cong contact during this reporting period.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defense of its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR with Companies E (-), F and H along the MLR and one platoon from Company E in support of the ARVN Company defending the NAM O Bridge area (AT9284). The night terminated with the battalion deactivating its ten squad size ambushes without VC contact. The battalion continued to saturate its TAOR with six squads and two platoons conducting patrol activity during this period. A reinforced squad, from Company E, patrolled from 200800H to 201400H in the low ground to the east of LE MY (AT8981) with emphasis on (AT9081), (AT9181), (AT9182) and (AT9281). The 2d Platoon, Company F continued throughout the day to operate from its patrol base at (AT848770) and conducted two squad patrols to the west and north. The 3d Platoon, Company F dispatched a squad (-) patrol from 200900H

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to 201200H to the vicinity of (AT899773) to (AT902775). One squad from the 3d Platoon, Company G patrolled from 200800H to 201200H to (AT906764), (AT 919765), (AT917760), (AT916754), (AT920743) to (AT909745). The 1st Platoon, Company H continued its patrol which commenced yesterday, returning to its CP by 201200H without VC contact. One squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 200900H to 201200H to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785), (AT887782), (AT 895790).

c. 3/4. Defense of the vital area of the PHU BAI TACH continued with Companies K and L, H&S Company and elements of the LSU manning a perimeter defense. Three local security squad sized patrols were conducted around the airfield during the hours of darkness. At 200530H, the 1st Platoon, Company I was in ambush position at (ID797070) when 4 VC on a raft were observed on the river. The VC disembarked from the raft approximately 20 meters from the platoon. They were immediately taken under fire, and during the ensuing fight, the VC threw 3 to 5 grenades which resulted in one Marine being KIA and 2 WIA. The area was illuminated by 60mm mortars and the subsequent search revealed negative findings. The platoon was helilifted back to the Battalion CP by 201145H without further contact. The 1st and 3d Squads of the 3d Platoon, Company I moved to (ID869209) and selected a night ambush site. The 1st and 3d Platoon of the Combined Action Company returned to the Battalion CP, while the 2d and 4th continued security of their assigned villages without incident.

d. 4/12. Fired 51 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 4 were observed, 3 registration and 44 H&I's. Three observed missions were fired in support of the ARVN and one in support of the Combined Action Company.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	61	0	21	82
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Film	3	0	7	10
	Totals	64	0	28	92

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	DA NANG	PHU BAI
(a) Night Contacts	0	1
(b) Day Contacts	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	0	1
(d) Action Without Contact	13	2
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

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<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
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(YD 797070)	200645H	Ambush	I-3/4/ 1 KIA 2 WIA	Unk/Unk
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3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to defend their assigned sector within the DA NANG TAOR. Offensive posture will be maintained by conducting aggressive patrols and establishing numerous ambushes. During the next 24 hours, the battalion plans the following patrols. The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol from its CP at Hill 22 (AT9566) to DUKEN SON (3), (AT9565), from 211500H to 211800H. The 2d Platoon, Company C will patrol from 211230H to 211800H to (AT 916728), (AT927718), (AT905710), (AT913734). The 3d Platoon, Company C will establish its patrol base at (AT888708) and will continue operations in that area until 211900H. The Weapons Platoon, Company C will have a composite reinforced squad patrol from 201930H to 202400H to (AT914736), (AT917728) to (AT928774). The 1st Platoon, Company M will move its platoon patrol base to (AT887666) at 201800H.

b. 2/3. Will continue with three rifle companies occupying positions along the MLR and one company in defense of the rear area. One reinforced rifle platoon will be maintained at the NAM O Bridge. Squad sized ambushes will be established and patrols conducted as follows: The 2d Platoon, Company E will dispatch a reinforced squad to (AT882810), (AT871810), (AT864825), (AT866832) to (AT 881826) from 210800H to 211400H. One squad from the 1st Platoon, Company F will patrol from 211300H to 211630H to (AT908746), (AT908751) to (AT914746). The Company F Headquarters will conduct a squad (-) patrol from 211300H to 211600H to (AT899772) and (AT902775). The 1st Platoon of Company F will patrol from 211800H - 212300H to (AT899773), (AT897776), (AT874778), (AT869775) to (AT 865778). The 3d Platoon, Company G will provide a squad patrol from 210600H to 211200H to (AT919759), (AT919754), (AT910751), (AT901749), (AT897755), (AT 899761) and (AT901772). The 2d Platoon, Company H will provide a squad patrol from 210900H to 211200H following (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT 878796) to (AT895795). The 3d Platoon, Company H will continue its patrol commenced on 201800H until 220800H to (AT924795), (AT920800), (AT937807), (AT 935813).

c. 3/4. Will continue to defend the PHU BAI Airfield Complex with the equivalent of three companies occupying defensive positions. Squad sized local security patrols will continue to be conducted during the hours of darkness around the airfield perimeter. Offensive operations forward of the MLR will continue with Company I dispatching 1 squad to establish a daylight ambush at (YD 814125) and will return to the Battalion CP via (YD842155) before 211900H. Two squads from Company I will move to establish a night ambush within (YD8285). Company L will dispatch two squads to establish a daylight ambush at (YD891102) and after dark, move to the southeast and establish a night ambush within (YD 8809). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion with a team of Engineers will conduct a daylight patrol to (YD819182) to (YD807162) and return to the Battalion CP by 212000H.

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d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size.

(a) Company A (AT950665), (AT975670), (AT962664)

(b) Company C (AT895705)

(c) Company M (AT895599)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

(a) Company B (AT885823), (AT890817), (AT930843)

(b) Company F (AT908746), (AT905776)

(c) Company G (AT910762)

(d) Company H (AT896804), (AT895796), (AT916806)

(3) 3/4

(a) Company I (YD842155) squad

(b) Company L (YD869091) 2 squads

f. Summary of Operations:	<u>DA NAME</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Patrols	10	2	12
(b) Ambushes	14	2	16
Totals	24	4	28

4. Civic Action

(1) Hq Co.

a. On 20 October, the Regimental Surgeon held sick call for 41 persons at the KHAM SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720).

(2) 1/4

a. On 20 October, the Battalion CA Officer, along with the Battalion ARVN Liaison Officer, held a one hour English class for 35 students of the LA CHAU High School (AT946697).

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b. A total of 47 children were treated medically at the above named school.

(3) 2/2

a. The LE MY medical center treated 119 people on 20 October.

b. A Battalion Order was published on 20 October which establishes regulations for the DA PHUOC market place (AT943788). A representative of the village chief will be present at all hours of operation to insure that vendors operate according to regulations.

(4) 2/4

a. The Battalion medical team treated a total of 92 villagers of THUY TAN (YD909149), there were also 6 persons receiving medical treatment in the village of THUY PHU (YD913117).

(5) Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TREATMENTS</u>
DA NANG	Hq Co.	41
DA NANG	1/1	47
DA NANG	2/3	119
PHU BAI	3/4	92

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #198 201800H - 211800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by three contacts all of which occurred within the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area of responsibility. Two were minor contacts with the first occurring at approximately 201800H when the 2d Platoon, Company A received 8-12 rounds of small arms fire at (AT958658). The second happened at 211045H when the 3d Platoon, Company C received two rounds of sniper fire at (AT900705). The major contact occurred at 210105H when a patrol, the 1st Platoon, Company M, made contact with approximately 10 VC. Three VC were KIA and two weapons were captured. There were no friendly casualties. During the reporting period there were 24 patrols and 14 ambushes at DA NANG, while at PHU BAI there were 4 patrols and 2 ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to conduct defensive and offensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR. Companies C and D remained in defensive positions along the MLR, while two platoons of Company B continued to occupy defensive positions at the Hawk Missile sites and the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). The area south of the SONG TUY LOAN down to Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and M (Rein) from command posts located at Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366) respectively. The battalion had three contacts with the Viet Cong during the reporting period. At 201800H, the 2d Platoon, Company A (AT958658) received 8-12 rounds believed to have come from the east bank of the SONG YEN at (AT958654). There were no casualties. This morning at 211045H, the 3d Platoon, Company C received two rounds of sniper fire at (AT900705). At 210105H, the Company M CP located on Hill 41 (AT9366) observed a fire fight to their northeast. At this time the 1st Platoon, Company M ~~patrol~~ on patrol had engaged 10 VC and had temporarily lost radio contact. The ensuing fire fight lasted approximately five minutes ~~resulting~~ which three Viet Cong were KIA and one Chinese 7.62 rifle, one U.S. Submachine Gun, ammunition, four grenades and 782 gear captured. There were no friendly casualties and the patrol returned to their Company CP at 210155H without further incident. Extensive patrolling was conducted throughout the TAOR. The 1st Platoon, Company A patrolled this afternoon to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565). The 3d Platoon, Company A moved to relieve the 2d Platoon, Company A at (AT958658) at 211410H and the 2d Platoon returned to the Company CP, Hill 22 (AT9566), apprehending one VCS at (AT954652) enroute. The 2d Platoon, Company C patrolled this afternoon without contact to (AT916728), (AT927718), (AT905710), (AT913734). The 3d Platoon, Company C continued to conduct patrol activity from (AT888708) with their only contact given above. The Weapons Platoon, Company C completed an uneventful squad patrol within (AT9173), (AT9172) to (AT9277) from 201930H to 202400H. The 1st Platoon, Company M patrolled from its base and made VC contact as indicated above.

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b. 2/3. Defense of the area of responsibility continued with Companies E (-), F and H occupying defensive positions along the MLR and one platoon from Company E maintaining defensive positions in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Company G continued to defend the rear area and maintain surveillance from Hill 232 (AT9378). The battalion continued to establish squad size ambushes with nine being deactivated without contact this morning. The 2d Platoon, Company E dispatched a squad patrol from 210800H to 211400H to (AT 882810), (AT871810), (AT864824), (AT866832) to (AT881826). Company F conducted extensive aggressive patrols as follows: Company Headquarters, Squad (-), 211300H - 211600H to (AT899772); 1st Platoon, 211300H - 211630H to (AT908746), (AT908751) to (AT914746); the 2d Platoon dispatched a squad which patrolled from 210800H to 211300H to (AT871761), (AT882768), (AT892770); the 2d Platoon (Rein) patrolled from 201700H to 201930H to (AT856766), (AT862763), to (AT871761), (AT 870750). A squad from the 3d Platoon, Company G patrolled, (AT9175) to (AT9074) to (AT8975) from 210600H to 211200H. One squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 210900H - 211200H to (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795) to (AT 895795). The battalion had no VC contact during the reporting period.

c. 2/4. Defense of the vital area of the HUE PHU BAI TAOR continued with the equivalent of three rifle companies manning a perimeter defense. Between 202000H and 210600H four local security squad size patrols were conducted along the airfield perimeter without VC contact. Three of the patrolling squads were dispatched by Company K, while the fourth came from Company L. Company L deactivated its two squad night ambushes at (YD927086) and moved at first light to establish a daylight ambush at (YD891102). The 2d and 3d squads, Company I moved to (YD8215) and conducted reconnaissance in conjunction with a planned night ambush. There was no VC contact during the reporting period. The Combined Action Company conducted security patrols in and around the village of THUY TAN (YD 908151).

d. 4/12. Fired 115 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines of which 10 were observed, 13 unobserved and 92 were M&I's.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	97	19	98	214
	MF	2	0	0	2
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	10	3	14	27
	TOTALS	109	22	112	243

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions</u>	DA NANG	PHU BAI
(a) Night Contacts	2	0
(b) Day Contacts	2	0
(c) Total Contacts	4	0
(d) Action Without Contact	22	4

(c) Box Scores

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
(AT943677)	210105H	Patrol	M 3/4/None	Unk/3 KIA 1 CHICOM 7.62 Carbine 1 U.S. Thompson Sub- Machine Gun
(AT954652)	211410H	Patrol	A 1/1None	Unk/ 1 VCS

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NONE

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to maintain two companies along the MLR, two platoons defending the Hill 327 (AT9773) complex and the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT 9475) and two reinforced companies south of the SONG TUY LOAN in the Hill 41 (AT 9366), Hill 22 (AT9566) complex. In addition to the establishment of numerous ambushes, the following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A from 221300H to 221700H will patrol to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) from Hill 22 (AT9566). During the morning from 220700H to 221100H the 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol from Hill 22 to PHU BON (3) (AT9564). The 1st Platoon, Company C will dispatch a squad patrol from 220900H to 221800H to cover (AT914724), (AT877735), (AT885739), (AT899722), (AT919726). 1st Platoon (Rein), Company D will patrol from 220800H to 221600H to (AT928712), (AT945697), (AT942688). The 2d Platoon, Company D will provide two squad patrols, one from 221000H to 221400H to (AT953712), (AT947700), (AT940713) to (AT928711), and the second from 221200H to 221600H to (AT929711), (AT938708), (AT947700), (AT942705), (AT935713). Company M will conduct two patrols from its CP on Hill 41 (AT9366) with the first being the 1st Platoon during the morning from 220800H to 221300H to (AT918655), (AT911665), (AT922678) and the second the 3d Platoon sweeping PHUOC NINH (3) (AT9267) from 221400H to 221800H.

b. 2/3. ^{Two} Three rifle companies will continue to be deployed along the MLR. One rifle platoon will be maintained in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The fourth rifle company will occupy defensive positions in the battalion rear area. In addition to the establishment of numerous squad size ambushes, one patrol will be commenced. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H will patrol from 221300H to 231300H to (AT903791), (AT 900784), (AT920795), (AT948798), (AT952807), (AT954812), (AT944803), (AT920795), (AT903791). Two Companies (G and E) will participate in Operation "Red Snapper."

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the vital HUE PHU BAI Airfield Complex. Two reinforced platoons from Company K will continue to maintain positions at the airfield, while two squads maintain the outpost at Hill 225 (YD8408).

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Company 1 will maintain security of Highway #1 and with one squad conduct a daylight ambush within (YD8015). Two squads from Company 1 will conduct a night ambush within (YD8116). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will establish a daylight observation post at (YD891079). The Combined Action Company will continue operations in THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size:

- (a) Company A (AT956668), (AT943664), (AT953654)
- (b) Company D (AT953726)
- (c) Company H (AT921665), (AT916670), (AT920677)

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(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT889820), (AT891815), (AT933841)
- (b) Company F (AT897770), (AT910752)
- (c) Company G (AT910762), (AT938815), (AT948815)
- (d) Company H (AT891800), (AT896804)

(3) 3/4

(a) Company I (YD9009) 2 squads.

f. <u>Summary of Operations:</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Patrol	12	3	15
(b) Ambushes	17	1	18
TOTALS	29	4	33

4. Civic Actiona. Hq Co.

(1) On 21 October, the Regimental Surgeon treated a total of 23 persons at the NHAM SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720).

b. 1/1

(1) On 21 October, medical aid was given to 36 villagers at the HIEU DUC District Dispensary (AT945699).

c. 2/3

(1) On 20 October, General Westmoreland and General WALT visited LE MY. Among the places visited were the Medical Center, the Refugee Center and the Market Place.

(2) On 21 October, the LE MY dispensary (AT901819), treated a total of 117 persons, while the Company Corpman gave medical aid to 41 villagers of THUO SON (AT893701).

c. 3/4

(1) On 21 October, the CAC medical team treated 84 people in the village of THUY LUONG (YD875182), while the medical team from 4/12 treated 71 villagers of THU LUONG (YD866156).

e. Red Hagar

<u>TRAO</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TREATMENTS</u>
DA NANG	Hq Co	23
DA NANG	1/1	36
DA NANG	2/3	158
THU BAI	3/4	155

5. Miscellaneous

a. General WESTMORELAND visited the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines for lunch this morning and presented Captain HARMON, Commanding Officer of I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines with a decoration.

b. Mr. BORG, National Commander of the VFW visited the 3d Marines CP and the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in the LE MY area today.

c. LtGeneral LEE, the Director of Operations for the Supreme Thailand Armed Forces, accompanied by MajGeneral WRIGHTHOUSE and a party of 13 others visited the 3d Marines CP and the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines at LE MY this afternoon.

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #199 211800H to 221800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) search and destroy mission in the area north of Highway #1 between (ZD095005) to (AUG60000), in conjunction with an ARVN regimental search and clear operation south of Highway #1. The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines moved one company reinforced with headquarters elements and supporting arms units north by motor march and established a command post by 220740H. Simultaneously, one reinforced company moved by LCU and landed over Orange Beach (AUG405) by 220720H. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company established six CP's along Highway #1 in trace of the motor column. The operation progressed as scheduled with the only contact occurring at 221027H when Company G received two rounds of small arms fire at (AUG28052). At 221200H, one Marine from the 2d Platoon, Company M was KIA by the detonation of a booby trap believed to have been a grenade. During the reporting period, there were 25 patrols and 17 ambushes conducted within the DA NANG TAOB, while at HUE PHU BAI, there were 7 patrols and 2 ambushes. One Battalion minus operation was commenced.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to conduct defensive and offensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOB. Companies C and D (-) remained in defensive positions along the MLR, while Company B (-) continues to occupy defensive positions at the Hawk Missile Site and pass at (AT941754). The area generally along Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and M (Rein) from command posts located at Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366). The battalion deactivated its mine squad size ambushes by 220700H without incident. At 221200H, while conducting a local security patrol, the 2d Platoon, Company M sustained one USMC KIA at (AT925688) when an explosive device believed to have been a booby trapped grenade was detonated. The 1st Platoon, Company A patrolled to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) from 221300H - 221700H and the 3d Platoon, Company A patrolled this morning to PHU SON (3) (AT9564) both without contact. The 1st Platoon, Company G conducted a squad patrol from 220900H to 221800H over the route (AT914724), (AT877735), (AT885739) to (AT919726). The 1st Platoon (Rein), Company D patrolled from 220800H to 221600H to (AT928712), (AT945697), (AT942688). The 2d Platoon, Company D conducted two squad size patrols. The first patrolled from 221000H to 221400H to (AT953712), (AT947700), (AT940713) to (AT928711). The second was out from 221200H to 221600H covering (AT929711), (AT938708), (AT947700), (AT942705) to (AT935713). The 3d Platoon, Company M swept the village of PHUOC BINH (3) (AT9267) from 221400H to 221600H.

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b. 2/3. Defense of the tactical area of responsibility conti-
 Companies E (-), B, a composite company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Co.
 occupying defensive positions along the MR, and one platoon from Company
 maintaining defensive positions in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O
 Bridge (AT9284). Security of the rear area was provided by elements of NAS
 Company. The battalion deactivated its squad also night subsector at first
 light, reporting negative contact. Limited patrol activity was scheduled in
 view of participation in Operation "Red Sniper". A squad from the 2d Platoon,
 Company H patrolled without incident from 221300H to the close of this report
 from (AT903791) to (AT920795) to (AT952807) to (AT964803) to (AT903791). The
 battalion commenced its portion of the operation "Red Sniper" this morning with
 Company F reinforced with a headquarters group, platoon of A's and the 4.2
 mortar battery (-) from 1/12 crossing the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) at 220449H in a
 mechanized/motor column. By 220230H, Company G had boarded two LCV's and was
 enroute ~~offshore~~, landing across Orange Beach (1) by 220729H. By 220740H, Company
 F (Rein) had advanced without contact to (AT953012) and had established a forward
 command post. By 221029H, the 2d Platoon, Company G had advanced to (AU828052)
 where they received two rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of (AU831056).
 The remainder of Company G was located at (AU835012) enroute to the 2d Platoon.
 There were no casualties. Company F remained at its established command post
 without incident. From 221400H to 221700H a provisional unit from Company F
 conducted a reconnaissance patrol to (AU834004), (AU819010), (AU835011) to (AU
 807019). The patrol provided security for an interrogation team operating in
 the hamlet within (AU8001). At 221329H, the 2d Platoon, Company G located three
 caves in the vicinity of (AU827057), one of which contained 4.5 pounds of TNT
 which was retained by the patrol. At 221500H, Company F was deployed along (AU
 848024), (AU830007), (AU835040) and with the Battalion Command Group at (AU
 839028). The CP group moved to and remained at (AU839028) throughout the duration
 of the reporting period. There was no further contact, nor significant observa-
 tions during the day.

c. 3/4. The vital RUE PHU BAI Airport complex continued to be defended
 by three companies mounting a perimeter defense. Company K maintained two re-
 inforced platoons in defense of the airfield and one platoon minus mounting a
 combat outpost on Hill 225 (TD8406). At 221549H, the 1st truck in a motorized
 column transporting Company I, struck a land mine at (TD839132). Six Marines
 were KIA. The remainder of the column continued enroute to Hill 36 (TD 830144)
 Company I will participate in a combined search and clear operation in the general
 vicinity of (TD794603). Friendly forces participating include the 921st RF Com-
 pany and the NAM HOA PF unit. Two squads from the company patrolled from the
 Battalion area to (TD8116) and conducted reconnaissance for a night ambush loca-
 tion. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintained a daylight
 observation post at (TD891079) without significant observation. There were four
 squad size local security patrols conducted in and around the airfield complex
 without contact. Three of the patrols were provided by Company K and the fourth
 was from Company L.

d. 4/5. Fired 90 mission in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at
 PHU BAI, of which were observed, 14 unobserved, 1 counter mortar drill and 68
 hits.

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(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	30	0	144	174
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	2	3	11	16
	Totals	32	3	155	190

c. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions.	DA NANG	PHU BAI
	1	0
(2) Small Unit Actions.	DA NANG	PHU BAI
(a) Night Contacts	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	2	0
(c) Total	2	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	24	7
(e) <u>Box Beers</u>		

Province/ Coordinates	Date/ Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
(AT925638)	221200H	Patrol	M 3/4, 1 WIA	Unk/None
<u>THUA THIEN</u>				
(YD839152)	221545H	Motor March	I 3/4, 6 WIA Mine	None/None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/A. Will continue its defense of the assigned sector of the DA NANG TACR with two platoons defending the Hill 327 (AT9773) complex and the pass at (AT941754). Companies C and D (-) will remain in position along the M.R., while Companies A and E will maintain positions south of the SOMO TUY LOAN, generally along Phase Line Orange. One platoon each from Companies B and D will continue to remain under UPCR 2/3 for the duration of operation "Red Drapper". In addition to the establishment of seven squad sized ambushes, the battalion will conduct the following patrols. The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol to BO BAN (2) (AT 9669) then to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) from 230700H to 231200H. During the afternoon the 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol from 231300H to 231600H to LA CHAU (5) (AT 9666). The 1st Platoon, Company C will patrol from 230800H to 241800H over the route (AT914724), (AT897735), (AT885736), (AT899722), (AT919726). The 3d Platoon Company D will conduct a daylight patrol from 230830H to 231800H to (AT 947699) to (AT936706). The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 231400H to 251400H to (AT927655), to (AT914646) and then will move to cover (AT9063), (AT 9064), (AT9065), (AT9165) and (AT9169).

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b. 2/3. Company E (-), Company H and a Composite Company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines will continue to be employed along the MLR. One platoon from Company E will remain in support of the ARVN in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The rear area will continue to be defended by elements of H&S Company. Six squad size night ambushes will be established along likely avenues of approach. The battalion (-) will continue participating in operation "Red Snapper" in accordance with 3dMarDiv OpOrder 344-65. The 2d Platoon, Company H will continue patrol activity which commenced today until tomorrow at 231300H. The 2d Platoon, Company E will provide a squad size patrol from 230800H to 231300H to (AT878818), (AT864825), (AT872824), (AT885823). The 3d Platoon, Company H will dispatch a squad to patrol from 230800 to 231200H to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785), (AT887732) to (AT895790).

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the PHU BAI Airfield. At approximately 230600H, Company I will participate in a combined search and clear operation involving the 921st RF Company and a unit of the NAM HOA Popular Forces in the general area of (YD79463). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion and a detachment of engineers will be utilized. I and H Batteries will displace in support of the operation. Company L will remain on standby for possible deployment in the DA NAMG area of operations. The 1st and 3d Platoons of the Combined Action Company will continue to provide security in their assigned villages while the 2d and 4th return to the Battalion CP. Squad size local security patrols will continue to be employed around the airfield perimeter.

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at RUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT965666), (AT957665), (AT958656)
- (b) Company D (AT948765)
- (c) Company H (AT932678), (AT944676), (AT921674)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT887827), (AT893815), (AT931841)
- (b) Company H (AT902800), (AT896799), (AT954812)

(3) 3/4. None.

f. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NAMG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Battalion (-)	1	0	1
(b) Patrols	8	4	12
(c) Ambushes	13	0	13
Totals	22	4	26

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(1) On 22 October, 33 persons were treated by the Regimental Surgeon in the HUNG SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720).

b. 1/1

(1) On 22 October, the medical section held sick call at HOA PHU village (AT929716) and treated 135 persons. Approximately 350 villagers gathered at the sick call location between 0930 and 1130 hours, 300 bars of soap, 2 boxes of baby clothes and a box of women's clothes were distributed to the people. Present at sick call were 10 members of Popular Forces who assisted in distribution of the above articles.

c. 2/3

(1) On 22 October, Company H carpenter treated 17 people at the NAM O Bridge (AT929839), and distributed vitamin pills to 85 persons.

(2) On 22 October, Company F carpenter treated 11 children at TUNG SON hamlet (AT933721).

d. 2/4

(1) On 22 October, the CAC gave medical aid to 26 villagers of THUY TAN (YD908151), while in the village of LOC SON (YD923106) a total of 33 persons received treatment.

e. Medical RECAP

<u>TAKE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TREATMENTS</u>
DA HANG	Hq Co.	33
DA HANG	1/1	135
DA HANG	2/3	28
PHU RAI	3/4	34

5. Miscellaneous. Mr. KENDALL, Chief Counsel and members of the Senate Preparedness Sub-Committee accompanied by Brig General CARL visited LZ MY from 220940H to 221210H and the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI for lunch and a briefing from 221230H to 221312H.

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 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #200 221800H - 231800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The 3d Marines activity was highlighted by five Viet Cong contacts. Two were minor and involved only sporadic small arms fire without casualties. The predominant contacts occurred during the morning with the first at HUE PHU BAI when four Marines from the 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion were KIA by the detonation of a VC booby trap. The second occurred in the DA NANG ZAOB when a squad from the 2d Platoon, Company E sustained three USMC wounded from a VC booby trap. The last contact was made by the 2d Platoon, Company G during operation "Red Sniper" when they wounded one VC at close range, but were unable to apprehend him. (See 2 a (2) (c) below for details.) Companies F and G continued aggressive search and destroy operations during "Red Sniper". At 231345H, Company L, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was alerted for immediate deployment in support of operation "Red Sniper" and was assigned the mission of securing the terrain north of Highway #1 between (ZM159010) and the bay at (ZM1002). During the reporting period, there were 30 patrols and 13 ambushes conducted at DA NANG, while at HUE PHU BAI, there were 4 patrols and no ambushes. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual sites.

2. Operations

a. 1st Platoon. The battalion continued to defend the assigned sector of the DA NANG ZAOB minus two platoons which are under OPCON 2d Battalion, 3d Marines for the duration of operation "Red Sniper". Two platoons of Company B continue to maintain defensive positions at the Hank Missile Site and the DBO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). Companies G and D (-) continued to defend and improve positions along the trace of the MR. The area south of the SONG FUI LOAN down to Phase Line Orange and bounded by the SONG TH and north south grid line (AT92) continued to be defended by reinforced Companies M and A from command posts on Hill 41 (AT966) and Hill 22 (AT966) respectively. At 2222ZG, the Battalion CP security reinforced sporadic small arms fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong. The fire was returned and there were no friendly casualties nor confirmed VC casualties. In addition to the establishment of squad size ambushes the following patrols were conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A patrolling from 231300H to 231600H to LA CHAU (S) (AT966). The 1st Platoon, Company G commenced patrolling at 230800H and is scheduled to remain out until 241800H covering the route (AT 924724), (AT97775), (AT98776) to (AT919786). The 3d Platoon, Company D conducted a daylight patrol from 230900H to 231800H, (AT947699) to (AT96705).

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The 2d Platoon, Company H commenced an extended patrol at 231400H over (AT 927655) to (AT911646) and remained out at the close of this report enroute to (AT9064), (AT9065), (AT9165) and (AT9163). At 231545H, Company D (Platoon Reserve) was placed in an alert posture and the Commanding Officer departed for a briefing conducted at Division Headquarters. During the reporting period the battalion established seven squad size night ambushes and conducted five daylight platoon patrols.

b. 2/3. Company E (-), H and a composite company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines occupied defensive positions along the MR and one platoon from Company E continued to support the ARVN in defense of the NAM O Bridge. The Battalion CP remained the defensive responsibility of H&B Company (-). The only VC contact occurred at 231129H when the point of a squad from the 2d Platoon, Company E patrolling in the high ground to the west of LE NT (AT8961) tripped a VC mine, which wounded 3 Marines (2 ears, 1 non-ears). Company H established two patrols, with the 2d Platoon terminating an extended patrol in the vicinity of HOA VINH (AT9079) at 231300H. The 3d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 230800H to 231300H to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785) to (AT895790). At 231400H, a large explosion occurred approximately 50 meters from the patrol's position at (AT885790). This was almost immediately followed by a second explosion 500-600 meters away vicinity (AT880796). It was reported that a whistle like sound was heard prior to the explosion. A jet aircraft was seen pulling out of a dive and headed in a southwesterly direction. The first hit a tree and did not leave a crater. The second's area was not searched. Another patrol base was dispatched to search for fragments. The Battalion (-) consisting of reinforced Companies F and G continued aggressive participation in operation "Red Sniper" in the area north of Highway #1 between (ZD095005) to (A0860000). The operation is being conducted in conjunction with an ARVN Regiment operating to the south. At 221700H (not previously reported), the 2d Platoon, Company G observed 1 VC at (A0824061) and dispatched a squad to apprehend him. When the VC observed the squad he fled. As the squad fired several warning shots over his head, they received five rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of (A082062). There were no casualties. The operation progressed as scheduled and at 222345H, Company G's platoons were deployed at (A0857044), (A0850011) and (A0855029). All units remained in a static situation with local ambushes established along likely approaches until 230630H. By 231000H, the 3d Platoon, Company F was located at (A0855041) enroute to (A0851041). Upon arrival at (A0851041), a patrol base was established and squad patrols conducted to (A0860000), (A0826035) and (A0830048). By 231200H, the 2d Platoon, Company F had relieved the 1st Platoon at (A0857027) and the 1st Platoon moved to and established a patrol base at (A0852022). Both patrols conducted limited local squad size patrols. At 231545H, Company L, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines the reserve force for operation "Red Sniper" was alerted for immediate commitment along the north side of Highway #1 between the bay at (Z01002) and the bridge at (Z015040). By 231400H, Company G established the CP at (A0835062). The 3d Platoon, Company G at 231400H observed one VC in the vicinity of (A0827040). He was fired at and hit down a close range but the subsequent search revealed only blood stains. The 3d Platoon at this time was located at (A0837006) and was searching the eastern face of the objective. The operation progressed without significant observation or contact for the remainder of the reporting period. The Battalion established seven squad size night ambushes and conducted one platoon and two squad ambushes within the DA NAMO TAOR. As part of operation "Red Sniper", six squad and six platoon patrols were conducted.

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c. 3/4. The battalion (-) continued to defend the vital HUE PHU BAI Airfield. Companies K and L conducted two squad size patrols during the hours of darkness around the airfield without contact. At 230600H, Company I commenced a combined operation in conjunction with the 921st RF Company and a unit from the NAM HOA Popular Forces in the general vicinity of (YD794153). During the conduct of the operation four Marines from the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion were WIA while moving to man an observation post at (YD798108) at 230715H. At 230755H, Company I discovered the area at (YD798098) to be heavily mined, the area was marked and reported as the company continued. The operation continued without Viet Cong contact until being curtailed at 231345H when Company I was ordered to return to the Battalion OP due to the commitment of Company L in action on Operation "Red Snapper". During the reporting period the battalion conducted one company size operation, no ambushes and four squad size local security patrols around the airfield perimeter.

d. 4/12. Fired 87 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI, of which 14 were observed, 1 unobserved, 72 H&I's.

(1) Ammo Expended:	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HE	76	160	69	305
	MP	0	4	0	4
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	4	4
	Totals	76	164	73	313

e. SUMMARY

(1) <u>Major Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
	1	0
(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1	0
(b) Day Contacts	3	1
(c) Totals	4	1
(d) Action Without Contacts	26	3
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit / Losses</u>
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
(AT885824)	231124H	Patrol	2-B-3/3 WIA	Unk/None
(AU827080)	231400H	Patrol	2-G-3/None	Unk/1 WIA (Not captured)

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(YD798100) 230715H Patrol 3d Plat, Co. E, 3d Recon/ Unk/None
Beoby Trap 4 WIA

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. Will continue its defense of the assigned sector of the DA NANG TAON with one platoon (rein) defending the Hawk Missile Site and one squad guarding the pass at (AT942754). Companies C and D (-) will remain in position and the MLR and Companies A and M will continue to operate from Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366) respectively. One platoon from Companies B and D will remain OPCON 2/3 for the duration of operation "Red Snapper". The battalion will establish squad size night ambushes and will conduct the following patrols. The 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol from 240800H to 241200H to DUONG LAM (3) (AT9569). The 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol to PHU SON (1) and (2) (AT9465) and then to DUYEN SON (3) and (4) (AT9466), from 241300H to 241600H. The 1st Platoon, Company D (rein) will patrol during the morning to (AT928711), (AT936707) to (AT945711). The 3d Platoon, Company M will patrol to (AT915675), (AT894678), (AT912685) to (AT928685), (AT938675) from 240800H to 241200H. From 240800H to 241200H the 1st Platoon, Company G will patrol to (AT914736), (AT897735), (AT885736), (AT899722) to (AT919722). The 2d Platoon, Company N commenced a 48 hour patrol today and will remain out until 251400H to (AT927655), (AT914646) and will search (AT9163) and (AT9163). The 1st Platoon, Company M will patrol to PHUOC NINH (1) (AT8966) from 241500H to 241800H.

b. 2/3. Company E (-), Company H and a Composite Company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines will continue to be employed along the Battalion MLR. One platoon from Company E will remain at the NAM O Bridge in support of the ARVN Company in defense of that area. The Battalion CP will be defended by H&S Company (-). Squad ambushes will continue to be established and the following patrols will be conducted. A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company E (-) will patrol from 240800H - 241300H to (AT896826), (AT908333) to (AT908826). The 2d Platoon, Company H will have a squad patrol to 240900H to 241300H to (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT878796) to (AT895795). A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol to (AT900796), (AT913786), (AT931795), (AT934808), (AT924808), (AT926893), (AT916808), (AT938802), (AT902791). The Battalion will continue in operation "Red Snapper" with a Battalion Command Group, Companies F, G and Company L 3/4.

c. 3/4. The battalion will defend the PHU BAI Airfield Complex with two rifle companies, elements of H&S Company and ISU occupying a perimeter defense. Company L will continue to participate in operation "Red Snapper". The remainder of the battalion will continue to defend the vital area and will conduct squad size local security patrols.

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for TonightCONFIDENTIAL

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(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT955660), (AT943670), (AT955556)
- (b) Company N (AT918668), (AT922678)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT889821), (AT894815), (AT930843)
- (b) Company H (AT896804), (AT895796)

(3) 3/4. None.

<u>f. Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Battalion (-)	1	0	1
(b) Patrols	11	0	11
(c) Ambushes	10	0	10
Totals	22	0	22

4. Civic Action

a. Hq Co.

(1) On 23 October, the Regimental Surgeon gave medical aid to a total of 54 persons at the KHANH SON hamlet headquarters (AT950720).

b. 1/1

(1) On 23 October, sick call was held at HOA TRUONG hamlet (AT935725), 85 persons were treated. Candy was given to approximately 100 children and 250 bars of soap were distributed to the villagers.

(2) On 23 October, A Company Corporal treated 25 persons at Hill 22 (AT9566). One woman and child were held evacuated to USOM Hospital in DA NANG.

c. 2/3

(1) On 23 October, 7 members of the House Armed Forces Sub-Committee visited the LE MY area. Mr. NAM, village chief of HOA THANH, and Mr. LU village chief of HOA LAC, conducted them on a tour of the Medical Center, refugee center, school and market place.

(2) On 23 October, the LE MY medical center treated a total of 119 persons.

d. 3/4

(1) On 23 October, the CAC medical team gave treatments to 92 villagers of THUY TAN (YD909149).

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(2) The GAC, has passed out 10,000 pamphlets which warned the people to remain at home except when there is an emergency at night. If they must go out at night, they will carry some form of light. The pamphlets were distributed in the villages of LOC BOM, THUY PHU, THUY TAN and THUY LUONG.

e. Medical Recap

<u>TACR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TREATMENTS</u>
DA NANG	Hq Co.	54
DA NANG	1/1	110
DA NANG	2/3	119
PHU BAI	3/4	92

5. Miscellaneous

a. Coordinates of CP's of organic and attached units

DA NANG TACR

3d Marines (AT944762)
 Co. A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT944762)
 Co. A (-), 3d Tk Bn (AT944762)
 Battalion CP, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT953723)
 Co. A, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT954666)
 Co. B, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT972745)
 Co. C, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT923732)
 Co. D, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT942718)
 Co. M, 3dBn, 4thMar (AT936663)
 Battalion CP, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (Rear) (AT943763) (Fwd) (AU827027)
 Co. E, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT898821)
 Co. F, 2dBn, 3dMar (AU627027)
 Co. G, 2dBn, 3dMar (AU835068)
 Co. H, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT895805)

HUE PHU BAI

Battalion CP, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (YD888141)
 Co. I, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD794153)
 Co. K, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD892148)
 Co. L, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD888141)
 4thBattalion, 12th Marines (YD883144)
 Btry M, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)
 Btry W, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883150)
 Btry I, 12thMar (YD890148)
 3dPlat, Co. A, 3d AT Bn (YD890148)
 3dPlat, Co. A, 3d Tk Bn (YD890148)
 3dPlat, Co. C, 3d Recon Bn (YD888141)

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine
Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 3d Marine
Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marine
Commanding Officer, 9th Marine

3d Marine (-) (Rein) SITREP 241 2300H - 241 800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the continuance of operation "Red Hammer" and by nine Viet Cong contacts. Six of the contacts were minor and consisted of sporadic sniper fire. The three of the permanent contacts occurred at 241 344H, when the 3d Platoon, Company C engaged 7 VC at (AT928057), apprehending one VC and two weapons. There were no friendly casualties. The next incident occurred at 241 490H, when a Marine from the 3d Platoon, Company A was hit by sniper fire at (AT928052). The third incident happened at 241 545H, when a patrol from the 3d Platoon, Company H had one KIA AT (AT 924673). During the reporting period there were 20 patrols and 10 subunits within the DA NANG SOG, while at NUS PBU BAI there was one patrol and no subunits. All units establishing subunits patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual areas.

2. Operations

a. 1/A. Defense of the battalions assigned area within the DA NANG SOG continued with one reinforced platoon and one squad defending the NAL 327 complex (AT9774) and the pass at (AT92734), while Companies C and D (-) occupy positions along the RM. The area from the SOG FOR LAR south to Three Line Orange continues to be defended by reinforced companies I and H from their command posts at NAL 22 (AT9266) and NAL 4A (AT9266). One platoon each from Companies B and D, continued under CPOH of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine. The battalion had one night contact which occurred at 2321 5H, when a VC infiltrator fired six to eight rounds of small arms fire and threw one grenade at a Company C position located at (AT927734). The fire was immediately returned and the suspected area searched with negative results. At 241 57H, a patrol from Company H found a wet animal trap in a path at (AT923677), also a body trapped VC grenade was detected and destroyed at (AT930642). At 241 58H, one Marine was KIA at (AT924642) by three of twelve rounds of sniper fire received from AN TAC (3) (AT9265). Company C reported that at 241 50H, at (AT926736) they received five rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of (AT92728), the fire was returned with negative results. The 3d Platoon, Company H while on patrol at (AT924673) sustained one Marine wounded at 241 545H by a grenade believed to have been of the conventional type. In addition to the establishment of five squad size night subunits, the following daylight patrols were conducted. The 3d Platoon, Company A patrolled from 2400H to 2420H to BROW LAR (3) (AT9269) and upon their return, the 3d Platoon was dispatched to patrol from 241 30H to 241 60H to PBU SOG (A) SOG (2) (AT9265) and to PBU SOG (3) and (4) (AT9266). The 1st Platoon, Company C in a patrol coordinated with the 1st of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine, patrolled this morning north to clear

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the high ground in (AT8874) without incident from 240000 to 241001. The 1st Platoon, Company D (-) patrolled during the morning to (AT926711), (AT936707) to (AT945721). All three of the Company H platoons were active today with the 1st Platoon patrolling from 241500 to 242001 to HUNG NINH (2) (AT966). The 2d Platoon commenced a 48 hour patrol yesterday and will remain out until 251400H operating in the vicinity of (AT927655), (AT94646) and searching (AT9365), (AT 9264) and (AT9263). The 3d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 240600H to 241600H to (AT925672), (AT94578), (AT92663), (AT94673) and (AT92722). During the reporting periods, the battalion established five squad area night ambushes and conducted seven platoon area daylight patrols.

b. 2/c. The Battalion's ILM continued to be defended by Companies K (-), B and a composite company consisting of two reinforced platoons from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine. ILM Company maintained the responsibility for defense of the Battalion CP. One reinforced platoon from Company E continued in support of the AITV Company in defense of the MAC O Bridge (AT924). The battalion rear established night squad area ambushes which were dismantled at first light without contact. Within the battalion's DA RUC area of responsibility, there were no contacts. The battalion rear conducted three patrols during the day with the first being a squad from the 1st Platoon, Company K (-) who patrolled from 240600H to 241300H to (AT936826), (AT90673) to (AT90826). The 2d Platoon, Company H dispatched a squad patrol to 241300H, (AT90826), (AT946795), (AT 928786) to (AT957795) from 240900H to 241300H. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H patrolled to (AT900796), (AT923786), (AT921795), (AT934808) to (AT946800) to (AT902791). Operations "Red Sniper" continued with the battalion (-) consisting of companies G, F (main) and I, 3/4 conducting aggressive search, clear and destroy operations north of Highway #1 between (2099005) and (A0660000). All units spent the night in defensive/ambush positions. Company F had its Command Post located at (A062906) with squad (-) ambushes out at (A060060), (A0635068), (A0634066) and (A0634072). Company G had the forward deployed throughout (A06305). There was no contact with the Viet Cong during the night. At 240645H, Company F while located about 2 KM's received sporadic sniper fire from (A0628078) for about twenty minutes. By 240715H Company F had landed across Orange Beach and had established platoon patrol base at (20159079), (20165067) and (20171056). Vigorous patrol activity was conducted throughout the morning from these patrol bases. By 241200H, Company G had established a CP at (A0629055) and had dispatched a platoon to search out an area from where VC snipers had earlier fired at a U.S. Patrol Post consisting of others at approximately 240700H. At 241345H, the 2d Platoon, Company G swept across VC at (A0 029057) capturing one plus two weapons, a automobile and a bolt action rifle. Eight rounds of TAT, five blasting caps, three packs with medical supplies, two binoculars and miscellaneous other gear. The operation continued throughout the afternoon with aggressive and numerous patrols and sweeps with the assigned areas. During the reporting period within the DA RUC area of responsibility, the battalion conducted three squad area patrols and five night squad area ambushes.

c. 2/c. The battalion (-) continued to defend the vital HUNG NINH TROU with Companies I and F, plus elements of ILM Company and LBU occupying a perimeter defense. Company H continued under OPORD of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine and Company L remained under OPORD of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marine participating in operation "Red Sniper". The 1st squad, 1st Platoon, Company I conducted a security patrol from 2411 245 (T0408) to a radius of 1000 meters during the day without significant observation.

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d. 4/22. Fired 42 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines of which 3 were observed, 13 non-observed, 6 MIA's.

(1). Arms Expended:	70mm	105mm	160mm	152mm	TOTAL
Fla	57	0	166		223
MP	0	0	7		7
Smoke	0	0	0		0
Illus	4	0	9		13
Totals	61	0	182		243

c. INDEX

(1) <u>Major Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA MIA</u>	<u>160 MIA</u>
	1	0

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA MIA</u>	<u>160 MIA</u>
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(a) Night Contacts	1/1 - 1 2/3 - 0	3/4 - 0
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(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 4 2/3 - 4	3/4 - 0
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(c) Totals	9	0
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(d) Action without Contacts	5	1
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(e) Max Score

Province/ Coordinates	Date/ Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Losses	Enemy Unit/ Losses
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1/1 (AT942652)	241450R	Patrol, Sniper	3-4-1/1 MIA	Unk/1 MIA
(AT942673)	241545R	Patrol, Sniper	3-4-2/1 MIA	Unk/None
2/3 (AUG28057)	241344H	Patrol	2-0-3/None	Unk/1 VOO 2 MIA

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3/4 None

S. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Will continue its defense of the battalion TAOB with one reinforced platoon defending the Hill 327 (AT9773) Complex and one squad at the HUB DAI LA Pass (AT9475). Two companies will remain in defensive positions along the FLE while two reinforced companies will defend the terrain south of the BOND TAY

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LOAN down to Phase Line Orange. Numerous squad size ambushes will continue to be established and the following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A will conduct a combat patrol from 251400H to 251600H to LA CHAU (2) (AT91467). The 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol to PHU SON (1) (AT91465) from 251300H to 251500H. The 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9666) from 250900H to 251500H. The 1st Platoon, Company C will dispatch a squad size reconnaissance/ambush patrol to (AT914736), (AT900722), (AT914739) to (AT926714). From 251000H to 251800H the 3d Platoon, Company B will patrol to (AT917700), (AT935699). (Company H with three platoons and one platoon from Company A in support will sweep PHUOC NINH (1) (AT9467) at 250645H. All civilians will be evacuated by truck to District Headquarters where a Psychological Warfare team will conduct classes and the Battalion Civic Action officer and team will provide food and medical assistance. The District Chief will screen all civilians. One platoon of Popular Forces will support Company H.

b. 2/3. Company E (-), Company H and a Composite Company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines will continue to be employed along the MLR, while one platoon from Company E will remain in support of the ARVN Company at the BAN C Bridge. H&S Company will remain responsible for the defense of the Battalion CP. Squad size ambushes will continue to be established and three reinforced squad patrols will be conducted. The first will be from the 2d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 250600H to 251400H to (AT895818), (AT872823) to (AT 872829). Company H will have two patrols, the first being from the 3d Platoon which will patrol from 251400H to 261400H to (AT910801), (AT917800), (AT 922804), (AT915808), (AT915814) to (AT908803). The 2d Platoon will patrol from 250800H to 251100H over the route (AT895790), (AT895723), (AT892783), (AT 887782) to (AT895790).

c. 3/4. The battalion will defend the PHU BAN Airfield Complex with two rifle companies, elements of H&S Company and L&U occupying a perimeter defense. Company H will continue under GPOON of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and Company I will continue to participate in operation "Red Snapper". Squad size local security patrols will continue to be conducted around the airfield perimeter.

d. 4/4. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUS PHU BAN.

1. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/A. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT962675), (AT955663), (AT956652)
- (b) Company D (AT945716)
- (c) Company H (AT943678)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT884326), (AT896827), (AT931841)
- (b) Company H (AT912800), (AT891800), (AT940800)

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(3) 2/4. Squad (-).

(a) Battalion Scouts (Y00507), (Y00508)

f. Number of Operations.	24. HANO	100. HANO	TOTAL
(a) Battalion	1	0	1
(b) Company	1	0	1
(c) Patrols	8	2	10
(d) Ambushes	11	2	13
Totals	21	4	25

4. Civil Action

a. HANO.

(1) On 24 October, the Regimental Surgeon treated a total of 27 persons at the PHU SON hamlet headquarters.

b. 100.

(1) On 24 October, sick call was held at HON PHU village (N7929710) and 19 villagers received medical aid.

c. 2/3.

(1) On 24 October, the 100 MI medical center (N7921319) gave treatment to 109 persons.

d. 3/4.

(1) On 24 October, the GAC treated 29 villagers of 100 SON (Y092105), while in the PHU 100MI area (Y066136) the medical team from 4/10 treated 19 persons.

e. Med Record

1001	1002	TOTAL
1001	By Co.	27
1002	1/1	19
1003	2/1	109
1004	3/1	27

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #202 241800H - 251800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the continuance of operation "Red Snapper". The operation is being conducted in the area north of Highway #1 between (ZDO95005) and (AUS60000) in conjunction with ARVN units south of the highway. Numerous aggressive patrols were conducted as part of the search and destroy operation. There were no Viet Cong contacts reported. At 251600H, operation "Red Snapper" was secured and all units commenced movement to their primary OP's. Within the DA NANG TAOR there were two minor contacts, both of which occurred at the Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area and consisted of VC sniper fire with no friendly casualties. During the reporting period, there were 19 patrols and 11 ambushes conducted at DA NANG, while at HUEI PHU BAI, there were 4 patrols and 2 ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to defend its assigned area within the DA NANG TAOR minus a platoon each from Companies B and D who remain under OPCON of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. One reinforced platoon from Company B remained in defense of the Hawk Missile Sites while one squad guarded the pass at (AT 942754). Companies C and D (-) occupied defensive positions along the MLR, while Companies A and M continued defense of the Phase Line Orange area from Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366). The battalion experienced a contact at 242140H, when the Commanding Officer of Company D checking the area forward of the 2d Platoon's position (AT939717) received 15-20 rounds of small arms fire from (AT930716). There were no casualties. The battalion's night ambushes were deactivated by 250700H and reported negative contact. At 250400H, the 1st and 3d Platoon, Company M, supported by the 1st Platoon, Company A moved to and encircled the village of PHUOC NINH (1) (AT9467). At first light with the aid of a loud speaker, the villagers were told to move out of the village to a collection point, where they were trucked to HIEU DUC District Headquarters, where they were provided feed and medical assistance. The village was thoroughly searched with negative results. The inhabitants were returned and the platoons withdrew from the area returning to their OP's by 251130H. Nothing unusual was found in the village nor were there any significant observations. In addition to supporting Company M in the sweep, Company A conducted two other patrols. The 2d Platoon patrolled to PHU SON (1) (AT9465) from 251300H to 251500H, while the 3d Platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) from 250900H to 251500H. The 1st Platoon, Company C had a squad patrol to (AT914736), (AT900722), (AT894709) to (AT926714). The 3d Platoon, Company D patrolled from 250800H to 251700H in the area (AT947700) to (AT935699). At 251230H, the 2d Platoon, Company D at (AT935718) received three rounds of sniper fire. One squad was dispatched and searched the suspected area with negative results. There was no further contact

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during the reporting period. During the reporting period, the battalion conducted one squad and four platoon size ambushes. One company size operation was completed and five squad night ambushes were established.

b. 8/3. Companies B (-), H and a Composite Company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines continued to defend the battalion's strong points along the MR. The Battalion GP and surrounding area continued to be defended by elements of H&B Company (-). The battalion deactivated its night squad ambushes with negative contact reported. There was no Viet Cong contact during the reporting period within the battalion's DA MARK area of responsibility. Three reinforced squad size patrols were conducted. The first was from the 2d Platoon, Company B which patrolled from 250800H to 251400H to (AT85948), (AT87249) to (AT87289). Company H had two patrols out, the first was from the 3d Platoon and patrolling from 251400H to 261400, running out at the close of this report patrolling to (AT9108H), (AT917800), (AT92284), (AT91588), (AT91584) to (AT908803). The 2d Platoon had a squad out from 250800H to 251400H over the route (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892783), (AT887782) to (AT893790). Operation "Red Snapper" continued with the battalion (-) consisting of Companies G, F (rein) and L 3/4 conducting aggressive search, clear and destroy operations north of Highway #1 between (25095005) and (AUS60000). The night terminated without Viet Cong contact. Company F had seven night squad ambushes established at (25160075), (25159073), (25159065), (2517058), (25175847), (25170099) and (25165021). The Company F GP remained at (25178059) during the night and at approximately 250800H, squad patrols were dispatched to (25165095), (25178059) and (25170099). Company G remained in night position at (AUS11080), (AUS14078) and (AUS8904), without contact. By 2130H, all units on the operation had been resupplied. This morning the Company G Commanding Officer and the 2d Platoon patrolled from (AUS66082) to (AUS84055) and junctioned with 3d Platoon who patrolled from (AUS82902) to (AUS24055). By 250944H, Company L had advanced to (25135058) and expended no VC contact. At 251038H, the 2d Platoon, Company G found a VC camp with living quarters at (AUS84055). By 251345H, the Battalion had its forces deployed as follows. The 1st Platoon, Company F (25150063), 2d Platoon (25155087) and (25159072), the 3d Platoon was at (25163039) and (25167036) with the Company GP at (25159070). The Company G GP and the 3d and the Weapons Platoon were located at (25090059), while the 1st Platoon was deployed at (25087063) and the 2d at (25086059). The Commanding Officer of Company L and his 2d Platoon were at (25134077), the 1st Platoon at (25138077) and the 3d deployed at (25129091). The 3d Platoon, Company G reported finding ten pounds of TNT at (AUS88057) at approximately 251345H. At 251600H, the operation was terminated and Companies F and L were helilifted back to their Battalion areas. Immediately following the termination of the helilift, Company G (rein) formed a motor column and shortly after all haliborn units had departed moved south across the SONC DA DM and returned to their primary positions. During the reporting period, within the DA MARK TAOB the battalion established six squad size night ambushes and conducted three reinforced squad size patrols.

c. 3/4. The battalion, minus Companies L and H which are under GPCOM of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines respectively, continued to defend the vital area of the RVN BAI TAOB. Companies I and K, elements of H&B Company plus LAV occupied a perimeter defense. The 1st Platoon, Company I conducted a daylight security patrol in the vicinity of Hill 225 (YB8406) without contact or significant observation. The Battalion Bounce conducted a local patrol in the vicinity of the battalion GP. The 3d Platoon of the Combined

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tion Company returned to the Battalion CP, while the 1st, 2d and 4th Platoons continued security and civic action missions in the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105) without incident. Company I conducted a morning class on VC mine warfare. During the reporting period, there were two squad (-) ambushes established by the Battalion Scouts and one squad and one platoon size patrol conducted.

d. 4/12. Fired 124 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines of which one was observed and 123 were H&I's. The observed mission was fired in support of the Combined Action Company.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HE	56	42	32	130
	WP	0	0	0	0
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	14	0	0	14
	TOTALS	70	42	32	144

e. Summary

(1) <u>Major Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
	1/1 - 0	3/4 - 0
	2/3 - 1	
(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1/1 - 1	3/4 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 1	3/4 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(c) Totals	2	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	9	4
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
	1/1 - None			
	2/3 - None			
<u>THUA THIEN</u>				
	3/4 - None			

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a. 1/1. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations within the battalions assigned area of the DA NAMG TAOR. Defense of the Hill 327 (AT9773) Complex and DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475), will continue with two platoons (-) from Company B. Two companies will occupy positions along the M.R, while Companies A and M will remain in defensive positions south of the SONG TUY LOAN with their emphasis along Phase Line Orange. Squad size ambushes will be established during the hours of darkness and the following patrols will be conducted. Company A and one platoon of Company M will depart Hill 22 (AT9566) at 260645H and conduct a sweep of the western bank of the SONG YEN in accordance with 1/1 FRAG ORDER #8-65. The 2d Platoon, Company D will dispatch a reinforced squad patrol from 261830H to 262300H to (AT939725), (AT948731).

b. 2/3. The M.R will be occupied by Companies E (-), H and F with one platoon of Company E in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Company G and elements of NAF Company will defend the battalion CP and the rear area. Squad size night ambushes will be established and the following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company E will have a reinforced squad with an 81mm mortar FO patrol from 260800H to 261300H to (AT908824), (AT906818) to (AT916817). The 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol from 260800H to 261100H to (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT878796) to (AT895795). The 2d Platoon, Company H will have a reinforced squad patrol from 261700H to 280900H to (AT902792), (AT909783), (AT929794), (AT934795), (AT934807), (AT927808), (AT928819), (AT933817), (AT932810), (AT929794), (AT909783), (AT902792). The squad will establish its patrol base at (AT934807) from 261700H to 270600H.

c. 3/4. The Battalion (-) will continue to defend the HUE PHU BAI Airfield Complex deploying the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense. Company M will remain under OPCON of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Company L will dispatch one platoon to the vicinity of (YD816) where they will establish a night ambush. The Battalion Scouts will establish a night ambush at 262000H in front of the Company L perimeter.

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT950665), (AT957669), (AT954655)
- (b) Company C (AT928728), (AT925735)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT909834), (AT893817), (AT933841)
- (b) Company H (AT902800), (AT891800)

(3) 3/4. None.

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<u>f. Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Company	1	0	1
(b) Patrols	4	2	6
(c) Ambushes	10	2	12
Totals	15	4	19

4. Civic Action(1) 1/1

a. On 24 October, the BAS (AT950720), treated 67 people for skin and eye infections, and distributed 100 bars of soap, ten pounds of candy, forty pounds of salt, and fifty pieces of children's clothing to mothers and children at the sick call.

b. On 24 October, the Battalion CA team treated 16 people at sick call in the hamlet of AP THACH NHAN (AT947717). Twenty bars of soap, twenty pounds of salt, and two pounds of candy, were distributed to the fourteen families of the hamlet.

c. On 24 October, the BAS evacuated a nine year old girl of HOA THINH (AT950710) and her father, to the DA NANG USOM hospital for treatment for suspected leprosy of the foot.

d. On 24 October, C Company treated 47 people at sick call held in AP DAI LA hamlet (AT9274). Local popular force soldiers of the hamlet assisted in the sick call through population control and supervision.

e. On 24 October, D Company spent 15 man-hours constructing a sick call station at (AT940720). 18 people were treated during the day.

f. On 24 October, A Company treated 16 people for colds and headaches, on hill #22 (AT9566). An old man from DUYEN SON (1) (AT9466) was treated for a broken right arm and evacuated to the DA NANG USOM hospital by ambulance.

(2) 2/3

a. On 24 October, the Battalion Chaplain visited the THU THUONG Orphanage (AT906764) and distributed 100 wash cloths, 100 bars of soap, 22 tubes of toothpaste, 100 mirrors, 100 combs, 1 case of apples, 2 cases of canned milk, 2 cases of peaches, 72 pounds of bread, 9 bottles of altar wine, and 550 plasters. All of the material was donated by the Chaplain.

b. On 24 October, the LE MY medical center treated 108 people for malaria, worms, intestinal and respiratory disorders.

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(3) 3/4

a. On 24 October, the 4/12 medical team treated 30 persons in PHU LUONG (YD866156).

b. On 24 October, a dental detachment from A Medical Company visited the HUE Buddhist Orphanage and performed 18 extractions, and 16 oral examinations in the presence of 8 Vietnamese fifth-year medical students.

c. On 24 October, the 2d squad of the Combined Action Company gave a dress to an old woman, and a pair of shoes to a young boy of THUY TAN (YD909149).

(4) Med Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	145
DA NANG	2/3	108
PHU BAI	3/4	68

5. Miscellaneous. Three allied officers, one each from Germany, Korea and Japan visited the 3d Marines CP for lunch today.

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FWP

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Main) SITREP #203 251800H - 261800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by operations "Drug Net", a search, sweep and clear operation conducted along the west bank of the SONG YEN by Company A (Rein), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in conjunction with Company H, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on the east bank of the river. The operation was a well coordinated, aggressive operation that commenced this morning with the landing zones being prepared by artillery and air. The operation progressed as scheduled. The operation yielded numerous caves which were destroyed, and one VC apprehended by the 1st Platoon, Company A at (AT94763) at approximately 261330H. During the reporting period, there were 14 patrols and 16 ambushes conducted within the DA HUNG TACH, while at HUN PHU HAI, there were 2 patrols and no ambushes.

2. Operations

a. 1/1. The battalion continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its assigned area of responsibility. Defensive activity continued with two platoons of Company B occupying positions in the Hill 327 Complex and BUN BAI LA Pass (AT94755). Two Companies, C and D (-) continued to maintain defensive posture along the M.R. Company H (-) (Rein) occupied Hill A1 (AT9366), while elements from Company A maintained positions on Hill 22 (AT9566). At 262100H a security post at the Battalion CP received six rounds of small arms fire and one hand grenade from two Viet Cong infiltrators who were immediately taken under fire. One VC was apparently wounded by the subsequent search revealed negative results. The incident occurred in the vicinity of (AT934728). At 263200H, the 3d Platoon, Company D located at (AT944714) received 20 to 25 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown position with no friendly casualties. At 260200H, an ARVN who had been wounded, while his unit was engaged in a fire fight, was brought to the Marine security unit at the bridge in (AT9469). A med-evac was requested and completed from (AT948760). Operation "Drug Net" continued, while the LZ's at (AT943619) and (AT931620) were prepped by artillery fires from 260700H to 260730H, followed by air strikes until 260800H. Company A (-) was then lifted into the area of operation. By 260900H, two platoons of Company A were moving in a south to north sweep in coordination with Company H, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on the east side of the SONG YEN. One platoon of Company H, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines moved to occupy a blocking position at (AT94435). At 260940H, all helilifts were completed without opposition. At 261300H, Company A deployed its platoons as follows. The 1st Platoon was at (AT947634) and had destroyed one 16'x10' cave and had apprehended one VC. The 2d Platoon was clearing PHU SON (4) (AT9463), while the 3d Platoon was sweeping at (AT955620). The operation progressed without contact and all units remained

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at at the close of this report. One platoon each from Companies B and D returned from OPCON of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines this afternoon. During the reporting period, the battalion conducted one reinforced company size operation and established five squad size night ambushes.

b. 2/3. Companies E (-), H and F continued to defend the battalion vital area from strong points along the MIA. The Composite Company from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines returned to their Primary OP's this afternoon. The rear area continued to be defended by Company G and H&S Company. The battalion deactivated its five night squad size ambushes by 260700H without contact. One minor contact occurred at 260225H, when a sniper fired two rounds into the Battalion OP at (AT940776). There were no casualties nor further contacts. Three patrols were conducted during the day with the first being a reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon, Company E which patrolled from 260800H to 261300H to (AT900814), (AT900818), (AT916417). The 1st Platoon, Company H patrolled from 260800H to 261100H to (AT91601), (AT916791), (AT 921795), (AT928796), to (AT935795). The 2d Platoon, Company H commenced a reinforced squad size extended patrol at 261700H patrolling to (AT902792), (AT909783) to (AT949794) and establishing its patrol base at (AT954807). At 261310H, a helicopter carrying eight Marines to the top of Hill 364 (AT932761) crashed into the side of the hill. All occupants were evacuated to C Med for observation and possible treatment. During the reporting period, the battalion conducted two squad size and one platoon size patrol and established five squad size night ambushes.

c. 2/4. The Battalion (-) continued its defense of the HON PHU HAI vital area and continued aggressive offensive operations. During the period 252000H to 260600H four local security squad size patrols were conducted around the airfield perimeter. Two of the squads were from Company K, while Companies I and L provided one each. The following units established night positions without contact, forward of the MIA. The 2d Platoon, Company K (YD893152), 3d Platoon, Company L at (YD893123) and the 1st, 2d and 4th Platoons of the Combined Action Company at (YD893172), (YD904146), (YD916109) respectively. Today, the 1st Platoon, Company L moved to the vicinity of (YD8116) and conducted a day reconnaissance for an ambush position to be established tonight. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintained an OP at (YD824062) until 261800H without significant observation. The Combined Action Company reinforced with one platoon of Company K continued to operate in the villages of LOU BON (YD925164), THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151) and THUY PHU (YD913117) without incident.

d. 2/4. Fired 264 missiles in support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines of which 16 were observed, and 240 B&I's. One observed inc fire in support of the Combined Action Company and 15 at suspected VC assembly areas.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	10mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
	HE	58	279	76	443
	W	0	10	0	10
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	91	323	20	442
	TOTALS	179	642	112	933

CONFIDENTIALc. SUMMARY(1) Major Unit Action. None.(2) Small Unit Action.DA NAMPHU HAI(a) Night Contacts

1/1 - 2

3/4 - 0

2/3 - 1

(b) Day Contacts

1/1 - 2

3/4 - 0

2/3 - 0

(c) Totals

4

0

(d) Action without Contacts

14

2

(e) Box ScoresProvince/
CoordinatesDate/
TimeType ActionFriendly Unit/
LossesEnemy Unit/
LossesQUANG NAM1/1
(AT954728)

232100H

Security Post
VC Infiltrator

BN CP Security/None

Unk/1 WIA
(Not Captured)

(AT947634)

261330H

Patrol

3-4-1/None

Unk/1 VOS

2/3

None

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3/4

None

3. PLANS SUMMARY

N. 1/1. The battalion will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its assigned area of the DA NAM TACH. The platoons from Company B will continue to maintain defensive positions in the Hill 327 (AT 9779) Complex and pass at (AT941754). Companies C and D will remain in position along the M.R. while south of the SONG YUK LONG. Companies A and M will occupy positions on Hill 24 and 21 (AT9346) respectively. In addition to the establishment of squad size ambushes, the following patrols will be conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol from 270000 to 271000 to BUYEN SON (9) (AT9346). From 271000 to 272000, the 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol to LA CHAU (2) (AT9448). The 3d Platoon, Company M will sweep BUYEN SON (9) (AT 9346) from 272000 to 273000. The 1st Platoon, Company M will patrol to (AT 940677), (AT924483), (AT923683) to (AT920572) from 270000 to 271300H.

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b. 2/2. The battalion vital area will be defended by Companies E (-), H and I occupying positions along the HLR, and one platoon of Company E in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge. Company G and elements of H&S Company will continue to defend the Battalion OP and rear area. Square size night ambushes will continue to be established and the following patrols conducted. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 270800H to 271300H to (AT885818), (AT894811), (AT883812) and (AT882823). One squad from the 1st Platoon, Company H will patrol from 270900H to 271200H over the route (AT885790), (AT885780), (AT892705), (AT887782) to (AT895795).

c. 2/4. The battalion will continue to defend the vital H&S and H&I Airfield Complex with the equivalent of three companies in a perimeter defense. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion will establish a daylight OP at (YD813125). The Combined Action Company will continue to operate in their assigned areas and will continue to be supported by one platoon of Company E. Company I will dispatch one platoon to operate during the day in the vicinity of (YD8116) and established a night ambush within that area.

d. 1/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU H&I.

e. Amphibious Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT961661), (AT950665), (AT955670)
- (b) Company C (AT926711)
- (c) Company H (AT925663), (AT900673), (AT932679), (AT943677)

(2) 2/2. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT878827), (AT894815), (AT931841)
- (b) Company H (AT896804), (AT896799)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company L (YD8116), Platoon

<u>1. Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Patrols	7	2	9
(b) Ambusher	13	1	14

4. Civic Action

a. H&S Co

(1) On 25 October, the Regimental CA Officer met with the hamlet chief of PHU H&I hamlet (AT955765) and discussed security of the hamlet.

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(1) On 25 October, the BAS (AT950720) treated 21 people for headaches, skin and respiratory infections.

c. 2/3

(1) On 25 October, the Battalion Commanding Officer escorted Senators Ted KENNEDY, TYDINGS, Representative TUNNEY and General WALT on a tour of the HOA VINH marketplace and schoolhouse. The Battalion SA Officer and Surgeon gave briefings to the party and the schoolchildren of the HOA VINH School presented the congressmen with Vietnamese flags and baskets, under the direction of the village chiefs of HOA THANH (AT900783) and HOA VINH (AT901794).

(2) On 25 October, the LE MY medical center treated 122 people for eye and ear infections, fever and worms.

d. 3/4

(1) On 25 October, the Battalion medical team treated 62 people in the village of LOC BON (XD925104).

e. Medical RecapPLACEUNIT TREATINGNUMBER TREATED

DA HANG
DA HANG
KHU BAI

1/1
2/3
3/4

21
122
62

5. Miscellaneous. Today Representative NORMAN (Calif) visited LE MY within the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility from 261025H to 261030H.

Not previously reported. On 25 October, Senator KENNEDY and party visited LE MY and HOA VINH.

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CONFIDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #204, 261000H - 271000H Oct 1965

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the patrol activity of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines when the 1st Platoon, Company A observed one Viet Cong at 270930H moving in vicinity of (AT953653). The VC was ordered to halt and when he failed he was taken under fire and killed. During the reporting period, there were two squad and six platoon size patrols conducted and 13 squad night ambushes established within the DA NANG TAOR, while at HUE PHU DAI, there was one squad size and one platoon size patrol and one platoon ambush established.

2. Operations

a. 1A. The battalion continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its assigned sector of the DA NANG TAOR. Companies C and D (-) remained in defensive positions along the M.A., while two platoons of Company B continued to occupy defensive positions at the Black Missile Sites and pass at (AT941754). The area generally along Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by Companies A (Rein) and H (Rein) from command posts located at Hill 22 (AT9566) and Hill 41 (AT9366). The battalion deactivated its night squad size ambushes by 270700H without incident. The night terminated without a Viet Cong contact. At 270930H, the 1st Platoon, Company A observed one VC at (AT953653), ordered him to halt and when he failed to, he was taken under fire and killed. Although no weapons were found, he was armed with a CHICOM grenade which was returned to the Battalion CP with his body. The 2d Platoon, Company A patrolled from 271300H to 271600H from Hill 22 (AT9566) to DUYEN SON (9) (AT9565) and return without contact. Company H conducted two patrols, with the first being conducted from 270800H to 271300H by the 1st Platoon to (AT940677), (AT926683), (AT913603) to (AT918674). The 3d Platoon of Company H patrolled from Hill 41 (AT9366) to DUYEN SON (5) (AT9266) from 271500H to 271800H. During the reporting period, there were four platoon size patrols and eight squad size ambushes established.

b. 2A. Defense of the assigned portion of the TAOR continued with Companies B (-), E and F occupying defensive positions along the M.A., and one platoon from Company B maintaining defensive positions in support of the 1st Battalion at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). Security of the rear area was provided by Company C and elements of H&C Company. The battalion secured its squad night ambushes prior to 270700H without a contact. In addition to the establishment of squad ambushes, the battalion conducted the following patrols.

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The 2d Platoon, Company K dispatched a reinforced squad which patrolled from 270800H to 271300H over the route (AT045818), (AT094821), (AT043822) to (AT 082823). One squad from the 1st Platoon, Company K patrolled from 270900H to 271700H to (AT085790), (AT085780), (AT092785), (AT087782) to (AT095798). The 1st Platoon, Company F commenced patrolling at 262300H over (AT099774), (AT098777), (AT087777), from its patrol base located at (AT087779). This morning the platoon patrolled from its base to (AT089775), (AT08775), (AT 085767), (AT085763), (AT087611), (AT083768), (AT092770) to (AT082775) from 270800H to 271300H. During the reporting period, there was one platoon size and two squad size patrols conducted and five squad size ambushes established.

c. 2/4. The vital NUI PHU BAY Airfield Complex continued to be defended by three companies manning a perimeter defense. Two squads from Company K and one from Company L conducted night security patrols around the airfield. In addition, the 1st Platoon, Company L remained in night ambush position until 270600H, when upon deactivation, they returned to the Battalion CP without contact. Five other platoon size night ambushes were established as follows, the 3d Platoon, Company I (Y090027), 2d Platoon, Company K (Y0912103), the Battalion Route at (Y0892124), and the 1st and 3d Platoon of the Combined Action Company at (Y0905172) and (Y0925104) respectively. The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company I conducted limited patrol activity in the vicinity of Hill 225 (Y08408) without significant observation. The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintained an observation post at (Y083125) without significant observation. There was no VC contact during the reporting period. During the reporting period, there were six platoon size ambushes, one squad size patrol and seven platoon size patrols. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual sites.

d. 4/12. Fired 107 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 1 was observed, 11 unobserved, and 95 H&I's. One observed mission was fired in support of the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion and all 11 unobserved in support of the ARVN.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	107mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
	HS	36	0	139	175
	WP	0	0	10	10
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Killing	2	0	1	3
	TOTAL	38	0	150	196

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Action None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action</u>	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon
(a) Night Contacts	2/1 - 0	2/4 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 1	5/1 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(c) Totals	2	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	19	5

BOX BORDERS

Province/ Coordinates	Date/ Time	True Action	Friendly Unit/ Location	Enemy Unit/ Location
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
1/1 (AT953693)	270930H	Patrol	1st-1/None	Unit 1 KIA 2 Grenades Captured

2/3

None

THUA THIEN

3/4

None

3. PLATOON ACTIONS

a. 1/1. Will continue the defense of the assigned sector of the DA NAM TACR with two platoons defending the Hill 327 (AT9773) complex and the pass at (AT941734). Companies C and D (-) will remain in positions along the MIA, while Companies A and B will maintain positions south of the SONG TUT LOAN, generally along Phase Line Orange. In addition to the establishment of squad night ambushes, the battalion will conduct the following patrols. Two platoons of Company A will move under the cover of darkness to establish blocking positions from (AT962698) to (AT958637) and from (AT958672) to (AT963667) in support of an ARVN operation described in Division OP Order 34-65. The two platoons will remain in position for 36 hours and will be supported by the third rifle platoon from (AT9506). One platoon from Company B will be assigned ORCON of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. A two squad reinforced patrol from the 3d Platoon, Company C will patrol from 280730H to 291300H in the area of (AT914734) to (AT958734). The 3d Platoon, Company C will conduct a reconnaissance patrol from 280730H to 291300H to (AT916735), (AT900722), (AT822712) to (AT85723). The 1st Platoon, Company E will patrol to PHUC NINH (3) (AT9267) from 281300H to 281000H. The 3d Platoon, Company E will patrol from 280800H to 281300H to (AT922661), (AT909660), (AT956657), (AT904673) to (AT915674). The 3d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 280800H to 281300H to (AT945711), (AT947703), (AT934699), (AT920704) to (AT933720).

b. 2/3. The battalion rear area will continue to be defended by elements of HQ Company and by Company G. Company A (-), Companies B and F will continue to be employed along the MIA, while one platoon of Company E will remain in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge. Numerous squad size ambushes will continue to be established during the hours of darkness and the following patrols will be scheduled. The 3d Platoon, Company E will dispatch a squad from 280730H to 281300H to (AT901301), (AT822712), (AT844795), (AT870796) to (AT895795). Company F will have two patrols with a squad from the 1st Platoon out from 280800H to 281000H from (AT899774) to (AT902775). The 3d Platoon will patrol from 271800H to 272300H to (AT892771) to (AT863768), (AT872761), (AT843750) to (AT870749).

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c. 2/10. The Battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the PHU HAI Airfield. Three squad size local security patrols will continue to be conducted around the airfield perimeter. Company I will maintain a platoon with the Combined Action Co. operating in the four villages of TUY LAM (YD366196), TUY THI (YD907151), TUY PHU (YD932117) and LAM BO (YD925105). During the hours of darkness, the 1st, 2d and 3d Platoons of the CAC will establish platoon ambushes being in place prior to 2000H. Forward Company I will conduct operation "Flashlight". The Company reinforced with engineers, ARVN Liaison Officers and National Police, will move to the vicinity of LAM BO (YD831119), arriving at 2030H. Two daylight security patrols will be conducted in that general area and one recon patrol will be conducted to (YD701195). At dusk they will move overland to (YD701195) and will encircle the village there. At first light, on Friday, they will conduct a search and clear operation within the village. At 0600H, they will move to HALL 36 (YD 041150) and be trucked back to the Battalion CP at 0900H. The 1st squad, 1st Platoon, Company I will conduct a local security patrol within (YD0408) during the morning.

d. 2/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU HAI.

e. Activities Planned for Tonight

(1) 2/11. All squad size.

(a) Company K (AT800000), (AT800658), (AT907654)

(2) 2/12. All squad or squad (-).

(a) Company E (AT801029), (AT896017), (AT901021)
(b) Company F (AT892712), (AT871779), (AT801777)
(c) Company H (AT896004), (AT891400)

(3) 2/13. All platoon size.

(a) Combined Action Company (YD866036), (YD907151)
(b) Company I (YD8116)

f. Summary of Operations

	PA NAME	PHU HAI	TOTAL
(a) Patrols			
(1) Squad	2	4	6
(2) Platoon	4	4	10
(b) Ambushes			
(1) Squad	11	0	11
(2) Platoon	0	3	3

4. Circle Action

a. Hq Co.

(1) On 26 October, the Regimental CI Officer met with the liaison

of KHANH SON (AT955765) and discussed the medical and sanitation situation of the hamlet.

(2) On 27 October, the Regimental CA Officer and Regimental Surgeon treated 53 people in KHANH SON for fever, indigestion and headaches.

b. 1/1

(1) On 26 October, the Bn Co (AT950720) treated 39 people.

c. 2/3

(1) On 26 October, the 1st Bn medical center treated 121 people for skin and eye infections, conjunctivitis and foot lesions.

d. 3/4

(1) On 26 October, a CoC squad treated 34 people in the village of THUY PHU (T9711117).

(2) On 26 October, a medical team from 1/12 treated 38 people in the village of THUY LUNG (T9866156).

e. Red River

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT TMS. TMS.</u>	<u>PEOPLE TREATED</u>
DA NONG	Bn Co.	53
DA NONG	1/1	39
DA NONG	2/3	121
THUY PHU	3/4	34
TOTAL		195

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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CONFIDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #205 271800H - 281800H Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad and platoon size night ambushes and aggressive daylight patrols. At 280045H the Regiment was placed on a 100% alert status and remained so throughout the night. During the hours of the alert, there were no contacts nor significant observations reported. At 280740H, a stand down was received and the Regiment resumed normal patrol/defensive activities. Two platoons from Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines moved under the cover of darkness and established two blocking positions along the west bank of the SON YEN in support of an ARVN operation in accordance with Division Operation Order 346-65. During the reporting period, there were 6 platoon and 13 squad size patrols, plus 11 squad night ambushes conducted at DA HANG, while at THU HAI, there were 4 squad and 4 platoon patrols, plus 3 platoon size night ambushes. All units establishing night ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual sites.

2. Operations

a. 1/A. Defensive and aggressive offensive operations continued throughout the reporting period. The DEO DAL LA Pass (AT9475) was defended by a squad from Company C, while the Hawk Missile Complex continued to be defended by a reinforced platoon from Company B. Companies C (-) and D (-) continued to man defensive positions along the M.R., while elements of BUC Company provided security for the Battalion CP. The area south of SONG TUY LOAN down to Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by Companies (A) (Rein) and M (Rein) from command posts on Hills 22 and 41 (AT9366) respectively. The battalion reported no Viet Cong contact during the night, but did observe a fire fight between the PF position located at (AT947703) and an estimated 8-10 VC between 282158H and 282240H. It was reported that the VC were moving from west to east. There were no confirmed casualties. Prior to 280600H, the 1st Platoon, Company M moved to BINH DUC District Headquarters (AT9268) and at 280630H, moved to (AT926706). Under the cover of a 15 man blocking force, from Company D, located at (AT930710), the platoon swept the town located at (AT926706). Four PF were used as guides in moving the platoon to the objective area. The sweep was conducted without contact. At 280407H, the battalion approved an artillery mission in the vicinity of (AT8757) in support of an ARVN outpost reported by HOI AN, to have been over run by Viet Cong at approximately 280335H. In addition to the establishment of night squad size ambushes, the following patrols were conducted. Two platoons from Company A patrolled under the cover of darkness, and established blocking positions from (AT983698) to (AT958687) and from (AT958678) to (AT963667) with the 1st Platoon in the northern position and the 2d Platoon occupying the southern block. The platoon remained in position without contact during the reporting period. They are scheduled to remain in place until the

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ARVN operation east of the SONG YEN secures at about 291800H. The 3d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 280800H to 281300H to (AT922661), (AT909660), (AT895657), (AT924673) to (AT919674). During the reporting period, five platoon size patrols and three squad night ambushes were conducted within the battalions area of responsibility.

b. 2/3. Throughout the reporting period, defense of the battalions area of responsibility continued with the 3d Platoon, Company E in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) and Companies E (-), F and H occupying defensive positions along the M.R. The rear area continued to be defended by Company G without incident. During the hours of darkness, the battalion established eight squad or squad (-) ambushes along likely avenues of approach, all of which were deactivated without contact at first light. The 3d Platoon, Company H dispatched a squad patrol from 280830H to 281130H which patrolled over the route (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT878796) to (AT895795). Two platoons of Company F patrolled forward of the M.R. with a squad of the 1st Platoon patrolling in the vicinity of (AT899774) to (AT902775) from 280800H to 281000H. The 3d Platoon patrolled last night from 271800H to 272300H to (AT892771) to (AT883768), (AT870761), (AT862750) to (AT870749) without contact. There was no VC contact during the reporting period. The battalion established eight squad size night ambushes and conducted nine squad and two platoon size patrols during the reporting period.

c. 3/4. The battalion maintained the equivalent of three rifle companies occupying a perimeter defense throughout the reporting period. Two squads from Company K and one each from Companies I and L conducted night local security patrols during the hours of darkness around the airfield perimeter without incident. In addition to the four squad local security patrols, the following ambushes were established. The 3d Platoon, Company K (YD885170), 2d Platoon, Company I (YD898115), the 1st Platoon, Company I (YD844082) and the 1st Platoon of the Combined Action Company at (YD883165) all established night ambushes without contact. A squad from the 1st Platoon, Company I conducted patrol activity throughout (YD8408) during the morning without contact. Today's operation "Rawhide" commenced with Company L, an attachment of engineers, three ARVN Liaison Officers, 3 members of the National Police and a Company of RF moving by 281300H to the vicinity of LANG AA (YD831117). Upon arriving at LANG AA, Company L conducted two local security patrols to the vicinity of (YD784135). At the close of the reporting period, the reinforced company remained in position awaiting for darkness prior to moving to encircle the village at (YD784135). The 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion established an observation post at (YD809155). During the reporting period, the battalion commenced one reinforced company size operation, established 3 platoon night ambushes and conducted four squad and four platoon size patrols.

d. 4/12. Fired 61 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 3 were observed, 1 unobserved, 1 destruction and 56 H&I's.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE		42	C	61	103
WP		0	C	0	0
Smoke		0	C	0	0
Illum		0	C	7	7
Totals		42	C	68	110

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(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>THU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1/1 - 0	3/4 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 0	3/4 - 0
	2/3 - 0	
(c) Totals	0	0
(d) Action Without Contacts	19	8
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/</u>	<u>Date/</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u>
<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>Losses</u>	<u>Losses</u>

QUANG NAM

1/1

None

2/3

None

THUA THIEN

3/4

None

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. The battalion will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations within its area of responsibility. Defensive operations will continue with a reinforced platoon from Company B maintaining positions at the Hawk Missile Sites and one squad from Company C defending the pass at (AT941754). Companies C and D (-) will continue to man positions along the MRR, and Companies A and H will maintain a defensive posture south of the SONG TUY LOAN generally along Phase Line Orange. Numerous squad ambushes will be established and the following patrols conducted during the next 24 hours. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company A will remain in blocking positions in support of the ARVN operation to the east of the SON YEN. The 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol to DUYEN SON (3), (AT9565) from 290800H to 291100H and then to LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467) from 291300H to 291500H. The 1st Platoon, Company H will sweep DUYEN SON (5) (AT9266) from 291500H to 291800H. The 2d Platoon of Company H will patrol tomorrow to (AT929655), (AT929638), (AT924628), (AT920606), (AT931624), (AT930638).

b. 2/3. Will continue to maintain one platoon in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge, Companies E (-), F and H along the MRR, and Company G in defense of the rear area. Squad size night ambushes will continue to be established along likely routes to the Battalions vital area. The 2d Platoon, Company E will dispatch a reinforced squad with an 81mm mortar FC from 290800H to 291400H to patrol to (AT896826), (AT908833), (AT908826). The 1st Platoon, Company F will patrol from 290800 - 291000H to (AT899774), (AT 902775) and the entire platoon will patrol from 291400H to 292900H to (AT

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898775), (AT887777), (AT873777), (AT869775), (AT861775), (AT853778) to (AT 845772). A squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H will patrol from 290800H to 291200H to (AT891801), (AT881791), (AT884795), (AT878796) to (AT895795). The operation scheduled to commence at 290000H Oct 1965, has been delayed for approximately 48 hours.

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the THU BAI Airfield. Three squad size local security patrols will be conducted during the hours of darkness around the airfield perimeter. Operation "Rawhide" will continue with Company L (Rein) encircling the village at (YD 784135) prior to light. At dawn, the village will be searched and by 291630H all units will return to the Battalion CP. Company K will continue to provide the Combined Action Company with one platoon to establish night ambushes within their assigned four villages.

d. 1/42. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE THU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company C (AT927727), (AT931727)
- (b) Company H (AT932682), (AT954654), (AT921662), (AT945678)

(2) 2/3. All squad size, but one.

- (a) Company D (AT908833), (AT893817), (AT930843) (FireTeam)
- (b) Company F (AT909745), (AT888772), (AT852777), (AT840780)
- (c) Company H (AT902800), (AT895796)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company I (YD855084) squad
- (b) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117), (YD925105) Platoon

f. Summary of Operations.

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>THU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols			
(a) Squad	2	3	5
(b) Platoon	6	0	6
(c) Company	0	1	1
(2) Ambushes			
(a) Squad	14	1	15
(b) Platoon	0	4	4

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a. On 27 October the Regimental CA Officer established permanent wire communications between the Regimental CP and the home of the Security Chief of PHUONG SON hamlet (AT955765).

b. 1/1

(1) On 26 October, the BAS (AT950720) treated 35 people.

(2) On 26 October, C Company treated 21 people of AP DAI LA hamlet (AT925745).

(3) On 26 October, the Battalion CA team treated 77 people in the village of THON PHUOC HUNG (AT918726) and were assisted by 10 members of the village police force in distributing 200 bars of soap, 25 pounds of clothing 15 pounds of salt and candy to the villagers.

(4) On 26 October "M" Company treated 20 people at sick call held at Duyen Son (5) (AT9266). The company distributed 53 vietnamese flags to all houses within 400 meters of hill #41.

(5) On 26 October the Battalion medical team treated 75 people at sick call held at the Hieu Duc district headquarters (AT930789). 75 bars of soap, twenty pounds of clothes and 200 pounds of bulgar wheat were distributed to the families under the direction of the district chief.

(6) On 27 October, the BAS (AT950720) treated 33 people for wounds, fevers and skin infections.

(7) On 27 October, the Battalion medical team treated 72 people in HOA THINH village (AT950710) and evacuated a woman of the village to the BAS for treatment of a dislocated shoulder. The woman was returned to her home, by motor transport, following treatment. The medical team also evacuated a PF suffering a gun shot wound and a broken leg, received during an encounter with VC at the bridge at (AT947700). The PF and his wife were evacuated to the DE NING COMB hospital, by helo.

(8) On 27 October, the people of AP HOA KHUONG hamlet (AT935725) completed a sick call shelter for the D Company medical team, while the medical team treated 18 people.

(9) On 27 October, the D Company CO met with the hamlet chiefs of AP HOA KHUONG, AP PHUOC THI and AP THACH NAM (AT946717) and discussed civil affairs projects.

(10) On 27 October, the Battalion medical team treated 18 people in the hamlet of THON PHUOC HUNG (AT920727).

c. 2/1

(1) On 26 October, the Battalion CA Officer escorted Congressman O'BORN (California) on a tour of the LE MY dispensary, marketplace, and school house.

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(2) On 26 October, the H Company 1st Sergeant returned to the CP from Saigon with a mother and two children from HOA LOC village (AT912818). One child had been operated on to correct a scar received in a childhood accident.

(3) On 27 October, F Company treated 21 children at the PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT906765).

(4) On 27 October, F Company and its translator held an english class for a priest and 6 sisters (nuns) for HOA BINH village (AT884767).

(5) On 27 October, H Company distributed 80 vitamins to 40 people in the vicinity of (AT929839).

(6) On 27 October, the 15 MI medical center treated 120 people for skin and eye infections, respiratory and intestinal ailments, tuberculosis, malaria, fever, conjunctivitis, foot lesions, headaches, colds and gonorrhea.

d. 2/4

(1) On 26 October, the Battalion medical team treated 107 people in THUY PHU (YD911117) and 127 people in PHU LUONG (YD866156).

(2) On 26 October, the CAC treated 8 people in LOC BOH village (YD925105), 21 people in THUY TAN (YD909149) and 4 people in THUY LUONG (YD875174).

(3) On 26 October, a dental detachment from A Medical Company went to the Buddhist pagoda in HUE and performed 13 examinations, 13 extractions, and one periodontal sealing in the presence of 14 fifth year medical students at the HUE Buddhist hospital.

(4) On 26 October, the CAC evacuated a 12 year old boy from THUY LUONG (YD881174), by motor transport, to the 3rd for treatment of a lacerated scrotum.

(5) On 26 October, the Battalion Catholic chaplain presented Mass for 19 Vietnamese at THUY TAN (YD909149).

(6) On 26 October, a dental officer from A medical company presented a guest lecture at the HUE medical school.

(7) On 27 October, the CAC treated 102 people in THUY PHU (YD911117), 2 people in THUY LUONG (YD885175), 4 people in LOC BOH (YD925105) and 44 people in THUY TAN (YD909149).

(8) On 27 October, 5 men from CAC #3 spent 15 man hours constructing a sick call shelter in THUY PHU.

(9) On 27 October, 4 men from CAC #1 spent 18 man hours constructing a community head, and filling in a swamp while spraying it with insecticide at (YD881173).

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(10) On 27 October, the CAC distributed 100 bars of soap and 40 pounds of candy to 60 children at the THUY LUONG Orphanage (YD872174).

(11) On 27 October, the CAC #3 held a dinner in honor of the village chief and residents of THUY PHU. The dinner was held at the CAC #3 headquarters (YD913118).

e. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	389
DA NANG	2/3	189
PHU BAI	3/4	309

5. Miscellaneous.

Late Entry: One platoon of M was helilifted to provide security for a downed helicopter at 281645H, in the vicinity of (AF854709). At the close of the reporting period, the platoon remains in defensive position without contact.

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Ruin), RVN

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Main) since 0600 200000 to 201000 Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The 3d Marines activity was highlighted by three separate operations involving Vietnamese forces. The first was operation "Pushide", which was conducted by Company I, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, a BF Company, three National Policemen, three ARVN Platoon Officers and four scout dog teams from the 1st ARVN Division, and consisted of an encirclement of a village in the extreme western portion of the TAOR. During the operation two VC's and four stragglers were by the GVN were apprehended. The other two operations, both within the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines' area of responsibility. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company A maintained blocking positions along the west bank of the SONH TIEH for a three company ARVN sweep in the 9th Marines TAOR. The 2d Platoon, Company D, with 4 LVT's provided blocking forces on the north side of the SONH TUI LOAN in support of three companies from HOA SAM conducting search, clear and destroy operations. During the reporting period, at HA NAM, there were twenty squad size and seven platoon size patrols conducted and sixteen squad night ambushes established, while at HUE PHU BAI, there were six squad size and two platoon size patrols conducted and one squad and four platoon size ambushes established.

2. Operations

a. 1st. The battalion's main line of resistance continued to be defended by Companies C (-) and D (-) with Company C maintaining one squad in defense of the DDO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). One T/O platoon from Company B remains in place on special assignment. The Bank Missile Sites located within the Hill 307 Complex (AT9773) continues to be defended by a reinforced platoon of Company B. The area south of the SONH TUI LOAN from north south grid line (AT92) to the SONH TIEH and generally along Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by Companies A and H from Hills 22 and 41 (AT956) respectively. During the night, the battalion had six squad ambushes through the TAOR, all of which reported no VC contact. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company A remained in blocking position on the west bank of the SONH TIEH in support of the ARVN operation to the east. No contact was made by the platoons and the operation was secured at 201000H. During the morning, from 200000H to 201000H, the 3d Platoon, Company A patrolled to DITH SON (3) (AT955) and then to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) from 201300H - 201500H. At 200400H, the 2d Platoon, Company C commenced a 48 hour patrol with its patrol base being established at (AT872707). The 3d Platoon, Company C patrolled from 200800H to 201400H to (AT915737), (AT 905778), (AT908711), (AT915737). The 2d Platoon (ruin), Company D moved out at 200200H to establish blocking positions along the north bank of the SONH TUI LOAN within (AT9470), (AT9570) and (AT9572). The platoon was supported by 4 LVT's which patrolled the assigned area of the river, providing security,

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surveillance and transportation. The operation was completed by 291100H, without a VC contact. Company M conducted two patrols today, with the first being the 1st Platoon which swept DITH SON (5) (AT9246) from 291500H to 291800H without contact. The 2d Platoon, patrolled from 290745H to 291400H to (AT929655), (AT929638), (AT924628), (AT920606), (AT91624), to (AT938598). One platoon from Company N remains in position at the site of the downed helicopter at (AT84729). During the reporting period, the battalion established six squad size night ambushes and conducted five platoon size patrols, provided two platoons in support of an ARVN sweep in the 9th Marines TAOB and provided one platoon as a blocking force on the north bank of the SONG TUY LOAN.

b. 2/3. The battalion continued defensive and aggressive offensive operations throughout the reporting period. Defensive posture was maintained with Companies E (-), F and H manning strong points along the MR and one reinforced platoon from Company E in support of the ARVN Company defending the NAM O Bridge area. The Battalion CP and rear area continued to be defended by Company G and elements of H&S Company without incident. Ten squads patrolled individually, under the cover of darkness, to establish ambush sites on likely avenues of approach to the vital area. After dark, all ambushes returned to their primary positions and reported no VC contact. A reinforced squad with an 81mm mortar FO patrolled from 290800H to 291400H to (AT944826), (AT908833), to (AT908826). A squad of the 1st Platoon, Company F patrolled from 290800H to 291000H in the area from (AT897774) to (AT902775) and then patrolled from 291400H to (AT898775), (AT887777), (AT873777) to (AT853778) to (AT845772), remaining out at the close of this report. From 290800H to 291200H, the 2d Platoon, Company F dispatched two squad size patrols from their base at (AT 845769) patrolling within (AT8476), (AT8475), (AT8474). The patrol returned to the Battalion area at 291400H. A squad from the 2d Platoon, Company H patrolled from 290800H to 291200H over the route (AT891821), (AT881792), (AT 884795), (AT878796), to (AT899795). During the reporting period, the battalion established ten squad size night ambushes and conducted four squad size and two platoon size patrols.

a. 3/4. Defense of the vital PHU BAI Airfield Complex continued without Viet Cong contact. The battalion's maintained its defensive posture with five squad size local security patrols conducted around the airfield perimeter and with Company L participating in Operation "Raidier". The 1st squad, 1st Platoon, Company I conducted patrol activity within (TD8408) without contact. During the afternoon, the 3d Squad, 1st Platoon, Company I moved to the vicinity of (TD8408) and conducted a reconnaissance for a night ambush position. Company K continued to provide a platoon to the Combined Action Company for operations within their assigned villages. At 290900H, operation "Raidier" was continued with Company L, one RF Company, three National Police and three ARVN Liaison Officers moving to and encircling the village located at (TD784135). At first light, a landing zone was secured and four scout dog teams of the 1st ARVN Division were helilifted in to aid in the subsequent search and clear operation. In addition to the scout dogs, a doctor, engineers and Battalion Clayo Action team were flown in and aided inhabitants during the operation. There was no VC contact nor unusual observations made of the village. Two VCS were apprehended 290856H and at 290946H, four civilians wanted by the Vietnamese government were apprehended within the village. By 291630H, all units had returned to the Battalion CP without contact. During the reporting period, the Battalion conducted six squad size and two platoon size patrols and one squad and four platoon size night ambushes were established.

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d. 4/12. Fired 190 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, of which 59 were observed, 1 destruction, 15 unobserved and 121 H&I's.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	105mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
	HE	96	0	148	244
	WP	0	0	20	20
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	11	6	0	17
	Totals	107	6	168	281

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1/1 - 0 2/3 - 0	3/4 - 0
(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 0 2/3 - 0	3/4 - 1
(c) Totals	0	1
(d) Action Without Contacts	27	8
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/</u> <u>Losses</u>
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QUANG NAM

1/1
NONE

2/3
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4 (YD785137)	290856H	Patrol	1-1/None	Unk/2 VCS
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3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4. Offensive and defensive operations will continue with a re-inforced platoon of Company B occupying defensive positions at the Hawk Missile Sites and one squad from Company C defending the pass at (AT941754). Companies C and D (-) will continue to man positions along the M&H, and Companies A and M will maintain defensive positions generally along Phase Line Orange. Numerous squad size ambushes will be established and the following patrols conducted.

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The 1st Platoon, Company A will patrol from Hill 22 to BUIEN SON (2) (AT9366) to PHU SON (4) (AT9463) to BUIEN SON (4) (AT9466) from 300700H to 301200H. The 2d Platoon, Company A will patrol to LA CHAU (5) (AT9466) from 301300H to 301600H. The 2d Platoon, Company C will continue its patrol commenced today until 301800H to (AT913727), (AT900720), (AT888705). The 3d Platoon, Company D will patrol from 300800H to 301500H to (AT945711), (AT947700), (AT934694), (AT920704) to (AT937710). From 300700H to 021200H, the 3d Platoon, Company H will patrol from (AT837615) to (AT851621), (AT867627), (AT884631), (AT902643) to (AT922643).

b. 2/3. Will maintain Companies E (-), F and H along the MLR and Company G in defense of the rear area. One reinforced rifle platoon will continue to support the ARVN Company in the defense of the NAM O Bridge. Squad size night ambushes will continue to be established along likely avenues of approach to the Battalions vital areas. The 1st Platoon, Company E will conduct a reinforced squad patrol from 300730H to 301400H to (AT885833), (AT894811), (AT883812) to (AT882823). The 1st Platoon, Company F will dispatch two squad size patrols from its patrol base at (AT845777). The first will patrol from 300800H to 301800H will patrol to (AT841779), (AT894778), (AT830778), (AT828775), (AT820770), (AT829774), (AT845768) to (AT845777). The second squad will patrol from 300900H to 301300H to (AT852778), (AT860782), (AT868770), (AT869775), (AT871761), (AT864759), (AT855777) to (AT845777). The 2d Platoon, Company F will patrol from 300800H - 301030H to (AT899773) to (AT902775). The 1st Platoon, Company H will dispatch a squad to patrol from 300900H to 301200H to (AT885790), (AT885783), (AT892785), (AT887782) to (AT895790).

c. 3/4. The battalion will continue to maintain at a minimum the equivalent of three rifle companies in a perimeter defense of the vital HUE PHU BAI Airfield Complex. Four squad size local security patrols will be conducted around the airfield during the hours of darkness. One squad from the 1st Platoon, Company I will conduct security patrols within a 2000 meter radius of the OP on Hill 225 (YD8408). Company I will dispatch one platoon to operate within (YD8216) and to establish a night ambush. The Combined Action Company will continue to operate in the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117), LOC BON (YD925105).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT936654), (AT943672), (AT957665)
- (b) Company B (AT878705)
- (c) Company M (AT918667), (AT922678), (AT929654), (AT935645)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company E (AT908833), (AT893817), (AT933811)
- (b) Company F (AT920752), (AT907774), (AT852777), (AT840780)
- (c) Company G (AT916762)
- (d) Company H (AT896804), (AT896799)

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(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

(a) Company I (YD840083)

(b) Combined Action Company (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD925105)

f. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols			
(a) Squad	2	4	6
(b) Platoon	7	5	12
(2) Ambushes			
(a) Squad	18	0	18
(b) Platoon	0	4	4

4. Civil Action

a. 1/3

(1) On 28 October the BAS (AT950720) treated 46 people for headaches and worms.

b. 2/3

(1) On 28 October, F Company treated 44 people for skin and eye infections, colds, and respiratory ailments, at TUONG SON hamlet (AT893781). The Company also treated 19 children for minor ailments at the PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT900764).

(2) On 28 October, the LE MY medical center treated 111 people for respiratory and intestinal disorders, malaria and headaches.

c. 3/4

(1) On 28 October, the CAC treated 30 people in the village of THUY PHU, and 22 people in the village of THUY TAN (YD911117) and (YD909149) respectively.

(2) On 28 October, the Battalion medical team of 4/12 treated 38 people in PHU LUONG (YD866156).

(3) On 28 October, a dental detachment from A medical company conducted 18 extractions and 17 examinations in the presence of 11 5th year medical students from the HUE medical school, at the east end of the PHU BAI airstrip (YD894148).

(4) On 28 October, a fire team from the 1st Platoon of the CAC spent 12 man hours filling in holes along roadways in grid squares (YD8915) and (YD9015).

(5) On 28 October, the CAC distributed 60 pounds of baby clothes to needy families in (YD8915) and 20 pounds of candy, 300 bars of soap, and 35 pounds of clothing to needy families in LOC HON (YD9210).

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<u>TAOR</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>
DA NANG	46	1/1
DA NANG	174	2/3
THU BAI	103	3/4
Total	<u>323</u>	

5. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY R. E. AKINSRELEASED BY H. J. CONLIN

SITUATION REPORT

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FM

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) REF ID: A207 2918 O - 301000 Oct 1965

1. Highlights. The 3d Marine activity was highlighted by extensive Viet Cong contacts within the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area of responsibility. Initial contact was made at approximately 292400H when a ~~Wide~~ man ambushes from Company A engaged 15 VC at (AT9565). There were no friendly casualties nor any confirmed VC casualties. The same ambush at 300200H was surrounded by VC and during the ensuing fire fight there were three Marines KIA and six WIA and a reported 5 VC KIA. At 300200H Company A located on Hill 22 (AT95668) began receiving small arms and mortar fire. Company M also under sporadic mortar fire observing suspected mortar flashes, and returned fire with an M48 tank. The firing from the south immediately ceased. Shortly thereafter mortar was again directed against Company M. The tank returned fire and permanently silenced the VC mortars. At 300320H Company M on hill 41 (AT9366) reported receiving an occasional mortar round and Company A indicated the Viet Cong had infiltrated their perimeter and had been repelled. The mortar attack and assault of Hill 22 inflicted 12 USMC KIA's and 37 WIA's. The mortar attack on Hill 41 resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 2 WIA's. One VC WIA was captured on Hill 22 and upon preliminary interrogation, he stated that he had been a member of a 400 man force. After a thorough search of the area, Company A reported having a total of 41 Viet Cong bodies and 21 assorted weapons and gear. To secure suspected routes of egress, the battalion dispatched one platoon each from Companies C and M to patrol the LA CHAU complex and south to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565). In addition, Company H 2/3 was assigned under OPCON of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and in conjunction with a Company from the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, conducted a south to north sweep of the SONG YEN. Commencing in the vicinity of (AT93625), after landing in an LZ which had been secured by artillery prep fire, the Company moved to juncture at the SONG YEN with Company H 3/9. They were joined by a Reconnaissance platoon from the 3d Recon Battalion, which operating from two LOR's searched the bottom and banks of the river. During the reporting period, the Regiment conducted six platoon size and twenty-four squad size patrols established eighteen squad or squad (-) night ambushes, and executed one Company size sweep operation within the DA NANG TAOR, while at HUE PHU BAI, there were five squad size patrols conducted and four platoon ambushes established. All units establishing ambushes patrolled under the cover of darkness to their individual ambush sites.

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a. 1/1. Defensive and aggressive offensive operations continued throughout the reporting period. The battalion's defensive posture was maintained with Companies C (-) and D (-) occupying positions along the main line of resistance. One reinforced platoon from Company B maintained defensive positions at the Hawk Missile Sites with the Hill 327 (AT9773), while a squad from Company C defended the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). The critical area south of the SONG TUY LOAN down to Phase Line Orange continued to be defended by reinforced Companies A and M from command posts located at Hill 22 and 41 (AT9366) respectively. Initial contact occurred at approximately 292400H, when a nine man ambush set in at (AT 956658) engaged a VC force of approximately 15. The VC immediately broke contact. There were no reported friendly casualties, nor confirmed VC casualties. The ambush remained in position and at 300200H, were taken under fire by an unknown number of VC who surrounded them and overran their position throwing grenades. During the ensuing fire fight, there were 3 USMC KIA and 6 WIA and 5 VC were KIA. At 300220H, Company A (AT956668) reported that they were receiving incoming small arms fire and mortar fire. Company M located at (AT 935663) also received light and sporadic mortar fire observed flashes at (AT 938638) believed to have been from the VC mortars. The tank in support of Company M engaged the target with its 90mm immediately silencing the mortars. By 300250H, Company A reported they had received about 1000 rounds of small arms fire and an estimated 15-20 rounds of mortar fire, plus heavy fire from a 57mm recoilless rifle. Small arms fire fights continued and at 300320H, Company M reported they were receiving an occasional mortar round. Fire was again delivered at the flashes and the mortar was permanently silenced. Company A reported that Viet Cong infiltrators had moved into their perimeter from a north - northwesterly direction. The VC overran Company A's ammo dump and carried off an unknown quantity of ammo just prior to being completely repulsed. At 300450H, Company H 2/3 was alerted for possible employment in the 1st Battalion area. In the subsequent search of the area, 41 VC bodies, 21 assorted weapons and some 75 expended 57 recoilless rifle canisters were located. They further reported (3) M-60 machineguns, (2) 3.5 rocket launchers, (1) 60mm mortar (13) M-14 rifles, (1) M-79, (1) AN/PRO-10 and (1) AN/PRO-6 missing. At the close of this report, there were a total of 16 USMC KIA's and 45 USMC WIA's. To seal off possible routes of egress, the 9th Marines moved units on the west side of the river in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) (AT9666) and CAN NE (3) (AT9668). Platoons from Companies C and M were dispatched to patrol the west side of the SONG YEN. The platoon from Company C reinforced with three war dogs and seven ARVN, patrolled during the day to (AT935680) to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) to LA CHAU (3), then to LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) without contact. Company H, 2/3 placed under OPCON of 1/1 at 301145H, was given the mission to sweep the west bank of the SONG YEN from the vicinity of (AT940618) north to Hill 22 (AT9466). The Company was helilifted into an LZ at (AT927626) and moved to the starting point and made contact with a company from the 9th Marines who swept north on the east side of the river. Four destroyed boats and one dead VC body was located at the site of an earlier air strike at (AT 945617). A platoon from the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion was helilifted in and utilizing two LCR's searched the river bottom and banks, while the two companies moved north. The operation progressed without VC contact. During the reporting period, the battalion conducted one company size sweep, four platoon size combat patrols and established eight squad size night ambushes.

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b. 2/3. Throughout the night, defense of the battalion's vital area continued without incident. Companies E (-), F and H occupied positions along the M.R. During the night and early morning while Company E and elements of H&S defended the Battalion rear area. One platoon from Company E remained in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAMO Bridge (At 4284) area. The battalion deactivated its ten squad size night ambushes by 300700H and all reported to VC contact. In addition to the establishment of the night ambushes the following patrols were conducted. The 1st Platoon, Company E patrolled from 300730H to (AT885818) (AT894811) (AT883812) to (AT882823). The 2d Platoon, Company E dispatched a squad from 300800H to 301300H to (AT902831), (AT913834) (AT909825). The 1st Platoon, Company F dispatched two squad size patrols with the first out from 300800H to 301800H to (AT841779), (AT834778), (AT834778), (AT830778) to (AT8279744) to (AT845777). The second squad patrolled from 300900H to 301300H to (AT852778), (AT860782) to (AT864759) to (AT845777). The 2d Platoon, Company F patrolled from 300800H to 301030H to (AT899773) to (AT902775). The Company H patrols were cancelled and at approximately 300430H, the company was placed on alert for possible employment in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TACB, south of the SONO TUY LOAN. At 301130H, Company H was placed under OPCON of 1/1 and helilifted into the southern portion of the SAOR. (See 1/4 report). During the reporting period, the battalion established ten squad night ambushes and conducted four squad size and one platoon size daylight patrols. Ten squad size night patrols were conducted to ambush sites.

c. 3/4. The vital PHU BAI Airfield Complex continued to be defended by the battalion without incident. Five squad size local security patrols were conducted around the airfield perimeter. One squad from Company I and two each were dispatched by Companies K and L. In addition to these patrols, five platoons patrolled under the cover of darkness to establish ambush sites. All three platoons from Company K established ambushes, with the 1st Platoon at (YD 92104), the 2d at (YD901142) and the 3d at (YD899149). The 1st Platoon, Company I established an ambush at (YD840083). The 2d Platoon of the Combined Action Company established an ambush at (YD924143). The 3d Platoon, Company K patrolled within (YD8014) and (YD8015). The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company I conducted patrol activity within (YD8408) without contact. The battalion reported no VC contact during the reporting period.

d. 4/42. Fired 97 missions in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; of which 16 were observed, 3 counter mortar drill and 78 H&I's.

(1) Ammo Expended:	TYPE	107mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
	MR	36	271	39	346
	WP	30	61	9	61
	Smoke	0	0	0	0
	Illum	0	0	0	18
	Totals	45	332	48	425

e. **EMERGENCY**

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

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(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1/1 - 4 2/3 - 0	3/4 - 0
(b) Day Contacts	1/1 - 0 2/3 - 0	3/4 - 0
(c) Totals	4	0
(d) Action without Contacts	28	12
(e) <u>Box Scores</u>		

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
<u>QUANG NAM</u>				
1/1				
(AT956658)	292400H	Ambush	A-1/None	Unk/Unk WIA's
(AT956658)	300200H	Ambush	A-1/3 KIA 6 WIA	Unk/5 KIA
(AT956668)	300200H	Defense	CoA/12 KIA 36 WIA	Unk/41 KIA
(AT934663)	300200H	Defense	CoM/1 KIA 3 WIA	Unk/Unk

2/3

NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4

NONE

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1. Defensive operations will continue with Companies A and M responsible for the defense of the area along Phase Line Orange and north to the SONG TUY LOAN. North of the river, Companies O (-) and D (-) will maintain strong points along the MLR, while one reinforced platoon of Company B defends the Hawk Missile Sites and a squad from Company C the DEO DAI LAI Pass (AT 9475). The battalion will continue to establish numerous ambushes and will conduct aggressive patrol activity. The 2d Platoon, Company D will patrol from 310800H to 311500H to (AT923707), (AT913697), (AT911689), (AT923696), (AT 930701). The 3d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 310700H to 311200H to (AT 837615), (AT851621), (AT867627), (AT884631), (AT902643), (AT921143). The 2d Platoon, Company M will patrol from 310800H to 311200H to (AT925675), (AT 928687), (AT941688) to (AT943678). Company H 2/3, placed under OPCON 1/1 during this reporting period will position one platoon on Hill 22 to reinforce Company A and the remainder of the company will occupy positions in Company B's area (AT947718).

CONFIDENTIAL4. Civil Actiona. 1/1

(1) On 29 October, the BAS (AT950720) treated 42 people for skin and eye infections.

b. 2/3

(1) On 29 October, the LE MY dispensary treated 103 people for malaria, headaches, respiratory and intestinal infections.

c. 3/4

(1) On 29 October, the CAC treated 93 people in LOC BON village (YD925105).

(2) On 29 October, the CAC treated 25 people in THUY LUONG village (YD881173).

(3) On 29 October, the 4/12 medical team treated 90 people in the village of PHU LUONG (YD850173).

d. Medical Report

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	42
DA NANG	2/3	103
PHU DAI	3/4	208
TOTALS		353

5. Miscellaneousa. Coordinates of CP's of organic and attached unitsDA NANG TAOR

3d Marines (AT944762)
 Co. A (-), 3d AT BN (AT944762)
 Co. A (-), 3d TK Bn (AT944762)
 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT953723)
 Co. A, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT954668)
 Co. B, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT972745)
 Co. C, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT923732)
 Co. D, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT942718)
 Co. M, 3dBn, 4thMar (AT936663)
 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (AT943783)
 Co. E, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT898821)
 Co. F, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT908778)
 Co. G, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT895801)
 Co. H, 2dBn, 3dMar (OPCON 1/1) (AT942718)

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3d Battalion, 4th Marines (YD884137)
 Co. I, 3d Bn, 4th Mar (YD794153)
 Co. K, 3d Bn, 4th Mar (YD892146)
 Co. L, 3d Bn, 4th Mar (YD884137)
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (YD883742)
 M Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD883144)
 W Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD882148)
 I Btry, 12th Mar (YD890144)
 3d Plat, Co. A, 3d AT Bn (YD890148)
 3d Plat, Co. A, 3d TK Bn (YD889143)
 3d Plat, Co. C, 3d Recon Bn (YD884137)
 3d Plat, Co. B, 3d Engr Bn (YD887138)

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #208 301800H - 311800H Oct 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&G</u>	<u>DEFNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>IP'S</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1					13		13
2/3					13		15
3/4					4		4
Squad 1/1				5	3		8
2/3			4	7			11
3/4			4				4
Platoon 1/1			3				3
2/3			1				1
3/4			2	5			7
Company 1/1							0
2/3							0
3/4							0
TOTALS	0		14	17	35	0	66

b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by five incidents involving Viet Cong. At HUE PHU BAI, the 2d Platoon, Company I, located at (YD913099) engaged an unknown number of VC at 302211H. During the ensuing fire fight, one Marine was critically wounded. ^(Landing Zone) There were no confirmed VC casualties. Within the DA NAMO TAOR, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines reported that at 302400H, a squad from the 3d Platoon, Company M at (AT948700) received five rounds of small arms fire and had a green star cluster fired over their position. The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines reported three contacts with the first occurring at (AT883825) at 302030H, when a squad ambush from Company E met 5 VC and engaged them in a short fire fight without casualties. Shortly thereafter, 6 VC were observed near the Battalion perimeter (AT943788). They were taken under fire, the area illuminated revealing a total of 14 armed VC. As the VC fled an M-48 tank was employed to engage the target. The subsequent search revealed negative results. At 310135H, the Company F, CP received four rounds of sniper fire at (AT912764) and concurrently observed two individuals who tripped a flare. They were taken under fire and the search that followed produced negative results.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.a. 1/1.

(1) Company A. Continued to occupy defensive position on hill 22 (AT9566).. Company H which was under OPCON of the 1st Battalion 1st Marines was directed to place one rifle platoon in support of Company A on hill 22 (AT9566). At 310900H the platoon was helilifted back to its primary position within the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility.

(2) Company B. Maintained its headquarters and the 3d platoon (-) (Rein) in positions along the MLR at (AT967707). One squad of the 3d platoon continued to provide security at the bridge located within (AT9669). The 2d platoon maintains one squad hill 268 (AT9674) and two squads in defense of hill 329 (AT9773). The 1st platoon (Rein) continued to provide security for the Battalion CP.

(3) Company C. Company C (-) remained at their primary CP (AT923732) without incident. One squad continued to maintain defensive position at the DEO DIA LA Pass (AT9475) without contact or significant observation. At 310900H the 3d Platoon (-) was helilifted to (AT854707). To provide security for a downed UH-34. By 311221H the UH-34 had been lifted from the area and the platoon was returned to its primary position.

(4) Company D. Company D (-) continued to maintain strong points along the MLR. One T/O platoon remains on special assignment in Saigon. The company established two platoon patrols with the 3d platoon patrolling from 311245H to 311630H to (AT933709), (AT926728), (AT920704), (AT927705), to (AT934707) and the 2nd platoon from 310800H to 3111500H to (AT923707) (AT913697), (AT911689), (AT923696), (AT930701). The company reported no VC contact during the reporting period.

(5) Company E. Continued to man defensive position on hill 41 (AT9366) without incident. The company deactivated its three squad size ambushes by 310700H without contact. One squad operating in the battalion rear area with Company B (-) reporting receiving five rounds of small arms fire and observed a green star cluster overhead at 302400H while located in the vicinity of (AT948700). The 3d platoon, company M while patrolling to the west and north west of hill 41 sustained one WIA at 311410H from the detonation of a booby trap explosive device at (AT923676). The 3d platoon was helilifted at 311300H to (AT837615) and commenced extended patrol activity moving to (AT851621) to (AT867627) without contact.

b. 2/3.

(1) Company E. Continued to man the right flank of the DA NANG MLR from its primary position at (AT898821). The company deactivated two of its squad size night ambushes by 310700H without incident. Its third squad ambush while enroute to establish its position met five VC at (AT883825). At 302030H, the Viet Cong broke contact after the initial bursts of Marine fire. There

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were no friendly casualties and the subsequent search revealed negative results. The squad was then ordered to abort its ambush and return back to their primary position. The 2d Platoon, Company E dispatched a squad patrol today from 310800H to 311300H to (AT908824), (AT906816), (AT916817) and reported no significant observations.

(2) Company F. Continued to maintain defensive positions along the MLR without contact until 310135H, when four rounds of small arms fire were received at (AT912764). Simultaneously with the small arms fire, two individuals tripped a flare and were taken under fire. The area was searched with negative results. In addition to four squad size night ambushes, the following patrols were conducted. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 301800H to 301900H to (AT853778) to (AT857769) and from 311100H to 311400H to (AT876763), (AT882769), (AT893767), (AT899762) to (AT915746). A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 310800H to 311300H to (AT899773), (AT904777) to (AT902774). The 3d Platoon commenced patrolling at 311300H and remains out at the close of this report over the route (AT909731), (AT900753), (AT897758), (AT890767).

(3) Company G. Remained in defensive positions along the MLR.

(4) Company H. Remained under OPCON of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines until 311525H. While with the 1st Battalion, one platoon was deployed with Company A and two with Company D on the MLR. Upon return to the battalion area, the company was positioned forward of the MLR in a company strong point located at (AT875805). *placed in Regimental Reserve.*

(5) Hqs Co. At 302050H, the battalion security outpost in the vicinity of (AT943788) reported observing 6 armed VC. They were taken under fire and the area was illuminated revealing a total of 14 VC. An M-48 tank equipped with a searchlight was moved to that vicinity and observed the VC fleeing into the brush. Two 90mm cannister rounds were fired and a searching party dispatched to the area the VC had been last observed. No trace of the VC or other unusual activity was found.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued the defense of Highway #1 and provided two squads for security of Hill 225 (YD8408). One squad from Hill 225 conducted daylight patrol activity within (YD8408) without incident.

(2) Company K. Continued to provide two platoons (rein) for security of the airfield. At 312211H, the 2d Platoon made contact with an unknown number of Viet Cong at (YD913099). During the ensuing fire fight, one Marine was seriously wounded, (later DOW). The subsequent search revealed negative results. There were no confirmed VC casualties. During the hours of darkness, three squad size patrols were conducted around the vital airfield perimeter.

(3) Company L. Maintained positions in the perimeter defense of the vital PHU BAI Airfield Complex. Two squad size local security patrols were dispatched during the hours of darkness without significant observation. The 3d Platoon deactivated a night ambush located at (YD839164) at first light without contact. The 1st Squad, 2d Platoon, Company L conducted a daylight security patrol within (YD8408).

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(4) Battalion Scouts. Maintained a daylight OP at (YD819077) without significant observation.

d. 4/12

- (1) Total Missions Fired. 124
- (2) Observed. 30
- (3) Unobserved. 15
- (4) H&I. 78
- (5) Other TOT. 1
- (6) Ammo Expended

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
MM	51	0	152	203
WP	0	0	4	4
Smoke	0	0	0	0
Illum	0	0	5	5
Total	51	0	161	212

e. CP's, Regimental and Attached Company Size Units.DA NANG

3d Marines (AT944762)
1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU DAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883742)
M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)
I Btry, 12thMar (YD890144)

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to maintain defensive positions on Hill 22 (AT9566).

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions in the Hill 327 Complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located in (AT9469) and one platoon in defense of the Battalion CP. The Company Headquarters and one reinforced platoon will remain on the MLR.

(3) Company C. Will maintain defensive positions along the MLR and one squad at the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475).

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR. The 2d Platoon will patrol from 01000H to 01500H to (AT923707), (AT913697), (AT911686), (AT923696) to (AT930701).

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(5) Company M. Will continue to maintain defensive positions on Hill 41 (AT9366). The 3d Platoon will continue to operate from its established patrol base at (AT867627). The platoon is scheduled to remain out until 031200H.

b. 2/3.

(1) Company E. Will remain in defensive positions on the right flank of the M.R. One squad from the 1st Platoon plus an 81mm mortar FO team will patrol from 010800H to 011300H to (AT883818), (AT872823) to (AT872830).

(2) Company F. Will maintain strong points along the M.R. The 1st Platoon will dispatch a squad (-) patrol from 010800H to 011030H to (AT907751), (AT907751), (AT915746). The 3d Platoon will conduct two squad patrols from 010800H to 011500H in the vicinity of THON PHUOC SON (AT8676).

(3) Company G. Will remain in defensive posture on the M.R.

(4) Company H. *Regimental Reserve*
~~Will occupy a company strong point forward of the M.R. at (AT875804).~~

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain the highway defense company and will dispatch one platoon to operate in the vicinity of (YD9108).

(2) Company L. Will provide two Platoons for security of the perimeter of the vital airfield complex. In addition, two squads will be maintained on Hill 225 (YD8400). One of these squads will conduct daylight security patrols while the other will establish a night ambush in the vicinity of Hill 225.

(3) Company K. Will remain airfield defense company and will conduct local security patrols and ambushes around the perimeter during hours of darkness.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security and conduct Civic Action projects within the assigned villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BOM (YD925105).

d. 4/12. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

e. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company C (AT914734), (AT928727), (AT917731)
- (b) Company H (AT923665), (AT923675)

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(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT861825), (AT896817), (AT930843)
- (b) Company F (AT922752), (AT910773), (AT862763), (AT882768)
- (c) Company G (AT916762)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company I (YD9207)
- (b) Company K (YD8014)

<u>f. Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols			
(a) Squad	4	2	6
(b) Platoon	4	1	5
(2) Ambushes			
(a) Squad	13	0	13
(b) Platoon	0	2	2

4. Civic Action

a. 1/1

(1) On 30 October the BAS (AT950720) treated 32 people at sick call. One woman from HOA THINH (AT950705) was evacuated to the DA NANG USOM hospital by ambulance for treatment of a kidney infection.

(2) On 30 October, D Company treated 22 people for sick and eye infections, headaches, and indigestion at (AT940720).

(3) On 30 October, the Battalion medical team held sick call in HOA THINH and treated 65 people. PF's assisted in distributing 25 bars of soap to mothers attending sick call.

(4) On 30 October, Company G treated 72 people from HOA PHU village (AT920725) and distributed 40 bars of soap to the mothers and 50 Vietnamese flags to the children attending sick call.

(5) On 30 October, Company H treated 20 people at (AT9366).

b. 2/3

(1) On 30 October, the LE MY dispensary treated 111 people for respiratory and intestinal infections, worms and fevers.

c. 3/4

(1) On 30 October, the CAC treated 53 people in THUY PHU (YD905125) and 30 people in LOC BON (YD924105).

(2) On 30 October, the Battalion medical team treated 104 people in the village of THUY LUONG (YD865175).

CONFIDENTIALd. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	191
DA NANG	2/3	111
PHU HAI	3/4	<u>187</u>
		489

5. Miscellaneous. General WESTMORELAND visited hill 22 (AT9566) from 311400H to 311435H. And awarded 15 Purple Heart medals for participants of the VC attack against hill 22 on the night of 29-30 Oct 1965.

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LEGEND**MSB -**

1. At 251705H, the 2d platoon (rein), Company D while returning from a search and clear mission of GIAO TRI (9) (AT888702) and moving East in the vicinity of (AT898704) encountered many mines and booby traps. One electrically detonated mine of the Claymore type was exploded and an estimated VC platoon (-) North of the river opened fire (AT897707). The mine was so detonated and positioned, that seven (7) casualties were sustained: (6 WIA, 1 KIA). The platoon immediately maneuvered, returned fire, requested a medical evacuation of wounded, and called in an artillery fire mission. At 251713H, the 3d platoon (rein) Company D, on a combat patrol in the area of operations, was ordered to reinforce the 2d platoon (rein) of Company D. The 3d platoon was located at (AT902683). At 251725H, the 2d platoon (rein) (-), Company M, was helolifted as a mobile strike force with mission of securing LZ and sweeping designated areas and reinforcing 2d platoon, Company D.

At 251730, the medical evacuation commenced. Fire by armed helicopters and rifles of the 2d platoon were required to suppress the VC in area of medical evacuation. LZ, (AT897705).

2. At 251820H, Company D, 3d platoon had one KIA and two WIA (AT900704). They were part of Company D 2d platoon and had tripped a mine. Casualties were helo evacuated.
3. At 251845H, Artillery fired 188 rounds of prep fire on LZ and village of GIAO TRI (2) vicinity (AT897708). The 2d platoon, Company M in five H-34's, landed in LZ, secured LZ and swept GIAO TRI (2).
4. At 251900H, Company M, 2d platoon with illumination from flare plane began a sweep of the village of GIAO TRI (2) (AT894705) from their position (AT897708). Reported artillery had destroyed most of the huts. They destroyed a total of 10 caves, and gathered 33 civilians.
5. At 260640H, the 2d platoon of Company M obtained 19 more VOS during sweep in morning and VOS were helo evacuated. Many documents, batteries, rolls of wire, and shell casings were found in caves and huts.
6. At 252026H, the security element at bridge site (AT947699) reported seeing object moving East down river towards bridge. Illumination was fired by 81's and small arms fire was placed on area of moving objects. At 252055H, bridge security received several rounds of sniper fire from 100 yards East of bridge. Fire was returned, with no confirmed results.
7. At 252150H, Company D heard movement on LZ (AT939721) under illumination saw 4-5 persons run into the bushes. No rounds were fired.
8. At 252240H, OP at fort (AT934718) observed 4 to 5 people on LZ #3 (AT 939721). Illumination was fired, OP opened fire three rounds of carbine fire was returned. Individuals fled into tree line to northeast.

3d platoon, Oct 65
Helo evacuation, only 2 Oct

9. At 252300H, one VC infiltrated into Company D CP (AT941720). VC was fired on by sentry VC returned fire. Sentry received a slight bullet wound in leg. No evacuation necessary. Sentry thought he wounded VC, sweep of area found no evidence of blood, but found a carbine shell casing.
10. At 260725H, Company D reported occupants in mine on mine sweep detail were fired on by one or two carbines (AT929719). Did not return fire.
11. At 262045H, Company D, 1st platoon located (AT944718), reported incoming fire from (AT935715). Fire was returned under illumination from 60mm mortars, people were seen moving into tree line. No friendly casualties, or confirmed enemy casualties.
12. At 262050H, CP security, post #6 (AT953718), post #7 (AT951718), post #8 (AT948718) and post #12 (AT948723) began receiving bursts of incoming carbine fire. Security guards returned fire, one tank was dispatched to post #7 to assist if needed as a road block. The reaction platoon was on stand-by. No friendly casualties or confirmed enemy casualties.
13. At 262145H, the AN/TPS-21 located (AT944718) received incoming fire from (AT945714). Three missile blasts were seen. Seventy five (75) rounds of small arms fire, and five (5) rounds of M79 were fired from Company D position (AT941719), at a group of 20-32 people moving towards a school house located (AT935715). No friendly casualties, or confirmed enemy casualties.
14. At 262300H, CP security reported seeing movement forward of perimeter (AT952724). Sentry fired one round in direction of movement, two rounds of fire were returned. Illumination was fired but no people could be seen. No friendly casualties, or confirmed enemy casualties.
15. At 270720H, Company D, 3d platoon located in vicinity of (AT898705) reported finding one thousand pounds of rice in baskets which were helo evacuated to District Headquarters. A VOB captured in Qiao Tri (2) was helo evacuated.
16. At 271742H, Company D, 3d platoon and Company C, 2d platoon operating as a provisional rifle company (-) in the vicinity of (AT874708), and (AT 888712) encountered numerous booby traps. All located booby traps were destroyed in place. Company D, 3d platoon on a sweep of Hoi Vao, encountered heavy sniper fire from (AT874708), they returned the fire and one sniper was knocked out of a tree. No body could be found, but at a distance a person was seen being helped from the village. Company C, 2d platoon making a sweep through Binh Thai (AT888712), found a cave (AT889709). The cave was blown and the following articles were recovered, one 60mm mortar fuse, other rigged type fuses, 30 and 50 caliber cartridges.
17. At 272000H, bridge watch (AT947699) reported one round of incoming sniper fire but did not return fire.

18. At 272110H, Company D, 1st platoon (AT944717) reported seeing a man near the wire in front of their position. They opened fire, heard moaning and investigated but could not find body. Blood spots were found in the area after daylight.
19. At 272235H, Company D, 1st platoon (AT944717) reported receiving 3-4 small arms rounds from in front of their position. They returned fire.
20. At 272315H, Company D, 2d platoon (AT948725) received 20-25 rounds of sniper fire. Estimated four persons moving north to south in probing action. They were using carbine type weapons.
21. At 291830H, Company C, 3d platoon reported encountering 7 VC moving in column (AT886727). Five moved east, two went north. They followed larger group, possibly wounding 2. ARVN with 3d platoon stated they were definitely a VC unit. They spotted one rifle.
22. At 300012H, Company D CP reported spotting 2 men in LZ. Three or four rounds of carbine fire was returned by 6-10 rounds by Marines. One man ran between Company C and Company D on the road. Second man ran toward a village (AT935724).
23. At 300056H, Company D CP fired on 2 men in LZ again. Two men soon moving off in direction of Fort through rice paddy (AT934717).
24. At 301600H, Company B, 3d platoon reported finding 10 pounds of C-4 in house at N INH AN (AT905710). They also found an old woman in the house.
25. At 301945, Company A, reported finding a home made bomb in their position (AT957678). Bomb is C ration can and explosive sealed with paraffin.
26. At 301950H, Company C, 3d platoon reported receiving 8-10 rounds of carbine fire and 10 rounds of automatic fire from (AT884710) and (AT886711).
27. At 010130H, Company C, 3d platoon reported having found one VC body (AT895715). They observed two VC departing the area.
28. At 011955H, Company C, 1st platoon received 15-20 rounds of sniper fire from (AT875715). Fire was from northwest of PPB at range of 300 meters. Estimated 4 VC to be armed with 3 carbines and 1 automatic weapon. They returned 4 M-79 rounds. No small arms fire because of no definite targets.
29. At 020135H, Company M, 3d platoon ambush was sprung (AT925668). The results were one dead VC, one rifle, one grenade, 200 pounds of rice. They were unable to carry back the rice. Two VC escaped.
30. At 020150H, Company M, 3d platoon at (AT928655) ambush facing north encountered 5 VC heading west into high country. Ambush was sprung at 0110H. One VC KIA with Chinese bolt action 7.62 rifle was recovered. Rice was destroyed. Body was hidden at base of M position. The VC ran north when fired upon.