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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Main), FID  
 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 #209 311800H Oct - 011800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Kill Scores

	<u>S&amp;C OFFER</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LF'S</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				16		16
2/3				15		15
3/4				4		4
Squad 1/1		2	5			7
2/3		5	8			13
3/4		8	7			15
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		1				1
3/4			5			5
Company 1/1						0
2/3						0
3/4						0
TOTALS	0	17	25	35	0	77

<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 (AT920690)	011115H	Patrol Rocky Trap	2-D-1/1 WIA	Unk/None
2/3 NONE				
<u>THUA THIEM</u> 3/4 (YD9092104)	312050H	Patrol	3-I-4/None	Unk/2 KIA 1 U.S. Carbine 1 CHICOM SMO

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b. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by two Viet Cong contacts. The first occurred within the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines TAOR at PHU HAI. At 012050H, the 3d Platoon, Company I while establishing an ambush, made contact with an unknown number of Viet Cong and the ensuing fire fight resulted in two VC KIA and the capture of one U.S. Carbine M-1, plus one CHICOM K-50. There were no friendly casualties. The second contact resulted in one Marine being MIA by a VC booby trap, while the 2d Platoon, Company D was patrolling through (AT900690).

## 2. Operations

a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to maintain its command post on Hill 22 (AT9566). During the morning from 0100H - 011200H there were two squad size patrols with the first being from the 1st platoon, from Hill 22 to (AT961661) and the second from the 3d Platoon, which patrolled to (AT942667).

(2) Company B. Maintained one squad providing security at the bridge (AT947700), one platoon occupying defensive positions at the Battalion CP and the Company headquarters, plus the 3d Platoon (-) in position along the M.R. The 2d Platoon maintained one squad on Hill 268 (AT9674) and two squads on Hill 327 (AT9773).

(3) Company C. The Company, minus one squad, continued to man strong points along the M.R. One squad continued to defend the DHO DAI LA Pass (AT 9475) without incident.

(4) Company D. The Company, minus one T/O platoon, which is on special assignment in Saigon, continued to operate from positions along the M.R. The 2d Platoon commenced patrolling at 010800H to (AT923707), (AT913697), (AT911686) and by 011130H, reached (AT920690), where a VC booby trap wounded one Marine. A med-evac was requested and was completed by 011430H.

(5) Company E. Continued operations from its CP at (AT934663). The 3d Platoon continued its extended patrol in the southwestern sector of the DA NANG TAOR, operating in the vicinity of (AT853616), without contact.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Continued to provide the bulwark for the right flank of the DA NANG M.R. A squad from the 1st Platoon, reinforced with an 81mm mortar FO Team, patrolled from 010600H to 011300H to (AT855218) to (AT872823) to (AT872830) without contact.

(2) Company F. Operated from strong points along the M.R. From 010800H to 011030H, a squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled to (AT908751), (AT 907751) to (AT915746). The 3d Platoon, Company F dispatched two squad patrols with the first being out from 010800H to 011100H to (AT865753), (AT865759), (AT855770), (AT853777), (AT860782), (AT866784), (AT869775) to (AT876749). The second patrol was out from 011300H to 011500H to (AT867749), (AT860745), (AT 853751), (AT858750), (AT871761) to (AT876749).

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(3) Company G. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. without contact or significant observation.

(4) Company H. During the night, Company H remained on the M.R. generally northeast of Company G with their command post located at (AT901800). At 010558H, the Company moved into position with Company G and remained in that area for most of the day. From 011300H to 011530H, a squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled to (AT883804), (AT875794), (AT889792), without contact. By 011300H, the Company had returned to the Battalion CP.

#### c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued as highway defense Company without contact until 112050H, when the 3d Platoon, while establishing an ambush site, made contact with an unknown number of VC at (YD909104). In the brief fire fight, that ensued, two Viet Cong were killed. The VC broke contact and an immediate search revealed, in addition to the two bodies, one U.S. Carbine M-1, and one GHICOM K-90. The platoon remained in ambush at (YD911101) for the duration of the night, without further contact.

(2) Company K. Remained airfield defense company with two platoons occupying a sector of the vital airfield defense perimeter. Two squad size local security patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness around the airfield perimeter. One platoon moved to (YD8216) and selected a night ambush site for occupancy tonight.

(3) Company L. Provided two platoons for security of the perimeter of the vital airfield and two squads for defense of the OF on Hill 225 (YD8408). Three squad size night security patrols were conducted around the airfield and one squad size daylight patrol was conducted within (YD8408) without contact.

(4) Combined Action Company. Continued to provide security for the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105) without incident.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Recon Battalion. Maintained a daylight observation post at (YD805126) without significant observation.

#### d. 4/12

- (1) Total Missions Fired. 60
- (2) H&I's. 99
- (3) Test Fire. 1
- (4) Ammo Expended

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
RS	28		38	66
RP				0
Snaps				0
Illum				0
TOTAL	28		38	66

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e. CP's Regimental and Attached Company Size Units.

DA HANG

3d Marines (AT914762)  
1st Bn, 12th Mar 9AT959757)

BOO PHU HAI

4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD833742)  
11 Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD883144)  
12 Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD882148)  
1 Btry, 12th Mar (YD690244)

f. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA HANG</u>	<u>PHU HAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	1	1
(b) Day Contacts	1	0	1
(c) Total	1	1	2
(d) Action Without Contact	10	6	

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend the Hill 22 (AT9566) area. The 2d Platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad to BO HAN (1) (AT9568) and a squad to PHU SON (1) (AT9565) from 021400H to 021600H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive position 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 (-) will remain on the M.R.

(3) Company C. Will maintain defensive positions along the M.R. with one squad at the BOO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). From 020530H to 041800H, the 3d Platoon will patrol to (AT914734), (AT900742), (AT895715) to (AT865730).

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 3d Platoon will dispatch a two squad patrol from 020800H to 021630H over the route (AT945710), (AT947700), (AT943703), (AT935707), (AT924700), (AT920704) to (AT924710).

(5) Company E. Will continue to maintain defensive positions on Hill 41 (AT9366). The 3d Platoon will continue its extended patrol moving its patrol base to (AT902646). The 2d Platoon will patrol to DUYEN SON (1) (AT9366) from 021500H to 021800H. The 1st Platoon will patrol from 020800H to 021300H to (AT916663), (AT895657), (AT905672), (AT921671).

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## b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will remain in defensive positions along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 020800H to 021400H to (AT835818), (AT894811), (AT883812), (AT882823).

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain strong points along the MLR. A squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 020800H to 021030H to (AT899774) to (AT902775). From 021600H to 021900H, the platoon will patrol to (AT899774), (AT898776), (AT887777), (AT873777), (AT869775) to (AT861773). The 3d Platoon will conduct two squad size patrols, with the first from 020800H to 021100H to (AT838760), (AT849764), (AT844760), (AT844755), (AT855755) (AT868752) to (AT866763). The second squad patrol will be out from 020830H to 021030H to (AT871755), (AT875752), (AT878755), (AT880760) to (AT866763). The entire platoon will patrol from 021200H to 021500H to (AT871761), (AT882768), (AT869775), (AT886777), (AT899774) to (AT902775).

(3) Company G. Will continue to defend along the MLR. The 3d Platoon will dispatch a squad to patrol from 020800H to 021300H to (AT894796), (AT884788), (AT880794) to (AT891801).

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the rear area.

## c. 2/4

(1) Company I. Will remain the highway defense company and will dispatch one platoon to operate within (XD9209).

(2) Company K. Will remain airfield defense company and will conduct local security patrols during the hours of darkness. One platoon will move to (YD8215) and select two night ambush sites.

(3) Company L. Will provide two platoons for the perimeter defense of the vital area and will conduct night squad size security patrols.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security and conduct Civic Action projects within THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

(5) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT952678), (AT948663)
- (b) Company C (AT920710), (AT925714)
- (c) Company M (AT943677), (AT921673)

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company E (AT88885), (AT893817), (AT91841)
- (b) Company F (AT920751), (AT87773), (AT836751), (AT859743)
- (c) Company G (AT910762)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company I (YD9108) 2 squads
- (b) Company I (YD821164) platoon
- (c) GAC (YD836196), (YD907251), (YD913117) platoon

### 7. Summary of Operation.

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Totals</u>
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(1) Patrols

(a) Squad	10	4	14
(b) Platoon	2	1	3

(2) Ambush

(a) Squad	14	2	16
(b) Platoon	0	4	4

4. Civic Action.(a) Medical Report.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
Da Nang	1st Co	83
Da Nang	1/2	27
Da Nang	2/3	118
Hue Phu Bai	3/4	86
		<u>294</u>

5. Miscellaneous. None.Drafted By R. L. ARINEReleased By H. J. COMLIN

**CONFIDENTIAL****SIX MONTH REPORT**

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines  
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 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) SIXTH FIELD COMBAT - COMBATT Nov 1965

1. 3d Marine Highlights

a. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;S OPNS</u>	<u>PARADES</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>	<u>LP'S</u>	<u>SCOUT SHIPPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				15		15
2/3				10		10
3/4				4		4
Squad 1/1		2	6			8
2/3		5	8			13
3/4		7	2			9
Platoon 1/1		4				4
2/3		2				2
3/4		2	4			6
Company 1/1						0
2/3						0
3/4						0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>

<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  
NONE

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REMARKS:

b. 3d Marine activity was highlighted by two minor incidents, the first of which occurred at 020405H, when a listening post east of the Company B CP (AT93821) engaged an unknown number of Viet Cong in a brief fire fight with no sustained casualties. The second occurred at 021025H, when an observation post from Company B (AT96706) received 4 to 5 rounds of small arm fire from the vicinity of (AT960702) without casualty producing effects.

## 2. Operations

## a. 1A

(1) Company A. Continued to maintain its command post on Hill 22 (AT9566) and provided ambush, patrol and surveillance activity along Phase Area Orange. The company deactivated the two squad base night subunits by 020700H without incident. From 021400H to 021600H a reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled to HO MAI (1) (AT9568) then to PHU SON (1) (AT9565) without a VC contact. The patrol reported at 021800H that empty grenade subunits, field bandages and a cartridge belt were found in a house at (AT 95665).

(2) Company B. Continued to maintain one squad in defense of the bridge at (AT9469), one squad on Hill 184 (AT9674) and two squads on Hill 327 (AT9773). One rifle platoon continued to defend the Battalion CP. The Company Headquarters and one reinforced rifle platoon remained on the M.H. At 021025H, this Platoon, received 4 to 5 rounds of small arm fire from (AT 960702) without suffering any casualties. An immediate search produced negative results.

(3) Company C. The HQ BAI LA Pass (AT9475) continued to be defended by one squad, while the Company CP continued to maintain defensive positions along the M.H. At 02053H, the 3d Platoon commenced an extended patrol moving from (AT94734), (AT900722), (AT885725) to (AT865730), without adjacent observation.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the M.H. and maintained its offensive posture with a two squad patrol from the 3d Platoon patrolling to (AT945710), (AT947700), (AT943703), (AT935707), (AT 924700) to (AT934710) from 020800H to 021630H.

(5) Company E. Continued to man defensive positions on Hill 11 (AT 9366) without contact. In addition to the establishment of night squad size subunits, the company conducted three platoon size patrols. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 020800H to 021300H to (AT94663), (AT936577), (AT905672), (AT 921672). From 021500H to 021800H the 2d Platoon patrolled to PHU SON (1) (AT9366) and returned to their primary position without contact. The 3d Platoon operated today in the southwestern portion of the DM MARK VIOR, in the vicinity of (AT885629) without VC contact.

## b. 2A

(1) Company B. Maintained strong points along the M.H. and provided one platoon in support of the ATRV Company defending the MAI O Bridge. At 020225H, a listening post north of the Company CP reported observing three

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groups of five men each. Several rounds were fired at the suspected VC without further contact. At 020405H, a listening post to the east of the Company CP, engaged an unknown number of VC in a short fire fight after two trip flares were set off by the Viet Cong. The subsequent search revealed negative results. One squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from (AT885818), (AT894811), (AT883812) to (AT882823) from 020800H to 021400H.

(2) Company F. Continued to maintain strong points along the MLR without incident. The company's offensive posture was maintained through the employment of numerous aggressive patrols. A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 020800H to 021030H to (AT899774) to (AT902775) and from 021600H to 021900H, the entire platoon patrolled to (AT899774), (AT898776), (AT887777), (AT873777) to (AT861773). The 3d Platoon conducted two squad size patrols, with the first being out from 020800H to 021100H over the route (AT858760), (AT849764), (AT844760), (AT844755), (AT868752) to (AT866763). The second squad patrolled from 020830H to 021030H to (AT871755), (AT875752), (AT878755) to (AT866763). The squads junctured at (AT871761) and the entire platoon patrolled from 021200H to 021500H to (AT882768), (AT869775), (AT886777) to (AT902775) without contact or significant observation.

(3) Company G. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the MLR. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 020800H to 021300H over the route (AT894796), (AT884788), (AT880794) to (AT891801).

(4) Company H. Remained the Regimental Reserve and manned defensive positions within the battalion rear area.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued with the defense of the highway access routes to the vital PHU BAI area. The company deactivated its platoon size ambush at (YD923090) without contact. One platoon of the company moved to the vicinity of (YD9008) and conducted reconnaissance for a night ambush site.

(2) Company K. Remained in position at the airfield defense company without contact. Between 012030H to 020600H, the company conducted three squad size local security patrols around the airfield perimeter. At 020700H, the 1st Platoon had deactivated its night ambush at (YD816167) and reported no VC contact.

(3) Company L. Continued to provide two platoons for defense of the airfield perimeter. Three squad size local security patrols were conducted around the airfield perimeter in conjunction with the three squads from Company K. The 2d Platoon patrolled from the Battalion area to the vicinity of (YD8215) this afternoon and selected a night ambush site. The company maintains two squads on Hill 225 (YD8408), one of which patrolled this morning within (YD8408) without contact.

(4) H&S Company. The battalion scouts maintained a daylight observation post at (YD911075) without significant observation.

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(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Recon Battalion. Maintained an observation post at (YD805126) without incident and commenced movement to the Battalion CP at the close of this report.

(6) Combined Action Company. Continued to operate forward of the M&K providing security and conducting Civic Action projects within the four villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

d. 4/12

- (1) Total Missions Fired. 253
- (2) Observed. 34
- (3) Registration. 1
- (4) Demonstration. 1
- (5) TOT. 1
- (6) M&I's. 116
- (7) Ammo Expended.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	168		68	236
WP				0
Smoke				0
Illum	55		13	68
TOTAL	223		81	304

e. CP's Regimental and Attached Company Size UnitsDA NANG

3d Marines (AT944762)  
1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883742)  
M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 12thMar (YD890144)

f. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

<u>(2) Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	1	0	1
(b) Day Contacts	1	0	1
(c) Total	2	0	2
(d) Action Without Contact	29	15	

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(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from Hill 22 (AT9566). The 3d Platoon, Company A will patrol to PHU SON (3) (AT9564) from 030900H to 031200H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to provide one platoon (-) for security of the Battalion CP, one platoon on the M.R., one squad at the bridge within (AT 9469), and one platoon in defense of the Hill 327 complex (AT9773).

(3) Company C. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 3d Platoon will continue its extended patrol until 041800H operating over the route (AT94734), (AT900722), (AT885715) and (AT865790).

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 1st Platoon will conduct a combat patrol from 030900H - 051100H over the route (AT939723), (AT924709), (AT910705), (AT895704), (AT899695), (AT 910690), (AT920698), (AT921692) to (AT925699). The 2d Platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 022100H to 030200H to (AT937717), (AT936819), (AT9314709), (AT934701) to (AT944700).

(5) Company E. Will maintain a defensive posture from Hill 41 (AT9366) and will conduct the following patrols. From 030800H to 031200H, the 1st Platoon will patrol to (AT943677), (AT938685), (AT923678) to (AT927669) and from 031500H to 031800H, the 2d Platoon will patrol to DUYEN SON (5) (AT9266).

b. 2/3.

(1) Company E. Will continue to maintain its strong points on the right flank of the DA NANG M.R. One squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 030800H to 031400H to (AT908824), (AT906818), (AT916817).

(2) Company F. Will defend along the M.R. and conduct extensive aggressive patrol activity as follows: A squad (-) patrol from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 030900H to 031130H to (AT909749) to (AT916746). The 2d Platoon will conduct two squad size patrols with the first one scheduled to patrol from 030800H to 031300H to (AT859770), (AT856770), (AT853777), (AT 843778), (AT840772), (AT853777), (AT859775), (AT861773). The second one will patrol from 030830H to 031300H to (AT864776), (AT868780), (AT873777), (AT 879770), (AT872762), (AT871770) to (AT861773). The 3d Platoon will dispatch a squad from 030800H to 031300H to (AT899774) to (AT902775). The entire 3d Platoon will patrol from 031600H to 031900H to (AT856770), (AT845769), (AT 854769) to (AT865762).

(3) Company G. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 030800H to 031230H to (AT900806), (AT918808), (AT917793) to (AT909784).

(4) Company H. Will continue as the Regimental Reserve and occupy defensive positions within the battalion rear area.

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(1) Company I. Will remain as the highway defense company and will maintain one platoon working with the Combined Action Company in their assigned area.

(2) Company K. Will continue as the airfield defense company and will conduct squad size local security patrols around the airfield perimeter during the hours of darkness. One rifle platoon will patrol to the vicinity of (YD 8015) and select two reinforced squad size ambush sites for use on the night of 3 Nov.

(3) Company L. Will provide at least two platoons for the perimeter defense of the vital airfield complex. During the hours of darkness, squad size night security patrols will be conducted around the perimeter of the airfield.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security for and conduct civic action patrols within the villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105). In addition, the company will provide security for medical teams and the Battalion Chaplain as necessary.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will establish and maintain a daylight observation post at (YD899133).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size.

- (a) Company D (AT942751), (AT943678), (AT956660)
- (b) Company M (AT923640), (AT923675)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company E (AT908833), (AT893817), (AT911841)
- (b) Company F (AT917742), (AT904775), (AT856770), (AT869776)
- (c) Company G (AT916765), (AT894804), (AT891800)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company I (YD9008)
- (b) Company K (YD8215)
- (c) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151)

e. Summary of Operations.DA NAMPHU BAITOTAL

(1) Patrols

- (a) Squad
- (b) Platoon

7  
6

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8

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(2) Ambush	15	0	15
(a) Squad			
(b) Platoon	0	4	4

4. Civic Action.(a) Medical Recap.

<u>TRON</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
Da Nang	Hdq Co	0
Da Nang	1/1	46
Da Nang	2/3	127
Hue Phu Bai	3/4	246
		<u>419</u>

5. Miscellaneous. None.Drafted By H. P. ABLEReleased By H. J. CONLIN

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CONFIDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

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 (-) (Rein) SITREP # 211 031000H - 031600H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.a. Box Scores

	<u>REG. GTH</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>LOS</u>	<u>BOUNT AMPS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				20		20
2/3				19		19
3/4				3		3
Squad 1/1		1	5			6
2/3		6	10			16
3/4		6				6
Platoon 1/1	1	4				5
2/3		1				1
3/4		2	4			6
TOTALS	1	20	19	44		84

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
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GUANO BAY

1/1  
NONE

2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

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b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by one minor VC incident which occurred at Q22040N when Company A occupying position on hill 22 (AT9546) reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated two automatic and one semi-automatic weapon. The employment of an M-79 quelled the snipers. There were no friendly nor confirmed VC casualties. The 1st and 2d Platoons, Company M encircled, searched and cleared the village of PHUOC NINH (5) (AT9167) without contact.

2. Operationsa. 1/2

(1) Company A. Maintained their command post on hill 22 (AT9546) with the only incident in their vital area occurring at Q22040N when several bursts of small arms fire believed to have been delivered from two automatic weapons was received from (AT95463). The fire was immediately quelled by M-79 fire. There were no confirmed casualties. At Q22040N a reinforced platoon moved south along the SONG KEN to engage a Viet Cong Company suspected to be operating in the vicinity of (AT95463). The platoon returned at Q2140N with negative contact.

(2) Company B. Continued to operate with its company deployed in several vital areas. One platoon (-) plus the company headquarters maintained defensive positions along the M.R. while one platoon continued to provide security for the Battalion CP. The remaining platoon is being employed with one squad on hill 244 (AT9674) and two squads on hill 327 (AT9773). One squad continued to defend the bridge (AT94700) without incident.

(3) Company C. The Company (-) continued to maintain defensive positions along the M.R. plus one squad at the DHO DAI LA pass (AT9475). The 3d platoon continued its extended patrol without contact and plans to remain out until Q4100N in the vicinity of (AT06515), (AT06510), with (AT06922) as a limit of advance.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. This morning the 1st Platoon commenced a patrol at Q30700N and is scheduled to remain out until Q4100N patrolling over the route (AT97723), (AT924709), (AT910705), (AT937704), (AT977497), (AT910622) to (AT932409). The 2d platoon patrolled from Q2100N to Q2000N to (AT937717), (AT936723), (AT931702) to (AT944700).

(5) Company E. Continued to maintain defensive positions on hill 41 (AT9546). Under the cover of darkness the 1st platoon moved to and encircled PHUOC NINH (5) (AT9167) being in place by Q2200N. The 2d platoon moved to and entered the village by Q2000N. A thorough search and clear operation was conducted with negative results. By Q2100N the operation was complete and both platoons had returned. The 1st platoon while enroute to the CP found one VC grenade and one VC body trapped grenade, which they disarmed at (AT925679).

b. 2/2

(1) Company F. Continued to provide the bulwark for the right flank of the 2d Bang M.R. One squad since patrol from the 1st platoon was conducted from Q3000N to Q21400 which moved to (AT900024), (AT906012) to (AT916017)

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without contact.

(2) Company E. Continued defensive operations from strong points along the N.E. The company's offensive posture was maintained by the following patrol activity. From 0900 to 0915 the 1st platoon had a squad (-) patrol east over (ATP09760) to (ATP16746). The 2d platoon conducted two squad also patrols with the first one out from 0900 to 0915 and operating in (ATP777) (ATP477) and (ATP677). The second squad also patrol operated within (ATP777) (ATP776) and (ATP777) from 0900 to 0915. The 3d platoon dispatched a squad from 0900 to 0915 which operated within (ATP776) to (ATP077). The 3d platoon at 0915 resumed patrolling over (ATP6776). (ATP676). (ATP676) to (ATP65762) remaining out at the close of the reporting period, and scheduled to return at 091500H.

(3) Company G. Continued (reoccupying defensive position along the N.E. without incident. One reinforced from the 1st platoon patrolled from 090000H to 091000H to (ATP0036), (ATP1000) to (ATP09764).

(4) Company H. Remained Regimental Reserve and occupied defensive position within the Battalion rear area.

c. 2/4

(1) Company I. Continued with the defense of the highway access routes into the VNAI area. The Company dispatched the platoon subunit located at (ATP04090) without contact. The 3d platoon moved to the vicinity of (YD9011) and conducted reconnaissance to select night ambush position.

(2) Company J. Remained in position as the alerted defense company without incident. During the hours of darkness the company conducted two squad sized local security patrols around the perimeter of the vital airstrip. The 2d platoon remained in ambush position during the night at (YD919159) without incident.

(3) Company L. Maintained a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airstrip perimeter. One squad from each of these two platoons conducted a local security patrol between 021000H and 030600H without contact. In addition one squad patrolled in the vicinity of Hall 225 (YD6400).

(4) Combined Action Company. Continued to operate forward of the N.E. providing security and counteracting hostile action projects within the assigned villages of THUY LUONG (YD64156), THUY TAN (YD97151) THUY PHU (YD91117) and LOC NON (YD92105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company F. 3d Platoon maintained. Maintained daylight observation post at (YD69135) without significant observation returning to the Battalion CP by 091000H.

d. 6/2

(1) Total Missions Fired.	104
(2) Observed	3
(3) TCZ	1
(4) RAI's	97
(5) Area Reported.	

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HC	62	6	67	155
W				0
Smoke				0
117mm				0
TOTAL	62	6	67	155

e. Self-Organized and Attached Company Size Units

1st Bn

3d Marines (AT944762)  
1st Bn, 12th Mar (AT959757)

1st Bn, 12th Mar

4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD083742)  
1st Bn, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD083148)  
2nd Bn, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD082148)  
3rd Bn, 12th Mar (YD091244)

f. Summary

(1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions</u>	<u>1st Bn</u>	<u>2nd Bn</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action without Contact			

g. 11th Bn Summary

i. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to occupy defensive position on Hill 22 (AT9566). The 1st platoon will patrol from 040700H to 041200H to 1A CRU (1) (AT9468) then to DUONG LAM (3) (AT9569).

(2) Company B. Will continue to provide one squad at the bridge within (AT9469) plus one platoon in defense of the Hill 327 complex (AT9773). One platoon (-) will continue to provide security for the Battalion CP while the Company Headquarters and one reinforced platoon remains in position on the 11th.

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(3) Company G, will occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 3d platoon will continue the extended patrol until daylight operating in the area of (AT065725) to (AT065730).

(4) Company H, will remain in defensive position along the M.R. except for the 1st platoon which will continue the extended patrol until daylight to (AT065730), (AT065695), (AT065690), (AT065695).

(5) Company I, will maintain defensive positions on hill 41 (AT065666) and will dispatch two platoons prior to daylight to encircle the village of KHUON H (3) (AT065657). The 3d platoon will block on the north while the 1st platoon blocks on the south side of the village. Shortly after dawn light the 3d platoon will enter, search and clear the entire village. A 1st platoon will remain with the searching platoon. All occupants of the village will be trucked to HINH DUC district headquarters where a Division Psychological warfare team will talk to them. Medical assistance and food will be provided.

## b. 2/A

(1) Company J, will continue to maintain defensive positions on the right flank of the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from daylight to daylight to (AT065774) to (AT065775).

(2) Company K, will defend along the M.R. and conduct the following patrol. The 1st platoon will patrol from daylight to daylight on the route (AT065765), (AT065767), (AT065769), (AT065771) to (AT065774). The 2d platoon Company K will conduct two squad size patrols in 1500 meter radius of block patrol base at (AT065764). The platoon should will patrol from daylight to daylight to (AT065762), (AT065766), (AT065767), (AT065768), (AT065769) to (AT065774). The 3d platoon will dispatch a squad from daylight to daylight to (AT065774) to (AT065775).

(3) Company L, will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. One reinforced squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from daylight to daylight over (AT065766), (AT065765), (AT065760).

(4) Company M, will continue as the daylight reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the battalion rear area.

## c. 2/A

(1) Company N, will remain as the highway defense company and will maintain one platoon operating with the combined action company.

(2) Company O, will continue to provide the airstfield with security forces and will conduct squad size local security patrols. One platoon will be dispatched to (KHUON) and will establish a night ambush within that area.

(3) Company P, will continue to provide at least two platoons for the defense of the airstfield.

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(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security for and conduct civic action patrols within the village of THY LUOM (YD866156) THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY THU (YD913117), LOC NON (YD921105).

(5) 1st Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will continue to maintain its observation post at (YD899133).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

d. Activities planned for Tonight.

(2) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT961654), (AT951679)
- (b) Company H (AT922668), (AT916671)  
(AT915677), (AT932680)  
(AT937679), (AT943677)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company E (AT908833), (AT893817), (AT931801)
- (b) Company F (AT865756), (AT871762), (AT915749)  
(AT892769).
- (c) Company G (AT987804), (AT892800)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company I (YD90811)
- (b) Company K (8015)
- (c) BAC (YD866156), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>HUE BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols			
(a) Squad	11	4	15
(b) Platoon	3	2	5
(2) Ambush			
(a) Squad	17	0	17
(b) Platoon	0	6	6

4. Civic Action.

(a) Medical Recor.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
Da Nang	1/1	47
Da Nang	2/3	80
Hue Phu Bai	3/4	395



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5. Miscellaneous. Today Congressman SAIDEN of Tennessee visited the 24 Battalion, 1st Marine from OLLICH to OLLICH.

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 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #212 001800H Nov - 001800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>SEC OPS</u>	<u>PATROL</u>	<u>A. BUSH</u>	<u>LF'S</u>	<u>SCOUT SETBACK</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				17		17
2/3				11		11
3/4				5		5
Squad 1/1		2	8			10
2/3		3	9			12
3/4		5				5
Platoon 1/1	0	2				2
2/3		1				1
3/4		2	5			7
Company 1/1	1					1
2/3						
3/4						
TOTALS	1	15	22	33		71

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1 53693)	001009H	Patrol	1-4-1/none	Unk/IVC
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2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

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b. 3d Marine activity was highlighted by the deployment of additional units to man strong points along the MLR. The addition of these units, mostly platoon size, affords greater lateral coverage and denies the Viet Cong infiltration of the vital area. There were no contacts within either TAOH which resulted in casualties. The 3d Platoon, Company E engaged two VC at 032100H at (AT90834). The subsequent search revealed negative results. Company A occupying defensive positions on hill 22 (AT9566) reported two incidents of small arms fire between 031845H and 031915H. Each time the VC activity was quelled with several well placed M-79 rounds.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to defend the vital hill 22 (AT9566) area from a perimeter with numerous listening post, ambushes and patrols being conducted. The company reported these incidents during the night with the first occurring at 031845H when 30 to 40 rounds of small arms fired were received from the vicinity of (AT952572) which also was silenced by M-79 fire. At 042305H the company reported that a grenade was thrown and detonated in the defensive wire at (AT951670). There were no friendly casualties and no confirmed VC casualties in any of the above incidents. The 1st platoon patrolled from 040700H to LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) and then to BUONG LAM (3) (AT9566) where at 041009H they apprehended three VCS. The patrol returned to hill 22 by 041125H without further incident. At 041140H the 1st platoon dispatched two squads to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) and explored caves in that area returning by 041600H with negative findings.

(2) Company B. Continued to provide a squad at the bridge within (AT 9469). A squad on hill 264 (AT9674) plus two squads on hill 327 (AT9773) for security of the indicated area. A platoon (-) remained in defense of the Battalion CP while the Company Headquarters plus one reinforced platoon continued to occupy defensive positions along the MLR without incident.

(3) Company C. Continued to defend from strong points along the MLR. To provide greater lateral coverage along the MLR the 3d platoon which had been conducting extended patrol activity in the vicinity of (AT885715) to (AT865730) was ordered back to the company area. The platoon was helilifted and returned to their CP by 032240H.

(4) Company D. The company defending from strong points along the MLR withdrew its 1st platoon from its area of operation (AT8969) and by 032100H had then deployed bolster their MLR defense.

(5) Company E. Continued to maintain defensive positions on hill 41 (AT9366) without incident. Prior to first light the 1st and 3d platoon moved through the company perimeter and by 040630 had encircled KNUONG MY (3) (AT9167). Shortly after first light the 2d platoon with four PF entered the village and conducted a search and clear operation. All civilians occupants were trucked to NINH DUE District Headquarters where a Division Psychological Warfare Team lectured to them and a Battalion Civic Action Team provided food and medical assistance. The search produced negative results.

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2. Operations.a. 1/4

(1) Company A. Continued to defend the vital Hill 22 (AT9566) area from a perimeter with numerous listening post, ambushes and patrols being conducted. The company reported these incidents during the night with the first occurring at 031845H when 30 to 40 rounds of small arms fired were received from the vicinity of (AT952572) which also was silenced by M-79 fire. At 042305H the company reported that a grenade was thrown and detonated in the defensive wire at (AT951670). There were no friendly casualties and no confirmed VC casualties in any of the above incidents. The 1st platoon patrolled from 040700H to LA CHAU (1) (AT9468) and then to DUONG LAM (3) (AT9566) where at 041009H they apprehended three VCs. The patrol returned to Hill 22 by 041125H without further incident. At 041440H the 1st platoon dispatched two squads to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) and alleged caves in that area returning by 041600H with negative findings.

(2) Company B. Continued to provide a squad at the bridge within (AT 9469). A squad on Hill 264 (AT9674) plus two squads on Hill 327 (AT9773) for security of the indicated area. A platoon (-) remained in defense of the Battalion CP while the Company Headquarters plus one reinforced platoon continued to occupy defensive positions along the MLR without incident.

(3) Company C. Continued to defend from strong points along the MLR. To provide greater lateral coverage along the MLR the 3d platoon which had been conducting extended patrol activity in the vicinity of (AT885715) to (AT865730) was ordered back to the company area. The platoon was helilifted and returned to their CP by 032240H.

(4) Company D. The company defending from strong points along the MLR withdrew its 1st platoon from its area of operation (AT8969) and by 032100H had then deployed bolster their MLR defense.

(5) Company E. Continued to maintain defensive positions on Hill 41 (AT9366) without incident. Prior to first light the 1st and 3d platoon moved through the company perimeter and by 040630 had encircled KNUONG HO (3) (AT9167). Shortly after first light the 2d platoon with four PF entered the village and conducted a search and clear operation. All civilians occupants were trucked to HIGH DUE District Headquarters where a Division Psychological Warfare Team lectured to them and a Battalion Civic Action Team provided food and medical assistance. The search produced negative results.

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(1) Company E. Continued to defend from strong points along the MR. One reinforced squad from the 3d platoon remained in support of the ARVN company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The remainder of the 3d platoon moved from positions at the NAM O Bridge to defensive positions in the vicinity of the company CP (AT896823). At 032100H the 3d platoon engaged 2 Viet Cong at (AT908834). The subsequent search revealed negative results. A reinforced squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 040800H to 041300H over the route (AT989774) to (AT902775), without contact.

(2) Company F. Continued to defend from strong points along the MR. Late yesterday afternoon the company withdrew its 1st and 2d platoons from patrolling to the west of the MR and all units remained on the MR with numerous ambushes and listening post being established. From 041200H to 041600H the 2d platoon patrolled from (AT903752), (AT891766), (AT885757), (AT903752) to (AT915744). One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 040830H to 041300H in the vicinity of (AT899774) to (AT902775)

(3) Company G. Defended their assigned area of responsibility from strong points along the MR. A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon patrolled from 041000H to 041500H over the route (AT884796), (AT881805), (AT899810), (AT884796) without incident.

(4) Company H. 2d Platoon was moved from the rear area to (AT920805) prior to 032000H. The remainder of the company continued to provide security within the rear area. The 2d Platoon patrolled from 040845H to 041500H to (AT917813), (AT921816) to (AT928813) without incident.

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(1) Company I. Continued to defend the highway access route into the Hue Phu Bai area. The 3d Platoon deactivated its night ambush at (YD907102) at first light without contact. The 1st platoon moved to the vicinity of (YD9209) and selected a night ambush site.

(2) Company K. Provided the airfield with a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive position along the perimeter. Two squad size local security patrols were conducted between 032100H and 040600H without contact. The 3d platoon returned to their company area from their night ambush position at (YD803153) and reported no VC contact.

(3) Company L. Continued to provide two platoons for defense of the airfield during the hours of darkness two squad size local security patrols were conducted through the environs of the airfield complex without incident. One squad patrolled within (YD8408) without contact nor significant observations.

(4) Combined Action Company. Continued to provide security for and conduct civic action patrols within THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907152), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BOM (YD925105)

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(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Continued to maintain an observation post at (YD839133) without significant observation.

6. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

- (1) Total missions fired. 84
- (2) Observed 9
- (3) Check round 7
- (4) Registration 1
- (5) RFI's 66
- (6) Ammo Expended.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	61		36	97
DT				
Smoke				
Illum	1			1
TOTAL	62		36	98

7. OF's Regimental and Attached Company Size Units.

DA NANG

3d Marines (A1944672)  
1stBn, 12th Mar (A1959757)

HUE THU BAY

4thBn, 12th Mar (YD883742)  
M Btry, 4thBn, 12th Mar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12th Mar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 12th Mar (YD891144)

f. Summary

- (1) Major Unit Actions. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts			
(b) Day Contacts			
(c) Total			
(d) Action without Contact	25	7	

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(1) Company A. Will continue to defend hill 22 (AT9565) area. The 2d platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad combat patrol to DUYEN <sup>patrol</sup> SON #3 (AT 9565) from 050600 to 050800, and a reinforced squad combat to LA CHAU #3 (AT9565) from 051500 to 051700.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive position in the hill 327 complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located at (AT9469), and one platoon in defense of the Battalion CP. The company (-) will remain on the MLR.

(3) Company G. Will maintain defensive positions along the MLR with one squad at the DEO DAI PASS (AT9475)

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR.

(5) Company H. Will continue to maintain defensive position on hill 41 (AT9366). The 2d platoon will send a platoon size reconnaissance patrol over the route (AT919671), (AT904669), (AT904657), from 050800H to 051300H. The 3d platoon will dispatch a platoon combat patrol (Civil Action) to PHUOC NINH #2 (AT9266) from 051500 to 051800.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will remain in defensive positions along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon will patrol to (AT896826), (AT908833) (AT908826) from 050800H to 051300H.

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain strong points along the MLR. The 1st platoon will send a reinforced platoon combat patrol to (AT875751), (AT865759), (AT857770), (AT852777). From 051700H to 051900H. The 1st platoon patrol will dispatch two squad combat patrols from the platoon patrol base (AT875751) from 050800H to 051300H.

(3) Company G. Will continue to defend along the MLR. The 2d platoon will dispatch a squad combat patrol to (AT884795), (AT864798), (AT874805), (AT908806)

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the rear area. The 2d platoon will send squad patrol (Civil Action) to (AT908815), (908806), (AT914804), from 050800H to 051700H.

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c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain the highway defense company with two platoons in defense of highway 1 positions, and one platoon in perimeter defense sector of company K.

(2) Company K. Will remain in Air field defense with two platoons and provide one platoon to company L for perimeter defense in their area. Company K will also conduct combined operations with ARVN, Tanks, Ontos, Engineers, and Scouts from S-2. At first light conduct search and clear operations in Village at (YD927178) with ARVN forces, M & S, Tanks and Ontos in blocking positions from (YD909072), to (YD83157)

(3) Company L. Maintain a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive positions along the Airfield perimeter. The 2d platoon will dispatch a squad security patrol from hill 225 to (YD840790), (YD853084), (YD843080), from 050900 to 051130.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security for and conduct civic action patrols within the village of THY LUONG (YD866156), THUY PHU (YD913117), BOO BON (925105). The 2d CAC platoon will provide security for the Medical Team.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will establish observation post at (YD805186)

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion at HUE PHU BAI

d. Amphibious planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT960670), (943669)
- (b) Company M (AT923667), (AT944677), (AT938647)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT897823), (AT894815), F1 (AT933841)
- (b) Company F (AT915743), (AT910773)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company I (YD9209)
- (b) Company K (6) (YD815185) to (YD838176)
- (c) Company L (YD8171)
- (d) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. Summary of Operations. DA NANG PHU BAI TOTAL

(1) Patrols			
(a) Squad	5	4	9
(b) Platoon	4	4	8

(2) <del>Amphibious</del>			
(a) <del>Squad</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>18</del>



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(2) Ambush

(a) Squad  
(b) Platoon

12

6

18

6

6

4. Civic Action.(a) Medical Recap.TAORUnit TreatingNumber Treated

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1/1

122

DA NANG

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HUE PHU HAI

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5. Miscellaneous. NoneDrafted By R. E. AKINSReleased By H. J. COOIN

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), PEP  
 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 #213 041800 - 051800 Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.

a. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;C OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				17	1	18
2/3				12		12
3/4				5		5
Squad 1/1		1	5			6
2/3		1	7			8
3/4		4				4
Platoon 1/1		2				2
2/3		2				2
3/4		2	12			14
TOTALS		12	24	34	1	71
<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>		

DA NANG NAQ

1/1  
NONE

2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

b. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad size ambushes and aggressive patrolling. For the first time within its Da Nang TAO the Regiment has employed a sniper team from the Division Sniper Instructional Group.

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The team was helilifted to Hill 22 (AT9566) and joined Company A for employment this afternoon. There were no contacts resulting in casualties during the reporting period.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Defended Hill 22 (AT9566) and their assigned area along Phase Line Orange with numerous listening post, ambushes and patrols being conducted. At 041851H the company reported receiving 8-10 rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of (AT952672). The fire was returned with several M-79 rounds and there was no further contact. This incident occurred at approximately the same time and from the same location as fire was received on 30<sup>th</sup> because of the indication of possible ~~reconnaissance~~ reconnaissance <sup>reconnaissance</sup> tonight a team of snipers from the recently formed Division Sniper Instructional Group was helilifted to Hill 22 at 051500H. The team was briefed, positioned and awaiting a target at the close of their report. In addition to the above incident one other occurred. At 042022H a squad from the 3d platoon while moving to an ambush site observed one VC at (AT915663), fired at him and flushed out five more. The 6 VC returned fire and fled. The patrol continued on and shortly thereafter received small arms fire from (AT950669). The fire was returned immediately and 81mm mortar support requested. Contact was broken after the initial rounds of mortar. The patrol searched the area with negative results returning to their CP without further contact by 042100H.

(2) Company B. Continued to defend from position along the MLR without incident.

(3) Company C. Defended from strong points of the main line of resistance and maintained one squad in defensive positions at the DEO DAI LA pass (AT9475) without contact.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the MLR without Viet Cong contact.

(5) Company H. Defended the phase line orange area from strong points on Hill 41 (AT9366). At 042000H the AM/TPS-21 being employed from Hill 41 picked up 4-6 individuals moving at (AT917654). The individuals being in the high ground to the southwest of the CP were engaged by four rounds from the 90mm tank gun. At 042030H another target was picked up and fired at with 90mm rounds and 81mm mortars. There was no further activity. From 050800H to 051300H the 2d platoon conducted a reconnaissance patrol to (AT919671), (AT904669), (AT904657), checking last night's target area with negative results. The 3d Platoon patrolled from 051500H to 051800 to PHUOC NINH (2) (AT9266) without contact.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Continued to provide the bulwark for the right flank of the Da Nang MLR.

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One reinforced squad remained in support of the ARVN company in defensive of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) area. A reinforced/squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 050300H to 051300H to (AT96826), (AT98833) to (AT98826).

(2) Company F. Continued to defend from platoon strong points along the MLR without VC activity. The 1st platoon dispatched two squad size patrols from their base at (AT875751) from 050800H to 051300H. At 051700H the platoon commenced patrolling to (AT865759) (AT857779), (AT852777) and remained out at the close of the reporting period not scheduled to return until 051900H.

(3) Company G. Continued without incident to defend along the MLR. One squad from the 2d platoon patrolled their moving from (AT884795) to (AT864798), (AT874805) to (AT900806) without contact.

(4) Company H. Continued as the Regimental Reserve while occupying defensive positions within the Battalion rear area. The 2d platoon dispatched one squad to (AT908215), (AT908806) to (AT914304) from 050900H to 051700H. One squad patrolled the afternoon to Red Beach II returning by 051800H with negative observation.

a. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued to provide two platoon for defense of the highway access routes to the airfield complex. One platoon from the Company occupied defensive positions on the Company K perimeter. The 2d platoon deactivated its night ambush at (YD928084) and returned to their company area without contact.

(2) Company K. The company (-) (Rein) with an ARVN Engineer platoon and Battalion scouts moved to the vicinity of (YD815105) to (YD838176) where they will establish six reinforced squad size ambushes tonight. At first light tomorrow the village at (YD927178) will be encircled and searched.

(3) Company L. Maintained two platoons occupying defensive position along the airfield perimeter. The 1st platoon returned from its night ambush at (YD892157) without contact. The 2d platoon (-) patrolled from 050900H to 051300H to (YD840790), (YD853084), (YD843080).

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 3d and 4th platoons patrolled in the vicinity of (YD866156), (YD913117) and (YD925105) respectively without a contact. Civic Action Projects continue to be conducted within these same area.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Continued to maintain its observation post at (YD805195) without significant observation.

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(a) Total missions fired 142  
 (b) Observed 28  
 (c) HAT's 114  
 (d) Issues Expended.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>103mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	112	30	152	344
WP				
Smoke				
Illum	2	20		22
TOTAL	114	100	152	366

d. GP's, Supportal and Attached Company also Units.DA BANG

3d Marine (AT944762)  
 1stBn, 12th Mar (AT959757)

PHU PHU BAI

Athen, 12th Mar (YD831142)  
 H Btry, Athen, 12th Mar (YD831144)  
 W Btry, Athen, 12th Mar (YD831143)  
 I Btry, 12th Mar (YD831144)

e. Summary(1) Major Unit Action. None

(2) <u>Small Unit Actions.</u>	<u>DA BANG</u>	<u>PHU PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action without contact	19	18	37

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to occupy defensive position on Hill 22 (AT9566) the 3d platoon will conduct a combat patrol to the villages DONG LAI # 2 (AT9569) and BO BAN # 2 (AT9569) during the period 061000 to 061300.

(2) Company B. Will continue to provide one squad at the bridge within (AT9469) plus one platoon in defense of Hill 327 (AT9773).

(3) Company C. Will occupy defensive positions along the MIA. The third platoon will conduct a squad size recon/combat patrol to (AT926730) and (AT927719) during the period 051900 to 052400.

(4) Company D. Will remain in defensive position along the MIA. The third platoon will conduct a recon/combat patrol to (AT942728), (928723) to (AT924717) during the period 060900H to 061400.

(5) Company E. Will maintain it's defensive position on hill 41 (AT9566) and (AT will dispatch the 2nd platoon on a recon/combat patrol to (AT941673), (AT938683), (AT925684) to (AT928673) for the period 061500 to 061800

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will continue to maintain defensive positions on the right flank of the MIA. A reinforced rifle squad from the second platoon will patrol from 060800 to 061300 to (AT916817) to (AT9178119)

(2) Company F. Will defend along MIA and will conduct a civic action patrol from 060800 to 061000 vicinity coordinate 902775 to 936815.

(3) Company G. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MIA. One reinforced rifle squad from the 3d platoon will conduct a recon/combat patrol from 061200 to 061800 vicinity grid coordinates 908824 to 921805.

(4) Company H. Will continue as the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the battalion area and will conduct patrols to the Red Beach II area.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain as the highway defense company and will maintain one platoon operating with the Combined Action Company.

(2) Company K. Will continue to provide the Airfield with security forces and will provide one platoon to Company L for perimeter defense in their sector. At first light will conduct a search and clear operation in conjunction with ARVN forces at YD827178 to YD825157.

(3) Company G. Will provide two platoons for security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Will a daylight security patrol with one squad from a platoon sized outpost located on Hill 225. (YD8408)

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(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security for the villages of THUY TAN, THUY PHU AND 100 BON

(5) 3d Platoon, Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will continue to maintain its observation post at (YD839133)

(6) 4th Battalion, 12 Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT954673), (AT955660)
- (b) Company M (AT921673), (AT923663), (AT941673)
- (c) Company C (AT915735), (AT930726)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company B (AT893822), (AT904821), (898810)
- (b) Company D (AT917743), (AT916754), (AT918750), (AT911745)
- (AT909760), (909766), (AT915757), (AT915771)
- (AT895778), (905774), (AT910773), (AT901774)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company K (8117)
- (b) OAO (YD866156), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. Summary of Operations.

	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) <u>Patrols</u>				
(a) Squad	1	2	1	4
(b) Platoon	3	1	0	4
(2) <u>Ambush</u>				
(a) Squad	7	13	0	20
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civic Action.

(a) On 4 November 2 national the BAS (AT950720) treated 33 people for indigestion, fever and skin infections.

(b) 2/3

1. On 4 November 2 national policemen closed down a Da Phuoc marketplace establishment (AT943788) for unauthorized operation.

2. On 4 November the Battalion Surgeon distributed 15 rosaries and 15 Buddhist medals to the thirty vietnamese maintenance workers at the Battalion CP.

3. On 4 November "F" Company provided 20 wooden boxes and 200 pounds of scrap lumber to the 85

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3. (Cont.) wrap lumber to the 85 refugee families of Tung Son hamlet (AF694781)

4. On 4 November the Le My medical center treated 134 people for respiratory and intestinal disorders, hemophilia and worms.

c. 3/4

1. On 1 November the CAS treated 5 people in Thuy Luong (D858175), and 29 people in Thuy Tan (D909149), and 21 people in Loc Son (D925165).

2. On 31 October a 17 year old girl of Loc Son was evacuated to "A" medical company for treatment of typhoid fever.

3. On 31 October a 33 year old Thuy Tan woman was evacuated to "A" medical company for treatment of an obstructed eye.

4. On 1 November CASG2 spent 5 man-hours constructing a grave for a PW who died in a firefight, from Thuy Tan.

d. Medical Record.

2A XANG	1/1	33
2A HANG	2/3	134
2B HAI	3/4	<u>57</u> 134

3. 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 Marine (-) (Rein) SITREP #214 051000H - 061000H Nov 1963

1. 3d Marine Highlights.a. Box Scores.

	<u>SEC OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LF's</u>	<u>SCOUT SKILLS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				17	1	18
2/3				15		15
3/4				5		5
Squad 1/1		1	7			8
2/3		9	18			27
3/4		9				9
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		2				2
3/4			4			4
Company 1/1						
2/3						
3/4	1					1
TOTALS	1	14	29	37	1	82

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1

NONE

2/3  
 (AT902824)

061100H

Patrol

B-2-3/None

Bak/2 VCS

TRUNG THIEN

3/4

(YB827179)

061030

SEC

B-4/None

Bak/8 VCS

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b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad size night ambushes and vigorous patrol activity. During the night at the request of the 3d Marines TFQ-10 bombing was conducted at (AT807844) and (20207832) with 500 pound bombs and at (X0300730) with 250 and 750 pound bombs. At Hue Phu Hai Company K conducted a combined operation in conjunction with two platoons of RV tanks, ontos, engineers and the Battalion V-2 Scouts. At first light this morning a careful search and clear operation was conducted in G12 LR (YD827178). The Regional Forces, V-2 Scouts, Tanks and Ontos provided backing forces for the operation which terminated at 061100H. Eight VCS were apprehended during the operation.

## 2. Operations.

### a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued its defense of Hill 22 (AT9566) without VC contact. Yesterday, a sniper team from the Division Sniper Instructional Group was helilifted to Hill 22. The Team remained alert during the reporting period but due to inactivity within the company area were unable to engage a target. From 061000H to 061300 the 3d Platoon patrolled through the villages of DUONG LAN (2) (AT9569) and BO BAN (2) (AT9669) without contact.

(2) Company B. Maintained one squad in defense of the bridge at (AT947699) plus a platoon defending the Hill 327 (AT9773). The Company Headquarters and one reinforced platoon continued to man positions along the MLR while the remaining platoon (-) provided the Battalion CP with security.

(3) Company C. Maintained one squad in defense of the DEO Dai LA Pass (AT9475) with the Company (a) occupying position along the MLR. A squad from the 3d Platoon conducted patrol activity from 051900H to 052400H to the vicinity of (AT926730) to (AT927719).

(4) Company D. Occupied defensive position along the MLR without incident. The 3d Platoon conducted a reconnaissance/combatt patrol to (AT942728) to (AT928725) to (AT924717) from 060900H to 061400H.

(5) Company E. Continued to defend the critical Hill A1 (AT9366) and surrounding assigned area of Phase Line Orange. The 2d Platoon patrolled without contact from 061500H to 061800H (AT941673) to (AT938683) (AT925684) to (AT928673).

### b. 2/1

(1) Company B. Continued to defend the Battalions right flank with their defense enclaved on the SONO CA BE. One reinforced rifle squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 060000H to 061300H to (AT916817) to (AT917811). At 061100H the patrol apprehended two VCS at (AT908824).

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(2) Company F. Continued to defend from platoon along the R.R. During the hours of darkness twelve squad (-) ambushes were established within the company's area of responsibility. All ambushes were deactivated at first light without contact. One squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 060800H to 061000H in the vicinity of (AT902775) to (AT936015).

(3) Company G. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the R.R. One reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon conducted a patrol from 061200H to 061900H to the vicinity of (AT908824) to (AT921805).

(4) Company H. Continued to defend the rear area without incident. The 3d Platoon continued its patrolling within (AT9279) to (AT9380). From 052130H to 060600H the platoon dispatched a squad which patrolled to (AT922805), (AT928830) to (AT949316) to (AT931808). From 060900H to 061700H another squad patrolled to (AT923604), (AT915805) to (AT920807) without incident.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued providing two platoons for defense of the Phu Bai highway access routes. One platoon remained within the Company I defensive area until 061300H when Company K returned from their combined operation.

(2) Company J. Prior to first light the company moved encircle the village of GIANG (YD827178). Two platoons of RF, a light section each of tanks and anties, plus the Battalion S-2 scouts provided a blocking force from (YD808172) to (YD825157). Shortly after daylight one platoon (Rein) entered the village and conducted a careful search and clear operation. Eight VBS were apprehended within the village at 060830H. There was no further contact.

(3) Company L. During the hours of darkness three squad size local security patrols were conducted around the airfield perimeter. Two platoons continued to man security position at the airfield without incident.

(4) Combined Action Company. Continued to provide security for the village TRUY LUONG (YD861156), THUY TAN (YD 90721), TRUY PHU (YD813717) and LOC PHU (YD925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion. Deactivated its observation post at (YD805195) and returned to the Battalion CP by 060900H.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a)	Total Missions Fired	68
(b)	Observed	4
(c)	Unobserved	2
(d)	H&I's	12
(e)	Ammo Expended	

Time	1030H	1070H	1120H	TOTAL
	20		60	120

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d. Summary

(1) Major Unit Action. None

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	1	1	2
(c) Total	0	1	1	2
(d) Action without contact	11	23	9	

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(1) Company A. Continued to maintain its defensive position on hill 22 (AT9565). The 1st platoon will send a reinforced squad on patrol to PHUYN (-) (AT96060) to LA CHAU (5) (AT95444) from 071800 to 072000, another squad reinforced will patrol to LA CHAU (2) (AT95674) 070900-071100.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive position in the hill 3-7 complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located at (AT9773), and one platoon in defense of Battalion C's, the company (-) will remain in the H.S.

(3) Company C. Will maintain defensive positions along the H.R. with one squad at the H.S. DAI FASS (AT9773).

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive position along the H.R. The 3rd platoon will conduct a platoon size patrol from 070900 to 071100 at the following coordinates (AT94715), (AT94700), (AT94670).

(5) Company M. Will maintain its position at hill 41, the third platoon (-) will patrol to PHUYN HIN (AT93663) at 071800 to 071900.

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Will remain in position along H.R. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon will patrol to (AT97238), (AT97223), to (AT95318) from 070400 to 071300.

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive position along the H.R. The 1st Platoon reinforced will patrol from coordinates (AT99773) to (AT92775) at 070900 to 071100. The 3rd platoon will patrol (AT89724), (AT89777), (AT89777), (AT89777) to (AT86177) from 061700 to 061900. In the morning 3d Platoon will continue its reinforced platoon patrol to coordinates (AT86766), (AT85572), (AT84573) to (AT85757) during the period 070900 to 071100.

(3) Company G. Will maintain defensive position along H.R. The 2d Platoon will send the 2d Squad reinforced at 070430 to 071300 on patrol to coordinates (AT84779), (AT92736) to (AT900755).

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the rear area. The 3d Platoon will continue its reinforced platoon patrol that commenced at 052000 and will end at 071700 along coordinates (AT927794), (AT930600), (AT942794) to (AT943767).

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c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain the highway defense company with two platoons. The other platoon will establish ambushes in the vicinity coordinates (YD8214).

(2) Company I. Will remain in air field defense. Will conduct security patrols from Hill 223.

(3) Company I. Maintain a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. Will provide CAC with one platoon for allnight ambush.

(4) CAC. All platoons will establish night ambushes in respective village areas.

## d. Ambushes planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT935436) (AT954673)
- (b) Company D (AT935713)
- (c) Company M (AT923666), (942653), (943877)

(2) 2/3. All squad size or (-)

- (a) Company E. (AT938227), (AT894815), (AT900825)
- (b) Company F. (AT919755), (AT919744), (AT912753), (AT912753), (AT912745), (AT909760), (AT911774), (AT919756), (AT914756), (AT895775), (AT900770), (AT905774), (AT905774)
- (c) Company G. (AT875782P16(-)), (AT883787), (AT890803), (AT859800)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company I (AT928214)
- (b) CAC (YD866136), (YD913117), (YD923105)

## e. Summary of Operations

(1)	Patrols	1/1	2/3	3/4	Total
(a)	Squad	2	2	0	4
(b)	Platoon	2	3	0	5
(2)	Ambush				
(a)	Squad or (-)	6	19	0	25
(b)	Platoon	0	0	4	4

## 4. Miscellaneous

## a. Landing Zones

IZ-NAME	COORD	MARKED
VOIEUSE-	AT802014-	WHITE "3"
O/L-	AT899804-	" " "4"
TURKEY-	AT840780-	" " "1"
RAVEN "A"-	AT916783-	" " "11"

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HAVERN	AT 932782	" "10"
WRIN	AT 902775	" "5"
BUZARD	AT 911763	" "5"
PHASANT "A"	AT 939741	Red Wind Sash
Eagle	AT 942762	Red & Yellow Panels
Dove	AT 908757	White "7"
Finch	AT 930752	White Panels of Triangle
Canary "A"	AT 964745	Snake
Canary	AT 968745	White "1"
Quail	AT 905745	Red Panels
Kiwi	AT 938759	White Panels
Woodpecker	AT 937757	White Panels
Goose	AT 925736	White "2"
Whippoorwill	AT 939722	White "9"
CocCoc	AT 945720	White "4"

b. Coordinates of O's of groups and attached units.DA NANG TAC

3d Marines (AT 944752)  
 C.O. A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT 944762)  
 C.O. A (-), 3d TK Bn (AT 944762)  
 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT 933743)  
 CO. A 1st Bn, 1st Marines (AT 933743)  
 CO. B 1st Bn, 1st Marines (AT 933743)  
 CO. C 1st Bn, 1st Marines (AT 933743) 32  
 CO. D 1st Bn, 1st Marines (AT 933743)  
 CO. H, 3d Bn, 4th Marines (AT 933743)  
 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (AT 943759)  
 CO. H 3d Bn, 3d Marines (AT 943759)  
 CO. F 3d Bn, 3d Marines (AT 943759)  
 CO. G, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (AT 943759)  
 CO. H, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (AT 943759)  
 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (ID 884157)  
 CO. I, 3d Bn, 4th Marines (ID 884157)  
 CO. F, 3d Bn, 4th Marines (ID 884157)  
 CO. L, 3d Bn, 4th Marines (ID 884157)  
 4th Battalion, 1st Marines (ID 883142)  
 H Battery, 4th Bn (ID 883142)  
 I Battery, 4th Bn (ID 883142) 890144  
 W Battery, 4th Bn (ID 883142) 882148  
 3d Plt. "G" co. 3d TK (ID 883143)  
 3d Plt. "A" co. 3d AT Bn (ID 883143)  
 3d Plt. "A" co. 3d Reg. Bn (ID 883143) 138  
 1st Lt. and 1st Sgt. (ID 883143)  
 3d Plt. Co. C Recon CVO 884157  
 c. Brigadier General J.M. PLAT visited this command post and toured the  
 DA NANG TAC.

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## 5. Civic Action

## a. 1/1

1. On 5 November the D&S (AT950720) treated 27 people.
2. On 4 November the Battalion medical team treated 135 people at the Hieu Duc district dispensary (AT944700). The medical team also treated 66 people at Hoa Thinh Village (AT940707).
3. On 4 November the Battalion CA Officer hired ten workers, under the direction of the Hoa Thinh Village chief, to cut trees and brush in the vicinity of the 1/1 Co.

## b. 2/3

1. On 5 November the Lo My dispensary treated 127 people for skin, eye respiratory and intestinal infections.

## c. 3/4

1. On 3 November the GAC treated 43 people in Loc Bon village (YD925105) and 24 people in the village of Phu Bai (YD911117).
2. On 3 November the GACG4 conducted a census of the various occupations of adult men in Phu Bai.

## d. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>Unit Treating</u>	<u>Number Treated</u>
DA NANG	1/1	162
DA NANG	2/3	127
Phu Bai	3/4	43

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Main) SITHAN /SIT 061800H - 071800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.a. Box Locations.

		<u>SAC OPER</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>LET'S</u>	<u>SCOUT</u> <u>UNIT/</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team	1/1				17		17
	2/3				10		10
	3/4				5		5
Squad	1/1		2	4			8
	2/3		2	20			22
	3/4						
Platoon	1/1	1	4				5
	2/3		3				3
	3/4		2	4			6
TOTALS		1	13	30	32	0	76

<u>Previous/</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>CHANG NAK</u>				
1/1			2 KIA	
(AT943672)	061800H	Lightly Kite Recap ly	A-1/7th-14's	Unk/None
(AT940675)	070730H	SAC	A-1/None	Unk/1-VCC
2/3				3 Casualties
2/3				

NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
 NONE

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2. 3d Platoon activity was highlighted by a Viet Cong contact within the 1st Battalion's 1st Marine area of responsibility. At approximately 061805H an M-422 vehicle with four occupants was travelling south on the MR when an attack was initiated. The attack was initiated with the electrical detonation of a mine at 061805H. The VC swept the area from east to west capturing seven M-16 rifles and leaving two M-16 MIA and two others MIA. One platoon each from Companies A and H immediately searched the area for the Viet Cong until dark with negative results. The following morning, a careful search was conducted within 1A GRAY (2) by one platoon from Company A and one from Company H with two squads of PF participating. The search resulted in the apprehension of 1 VC and three VC grenades.

## 2. Operations

### a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to defend Hill 2 (AT9366) and their assigned area of Phase Line Grange. At approximately 061805H, an M-422 with a company and three Marines proceeding south on the MR at (AT943672) was destroyed by an electrically detonated explosive device believed to have been about 30 pounds of TNT. Immediately following the explosion, 6 Viet Cong swept from east to west capturing eleven M-16 rifles, seven of which were for resupply of the Company, and approximately eight RA-270 batteries. As a result of the contact, two Marines were killed, while the other occupants of the vehicle were wounded. The 1st Platoon of Companies A and H were dispatched to search for the VC returning by dark with negative results. The evacuation for the casualties was completed by 061915H. At first light this morning, with a Platoon from Company H blocking at the west side of 1A GRAY (2) along the MR, the 1st Platoon, Company A with two squads of PF searched the village. As a result of the combined sweep, one VC was apprehended in a cave by PF at (AT940675), also three grenades were captured. As the sweep progressed toward the area of last night's attack, three M-16 rifles plus the stock and a trigger group of a fourth were found. The operation was terminated by 071050H without further incident.

(2) Company B. Remained in defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN without incident.

(3) Company C. Maintained one squad in defense of the DUC BAI LA Pass (AT9773) with the Company (-) defending along the MR without contact.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive strong points along the main line of resistance without a significant occurrence. The 3d Platoon patrolled from 070900H to 071400H over the route (AT954715), (AT947700) to (AT946707).

(5) Company E. During the reporting period defended Hill 41 (AT9366) and the surrounding area without contact. One platoon was dispatched last night to support a platoon from Company A in their search for a VC force that destroyed an M-422 vehicle, killing two and wounding two from Company A. This morning, the 1st Platoon established a blocking position from (AT943680) to (AT943670) on the east side of the road. The sweep commenced at approximately 070630H and was completed by 071030H. This afternoon from 071500H to 071800H, the 3d Platoon patrolled to PHUOC NINH (1) (AT939673) and return without contact.

b. 2/2

(1) Company I. Remained without incident in defensive positions along the MR with First Night Blank tied in on the 50th CA BR. One reinforced squad continued to support the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The 1st Platoon patrolled from (AT872830), (AT872823) to (AT885818) from 070800H to 071300H.

(2) Company F. Continued to maintain the Company (-) occupying strong points along the MR. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 070900H to 071000H to (AT89773) to (AT902775), while the 3d Platoon continued its extended patrol operating from (AT856766) to (AT855772) to (AT845773) from 070900H to 071100H.

(3) Company G. Maintained defensive positions along the Battalion MR without contact. A squad from the 2d Platoon commenced patrolling at 070730H to (AT845779) to (AT900795). At 071000H in response to two aerial observers reports that large numbers of Vietnamese were moving from west to east in the vicinity (AT845798), the squad was directed to check out the area. At 071050H, the squad reported that there were large numbers of Vietnamese but that they were carrying wood in from the highlands and nothing significant could be noted.

(4) Company H. Continued as the Regimental Reserve and providing security for the rear area. The 3d Platoon continued its extended patrol activity until 071700H when it returned to the Company CP from (AT930800), (AT942794), with no unusual events.

c. 2/4

(1) Company I. Continued to provide a minimum of two platoons for highway defense. The 1st Platoon returned from its night position at (TD908002) without incident.

(2) Company L. Maintained two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. Two squad size night security patrols were conducted without any unusual incidents. The 2d Platoon conducted a patrol this morning from MH1 225 (TD8406) out to a 3000 meter radius.

(3) Company K. Continued to provide two platoons for defensive positions along the airfield perimeter, also one platoon remained in support of the Combined Action Company. During the hours from 062100H to 070600H, squad size local security patrols were conducted around the vital airfield.

(4) Company J. The four platoons remained within their assigned villages without incident.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Marine Battalion. Remained within the Battalion area providing local security without contact.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a) Total Missions Flared	82
(b) Observed	30
(c) MIA's	32
(d) Ammo Expended	

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>152mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	30	99	98	227
WP		20	6	26
Smoke				0
Illum	2		1	3
Total	32	119	105	256

4. CP's, Regimental and Attached Company Size UnitsBA NANG

3d Marines (AT944672)  
1stBn, 12thMar (AT999757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883742)  
K Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
N Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD890144)

a. SUMMARY(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>BA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	2	0	2
(c) Total	2	0	2
(d) Action without Contact	37	6	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to occupy defensive positions on Hill 22 (AT9566). The 1st Platoon will conduct a combat patrol to LA GHAU (5) (AT963665) and to DUYN SON (2) (AT960660) from 071800H to 072000H. 1 p

(2) Company B. Continues to occupy positions in the vicinity of Hill 327 (AT9775), with one squad at the bridge within (AT9469).

(3) Company C. Will remain in its defensive positions along the M.R.

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 3d Platoon will conduct a squad size patrol from (AT9537194), (AT 965723), (AT962717), (AT952714), (AT949707), (AT947701) to (AT945711). 1 p

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(5) Company E. Remains at its location on Hill 41. The 1st Platoon, with two squads, will patrol to (AT919657), (AT921641), (AT933637) to (AT939650) during the period 080800H to 081300H. The 2d Platoon will send 1 squad to DUYEN SON (1) (AT937661) at 081500H to 081800H.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will continue to maintain defensive positions on the right flank of the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol to (AT896826), (AT908826) to (AT908833) during the period 080800H to 081300H.

(2) Company F. Will continue to defend along the M.R. and conduct extensive night ambushes in its area. The 1st Platoon will conduct a civic action patrol at 081000H to 081200H to (AT899774), (AT905779), (AT902775).

(3) Company G. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. One reinforced rifle squad from the 3d platoon will conduct a recon/combat patrol from 080800H to 081300H to coordinates (AT800793), (AT864793), (AT871784) to (AT892786).

(4) Company H. Will continue as the Regimental reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the battalions area.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain as the highway defense company. The 3d Platoon will establish a night ambush at coordinates (ID823171).

(2) Company K. Will continue to provide the airfield with security forces and will conduct a security patrol from Hill 225.

(3) Company L. Will provide CAC 1 platoon for an all night ambush. The other two platoons for security of the approaches from PHU BAI.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to provide security for the villages of TRUY TAN, TRUY PHU and LOC SON.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will continue to maintain its observation post at (ID839133).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Will continue to support the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT935656), (AT954673)
- (b) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT913035), (AT917731)  
(AT915728), (AT921724), (AT925723), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT935713)
- (d) Company N (AT923666), (AT942653), (AT943677)

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(2) 2/3. All squad size or (-).

- (a) Company E {AT893822}, {AT894815}, {AT900825}  
 (b) Company F {AT915753}, {AT919744}, {AT912753}, {AT911745},  
                   {AT905760}, {AT911774}, {AT919758}, {AT91A756},  
                   {AT895775}, {AT900770}, {AT905774}, {AT901774},  
 (c) Company G {AT875782}, {AT883787}, {AT890803}, {AT889800}

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company K (YD82317A)  
 (b) CAC (YD866156), (AT913117), (YD925105)

a. Summary of Operations

	1/1	2/3	3/4	TOTAL
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	2	2	0	4
(b) Platoon	2	1	2	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	14	19	0	33
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

b. Civil Action

a. 1/1

- (1) On 6 November, the BAS (AT950720) treated 20 people.  
 (2) On 4 November, D Company treated 14 people at sick call held at (AT938719).  
 (3) On 3 November, C Company treated 9 people at AP BAI LA hamlet (AT935774) and 12 people at THUN HA hamlet (AT915735) on 4 November.  
 (4) On 3 November, H Company treated 10 people on Hill #44 (AT9366).

b. 2/3

- (1) On 6 November, the LE MY dispensary treated 104 people for colds, headaches, skin infections and beri-beri.

a. 3/4

- (1) On 4 November, the CAC treated 73 people in LOC BCH (YD925105), and 51 people in THUY LUONG (YD832173).  
 (2) On 4 November, a 61 year old man from THUY LUONG was evacuated to the BAS for treatment of an infected foot.

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<u>PLACE</u>	<u>WELL TREATED</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA HANG	1/1	53
DA HANG	2/3	104
HUE PHU HAI	3/4	124
TOTAL		281

5. Miscellaneous. None.

6. LATE ENTRY: The 2d Platoon, Company A, while on patrol 071615H, killed ~~one~~ VC and captured one at (AT959666).

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

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 #216 071800H - 081800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

		<u>S&amp;G</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team	1/1				19		19
	2/3				11		11
	3/4				5		5
Squad	1/1		2	18			20
	2/3		2	19			21
	3/4		4				4
Platoon	1/1	1	2				3
	2/3		1				1
	3/4		2	4			6
TOTALS		1	13	37	35	0	86

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1

NONE

2/3

NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4

NONE

b. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad size night ambushes and vigorous daylight combat patrols. There were no contacts in either TAOR. Company M (AT93466) employed their 90mm tank gun on a target picked up by the AM/TFB-21 at 080520H moving at (AT928655). The area was checked at first light with negative results.

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(1) Company A. Continued to defend the critical Hill 22 (AT9566) area without a Viet Cong contact. There were however, two minor incidents, the first of which occurred at 072119H at (AT952672), when a grenade was thrown into the defensive wire without casualties. At 072246H, three individuals were observed moving at (AT952669) and were fired at with an M-79 with negative results. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 071800H to 072000H to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) and to DUYEN SON (2) (AT960660).

(2) Company B. Maintained one squad in defense of the bridge at (AT 9469), one squad on Hill 264 (AT9674) and two squads defending the Hawk Missiles on Hill 327 (AT9773). One Platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion CP with the Headquarters group and one reinforced platoon manning positions along the MLR without incident.

(3) Company C. Remained in defensive positions along the MLR with no significant occurrences. One squad continued to defend the DEO DAI LA Pass at (AT9475).

(4) Company D. Continued to man strong points along the MLR. The 3d Platoon dispatched a squad during the morning which patrolled to (AT953719), (AT965723), (AT962717), (AT952714), (AT949707) to (AT945711).

(5) Company H. Continued to defend Hill 41 (AT9366) without VC contact. At 080528H, a target of 4 to 5 individuals were detected by the AN/TPS-21 and engaged by the M-48 tank firing five 90mm rounds. At first light, the target area was checked with negative findings. From 081500H to 081300H, the 1st Platoon patrolled from (AT919657) to (AT921641), (AT933637) to (AT939650). During the afternoon, the 2d Platoon dispatched one squad which patrolled to DUYEN SON (1) (AT937661) returning to the company area without contact at 081800H.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Continued defense of the right flank of the DA HANG MLR. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 080800H to 081300H to (AT896826), (AT908826) to (AT908833) without incident. One squad continued to support the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284).

(2) Company F. Continued to defend from platoon strong points along the MLR. The 1st Platoon patrolled without a significant observation from 081000H to 081200H to (AT899774), (AT905779) to (AT902775).

(3) Company G. Defended from positions along the MLR. The 3d Platoon dispatched a reinforced rifle squad from 080800H to 081300H over the route (AT 880793), (AT864793), (AT871784) to (AT892786).

(4) Company H. Continued to man defensive positions within the battalion rear area and to provide security for the Battalion CP. The company remained the Regimental Reserve without incident.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Maintained two platoons in defensive positions to deny the Viet Cong infiltration of the vital area by use of the highway access

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routes. The 3d Platoon returned at first light from its ambush at (YD821148) reporting no contact. The 2d Platoon departed their primary position this afternoon and moved to (YD8112) where they conducted reconnaissance for two night ambush sites.

(2) Company K. Continued to defend its assigned area of the airfield perimeter with two platoons. The 2d Platoon conducted a daylight security patrol in a 2000 meter radius of their observation post on Hill 225 (YD8408) without incident. Two squad size local security patrols were conducted around the airfield during the hours 072100H to 080600H without contact.

(3) Company L. Provided two platoons for the defensive perimeter of the NVE PHU BAI Airfield from which two squads patrolled forward of the perimeter during the hours of darkness with nothing unusual to report.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon returned to the Battalion CP, while the 4th Platoon provided security for a medical team working in LOC NCH (YD9210). The 2d and 3d Platoons continued to provide security within (YD907151) and (YD913117) respectively.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Continued to operate forward of the HLR with a daylight CP being established at (YD807075). At the close of this report, the platoon was enroute to (YD813076) to establish a night ambush.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	83
(b)	Observed	3
(c)	HAI's	78
(d)	Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	44		87	131
WP			1	1
Smoke				8
Illum	6			6
TOTAL	50	0	88	138

d. GP's Regimental and Attached Company Size Units

BA NANG

3d Marines (AT944672)  
1stBn, 12thMar 9AT959757)

NUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)

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I Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD890144)

a. Summary

(1) <u>Major Contacts.</u>	None.			
(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>		<u>DA KANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0	0
(d) Action without Contact	37		10	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continues to maintain its defensive positions on Hill 22. At 090630H, the 1st Platoon will conduct a sweep of PHU SON (2) (AT952640) with the 3d Platoon acting as a blocking force. (2)

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions on Hill 327 complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located at (AT9773), and one platoon in defense of the Battalion CP. The company (-) will remain in the MLR.

(3) Company C. Will maintain defensive positions along the MLR with one squad at the DEC DAI Pass (AT9773). Numerous night ambushes will be placed along the MLR tonight.

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR. The 3d Platoon will conduct a recon/combat patrol to coordinates (AT942712), (AT937713), (AT928711), (AT927718) and (AT938728) from 090800H to 091700H.

(5) Company H. Will remain in its defensive positions on Hill 41. The 1st Platoon will patrol to coordinates (AT912672), (AT940683) to (AT938675) from 090800H to 091200H.

b. 2/2

(1) Company E. Will remain in positions along the MLR. One squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol to (AT882823), (AT883812), (AT894811) to (AT885818) from 090800H to 091300H.

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain its defensive positions along the MLR. The first platoon will conduct a civic action patrol from 091000H to 091230H to coordinates (AT899774) to (AT902775). The 3d Platoon will conduct a squad size civic action patrol from 090900H to 091200H to coordinates (AT908745), (AT908752) to (AT915746).

(3) Company G. Will remain in defensive positions along the MLR. The 1st Platoon will send a squad on a recon/combat patrol at 090830H to 091300H to the following coordinates (AT882806), (AT874804) to (AT883796).

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(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions in the rear area. The 1st platoon will establish a platoon patrol base at (AT936816) at 081900H and will remain in that base until 090600H. From this base, the 1st Platoon will send out a squad size patrol from 082100H to 090600H. At 090700H, the 1st Platoon patrol base will move to coordinates (AT908804) and remain there until 091400H. From the new patrol base a squad will patrol from 090800H to 091400H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain as the highway defense company. One Platoon will provide perimeter defense in Company K's sector in preparation for operations on 10 November. (See 3dBn, 4th Marines OpnOrder 41-65).

(2) Company K. Will remain in the airfield defense. One squad will conduct a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225.

(3) Company L. Will provide security for the approaches from PHU BAI. One platoon will be provided to the Combined Action Company for an all night ambush.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st and 2d Platoons will establish night ambushes in respective village areas. The 3d Platoon will provide security for a medical team. The 4th Platoon will return to the Battalion CP.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad size.

- (a) Company A (AT942670), (AT959659)
- (b) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT915735), (AT917731)  
(AT915728), (AT921724), (AT925723), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT933710)
- (d) Company M (AT922767), (AT931679), (AT941653)

(2) 2/3. All squad size.

- (a) Company E (AT890822), (AT899809), (AT898826)
- (b) Company F (AT923744), (AT920750), (AT915775), (AT911745),  
(AT909760), (AT916770), (AT919759), (AT901774),  
(AT902772), (AT903778), (AT894775)
- (c) Company G (AT886805), (AT884784), (AT883793), (AT888783)  
(AT886799)
- (d) Company H. (AT928806)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company K (YD8316)
- (b) CAC (YD866156), (YD913117), (YD925103)

e. Summary of Operations

(1) Patrols	<u>1/4</u>	<u>2/1</u>	<u>3/4</u>	TOTAL
(a) Squad	6	5	1	6
(b) Platoon	3	2	0	7

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(2) Ambushes	1/4	2/3	3/4	TOTAL
(a) Squad	14	20	0	24
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

4. Civil Affairsa. 1/4

(1) On 7 November, the BAS (AT980720) treated 33 people for skin infections, conjunctivitis, and headaches.

b. 2/3

(1) On 7 November, the Battalion CA Officer escorted Mr. SCHWAB, a reporter for the Marine Corps Gazette, and Mr. TUEY, a reporter for Newsweek, on a tour of the LE MY medical center, marketplace and schoolhouse.

(2) On 7 November, F Company treated 49 people at the TUNG SON hamlet (AT894782).

(3) On 7 November, the LE MY medical center treated 100 people for skin, eye, ear, nose and throat infections, hemophilia and worms.

c. 3/4

(1) On 5 November, the CAG treated 51 people in THUY LEONG (YD889175), and 54 people in THUY TAN (YD909149) as well as 22 people in LOC BON (YD925105), not to mention the 57 people treated in PHU BAI (YD911117).

(2) On 5 November, the Catholic Chaplain celebrated Mass for 10 villagers, in THUY TAN hamlet (YD909149).

d. Medical Record

TAOR	UNIT TREATING	NUMBER TREATED
DA NANG	1/4	33
DA NANG	2/3	149
HUE PHU BAI	3/4	82
	TOTAL	271

5. Miscellaneous. Admiral BAYANANON, from THAILAND visited both the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****SITUATION 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 #217 081800H - 091800H Nov 1965

1. **3d Marines Highlights**a. **Box Scores**

	<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>IF</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				19		19
2/3				20		20
3/4				5		5
Squad 1/1			14			14
2/3		5	20			25
3/4		5				5
Platoon 1/1	1	3				4
2/3		2				2
3/4		2	4			6
TOTALS	1	17	38	44	0	100

<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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**QUANG NAM**

1/1

None

2/3

None

**THUA THIEN**

3/4

None

b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by three incidents within the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility. The first occurred at 081928H when an observation post at (AT916802) being manned by Marines from H&S Company was probed by two to three Viet Cong. At 090138H, an ambush from Company E sighted 12 VC moving away from them in the vicinity of (AT888219). An artillery mission was requested and fired with good effect on the target area. The impact area was checked this morning with negative results. The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

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enhanced their psychological warfare efforts today by dropping 4000 leaflets into the NAM YEN Valley (AT8585).

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. The area south of the SONG TUY LOAN between the MCR and SONG YEN down to Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by the company with its command post being located on Hill 22 (AT9566). There were no contacts reported during the night. At 090525, the 1st Platoon departed the CP and moved south arriving at DUYEN SON (2) (AT9566). The 3d Platoon moved under the cover of darkness and established a blocking force to the south-southwest of the village. At 090630H, the 1st Platoon entered the village and conducted a careful search and clear operation.

(2) Company B. The company reported no contact during the reporting period. A defensive posture was maintained with one reinforced platoon and the Company Headquarters manning positions along the MCR. A platoon (-) continued to defend the Battalion CP area. One squad remains in defense at the bridge (AT9469), while one squad defends Hill 264 (AT9664) and two squads defend Hill 327 (AT9773).

(3) Company C. One squad continued to occupy defensive positions at the DEC DAI LA Pass (AT9475), while the Company (-) defended from strong points along the MCR.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the MCR, without incident. The 3d Platoon commenced patrolling at 090500H over the route (AT942712), (AT937713), (AT928711), (AT927718) and to (AT938728). At 091700H, the platoon returned to its primary position without contact.

(5) Company H. Continued to defend the critical Hill 41 (AT9366) area without contact. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 090000H to 091200H over the route (AT912672), (AT940683) to (AT938675).

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Continued to maintain defensive positions along the MCR with their right flank anchored on the SONG CA DE. At 090135H, a squad ambush located at (AT889419) observed approximately twelve Viet Cong at (AT888419) moving generally west toward the high ground. An artillery mission was requested and delivered at (AT880418), (AT863820) and (AT870416). The target area was searched at first light with negative results. From 090800H to 091300H, a squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled to (AT882423), (AT883412), (AT894411) to (AT885418) without incident.

(2) Company F. Continued to defend from platoon strong points along the MCR. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 091200H to 091600H in the vicinity of (AT899774) to (AT902775), while the 3d Platoon patrolled to (AT908745), (AT908752) to (AT915746) from 090900H to 091200H.

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(3) Company G. Occupied defensive positions along the MR without incident. One squad from the 1st Platoon conducted a combat/reconnaissance patrol to (AT882806), (AT874804) to (AT883796) from 090830H to 091300H.

(4) Company H. Remained the Regimental Reserve and continued without incident to defend the battalion rear area. The 1st Platoon moved to and established a patrol base at (AT936816) by 081900H. At 090700H, the 1st Platoon moved its base to (AT908804). One squad size patrol was conducted in the vicinity of the new base returning by 091400H, without significant results.

(5) H&S Company. Continued to provide elements for the security of the rear area. At 081928H, an observation post maintained by the company at (AT 916802) reported that 2-3 VC attempted to infiltrate from the southwest. Two grenades were thrown at the infiltrators. The area was immediately searched with negative results. Again at 090435H, an estimated 2 VC attempted to enter the defensive position, this time from the northwest. One grenade and several rounds of small arms fire thwarted the attempt. The subsequent search revealed negative findings. This morning, the Battalion Psychological Warfare Officer dropped 4000 leaflets into the HAM YER - PHU HAM Valley (AT8585).

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued to maintain two platoons occupying defensive positions to deny the VC use of the access highway to the PHU PHU BAI Airfield complex. One platoon moved to occupy defensive positions within the Company K area of responsibility.

(2) Company E. Continued to provide security for the airfield without incident. Three squad size local security patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness around the airfield perimeter. One squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled within (YD8408) this morning without a VC contact.

(3) Company L. Provided two platoons for the defensive perimeter of the PHU BAI Airfield. Two squad size patrols were conducted forward of the Company L perimeter between 082100H and 090600H. The 2d Platoon returned to its CP at first light from a night position at (YD894113) and (YD903105). One platoon continued to operate with the Combined Action Company.

(4) Combined Action Company. Continued to provide security in THUY LUONG (YD864156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD 925105) without incident.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Displaced its observation post this morning from (YD812074) to (YD807075). The platoon reported no significant observations.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	112
(b)	Observed	30
(c)	H&I's	82
(d)	Ammo Expended	



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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	34		135	169
WP			29	29
Smoke				0
Illum				0
TOTAL	34		164	198

d. CP's Regimental and Attached Company Size UnitsDA NANG

3d Marines (AT944763)  
1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD890144)

e. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Contacts. None.

(2) Small Unit Action.

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	0	0	0
(d) Action Without Contact	44	11	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will defend the Hill 22 (AT9566) area and will conduct extensive ambushes and aggressive patrols. One squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 090000H to 101200H to BUNH SON (4) (AT9466), while another patrols to LA CHAU (4) (AT9567) from 101300H to 101500H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain two squads in defense of the Hawk Missile Site on Hill 327 (AT9773) and one on Hill 264 (AT9674). Another squad will continue to be deployed at the bridge in (AT9469). One platoon (-) will defend the Battalion CP area, while a reinforced platoon and the Company Headquarters defends along the MLR.

(3) Company C. Will maintain defensive positions along the MLR and one squad defending the DEO DAI LA Pass at (AT9475).

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from positions along the MLR.

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(5) Company M. Will defend the vital Hill 41 (AT9366) and the assigned sector of Phase Line Orange. The 1st Platoon will patrol from 100800H to 101200H to (AT928695), (AT923683) to (AT918672). The platoon will return to the CP and will patrol again from 101500H to 101800H to DUYEN SON (9) (AT9266).

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will remain in defensive positions along the MLR with their right flank anchored on the SONO CA DE. One squad from the 3d Platoon will continue to support the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 100800H to 101400H to (AT908824), (AT906816) to (AT916817).

(2) Company F. Will maintain defensive positions along the MLR.

(3) Company G. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR.

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will continue to defend within the Battalion rear area. The 2d Platoon will patrol from 091845H to 101400H to (AT940811), (AT964801), (AT954798), (AT948791). The platoon will establish its patrol base at (AT940811) from 092045H to 100700H at which time it will move to (AT964801). The platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 100800H to 101100H to (AT938837), (AT951814) to (AT962804).

c. 1/4

(1) Company I. With an Engineer Team, three ARVN Liaison Officers and the Reconnaissance Platoon, the company will move to an assembly area in the western sector of the TAOR. After dark, four ambushes will be established from (YD825155) to (YD809157) and one at (YD797140). The Reconnaissance platoon will move to and establish a night position at (YD813124). On 11 November, with recon blocking, two platoons of Company I will sweep from (YD813157) to (YD803142). The remaining rifle platoon will block at (YD797140). The operation is scheduled to secure at 111500H.

(2) Company K. Will remain the Airfield Defense Company and will have two platoons manning the perimeter defense around the airfield installations.

(3) Company L. Will provide security for the highway access approaches to the PHU BAI area. One platoon will move to and occupy positions in the Company I area of responsibility for the duration of their operation in the western portion of the TAOR.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to conduct civic action projects and provide security for the four villages of THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon will operate with in conjunction with Company I acting as a blocking force for their sweep on 11 November.

CONFIDENTIALd. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT955660), (AT950611)
- (b) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT915735), (AT917731),  
(AT915728), (AT917724), (AT925723), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT933710)
- (d) Company M (AT922677), (AT931661), (AT943678)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company E (AT893822), (AT918832), (AT897817), (AT898810),  
(AT908824)
- (b) Company F (AT918730), (AT919753), (AT918743), (AT918757),  
(AT919772), (AT912768), (AT905773), (AT911773),  
(AT895778)
- (c) Company G (AT939815), (AT943822)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size.

- (a) Company L (YD8316)
- (b) CAG (YD866156), (YD907151)

e. Summary of Operations

	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	2	3	4	9
(b) Platoon	2	1	0	3
(c) Company	0	0	1	1
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	14	16	0	30
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civic Affairsa. Hq Co

(1) On 8 November, the Regimental Surgeon and CA Officer held sick call in the Hamlet of KHAM SON (AT955765) and treated 37 people for skin and ear infections, respiratory and intestinal disorders.

b. 1/1

(1) On 6 November, the B4B (AT950720) treated 25 people.

(2) On 5 November, an H&S Company corpsman evacuated a small boy from (AT947700) to the B4B for treatment of a severely lacerated head, suffered in a fall. The boy was returned to his home following treatment.

(3) Two hundred villagers marched in protest of the VC for stealing 33 passes and identification cards from people of DUYEN SON (4) (AT944663). The march was from (AT942688) to (AT943663) to (AT955664) to (AT950650) to (AT95105) to (AT943664).

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(1) On 8 November, the LE MY medical center treated 101 people for skin and eye infections, headaches and worms.

(2) On 8 November, a battalion medical team treated 15 people at the DA PHUOC new life hamlet marketplace (AT903787).

d. 2/4

(1) On 6 November, the CAC treated 38 people in THUY LUONG (YD885175), 25 people in THUY TAN (YD909149) and 18 people in LOC BON (YD925105).

(2) On 6 November, CAC# 4 set up a baby wash and washed 15 children in LOC BON (YD925105).

e. Medical Recap

<u>TAGE</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	26
DA NANG	2/3	116
THU BAI	3/4	81
DA NANG	HQ CO	37
	TOTAL	260

5. Miscellaneous. Representative James D. MARTINO from Alabama visited the HOA VINH village within the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility from 090925H to 090955H.

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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 #218 091800H - 101800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Max Scores

	<u>S&amp;G OPS</u>	<u>PATROL</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>	<u>IR</u>	<u>SCOUT</u> <u>SHARP</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fire Team 1/1				10		10
2/1				20		20
3/1				10		10
Squad 1/1		3	14			17
2/1		3	16			19
3/1		4				4
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/1		2				2
3/1		7	3			10
TOTALS		22	33	40		103

<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 (AT945672)	10115H	Patrol	1-A-1/None	1 VC
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2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

b. The Regiment continued aggressive patrolling and ambushing within its TACR without contact with the enemy with one exception. The 1st Platoon Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect in the village of LA CHAU (2) (AT9467).

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operationsa. 1A

(1) Company A. The area south of the SONG TUY LOAN between the MRR and SONG YEN down to Phase Line Orange continues to be defended by the company with its Command Post located on Hill 22 (AT9566). There were no contacts reported during the night. A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 100700H to 101200H to DUYEN SON (4) (AT9466), and another squad patrolled to LA CHAU (4) (AT9567) from 101300H to 101900H. One VC was apprehended at 10115H in the village of LA CHAU (2) and was evacuated to NIEU DUC District Headquarters for interrogation.

(2) Company B. The company reported no contact during the reporting period. A defensive posture was maintained with one reinforced platoon and the Company Headquarters manning positions along the MRR. A platoon (-) continued to defend the Battalion CP area. One squad remains at the bridge (AT 9469), while one squad defends Hill 264 (AT9664) and two squads defend Hill 327 (AT9773).

(3) Company C. One squad continued to occupy defensive positions at the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475), while the Company (-) defended from strong points along the MRR. A squad patrolled at 100830 to 101200 from (AT925736), (AT 903530), (AT911710) to (AT928716) with negative contact.

(4) Company D. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the MRR without incident. The 1st platoon patrolled from 100730H to 101200H from (AT 945711) to (AT935707), (AT947707) to (AT942716).

(5) Company E. Remains in position on Hill 41. No contact was reported. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 100800H to 101200H to (AT926695), (AT 925685) to (AT924672). Later the 1st Platoon patrolled to DUYEN SON (5) (AT 9266) from 101500H to 101800H.

b. 2A

(1) Company F. Continued to maintain defensive positions along the MRR with their Right Flank anchored on the SONG CA DE. From 100800H to 101100H, a squad from the 2d platoon patrolled to (AT908224), (AT906218) to (AT916217) without incident.

(2) Company G. Continued to defend from platoon strong points along the MRR. No contact was reported.

(3) Company H. Occupied defensive positions along the MRR without incident.

(4) Company I. Continued to provide elements for the security of the rear area. The 2d Platoon reported no contact from its patrol base at (AT940211) during the night. At 100730H, the patrol base was moved to (AT 944201). A squad patrolled to (AT938227), (AT951214) to (AT962204) from 100800H to 101100H.

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c. 2/4

(1) Company I. Continued to maintain two platoons occupying defensive positions to deny the VC use of the access highway to the HUE PHU BAI Airfield complex. At the close of the reporting period, the company is moving to an assembly area in the western portion of the TAOR in preparation for a company size sweep.

(2) Company I. Continued to provide security for the airfield without incident. During the hours of darkness, two squad size security patrols were conducted. At daylight, the 1st Platoon conducted a security patrol.

(3) Company I. Provided two platoons for the defensive perimeter of the PHU BAI Airfield. One platoon moved to and occupied positions in the Company I area for the duration of their operation in the western portion of the TAOR. Two squad size security patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness.

(4) Combined Action Company. Conducted civic action projects and provided security for THUY LONG (YD844156), THUY TAE (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105) without incident.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon is participating with Company I in that company's operation in the western sector of the TAOR.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	119
(b)	Observed - Unobserved	25 - 6
(c)	M&I's	88
(d)	Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
HE	84	53	188	325
WP	8	20	6	34
Smoke				0
Illum	2			2
TOTALS	94	73	194	361

d. CF's Regimental and Attached Company Size Units

DA NANG

3d Marines (A1944763)  
1stBn, 12thMar (A1999757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
R Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD890244)

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CONFIDENTIALc. Summary(1) Major Unit Contacts. None.(2) Small Unit Action.

	DA NANG	PHU BAY	TOTAL
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	1	0	1
(c) Total Contact	0	0	1
(d) Action Without Contact	41	8	

3. Platoon Securitya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend the critical Hill 22 (AT9566) area. At 102000H, the 3d Platoon will establish squad ambushes at (AT942676), (AT949672) and AT970673). At 102400H, the ambushes will be deactivated and the platoon will structure and encircle LA CHAU (4) (AT9566). At first light, the platoon will sweep the village. A squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 111600H to 111800H to BUYEN SON (2) (AT9566). In the morning, the platoon will dispatch a squad from 110900H to 111200H to BUYEN LAN (3) (AT9569).

(2) Company B. Will continue to defend from positions along the MLR with one platoon and the Company Headquarters. One platoon will provide security for the Hawk Missile Sites (AT9773), while a squad will remain at the Bridge (AT 9469). The remaining platoon (-) will continue to provide security for the Battalion CP.

(3) Company C. Will remain in defensive positions along the MLR, with eight squad size ambushes being established forward of the MLR. From 110800H to 111400H, one reinforced squad will patrol to (AT914734), (AT903730), (AT 893736), (AT892725), (AT898716), (AT910718) to (AT915726).

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from strong points along the MLR. The 2d Platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 110900H to 111500H to (AT940713), (AT946708), (AT947699), (AT930697), (AT927703) to (AT930713).

(5) Company E. Will defend the Hill 41 (AT9366) area and will dispatch the 2d platoon to patrol to PHUOC NINH (1) (AT9469), then to (AT929672), (AT 916673), (AT915659) to (AT928654).

b. 2/1

(1) Company F. The company (-) will continue to provide the defense for the right flank of the Regimental HQ. The company (-) will occupy defensive strong points with their right flank anchored on the SONG CA DE. One reinforced squad will remain in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). From 110800H to 111400H, a reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol to (AT898826), (AT908833) to (AT908826).

(2) Company G. Will continue to defend from platoon strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 110800H to 111200H over the route (AT909741), (AT904742), (AT895747), (AT 899735), (AT900734), (AT915733), (AT922730) to (AT915746). The 3d Platoon

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will dispatch a reinforced squad from 111800H to 111600H to (AT898774), (AT890770), (AT887777), (AT902780) to (AT902775).

(3) Company B. Will continue to defend the center sector of the Battalion M.A. One reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 110900H to 111300H to (AT809809), (AT808084), to (AT887895).

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will continue to occupy defensive positions within the Battalion rear area. The 2d Platoon reinforced, will operate in the sand flats area from 101900H to 111600H over the route (AT934794), (AT934808), (AT925811), (AT937796) to (AT936792). One squad will patrol from 110800H to 111400H to (AT962805), (AT958807), (AT958814) to (AT949819).

c. S/A

(1) Company I. Reinforced with the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, a team of Engineers and three ARVN Liaison personnel will move under the cover of darkness to an assembly area in the western sector of the TACH. Five reinforced squad ambushes will be established. Four will be set in between (YB825155) to (YB809157) and the fifth will be at (YD797140). The Recon platoon will establish its night position at (YB813124). A, 110600H, two rifle platoons will sweep southwest from (YB813157) to (YB803142). The Recon platoon will block from (YB805127) to (YB804136), while one rifle platoon will block at (YD797140). Upon completion of the two platoon sweep, the blocking force at (YD797140) will sweep the valley southeast to (YB808132). The operation is tentatively scheduled to secure at 111500H.

(2) Company K. Will continue to provide two reinforced platoons for security of the airfield and will conduct security patrols after dark to likely enemy mortar positions within range of the airfield.

(3) Company L. Will continue to provide two reinforced platoons for security of the approaches to the PHU BAI Airfield Complex. Squad local security patrolling will be accomplished during the hours of darkness forward of the company's sector of the perimeter. One platoon will occupy positions in the Company I perimeter until their operation in the western TACH has terminated.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to operate within the assigned villages of THUY LUONG (YB866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117), LOC BON (YB925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will support Company I in their operation in the western TACH.

4. Attaches Planned for Tonight

(1) A/L. All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company A (AT942670), (AT949672), (AT950673)
- (b) Company C (AT919742), (AT911737), (AT915735), (AT919731), (AT915728), (AT921724), (AT922523), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT931646)
- (d) Company E (AT921673), (AT924665), (AT932681)

CONFIDENTIAL(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company E {AT893822}, (AT914826), (AT893826), (AT893828),  
{AT912834}
- (b) Company F {AT911745}, (AT919752), (AT911752), (AT918744),  
{AT909760}, {AT915756}, {AT916772}, {AT909766},  
{AT901774}, {AT905772}, {AT907776}, {AT889778}
- (c) Company G {AT886790}, (AT887795), (AT883788), (AT892805),  
{AT898797}
- (d) Company H (AT924806), (AT937828), (AT944820)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company I, four squad (4) from (YD825155) to (YD809157), plus  
one at (YD797140).
- (b) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117) and (YD925105), all  
platoon size.

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/5</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	4	5	4	13
(b) Platoon	1	2	0	3
(c) Company	0	0	1	1
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	15	25	5	45
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

4. Civil Affairsa. 1/1

(1) On 9 November, the BAS (AT950730) treated 34 people for headaches, boils, and worms.

(2) On 5 November, an old man of BUYEN SON (1), told the CO of M Company that 30-50 VC had moved through the village during the early morning.

(3) On 5 November, M Company treated 13 people near Hill #44 (AT9365). On 6 November, 10 people were treated at the same coordinates.

(4) On 5 November, D Company treated 14 people in HOA KHOUNG hamlet (AT938720). On 6 November, 15 people were treated at the same coordinates.

(5) On 5 November, C Company treated 10 people for skin and eye infections in AI DAI LA hamlet (AT9274). C Company treated 16 people at (AT915734) on 6 November.

b. 2/1

(1) On 9 November, the LE MI medical center treated 105 people for respiratory and intestinal disorders, contusions and worms.

(2) On 9 November, H&S Company held sick call in the DI PHUOC market-place and treated 16 people (AT943687).

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(3) On 9 November, the Battalion CO and the CA Officer escorted Congressman MARTING of Alabama, on a tour of the HOA VINH marketplace, school-house and medical center (AT901794).

(4) On 9 November, the village chief of HOA THAM (AT911784), Mr. NAM, presented a dinner in honor of the outgoing and incoming Battalion CO's, and their staffs.

(5) On 9 November, F Company treated 44 people in TUNG SON hamlet (AT894782).

(6) On 9 November, F Company held a 3 hour English class for 9 nuns and priests of the PHU THUONG Orphanage (AT905764).

(7) On 9 November, the G Company corpsman treated 40 people during sick call in HOA VINH (AT902795).

c. 3/L

(1) On 7 November, the CAC treated 21 people in PHU BAI (YD902118) and 36 people in LOC BON (YD925105).

(2) On 8 November, the CAC treated 38 people in THUY LUONG (YD889175), and 25 people in THUY TAN (YD909149), as well as 18 people in LOC BON (YD925105).

d. Medical Recap

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA DIANG	1/1	112
DA NANG	2/3	165
PHU BAI	3/4	138
	Total	415

5. Miscellaneous

a. Today the 3d Marines celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with appropriate observances being conducted in both the DA NANG and HUA PHU BAI TAOR's. Also, the Regimental Command Post was dedicated in the name of Corporal Brian J. GAUTHIER, USMC, who was killed in action on 11 July 1965.

b. This morning, 11 Marines from the Regiment commenced a three day sniper course. The Division Sniper Instructional Team will conduct the school and evaluate the candidates for possible selection for Regimental Sniper Teams.

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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 #219 101800H - 111800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;G OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				18		18
2/3				11		11
3/4				19		10
Squad 1/1		5	15			20
2/3		4	25			29
3/4		4	5			9
Platoon 1/1		1				1
2/3		1				1
3/4			4			4
Company 3/4	1					1
TOTALS	1	15	49	39	0	104

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

b. Although the Regiment continued to patrol and ambush aggressively throughout its TAOB, there was no contact with the enemy. A listening post from Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines spotted five individuals near that company's position at 102350H, however, the individuals fled when fired upon by the listening post without returning fire.

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(1) Company A. Continues to operate in its area of responsibility from Hill 22 (AT9566). A listening post spotted five men moving into a tree line at 2300H at (AT95666). The individuals were moving northwest. The listening post fired a 3.5 rocket and an M-79 at the individuals who then moved rapidly southeast. Fire was not returned. Subsequent search revealed negative results. The 3d Platoon swept the village of LA CHAU (4) (AT9566) at first light. No contact was reported. A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled to DUONG LAN (3) (AT9569) from 110900H to 111200H with negative results. Another squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 111600H to 111800H to DUYEN SON (2) (AT9566).

(2) Company B. No contact was reported. One reinforced platoon and the Company Headquarters man positions along the M.R. A platoon (-) defends the Battalion CP area. One squad remains at the bridge (AT9469), while one squad defends Hill 264 (AT9664) and two squads defend Hill 327 (AT9773).

(3) Company C. One squad remains at the DHO DAI LA Pass (AT9475), while the Company (-) defended from strong points along the M.R. From 110800H to 111400H, one reinforced squad patrolled to (AT914734), (AT903730), (AT993736), (AT992725), (AT898726), (AT910718) to (AT915726). Another squad patrolled from 111300H to 111600H to (AT917734), (AT929717), (AT914715), (AT904723). Neither patrol had contact.

(4) Company D. Occupies defensive positions on the M.R. A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 110900H to 111500H to (AT940713), (AT946708), (AT947699), (AT930697), (AT920703) to (AT930713).

(5) Company M. Remains in position on Hill 41. No contact reported. The 2d platoon patrolled to PHUOC MINH (1) (AT9467), then to (AT929672), (AT918673), (AT915659) to (AT928654) from 110800H to 111300H.

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Maintains defensive positions along the M.R. A reinforced squad remains in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). From 110800H to 111400H, a reinforced squad patrolled to (AT896826), (AT908833), to (AT908826).

(2) Company F. Continued to defend from platoon strong points along the M.R. A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 110800H to 111200H over the route (AT989741), (AT904742), (AT993747), (AT999753), (AT900754), (AT915753) to (AT915746). The 3d Platoon dispatched a reinforced squad from 111200H to 111600H to (AT898774), (AT890770), (AT887777), (AT902780) to (AT902775). No contact was reported.

(3) Company G. Occupied defensive positions along the M.R. without incident.

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(4) Company H. Continues to provide elements of the rear area defense. The 2d Platoon reinforced, operating in the mud flats area from 101900H to 111600H over the route (AT934794), (AT934808), (AT935811), (AT 937796) to (AT936792). One squad patrolled from 110800H to 111400H to (AT 962805), (AT958807), (AT951814) to (AT949813). No contact was reported.

b. 2/4

(1) Company I. Reinforced with the 3d platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, a team of Engineers and three ARVN Liaison personnel moved under the cover of darkness to an assembly area in the western sector of the TAOR. Four ambushes were set in between (YD825153) to (YD809157) and a fifth was set at (YD797140). The Recon platoon established a night position at (YD 813124). At 110630H, two rifle platoons swept southwest from (YD805127) to (YD804136), while one rifle platoon blocked at (YD797140). The blocking force at (YD797140) swept the valley, southeast to (YD808132). Upon completion of the other sweep of the other two platoons. The operation ceased at 111900H.

(2) Company K. Provides two platoons for security of the airfield and conducted security patrols after dark with no contact.

(3) Company L. Provides two platoons for security of the approaches to PHU BAI Airfield complex. Squad size security patrols, after dark, forward of the company's positions had negative results. One platoon occupied Company I's perimeter during the night and remained there until Company I had completed its operation in the western portion of the TAOR.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st and 2d Platoons provided security while the Battalion Chaplain visited their respective villages. The 3d platoon returned to the Battalion CP. The 4th Platoon remained in position.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Returned to the Battalion CP after participating with Company I in a search and clear operation.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	76
(b)	N&I's	76
(c)	Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE	40	0	56	96

d. CP's Regimental and Attached Company Size Units

DA NANG

3d Marines (AT944763)  
1st Bn, 12th Mar (AT959757)

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## HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD889142)  
 N Bnry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD889144)  
 W Bnry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD889146)  
 I Bnry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD889144)

## e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Contacts. None.

(2) Small Unit Action.	DA NAM	HUE BAI	TOTAL
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total Contact	0	0	0
(d) Action Without Contact	21	14	68

## 3. Plans Summary

## a. L/A

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend the area from the SONG TAY LAON bounded by the MR and the SONG TAY, south to Phase Line Orange. The 3d platoon will dispatch two squad patrols tomorrow. Both patrols will be accompanied by medical teams with the first patrolling to LA CHAU (5) (AT9466) at 12000H and the second to LA CHAU (4) at 121200H. The patrols will remain in the respective villages throughout the day, but not later than 121800H.

(2) Company B. The Company Headquarters, one rifle platoon (-) plus the weapons platoon (-) will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MR, generally within (AT9672). The 3d Platoon (-) will continue to maintain defensive positions in defense of the Hawk Missile Site (AT9773), while one squad will defend from HILL 264 (AT9674). One squad will defend the bridge at (AT9469), while the remaining platoon will continue to defend the Battalion CP area.

(3) Company D. The 1st and 2d Platoons will continue to defend from strong points along the MR. The company (-) will remain at (AT923737), with one squad being deployed at the DMZ BAI LA PASS (AT9475). One squad will patrol from 121300H to 121600H to (AT924796), (AT99722), (AT923723) to (AT927728).

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from three platoon strong points along the MR. The 1st platoon will patrol from 120700H to 121300H over the route (AT932733), (AT932734).

(5) Company H. The company (-) will occupy defensive positions on HILL 41 (AT9365) and will maintain one platoon in defense of the high ground at (AT936680). From 120800H to 121300H, the 2d Platoon will patrol to (AT921679), (AT936687) to (AT936678). During afternoon, the platoon will sweep PHUOC NINH (2) (AT9266) from 121300H to 121800H.

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(1) Company E. Will defend the northern sector of the Battalion's area of responsibility with one platoon and the Company (-) occupying defensive positions along the M.R. One squad will continue to man positions in support of the ARVN Company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) area. From 120800H to 121400H, the 2d platoon will patrol from (AT885818) to (AT872889) to (AT872830).

(2) Company F. Will defend from three platoon strong points on the M.R. The company will conduct two reinforced squad size patrols with the first being from the 1st Platoon and patrolling from 120800H to 121200H to (AT912744), (AT919741), (AT921749), (AT916754), (AT903756), (AT894746) to (AT914746). The second patrol will be dispatched by the 2d platoon from 121200H to 121600H and patrol to (AT908766), (AT902769), (AT892768), (AT882768), (AT880778), (AT887777), (AT898776), (AT904776), (AT915771) to (AT913763).

(3) Company G. Will continue to defend their assigned portion from two strong points along the M.R. From 120600H to 121030H, one reinforced squad will patrol to (AT881807), (AT879796) to (AT884790).

(4) Company H. Will maintain the Regimental Reserve mission and will continue to defend positions within the Battalion rear area. From 111900H to 131600H, the 3d platoon will operate in the sand flats area over the route (AT 940788), (AT940800), (AT934807), (AT935814), (AT940814), (AT946808), to (AT 947796). Independent of the main patrol route, two squad patrols will be conducted as follows: from 120800H to 121630H to (AT956807), (AT949814) to (AT 944820) and from 112000H to 120900H one squad will patrol to and establish an ambush at (AT930798), (AT924807) and (AT927813). The squad will remain at each site for a short duration and then move to the next location.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain responsible for the highway defense within the PHU BAI vital area. Utilizing two platoons, the company will maintain road-blocks in conjunction with MP's at (YD894133) and (YD884155). The 1st squad of the 1st platoon will patrol within (YD8408) tomorrow morning.

(2) Company K. Will provide two platoons for the security of the airfield and will continue to conduct squad local security patrols forward of the M.R.

(3) Company L. Will maintain two platoons occupying positions along the defensive perimeter. From these platoons, squads will be dispatched to patrol during the hours of darkness forward of the M.R. One platoon will continue to operate with the Combined Action Company.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to conduct civic action projects and projects and provide security for THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOO BON (YD925105). Tomorrow, the 2d Platoon will return to the Battalion CP.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon will remain within the Battalion area.



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(7) On 8 November, M Company treated 35 people at PHUOC NINH (1) (AT938685), and distributed 100 bars of soap to mothers attending the sick call.

b. 2/3

(1) On 10 November, the LE MY medical center treated 115 people for lesions, abrasions, worms, and ear infections.

(2) On 10 November, G Company treated 75 people at HOA VINH (AT902795).

(3) On 10 November, F Company treated 46 people in TUNG SON hamlet (AT 894782).

(4) On 10 November, H&S Company treated 20 people at the DA PHUOC marketplace (AT943787).

(5) On 10 November, construction of the refugee homes in HOA LOO (AT 908818), and HOA THANH (AT907784), was estimated at being 50% complete.

c. 2/4

(1) On 8 November, the CAS treated 55 people in LOS BON (YD925104), and 13 people in THUY LUONG (YD860175).

(2) On 8 November, SAO squad spent 16 man hours repairing roads in the vicinity of (YD908138).

d. Medical Report

<u>TACR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	2/1	193
DA NANG	2/3	256
PHU BAI	3/4	68
	TOTAL	457

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Ambushes Planned for Tonight(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT959678), (AT945661)
- (b) Company D (AT926714)
- (c) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT915735), (AT917731),  
(AT915728), (AT921724), (AT923723), (AT926720)
- (d) Company M (AT917667), (AT917677), (AT944672)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company E (AT893832), (AT907824), (AT894815), (AT897816),  
(AT885820)
- (b) Company F (AT915756), (AT918750), (AT918743), (AT919759),  
(AT911773), (AT918768), (AT904773), (AT900770),  
(AT894770)
- (c) Company G (AT886805), (AT886795), (AT880796), (AT886788),  
(AT884801)
- (d) Company H (AT928804)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company K (YD8014), two squad ambushes
- (b) Combined Action Company (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117)

<u>e. Summary of Operations</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	2	6	4	12
(b) Platoon	3	1	1	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	16	20	2	38
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civil Actiona. 1/1

(1) On 10 November, the BAS (AT95072) treated 38 people for headaches, malaria, and worms.

(2) On 7 November, five people from THACH NAM Hamlet (AT9571) moved a grave from the 1/1 GP at the request of the Battalion CA Officer.

(3) On 7 November, C Company treated 18 people in the hamlet of PHUC HUNG (AT9272).

(4) On 7 November, D Company treated 27 people at (AT940728).

(5) On 7 November, B Company treated 7 children at the bridge site at (AT947700).

(6) On 7 November, M Company treated 14 people at Hill #41 (AT9366).

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 #220 111800H - 121800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Boxes

	<u>S&amp;G OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>IPF</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				10		10
2/3				11		11
3/4				16		16
Squad 1/1		2	16			18
2/3		6	20			26
3/4		4	2			6
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		1				1
3/4		1	3			4
TOTALS	0	17	41	45	0	103

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Location</u>	<u>Enemy Unit Location</u>
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CHANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad size ambushes and vigorous night and day patrol activity. During the reporting period, there were no 3d Marines contacts resulting in casualties. There were three incidents, all of which occurred within the DA NANG TACR. The first instance was reported by the security element on SON DEN (ATG382), when at 111945H, they fired into an area where they suspected was being probed by the Viet Cong. There was no return fire. At 112159H, a Company F listening

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post fired at an unknown number of VC with negative results. At 120615H, two platoons of PF's engaged two squads of VC at (AT924706). The subsequent fire fight resulted in 2 PF's KIA and 2 WIA.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations generally in the LA CHAU, TUYEN SON Complex with their command post being established on Hill 22 (AT9566). Two squad patrols were conducted by the 3d Platoon, both of which were accompanied by medical teams which treated Vietnamese sick and injured. The initial patrol was to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) from 120900H to 121600H. The second went to LA CHAU (4) (AT9567) at 121200H and returned to Hill 22 by 121700H.

(2) Company B. Remained in defensive positions north of the BONG TUY LOAN, without VC contact.

(3) Company C. The 1st and 2d platoons continued to defend from strong points along the M.R., while the Company (-) defended from (AT92737). One squad defended the DRO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). From 121300H to 121600H one squad patrolled without incident over the route (AT914736), (AT899722), (AT913719) to (AT917728).

(4) Company D. Continued to defend from three strong points along the M.R. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 120730H to 121300H in the vicinity of (AT 952733) to (AT939134).

(5) Company M. The Company (-) continued to occupy defensive positions on Hill 41, while one platoon defended the high ground at (AT935680). The company's offensive posture was maintained by the 2d platoon's activities. From 120900H to 121300H, the platoon patrolled from (AT941673) to (AT939687) to (AT 930673). The platoon returned to Hill 41 and moved out again from 121500H to 121800H and swept PHUOC NINH (2) (AT9266) without incident.

(6) H&S Company. The Battalion S-3 reported at 112050H that a truck from the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines had received one round of sniper fire at (AT957715). There were no casualties and the source of the round could not be determined. It was further reported that at 120615H, two platoons of PF, while sweeping (AT924706) engaged approximately two squads of VC. During the ensuing fire fight, one PF was KIA and one WIA. There were no confirmed VC casualties.

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Continued defending the northern sector of the battalion TAOR from two strong points along the M.R. One squad remained in support of the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). The 2d Platoon patrolled without incident from 120800H to 121400H to (AT885418), (AT872823) to (AT872830).

(2) Company F. Defended from three platoon strong points on the M.R. At 112150H, a unit of the Company Security observed individuals moving up the stream bed at (AT908767). Two hand grenades and small arms fire were delivered at that location. There was no return fire and the subsequent search revealed negative results. The 1st Platoon dispatched one squad which patrolled from

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120000H to 121200H to (A7912744), (A7921749), (A7903756), (A7904946) to (A7914746). From 121200H to 121600H, a squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled to (A7908765), (A792768), (A792768), (A792777), (A7915771) to (A7913763). Both squads patrolled without contact.

(3) ~~Company B~~. Continued to defend their assigned area of responsibility with no VO contact. The company alerted and squad which patrolled from 120600H to 121000H in the vicinity of (A7921807), (A797796) to (A7921790).

(4) ~~Company H~~. Maintained the Regimental Messery mission and continued to defend within the Battalion rear area. At approximately 120425H, it was reported by the 12th Marines that the 9th Howitzer Battery had observed a negro in a western type suit walking with two Vietnamese in the New Life Market located at (A7955780). Company H ordered a squad patrol to the vicinity and determined that the negro and one VO had been in the village to visit the VO's father who was ill and dying. From 111900H to the close of this report, the 3d Platoon was ill and dying. From 111900H to the close of this report, the 3d Platoon operated in the sand flats area, (A79478), (A79479), (A79480) and (A79481). Independent of the main patrol route, two squad patrols were conducted. The first patrolled from 120000H to 121600H to (A795807), (A794984) to (A794480). The other squad patrolled last night establishing three positions at key points on its route. The squad remained in each site for a short duration. The company had no contact during the reporting period.

(5) ~~WFO Company~~. The Battalion observation post maintained on top of DOMO DEN (A76382) reported at 111945H, that they had fired at suspected VO probing from a southeastern direction. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

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(1) ~~Company I~~. Continued responsible for the defense of the highway access roads to the vital PHU BAI Airfield. Road blocks were maintained at (TD694133) and (TD65155) without incident.

(2) ~~Company K~~. Maintained two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. From these platoons, two separate squad patrols were conducted between 111000H and 120400H forward of the perimeter. The 2d Platoon moved during the afternoon to (TD611), where they conducted reconnaissance for two night ambush sites. The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, patrolled within (TD 8408) without contact.

(3) ~~Company L~~. Continued without incident to occupy two platoon positions along the defensive perimeter. Two squad plus local security patrols were conducted around the airfield perimeter during the night without a significant observation. One platoon continued to operate with the Combined Action Company.

(4) ~~Combined Action Company~~. Continued to operate within the assigned villages of THU LONH (TD66156), THU VAN (TD907151), THU PHU (TD919117), LOO BON (TD925105).

(5) ~~3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion~~. The platoon remained within the Battalion area without incident.

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(a) Total Missions Fired 85  
 (b) Observed 4  
 (c) H&I's 81  
 (d) Ammo Expended

TYPE	105mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
HE	72	0	67	138

d. CP's, Regimental and Attached Company Size UnitsDA NANG

3d Marines (AT944763)  
 1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
 M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
 W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883146)  
 I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)

e. SUMMARY

(1) Major Unit Contacts. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total Contacts	0	0	0
(d) Action without Contacts	48	10	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend the Phase Line Orange area and will maintain defensive positions on Hill 22 (AT9566). From 131000H to 131600H, one squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). Another squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 131800H to 131600H to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565).

(2) Company B. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. and will provide one platoon for security of the Battalion CP area.

(3) Company C. The Company (-) will occupy defensive positions at (AT 923737), while the 1st and 2d Platoons continue to defend from strong points along the M.R. One squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 131300H to 131600H to (AT923737), (AT925730), (AT923735), (AT906731), (AT901724) to (AT 915730).

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from strong points along the M.R. The 3d Platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 130800H to 131600H over the route (AT940719), (AT946700), (AT942705), (AT935702), (AT931700), (AT

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94705), (AT95701), (AT95700), (AT926698), (AT934694), (AT952700) to (AT 951718).

(5) Company M. Remains at its position at Hill 41. The 3d Platoon patrols from 130900H to 131300H to (AT928674), (AT925683) to (AT916673). Then at 131500H, the same platoon will conduct a patrol to DUTEN SON (1).

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will defend the northern sector of the Battalion's area of responsibility with one platoon and the Company (-) occupying defensive positions along the M.R. One squad will continue to man positions in support of the ARVN Company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) area. From 130800H to 131400H, a squad, reinforced, will patrol to (AT883816), (AT894811), (AT883813), to (AT 882823).

(2) Company F. Will defend from three platoon strong points on the M.R. A squad, reinforced, will patrol from 130800H to 131200H to (AT940788), (AT934807), (AT940814), (AT946808) to (AT947796). A squad (-) will conduct a civic action patrol from 130900H to 131200H to (AT899774), (AT904778) to (AT902775).

(3) Company G. Will continue to defend their assigned portion from two strong points along the M.R. From 130900H to 131300H, a squad (-) will patrol to (AT897791), (AT909783) to (AT917793).

(4) Company H. Will maintain the Regimental Reserve missions and will continue to defend positions within the Battalion rear area. The 3d Platoon will remain at its patrol base at (AT940814) and will send a squad size patrol to (AT927813) to (AT933816) from 121930H to 130900H. Another squad will patrol from 121930H to 130900H to (AT944820) to (AT937828).

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Will remain responsible for the highway defense within the PHU BAI vital area. The 2d and the 3d Platoons will conduct a security patrol within (YD8408) tomorrow morning.

(2) Company K. Will provide two platoons occupying positions along the defensive perimeter. From these positions, squads will be dispatched to patrol during the hours of darkness forward of the M.R. One platoon will establish two night ambushes in grid square (YD7913).

(3) Company L. Will maintain two platoons occupying positions along the defensive perimeter. From these platoons, squads will be dispatched to patrol during the hours of darkness forward of the M.R. One platoon will continue to operate with the Combined Action Company.

(4) Combined Action Company. Will continue to conduct civic action projects and provide security for THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907121), THUY PHU (YD919117) and LOC BON (YD925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon will remain within the battalion area.

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- (a) Company A (AT943665), (AT950672)
- (b) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT915735), (AT917731)  
(AT915728), (AT921724), (AT925723), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT926714)
- (d) Company M (AT921674), (AT923665), (AT943653)

(2) 2/3. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company E (AT893822), (AT914826), (AT898816), (AT893818)  
(AT886827)
- (b) Company F (AT913734), (AT921752)
- (c) Company G (AT886805), (AT890797), (AT891794), (AT888780),  
(AT890800)
- (d) Company H (AT915811), (AT918818)

(3) 3/4. Platoon or Platoon (-).

- (a) Company K (YD7913) (2)
- (b) Combined Action Company (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117)

**e. Summary of Operations.**

	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	4	4	0	8
(b) Platoon	2	1	0	3
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	14	12	0	26
(b) Platoon	0	0	6	6

**4. Civic Action****a. 1/1**

- (1) On 11 November, the BAS (AT950720) treated 22 people at sick call.
- (2) On 9 November, the Battalion medical team held sick call at the NINH DUC District Headquarters and treated 55 people.
- (3) On 9 November, C Company treated 8 people at (AT925744).
- (4) On 9 November, M Company treated 18 people while on a sweep operation near PHUOC NINH (2) (AT927668).

**b. 2/3**

- (1) On 11 November, the LE MY dispensary treated 107 people for worms, skin and eye infections, malaria and conjunctivitis.



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(2) On 11 November, H&S Company treated 18 people at the DA PHUOC marketplace (AT943767).

(3) On 11 November, G Company treated 62 people at HOA VINH village (AT902795).

(4) On 11 November, the corpemen of F Company treated 49 people in TUNG SON hamlet (AT894762).

c. 3/4

(1) On 10 November, the CAC treated 81 people in THUY LUONG (YD882173), 17 in THUY TAN (YD909149).

(2) On 10 November, the 4/12 medical team treated 76 people in PHU LUONG (YD886156).

(3) On 6 November, a dental detachment of A Medical Company performed 12 examinations, 11 extractions and 3 temporary fillings at the HUE Buddhist Pagoda, and then performed 13 examinations, 12 extractions, and 1 periodontal scaling at the HUE Buddhist Orphanage.

(4) On 10 November, the various squads of the Combined Action Company held public ceremonies in honor of the Marine Corps Birthday in each of the four villages.

(5) On 10 November, the 4/12 CAC and XO visited the PHU LUONG village chief and discussed plans for a Christmas party for the village children.

d. Medical Recap

<u>TAGE</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	102
DA NANG	2/3	236
PHU BAI	3/4	221
TOTAL		<u>559</u>

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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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 # 221 121600H - 131600H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;C OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				17		17
2/3				16		16
3/4				17		17
Squad 1/1	1	4	14			19
2/3		4	12			16
3/4		5				5
Platoon 1/1		2				2
2/3	1	1				2
3/4		1	6			7
TOTAL	2	17	32	50	0	101

<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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## QUANG NAM

1/1 (AT953714)	131110H	Patrol, Sweep	B-1/None	Unk/1 VCS
(AT920703)	131119H	Patrol, Booby Trap	3-B-1/1 WIA	Unk/None

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NONE

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3/4  
NONE

b. 3d Marines activity was highlighted by continuous saturation of the area forward of the M&R with night ambushes and numerous aggressive daylight patrols. One VCS was apprehended by a squad from Company B sweeping the village at (AT953714) in search of a sniper who had earlier fired at two USMC vehicles. A squad from Company M enroute to establish a night ambush observed three VC at a distance fired small arms, M-79's and 81mm mortars in pursuit of the VC with no confirmed casualties.

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(1) Company A. Continued defense of the Phase Line Orange area with particular emphasis on Hill 22 (AT9566). The 1st Platoon dispatched two squad patrols today with the first patrolling from 131000H to 131600H to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) and the second from 131200H to 131600H to DUYEN SON (3) (AT9565) without a significant occurrence.

(2) Company B. Continued to man defensive positions along the MLR with one platoon plus the Headquarters, while one platoon provided security for the Battalion CP. At 131100H, two USMC vehicles enroute to the Battalion CP received several rounds of small arms fire at (AT955715). The company immediately dispatched a squad which swept the village from where the fire was delivered, (AT955714) and at 131100H, apprehended one VOS who was leaving the village.

(3) Company C. The Company (-) defended from its strong point at (AT923737), while the 1st and 2d Platoons manned defensive positions along the MLR. The 2d Platoon dispatched one squad from 131300H to 131600H over the route (AT923737), (AT915730), (AT913735), (AT906731), (AT901724) to (AT915730) with no VC contact.

(4) Company D. Continued to defend from strong points along the MLR. The 3d Platoon commenced patrolling at 130800H over the route to (AT940713), (AT946700), (AT942705), (AT935701), (AT931700), (AT926698), (AT924694), (AT922710) to (AT951718). At 131150H, one Marine was wounded at (AT920703) by the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a booby trap.

(5) Company M. Defended the Hill 41 (AT9366) area with the Company (-) on Hill 41 and one reinforced platoon occupying defensive positions at (AT935680). At 1232015H, the company reported that the 3d Squad, 1st Platoon while enroute to establish a night ambush at (AT942653) observed 3 VC at a distance of about 150 meters moving across their front from east to west. The VC were taken under fire and an 81mm mortar mission fired. The subsequent search revealed negative findings. From 130900H to 131300H, the 3d Platoon patrolled to (AT928674), (AT925685) to (AT916673). At 131500H, the platoon patrolled to DUYEN SON (1) returning by 131800H without contact.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Continued to defend the northern sector of the Battalion's area of responsibility with one platoon and the Company (-) occupying defensive positions along the MLR. One squad continued, without VC contact, to support the ARVN Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284). A reinforced squad patrolled from 130800H to 131400H to (AT885818), (AT894811), (AT883813) to (AT882823).

(2) Company F. Defended from three platoon strong points along the MLR. From 130800H to 131200H a reinforced squad patrolled to (AT940738), (AT934807), (AT940814), (AT946808) to (AT947796). A squad (-) patrol was conducted from 130900H to 131200H, to (AT899774), (AT904778) to (AT902775).

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(3) Company G. Continued to defend from two strong points along the M.R. The 1st Squad, 2d Platoon patrolled from 130900H to 131330H over the route (AT897772), (AT909783) to (AT917773). At 131800H the patrol received one round of small arms fire at (AT891791) from an unknown source. There were no casualties.

(4) Company H. Continued as the Regimental Reserve and to defend from positions within the Battalion's rear area. At approximately 122130H, a security element of the 8th Howitzer Battery reported an unusual amount of vehicular traffic and group of people within the New Life Hamlet (AT957777). Company H dispatched its 2d Platoon, which arrived at the hamlet and conducted a careful search of the area with negative results. The platoon returned to their primary position by 130111H without incident. The 3d Platoon remained in its base at (AT940811) dispatching two squad size patrols during the reporting period. The first patrolled from 121930H to 130900H to (AT927813) to (AT933816). Another patrolled during the same hours to (AT944820) to (AT937828).

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued to maintain two platoons in defense of the access roads to NUC PHU BAI Airfield by maintaining road blocks at (YD894133) and (YD865155). The 1st Platoon (-) and the 1st Squad of the 1st Platoon deactivated their night ambushes at (YD813148) and (YD816149) respectively at first light.

(2) Company K. Maintained two platoons in defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. The 2d Platoon moved to the vicinity of (YD7913) and selected two night ambush sites. The 1st and 2d Squads of the 1st Platoon patrolled forward of the defensive perimeter during the hours of darkness without incident.

(3) Company L. Continued without incident to defend their assigned sector of the defensive perimeter with two platoons on line. Two separate squad patrols were conducted between the hours of 122100H and 130600H forward of the platoon and out to possible enemy mortar positions. The 3d Platoon continued to operate with the Combined Action Company.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 2d, 3d and 4th Platoons continued to operate in their assigned villages at (YD907151), (YD913117) and (YD925105). The 1st Platoon provided security today for the Battalion Chaplain, while he visited the GAC areas.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon remained in the battalion area without incident.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	69
(b)	Observed	5
(c)	H&I's	64
(d)	Ammo Expended	

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>152mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	42		58	100
ILLUM			2	2
TOTAL	42		60	102

c. Summary(1) Major Unit Contacts. None.

<u>(2) Small Unit Contacts.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	2	0	2
(c) Total	2	0	2
(d) Action Without Contact	38	12	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 22 (AT9566). The 2d platoon (-) will patrol to PHU SON (3) departing at 141000H and return at 141500H. Another squad from the 2d platoon will patrol to BO BAN (1) from 141200H to 141500H. (AT9566)

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions on the Hill 327 complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located at (AT9773), and one platoon in defense of Battalion CP, the company (-) will remain on the M.R.

(3) Company C. Will remain in defensive positions along the M.R. A squad will patrol to (AT920744), (AT903729), (AT909721) to (AT918728) from 141100H to 141500H.

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 1st Platoon will send a squad size patrol to (AT928710), (AT912709), (AT910697), (AT908686), (AT913696), (AT925704), from 140730H to 141400H.

(5) Company M. Will be relieved by Company I, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines in position on Hill 41 (AT9366). The 3d Platoon, Company M will patrol to (AT941673), (AT939689), (AT927684) to (AT929672) from 140900H to 141300H. At 141500H to 141800H, the 3d Platoon will also conduct a civic action patrol to DUYN SON (5) (AT925665).

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Will remain in position along the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 140800H to 141400H to (AT908824), (AT906818), to (AT916817).

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions along the M.R. A squad, reinforced, will patrol from 141200H to 141600H to (AT909767), (AT928772), (AT919753), (AT997733), to (AT913763).

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Another squad will patrol from 140800H to 141200H to (AT897764), (AT884773), (AT898777), (AT907783) to (AT902775).

(3) Company G. Will maintain defensive positions along the M.R. A squad will patrol from 140830H to 141300H to (AT897790), (AT889784) to (AT880796).

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and will occupy defensive positions within the rear area. The 1st Platoon will establish a patrol base at (AT930810) at 132200H and will establish a squad ambush at (AT943822). At 140700H, the patrol base will be moved to (AT915815).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT952673), (AT962668)
- (b) Company C (AT913742), (AT914737), (AT915735), (AT917731), (AT915728), (AT921724), (AT925723), (AT926720)
- (c) Company D (AT935713)
- (d) Company M (AT921666), (AT918673), (AT943673)

(2) 2/3. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company E (AT893822), (AT918832), (AT897817), (AT898810), (AT908824)
- (b) Company F (AT916754), (AT921749), (AT919743), (AT919758), (AT921769), (AT909766), (AT901774), (AT904775), (AT895779)
- (c) Company G (AT890797), (AT880793), (AT889784), (AT889809), (AT888800)
- (d) Company H (AT943822), (AT928807)

(3) 3/4. All platoon size or platoon (-).

- (a) Company I (YD9208) (2)
- (b) CAG (YD866156), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. <u>Summary of Operations</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) <u>Patrols</u>				
(a) Squad	3	4	2	9
(b) Platoon	3	2	0	5
(2) <u>Ambushes</u>				
(a) Squad (-)	14	21	0	35
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

\*LATE ENTRY c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Conducts relief of Company M on Hill 41 (AT9366) in 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR.

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(2) Company K. Will remain in airfield defense. One platoon will establish two ambushes in area of (YD820273).

(3) Company L. Maintain a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. Will establish two ambushes in grid square (YD9208). Security patrols will be conducted in area of (YD83253).

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon will provide security for the Battalion Chaplain. The 2d, 3d and 4th Platoons will establish night ambushes in the respective village areas.

#### 4. Civil Action

##### a. 1/1

(1) On 10 November 1965, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines BAS treated 12 villagers at sick call.

(2) On 10 November 1965, Company M treated 10 villagers in the vicinity of Hill 41 (AT9366).

(3) On 10 November 1965, Company D treated 12 villagers at sick call at (AT935725).

(4) On 10 November 1965, Captain TRUONG, ARVN, NIEU DUC District Chief, Captain GOFFMAN, USA, TRUONG's advisor, Mr. DU Village Chief of HOA THINH, and Mr. DU, Assistant Village Chief of HOA THINH, attended USMC Birthday Ceremonies at 1/1 CP. After cake cutting ceremony, all guests joined the Battalion Commander in a steak dinner. During dinner, a very friendly atmosphere prevailed. After dinner, the guests joined the Battalion Commander at his quarters for a cigar. The ceremony and dinner were very much appreciated by the guests and it is felt by the Marines at 1/1 that our friendships have increased a great deal with our guests. R

(5) On 10 November 1965, Company C, Commanding Officer attended funeral services of the boy who was killed by Marine fire on 9 Nov 65. The parents of the boy and local villagers did not display any acts of antagonism against Marines and it is felt that no anti-american sentiments have grown among the people of that area.

##### b. 2/3

(1) LE MY medical center treated 28 male, 26 female and 63 children at sick call on 13 November 1965.

(2) On 13 November 1965, Company F corpsmen held sick call at the hamlet of TUNG SON (AT894782). 5 male, 20 female and 60 children were treated.

(3) On 13 November 1965, Company O corpsmen held sick call in the village of HOA VINH (AT902795). 9 male, 1 female and 20 children were treated.

(4) On 13 November 1965, construction of refugee homes in HOA IAC (AT 908618) and HOA THANH (AT907784) is still progressing.

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(1) On 11 November 1965, the Combined Action Company treated 43 people in LOC BON (YD926110) and 33 people in THUY LUONG (YD860180).

(2) On 11 November 1965, a squad from CAC/4 spent 11 man hours repairing a bridge at (YD926103).

d. Medical Record

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	73
DA NANG	2/3	109
HUE PHU BAI	3/4	200
TOTAL		382

5. Miscellaneous. Today LtGeneral J. HEINTGES the Deputy COMUSMACV visited LE MI from 0945H to 1015H, and visited HUE PHU BAI from 1600H to 1700H.

a. Landing Zones

<u>LZ-NAME</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>MARKED</u>
VULTURE	AT002818	WHITE "3"
OWL	AT895802	" "4"
TURKEY	AT940788	" "1"
RAVEN "A"	AT916783	" "11"
RAVEN	AT932782	" "10"
WREN	AT902775	" "5"
BUZZARD	AT911763	" "6"
PHRASANT "A"	AT933761	Red Wind Smoke
EAGLE	AT942762	Red & Yellow Panels
DOVE	AT908757	White "7"
FINCH	AT958752	White Panels of Triangle
CANARY "A"	AT964745	Smoke
CANARY	AT968745	White "1"
QUAIL	AT985745	Red Panels
KIWI	AT958759	White Panels
WOODPECKER	AT937757	White Panels
GOOSE	AT923736	White "2"
SHIPPERWILL	AT939722	White "9"
COO COO	AT945720	White "4"

b. Coordinates of CP's of Organized attached UnitsDA NANG TAOR

3d Marines (AT944752)  
 CO A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT944762)  
 CO A (-), 3d TK Bn (AT944762)  
 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT953723)  
 CO A, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT954668)



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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 P, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT898821)  
 CO Q, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT908778)  
 CO R, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT895808)  
 CO S, 2dBn, 3dMar (AT943783)  
 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (YD884137)  
 CO I, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD884137)  
 CO K, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD892146)  
 CO L, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD884137)  
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (YD883142)  
 M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
 I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD890144)  
 W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
 3d Plat, CO C, 3d TK Bn (YD889143)  
 3d Plat, CO A, 3d AT Bn (YD889143)  
 3d Plat, CO A, 3d Engr Bn (YD887138)  
 LSU 161 and A Med (YD879147)  
 3d Plat, Co C, 3d Recon Bn (YD884137)

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

Info: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #222, 031900H - 141600H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.

a. Box Report.

	<u>SAC LOSS</u>	<u>PARADE</u>	<u>ALLIED</u>	<u>HP's</u>	<u>SCOUT HP's</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				17		17
2/3				12		12
3/4				16		16
Squad 1/1		3	14			17
2/3		4	21			25
3/4		5				5
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		2				2
3/4		1	4			5
TOTALS	0	15	39	45		102

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1 (AT9C9696)	141100H	Patrol, Booby Trap	1-D-1/2WIA	Unit/none
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NONE

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NONE

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b. Prominent within the Regiment's activities was the relief of Company M by Company I on the critical Hill 41 (AT 9366). Company M returned to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI while Company I became under OPCON of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The only contact within either TAOR occurred when two Marines from the 1st Platoon, Company D were wounded by the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a booby trapped grenade.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations south of the HONG TUY LOAN from their com and post on Hill 22 (AT 9566). At 141000H a Vietnamese boy who had been wounded by a VC booby trap in HONG BINH (1) (AT 9467) was evacuated by helicopter from Hill 22. From 141000H to 141500H the 2d Platoon (-) patrolled to PHU LOAN (3) (AT 9564) while their remaining squad patrolled from 141200H to 141500H to HO BAN (1) (AT 9564).

(2) Company B. The Company (-) continued to defend from two strong points along the MLR while one platoon (-) occupied defensive position at the Battalion CP. Two squads defended Hill 327 (AT 9773) while one squad remained on Hill 204 (AT 9674) without incident. Another squad defends the bridge at (AT 947699). At 141020H a reinforced squad patrolled from the MLR to (AT 958713) and remained in that vicinity until the close of this report scheduled to return by 141900H.

(3) Company C. Remained in defensive position along the MLR. At 131945H the company observed blinking lights in the vicinity of (AT 906730). The lights were extinguished with 81mm Mortar fire shortly after initial sighting. The area was checked this morning with negative findings. One squad patrolled from 141100H to 141500H to (AT 920744), (AT 903729), (AT 909721) to (AT 918728).

(4) Company D. Continued to defend from strong points along the MLR. At 132045H a company security post observed 4 to 5 individuals at (AT 941717). Concurrently, the position received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from the same area. The fire was immediately returned with three grenades, M-79 and small arms fire. A squad searched the area with negative findings. Two Marines from the 1st Platoon while patrolling at 141100H through (AT 909696) were wounded by the detonation of an explosive device. The patrol returned to the CP without further incident at 141400H.

(5) Company E. Throughout the night the Company defended the critical Hill 41 (AT 9366) without incident. The 3d Platoon patrolled from 140900H to 141200H, north and north-west of Hill 41 without significant observation. At approximately 141000H the lead elements of the company were helilifted to the DANANG Airfield from where they returned to HUE PHU BAI by C-130. Company I was flown by C-130 south to DA NANG and relieved Company M in place on Hill 41 (AT 9366). The shuttle of units continued throughout the day without incident with the complete relief being effected at 141500H. The 2d platoon of Company I patrolled from 141300H to 141600H to (AT 928674), (AT 925685), to (AT 916673) without contact.

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b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Remained the bulwark for the right flank of the DA HANG main line of resistance without incident. The 3d Platoon dispatched a reinforced squad from 141200H to 141600H which patrolled from (AT 909767), (AT 928772), (AT 919753) to (AT 913763).

(2) Company F. The Company continued to maintain its defensive posture with units occupying three strong points along the MTR. Two squad patrols were conducted with the first being out from 140300H to 141200 H to (AT 897774), (AT 824773), (AT 898777), (AT 907783) to (AT 902775) while the second patrolled from 141200H to 141600H to (AT 909767), (AT 928772), (AT 919753) to (AT 913763).

(3) Company G. Remained in defensive positions along the MTR with no VC contact. One squad patrolled from 140630H to (AT 897790), (AT 889784) to (AT 830796).

(4) Company H. Occupied defensive positions within the battalion rear area and maintained the Regimental Reserve without contact. The 1st Platoon moved at 122200H to (AT 930810) where they established a patrol base with an ambush out at (AT 943822). At 140700H the patrol base was displaced to (AT 915715) and operated without incident in that area throughout the day.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Continued throughout the night to defend the highway access routes to the PHU PHU Airfield. At 140945H the Company commenced moving its platoons by C-130 south to the DA HANG Airfield from where they were helilifted to Hill 41 and relieved Company K in place. The relief was completed by 141500H. The 2d Platoon being one of the lead elements to arrive on Hill 41 patrolled from 141300H to 141600H north and west of their new command post.

(2) Company K. Provided two platoons for the airfield defense perimeter. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled forward of the perimeter between 132100H and 140600H without an observation. The 2d Platoon moved from its night position at (AT 803127) to the Company CP during the morning.

(3) Company L. Defended their assigned sector of the airfield perimeter with two platoons on line. Two squads patrolled under the cover of darkness forward of the perimeter out to likely enemy mortar positions without incident.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon provided security for the Battalion Chaplain during his visit to the GAC area. The 2d, 3d and 4th Platoons continued to provide security and to conduct civic action projects within the villages of THU THU (YA 927151) THU PHU (YA 913117) and LOC BOU (YA 925105) respectively.

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(5) MAS Company. The Battalion <sup>Scouts</sup> conducted a daylight reconnaissance patrol today to (YD 813125) and return without incident or significant observation.

(6) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained without incident within the battalion area.

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a)	Total Missions Fired	67
(b)	Observed	3
(c)	M&I's	64
(d)	Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	32	0	40	72
ILLUM	11	0	0	11
TOTAL	43	0	40	83

d. CP's, Regimental and Attached Company Size Units.

DA NANG

3d Marines (AT 944672)  
1st Bn, 12th Mar (AT 959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 889742)  
M Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 883144)  
W Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 882148)  
I Btry, 12th Mar (YD 890144)

e. Summary.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) Small Unit Action.

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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(a)	Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b)	Day Contacts	1	0	1
(c)	Total	1	0	1
(d)	Action without contact	46	10	

3. Plans Summary

a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 22 (AT9566). The 3d Platoon (-) will patrol to PHU SON (4) (AT9463) from 150900H to 151300H. A squad size patrol will go to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) from 151300H to 151700H.

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(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions on Hill 327 complex (AT9773), one squad at the bridge located at (AT9773), and one platoon in defense of the Battalion CP, the Company (-) will remain on the M.R. Squad will patrol from 141300H to 14170 H to (AT967710), (AT960708), (AT949676), (AT956716) to (AT968713). 5

(3) Company C. Will remain in defensive positions along the M.R. A squad will patrol from 151300H to 151600H to (AT917128), (AT916721), (AT916710) to (AT926718).

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 2d Platoon will patrol to TUY LOAN (5) and conduct a sweep and clear operation in conjunction with a squad of Popular Forces. A medical assistance team will be included in the combined operation between American and Vietnamese forces. The patrol departs at 150900H and returns at 151500H. Checkpoints are (AT945711), (AT939704), (AT946700) and (AT945711).

(5) Company I. Occupys its positions on Hill 41 (AT9366). The 2d Platoon will patrol from 150730H to 151130H to (AT943663), (AT942656), (AT941647), (AT934655) to (AT928654). The 1st Platoon will patrol from 151300H to 151500H to PHUOC NINH (2) (AT9266) and to DUYEN SON (5) (AT9266).

(6) H&S Company. Will send a squad on a combat patrol to (AT946700) by vehicle. The patrol departs at 141730H and returns at 141930H.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will remain in position along the M.R. A reinforced squad will patrol from 150800H to 151400H to (AT896826), (AT908833) to (AT908826).

(2) Company F. Will continue to maintain one platoon in defensive positions along the M.R. A squad reinforced will patrol from 150800H to 151200H to (AT912743), (AT929749), (AT923758), (AT910751) to (AT915746).

(3) Company G. Will maintain defensive positions along the M.R. A squad (-) will patrol from 150900H to 151330H to (AT890806), (AT879804) to (AT874796).

(4) Company H. Remains the Regimental Reserve and occupys defensive positions within the rear area. The 1st Platoon operating from its patrol base at (AT910810) will send a squad mine patrol to (AT905805), (AT910797) to (AT915804) from 150800H to 151500H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will remain in airfield defensive positions. One Platoon will establish night ambushes in the grid square (YD820173). A squad from the 3d Platoon will conduct a security patrol forward of their positions.

(2) Company L. Maintain a minimum of two platoons occupying defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. Two squads will conduct security patrols at night forward of the M.R.

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(3) Company M. Will take up defensive positions at the approaches to the HUE PHU BAI area.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 2d and 3d Platoons will provide security for medical teams. The 1st Platoon will establish ambushes in its village area. The 4th Platoon will return to the Battalion CP.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company A {AT942665}, {AT952663}
- (b) Company C {AT913742}, {AT914737}, {AT915735}, {AT917731},  
{AT915728}, {AT921724}, {AT925723}, {AT926720}
- (c) Company D {AT940706}
- (d) Company I {AT918657}, {AT943673}

(2) 2/3. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company E {AT893822}, {AT914826}, {AT898216}, {AT893818},  
{AT886827}
- (b) Company F {AT913754}, {AT921752}, {AT918743}, {AT909759},  
{AT916758}, {AT921772}, {AT913769}, {AT901774},  
{AT904773}, {AT902780}, {AT889777}
- (c) Company G {AT886805}, {AT890797}, {AT891794}, {AT888780},  
{AT890800}
- (d) Company H {AT915811}, {AT919818}

(3) 3/4. All platoon or platoon (-).

- (a) Company K {YD803137}, {YD897106}
- (b) CAC {YD900165}, {YD907099}

e. <u>Summary of Operations</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) <u>Patrols</u>				
(a) Squad	4	4	0	8
(b) Platoon	4	1	3	8
(2) <u>Ambushes</u>				
(a) Squad or (-)	13	23	0	36
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

4. Civil Action

a. 1/1

(1) On 13 November, the BAS {AT950720} treated 31 people for earaches, worms, and headaches.

(2) On 11 November, the corpsmen of Company C, treated 19 people in AP DAI LA hamlet {AT925745}.

(3) On 11 November, Company M treated 18 people of PHUOC NINH (AT938675) for abrasions, colds and open sores.

(4) On 11 November, Company B treated 16 people at the bridge at (AT 946700).

(5) On 11 November, the GAO and the S-2 met with the district chief of HIEU DUC, Captain TRUONG, and discussed intelligence information and Civic Action projects for the month of December.

b. 2/3

(1) On 13 November, the LE MY medical center treated 127 people for eye infections, lesions, respiratory and intestinal disorders.

(2) On 13 November, Company F treated 31 people in TUNG SON hamlet (AT894782).

(3) On 13 November, Company G treated 47 people in HOA VINH (AT902795).

c. 3/4

(1) On 12 November, the Combined Action Company treated 11 people in LOC BON, and 37 people in THUY LUONG (YD920111) and (YD861180).

d. Medical Report

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	84
DA NANG	2/3	205
PHU BAI	3/4	48
TOTAL		337

5. Miscellaneous. Congressman CORMAN of the 22d Congressional District of Calif. visited the 3d Marines C.P., LE MY and Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines  
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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 # 223, 141800H - 151800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.a. Box Scores.

	<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				25		25
2/3				11		11
3/4				22		12
Squad 1/1		3	13			16
2/3		4	23			27
3/4		3				3
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		1				1
3/4	1		4			5
TOTAL	1	18	40	48	0	103

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

2/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4	142056H	Ambush	1-K-4/0	Unknown/IVCWIA 2VCS
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b. Prominent within the Regiment's activities was the wounding of IVC and apprehension of two VCS by the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at PHU BAI

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early last night. Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines noted five individuals 1300 meters from their position at 142045H on Hill 327 (GR 9773) who fled when fired upon. At 151245H a report was received that a train had been derailed by a mine at (YD 928092). The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines is investigating the incident and have reported that the engine and seven cars were derailed by an electrically detonated mine. Three Vietnamese casualties have been evacuated.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations from their positions on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The 3d Platoon (-) patrolled to PHU SON (4) (AT 9467) from 150900H to 151300H without incident. Another squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) from 151300H to 151700H with negative contact.

(2) Company B. The Company (-) continued to defend from two strong points along the M.R. while one Platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion CP. At 142054H, five individuals were sighted 300 meters from the defensive perimeter. They were fired upon and fled in a northerly direction without returning fire. A squad was dispatched to intercept, but failed to make contact. At 151300H to 151700H a reinforced squad patrolled forward of the M.R. to (AT967720), (AT960708), (AT949676), to (AT968713).

(3) Company G. Remained in defensive positions along the M.R. A reinforced squad patrolled from 151300H to 151600H to (AT917128), (AT916721), (AT 916710) to (AT926718) without incident.

(4) Company B. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 2d Platoon conducted a sweep and clear operation in TUY LOAN (AT9373), combined with a squad of Vietnamese Popular Forces and a medical assistance team that provided medical treatment for 200 people. A U.S. Army Psychological warfare team operating jointly with Marines and Vietnamese forces used loudspeakers to explain to the villagers why the Marines are in their country and offered them medical assistance and other types of civil action. The village chief invited the Marines to return in the near future and offered his assistance and cooperation in future operations.

(5) Company I. The Company defended Hill 41 (AT9366) without incident. The 2d Platoon patrolled from 150730H to 151130H to (AT942656) and (AT934655) with negative contact. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 151300H to 151900H to PHUOC MINH (2) (AT9266) and to DUYEN SON (5) (AT9266) with negative contact.

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Remained in position on the right flank of the DA NANG M.R. A reinforced squad patrolled from 150800H to 151400H to (AT908833) and (AT 908826) without incident.

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(2) Company F. The Company continued to maintain its defensive posture with units occupying three strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad patrolled from 150800H to 151200H to (AT929749), (AT910751) to (AT 915746) without incident.

(3) Company G. Remained in defensive positions along the MLR with no VC contact. A squad (-) patrolled from 150900H to 151300H to (AT890806), (AT879804) to (AT874796) without incident.

(4) Company H. Remains the Regimental Reserve and occupies defensive positions within the rear areas. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 150530H to 151600H to (AT910844), (AT897835), (AT888843), (AT870840), (AT879836) to (AT 880833) without incident.

c. 3/4

(1) Company I. Provided two Platoons for the airfield defense perimeter. The 1st Platoon while conducting a reconnaissance of an ambush site at 141530H, sighted three individuals, one armed with a rifle at (YD 835165). When fired on, one man was wounded and evaded capture. The remaining two, a man and woman, were apprehended, and turned over to District Headquarters HOUNG THUY for interrogation. During the search for the wounded, a trail of blood was found, but otherwise the search was negative.

(2) Company I. Defended assigned sector of the airfield perimeter with two platoons on line. Two squads patrolled under cover of darkness forward of the perimeter out to likely enemy mortar positions without incident.

(3) Company N. Maintained the PHU BAI roadblocks in conjunction with MP's with two platoons.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 2d and 3d Platoons provided security in their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD864196), THUY TAN (YD 907151) and THUY PHU (YD913117).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Established an observation post (YD813079).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	71
(b)	Observed	2
(c)	HAI's	68
(d)	TOT	1
(e)	Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
Illum	0	0	5	5
HE	54	0	30	84
WP	0	0	5	5
TOTAL	54	0	40	94

CONFIDENTIALd. CP's. Regimental and Attached Company Size UnitsDA NANG

3d Marines (AT944672)  
1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883742)  
M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882148)  
I Btry, 12thMar (YD890144)

e. SUMMARY(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>HUE BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	1	1
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	1	1
(d) Action Without Contact	47	7	54

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(1) Company A. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations in the LA CHAU, DUYEN SON complex with their command post remaining on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The 1st Platoon will dispatch a squad patrol to DUONG LAN (3) (AT 9569) from 161000H to 161400H. Another squad will patrol from 161400H to 161800H to DUYEN SON (4) (AT 9466).

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN.

(3) Company C. The 1st and 2d Platoon will continue to defend from strong points along the MLR while the Company (-) defends from (AT 923737). One squad will continue to defend the DEO DAI LA pass (AT 9475). The 1st Platoon will dispatch a squad to patrol from 161100H to 161500H to (AT 918725), (AT 907720), (AT 905730) to (AT 903743).

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from three strong points along the MLR. The 3d Platoon will patrol from 160900H to 161500H over the route (AT 946700), (AT 927703), (AT 943707), (AT 934713) to (AT 927718).

(5) Company I. Will continue to defend the Hill 41 (AT 9366) area. The 1st Platoon will patrol from 160800H to 161200H to (AT 928663), (AT 922658), (AT 811661), (AT 913667) to (AT 922666). The 3d Platoon will patrol in the afternoon from 161300H to 161600H to DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9466).

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Will remain in position along the main line of resistance. One reinforced squad will remain in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAMO Bridge area. One reinforced squad plus an 81mm Mortar FO team will patrol from 160800H to 161400H over the route (AT 885818), (AT 872823) to (AT 872830).

(2) Company F. Will continue to defend from three strong points along the MLR. The 2d Platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad patrol from 160800H to 161200H over route (AT 908766), (AT 892755), (AT 880750), (AT 871761), (AT 889765), (AT 847759), (AT 908766) to (AT 913764). From 161200H to 161500H the 3d Platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad patrol to (AT 899774), (AT 898776), (AT 887777), (AT 884773), (AT 899773) to (AT 902775).

(3) Company G. Will continue to man defensive positions along the MLR. From 161000H to 161500H the 2d Platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad from (AT 908800) to (AT 917793) to (AT 911807).

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(4) Company M. Continues as Regimental Reserve. At 151930H 2d Platoon will commence patrolling over Route (AT 947793), (AT 946805), (AT 938815), (AT 913800), (AT 918811) to (AT 932794). The platoon will remain out until 171530H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will provide two platoons for security of the airfield and its vital installations. Three listening posts will be established forward of the airfield perimeter, additionally squad local security patrols will be conducted after dark out to possible enemy mortar positions. Two squad reinforced ambushes will be established in the vicinity of (YD 831145) after 160000H.

(2) Company L. Will provide two reinforced platoons for security of PHU BAI Airfield. The company will conduct squad night local security patrols and establish three listening post within their area of responsibility. Two squads will continue to man the observation post on Hill 230 (YD 8408) one of which will conduct a daylight patrol within (YD 8408). One platoon will continue to operate with the CAC and will establish two night ambushes in the vicinity of THUY PHU (YD 9211).

(3) Company N. Will remain highway defense company utilizing two platoons to man road blocks on Highway # 1. One platoon will continue to support Company L in their defense of the airfield complex.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon will continue to operate in the village of THUY LUONG (YD 8615). The 2d Platoon will spend the night in THUY TAN (YD 9015) and at 160800H return to the Battalion C.P. The 3d Platoon will continue operations in the village THUY PHU (YD 9111). The 4th Platoon will return to the CAC Headquarters. LOC BON (YD 9210) at 160800H.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will establish daylight observation post in the southwestern portion of the TAOR.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1a All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A. (AT 948656), (AT 930678)
- (b) Company C. (AT 918718)
- (c) Company D. (AT 933710)
- (d) Company I. (AT 917663), (AT 925678), (AT 912672)

(2) 2/3 All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company E. (AT 893822), (AT 907824), (AT 894815), (AT 897816), (AT 885820)
- (b) Company F. (AT 919734), (AT 925772), (AT 892778)
- (c) Company G. (AT 898792), (AT 896795), (AT 894785), (AT 884795), (AT 888802)
- (d) Company H. (AT 964803), (AT 948798)

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e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	3	6	5	14
(b) Platoon	3	1	1	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad or (-)	7	15	2	24
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civic Action.a. Hq Co.

(1) On 15 November the Regimental Surgeon treated 47 people at the Khanh Son hamlet dispensary (AT 955765), and the Regimental CAO met with the hamlet chief and the hamlet council to discuss construction of a hamlet marketplace. Two pounds of candy, 3 tennis balls, and 25 bars of soap were distributed to the children and mothers of the hamlet.

b. 1/1

(1) On 14 November the BAS (AT 950720) treated 49 people for lesions, worms, headaches and malaria.

(2) On 14 November the Battalion medical team treated 73 people in Hoa Thinh village (AT 950705).

c. 2/3

(1) On 14 November the Le My dispensary treated 115 People for skin and eye infectious respiratory and intestinal disorders.

(2) On 14 November "G" Company treated 25 people in Hoa Vinh village (AT 902795).

(3) On 14 November "F" Company treated 47 people in Tung Son hamlet (AT 894782).

d. 3/4

(1) On 13 November the CAC treated 26 people in Loc Ben (YD 925106) and 21 people in Thuy Phu (YD 405118).

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e. Medical Record

TAOR

UNIT TREATING

NUMBER TREATED

DA NANG

Hdq Co

47

DA NANG

1/1

122

DA NANG

2/3

167

PHU BAI

3/4

47

5. Miscellaneous. None.

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #224 151800H - 161800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights

a. Box Sources

	<u>SAG OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				25		25
2/3				13		13
3/4				21		21
Squad 1/1		3	7			10
2/3		4	15			19
3/4		5	2			7
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		1				1
3/4			3			3
TOTAL	0	16	27	59	0	102

b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the establishment of numerous squad size ambushes and vigorous night and day patrol activity. During the reporting period there were no 3d Marines contacts resulting in casualties. A loudspeaker was heard broadcasting propaganda in the village of LA CHAU (3) (AT 9566) at 142045H. A squad from Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines immediately proceeded to the village but the propaganda ceased before they could reach the village. Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines and Company I, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines spotted individuals near their positions while establishing ambush sites. The individuals fled when fired upon with no casualties, resulting in either side.

2. Operations

a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations from its position on Hill 22 (AT9566). At 142045H, a loudspeaker began broadcasting propaganda in Vietnamese in the village of LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). A squad was immediately dispatched to the village, but the broadcast ceased before the patrol arrived. An ambush was established near the village, but there was no contact. A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled to HUONG LAN (3) (AT9569) from 161000H to 161400H. Another squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 161400H to 161800H to DUYN SON (4) (AT9466). Neither patrol reported contact.

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(2) Company B. The Company (-) continued to defend along the M.R. One platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion CP. And another platoon provided security for the Hawk Missile site on Hills 327 and 268.

(3) Company C. Defended along the M.R. with one squad defending DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 161100H to 161500H to (AT918725), (AT907720), (AT905730) to (AT903743) with no contact.

(4) Company D. Defended the M.R. The 3d Platoon patrolled from 160900H to 161500H to (AT946700), (AT927703), (AT943707), (AT934713) to (AT 927718) without incident.

(5) Company I. Defended Hill 41 at (AT 9366) at 142304H a squad moving into an ambush site at (AT 918665) sighted two VC at a distance of 40 meters. The squad fired six rounds at the VC who returned two rounds of fire and fled. No friendly or enemy casualties were reported after a search of the area. The 1st platoon patrolled from 160800H to 161200H to (AT 928663), (AT 922658), (AT 811651), (AT 913667) to (AT 922666). One round of enemy fire was received at 160925H at (AT 914658) from an undetermined location. No VC were sighted and the platoon continued on its mission. The 3d platoon patrolled from 161300H to 161600H to DUYEN SON (1) (AT 9456) without incident.

## b. 2/3

(1) Company K. Defends along right flank of the DA NANG M.R. One squad remains in support of the ARVN Company in defense of the NAME Bridge area. A squad reinforced patrolled from 160800H to 161400H over the route (AT 885818), (AT 872823) to (AT 872830).

(2) Company F. Maintained its defensive position with three units occupying three strong points along the M.R. A squad from the 3d platoon sighted a flashing red light at (AT 891778) at 2235. Upon investigation the squad saw a man with a rifle who fled when fired upon. Attempted apprehension of the man were unsuccessful. The 2d platoon dispatched a squad size patrol from 160800H to 161200H to (AT 908766), (AT 892755), (AT 880750), (AT 871761), (AT 889765), (AT 847752), (AT 908766) to (AT 913764). From 161200H to 161500H a squad from the 3d platoon patrolled to (AT 908774), (AT 898776), (AT 887777), (AT 884773), (AT 899773) to (AT 902775). No contact was reported.

(3) Company G. Continue to man defensive positions along the M.R. A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from (AT 908800), (AT 917793) to (AT 911807) from 161030H to 161500H with no contact.

(4) Company H. Remains the Regimental Reserve; patrols and occupies defensive positions within the rear areas.

## c. 3/4

(1) Company E. Provided two platoons for the security of the air field. Security patrols and ambushes after dark failed to establish contact with the V.C.

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(2) Company L. Provided two platoons for the security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Security patrols and ambushes conducted under the cover of darkness made no contact. The 3d platoon conducted a security patrol from Hill 225 during the day, but had no contact.

(3) Company M. Maintained the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. The 3d platoon conducted a security patrol with no active contact.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 2d and 3d platoons provided security for their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY TAN (YD 907151) and THUY PHU (YD 913117). The 4th platoon returned to the Battalion C.P.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion. Established an OP in the Southwest portion of the TAOR at (YD 813079).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total missions fired	110
(b) Observed	26
(c) H&I's	84
(d) TGT	0
(e) Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
Illum.			7	7
HE	143		102	245
GP	25		16	41
TOTAL	168	0	125	293

d. GP's, Regimental and attached Company Size Units.

DA NANG

3d Marines (AT 944672)  
1st Bn, 12th Marines (AT 959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883742)  
M Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883144)  
W Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883146)  
I Btry, 12th Marines (YD 890144)

e. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) Grp. 1 Unit Action:

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0

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(1) Company A. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations within their assigned sector of the Battalion's area of responsibility. The 2d platoon will dispatch a two squad patrol to DONG PHU (3) (AT 9562) from 170900H to 171600H. The remaining squad will sweep LA CHAN (3) (AT 9567) from 171500H to 171700H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive position along the M.R., and within the Battalion CP and rear area.

(3) Company C. The Company (-) will maintain its strong point at (AT 923737) and continue to keep two platoons in position on the M.R. The 1st platoon will patrol from 161800H to 171800H. During the night the platoon will encircle DONG LAI (AT 910722) and at first light will sweep the village. An Army Psychological team will speak to the villagers during the sweep.

(4) Company D. Will continue to defend from three platoon strong points along the M.R.

(5) Company I. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations from their strong point on Hill 41 (AT 9366).

b. 2/1

(1) Company E. Will maintain one squad in support of the Regional Forces Company defending the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284) area. The Company (-) will continue to defend from two strong points along the M.R. From 170600H to 171400H the 3d platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad patrol to (AT 885818), (AT 894811), (AT 883812) to (AT 882823).

(2) Company F. Three defensive positions along the M.R. will continue to be manned by the company. The 1st platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad from 170700H to 171100H to patrol over the route (AT 909751), (AT 890754), (AT 880750), (AT 880760), (AT 888763), (AT 898758), (AT 903747) to (AT 915746). From 170900H to 171200H the 3d platoon will provide a squad (-) to patrol to (AT 899774), (AT 904778) to (AT 902775).

(3) Company G. Will dispatch a reinforced squad patrol from 170630H to 171230H over the route (AT 889809), (AT 881809), (AT 874805), (AT 883797). The remainder of the company will occupy defensive position along the mainline of resistance.

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and continue to provide security for the Battalion rear area. The 3d Platoon will patrol from 162000H to 171800H over the route (AT 937795), (AT 944809), (AT 938815), (AT 934808), (AT 939797) to (AT 948791). Independent from the main patrol route one squad will patrol from 170800H to 171430H over the route (AT 934826), (AT 934819) to (AT 929817).

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(1) Company K. Will continue to provide security for the vital installations within the PHU BAI area. Three fire team size listening post will be established. One platoon will patrol to the vicinity of GIA LE (YD 8014) and establish two night ambushes by 172100H.

(2) Company L. Two reinforced platoons will continue to provide security for the airfield. Squad size night patrols conducted out to possible enemy mortar positions. One squad from the 1st platoon will patrol during the morning within (YD 8408). Listening posts will be established forward of the airfield perimeter and in the vicinity of the OP on Hill 230 (YD 8408).

(3) Company M. Will remain highway defense company utilizing two platoons running two road blocks on Highway # 1. One platoon will patrol during the afternoon to (YD 9007) where they will select two reinforced squad ambush sites.

(4) Combined Action Company. The platoons will remain in their assigned villages tonight. Tomorrow the 1st and 2d platoons will continue operations in the villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156) and THUY TAN (YD 907151). The 3d platoon will return to the Battalion CP while the 4th provides security for the Battalion Chaplain.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will deactivate its observation post in the southwestern portion of the TAOB at first light and return to the Battalion area.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1 All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company A, (AT 958666), (AT 953659), (AT 961661)
- (b) Company D, (AT 935713)
- (c) Company I, (AT 941648), (AT 919664), (AT 928674)

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

- (a) Company L, (AT 890822), (AT 907833), (AT 899808), (AT 888819),  
(AT 886827)
- (b) Company F, (AT 921749), (AT 925772), (AT 892778)
- (c) Company G, (AT 887795), (AT 884793), (AT 886787), (AT 888805),  
(AT 886800)
- (d) Company H, (AT 942822), (AT 939817)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company A, (YD 819178) two rain squads.
- (b) Company L, (YD 9211) two rain squads.
- (c) CAC, (YD 925105) platoon.

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e. Summary of Operations.      1/1      2/3      3/4      TOTAL

## (1) Patrols

(a) Squad	2	3	3	8
(b) Platoon	1	1	3	5

## (2) Ambushes

(a) Squad	7	15	4	26
(b) Platoon	0	0	1	1

4. Civil Action.a. 1/1

(1) On 15 November 1965, BAS treated 14 people. (AT 950720)

(2) On 15 November 1965, Company "C" treated 20 villagers in the hamlet of Phu Hung, AT 9272.

(3) On 15 November 1965, An Army Psychological Warfare Team conducted propaganda speeches at TUY LOAN (AT938704). At sick call 290 people were treated.

b. 2/3

(1) On 15 November 1965, LE MI medical center treated 103 people.

(2) On 15 November 1965, Company F corpsman treated 44 people in TUNG SON (AT894782).

(3) On 15 November 1965, Company G corpsman treated 40 people in the village of HOA VINH (AT902795).

(4) On 15 November 1965, construction of refugee homes in HOA LAC (AT908818), HOA THANH (AT907784) and TUNG SON (AT894782) is still progressing.

(5) On 15 November 1965, Battalion CA officer, Capt GUGGINO, met with Father SIMH from THU THONG Church (AT906765) and discussed distribution of care kits which are expected to arrive soon.

c. 3/4

(1) On 14 November 1965, the GAC treated 26 people in the village of LOC BON (YD925106).

(2) On 14 November 1965, the GAC treated 21 people in the village of THUY PHU (YD912118).

(3) On 14 November 1965, a fire team spent 10 hours preparing four (4) new defensive positions in LOC BON (YD925106).

(4) On 14 November 1965, Battalion Executive Officer from 4/12 met with the village chief of PHU LUONG (YD661156) and made final arrangements for

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(5) On 14 November 1965, personnel and equipment from 4/12 started clearing land for the refugee agriculture project near PHU LUNG (YD890173).

(6) On 14 November 1965, 4/12 medical team treated 77 persons in PHU LUNG (YD890173).

(7) On 14 November 1965, CAO treated 92 people in the village of THUY TAN (YD909149).

d. Medical Record

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA HANG	1/1	100
DA HANG	2/3	130
PHU BAI	3/4	192
TOTAL		429

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 #225 161800H - 171800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.

a. Box Scores.

	<u>S&amp;O OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>GP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				25		25
2/3				13		13
3/4				21		21
Squad 1/1		2	7			9
2/3		5	15			20
3/4		5	4			9
Platoon 1/1		4				4
2/3						1
3/4			3			3
TOTAL	0	17	29	59		95

b. Establishment of numerous squad size ambushes and aggressive night and day patrols failed to make contact with the enemy. No contacts resulting in casualties have been reported. A patrol from Company "C", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, accompanied by an Army Psychological Warfare Team worked jointly in a sweeping operation of the village DONG LAI (AT 9172). Movies were shown to approximately 700 civilians in that village.

2. Operations.

a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations from its position on Hill 22 (AT 9566). Two squads of the 2d platoon patrolled to DONG PHU (3) at (AT 9562) from 170900H to 171600H. The remaining squad of the 2d platoon swept LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567) from 171500H to 171700H.

(2) Company B. Defends along the M.R. One platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion C.P. Another platoon provided security for the Hawk Missile site on Hills 327 and 268. A squad is located at the bridge (AT 947699). At 162320H ARVN forces at the bridge received fire rounds of

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small arms fire from the north and eight rounds from the south. Fire was returned and the firing ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) Company C. Defended along the MLR with one squad defending DEO DAI Pass (AT 9475). The 1st platoon patrolled from 161800H to 171100H. During the night the platoon, accompanied by an Army Psychological Warfare Team, encircled the village DONG LAI (AT 910722). At first light the platoon swept the village while the psy-warfare team showed movies to an estimated 300 adults and 400 children. The movie was enjoyed by all.

(4) Company D. Defended the MLR. A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 170730H to 171300H to (AT 926704), (AT 934694), (AT 942688) to (AT 947699) with negative contact.

(5) Company I. Defended Hill 41 at (AT 9366). At 170935H the air observer noted a man at (AT 901664) who was hiding. A patrol was immediately dispatched to the scene and apprehended the man at 170953H who was turned over to HIEU DUC Headquarters. Two squads of the 3d platoon patrolled from 170730H to 171130H to (AT 928664), (AT 898665) to (AT 926667) without incident. A squad from the 2d platoon conducted a civic action patrol to PHUOC NINH I (AT 9462) from 171300H to 171500H.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Defends from two strong points along the MLR. One Squad (rein) supports Regional Forces at NAM O Bridge (AT 9284). A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon patrolled from 170800H to 171400H to (AT 885818), (AT 894811), (AT 883812) to (AT 882823) without incident.

(2) Company F. Maintains its defensive position with three units occupying three strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 170700H to 171100H to (AT 909751), (AT 880750), (AT 885763), (AT 903747) to (AT 915746). A squad from the 3d platoon patrolled from 170900H to 171200H to (AT 899774), (AT 904778) to (AT 902775). Neither patrol reported contact.

(3) Company G. Defends along the MLR. A squad from the 3d platoon patrolled from 170630H to 171230H over the route (AT 889809), (AT 881809), (AT 874805) to (AT 883797) without incident.

(4) Company H. Remains the Regimental Reserve and continued to provide security for the Battalion rear area. The 2d platoon operating from a patrol base at (AT 913800) conducted a squad size civic action patrol from 170800H to 171400H to (AT 915803), (AT 912798) to (AT 908897).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Provided two platoons for the security of the airfield. Security patrols and ambushes after dark on suspected new VC routes within the TAOR could not establish contact.

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(2) Company L. Provided two platoons for the security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Two squads maintain security for Hill 225. One squad conducted a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225. Night security patrols to possible enemy mortar positions failed to make contact with the enemy.

(3) Company M. Maintained the PHU BAI Roadblock with two platoons. One platoon was provided to the PHU BAI Defense Company for perimeter defense.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Established OP's in the Southwest portion of the TAOR.

(5) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 3d, and 4th platoons provided security for the villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY PHU (YD 913117) and LOC BON (YD 925106). The 2d platoon returned to the Battalion C.P.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total missions fired	69
(b) Observed	26
(c) Unobserved	31
(d) H&I's	31
(e) TOT	1
(f) Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
Illum	29			29
HE	222		34	256
WP	38			38
TOTAL	289	0	34	323

d. CP's Regimental and attached Company Size Units.

DA NANG

3d Marines (AT 944672)  
1st Bn, 12th Marines (AT 959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883742)  
K Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883144)  
M Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 882148)  
I Btry, 12th Marines (YD 890144)

e. Summary.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

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(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action w/o Contact	34	12	46

3. Plans Summary.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The 3d platoon will send a squad on patrol to PHU SON (2) (AT 948648) at 181500H to 181800H. The other two squads will patrol to DUCNGI LAM (2) (AT 9569) and DO BAN (2) (AT 9669) from 180900H to 181500H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive positions on Hills 227 and 268. One platoon (-) will, provide security for the Battalion C.F. A squad will be located at the Bridge (AT 9569). Two squads reinforced will patrol to HOA THINH (AT 952708) at 180630H to 181300H.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will maintain its strong point at (AT 923737) and continue to keep two platoons in position on the M.R. One squad defends DBO DAI Pass at (AT 939753). The 2d platoon will patrol from 181300H to 181600H to (AT 914736), (AT 899722), (AT 909710) to (AT 913727).

(4) Company D. Will remain at its position along the M.R. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 180830H to 181400H to (AT 939704), (AT 924704), (AT 933694), (AT 941698) to (AT 939704).

(5) Company E. Will remain at its position on Hill 41 (AT 9466). A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 181300H to 181600H to conduct civic action in PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 928668). Two squads from the second platoon will patrol from 180730H to 181200H to (AT 932657), (AT 931637), (AT 933626), (AT 942642) to (AT 944660).

b. 2/3

(1) Company F. Will maintain one squad in support of the Regional Forces at the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284) area. The company (-) will continue to defend from two strong points along the M.R.

(2) Company F. The company will maintain its positions along the M.R. The 3d platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad at 180730H to 181100H to (AT 903770), (AT 894761), (AT 883769), (AT 890777), (AT 902740) to (AT 902775).

(3) Company G. Maintains its positions on the M.R. The 1st platoon will send a squad size patrol from 181000H to 181500H to (AT 900807), (AT 910807), (AT 917793) to (AT 901792).

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(4) Company H. Will remain as Division/Regimental Reserve and continue to provide security for the Battalion rear area. The 3d platoon will patrol from 171930H to 181300H and will operate from patrol bases at (AT 957795) and (AT 959789). A squad from the 3d platoon will conduct a civic action patrol from 180700H to 181200H to (AT 969808), (AT 966798) to (AT 971796).

c. 3/4.

(1) Company K. Will continue to provide security for the vital installation within the PHU BAI area. Five squads will conduct security patrols after dark. Two night ambushes will be established within grid square (YD 8014).

(2) Company L. Will provide two platoons for the security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Two squads will provide security for Hill 225. One squad will conduct a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225. Security patrols and ambushes will be established to possible mortar positions.

(3) Company M. Will maintain the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. Three listening posts and two ambushes will be established after dark.

(4) Combined Action Company. The platoons will remain in their respective villages tonight. Tomorrow at first light the first platoon will be helilifted to east end of village at (YD 915162) and conduct a search and clear operation.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain in the Battalion C.P.

d. Ambushes Planned for tonight.

- (1) 1/1 All squad or (-),
  - (a) Company A (AT 944652), (AT 953670), (AT 952673)
  - (b) Company D (AT 951717)
  - (c) Company I (AT 941673), (AT 921662), (AT 941655)
- (2) 2/3 All squad size or (-)
  - (a) Company E (AT 893832), (AT 886827), (AT 893818)
  - (b) Company F (AT 921749), (AT 915771), (AT 889777)
  - (c) Company G (AT 891804), (AT 883793), (AT 887799), (AT 885786)
- (3) 3/4 All platoon size
  - (a) Company K (YD 8215)
  - (b) Company N (YD 8007) (2) (Squad size)
  - (c) CAG (YD 866156), (YD 907151)

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<u>e. Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	3	3	8	14
(b) Platoon	4	1	0	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	7	10	2	19
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civic Action.a. 1/1

(1) On 17 November 1965, the BAS treated 23 people. (AT 951720).

(2) On 17 November 1965, "C" Company treated 14 villagers in Phuc Hung Hamlet. (AT 9272).

b. 2/3

(1) On 17 November 1965, Le My Medical Center treated 112 people.

(2) On 17 November 1965, "F" Company corpsman treated 30 people in Tung Son hamlet. (894782).

(3) On 17 November 1965, "G" Company corpsman treated 36 people in the village of Hoa Vinh. (902795).

c. 3/4

(1) On 16 November 1965, the MedCap team treated 92 people in the village of Thuy Tan. (909149).

(2) On 16 November 1965, the CAC treated 24 people in the village of Thuy Phu. (912118).

(3) On 15 November 1965, the CAC treated 32 people in the village of Thuy Tan (909149).

(4) On 14 November 1965, the A Med dental detachment treated 55 people.

(5) On 14 November 1965, the CAC gave out 20lbs of clothing in the village of Thuy Tan. (909149).

(6) On 14 November 1965, A dental Officer from A Med was guest lecturer at the Hue Medical School.

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<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	37
DA NANG	2/3	178
PHU BAI	3/4	158
TOTAL		373

5. Miscellaneous. Congresswoman Charlotte REED (Rep) Illinois, 15th Congressional District visited Le My village and Hill 22 on the 16th of November 1965.

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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), F&F  
 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 #226 171800H - 181800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;C OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				26		26
2/3				9		9
3/4				21		21
Squad 1/1		3	7			10
2/3		2	10			12
3/4		8	2			10
Platoon 1/1		4				4
2/3		3				3
3/4			3			3
TOTAL	0	20	22	56	0	98

b. Units of the Regiment patrolled and ambushed throughout the TAOR without significant contact. No contacts resulting in casualties were reported. At 180027H, OP Sierra received small arms fire from the south. The fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. At 180205H, the air observer spotted a bridge burning at (AT943676). A check of the incident revealed that one bridge was totally destroyed and another badly damaged by fire. At 180530H, two platoons, one from Company G and one from Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a sweep of a village at (AT937817) with negative results. A squad patrol from Company D received small arms fire at 181025H from (AT933695). Two VCS were apprehended at 181215H at (AT928701) by that patrol. No casualties were reported. Elements of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines landed at 181100H and began the relief of lines of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations from its position on Hill 22. At 180900H to 181500H the two squads from the 3d Platoon patrolled to DUONG LAM (2) (AT9569) and BO BAN (2) (AT9669). The other squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 181500H to 181800H to PHU

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SON (2) (AT9569). Neither patrol reported contact with the enemy. In response to a request from the Regional Forces, the 3d Platoon at 191330H proceeded to LA CHAU (3) (AT961676) to search for five VC reported at that location. Upon arrival in LA CHAU (3) the villagers stated that no firing had taken place. A sweep of the village revealed negative results.

(2) Company B. Defends along the MLR. One platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion CP. Another platoon provided security for the Hawk Missile site on Hills 327 and 268. A squad is located at the bridge (AT947699). Two squads from the 1st Platoon patrolled to HOA THINH (AT952708) from 180630H to 181300H without incident.

(3) Company C. Defended along the MLR with one squad defending DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9475). The 2d Platoon patrolled from 181300H to 181600H to (AT914736), (AT899722), (AT905710) to (AT913727) without incident.

(4) Company D. Defended the MLR. A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 180830H to 181400H to (AT 939704), (AT 924704), (AT 933694), (AT 941698) to (AT 939704). At 181025H the patrol received 15 rounds small arms fire at (AT 933695) at a range of 100 meters. The patrol returned fire and contact was broken. A subsequent search of the area had negative results. No casualties were reported. At 181215H the patrol apprehended two VCS at (AT 928701).

(5) Company I. Defended Hill 41 (AT 9366). A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 181300H to 181600H to conduct civic action at PHUOC MINH (2) (AT 92668). Earlier from 180730H to 181200H two squads from the 2d platoon patrolled to (AT 932657), (AT 931637), (AT 933626), (AT 942642) to (AT 944660). No contact was reported by either patrol.

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. Defends from strong points along the MLR with one squad in support of <sup>Regional</sup> ~~ARVN~~ forces at NAM O Bridge (AT 9284).

(2) Company F. Maintains its defensive positions with three strong points along the MLR. The 3d platoon dispatched a reinforced squad at 180730H to 181100H to (AT 903770), (AT 894761), (AT 883769), (AT 890772), (AT 902780) to (AT 902775) without incident.

(3) Company G. Defends along the MLR. The 1st platoon, working with another platoon from Company H, conducted a sweep of a village located at (AT 937817). The purpose of the sweep was to capture or kill a VC radio operator that had reportedly been operating in that village. The sweep began at 180530H and ended at 181055H with negative results.

(4) Company H. Remains the Regimental Reserve and continued to provide security for the rear areas. The 3d platoon operating from a patrol base at (AT 959789) dispatched a squad at 180700H to (AT 963800), (AT 966798) to (AT 971796). The patrol returned at 181200H without incident. The 2d platoon acted as a blocking force while the 1st platoon Company "G" swept a village at (AT 937817) from 180530H to 181025H. The 2d platoon picked up a tail section of a drone aircraft which it is bringing back. Otherwise no contact was reported.



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(1) Company K. Provided two platoons for the security of the airfield. Security patrols and ambushes after dark failed to establish contact with the enemy.

(2) Company L. Provided two platoons for security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Two squads maintain security for Hill 225. One squad conducted a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225. Night security patrols to possible enemy mortar positions failed to make contact with the enemy.

(3) Company M. Maintained the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. Two platoons are utilized for the defense of the Highway #1 position and the above mentioned roadblock. Two night ambushes were conducted within grid square (YD 9007).

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained in the Battalion C.P.

(5) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 2d, and 4th platoons continued operations in their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866136), THUY TAN (YD 907131) and LOCC BON (YD 925105). The 4th and 3d platoons provided security for the Battalion Chaplains. The 3d platoon was in the Battalion C.P. during the night but returned to its position at the village of THUY PHU (YD 913177) at 180800H.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total missions fired	230
(b) Observed	24
(c) Unobserved	98
(d) H&I's	96
(e) TOT	2
(f) Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
Illum	28	0	0	28
HE	183	222	80	485
WP	37	50	0	87
Total	248	272	80	600

d. OP's Regimental and attached Company Size Units.

DA NANG

3d Marines (AT 944672)  
1st Bn, 12th Marines (AT 959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883742)  
M Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 883144)  
W Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (YD 882148)

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I Btry, 12th Marines (YD 890144)

c. Summary.(1) Major Unit Action. NONE.(2) Small Unit Action.      DA NANG      PHU BAI      TOTAL

(a) Night Contacts

(b) Day Contacts

(c) Total                              0                              0                              0

(d) Action w/o Contact 29                              13                              42

3. Plan Summary.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 22 (AT 9566). A squad from 1st platoon will patrol from 191600H to 191800H, to LA CHAU (5) (AT 964667). Another squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 190900H to 191300H to LA CHAN (4) (AT 957660). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 190645H to 191100H to LA CHAN (1) (AT 948683).

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive positions on Hills 327 and 268. One platoon (-) will provide security for the Battalion C.P. A squad will be located at the Bridge (AT 9569). Two squads reinforced will patrol to HOA THINH (AT 952708) at 190630H to 191300H.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will maintain its position on the MLR. A squad defends DEO DAI Pass (AT 9375). The 1st platoon will patrol from 191300H to 191600H to (AT 922738), (AT 905710), (AT 899722) to (AT 914736).

(4) Company D. Will remain at its position along the MLR. A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol to (AT 924722), (AT 934706), (AT 934603), (AT 944699), (AT 946699) to (AT 945709).

(5) Company I. Will remain at its position on Hill 41 (AT 9466). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 190800H to 191200H to (AT 938668), (AT 944678), (AT 937677), (AT 926677), (AT 920674) to (AT 913667).

b. 2/3

(1) Company E. The company (-) will continue to defend from three strong points along the MLR. A squad supports Regional Forces at NAM Bridge (AT 9284). A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 190800H to 191500H to (AT 895825), (AT 908825) to (AT 908833). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 190800H to 191500H to (AT 882823), (AT 883811), (AT 891813) to (AT 885817). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 190800H to 191400H to (AT 916817), (AT 906818) to (AT 908824).

(2) Company F. The company will maintain its positions along the MLR. A squad (-) will conduct a civic action patrol from 190900 to 191200 to (AT 899774) to (AT 902775). A reinforced squad from 2d platoon will patrol from 190800H to 190800H to (AT 908765), (AT 899752), (AT 881758), (AT 89768), (AT 899763), (AT 908766) to (AT 913763).

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(3) Company G. Maintains its positions on the MLL. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 190600H to 191000H to (AT 890805), (AT 874805), (AT 870792) to (AT 900796).

(4) Company H. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and provide security for the Battalion rear areas. At 182000H the 1st platoon will depart on patrol and establish a patrol base at (AT 932811). At 190700H the platoon will depart to (AT 939821) and dispatch a squad from 190830 to 191800H to (AT 933817), (AT 928819) to (AT 939821).

NOTE. Depending upon the progress of the debarkation of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines the above plans may be executed by companies of that battalion.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will continue to provide security for the vital installation within the PHU BAI area. Four squad size security patrols will be conducted. One platoon will establish two night ambushes within grid square (YD 8115).

(2) Company L. Will provide two platoons for the security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Two squads will provide security for Hill 225. One squad will conduct a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225.

(3) Company M. Will maintain the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. One platoon will establish two ambushes in grid square (YD 9008).

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon will be helilifted at 190600H to the east end of a village at (YD 915162) and conduct a search and clear operation. All platoons will establish night ambushes in their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY TAN (YD 907151), THUY PHU (YD 925105) and LOC BON (YD 925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will move by vehicle to (YD 769128) and proceed on foot to (YD 801169) and set up an observation Post in that area.

d. Ambushes for tonight.

(1) 1/1 All squad or (-).

- (a) Company A (AT 943671), (AT 950673), (AT 966670)
- (b) Company B (AT 928717)
- (c) Company I (AT 924675), (AT 918659), (AT 935678).

(2) 2/3 All squad or (-).

- (a) Company E (AT 888819), (AT 907824)
- (b) Company F (AT 919752), (AT 921773), (AT 891779)
- (c) Company G (AT 885793), (AT 884798), (AT 885785)

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(3) 3/4 All platoon or (-)

- (a) Company K (YD 832168), (YD 828165)  
 (b) Company M (YD 901074) (YD 897078)  
 (c) CAC (YD 87112) (YD 925145), (YD 926110)

e. Summary of Operations.    1/1    2/3    3/4    TOTAL

## (1) Patrols

(a) Squad	5	6	5	16
(b) Platoon	2	2	1	5

## (2) Ambushes

(a) Squad or (-)	7	8	0	15
(b) Platoon or (-)	0	0	7	7

4. Civil Action.

a. Hq Co. On 17 November the Regimental CAO and the Division CAO met with the Hoa Vang district chief and the sub-sector advisor and discussed population and commercial control within Hoa Khanh village (AT 9576). A tour of Hoa Khanh village was then conducted, and plans were laid for the construction of a marketplace at (AT 956763).

b. 1/1

(1) On 16 November "A" Company treated 15 villagers in Duyen Son # 3 (AT 957655).

(2) On 16 November "C" Company treated 15 people in Phuc Huong hamlet (AT 9272).

(3) On 17 November "A" Company treated 73 people in Duyen Son # 4 (AT 942662), and "D" Company treated 22 people at (AT 940728).

(4) On 17 November an Army (U.S.) psychological warfare unit presented a propaganda appeal to 700 people in Hoa Phu hamlet (AT 921724). The Battalion medical team treated 330 people during the pay-war presentation.

c. 2/3. On 17 November the Le My medical center treated 104 people for lesions, skin infections, and boils.

d. 3/4. On 16 November the CAO treated 14 people in Loc Bon and 24 people in Thuy Tan, (YD 9309) and (YD 9115).

e. Medical RecordTAOB

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UNIT TREATING

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NUMBER TREATED

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<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	2/3	104
PHU BAI	3/4	38
TOTAL		599

5. Miscellaneous. Late entry. AT 181730H Company A and Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines relieved Company E and Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. Elements of H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines also disembarked and are now in 2d Battalion, 3d Marines C.P. effecting liaison and preparing to assume responsibility of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR on the 19th. Company A and Company C will remain OPOR to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines until relief by 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and will execute Company E's and Company F's plans for the 19th.

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

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#227 191800H - 191800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SHIPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/2 2/3 3/4			26 9 21	T 1	26 9 21 22
Squad	1/2 2/3 3/4	1	5 6 5	7 8		13 14 5
Platoon	1/2 2/3 3/4		2 2 1			2 2 9
TOTAL	2	21	22	56	0/	101 <sup>2</sup>

<u>Province/ Coordination</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
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QUANG NAM

1/2 (AT925677)	191045H	Patrol	1-1-4/None	Unk/2 VCS
2/3 NONE				

THUA THIEN

3/4 (YD913162)	191055H	Sweep	CAC/None	Unk/6 VCS
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b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by an aggressive and careful search and clear operation conducted in the village at (YD913162) by the 1st Platoon of the Combined Action Company. The operation was completed by 191055H and resulted in the apprehension of six VCS. Within the BA NANG TACH, the

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preliminary activity occurred south of the SONG TUY LOAN. The 1st Platoon, Company I apprehended 2 VCS at 191045H in the vicinity of (AT923677). A squad from the 2nd Platoon Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, accompanied by an audio-visual team from the 1st Psychological Operation Company operated in LA CHAU (1) (AT946683) this morning. The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines assumed control and responsibility for the 2/3 area of responsibility at 191515H.

## 2. Operations

## a. 1/A

(1) Company A. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within the LA CHAU, DITH SON Complex south of the SONG TUY LOAN. The company reported an uneventful night. During the day, three squad patrols were conducted without incident. The first commenced at 090645H, when a squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (1) (AT946683). An audio-visual team from the 1st Psychological Operation Company, accompanied the squad and escorted to approximately 200 of the village. A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 190900H to 191300H to LA CHAU (4) (AT946683). Late this afternoon, another squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 191600H to 191800H to LA CHAU (5).

(2) Company B. The company defended from the Battalion MR and within the rear area without VC contact. From 190630H to 191300H a two squad patrol operated in the vicinity of HOA PHIM (AT9570).

(3) Company C. The company (-) remained in defense along the MR, while one squad continued to defend the HUU DAI LA Pass (AT9375). The 1st Platoon patrolled from 191300H to 191600H to (AT922738), (AT905716), (AT 899722) to (AT914736).

(4) Company D. Continued to defend from three strong points along the MR. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled this morning to (AT922738), (AT905716), (AT899722) to (AT914736).

(5) Company E. Continued defending the artificial HILL 42 (AT9366) area. At 182010H, a squad moving to establish a night ambush had what appeared to be two mines detonated to their front. The patrol leader reported that the explosives had occurred prematurely and as a result there were no casualties. The area was immediately searched with negative findings. At 190800H, a squad from the 3d Platoon commenced patrolling over the route (AT936688), (AT94678), (AT937677), (AT926677) to (AT913667). At 191045H, as the squad approached (AT923677), two Vietnamese were observed running so as to avoid the patrol. The two VCS were apprehended and forwarded to the District Chief of HUU DUC. The patrol returned to their primary position at 191205H.

b. 2/3. Battalion Landing Team 2/3 spent the reporting period being re-listered in place by Battalion Landing Team 1/3. Prior to the commencement of this re-listering, Companies E and F had been relieved by A and C respectively. Throughout the reporting period, Companies E and F remained in an assigned staging area awaiting shipping.

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(1) Company H. At 180900H, the company, which was the Division Reserve, was detailed to provide security for the Ammunition Supply Point PL arriving at the position by 182000H. The company remained in position until being relieved at 191400H, at which time they followed the ~~PL~~ to the staging-area. *marines Regt/Division Reserve.* *Returned to OPCLD 120034*

(2) Company G. The company remained on the MLZ with elements of Company B. At 191400H, Company G was relieved in place by Company B, and moved to the MLT staging area.

o. 1/3. The Battalion assumed responsibility for the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines tactical area of responsibility at 191500H.

(1) Company A. Remained in defensive positions on the right flank of the MLZ. One squad remained in support of the IV company at the MAN O Bridge. One squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 190800H to 191900H to (AT695825), (AT906623) to (AT908033). A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled concurrently to (AT682823), (AT683821), (AT691823) to (AT695827). From 190800H to 191400H a squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled to (AT916827), (AT906826) to (AT906824).

(2) Company B. Moved into defensive positions in relief of Company G assuming control of the tactical area at 191200H.

(3) Company D. Remained in defense along the MLZ without incident. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 190800H to 191200H to (AT908765), (AT697752), (AT681758), (AT697766) to (AT923763).

(4) Company E. Moved into defensive positions within the battalion rear area.

d. 2/4

(1) Company F. Continued to provide security for the HUE PHU BAI Airfield complex with two platoons manning defensive positions along the perimeter. Four squad patrols were conducted between 182000H and 190600H forward of the perimeter without significant incident. The 2d Platoon detected the two night ambushes within (TD6115) and returned to the battalion area without contact.

(2) Company I. Maintained two platoons in defensive positions along the airfield perimeter. Two squads continued to man the observation post on Hill 390 (TD6108) with one of the squads patrolling out to a 1000 meter radius this morning without significant observation.

(3) Company M. Continued to maintain two platoons providing security of the highway access routes to the vital area without incident.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company O, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained in the Battalion CP without incident during the night. This morning, the platoon plus a Battalion sniper team moved by vehicle to (TD766326) and from there by foot to (TD681169) where they established an observation post without incident.

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(5) Combined Action Company. All platoons spent the night in defense of their assigned villages without contact. Under the cover of darkness, the 1st Platoon was helilifted and at 190600H landed at the east end of the village located at (YD915162). The Platoon aggressively conducted a careful search and clear operation which resulted in 6 VCS being apprehended. The search was completed by 191055H and the platoon returned without contact.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	93
(b)	Observed	15
(c)	H&I's	78
(d)	Amms Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	152mm	TOTAL
HE	15		154	169
WP			8	8
ILLUM				0
TOTAL	15	0	162	177

e. OP's, Horizontal and Attached Company Size UnitsDA NANG

3d Marines (AT944762)  
1stBn, 12thMar (AT959757)

HUE PHU BAI

4thBn, 12thMar (YD883742)  
M Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD882146)  
I Btry, 12thMar (YD890144)

f. Summary(1) Major Unit Action. None

(2) <u>Small Unit Action</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contacts	0	0	0
(b) Day Contacts	1	1	2
(c) Total	1	1	2
(d) Action Without Contact	31	14	

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(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 32 (AT 9566). The 2d platoon will send a squad on patrol from 200530H to 200800H to LACHAU (2) (AT 9467). Another squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 201300H to 201500H to LA CHAU (3). A third squad from the 2d platoon will patrol to TUYEN SON (3) (9565) from 201700H to 201900H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive positions on Hills 327 and 268. One platoon (-) will provide security for the Battalion G.P. A squad will be located at the Bridge (AT 9569).

(3) Company C. The company (-) will maintain its position on the MLR. A squad defends BEO DAT Pass (AT 9375). A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 201100H to 201600H to (AT 904714), (AT 902720), (AT 901721) to (AT 917732).

(4) Company D. Will remain at its position along the MLR. The 1st platoon will patrol from 200800H to 201630H to (AT 945711), (AT 946700), (AT 935700), (AT 924704), (AT 928710), (AT 937707) to (AT 944716).

(5) Company E. Will remain at its position on Hill 41 (AT 9466). Two squads from the 1st platoon will patrol to (AT 928672), (AT 928678), (AT 938677) to (AT 938673) from 200800H to 201200H.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Defends along the right flank of the DA NANG MLR. One squad will be in support of the Regional Forces Company at the NAM O Bridge. A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 200800H to 201630H to (AT 920813), (AT 918826), (AT 915833) to (AT 908833). A squad from the second platoon will patrol from 200700H to 201600H to (AT 875828), (AT 879815) to (AT 884817). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 200730H to 201200H to (AT 902829), (AT 906829), (AT 915833) to (AT 908833).

(2) Company B. Maintains its position along the MLR. A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 200730H to 201130H (AT 900795), (AT 893784), (AT 881781) to (AT 883793).

(3) Company C. The company will maintain its position along the MLR. A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 200730H to 201200H to (AT 909751), (AT 89975), (AT 894754), (AT 883753), (AT 893747), (AT 902743) to (AT 915746).

(4) Company D. Will remain in the Regional Reserve and provide security in the Battalion rear areas. *Will become Div/Reg'l reserve when they come ashore from their assignment as ships platoon*

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(1) Company K. Will continue to provide security for the vital installations within the PHU BAI area. Four squad size security patrols will be conducted.

(2) Company I. Will provide two platoons for security of the approaches from PHU BAI. Two squads will provide security for Hill 225. One squad will conduct a daylight security patrol along the fingers of Hill 225. The 3d platoon will establish two night ambushes in grid square (YD 9008).

(3) Company M. Will maintain the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon will provide security for the medical teams. The 2d, 3d, 4th platoons will establish night ambushes in their respective villages of THUY TAN (YD 907154), THUY PHU (YD 913117), LOC BOM (YD 925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain at its observation post established at (YD 801169).

d. Ambushes for tonight.

(1) 1/1 All squad or (-)

- (a) Company A (AT 965669), (AT 959659)
- (b) Company C (AT 906722), (AT 901718)
- (c) Company D (AT 942709)
- (d) Company I (AT 943678), (AT 927679), (AT 910654).

(2) 1/3 All squad or (-)

- (a) Company A (AT 897816), (AT 890822)
- (b) Company B (AT 881793), (AT 889805), (AT 886786)
- (c) Company C (AT 898755), (AT 890822)

(3) 3/4 All platoon or (-)

- (a) Company M (YD 9008) (2)
- (b) Company K (YD 816174) (2)
- (c) CAS (YD 866156), (YD 913117), (YD 925105)

e. Summary of Operations.      1/1      1/3      3/4      TOTAL

(1) Patrols

(a) Squad	5	4	5	14
(b) Platoon	1	1	0	2

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	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	8	7	4	19
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civil Action.

- a. 1/1 On 18 November 1965, the BAS treated 23 people at Hoa Thinh. (950720).
- b. 2/3 On 18 November 1965, the Le My Medical Center treated 44 people.
- c. 3/4

(1) On 18 November 1965, the GAO treated 49 people in the village of Tuy Phu. (912118)

(2) On 18 November 1965, the CAS treated 29 people in the village of Tuy Tan. (909149)

d. Medical Resan

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	23
DA NANG	2/3	44
PHU BAI	3/4	78

5. Miscellaneous. Today Congressman TRAGUE, and CASBY from Texas, Congressman DADDARIO and McDONALD from Connecticut and Massachusetts respectively visited the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area and the Regimental CP from 191240H to 191250H.

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #228 191800H - 201800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Areas

		<u>SAG OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1 1/3 3/4				29 9 21	1	29 9 22
Squad	1/1 1/3 3/4		5 4 7	6 7			13 11 7
Platoon	1/1 1/3 3/4	1	1 1	7			2 1 7
TOTAL		1	18	22	99	1	101

<u>Province/ Coordination</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>
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QUANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

1/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
(Y0792119) 201145H Patrol Co C, 3d Battalion WIA Unk/None

b. The 3d Marines activity was highlighted by numerous incidents within the northern sector of the DA NANG TACZ. At NUI PHU BAI, the 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, while on patrol at (Y0792119) had one Marine WIA by a single rifle round fired at a long range. Accompanying the Recon platoon were two of the Battalion Snipers. The snipers were not employed due to the lack of an appropriate target. At 201145H, Company D, 1st

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Battalion, 3d Marines relieved Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. Company B is the Regimental/Division Reserve.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued defending from the Hill 22 (AT9566) area and conducted aggressive offensive action within its area of responsibility. At 192235H, the company received six rounds of small arms fire from an area between BUTER SON (2) and (3) (AT9565). This activity was quelled by the use of accurate flame mortar fire. There was no further activity and the subsequent search revealed nothing. The 2d Platoon cancelled its scheduled squad patrol to LA CHAU (2) and by 200700H, the platoon had moved to the vicinity of (AT 956658). Shortly after the platoon commenced sweeping north along the river bank in conjunction with two platoons from Company I, 3/9, who swept on the east bank of the SONG YEN.

(2) Company B. Continued to man defensive positions along the H.R. and battalion rear area. One squad provided security for the bridge at (AT 944698). At 202230H, the squad reported observing a fire fight approximately 500 meters north of the bridge. The pursuant investigation revealed that the Popular Forces in that area had engaged two VC. There were no known casualties.

(3) Company C. The Company (-) continued to defend from positions along the H.R., while one squad occupied defensive positions at the DEC DAI LA Pass (AT9475). One squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 201100H to 201600H over the route (AT904714), (AT902720), (AT901721) to (AT917732).

(4) Company D. Continued, without incident, to defend from positions along the H.R. The 1st Platoon patrolled from 200800H to 201630H to (AT 945711), (AT946700), (AT924704), (AT937707) to (AT944716).

(5) Company I. Defended Hill 41 (AT9366) and the surrounding terrain. From 200600H to 201200H, the 1st Platoon dispatched two squads which patrolled to (AT926672), (AT926678), (AT936677) to (AT936673).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Continued to defend the northern portion of the battalion area of responsibility. At 192025H, an eight man ambush located at (AT890822) engaged four Viet Cong. During the initial burst of fire, one VC was seen falling and another was believed to have been hit. The ambush withdrew to the Company C without further incident. During the fire fight, one Marine was KIA (not serious). There were no confirmed VC casualties. At 192257H, the reinforced squad at the HAW C Bridge reported receiving one VC grenade, which was a dud, at (AT899812). Immediately following, four VC were taken under fire. There was no return fire and no confirmed VC casualties. At 200022H, the company reported that two small boats had landed at (AT893825) and were not taken under fire due to the proximity of one of the Company

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ambushes. At 200100H the company fired 20 rounds of 61mm Mortar at three boats (AT 886627) observed landing in that area. A subsequent search of the area revealed nothing significant. At approximately 200045H the reinforced squad at the south side of NAM O Bridge observed a swimmer in the water about 30 meters from the north end of the bridge on the west side. Four M-14 rifle rounds were fired at him and he was believed hit. The individual submerged and was not seen again.

(2) Company B. Continued to occupy three defensive strong points along the MLK. The 3d platoon dispatched one squad which patrolled from 200230H to 201130H over the route (AT 900795), (AT 893784), (AT 881781) to (AT 883793).

(3) Company C. The company defended from three strong points along the MLK without contact. One squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 200730H to 201200H in the MOA LOC and XUAN LAC (AT 9074) area.

(4) Company D. The company (-) remained within the battalion rear area during the night. By 201115H the remainder of the company joined the company (-) after having completed their mission as ships platoon. Company H was relieved of its assigned responsibility as Regimental and Division reserve at 201115H and Company D assumed the responsibility.

201115H.

c. 2/3 Company H upon being relieved by Company D joined the BRT at their staging area and awaited transportation.

d. 3/4

(1) Company E. Continued to provide security for the Airfield and its vital installations. Two platoons continued to man defensive positions along the defensive perimeter. The 3d platoon deactivated its two night ambushes at (YD 816174) at first light without contact. Three squad patrols were conducted forward of the perimeter during the night without incident.

(2) Company F. Provided two platoons for security of the airfield complex. Two squads continued to maintain the observation post on Hill 230 (YD 8408) with one patrolling to a 1000 meter radius during the day without VC contact. Three separate squad patrols were conducted forward of perimeter out to likely enemy mortar positioning.

(3) Company G. Continued to maintain two platoons providing security of the highway access routes to the airfield area. The 1st platoon patrolled to the vicinity of (YD 9011) and conducted a reconnaissance for two night ambush positions.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon provided security for Battalion Medical Teams operating within the GAC area. The 2d, 3d and 4th platoons continued to conduct civic action projects and provide security for the villages of THUY TAN (YD 907151), THUY PHU (YD 913117) and LOC BIN (YD 923105) respectively.

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(5) M Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. While patrolling in the vicinity of (YD 792119) at 201145H one Marine was KIA by a single rifle round fired from the vicinity of (YD 792106). The Marine was evacuated. The platoon returned to the Battalion area without further incident.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	97
(b) Observed	15
(c) H&I's	82
(d) Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	16	75	66	157
WP	0	25	11	36
ILLUM	2	0	4	6
TOTAL	18	100	81	199

c. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

<u>(2) Small Unit Action</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	1	1
(c) Total	0	1	1
(d) Action w/o Contact	26	13	

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(1) Company A. Will remain at its position on Hill 22 (AT9566). A reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol to DUEN SON (2) (AT951633) and LA CHAU (3) (AT954678) from 211300H to 211800H. Another squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 211000H to 211400H to LA CHAU (4) (AT952668).

(2) Company B. Will continue to man defensive positions on Hills 327 and 268. One platoon (-) will provide security for the Battalion CP. A squad will be located at the bridge at (AT9469).

(3) Company G. The company (-) will maintain its positions on the M.R. A squad defends BHO DAI LA Pass (AT9375). A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 211300H to 211400H to (AT911738), (AT908727), (AT916725) to (AT926734).

(4) Company D. Will remain at its position along the M.R. A squad will patrol from 210700H to 211400H to (AT940704), (AT935700), (AT933690), (AT942689) to (AT946700) to (AT945711).

(5) Company I. Will remain at its position on Hill 41. Two squads from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 210800H to 211400H to (AT933657), (AT934645), (AT925643), (AT935632), (AT941642), (AT942655) to (AT943663).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. The company (-) will continue to defend from three strong points along the M.R. A reinforced squad supports Regional Forces at NAM O Bridge (AT 9284). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 210800H to 211630H to (AT 909813), (AT 906821), (AT 916827), (AT 921829) to (AT 918818). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 210800H to 211300H to (AT 882829), (AT 875823), (AT 872815) to (AT 890815).

(2) Company B. Maintains its position on the M.R. A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 210600H to 211300H to (AT 905806), (AT 915804), (AT 917793), (AT 906785) to (AT 892786).

(3) Company G. The company will maintain its positions along the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 210800H to 211200H to (AT 899774), (AT 882763), (AT 890777), (AT 902777), (AT 903777) to (AT 902775).

(4) Company B. Will remain the Regimental Reserve and provide security for the Battalion rear areas. At 202000H the 1st platoon will patrol to 2100H and establish a patrol base at that location. The patrol will remain there until 210700H. At 210800H to 211300H a reinforced squad will patrol to (AT 932818), (AT 930814), (AT 926813) to (AT 930810). AT 943809

c. 3/A

(1) Company K. Will continue to provide security for the vital

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installation within the PHU BAI area. Three squad size security patrols will be conducted. The 3d platoon will establish two ambushes at (YD 816174).

(2) Company L. Will provide two platoons for the security of the approaches to PHU BAI. Two squads will provide security for Hill 225. The 1st platoon will conduct a security patrol from Hill 225.

(3) Company M. Will maintain the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. The 1st platoon will establish two night ambushes within grid square (YD 9011).

(4) Combined Action Company. All platoons will establish night ambushes in their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD925105) and LOC BOM (YD925105).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain in the Battalion CP.

d. Ambushes for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT943668), (AT957668), (AT950665)
- (b) Company D (AT945708)
- (c) Company I (AT919677), (AT916662), (AT938649)

(2) 1/3. All squad size or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT893817), (AT886827)
- (b) Company B (AT888795), (AT894798), (AT892786), (AT887806)
- (c) Company C (AT893745), (AT898752), (AT899777)
- (d) Company D (AT949809)

(3) 1/4. All platoon size or platoon (-).

- (a) Company K (YD816174) (2)
- (b) Company M (YD9011) (2)
- (c) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD925105), (YD925105)

e. Summary of Operations

	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	4	4	3	11
(b) Platoon	1	1	1	3
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad or (-)	7	10	4	21
(b) Platoon or (-)	0	0	4	4

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(1) On 19 November 1965, Company C treated 10 villagers in TRON PHUOC MUNO Hamlet (AT917728).

(2) On 19 November 1965, Company D treated 22 villagers in the hamlet of PHUOC BINH (AT940782).

(3) On 19 November 1965, the BAS at 1/1 treated 23 villagers in TUY LOAN Hamlet (AT939705).

(4) On 19 November 1965, a Army Psychological Warfare team conducted propaganda speeches and movies in the hamlet of LA CHAU (1). Civil Affairs gave out 200 bars of soap, 10 packages of candy and 5 packages of gum. 1/1 medical team treated 30 villagers. There were approximately 400 people in attendance.

b. **2/1. Negative Report.**

**c. 2/4**

(1) On 19 November 1965, CAC treated 62 people in THUY PHU (YD912118).

(2) On 19 November 1965, CAC treated 33 people in THUY TAN (YD909149).

(3) On 19 November 1965, the MedCap team treated 68 people in the village of LOC BON (YD925106).

(4) On 19 November 1965, a Company F company treated 29 people in the village of GIA LA (YD851185). 820 bars of soap were passed out.

(5) On 19 November 1965, 4/12 MedCap team treated 77 people in PHU LUONG village (YD866156).

(6) On 19 November 1965, 4/12 employed their earth moving equipment to clear ground in PHU LUONG. The cleared ground will be used by refugees for planting crops.

5. **Miscellaneous.** Mr. READLY DONOVAN, Editor TIME Magazine and Mr. Frank MCCULLOUGH, also of TIME Magazine, visited LE MY from 201600H to 201630H. At 201710, Mr. DONOVAN and party flew by helicopter to Hill 22 and departed at 201725H.

**a. Coordinates of CP's of Ormma and Attached Units****DA HANG TAO**

3d Marines (AT944752)

Co A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT944762)

Co A (-), 3d TH Bn (AT944762)

1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT953723)

CO A, 1st Bn, 1st Mar (AT954668)

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CO B, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT972745)  
 CO C, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT923732)  
 CO D, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT942718)  
 CO I, 3dBn, 4thMar (AT936643)  
 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (AT943783)  
 CO A, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT978822)  
 CO B, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT975831)  
 CO C, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT908778)  
 CO D, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT943783)  
 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (YD864137)  
 CO E, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD892146)  
 CO L, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD864137)  
 CO N, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD864137)  
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (YD863142)  
 N Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD863142)  
 I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD863144)  
 W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD863146)  
 3d Plat, CO G, 3d TH Bn (YD863143)  
 3d Plat, CO A, 3d AT Bn (YD863143)  
 3d Plat, CO A, 3d Regt Bn (YD863146)  
 LBU, 161 and A Med (YD877143)  
 3d Plat, CO G, 3d Recon Bn (YD864137)

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<u>TACB</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	87
DA NANG	2/3	Negative Report
HUE PHU BAI	3/4	181
TOTAL		268

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP # 229 201800H - 211800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

		<u>SAC OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3				13		13
	3/4				21		21
Squad	1/1		4	7			11
	1/3		4	10			14
	3/4		7	4			11
Platoon	1/1	1	1				2
	1/3		1				1
	3/4			4			4
Total		1	17	25	63		106

b. The 3d Marines activity was highlighted by numerous incidents within the northern sector of the DA NANG TAOR. A coordinated sweep with ARVN forces of the village complex of BO BAN (AT 9669) netted three VOS. Other patrols and ambushes failed to establish firm contact although there were several incidents where fire was exchanged between friendly and enemy forces.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to maintain its position on Hill 22 (AT 9566) and conducted aggressive patrolling and ambushing within its area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (3) (AT 956678) and DUNNISON (2) (AT 951633) from 211500H to 211800H. Another squad from the 3d platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (4) (AT 952668).

(2) Company B. Manned defensive positions on Hills 327 (AT 9773) and 268 (AT 9674). One platoon (-) provides security for the Battalion CP. A squad is located at the Bridge (AT 9469).

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(3) Company C. The company (-) maintains its positions along the MLR. A squad defends DEO DAI LA Pass (AT 9375). A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 211300H to 211600H to (AT 911738), (AT 908727), (AT 916725) to (AT 916734).

(4) Company D. Maintains its position along the MLR. A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 210700H to 211400H to (AT 940704), (AT 946700) (AT 935700), (AT 933690), (AT 942689) to (AT 945711). Two platoons swept BO BAN (2) (AT 9669) at 210600H. A platoon of ARVN forces provided a blocking force to the East in this coordinated operation. The sweep netted 3 VCS at (AT 959695) at 211115H. Two VCS did not have an I.D. card and the other possessed a V.C. I.C. card. The VCS have been turned over to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for screening. The sweep was completed at 211117H.

(5) Company I. Maintains its position on Hill 41. Two squads from the 1st platoon patrolled from 210800H to 211430H to (AT 933657), (AT 934645), (AT 925643), (AT 935632), (AT 941642), (AT 942655) to (AT 943663). At 210025 an ambush located at (AT 919678) took (3) three V.C. under fire. One V.C. was believed to have been wounded but a subsequent search of the area was negative.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. The company (-) defends from three strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad defends in coordination with Regional Forces at NAM O Bridge (AT 9284). At 202140H the company received eight rounds of small arms fire at (AT 904815). Fire was returned but no casualties reported. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 210800H to 211630H to (AT 903813), (AT 904821), (AT 916827), (AT 921829) to (AT 918843). At 210555H 90 rounds were fired at an object in the water on CA DE SONG. No further movement was noticed.

(2) Company B. Maintains its position on the MLR. At 210100H at (AT 895800) an enemy grenade was thrown. Four V.C. were observed 100 meters away and they fled when fired upon. No casualties were reported. A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 210600H to 211300H to (AT 905806), (AT 915804), (AT 917793), (AT 906785) to (AT 892786).

(3) Company G. The company maintains its positions along the MLR. At 202019H, 3 V.C. were observed and fired upon at (AT 914763). Later at 202055H, automatic small arms fire was received at (AT 915747). Fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. No casualties resulted from either incident. A reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 210800H to 211200H to (AT 899774), (AT 882763), (AT 890777), (AT 902777), (AT 903777) to (AT 902775).

(4) Company D. Remained the Regimental/Division Reserve and provided security for the rear area. At 212355H, the 3d Platoon received small arms fire and what is believed to be a single mortar round at (AT 919809). No casualties resulted. At 202000H, the 1st Platoon established a patrol base at (AT 943809). At 210700H, a squad from that platoon patrolled from (AT 932818), (AT 926813) to (AT 930810) and returned at 211500H without incident.

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(1) Company K. Continues to provide security for the vital installation within the PHU BAI area. Two squad size security patrols were conducted forward of the defensive positions with negative results. The 1st Platoon patrolled grid squares (YD9108), (YD9109), (YD9208) and (YD9209).

(2) Company L. Provided two platoons for the security of approaches to PHU BAI. Two squads provided security for Hill 230. Three squad size security patrols were conducted without contact.

(3) Company M. Maintains the PHU BAI Roadblock in conjunction with MP's. A squad in two helicopters conducted "Hunter-Killer" operation within the TAOR with negative results.

(4) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon provided security for Battalion Medical Teams operating within the GAO area. The 2d, 3d and 4th Platoons continued to conduct civic action projects and provided security for the villages of THUY TAN (YD907151), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925105) respectively.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained in the Battalion CP.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a)	Total Missions Fired	135
(b)	Observed	6
(c)	Unobserved	3
(d)	H&I's	126
(e)	Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE	71	0	105	176
WP	0	0	0	0
Illum	12	0	5	17
TOTAL	83	0	110	193

e. Summary

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	1	0	1
(c) Total Contacts	1	0	1
(d) Action Without Contact	28	15	43

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(1) Company A. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations from Hill 22 (AT9566). The 1st Platoon will commit its three squads to separate patrols tomorrow. The first will patrol from 221700H to 221900H to LA GHAI (3) (AT9567). The second squad reinforced will patrol to DUYEN SON (4) (AT9466) from 220900H to 221200H. The remaining squad will patrol to BO BAN (1) (AT9568) from 221100H to 221500H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to defend along the MLR and within the Battalion rear area.

(3) Company C. Will dispatch the 1st squad of the 1st platoon, reinforced, to patrol from 221300H to 221600H over the route (AT913719), (AT 898714) to (AT902725). The company (-) will continue to man positions along the MLR.

(4) Company D. Will defend along the MLR and will maintain its offensive posture with a reinforced squad patrolling tomorrow from 220800H to 221600H. The squad will be dispatched by the 3d Platoon and will patrol over the route (AT933709), (AT925704), (AT916701), (AT912705), (AT920707) to (AT928709).

(5) Company I. Will continue to defend the critical Hill 41 (AT9366) area. From 220800H to 221200H, two squads from the 1st Platoon will patrol to (AT928679), (AT916677), (AT902675), (AT897663), (AT910663), (AT913667) to (AT 924667). During the afternoon a reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 221300H to 221600H to (AT943663), (AT942663) to (AT937658).

b. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from two strong points along the MLR and will maintain a platoon (-) in support of the Regional Forces Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge area. Two squad patrols will be conducted with the first coming from the 1st Platoon and patrolling to (AT874828), (AT886828), (AT883812) to (AT894811) from 220800H to 221600H. The second will be dispatched by the 3d Platoon from 220800H to 221630H to (AT903813), (AT 918818), (AT906818) to (AT915827).

(2) Company B. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR. The 2d Platoon will patrol from 220600H to 221400H over the route (AT 889803), (AT875805), (AT875788), (AT894783) to (AT909788).

(3) Company C. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations within their area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 220800H to 221200H over the area from (AT908741) to (AT897743), (AT891745), (AT886753), (AT897755) to (AT912745). Concurrently, the 3d Platoon will dispatch a squad to (AT896765), (AT887759), (AT881777), (AT898778) to

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(AT902775). During the afternoon, the 2d Platoon will have a squad patrol from 221200H to 221700H to (AT905764), (AT902763), (AT894744), (AT888760), (AT889746), (AT908754) to (AT912763).

(4) Company B. Will continue as the Regimental/Division reserve. The company will continue to defend the battalion rear area. The 1st Platoon will continue its extended patrol activity from its patrol base at (AT943809) until returning to their CP at 221700H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will provide two platoons for security of the airfield and its installations. Squad patrols will be conducted after dark to possible enemy mortar positions within range of the vital area. One platoon will patrol to the vicinity of (YB9009) and select two night ambush sites.

(2) Company L. Will continue to provide two reinforced platoons for defense of the airfield complex. Between 212000H and 220600H squad patrols will be conducted forward of the company area of responsibility. Tomorrow, one platoon will patrol to the vicinity of (YB8016) and conduct a reconnaissance for two night ambush sites.

(3) Company M. Will maintain two reinforced platoons manning road blocks on the access highway routes to the airfield. Two squads will maintain the observation post on Hill 230 (YB8408). One will conduct a daylight patrol and establish night listening post along the fingers of Hill 230.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will establish a daylight observation post within (YB7909).

(5) Combined Action Company. The 1st Platoon will continue to operate within THUY LUONG (YB86156), while the 2d and 3d Platoons will remain in THUY TAM (YB907151) and THUY PHU (YB913117) respectively. At 220800H, the 4th Platoon will return to the Battalion CP.

d. Ambushes for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-)

- (a) Company A (AT961661), (AT959678), (AT951668)
- (b) Company C (AT904704)
- (c) Company D (AT942708)
- (d) Company I (AT940678), (AT922677), (AT910665)

(2) 2/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT898816), (AT886821), (AT907833)
- (b) Company B (AT878805), (AT883796), (AT875793), (AT880785)
- (c) Company C (AT895753), (AT894759), (AT886777)
- (d) Company D (AT915811), (AT913804)

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- (a) Company K (YD9009) two, squad (rein)
- (b) Company L (YD9016), two, squad (rein)
- (c) CAC (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117)

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/A</u>	<u>1/B</u>	<u>3/A</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) <u>Patrols</u>				
(a) Squad	8	6	5	19
(b) Platoon	0	2	2	4
(2) <u>Ambushes</u>				
(a) Squad	8	12	4	24
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Civic Action

- a. 1/A. Negative Report.
- b. 1/B. Negative Report.
- c. 3/A

(1) On 20 November 1965, the CAC treated 33 people in the village of THUY TAN (YD909149).

(2) On 20 November 1965, the MedCap team treated 82 people in the village of THUY PHU (YD912118).

(3) On 20 November 1965, the CAC distributed 25 pounds of clothing to the villagers of THUY TAN (YD909149).

(4) On 20 November 1965, a fire team from CAC, helped 2 children construct a ecke stand. 5 Man-hours were utilized by the village of LOC BOW for this project, (YD925107).

d. Medical Record

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
BA NANG	<u>1/A</u>	Negative Report
BA NANG	<u>1/B</u>	Negative Report
HUE PHU BAI	<u>3/A</u>	115

5. Miscellaneous. Today, Rear Admiral HUSMAN, USN, Rear Admiral HEAMAN, USN, and Brigadier General GOODARD, USAF, visited LE MY in the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility from 211215H to 211240H.

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP # 230 211800H - 221800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				29		29
1/3				13		13
3/4				21		21
Squad 1/1		8	8			16
1/3		6	12			18
3/4		5	4			9
Platoon 1/1						0
1/3		2				2
3/4		2	3			5
TOTAL	0	23	27	63	0	113

<u>Province/ Coordination</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Location</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Location</u>
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QUANG NAM

1/1

NONE

1/3

(AT093777)

212200H

Patrol/Sniper Round

C-3/ 1 MIA (DOW)

Unk/None

THUA THIEN

3/4

(XD50135)

211820H

Defence/Booby Trap

Corporal/ 1 MIA

Unk/None

(Y0371184)

212005H

Ambush

M-2

CAC/none

Unk/2 VC  
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b. During the reporting period numerous offensive and defensive operations were conducted. Within the PHU DAI THO, a company attached to Company H was used by the defense as a VC body trap at (11990185). The incident occurred while the 2d Platoon was working late night defensive positions. At DA NANG, the permanent contact occurred at (A1993777) when a Marine was KIA (later ID'd) by one round which was fired into an ambush position. At 221325H, the Commanding Officer of the Force Reconnaissance Company reported that an LVT had lost its power and while being towed back to the Landing, the cable broke, and the powerless LVT drifted out to sea. At 221417H, the flameproofing LVT sank just south of the BSO storage area (A1931264). Another LVT caught in the surf at (A1931264) sank at 221530H. It was reported that there were ten men aboard the first LVT and three aboard the second. The rescue operation had not terminated at the close of this report. (Details under Company D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines).

**2. Operations****a. 2A**

(1) **Company A.** Continued defending the LA CHU, HUTIN SON complex south of the SONG PHU LOAN. Although the heavy rain and immediate rice paddies made maneuvering difficult, three separate reinforced squad patrols were conducted. The 1st Platoon conducted all of its squads with the 2d squad patrolling to HUTIN SON (4) (A19466) from 220900H to 221300H. The 3d squad patrolled to BO BAN (1) (A19568) from 221000H to 221900H. From 221700H to the close of this report, the 1st squad patrolled to the north of HALL 22 (A19566).

(2) **Company B.** Continued without incident to defend the bridge at (A19469), positions along the HLR and within the battalion rear area.

(3) **Company G.** The Company (-) defended from positions along the HLR and maintained one squad in defense of the DMU DAI LA PHU (A19475). The 1st squad of the 1st Platoon patrolled from 221300H to 221600H over the route (A1935729), (A1998724) to (A1902725).

(4) **Company D.** The 3d Platoon dispatched a squad which patrolled from 220800H to 221600H over the route (A194670), (A1935699), (A1927707), (A1924706) to (A1946700). At 221139H, the patrol had advanced to (A1924701) where they found one F104 park, a grenade box full of rife and a second F104 over plus what appeared to be personal papers. The remainder of the company maintained the defensive positions along the HLR. At 221239H, the patrol received both word and automatic small arms fire from several bunkers in the vicinity of (A1935704). It was estimated that there were 3 to 4 VC and when fire was returned, their activity was quelled. The distance from the patrol to the bunker was approximately 250 meters and was flanked. A search of the area produced negative results.

(5) **Company J.** Continued to conduct defensive and aggressive offensive operations in the western portion of the Phase Line Orange area. From 220600H to 221230H, two squads from the 1st Platoon patrolled to 2000 meters northwest of the Company CP on HILL 41 (A19366) and return. During the afternoon, a reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 221300H to 221600H to (A1943663), (A1942696) to (A1937690) without incident.

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that the LVT had sunk. It was later reported that there were six men aboard the second LVT that went down. Helo rescue operations picked up three men and reported that the Coast Guard had picked up three men. At present, there are nine men missing, all were on the 1st LVT that went down.

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(1) Company A. Continued to maintain two platoons providing security for the airstrip. Two squads patrolled forward of the perimeter between 212100H and 220500H without contact. The 1st Platoon deactivated its night position at (TD930057) and returned to the battalion area this morning with a negative report.

(2) Company B. Two platoons of the company occupied defensive positions along the perimeter. Two separate squad patrols operated forward of the company area out to possible enemy mortar range without incident. The 2d Platoon established two night ambushes at (TD617164) and (TDM9175). At first light, the platoon returned to the battalion and reported no VC contact.

(3) Company B. Continued to man two platoons along road blocks on the highway access routes to the vital area. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled within (TD4408) without a significant sighting. At 211800H, a corporal with a security unit from the 2d Platoon was wounded by the detonation of an explosive device believed to have been a body trap. The corporal was evacuated and there was no further incident.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Established a daylight observation post within (TD7709) without significant observation.

(5) Combined Action Company. The company continued to provide security in its assigned area. At 21305H, the 1st Platoon was set in ambush position at (TD871164) when they observed 4 to 5 Viet Cong swimming across the river using branches as an aid. At a distance of about 40 meters the platoon opened fire on the VC. They were unable to recover any of the bodies due to the current in the river, however five VC were observed KIA.

(6) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

(a) Total Missions Fired	97
(b) Observed	3
(c) Unobserved	1
(d) KIA's	93
(e) Arms Expended	

TYPE	205mm	207mm	25mm	TOTAL
HE	21	0	79	130
MP	5	0	3	8
TOTAL	56	0	82	138

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**a. SUMMARY**

(1) Major Unit Action- None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action</u> -	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	1	1	2
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total	1	1	2
(d) Action without Contact	35	14	

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(1) Company A. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations from Hill 22 (AT 9566). A two squad elite patrol from the 2d platoon will patrol from 230900H to 231400H to PHU SON (3) (AT 9564). The remaining squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 231700H to 231900H to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566).

(2) Company B. Will continue to defend along the M.R. and with the Battalion rear area.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will continue to man positions along the M.R. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 231300H to 231600H to (AT 914532), (AT 913725), (AT 906719), (AT 914718) to (AT 922722).

(4) Company D. Will defend along the M.R. The 1st platoon will patrol from 230900H to 231300H to (AT 944511), (AT 946700), (AT 924690), (AT 928690), (AT 946800), (AT 943688) to (AT 945711).

(5) Company E. Will remain in position on Hill 41 (AT 9366). Two squads from the 3d platoon will patrol from 230800H to 231200H to (AT 928664), (AT 928665) to (AT 928667).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from two strong points along the M.R. and will maintain a platoon (-) in support of the Regional Forces Company in defense of NAM O Bridge. A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 230830H to 231530H to (AT 904825), (AT 913829) to (AT 901820). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 230900H to 231600H to (AT 900805), (AT 903807) to (AT 904813). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 230900H to 231600H to (AT 890825), (AT 883827) to (AT 885818).

(2) Company B. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the M.R. The 2d platoon will patrol from 230600H to 231500H to (AT 908784), (AT 892785), (AT 896788), (AT 875806) to (AT 901806).

(3) Company C. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations within their area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 230730H to 231200H to (AT 922750), (AT 910751), (AT 900753), (AT 886749), (AT 906743) to (AT 905744). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 230800H to 231700H to (AT 905744), (AT 895758), (AT 888760), (AT 879757), (AT 860744), (AT 871761), (AT 889762), (AT 905765) to (AT 911763). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 230930H to 231200H to (AT 898776), (AT 888777), (AT 884769), (AT 889865), (AT 896768) to (AT 902775).

(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve. The company will continue to provide security for the Battalion rear area. The 2d platoon establish a patrol base at (AT 952805) at 222100H and remain there until 230615H. At 230700H the patrol base will be established at (AT 910806). A squad will patrol from the new patrol base from 230800H to 231900H to (AT 915802), (AT 906804), (AT 904806) to (AT 910806).

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(1) Company L. Will provide two platoons for security of the airfield and its installations. Squad patrols will be conducted after dark to possible enemy mortar positions within range of the vital area. One platoon will patrol to (YD 9210) and establish two night ambushes.

(2) Company L. Will continue to provide two reinforced platoons for defense of the airfield complex. A platoon will patrol to GIA 1E (YD 818172) and establish two night ambushes at that location.

(3) Company M. Will maintain two platoons manning roadblocks on the access routes to the airfield. Two squads will maintain the observation post on Hill 230 (YD 8408). One platoon will conduct a daylight security patrol and listening posts along the fingers of Hill 290.

(4) 3d platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain in Battalion C.P.

(5) HAS Company. The battalion Scout/ Sniper team will patrol in Southwest portion of TAOR.

(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st and 3d platoons will provide security for the Battalion Chaplain. All four platoons will establish night ambushes in their respective villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY TAN (YD 907151), THUY PHU (YD 913117) and LOC BON (YD 925105).

d. Ambushes for Tonight(1) 1/1 All squad or (p)

- (a) Company A (AT 943665), (AT 951771), (AT 942656)
- (b) Company D (AT 938705)
- (c) Company I (AT 916677), (AT 932680), (AT 934642)

(2) 1/3

- (a) Company A (AT 885826), (AT 903813), (AT 884816)
- (b) Company B (AT 880785), (AT 886794)
- (c) Company C (AT 894754), (AT 880777)

(3) 3/4 All platoon or (-)

- (a) Company L (YD 8117) (2)
- (b) Company K (YD 9210) (2)
- (c) CAS (YD 866156), (YD 907151), (YD 913117), (YD 925105)



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e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	2	7	3	12
(b) Platoon	3	2	2	7
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	7	7	4	18
(b) Platoon			4	4

4. Civil Action.a. 1/1

(1) On 21 November 1965, "A" Company corpsman treated 44 people in the village of La Chau #4 (951668).

(2) On 21 November 1965, "C" company treated 61 people in Duyen Son #4. (942662).

b. 1/3

(1) On 21 November 1965, the Le My Medical Center treated 95 people. (899817)

(2) On 21 November 1965, 45 people were treated in the village of Hoa Vinh. (900798)

c. 3/4

(1) On 21 November 1965, MedCap treated 208 people in the village of Oia Le. (815185)

(2) On 21 November 1965, "A" Med treated 12 people at out patient clinic.

(3) On 21 November 1965, CAC treated 15 people in the village of Thuy Phu. (912118)

(4) On 21 November 1965, CAC treated 32 people in the village of Lee Bon (925106).

d. Medical Recap.

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	105
DA NANG	1/3	140
PHU DAI	3/4	267

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5. Miscellaneous. None.

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b. 1/1

(2) Company A. Continued to defend from two strong points along the RH. A platoon (-) occupied defensive positions in support of the Regional Forces in defense of the NAM O Bridge area. At 21300H an unknown number of VC attempted to infiltrate the company area from the north (AT694822). The CP received sporadic small arms fire which terminated when fire was returned. There were no casualties. At 220130H, the Company reported observing nine VC on a ridge west of the CP at (AT692632). The VC were engaged by small arms fire and 16 rounds of 82mm HE. The VC dispersed and a search of the area revealed negative results. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 220000H to 221600H in the high ground to the west of the Company CP. A second squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 220000H to 221630H to (AT 903413), (AT916846), (AT906418) to (AT915427).

(2) Company B. Continued to defend from the battalion main line of resistance. At 211830H, the Company position at (AT693600) reported receiving sporadic small arms fire from the northwest and from the east. A short while later, at (AT900806), one round of small arms fire was received from an unknown source. At 212330H, the position at (AT693600) heard movement in the rice paddies to their northeast. Seven 60mm mortar rounds were fired with negative results. Concurrently, the position at (AT900806) received machine fire from the village at (AT904803) and automatic weapons fire from due north. There were no friendly casualties.

(3) Company G. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations within their assigned area. At 222430H, an ambush established by a squad from the 3d Platoon at (AT693777) had one Marine wounded by one sniper round. The Marine later died of wounds. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 220800H to 221300H over the area from (AT906741), (AT697743), (AT686733), (AT697735) to (AT912745). At the same time, the 3d Platoon dispatched a squad to (AT696765), (AT687797), (AT698778) to (AT682775). A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled this afternoon in the THAI XUAN LAC (AT9075) area without contact.

(4) Company D. Continued to maintain the Division/regimental reserve and to man defensive positions within the battalion rear area. The 1st Platoon continued its patrol activity this morning in the vicinity of (AT696369) returning to the battalion area at approximately 221300H without a VC contact. At 220320H, the Commanding Officer of the Force Headquarters Company reported that an LVT had lost power and the current had carried it out to east of the NAM O Bridge (AT911864). It was reported that there were a minimum of ten Marines aboard, five from Company D 1/3, a three man FO team, plus two crew members. The LVT had been part of a three ARMAC pickup of a Force Headquarters team in the western end of the SONO CA DE. Upon receiving the initial report, assistance was requested from three sources. A Coast Guard craft was requested through Division (P) was helicopter evacuation. A retriever was requested from the ARMAC Battalion, but was not available. At 221417H, it was further reported by Force Recon that the floundering LVT had sunk. At 221430H, the Battalion dispatched a squad by truck to the Base Storage area (AT9284) to render assistance. At 221504H, 1/3 reported that another LVT was caught in the surf at (AT911864) and was believed to have three men aboard. At 221450H, the battalion reported

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #231 221800H - 231800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

	<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team 1/1				29		29
2/3				14		14
3/4				21		21
Squad 1/1		2	7			9
2/3		2	7			9
3/4		2	4			6
Platoon 1/1		3				3
2/3		7				7
3/4		3	4		1	8
TOTAL	0	19	22	64	1	106

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1

NONE

1/3

(AT897801)	222355H	Defense	Co. B/1 WIA	Unk/None
(AT898822)	230355H	Defense	Co. A/None	Unk/2 KIA
(AT899806)	230945H	Patrol	Co. B/None	Unk/1 KIA

THUA THIEN

3/4

NONE

b. The Regiment conducted numerous offensive and defensive operations during the reporting period. During the night, the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines had several incidents where small arms fire was received into their defensive positions along the M.R. One Marine was wounded at 222355H, when Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines received approximately 150 rounds small arms fire into their position. Later at 230355H, Company A observed two bodies being

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dragged away after receiving and returning small arms fire at an estimated seven VC. This morning at 230945H, while on patrol, the 2d Platoon of Company B, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines came under small arms fire from 2 VC. The patrol returned the fire and killed one of the VC. The other escaped.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Defends at its positions on Hill 22 (AT9566). Two squads from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 230900H to 231400H to PHU SON (3) (AT9564). Another squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (4) (AT9566) from 231700H to 231800H. Neither patrol reported contact.

(2) Company B. Continued without incident to defend the bridge at (AT9469), positions along the MLR and within the Battalion rear area including the Hawk Missile sites on the Hill 327-268 complex.

(3) Company C. The company (-) defended from positions along the MLR and maintained one squad in defense of the DEO DAI LA PASS (AT9475). A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 230900H to 231500H to (AT944711), (AT946700), (AT934690), (AT928690), (AT946800), (AT943688) to (AT945711), without incident.

(4) Company I. Remained in position on Hill 41 (AT9366). Two squads from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 230800H to 231200H to (AT928664), (AT922665) to (AT925667). No contact was reported.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Continued to defend from two strong points along the MLR. A platoon (-) occupied defensive positions in support of the Regional Forces in defense of the NAM O Bridge area. At 230130H, the company received between 10 and 20 rounds of small arms fire from (AT898820) from an estimated three VC who broke contact when their fire was returned. Later at 230353H, more small arms fire was received from south of the company position, when that fire was returned, small arms fire was received at the northern position of the positions. Contact was broken ten minutes later and two VC were observed falling to the ground and were dragged off by other VC. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 230730H to 231200H to (AT922750), (AT910751), (AT900753), (AT886749), (AT906743) to (AT915744). A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 230900H to 231600H to (AT900805), (AT903807) to (AT904813). A squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 230900H to 231600H to (AT890825), (AT883827) to (AT885818).

(2) Company B. Continued to occupy defensive positions along the MLR. At 222355H, small arms fire and five rounds of 60mm fire was received from (AT897801). Small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire was returned and contact was broken. One friendly WIA resulted, but evacuation was no necessary. The 2d Platoon patrolled from 230600H to 231500H to (AT908784), (AT892785), (AT876788), (AT875806) to (AT901806). At 230945H, the 2d Platoon reported receiving small arms fire at (AT897806) from 2 VC. The fire was returned and contact was broken. A search of the area was conducted and a VC body was found.

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(3) Company G. Conducted offensive and defensive operations within their assigned area. At 222150H, a listening post at (AT915763) fired on seven VC carrying rifles at a distance of fifteen feet. Three VC spin and fell down. A search revealed negative results. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 230730H to 231200H to (AT922750), (AT910751), (AT900753), (AT886749), (AT906743) to (AT915744). A squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 230800H to 231700H to (AT905764), (AT895758), (AT888760), (AT879757), (AT860744), (AT871761), (AT889762), (AT905765) to (AT911763). A squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 230930H to 231200H to (AT898776), (AT888777), (AT884769), (AT809765), (AT896768) to (AT902775).

(4) Company D. Continues as the Regimental/Division Reserve. The company also provides security for the Battalion rear areas. The 2d Platoon established a patrol base at (AT952805) at 222100H. At 230700H, a new patrol base was established at (AT910806). From the new base a squad patrolled from 230800H to 231500H to (AT915802), (AT906804), (AT904806) to (AT910806).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Continued to maintain two platoons providing security for the airfield. Two squads patrolled forward of the perimeter between 222100H and 210600H without contact.

(2) Company L. Two platoons of the company occupied defensive positions along the perimeter. Two separate squad patrols operated forward of the company area out to possible enemy mortar range without incident. A squad embarked in two helicopters conducted an air reconnaissance of the TAOR without contact. Two night ambush positions were established at (YD811170), (YD822168).

(3) Company M. Continued to man two platoon size roadblocks on the highway access routes to the vital area. The 3d Platoon conducted a security patrol from Hill 225 without incident.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon conducted a recon patrol in the southwest portion of the TAOR.

(5) Combined Action Company. The company continued to provide security in its assigned area. The 1st and 3d platoons provided security for the Battalion Chaplain who conducted services in the villages of THUY LUONG, THUY PHU, THUY TAN and LOC BON. All four platoons established night ambushes in their respective villages.

(6) H&S Company. The Battalion Scout and Sniper team patrolled in the vicinity of (YD 769128).

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total missions fired

112

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(b) Observed	2
(c) Unobserved	0
(d) H&I's	110
(e) Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	85	0	25	110
WP	0	0	0	0
Illum	0	2	2	4
TOTAL	85	2	27	114

e. SUMMARY.(1) Major Unit Action. None.

<u>(2) Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	2	0	2
(b) Day Contact	1	0	1
(c) Total	3	0	3
(d) Action w/o Contact	28	13	

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(1) Company A. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations from their positions on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The 3d platoon will dispatch three squad patrols from Hill 22 during the day. The first will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) from 240900H to 241400H while the second will patrol to DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565) from 241200H to 241600H. The remaining will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) from 241730H to 241900H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to defend along the MLR and within the Battalion rear area. Two squads from the 1st platoon will patrol from 240645H to 241200H to HOA THINH (AT 9571).

(3) Company C. The company (-) will continue to occupy defensive positions along the MLR and maintain one squad in defense of the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT 9475). One squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 241100H to 241600H in the vicinity of (AT 916720), (AT 904717) to (AT 912733).

(4) Company D. Will defend along the MLR. A squad from 2d platoon will patrol from 240800H to 241600H over the terrain (AT 929709), (AT 922708), (AT 918703), (AT 925705), (AT 935752) to (AT 945697).

(5) Company E. Will remain in defensive position on Hill 41 (AT 9366) and will conduct two daylight patrols. The 2d platoon will patrol from 240800H to 241300H to (AT 931671), (AT 925679), (AT 917677), (AT 903678), (AT 901685), (AT 898679), (AT 904678), (AT 906667) to (AT 915667). One squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 241300H to 241600H over the route (AT 915667), (AT 941673) to (AT 937696).

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from two strong points on the right flank of the SA NANG MLR. A platoon (-) will continue to support the Regional Forces Company in defense of the NAM O Bridge area. One squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 240900H to 241600H to (AT 904821), (AT 913818) to (AT 904814).

(2) Company B. Will continue to defend the center sector of the MLR. The 3d platoon will patrol over the route (AT 889805), (AT 875805), (AT 875796), (AT 887795) to (AT 896806) from 240630H to 241400H.

(3) Company C. Will continue to conduct offensive operations and to defend from three strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 240730H to 241700H over the area (AT 908750), (AT 894755), (AT 886754), (AT 886761), (AT 873773), (AT 869776), (AT 874751), (AT 894751), (AT 908750), (AT 912745). The 2d platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad from 240800H to 241300H to (AT 910751), (AT 918753), (AT 931769), (AT 925773), (AT 909767) to (AT 912763). The 3d platoon will also dispatch a reinforced squad which will patrol from 241200H to 241700H to (AT 890769), (AT 898755), (AT 907753) to (AT 902775).



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(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve and to provide security within the rear area. The 2d platoon reinforced, will patrol from 232000H to 242000H over the route (AT 950800), (AT 952805), (AT 910806), (AT 938819) to (AT 930795). Independent of the main route a squad will patrol from 240800H to 241500H to (AT 930813), (AT 926813), (AT 933819) to (AT 934813).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will continue to provide two platoons for security of the HUE PHU BAY Airfield complex. Squad local security patrols will be conducted after dark forward of the perimeter. One platoon will patrol to the vicinity of (YD 9208) and will conduct reconnaissance for two night ambush locations.

(2) Company L. Will provide two reinforced platoons for the airfield defense. One platoon will continue to operate in the GIA LE (YD 818172) area and will establish two night ambushes after 242000H.

(3) Company M. Utilizing two platoons will maintain two roadblocks on Highway #1. The 3d platoon will continue to maintain two squads on Hill 230 (YD 8408). One of which will conduct a daylight security patrol within a 2000 meter radius of the hill.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. The platoon will remain within the Battalion C.P.

(5) H&S Company. The Battalion Scouts and Sniper Team will continue to patrol in the southwestern portion of the Battalion TAOR.

(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon will provide security for a medical team working within the CAC area while the 2d platoon returns to the Battalion C.P. The 3d and 4th platoons will continue to provide security and conduct civic action projects within the villages of THUY PHU (YD 913117) and LOC BON (YD 925105) respectively.

d. Ambushes for Tonight.

(1) 1/1 All squad or (-)

- (a) Company A (AT 959677), (AT 945662), (AT 953871)
- (b) Company D (AT 946715)
- (c) Company I (AT 917665), (AT 943676), (AT 942655)

(2) 1/3 All squad or (-)

- (a) Company A (AT 885826), (AT 903813), (AT 884816)
- (b) Company B (AT 880785), (AT 886794), ~~(AT 886794)~~
- (c) Company C (AT 894754), (AT 888777)

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- (a) Company K (YD 9108), 2 squad size
- (b) Company L (YD 8217), 2 squad size
- (c) CAC (YD 866156), (YD 907151), (YD 913117), (YD 925105)

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	6	5	6	17
(b) Platoon	1	2	1	4
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	7	8	4	19
(b) Platoon			4	4

4. Civic Action.

a. Hq Co. On 22 November 1965, Headquarters Company Doctor and Corporal treated 20 people in the Hamlet of Kahn Son (952765)

b. 1/1.

(1) On 22 November 1965, "D" Company treated 53 people in the village of Hoa Thinh. (951713)

(2) On 22 November 1965, "C" Company treated 38 people in the village of Hoa Phu. (925725)

(3) On 22 November 1965, "A" Company treated 42 people in the village of La Chau # 4. (950667)

c. 1/3. On 22 November 1965, Le My Medical Center treated 44 people.

d. 3/4.

(1) On 22 November 1965, the CAC treated 27 people in the village of Loc Bon. (925106)

(2) On 22 November 1965, the CAC treated 25 people in the village of Thuy Luong. (882173)

(3) On 22 November 1965, two Vietnamese were evacuated from A Med to Provincial Hospital via helicopter.

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(4) On 22 November 1965, two people were evacuated from Loc Don to A Med. (926106). One was a woman with a injured hip and one was a man with a temperature of 103 degrees.

e. Medical Recap.

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA KANG	1/1	125
DA NANG	1/3	44
PHU HAI	3/4	52
HQ CO	HQ CO	20

5. Miscellaneous. Today at ceremonies conducted at the 3d Marines Command Post Col T.H. FISHER relieved Col N.R. NICHOLSON as Regimental Commander of the 3d Marine Regiment.

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP # 232 231800H - 241800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.

a. Box Scores.

		<u>S&amp;C OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>IP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3				14		14
	3/4				21	1	22
Squad	1/1		6	7			13
	1/3		5	8			13
	3/4		6	4			10
Platoon	1/1		1				1
	1/3		2				2
	3/4		1	4			5
TOTAL		0	21	23	64	1	109

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enem. Unit/ Losses</u>
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QUANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

1/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4 (YD 775144)	231800H	Sniper Team	Bn Scout/none Bn Sniper/none	Unk/ 2KIA 1KIA
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b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by the expert shooting of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines Sniper Team. The Battalion Scouts and the Sniper Team engaged seven armed Viet Cong at a range of approximately 900 meters. The accurate fire resulted in two VC KIA and one WIA. Due to the distance and the terrain the Marines were unable to recover the bodies. Within the DA NANG TAON the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines experienced a bogus radio transmission which resulted in a squad size ambush returning to the company C.F. without being so directed by their commanding Officer.

2. Operations.a. 1/1.

(1) Company A. Provided the defense for the left flank of the battalion MLR and continued to maintain contact with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines across the SONG YEN. The 3d platoon dispatched its three squads on separate patrols from the company CP on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The first patrolled to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) from 240900H to 241400H while the second patrolled to DUYEN SON (3) (AT 9565) from 241200H to 241600H. The remaining squad patrolled west to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) at 241730H and remains out at the close of the reporting period not scheduled to return until 241900H.

(2) Company B. Continued to occupy defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN along the MLR and within the Battalion rear area. One squad defended the vital bridge located at (AT 947699). A two squad patrol from the 1st platoon operated in the HOA THINH (AT 9571) area from 240645H to 241200H.

(3) Company C. The company (-) defended from positions along the MLR and maintained one in defense of the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT 9475). The 1st platoon dispatched one squad from 241100H to 241600H which patrolled to (AT 916720), (AT 904717), to (AT 912733).

(4) Company D. Defended from three platoon strong points along the MLR without contact. A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 240800H to 241600H over the route (AT 929709), (AT 922708), (AT 918703), (AT 935752) to (AT 945697).

(5) Company E. Continued to occupy and defend the western portion of Phase Line Orange from their command post on Hill 41 (AT 9366). The 2d platoon patrolled from 240800H to 241300H to (AT 931671), (AT 925679), (AT 917677), (AT 903678), (AT 898679), (AT 906667) to (AT 915667). One squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 241300H to 241600H over the route (AT 915667), (AT 941673) to (AT 937696).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Defended the right flank of the DA NANG MLR from two strong points and maintained a platoon (-) in support of the RF Company at

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the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284). At 231910H Company A reported observing approximately ten vehicles moving from north to south and coming to a stop in the vicinity of (AT 912847). Division was informed and in turn advised that ARVN Forces were operating to the north of the NAM O area. At 232053H small arms fire was heard northwest of the NAM O Bridge and it was reported that the Regional Forces in that area had been firing. At 232124H a squad ambush located at (AT 884810) received a transmission from what was later determined to be a bogus station. The message ordered the squad to return to the Company area because of the presence of a Viet Cong platoon in their area. As the squad commenced their movement they checked in with Company A and were told to stay in position. Once again the bogus station came up and using the company radio call sign ordered the ambush to return to the company area. The squad returned to the CP without contact. One squad from the 3d platoon patrolled from 240630H to 241400H over the route (AT 889805), (AT 875805), (AT 875796), (AT 887795) to (AT 896806).

(2) Company B. Continued to defend the center sector of the battalion MLR. At 232145H the company reported observing four green flares. Two were at the base of Hill 24 (AT 8778) and two at the base of Hill 32 (AT 8780). The 3d platoon patrolled over the route (AT 889805), (AT 875805), (AT 875796) to (AT 896806) from 240630H to 241400H.

(3) Company C. Continued to conduct offensive and defensive operations from three strong points along the MLR. At 240600H the company reported observing a green star cluster to the west of their CP at an unknown distance. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 240730H to 241700H over the route (AT 908750), (AT 894755), (AT 886754), (AT 886761), (AT 869776), (AT 894751) to (AT 912745). The 2d platoon dispatched a reinforced squad from 240800H to 241300H to (AT 910751), (AT 918753), (AT 925773) to (AT 912763). During the afternoon the 3d platoon dispatched a reinforced squad which patrolled to (AT 890769), (AT 898755) to (AT 902775) from 241200H to 241700H.

(4) Company D. Continued as Regimental/Division Reserve without commitment. Also the company manned defensive positions within the Battalion rear area and dispatched the following patrols. The 2d platoon reinforced patrolled from 232000H and remains out at the close of the reporting period. Independently of the main route a squad patrolled from 240800H to 241500H to (AT 930813), (AT 926813) to (AT 934813).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Continued to provide two platoons for security of the airfield complex. Three local security patrols were conducted forward of the company sector of the perimeter without contact. The 1st platoon patrolled within (YD 9208) and selected two night ambush sites.

(2) Company L. Provided two reinforced platoons for defense of the airfield and its vital installations. One platoon continued to operate in the vicinity of GIA 1E (YD818172) during the day. At the close of the report, the platoon was enroute to establish two ambushes within (YD8115).

(3) Company M. Continued to utilize two platoons to maintain road blocks on Highway #1 to deny the Viet Cong access or infiltration by these routes.

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(4) 3d Platoon Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained within the Battalion CP without commitment or incident.

(5) H&S Company. At 231800H the Battalion Scouts and Sniper Team while occupying a position located at (YD 776135) observed seven Viet Cong with weapons moving in a south westerly direction at (YD 775144). The VC were taken under fire, two were killed and one was wounded. Due to the distance involved the bodies could not be recovered.

(6) Combined Action Company. Today the 1st platoon provided security for a medical team working within the CAC area. The 2d platoon returned to the Battalion CP while the 3d and 4th platoons continued without incident to provide security for THUY PHU (YD 9111) and LOC BOW (YD 9210).

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	97
(b) Observed	1
(c) Unobserved	1
(d) H&I's	95
(e) Ammo Expended	

TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE	34		48	82
Illum	5		0	5
TOTAL	39	0	48	87

c. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	1	1
(c) Total	0	1	1
(d) Action w/o Contact	29	14	

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CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans Summary.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations from their strong point on Hill 22 (AT 9566). The 1st platoon will dispatch two squad patrols with the first patrolling from 250630H to 251100H to LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467). The other squad will patrol to BO BAN (2) (AT 9669) from 250900H to 251500H.

(2) Company B. Will defend along the <sup>MLR</sup> and from positions within the battalion rear area.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will defend from positions along the MLR and will maintain one squad in defense of the DENG DAI LA Pass (AT 9475). The 1st squad, 3d platoon will patrol from 251100H to 251600H over the terrain (AT 916729), (AT 929716), (AT 904710), (AT 900722) to (AT 914737).

(4) Company D. Will occupy defensive positions along the MLR and will dispatch the following squad size patrols. A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 250800H to 251500H to (AT 925694), (AT 945711), (AT 946700), (AT 942689), (AT 926691), (AT 925695), (AT 926704), (AT 936706) to (AT 946700).

(5) Company I. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations from their critical command post on Hill 41 (AT 9366). The 1st platoon will patrol from 250900H to 251200H to (AT 943663), (AT 944672), (AT 944678), (AT 932679) to (AT 930688). The 3d platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 251200H to 251600H over the route (AT 930663), (AT 924633) to (AT 924667).

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from two positions along the MLR and will maintain a platoon (-) with the RF Company at the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284). The company is planning a search and clear operation for tomorrow however detail plans were not available for this report.

(2) Company B. Will defend from the MLR. An offensive posture will be maintained by the 1st platoon patrolling from 250600H to 251800H over the route (AT 887797), (AT 876796), (AT 874794), (AT 884794) to (AT 896795).

(3) Company C. Will continue to conduct aggressive activity from their three strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon will patrol from 250700H to 251300H to (AT 904741), (AT 87743), (AT 892745), (AT 882742), (AT 885749), (AT 900749), (AT 908750) to (AT 942745). The 2d platoon will dispatch a reinforced squad that will patrol from 250800H to 251300H to (AT 906752), (AT 899753), (AT 886752), (AT 885757), (AT 989761), (AT 893761), (AT 898763), (AT 905765) to (AT 912763). The 3d platoon will have a reinforced squad out from 250730H to 251700H. The squad will operate from a patrol base located at (AT 915797).



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(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve and occupy defensive position within the battalion rear area. The 3d platoon will operate within the area (AT 936791), (AT 915806) to (AT 915797) from 242000H to 251200H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will continue to provide a minimum of two for security of airfield complex. Squad local security patrols will be dispatched forward of the perimeter. One platoon will operate in the vicinity of (YD 9004) during the day and will establish two ambushes after dark.

(2) Company L. Will provide two platoons for the airfield defense and will dispatch squad patrols forward of their perimeter during the hours of darkness. One platoon will patrol to and establish night ambushes within (YD 8217).

(3) Company M. Two reinforced platoons will maintain roadblock in conjunction with Division MP's on Highway #1. One squad from the 3d platoon will patrol within (YD 8408).

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will move to (YD 8107) and establish a daylight observation post.

(5) H&S Company. The Battalion Scout and Sniper Team will continue to operate in the western sector of the TAOR until 251500H at which time they will return to the Battalion area.

(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon will return tomorrow to the Battalion CP while the 2d provides security for the Battalion Chaplain. Who will conduct services within the CAC area. The 4th platoon will provide security for a Battalion Medical Team while the 3d platoon continues to work within (YD 913117).

d. Ambushes for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

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2/25
- (a) Company A (AT963671), (AT957663), (AT957670)
  - (b) Company D (AT933720)
  - (c) Company I (AT910663), (AT918677), (AT913678)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT895821), (AT901820), (AT887819), (AT897814)
- (b) Company B (AT883796), (AT892786)
- (c) Company C (AT892784), (AT898763), (AT883777)
- (d) Company D (AT919802), (AT916809)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company K (YD9208), 2 squad size
- (b) Company L (YD8115), 2 squad size
- (c) CAC (YD913117), (YD925105)

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e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	5	3	5	13
(b) Platoon	1	1	2	4
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	7	9	4	20
(b) Platoon	0	0	2	2

4. Civic Actiona. 1/1

(1) On 23 November 1965, Company A treated 24 villagers in the village of LA CHAU (4) (AT951667).

(2) On 23 November 1965, Company D treated 78 people in the village of HOA THINH (AT952714).

(3) On 23 November 1965, Company C treated 31 people in the village of HOA PHU (AT925724).

b. 1/3

(1) On 23 November 1965, LE MI Medical Center treated 74 people at (AT901819).

(2) On 23 November 1965, BAS treated 53 children at the PHU THUNANG THON Orphanage (AT906765).

(3) On 23 November 1965, Company A treated the children of CHO HAI (AT900820) to token toys and "C" ration candy.

(4) On 23 November 1965, Company B treated 13 people at the village of HUANG PUOC (AT902793), 50 pounds of food was given out to 75 people, most of which were children.

c. 3/4

(1) On 23 November 1965, CAC treated 47 people in the village of THUY PHU (YD912118).

(2) On 23 November 1965, MedCap treated 65 people in the village of GIA LE (YD815185).

e. Medical Record

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT TREATING</u>	<u>NUMBER TREATED</u>
DA NANG	1/1	133
DA NANG	1/3	129
HUE PHU BAI	3/4	112
TOTAL		374

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5. Miscellaneous. This morning, an audio-visual team from the 1st Psychological Operations Company lectured and showed movies to 250 Vietnamese in LA CHAU (2) (AT9467). The operation was conducted in conjunction with a squad patrol from Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

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*we have no night  
patrols? Can we combine  
patrols and ambushes? Still  
discuss with you - back on area  
is different -*

CONFIDENTIALSITUATION REPORT

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

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP # 233 241800H - 251800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.

a. Box Scores.

		<u>S&amp;C OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3				4		4
	3/4				21	1	22
Squad	1/1	2	3	7			12
	1/3		3	9			12
	3/4		6	4			10
Platoon	1/1		1				1
	1/3	1	1				2
	3/4		2	2			4
TOTAL		3	16	22	54	1	96

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1 (AT951667)	241900H	Patrol	A-1/None	Unk/1 VCS
(AT952649)	251300H	Patrol	A-1/None	Unk/1 VCS

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NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

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b. During the reporting period numerous night ambushes were established and vigorous daylight combat patrols were conducted. At 251020H Company A (-) entered the hamlet of CHA MAI (AT 899819) and with the aid of the village chief conducted a careful search and clear operation. At 241900H a patrol from Company A 1/1 apprehended a VCS at (AT 951667). At 251300H the 2d Squad, 1st platoon Company A 1/1 apprehended one VCS at (AT 952649). The VCS had no ID card and was forwarded to the HIEU DUE District Chief.

2. Operations.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to defend from the left flank of the Regimental MLR and to maintain contact with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines across the SONG YEN. A squad patrol from the 1st platoon apprehended one VCS at (AT 951667) at 231900H. The individual who ran to avoid the patrol, was held on Hill 22 (AT 9566) until being turned over to the HIEU DUE District Chief this morning. Two squad patrols were dispatched by the 1st platoon during the day. The first patrolled from 250630H to 251100H to LA CHAU (2) (AT 9467) while the other patrolled to BO BAN (2) (AT 9669) from 250900H to 251500H. At 251300H the 2d Squad, 1st Platoon apprehended a VCS at (AT 952649). The VCS did not have an identification card and was forwarded to HIEU DUE District Headquarters.

(2) Company B. Maintained one squad providing security for the bridge within (AT 9469) while a platoon (-) defended at the Battalion C.P. The Company (-) occupies defensive positions along the MLR and within the battalion rear area.

(3) Company C. The company (-) defended from positions along the MLR. The squad in defense of the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT 9475) heard movement at 242020H. One hand grenade was thrown with negative results. Today the 1st Squad, 3d Platoon patrolled from 251100H to 251600H over the terrain (AT 916729), (AT 929716), (AT 900722) to (AT 914737).

(4) Company D. Maintained three platoon defensive positions along the MLR. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 250800H to 251500H to (AT 925694), (AT 945711), (AT 946700), (AT 926691), (AT 926704) to (AT 946700).

(5) Company I. Defended the Hill 41 (AT 9366) area. At 250055H a listening post observed eight to ten Viet Cong at (AT 934658) moving from west to east. The LP which was located at (AT 934659) had the area illuminated, while small arms and a M-48 Tank 50 caliber were fired into the area where the VC were observed. The size of the LP was increased and the target area searched with negative results.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Continued to defend the right flank of the Battalion MLR from two strong points. At 252145H the company reported observing small

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arms fire at (AT 900817). The source of this fire could not be determined. This morning at 251020H the company (-), consisting of two platoons, entered CHA MAI (AT 899819) and with the aid of the village chief conducted a careful search of the hamlet which was terminated by 251300H without significant results.

(2) Company B. Defended the center sector of the battalion MLR and maintained its offensive posture with one platoon patrol. The 1st platoon patrolled from 250600H to 251800H over the route (AT 887797), (AT 874794), (AT 884794) to (AT 896795).

(3) Company C. Continued their aggressive offensive activity from three strong points along the MLR. Each rifle platoon dispatched one squad patrol during the day. The first patrolled from 250700H to 251300H to (AT 904741), (AT 892745), (AT 885749) to (AT 912745) without contact. The 2d platoon dispatched a squad from 250800H to 2300H over the route (AT 906752), (AT 886752), (AT 885757), (AT 898763) to (AT 912763). The third patrolled from 250730H to 251700H from their base at (AT 915797).

(4) Company D. Remained Regimental/Division Reserve without commitment. The company occupied defensive positions within the battalion rear area. The 3d platoon commenced patrolling last night and returned to the company area by 251200H without incident.

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(1) Company K. Provided a minimum of two reinforced platoons for security of the PHU BAI Airfield complex. Two squad local security patrols were conducted between 242000H and 250600H without a VC contact. One platoon patrolled within (YD 9004) during the day and at the close of the report were enroute to establish two night ambushes. One reinforced rifle squad aboard two helicopters periodically sweep the TAOR in search of Viet Cong. This "Hunter Killer" tactic produced negative results.

(2) Company L. Two platoons occupied defensive on the airfield perimeter with no significant occurrences being reported. Two squad patrols were conducted forward of the perimeter out to possible enemy mortar positions during the night.

(3) Company M. Two roadblocks were maintained by two reinforced rifle platoons in conjunction with Division MP's on Highway # 1. One squad from the 3d platoon patrolled within a 1000 meter radius of the Battalion Observation Post on Hill 230 (YD 8408).

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Maintained a daylight OP within (YD 8107) without a significant observation.

(5) H&S Company. The Battalion Scout and Sniper Teams patrolled from their area of extended operations in the southwestern portion of the TAOR to the Battalion CP returning without incident by 251500H.

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(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon remained without commitment within the Battalion CP area while the 2d provided security for the Battalion Chaplain who held Thanksgiving services within the CAC area. The 4th platoon worked in conjunction with a Battalion medical team throughout the CAC area. The 3d platoon remained at (YD 913117).

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	195
(b) Observed	16
(c) Unobserved	5
(d) TOT	1
(e) H&I's	173
(f) Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	153		128	281
WP	30		12	42
Illum			3	3
TOTAL	183	0	143	326

e. Summary.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

<u>(2) Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	1	0	1
(b) Day Contact	1	0	1
(c) Total	2	0	2
(d) Action w/o Contact	23	14	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend the Hill 22 (AT9566) area and will maintain its offensive posture employing three squad size patrols. The 2d Platoon will dispatch two, the first being out from 261000H to 261400H with LA CHAU (3) (AT9567) as the limit of advance. The second will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT9566) from 261700H to 261900H. The 3d Platoon will patrol to LA CHAU (5) from 261200H to 261600H. In addition, one squad will be dispatched on an extended patrol at 260800H over the route (AT942720), (AT935752), (AT932733), (AT944731), (AT953733), to (AT942720).

(2) Company B. Will continue to occupy defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN.

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(3) Company C. Will continue to conduct aggressive activity from defensive positions along the MLR. The 1st Platoon with a squad (-) of Popular Forces plus an Army Psychological Operations Team will patrol to THON PHU HA (AT9173), where lectures and movies will be presented to the inhabitants.

(4) Company D. Will continue to occupy defensive positions along the main line of resistance. The 1st Platoon will dispatch a squad patrol from 260800H to 261500H over the route (AT945711), (AT946700), (AT935708), (AT934694), (AT930690), (AT943683), (AT946700) to (AT945711). - KONG MY (2)

(5) Company I. Will continue to conduct offensive and defensive operations from their command post on Hill 41 (AT9366). A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 261400H to 261600H to (AT934657), (AT933645), (AT922642), (AT901642), (AT910649) to (AT914660). The 3d Platoon will patrol to (AT941643) to (AT942655) from 260745H to 261700H.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Will continue to defend from two strong points on the MLR and will keep one platoon in support of the Regional Forces Company at the NAM O Bridge area (AT9284). A squad (-) will patrol from 260830H to 261530H over the terrain (AT900806), (AT883803), (AT891822) to (AT902821).

(2) Company B. Will defend from the MLR. The 2d Platoon (-) will patrol from 260630H to 261400H over the route (AT882798), (AT888805) (AT879809) to (AT891811).

(3) Company G. Will conduct offensive and defensive operations from their strong points along the MLR. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 260800H to 261700H over the route (AT904742), (AT892746), (AT884746), (AT885752), (AT885757), (AT889762), (AT893758), (AT902743) to (AT912745).

(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve and will man defensive positions within the battalion rear area. The 3d Platoon will continue its extended patrol activity until 261700H patrolling over the route (AT948792), (AT951805), (AT935814), (AT938821), (AT910807) to (AT925794). Under the cover of darkness, a reinforced platoon will move to AP TRUNG SON (AT9180), encircle the village and at dawn will enter and conduct a thorough search and clear operation.

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(1) Company K. Will provide two platoons for security of the airfield complex and will dispatch squad local security patrols out to possible enemy mortar positions. One squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol within (YD8408).



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(2) Company L. Will provide a minimum of two platoons for security of the airfield installations and will dispatch squad night security patrols forward of their perimeter. One squad will conduct "Helicopter Hunter Killer" operations throughout the TAOR. The squad with two helicopters will provide a rapid strike force for appropriate Viet Cong activity. One platoon will patrol to the vicinity of (YD8217).

(3) Company M. Platoon road blocks will be maintained on Highway #1. One platoon will move to the GIA LE village (YD8218) area and select two night ambush sites.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain within the Battalion CP area.

(5) Combined Action Company. The 1st, 3d and 4th Platoons will remain within THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY PHU (YD813117) and LOC BON (YD925105), respectively. The 2d Platoon will provide security for a Battalion Medical team which will operate within the CAC area.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT955674), (AT961664)
- (b) Company D (AT938711)
- (c) Company I (AT940779), (AT942656), (AT924684)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT882827), (AT895822), (AT902812)
- (b) Company B (AT894803), (AT891800), (AT887797), (AT883796), (AT888792), (AT887789)
- (c) Company C (AT908748), (AT915755), (AT897770)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company L (YD8217) two squad size
- (b) CAC (YD866156), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	5	2	5	12
(b) Platoon	2	3	1	6
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	6	9	2	17
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

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4. 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, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #234 251800H - 261800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

		<u>S&amp;C OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT ENLIER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3				14		14
	3/4				19	1	20
Squad	1/1		5	6			11
	1/3		2	9			11
	3/4		6	2			8
Platoon	1/1	1	2				3
	1/3		3				3
	3/4		1	3			4
Company	1/1						0
	1/3	1					1
	3/4						0
TOTAL		2	19	20	62	1	104

<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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b. Prominent within the 3d Marines activity was the offensive action within the DA NANG TACH. In addition to numerous aggressive patrols and the establishment of squad night ambushes, two careful search and clear operations were conducted. Company D (-) 1/3, under the cover of darkness, moved to encircle AP TRUNG SON (AT9180) and during the morning searched the entire village with negative results. South of the SONG TUY LOAN, in response to intelligence, a reinforced platoon, plus ten Regional Forces searched the KHUONG MY (2) area with ~~no~~ significant observation.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Defended the LA CHAU, DUYEN SON complex south of the SONG TUY LOAN. The company maintained its offensive posture with three squad patrols. The 2d Platoon dispatched two, with the first patrolling from 261000H to 261400H to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567). The second patrol departed the Hill 22 (AT9566) strong point at 261700H and moved to LA CHAU (4). The patrol remains out at the close of this report, scheduled to return by 261900H. The 3d Platoon dispatched a squad to LA CHAU (5) (AT9666) from 261200H to 261600H.

(2) Company B. The company (-) occupied defensive positions along the M.R. and within the battalion rear area. A platoon (-) defended at the Battalion CP, while a squad provided security for the bridge within (AT9469).

(3) Company C. One squad continued to defend from the dominating terrain at the DEO DAI LA Pass (AT9375), while the company (-) defended from positions along the M.R. This morning, the 1st Platoon patrolled to THON PHU HA (AT9175) without incident. An Army Psychological Operation team was scheduled to operate in the target village, however, the heavy rain precluded the employment of the team.

(4) Company D. Defended from positions along the M.R. In response to intelligence, the scheduled squad patrol from the 1st Platoon was increased to a reinforced platoon and diverted to search the KHUONG MY (2) area (AT908697). The platoon with ten Regional Forces commenced their activity at 260930H. A thorough search of KHUONG MY (2) revealed ~~nothing~~ significant to indicate the presence of a Viet Cong unit. *(see late entry)* information

(5) Company E. Continued to conduct defensive and offensive operations from the Hill 41 (AT9366) area. A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 261400H to 261600H over the route (AT934657), (AT933645), (AT901642) to (AT 914660). The 3d platoon patrolled the vicinity of (AT941643) to (AT942655) from 260745H to 261700H.

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Defended the right flank of the DA NANG M.R. from two strong points. One platoon (-) was maintained at the NAM O Bridge (AT9284) in support of the Regional Forces in defense of that area. A squad (-) patrolled without incident over the route (AT900806), (AT883809), (AT891822) to (AT 902821) from 260830H to 261530H.

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(2) Company B. The 2d platoon (-) patrolled from 260630H to 261400H to (AT 882798), (AT 888805), (AT 879809) to (AT 891811).

(3) Company C. Maintained their defensive posture from three strong points along the M.R. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 260800H to 261700H over the route (AT904742), (AT892746), (AT884746), (AT 885757), (AT893758), (AT902743) to (AT912745).

(4) Company D. Continued as the Regimental/Division Reserve. This morning, under the cover of darkness, the company (-) moved to and encircled AP TRUNG SON (AT9180). Shortly after first light, a careful search and clear operation was commenced, and by 261100H over half of the area had been thoroughly searched without significant results. By 261220H, the operation ended with negative results, and the company returned to their primary positions without incident.

c. 1/4

(1) Company X. Provided a minimum of two reinforced rifle platoons manning positions along the airfield perimeter. Two squad patrols were conducted between 252100H and 260600H forward of the perimeter without contact. The 2d Platoon continued to maintain two squads manning the observation post on Hill 230 (YD8408), one of which patrolled out to a 1000 meter radius without VC contact.

(2) Company L. Two platoons provided security for the airfield ancillary facilities without Viet Cong contact. Two squad patrols operated during the night checking out possible enemy mortar locations. The 2d Platoon returned from its night position at (YD823155) without contact. The 3d Platoon patrolled to the vicinity of (YD9208) where they conducted reconnaissance for two night ambush sites.

(3) Company M. Utilized two of its rifle platoons to man road blocks on Highway #1. During the early morning it was reported that the Battalions' access route to Highway #1 was inundated by rain and secured. Shortly thereafter, the route was reopened. One platoon patrolled in the northern GIA LE area (YD8218) during the day with no VC contact.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Established a daylight OP within (YD7910) without a significant observation.

(5) Combined Action Company. The 2d Platoon provided security for a Battalion Medical Team treating individuals within the CAC area. The remainder of the company conducted civic action projects within, and provided security for, the villages of THUY LUONG (YD8615), THUY PHU (YD9111) and LOC BON (YD9210).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

(a) Total Missions Fired	180
(b) Observed	1
(c) Unobserved	6
(d) H&I's	173
(e) Ammo Expended	

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TYPE	105mm	107mm	155mm	TOTAL
HE	78	0	125	203
Illum	0	0	21	21
Total	78	0	146	224

c. SUMMARY(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action without Contact	27	12	

3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will defend Hill 22 (AT9566) and the surrounding terrain. The following aggressive combat patrols will be conducted. One squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol to BO BAN (1) (AT9568) from 271000H to 271100H. During the afternoon from 271600H to 271800H another squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol to DUTEN SON (2) and (3) (AT9565).

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain a squad in defense of the bridge at (AT94769), while the company (-) occupies defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN.

(3) Company C. Will occupy defensive strong points along the Main Line of Resistance. A squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 271300H to 271600H over the terrain (AT912727), (AT900722), (AT898735), (AT914734).

(4) Company D. Will continue to conduct aggressive activity from defensive positions in the center section of the Battalion M.R. One squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol to (AT943697), (AT935704), (AT927704), (AT933694), (AT924696), (AT924707), (AT936707) to (AT946700) from 270900H to 271630H.

(5) Company I. From their defensive positions on Hill 41, the company will conduct vigorous offensive operations. A squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 270800H to 271200H over the route (AT932630), (AT937678), (AT943679), (AT944671) to (AT943662). The 2d Platoon will dispatch a squad from 270730H to 271730H over (AT925672), (AT920675), (AT924670) to (AT923667).

b. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will remain on the right flank of the Regimental M.R., anchored on the SONG CA DE. One platoon (-) will continue in support of the Regional Forces at the NAM O Bridge. One squad (-) from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 270800H to 271500H in the vicinity of (AT882827), (AT889823) to (AT884810).

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(2) Company B. Will conduct offensive and defensive missions from their three strong points on the MLR. The 3d Platoon (-) will patrol to (AT 900808), (AT898783), (AT89783) to (AT890797) from 270630H to 271400H.

(3) Company C. Will defend from the MLR and maintain contact with Company C 1/1, on their left flank. A reinforced squad from the second platoon will patrol from 270730H to 271530H over the terrain (AT915767), (AT907769), (AT899764), (AT901759), (~~AT902759~~), (AT900752), (AT905749), (AT910751), (AT 915754), (AT914759) to (AT912763).

(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve. The 2d Platoon will patrol from 262000H to 271430H to (AT956787), (AT914806) to (AT935815).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will remain airfield defense company and will provide two reinforced platoons for perimeter positions and a minimum of two squads patrolling during the night, forward of the perimeter. The 2d Platoon will maintain two rifle squads on Hill 230 (YD8408).

(2) Company L. Will provide a minimum of two platoons for security of the airfield vital area. One rifle platoon will patrol in the vicinity of (YD9207) during the day. One squad will conduct "Helicopter Hunter Killed" operations throughout the TAOR.

(3) Company M. Platoon road blocks will be maintained on the access highway routes to the PHU BAI area. One platoon will patrol to (YD8116).

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain within the battalion area.

(5) Combined Action Company. The company will continue to conduct civic action patrols and provide security for the villages of THUY LUONG (YD 666156), THUY TAN (YD907451), THUY PHU (YD913117), LOC BON (YD925105).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT943662), (AT957663)
- (b) Company D (AT949716)
- (c) Company I (AT924667), (AT932680), (AT943678)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT889827), (AT888818), (AT903823)
- (b) Company B (AT896803), (AT890800), (AT893799), (AT889796), (AT882797), (AT885787)
- (c) Company C (AT904746), (AT915764), (AT895775)
- (d) Company D (AT897789)
- (e) H&S Company (AT931797), (AT930791), (AT937794).

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- (a) Company L (YD9208), two squad size
- (b) Company M (YD8117), two squad size
- (c) CAC, (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913117), (YD923105) all platoon

e. Summary of Operations.		1/1	1/2	1/4	TOTAL
(1) Patrols					
(a) Squad		6	3	2	11
(b) Platoon		0	1	5	6
(2) Ambush					
(a) Squad		6	16	4	26
(b) Platoon		0	0	4	4

4. Miscellaneous. None.

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\*LATE ENTRY: The 1st Platoon, Company B 1/1, while searching KHUONG MI (2) (AT9169) learned from the villagers that 70 VC armed with 81mm mortars, (1) M-60 machine gun, (1) rocket launcher, K-30 submachine guns, M-14 and M-1 rifles. They further reported that the Viet Cong departed this morning in two groups. The platoon could not find any indication that the VC were in the area.

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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  
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3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP 5235 261800H - 271800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

		<u>S&amp;G OPNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>IP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SERIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3				11		11
	3/4				19		19
Squad	1/1		4	6			10
	1/3		9	16			19
	3/4		6	4			10
Platoon	1/1	1					1
	1/3		1				1
	3/4		2	4			6
Company	1/1						0
	1/3	1					1
	3/4						0
TOTAL		2	16	30	59	0	107

<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 (AT946668)	261935H	Booby Trap	A-1/2 WIA	Unk/None
(AT935619)	270700H	Patrol	3-A-1/None	Unk/1 VCS
(AT936662)	270810H	Patrol	3-A-1/None	Unk/1 VC WIA
(AT958677)	271400H	Patrol	3-A-1/None	Unk/1 VCS
1/3 (AT923857)	271000H	Sweep	B-3/None	Unk/1 VCS
(AT909834)	271200H	Sweep	A-3/None	Unk/4 VCS

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b. The Regiment's activity was highlighted by numerous instances involving Viet Cong and Viet Cong suspects. Within the DA NANG TACON, there was one VC KIA and seven VCS apprehended during vigorous patrol and search operations. This morning, a thirty man strike force from Company A, 1/3 was helilifted into a landing zone north of the SONO CA DA. Concurrently, with the Company A search, Company D (-) conducted a careful search and clear operation within AF BIL LION (AT 92835).

## 2. Operations:

### a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Through the reporting period the company continued to defend, and conducted offensive operations from, the critical terrain at (AT 953667). A fire team at 261935H, while near its to establish a listening post tripped a booby trap believed to have been a F-26 fragmentation grenade. The incident occurred in the vicinity of (AT 955668) and resulted in two Marines being KIA (minor non-evac). This morning at 270500H the 3d platoon reinforced patrolled under the cover of darkness south toward COMO PHU (3) (AT 9562). At 270700H as the patrol reached the vicinity of (AT 935619) one VCS was apprehended as he attempted to evade the patrol. As the patrol continued toward their objective they received three to four sniper rounds which was immediately returned. The subsequent search yielded one wounded Viet Cong. The patrol carefully searched COMO PHU (3) and in a Buddhist temple found a list of names believed to be Viet Cong operating in that area. Additionally the patrol determined from the villagers that a VC Company was within the village last night and departed at 270400H to the west. The patrol returned at 271400H without further contact. The 2d platoon, apprehended one VCS (no I.O.) at 271400H in the vicinity of (AT 995567).

(2) Company B. The company provided security for the Hawk missile site on Hill 327, 268 complex and the Battalion C.P. One squad provides security for the MIA bridge over the SONO TUY LOAN and one platoon defends along the CLM.

(3) Company C. Defended along the MIA and conducted one squad patrolled over the route (AT 912727), (AT 900722), (AT 898735) to (AT 914734) from 271300H to 271600H with no significant occurrence.

(4) Company D. Continued defense of their assigned portion of the MIA and conducted patrol and ambush activity. A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 270900H to 271600H to (AT 945697), (AT 935704), (AT 927704), (AT 933694), (AT 921604), (AT 936707) to (AT 946700).

(5) Company E. Remained under OPCON of 1/1 and continues to conduct defensive and offensive operations from Hill 41 (AT 9366). A squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 270730H to 271730H over (AT 925672), (AT 920675), (AT 924670) to (AT 923667) while a 1st platoon squad patrolled from 270800H to 271200H to (AT 932630), (AT 937678), (AT 944671) to (AT 943662).

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b. 1/3

(1) Company A. Provided defense of the northern sector of the DA HANG TACH with two strong points on the DM and a platoon (-) at the NAM O Bridge. A squad (-) from the 3d platoon patrolled from 270800H to 271500H in the high ground to the west. The patrol operated over route (AT 881827), (AT 889823), to (AT 884810). At 271200H a thirty man strike force was airlifted into (AT 907838). The platoon (-) carefully searched the area. Four VCS were apprehended by a blocking force at (AT 909834). The operation was secured by 271600H without further contact.

(2) Company B. Maintained three defensive positions along the main line of resistance. The 3d platoon (-) patrolled to (AT 900808), (AT 898783) (AT 899789) to (AT 890797) from 270630H to 271400H.

(3) Company C. Continued to defend the battalion left flank and maintained contact with Company C, 1/1. The 2d platoon dispatched a reinforced squad from 270730H to 271530H over (AT 915767), (AT 899764), (AT 901759), (AT 900752).

(4) Company D. Continued as the Regimental/Division reserve. The 2d platoon patrolled from 262000H to 271630H over the terrain (AT 956707), (AT 954806), (AT 935815). Prior to light this morning, Company D (-) moved north across the NAM O Bridge to AP KIM LIEN (AT 9485). Blocking forces were established and a thorough search and clear operation was conducted. The operation netted one VCS, three bear traps, and assorted 762 gear and medical supplies.

c. 3/4

(1) Company E. Provided two platoons for security of the airfield auxiliary facilities during the reporting period without incident. The 2d platoon continued to maintain two squads manning the Battalion observation post on Hill 230 (YD 8408). There were two squad patrols conducted forward of the airfield perimeter during the night and one this morning within (YD 8408), all reported nothing unusual.

(2) Company F. Provided a two reinforced platoon security force for the airfield defense. One rifle platoon patrolled the (YD 9207) area during the day but made no contact. One squad participated in "Helicopter, Hunter Killer" operations. The squad, aboard two OH 34's, provided a rapid strike force for appropriate Viet Cong targets. The operation was secured prior to dark without Viet Cong contact.

(3) Company H. Manned two platoon sized road blocks on Highway # 1 in conjunction with M's. One squad from the 3d platoon patrolled within a 1,000 meter radius of Hill 230 (YD 8408) without incident.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Prepared for tomorrow's operations with battalion sniper teams.

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(5) N&S Company. At approximately 261800H the battalion conducted a counter-attack drill in accordance with Annex I to Battalion Operation Order 901-65. Today the Battalion Scouts maintained a daylight observation post at (YD 868059) without a significant observation.

(6) Combined Action Company. All platoons remained within their assigned villages conducting civic action projects and providing security.

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	252
(b) Observed	2
(c) Unobserved	2
(d) H&I's	248
(e) Ammo Expended	

TIME	103000	107000	115000	TOTAL
HR	144	0	152	296

a. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action</u>	<u>BA BANG</u>	<u>PNV BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	1	0	1
(b) Day Contact	4	0	4
(c) Total	5	0	5
(d) Action without contact	30	15	

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(1) Company A. Will remain in position on Hill 22 (9566). A squad from the 1st platoon will patrol to BONG PHU (1) (AT 9546) from 280800H to 281400H. Another squad will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) from 281700H to 281900H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain a squad in defense of the bridge at (AT 947099), while the company (-) occupies defensive positions north of the BONG TUY LOAN.

(3) Company C. Will occupy defensive strong points along the M.R. A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 281300H to 281600H from (AT 914734) (AT 900722) to (AT 916729).

(4) Company D. Will continue to maintain its defensive positions along the M.R. and conduct aggressive patrols in the center of the battalion TAC. A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 280900H to 281300H to (AT 945711), (AT 946700), (AT 942705), (AT 934707), (AT 924706), (AT 918709), (AT 923701), (AT 935699) to (AT 946700).

(5) Company E. From their position on Hill 41 (AT 9366) the company will continue its aggressive combat patrolling. A squad from 1st platoon will patrol from 280700H to 281300H to (AT 932670), (AT 943680) to (AT 943671). Another squad will patrol from 280600H to 281200H to (AT 924667), (AT 924662) to (AT 928663).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Will remain on the right flank of the Regimental M.R., anchored on the BONG CA BR. One platoon (-) will continue in support of the Regional Forces at the NAM O Bridge. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 280800H to 281800H from (AT 903813), (AT 905821), (AT 917827), (AT 922829) to (AT 919818). A squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 280800H to 281800H from (AT 890821), (AT 880820), (AT 878828) to (AT 896825).

(2) Company B. Will conduct offensive and defensive missions from their three strong points on the M.R. The 2d platoon (-) will patrol from 280900H to 281400H from (AT 882798), (AT 888805), (AT 879809) to (AT 891811).

(3) Company C. Will defend from the M.R. and maintain contact with Company G, 1/1, on their left flank. A reinforced squad from the 3d platoon will patrol from 280800H to 281700H from (AT 899762), (AT 884757), (AT 884752), (AT 883747), (AT 883746), (AT 880732), (AT 879732), (AT 879729) to (AT 901775). Another squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 280800H to 281700H from (AT 889762), (AT 882757), (AT 884752), (AT 883747), (AT 879746), (AT 900752), (AT 899762), (AT 899769) to (AT 901775).

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(4) Company D. Will continue as the Regimental/Division Reserve. The 2d platoon will patrol from 272000H to 281700H. A patrol base will be established at (AT 919209) at 272100H. At 280000H a new patrol base will be established at (AT 910805). From the latter patrol base a squad will patrol from 280500H to 281500H from (AT 910792), (AT 916793) to (AT 910805).

c. 3/4

(1) Company E. Will remain airfield defense company and will provide two reinforced platoons for perimeter positions and a minimum of ~~two~~ squads patrolling during the night, forward of the perimeter. The 2d platoon will maintain two rifle squads on Hill 230 (TD 8403).

(2) Company I. Will provide a minimum of two platoons for security of the airfield vital area. A platoon will patrol to and establish two night ambushes in grid square (TD 9003). A second ambush in two helicopters will make an aerial reconnaissance of the TACH.

(3) Company H. Platoon road blocks will be maintained on the access highway routes to THU Bai area. One platoon will patrol to and establish two night ambushes grid square (TD 8916).

(4) Combined Action Company. The company will continue to provide security and establish ambushes in the villages of THUY LUONG (TD 866156), THUY TAN (TD 907151), THUY PHU (TD 913117), LOC BINH (TD 925705).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company G, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will patrol with the Battalion sniper team west of 8D Grid Line.

d. Ambushes for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT955670), (AT959659), (AT938668)
- (b) Company C (AT905718)
- (c) Company D (AT936714)
- (d) Company I (AT943672), (AT922670), (AT921667)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT890823), (AT894822), (AT897823), (AT868810),  
(AT892818), (AT900829), (AT903822)
- (b) Company B (AT897785), (AT886797), (AT884797), (AT874789),  
(AT855799), (AT884804)
- (c) Company C (AT911744), (AT910752), (AT915750), (AT916749),  
(AT916766), (AT911760), (AT914762), (AT909764),  
(AT901774), (AT889769), (AT903773), (AT911774)
- (d) Company D (AT950800), (AT916811), (AT910805)

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(2) 3/4. All platoon or platoon (-).

- (a) Company L (YD9207) (2)
- (b) Company M (YD8216) (2)
- (c) CAB (YD866156), (YD907151), (YD913127), (YD925105)

<u>a. Summary of Operations-</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	6	5	0	11
(b) Platoon	0	2	2	4
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	8	28	4	40
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

4. Miscellaneous. Mr. R. BALDWIN, "New York TIMES" arrived Regimental CP 270013H, was briefed by Regimental Staff. Visited 1st Battalion, 1st Marines observing civil affairs activities and Company A and Z positions on Hills 22 and 41.

a. Coordinates of CP's of Gramps and Attached Units

DA HANG TAGE

3d Marines (AT944752)  
 Co A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT944762)  
 Co A (-), 3d TK Bn (AT944762)  
 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (AT913723)  
 Co A, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT914660)  
 Co B, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT912345)  
 Co C, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT913732)  
 Co D, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT913716)  
 Co I, 1stBn, 1stMar (AT913663)  
 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (AT913783)  
 Co A, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT898821)  
 Co B, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT895801)  
 Co C, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT908770)  
 Co D, 1stBn, 3dMar (AT913783)  
 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (YD883199)  
 Co K, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD882146)  
 Co L, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD883199)  
 Co M, 3dBn, 4thMar (YD883199)  
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (YD883142)  
 H Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883142)  
 I Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883144)  
 W Btry, 4thBn, 12thMar (YD883148)  
 3d Plat, Co G, 3d TK Bn (YD887143)  
 3d Plat, Co A, 3d AT Bn (YD887143)  
 3d Plat, Co A, 3d Engr Bn (YD887138)

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

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #23 271800H - 281800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marine Highlightsa. Box Section

	SAC	OTR	PATROL	AMBUSHES	IP's	SCOUT SNIPER	TOTAL
Fire Team 1/1					29		29
1/3					4		4
3/4					19		19
Squad 1/1		5	8				13
1/3		2	28				30
3/4		7	4			1	12
Platoon 1/1		2					2
1/3	1	2					3
3/4			4				4
Company 1/1	1						1
1/3							0
3/4							0
TOTAL	2	18	44	32	1		117

Province/ Coordination	Date/ Time	Type Action	Friendly Unit/ Location	Enemy Unit/ Location
<u>CHANG NAI</u>				
(AT962717)	273000H	Enemy Grenade	B-1-1/1 KIA	Unk/None
(AT967667)	280700H	Patrol	A-1-1/None	Unk/1 KIA
<u>THUA THIEN</u>				
<u>800000</u> (YD109602)	281300H	Enemy Booby Trap	L-1-1/1 KIA	Unk/None

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b. The Regiment's activities for the period were highlighted by several instances where units reacted quickly to intelligence reports indicating enemy activity at various <sup>positions</sup> throughout the T&OH. Companies "A" and "D" of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Company "C" and "D" of the 1st Battalion 3d Marines reacted with platoons or larger size forces to reports of enemy activity within their respective areas of responsibility. The Mobile Strike Force of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was dispatched when 15-20 V.C. were sighted crossing a river crossing by boat. The enemy evaded or declined contact to the rapidly employed forces. Company "A", 1/1 observed an armed V.C. on the east bank of the SONG TAY but was unable to recover the body since it was on the opposite side of the overflowing river. An enemy grenade exploded at (AT 962717) wounding a Marine from Company B, 1/1. A member of the Mobile Strike Force from 3d Bn, 4th Marines tripped an enemy booby trap and was wounded.

a. Operations.

c. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued to maintain its position 5,000 meters forward of the MLR on Hill 22 (AT 9566) and conducted aggressive patrol and ambush activity. At 271700H the company received an intelligence report that a V.C. platoon might be located at (AT 953630) and immediately dispatched its 3d platoon to that area and conducted a search with negative contact. The patrol returned at 271930H. Later, again responding to intelligence information, the 2d platoon departed the company positions at 272330H and moved into a position surrounding LA CHAU (5) (AT961665). The village was searched at first sight with negative contact. While returning to the company CP, the 2d Platoon spotted a VC armed with a carbine at 280720H at (AT967667) on the east bank of the SONG TAY. The VC was KIA by small arms fire but could not be recovered. A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled to DONG PHU (1) (AT9563) from 280800H to 281400H with negative contact. Another squad patrolled to LA CHAU (4) (AT9566) from 281700H to 281900H.

(2) Company B. The company provided security for the NAKK Missile site on Hills 327, 268 complex and the Battalion CP. One squad provided security for the vital K&H bridge over the SONG TAY LOAN and one platoon defends along the MLR. At 282020H, an enemy handgrenade was thrown at (AT962717) wounding one Marine. A search of the area was immediately conducted with negative results. *The Marine was a member of a listening post that was moving into position.*

(3) Company C. Defended along the MLR and conducted one squad patrol over the route (AT914734), (AT900722), to (AT916725) from 281300H to 281600H.

(4) Company D. Continued defense of their assigned portion of the MLR and conducted patrol and ambush activity. At 280700H, the 1st and 2d Platoons reacted quickly to intelligence information and moved into position around KHUONG MY (2) (AT910693) and commenced a search of that village at 280700H. No contact was reported from the search.

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(5) Company I. From their positions on HILL 41 (AT9366), the enemy maintained its offensive posture through aggressive combat patrolling. A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 260700N to 281300N from (AT936670), (AT936680) to (AT936721). Another squad patrolled from 280800N to 281300N from (AT924667), (AT946662) to (AT926662). Helmar patrol reported enemy contact.

b. 2/3

(1) Company A. Provided defense of the northern sector of the DA HANO TAOR with two strong points on the H&S and a platoon (-) at the H&C Bridge. A squad from the 2d Platoon patrolled from 280800N to 281300N from (AT936670), (AT936680), (AT936721), (AT922667) to (AT919618) without contact and at 281300N *upheld and maintained VC at 281300N. In a final report device.*

(2) Company B. Maintained three defensive positions along the H&S. The 2d Platoon (-) patrolled from 280300N to 281400N from (AT882798), (AT 886805), (AT879809) to (AT891811) without enemy contact.

(3) Company C. Continued to defend the battalion left flank and maintained contact with Company G, 1/1 on its left. The 2d Platoon and one squad from the 3d Platoon conducted a search of the village TUNG BOU (AT 897774) at 280600N. All persons were properly identified and all houses searched with negative results. The search concluded at 280700N.

(4) Company D. Continued as the Regimental/Division reserve. The 2d Platoon established a patrol base at 279000N at (AT929809). From which ambushes were established during the night. At 280800N, the patrol base was moved to (AT910805) and a squad also patrol was dispatched from 280900 to 281400N to (AT916778), (AT916773) to (AT916805). At 281400N, 3d Platoon (-) was sent to check out a report of mines located in the hamlet of AT DA PHOC (AT951797). The results were negative.

c. 2/4

(1) Company E. Provided two platoons for security of the airfield facilities. Two squads patrolled during the night forward of the defensive perimeter. Two squads from the 2d Platoon remained on HILL 230 (TD4808).

(2) Company F. Provided a two reinforced platoon security force for the airfield defenses. Two squad also patrols forward of the perimeter were conducted last night. The 1st Platoon conducted two night ambushes at (TD 913009) and (TD917008). A squad operating in two helicopters on a reconnaissance spotted LS-30 VC crossing a river in a boat at (TD787101) at 281327N. The VC returned to the east bank of the river and hid. An artillery mission dispatched the VC north and south. The Mobile Strike Force was dispatched and a search was made with negative contact. One Marine was wounded by an enemy when an enemy body trap exploded at (TD800077).

(3) Company H. Mounted two platoons also road blocks on Highway 21 in conjunction with 1/1's. Four squad security patrols were conducted and two night ambushes were established at (TD891667) and (TD851777).

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(4) Combined Action Company. All platoons remained within their assigned villages conducting civic action projects and providing security at 272300Z the 3d platoon fired on 2 VC at (YD 908100). One V.C. was believed to have been wounded.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Patrolled with the battalion sniper team by truck and conducted reconnaissance and sniper activity in that vicinity.

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	160
(b) Observed	20
(c) Unobserved	0
(d) H&I's	140
(e) Ammo expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MM	172	127	64	363
MP	12	30	0	72

c. Summary.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) Small Unit Action.

	<u>DE BRIG</u>	<u>1ST BATT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	1	0	1
(b) Day Contact	1	2	3
(c) Total	2	2	4
(d) Action w/o Contact	49	15	64

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**CONFIDENTIAL****3. Plans Summary****a. 1/A**

(1) **Company A.** Will defend the Hill 22 (AT9366) area and continue aggressive offensive activity within their assigned area of responsibility. Two squads from the 3d Platoon will patrol, with the first being out from 290800H to 291800H to PHU SON (2) (AT9364). The second squad will patrol from 291500H to 292900H to LA CHAU (3) (AT9367).

(2) **Company B.** Will continue to maintain a squad in defense of the NOK Bridge at (AT94709). The remainder of the company will occupy defensive positions north of the SONG TUY LOAN.

(3) **Company C.** One squad from the 3d Platoon is scheduled to patrol from 291300H to 291600H over the terrain (AT914734), (AT902736) to (AT914737). Two platoons will remain on the M.R., while the Company (-) continues to occupy positions at (AT923733).

(4) **Company D.** Will continue to defend and to conduct aggressive offensive activity from positions on the M.R. One squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 290900H to 291600H over the route (AT945712), (AT946700), (AT943688), (AT930690), (AT920690), (AT913688), (AT906691), (AT906696), (AT915699), (AT924703), (AT935700), (AT946700) to (AT945712).

(5) **Company E.** Will defend the key terrain within (AT9366) and continue aggressive patrolling activity. One squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 290600H to 291600H over the route (AT937679), (AT943679), (AT946673), (AT943672), to (AT943663). The 1st Platoon will dispatch two squads from 290600H to 291230H which plan on the route (AT923666), (AT916667), (AT913660), (AT922676) to (AT929674).

**b. 1/A**

(1) **Company A.** Will continue to defend the northern sector of the BA NANG TACH with a platoon (-) in support of the Regional Forces defending the NAM O Bridge area and two strong points on the M.R. A squad (-) from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 290800H to 291800H to (AT900821), (AT880820), (AT878827) to (AT894823). Also from 291100H to 291600H, the platoon will dispatch another squad (-) which will patrol to (AT906834), (AT916834), (AT914830), (AT909836) to (AT900821).

(2) **Company B.** The company (-) will continue to defend from three strong points on the M.R. The 3d Platoon (-) (rein) will patrol from 290900H to 291800H over the route (AT877803), (AT865803), (AT857798), (AT862796) to (AT883794).

(3) **Company C.** Will continue to occupy defensive positions in the southern portion of the Battalion's area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 290800H to 291700H to (AT916751), (AT915750), (AT919757), (AT926752), (AT917753), (AT915750), (AT907752), (AT907749) to (AT912745).

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(4) Company D. The company will continue as the Regimental Reserve and will conduct offensive and defensive operations within the battalion rear area. The 2d Platoon will operate within the vicinity of (AT935792), (AT920802) to (AT917799) from 281900H to 291500H. Independently from the main route, one squad will patrol from 290800H to 291500H over the route (AT915795), (AT909799) to (AT917793).

c. 3/4

(1) Company E. Will provide a minimum of two reinforced rifle companies for airfield defense. Two squads will patrol forward of the airfield perimeter out to possible enemy mortar positions.

(2) Company I. Two platoons will provide security for the airfield ancillary facilities and conduct squad patrols forward of their perimeter during the hours of darkness. One platoon will patrol within the (YB9010) area and will select two night ambush sites.

(3) Company K. Will provide one squad for helicopter Hunter Killer operations. The squad will be aboard two UH-34's and will provide a rapid strike force for appropriate Viet Cong targets. One platoon will operate in and select two ambush sites within (YB8216). A platoon (-) will maintain the battalion observation post on Hill 230 (YB8108).

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained within the battalion area without incident.

(5) Combined Action Company. The 4th Platoon will return to the Battalion CP tomorrow morning. The remainder of the company will continue to operate within the villages of THUY LUONG (YB866196), THUY TAN (YB907151), THUY PHU (YB913117).

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT950665), (AT960664), (AT952674)
- (b) Company D (AT943709)
- (c) Company I (AT943677), (AT923677), (AT925666)

(2) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT892822), (AT897823), (AT890818), (AT896818), (AT901821), (AT908833)
- (b) Company B (AT885806), (AT874802), (AT880793), (AT890798), (AT890793), (AT888798)
- (c) Company C (AT925751), (AT916749), (AT916753), (AT909752), (AT912761), (AT915762), (AT916764), (AT908767), (AT901774), (AT914776), (AT909772), (AT901778)
- (d) Company D (AT910805), (AT916807)

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(3) 2/4

(a) Company L (YD9005), two squads

(b) Company M (YD9005), two squads

(c) CAC (YD864156), (YD907151), (YD913117), platoon

c. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	5	3	5	13
(b) Platoon	1	2	2	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad (-)	7	26	4	37
(b) Platoon	0	0	3	3

4. Miscellaneous. None.DRAFTED BY J. L. MAITRELLRELEASED BY R. J. GONLINCONFIDENTIAL

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #234 281800H - 291800H Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. Box Scores

		<u>S&amp;G OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT SNIPES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3						0
	3/4				21	1	22
Squad	1/1	1	5	7			13
	1/3		3	26			29
	3/4		5	4			9
Platoon	1/1		1				1
	1/3	1	2				3
	3/4		2	3			5
TOTAL		2	18	40	50	1	111
<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Type Action</u>	<u>Friendly Unit/ Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Unit/ Losses</u>			

QUANG NAM

1/1  
 (AT909692) 2911145H S&G Opn 1-D-1/None Unk/1 VCS

1/3  
 NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
 NONE

b. The following information was not received in time to be placed in yesterday's SITREP. It was reported to Division by land line at 281950H. The 1st Platoon, Company A 1/3, while conducting a patrol at 281630H to obtain information on river traffic crossing the SONG CA DR, apprehended one VCS at (AT909834). The VCS, who admitted to the interpreter that he was a VC, had

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been hiding in the bushes. He had a signaling device which consisted of an orange and a white strip of cloth. The VCS indicated that orange meant all clear and white meant that ARVN, USMC or allied forces were in the area. No association between river traffic and the VCS could be determined. Today the Regiment's activity was highlighted by two incidents within the HUE PHU BAI TAOH, both of which involved the 3d Platoon of the Combined Action Company and neither of which resulted in casualties. Within DA HANG, a careful sweep by a squad from the 1st Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines yielded one VCS in the vicinity of KNUONG MY (2) (AT9169).

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued offensive and defensive operation in the area south of the SONG TUY-LOAN between the MLR and the HONG YEN. The night terminated without incident and the company dispatched its first squad patrol of the day at 290800H. The squad, from the 3d Platoon, patrolled to PHU SON (2) (AT9564) and returned to their primary position by 291200H with no contact reported. An additional squad patrolled from 291500H to 291900H to LA CHAU (3) (AT9567).

(2) Company B. The company (-) continued to defend from the MLR and maintained one squad defending the bridge at (AT947698), two squads on Hill 327 (AT9773) and one squad on Hill 268 (AT9674). A platoon (-) provided security for the Battalion CP area without contact.

(3) Company C. The company (-) defended from their strong point at (AT923733), while two platoons manned defensive positions on the MLR. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 291300H to 291600H over the terrain (AT914734), (AT902738) to (AT914737).

(4) Company D. Continued to defend and conduct aggressive offensive activity from positions on the MLR. One squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 290900H to 291400H over the route (AT945712), (AT943688), (AT920690), (AT913688), (AT908696), (AT935700) to (AT945712). The patrol apprehended one VCS (no ID card) at 291145H at (AT909691). The VCS attempted to avoid the patrol as they entered KNUONG MY (2) (AT9069).

(5) Company E. Defended the key terrain within (AT9366) without incident and continued aggressive ambush and patrol activity. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 290600H to 291600H through the (AT937679), (AT943679), (AT948673) to (AT943663) area. A two squad patrol from the 1st Platoon operated from 290830H to 291230H in the area (AT925666), (AT916667), (AT913668), (AT922678) to (AT929674). At 290840H the company reported that appeared to be a fire fight within (AT9360). An on station aerial observer checked the area with negative results.

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Continued to defend the northern portion of the Regimental TAOH and to conduct vigorous offensive activity. The 3d Platoon dispatched two separate squad patrols, the first of which patrolled to (AT908684), (AT908688), (AT908687) to (AT908685) from 290830H to 291200H. From

From 291100H to 291600H the platoon dispatched a squad (-) which patrolled to (AT906834), (AT916834), (AT909826) to (AT900821).

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(2) Company D. The Company (-) continued to defend from its three strong points on the RR. An offensive posture was maintained with six squad night ambushes and one aggressive daylight combat patrol. The 3d platoon (-) (Rein) patrolled from 290900H to 291200H over the terrain (AT 877803), (AT 857798), (AT 862796) to (AT 883794).

(3) Company C. Continued to occupy defensive positions in the southern portion of the Battalion's area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 290800H to 291700H over the route (AT 916751), (AT 915758), (AT 928771), (AT 907762) to (AT 912745). From 290800H to 291600H the 1st platoon patrolled the high ground at (AT 927762), (AT 932766), (AT 932768) to (AT 926765) with two squads while the remaining squad blocked from (AT 924762) to (AT 928761). The operation secured without incident.

(4) Company D. The company continued to provide security for the Battalion CP and within the rear area. The 2d platoon operated generally in the (AT 935792), (AT 920802) to (AT 917793) area. Independently from the primary route, one squad patrolled from 290800H to 291500H over the terrain (AT 915795).

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Provided two reinforced platoons for security of the essential installations at the airfield complex. Two squad patrols were conducted forward of the perimeter to check out possible enemy mortar locations.

(2) Company L. Two platoons manned defensive positions along the airfield perimeter without incident. Two squad patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness without incident. The 2d platoon deactivated its two night ambushes at (YD 901004) and (YD 902001) and returned to the CP without a VC contact.

(3) Company M. Maintained two platoon road blocks on Highway # 1 to deny the Viet Cong infiltration of men and materials. One squad operated as the Hunter Killer strike force. The squad, utilizing two OH-34's provided a mobile force for attack of appropriate Viet Cong targets. One platoon moved to the vicinity of (YD 8216) where they selected two night ambush sites.

(4) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Continued to maintain surveillance within the (YD 7613) and (YD 7713) area without significant opposition. A Battalion sniper team worked in conjunction with the reconnaissance unit, but was not committed due to a lack of target.

(5) Combined Action Company. At 282030H the 3d platoon encountered two Viet Cong at (YD 900115). Fired was exchanged, illumination requested and the area searched. The search resulted in one magazine, believed to be for a 9mm automatic weapon, being discovered. The platoon continued to move toward their ambush position when at 282145H they were engaged by an unknown number

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of VC at (IC 903112). An immediate, but brief fire fight ensued. There were no friendly casualties nor confirmed VC casualties. A search of the area revealed one carbine magazine, a cartridge belt and a Viet Cong grenade. There was no further contact. The remainder of the company continued to provide security for their assigned area without incident.

(6) 16th Company. The Battalion Snipers continued to operate with the 3d platoon Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion without commitment.

(7) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired	134
(b) Observed	6
(c) H&I's	128
(d) Ammo Expended	

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>127mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	42	0	121	163
Smoke	5	0	0	5
Total	47	0	121	168

e. SUMMARY.

(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) Small Unit Action.

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action without contact			

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1/4  
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3. Plans Summary

a. 1/4

(1) Company A. Will remain in position on Hill 22 (AT9566). A company (2) squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 300800H to 301200H to 30-BAY (1) (AT9568). Another squad will patrol to BUEN SON (2) (AT9566) from 301300H to 301700H, while the 3d squad patrols to LA CHAU (4) (AT9566) between 301700H and 301900H.

(2) Company B. Will continue to maintain a squad in defense of the bridge at (AT947699). A platoon provides security for the Battalion CP. The company (-) provides security on the Hill 327 and 268 complex.

(3) Company C. Will occupy defensive strong points along the M.R. A squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 301300H to 301600H to (AT914737), (AT912727), (AT921718), (AT929716) to (AT916729).

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(4) Company G. Will continue to maintain its defensive positions along the MLR and conduct aggressive patrols in the center of the battalion TAOR. A squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 300800N to 301600N to (AT 946694), (AT946688), (AT946687), (AT927690), (AT921690), (AT924699), (AT928703), (AT934707) to (AT943703).

(5) Company I. From their position on Hill 41 (AT9366) the company will continue its aggressive combat patrolling. The 2d Platoon will patrol from 300800N to 301130N from (AT924668), (AT916667), (AT920671), (AT922690) to (AT930688). A squad from the 1st Platoon will patrol from 300700N to 301730N to (AT943663), (AT944672), (AT944679), (AT936678).

b. 2/3

(1) Company A. Will remain on the right flank of the Regimental MLR, anchored on the SONG CHAI. One platoon (-) will support the Regional Forces at the NAM O Bridge. A squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 300900N to 301700N to (AT898813), (AT876812), (AT873823), (AT883822) to (AT898813).

(2) Company B. Will conduct offensive and defensive missions from their three strong points along the MLR. The 3d Platoon will patrol from 300800N to 301500N to (AT900807), (AT915802), (AT915803), (AT910797), to (AT900807).

(3) Company C. Will defend from the MLR and maintain contact with Company C 1/1, on their left flank. A reinforced squad from the 2d Platoon will patrol from 300730N to 301700N to (AT903765), (AT883768), (AT891757), (AT902758) to (AT913743).

(4) Company D. The 2d Platoon, operating from its patrol base located at (AT918811) will patrol from 300800N to 301500N to (AT905804), (AT903808) to (AT909808). A squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from 292000N to 300615N to (AT918811), (AT909808) to (AT935792).

c. 2/4

(1) Company E. Will remain airfield defense company and will provide two reinforced platoons for perimeter positions and a minimum of two squads patrolling during the night. The 2d squad of the 1st platoon will conduct a security patrol from Hill 290 from 300800N to 301130N.

(2) Company F. Will provide a minimum of two platoons for security of the airfield vital area. A platoon will patrol to grid squares (YD6117) and establish two night ambushes at that location.

(3) Company H. Platoon road blocks will be maintained on the access highway routes to PHU DAI area. One platoon will patrol to and establish two night ambushes in grid square (YD9008).

(4) Combined Action Company. The company will continue to provide security and establish ambushes in the villages THUY LUONG (YD866156), THUY TAN (YD907251), THUY PHU (YD913117) and LOC BON (YD925705).

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(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will return to Battalion CP at 301600H from its area of operations at grid square (YD 9613) and (YD 9713).

d. Ambushes for Tonight

(1) 1/4. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT956658), (AT953675), (AT950664)
- (b) Company B (AT955715)
- (c) Company 1 (AT921674), (AT944676), (AT943660)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT888826), (AT891813), (AT890822), (AT899814), (AT899819), (AT899827)
- (b) Company B (AT894803), (AT891800), (AT887797), (AT883796), 893 792-AT88782, (AT887789)
- (c) Company C (AT909748), (AT911752), (AT910743), (AT923750), (AT929773), (AT916772), (AT908760), (AT901774), (AT897777), (AT899766)
- (d) NAS Company (AT935793), (AT933795), (AT932796)

(3) 1/4

- (a) Company L (YD9005) (2)
- (b) Company M (YD8216) (2)
- (c) CAC (YD866156), (YD907121), (YD913117), (YD925105)

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) <u>Patrols</u>				
(a) Squad	5	3	5	13
(b) Platoon	1	2	2	5
(2) <u>Ambushes</u>				
(a) Squad	7	23	4	34
(b) Platoon	0	0	4	4

4. Miscellaneous. Today from 291210H to 291345H, the Honorable Sam YORDY, Mayor of Los Angeles visited the 3d Marines Command Post. At 281530H, Colonel PARKER, USAF, visited the 3d Marines Command Post and Hill 22 (AT9566).

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for NOV 65

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP #238 291600Z - 301800Z Nov 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlightsa. EXP. SCOPES

		<u>EXP. OFNS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT ONLINE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	2/3						0
	3/4				21	1	22
Squad	1/1		4	7			11
	2/3		2	25			27
	3/4		6	4			10
Platoon	1/1	1	1				2
	2/3	2	1				3
	3/4		2	4			6
TOTAL		3	16	40	50	1	110

<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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QUANG NAM

NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4 (YD906114)	292000Z	Patrol	CAO-3-4/1 KIA 1 WIA	Unk/4 KIA
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b. The Regiment's activities for the reporting period were highlighted by a meeting engagement last night of a platoon from the Combined Action Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and an estimated 20 Viet Cong. Small arms fire and hand grenades were exchanged and four Viet Cong bodies and three enemy weapons were recovered after the ten minute fire fight. One Marine was killed and four others were wounded in this combined Marine Corps and Popular Forces action.

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Throughout the remainder of the Regimental Area of Responsibility, three aggressive platoon size search and clear operations in various locations failed to establish contact with the enemy. Small unit patrolling and ambushing during the night and day failed to make contact with the enemy.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. Continued aggressive offensive patrolling from its positions on Hill 22 (AT9566). At 292359H, the 3d Platoon (rein) encircled the village of KAI CHAU (AT938621) and conducted a search of the village at first light. At 300535H, an air observer overhead sighted two VC who were reported hiding in a cave vicinity (AT945618). The AO dropped a red smoke grenade to mark the location. The 3d platoon conducted a thorough and careful search of the area with negative results. The platoon continued its search along the east bank of the CHUO YEN through the hamlets of PHU SON (AT9564) and DUYA SON (AT9563). A squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled to LA CHAU (2) (AT9467) from 300800H to 301200H without contact.

(2) Company B. Maintains a squad in defense of the bridge at (AT 947669). A platoon (-) provided security of the Battalion CP. The company (-) continues to provide security for the HAWK Missile sites located on the Hill 327, 263 complex, and defends along the left flank of the M.R.

(3) Company C. The company (-) defended along the M.R. A squad defends BUC HAI LA PAEN (AT 9475). A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 301300H to 201600H to (AT 914737), (AT 912727), (AT 921718), (AT 929716) to (AT 916729) without contact.

(4) Company D. Continues to maintain its defensive position along the M.R. and conduct aggressive patrols in the center of the battalion FAOR. A reinforced squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 200800H to 201600H to (AT 946659), (AT 943682), (AT 934687), (AT 927690), (AT 921690), (AT 924699), (AT 928703), (AT 934707) to (AT 943703).

(5) Company E. From their positions on Hill 41 (AT 9366) the company continued its aggressive combat patrolling. The 2d platoon patrolled from 300800H to 301130H from (AT 924660), (AT 916667), (AT 920671), (AT 922690) to (AT 930688). A squad from the 1st platoon patrolled from 300700H to 301730H to (AT 943663), (AT 944672), (AT 944679) to (AT 936678).

b. 1/2

(1) Company A. Remains in position along the northern portion of the Regimental FAOR. An reinforced rifle platoon utilizing two LVT's commenced a sweep of AN CHAU SON (AT 901023) at 301000H and concluded at 301340H without contact.

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(2) Company B. The company continued to defend from its three strong points on the DMZ. The 3d platoon patrolled from 300800N to 301500N to (AT 900307), (AT 915202), (AT 915203), (AT 916797) to (AT 900307) without contact.

(3) Company C. Continued to occupy defensive positions in the southern portion of the Battalion's area of responsibility. A reinforced squad from the 2d platoon patrolled from 300730N to 301700 to (AT 903765), (AT 883768), (AT 891257) to (AT 902758).

(4) Company D. Continued to provide security for the Battalion rear areas and running the Regimental/Division Reserve. The 2d and 3d platoons conducted a search and clear operation of the village of THUNG SON (AT 9100). The search commenced at 300840N and ended at 301345N with negative results.

c. 3/4

(1) Company E. Provided two platoons for perimeter defense of the airfield. Two squad patrols were conducted forward of the perimeter to counter possible enemy mortar attack.

(2) Company F. Two platoons manned defensive positions along the airfield perimeter without incident. Two squad patrols were conducted during the hours of darkness without incident. A platoon patrolled to grid square (YD 8117) and established two night ambushes at that location without contact.

(3) Company G. Maintained two platoon road blocks on Highway # 1 to deny the Viet Cong infiltration of men and materials. One platoon patrolled to and established two night ambushes in grid square (YD 9008) without contact.

(4) Combined Action Company. The company continued to provide security for the villages of THUY LUONG (YD 866156), THUY LAM (YD 907151), THUY PHU (YD 913117) and LOC SON (YD 925705). At 292046N while moving to ambush positions elements of the 3d platoon encountered an estimated 20 Viet Cong at (YD 906114). The Viet Cong were brought under small arms fire which was returned. The Viet Cong broke contact approximately ten minutes later and a search of the area revealed four Viet Cong KIA and one KIA prisoner. The 3d platoon, which is composed of U.S. Marines and Vietnamese Popular Forces, suffered 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC KIA (minor) during this aggressive engagement. The Viet Cong prisoner is receiving medical treatment and will be interrogated by JTF personnel attached to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. The CAC Marine Company Commander reported all Popular Forces engaged in the fire fight performed in an excellent manner.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Returned to the Battalion CP at 301600N from its area of operation in grid square (YD 9613) and (YD 9719).

(6) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Total Missions Fired

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(b) Observed 19  
 (c) Unobserved 1  
 (d) R&S's 203  
 (e) TOT's 1  
 (f) Have Suspended

	<u>105ms</u>	<u>107ms</u>	<u>109ms</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HR	132	150	97	379
SP	0	50	0	50
Flies	8	0	0	8
TOTAL	140	200	97	437

c. Summary(1) Major Unit Action. None.(2) Small Unit Action.

	<u>DA MAHO</u>	<u>POB 4-1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	1	1
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	1	0
(d) Action w/o Contact	13	16	29

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3. Plans Summarya. 1/1

(1) Company A. From their positions on the essential Hill 22 (AT 9566), the company will continue offensive operations. The 1st Platoon will dispatch two separate squad patrols; the first patrolling from Q1100N to Q1190N conducting a search and clear operation within DUONG LAN (3) (AT 9569) and BO HAN (1) (AT9568). From Q1100N to Q1190N a second squad will search LA CHAU (2) (AT9567).

(2) Company B. The company (-) will continue to defend along the main line of resistance and will maintain a platoon (-) in defense of the battalion CP. One squad will continue to defend the MIA bridge over the DONG TUY LOAN, while a platoon provides security for SAM Missile sites on the Hill 327 and 268 complex.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will defend along the MIA. One squad from the 1st Platoon will conduct a combat patrol over the area (AT 914737), (AT905719), (AT915717) to (AT922721) during the hours Q1130N to Q1160N.

(4) Company D. The company will continue to defend and patrol from its three strong points on the MIA. One squad from the 3d Platoon is scheduled from Q1090N to Q1130N to patrol over (AT945711), (AT946700), (AT 948703), (AT942705), (AT924706), (AT918703), (AT923701), (AT935704) to (AT 946700).

(5) Company E. The company (-), consisting of two reinforced rifle platoons, will patrol from Q1070N to Q1170N generally over the terrain (AT 933657), (AT933642), (AT928628), (AT924616), (AT923610), (AT931621), (AT 930631), (AT941641) to (AT943663). During this time the remainder of the company will occupy defensive positions on the Hill 41 at (AT934663).

b. 2/1

(1) Company A. The company (-) will defend along the MIA. One platoon (-) will continue the coordinated defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284) with a Regional Force Company. A squad (-) from the 3d Platoon will patrol from Q1080N to Q1150N over the route (AT900824), (AT909825), (AT 914819) to (AT901812).

(2) Company B. Will continue to establish numerous ambushes forward of the MIA and will dispatch the 1st Platoon (-) from Q1090N to Q1130N over the planned route (AT900806), (AT913807), (AT917819), (AT922806), (AT913802) to (AT900806).

(3) Company C. One reinforced squad from the 3d Platoon will patrol from Q1080N to Q1170N over the route (AT897764), (AT892759), (AT895754), (AT893769), (AT891768), (AT901775). The company (-) will continue to defend from the left flank of the battalion MIA.

(4) Company D. Tonight at 100000H, the 3d Platoon will commence a combat patrol scheduled to remain out until 011700H, operating in the area (AT935792), (AT920802) to (AT917793). The platoon will establish a patrol base at (AT920802) until 010800H at which time they will displace to (AT917793). One squad patrol will be dispatched from 010900H to 011500H and patrol over the route (AT915795), (AT909799) to (AT917793).

c. 1/4

(1) Company A. Will continue as airfield defense company with two platoons manning perimeter positions and conducting squad patrols forward of their positions in search of possible Viet Cong mortar positions.

(2) Company I. Will maintain two rifle platoons providing security for the airfield installations and will dispatch the remaining platoon to patrol to the vicinity of (ID9005), where they will select two night ambush sites.

(3) Company K. Will utilize two platoons to man two road blocks on the major access route to the airfield complex. One platoon will conduct a reconnaissance within (YD8116) and will establish two night ambushes by 012100H. The 1st squad of the 3d platoon will patrol within (YD8108) tomorrow morning.

(4) BAG Company. The battalion scouts will establish a daylight observation post at (YD813125).

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain within the Battalion CP area.

(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st and 2d Platoons will establish night ambushes in the vicinity of (YD864156) and (YD907151) respectively. The 3d Platoon will return to the Battalion CP area tomorrow, while the 4th Platoon provides security for a medical team treating Vietnamese within the CAC area.

d. ambushes for tonight

(1) 1/1. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT961661), (AT948663), (AT951671)
- (b) Company B (AT937713)
- (c) Company C (AT918677), (AT944678), (AT924667)

(2) 1/3. All squad or squad (-).

- (a) Company A (AT881826), (AT895822), (AT891816), (AT899827), (AT900814)
- (b) Company B (AT896803), (AT889806), (AT893799), (AT889796), (AT882797), (AT885785)
- (c) Company C (AT906745), (AT910751), (AT921751), (AT915752), (AT911758), (AT916758), (AT921766), (AT911769), (AT883768), (AT888779), (AT901769), (AT915771)
- (d) Company D (AT947789)

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(3) 2/4

- (a) Company I (YD9008), two, squad size
- (b) Company H (YD8117), two, squad size
- (c) GAC (YD907151), (YD913117), platoons

e. <u>Summary of Operations.</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(1) Patrols				
(a) Squad	5	2	5	12
(b) Platoon	1	2	2	5
(2) Ambushes				
(a) Squad	7	24	4	35
(b) Platoon	0	0	2	2

4. Miscellaneous. Today Senator TOWNE (Texas), Mr. Charles E. SIMON, LtCol Robert C. OLD, USAF, and LtCol FOREST, USA, visited 1B BN in the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines area of responsibility from 301610Z to 301710Z.

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

3d Marines (-) (Rein) SITREP # 234 301800H Nov - 011800H Dec 1965

1. 3d Marines Highlights.a. Box Scores.

		<u>S&amp;C OPS</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>	<u>SCOUT KNIFES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	1/1				29		29
	1/3						
	3/4				19		19
Squad	1/1	2	5	7			14
	1/3		2	24			26
	3/4		5	4			9
Platoon	1/1		1				1
	1/3		2				2
	3/4		2	2			4
Company	1/1		1				1
	1/3						0
	3/4						0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>105</b>

<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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QUANG NAM

1/1  
NONE

1/3  
NONE

THUA THIEN

3/4  
NONE

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b. Not previously reported: From 010300H to 010500H, a rifle squad from Company C 1/1, Company medical personnel and an Army Psy Ops Team, patrolled to the hamlet of THON PHU HA (AT913742). The Psy Ops Team showed two short films and played Vietnamese music for about 150 local inhabitants. Prior to the showing of the film, the U.S. Psy Ops Team went from house to house handing out propaganda leaflets and pamphlets. The theme was the Government of Viet Nam and the reaction was reported as good. Today, throughout both the DA NANG and PHU BAI TAOR there were vigorous patrols and search and clear operations, all of which reported no Viet Cong contact.

2. Operationsa. 1/1

(1) Company A. From their positions on the Hill 22 (AT9566) continued vigorous squad night ambushes and conducted two squad patrols. Both patrols were dispatched by the 1st Platoon; the first conducting search and clear operations within DUONG IAM (3) (AT9569) and BO BAN (1) (AT9568) from 011000H to 011500H. The second squad commenced patrolling at 011100H and conducted a search of LA CHAU (2) (AT9467). The squad remained out at the close of the report, scheduled to return by 011900H.

(2) Company B. Continued defense of the left flank of the battalion MLR, maintained a platoon (-) in defense of the Battalion CP area with no VC contact. One squad occupied defensive positions on the critical ~~MLR~~ bridge at (AT947698), while a platoon provided security for the Hawk Missile site and their ancillary facilities within the Hill 327 and 268 (AT9674) complex.

(3) Company C. Defends along the MLR. One squad from the 1st Platoon patrolled from 010830H to 011535H over the terrain (AT916729), (AT929716), (AT929710) to (AT916729).

(4) Company D. Defends and patrols from its three strong points along the MLR. One squad from the 3d Platoon patrolled from 010900H to 011500H over the route (AT945711), (AT946700), (AT942705), (AT918703), (AT923701) to (AT946700) without significant occurrence. (see late entry)

(5) Company I. At 010700H Company Headquarters, the 1st and 3d Platoons commenced patrolling over the route (AT933657), (AT933642), (AT928628), (AT924616), (AT925610), (AT931621), (AT941641) to (AT943663). The patrol returned to defensive positions on Hill 41 (AT9366) by 011700H without VC contact or observation. At 011200H, the 2d Platoon (-) patrolled through PHUOC NINH (1) Reconnoitered the bridge at (AT942675). The platoon returned to their primary position by 011700H without significant observation.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. One platoon (-) remained in coordinated defense with Regional Forces at the NAM O Bridge. A squad (-), 3d Platoon patrolled from 010800H to 011500H over the route (AT9000824), (AT909825), (AT914819) to (AT901812).

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(2) Company B. Maintained defensive positions, and established numerous ambushes forward of the MLR. The 1st Platoon (-) patrolled from 010900H to 011300H over the area (AT900806), (AT913807), (AT917813), (AT922806) to (AT900806).

(3) Company C. The company continued to defend the left flank of the battalion MLR without Viet Cong contact. The 3d Platoon dispatched a reinforced squad from 010800H to 011730H over the route (AT899764), (AT892759), (AT885754), (AT883769) to (AT906775).

(4) Company D. At 302000H, the 3d Platoon commenced a combat patrol over route (AT935792), (AT920802) to (AT917793) where they established a platoon patrol base. At 010800H, the patrol base was shifted to (AT920802). Independent of the main patrol route, one squad was dispatched from 010900H to 011500H and patrolled over route (AT915795), (AT909799) to (AT917793) without incident.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Continued as airfield defense company with two platoons occupying perimeter positions with no VC contact. The 1st Squad, 3d Platoon patrolled in a 1000 meter radius of Hill 230 (YD8408) without incident.

(2) Company L. Two platoons were provided for security of the airfield installations. Two squad patrols were conducted forward of the perimeter out to possible enemy mortar range without incident. The remaining rifle platoon patrolled in the southeast portion of the TAOR with emphasis on the (YD9005) area with no contact.

(3) Company M. Utilized two reinforced platoons to man two separate road blocks along Highway #1. The third platoon patrolled in the (YD8116) area without incident.

(4) M&S Company. The battalion scouts established a daylight observation post at (YD813125) at first light. There were no significant observations and the scouts returned to the battalion area without contact.

(5) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Remained within the battalion CP.

(6) Combined Action Company. The 1st and 2d Platoons patrolled to ambush sites in the vicinity of their assigned villages at (YD866156) and (YD907151) respectively. At dawn, the platoons returned to the village areas reporting negative contact. The 3d Platoon returned to the Battalion CP area this morning, while the 4th provided security for a medical team treating Vietnamese within the CAC area.

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(a)	Total Missions Fired	158
(b)	Observed	1
(c)	Unobserved	1
(d)	M&I's	156

(e) Ammo Expended

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HE	188	0	90	278
Illum	24	0	49	73
TOTAL	212	0	139	351

e. Summary(1) Major Unit Action. None.

(2) <u>Small Unit Action.</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Night Contact	0	0	0
(b) Day Contact	0	0	0
(c) Total	0	0	0
(d) Action Without Contact	43	13	



CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans Summary.a. 1/1

(1) Company A. Will commence a relief of lines with Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines who will assume the responsibility for that area of responsibility surrounding Hill 22 (AT 9566). At 020900H Company K, 3d Bn 3d Marines will be helilifted to Hill 22 (AT 9566) after arrival of Company K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines, the first platoon of Company A, 1st Bn, 1st Marines will depart Hill 22 (AT 9566) and return to the Battalion C.P. to provide security during the afternoon and night of 2 December 1965. Personnel of Company A and Company K will participate jointly in patrols and ambushes to familiarize personnel of Company K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines with the surrounding terrain. At approximately 031200H the remainder of Company A will move to the Hill 327 and 268 complex and assume responsibility for security of the HAWK missile sites at that position in relief of Company B, 1st Battalion 1st Marines. Company B upon being relieved will then move to a position at (AT 923690). To maintain the offensive posture in the LA CHAU and DUYEN SON area Company A will continue its patrolling and ambushing while the relief of lines is being effected. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 020600H to 021100H to LA CHAU (3) (AT 9567). Another squad will patrol to DUYEN SON (2) (AT 9666) from 021000H to 021400H. A third squad will patrol to LA CHAU (4) (AT 9566) from 021000H to 021400H.

(2) Company B. The company (-) will continue to defend along the MRR and will maintain a platoon (-) in defense of the Battalion C.P. One squad will continue to defend the MRR bridge over the SONG TUT LOAN, while a platoon provides security for HAWK Missile sites on the Hill 327 and 268 complex.

(3) Company C. The company (-) will defend along the MRR. The 1st platoon will patrol from (AT 914737), (AT 900722), (AT 904726), (AT 929716) to (AT 916729) from 021100H to 021600H.

(4) Company D. The company will continue to defend and patrol from its position along the MRR. The 1st platoon will patrol from 020900H to 021500H from (AT 945712), (AT 946700), (AT 943688), (AT 930690), (AT 920690), (AT 924695), (AT 925705), (AT 935700), (AT 946700) to (AT 945772).

(5) Company E. Will maintain its position on Hill 41 (AT 9566). The 3d platoon will patrol from 021300H to 021600H from (AT 925667), (AT 920675), (AT 923678) to (AT 929674). The 1st platoon will dispatch a squad size patrol from (AT 943663), (AT 944672), (AT 943678), (AT 936679) to (AT 932671) from 020700H to 021730H.

b. 1/3

(1) Company A. The company (-) will defend along the MRR. One platoon (-) will continue to coordinate the defense of the NAM O Bridge (AT 9284) with a Regional Force Company. A squad from the 2d platoon will patrol from 020900H to 021700H from (AT 881827), (AT 869828), (AT 870818), (AT 883819).

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(2) Company B. Will continue to establish numerous ambushes forward of the M.R. and will dispatch the 3d platoon on a patrol from 020900H to 021400H from (AT 900807), (AT 915802), (AT 915803), (AT 910797) to (AT 900807).

(3) Company G. The company will continue to defend from the left flank of the Battalion M.R. A reinforced squad will patrol from 020730H to 021700H from (AT 903745), (AT 890751), (AT 896747), (AT 897743) to (AT 912745).

(4) Company D. Remains the Regimental/Division Reserve and provides security for the Battalion rear areas. The 3d platoon will patrol at 011700H to a patrol base at (AT 954801). Two ambushes will be established at (AT 962005) and (AT 954810). At 020800H the patrol base will be moved to (AT 949793). From the latter patrol base a squad will patrol from 020900H to 021500H to (AT 954767), (AT 946767) to (AT 949793). The platoon will return to the Company C.P. at 021600H.

c. 3/4

(1) Company K. Will continue as airfield defense company with two platoons manning perimeter positions and conducting squad patrols forward of their positions in search of possible Viet Cong mortar positions. A squad will make an aerial reconnaissance in two helicopters over the Battalion TAOR.

(2) Company L. Will maintain two rifle platoons providing security for the airfield installations and will dispatch the remaining platoon to the vicinity grid square (YD 9108) where two night ambushes will be established.

(3) Company M. Will utilize two platoons to man two road blocks on the major access route to the airfield complex. One platoon will conduct a patrol to grid square (YD 8016) and will establish two night ambushes at that location.

(4) Head Company. The Battalion Scouts will depart the Battalion C.P. at 021700H and establish a night ambush at (YD 800139).

(5) Combined Action Company. The 1st platoon will return to the Battalion C.P. The 2d platoon will provide security for the Battalion Chaplain. The 2d, 3d, and 4th platoons will establish ambushes at their respective villages.

(6) 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Will remain within the Battalion C.P. area.

d. Ambushes Planned for Tonight.

(1) 1/1 All squad or (-)

(a) Company A (AT 959677), (AT 957666)

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- (b) Company D. (AT 937708)  
 (c) Company I. (AT 923672), (AT 943677)

(2) 1/3 All squad or (-)

- (a) Company A, (AT 874829), (AT 911825), (AT 898827), (AT 889823)  
 (AT 886819)  
 (b) Company B, (AT 886795), (AT 885789), (AT 911807), (AT 909801),  
 (AT 908797), (AT 911792)  
 (c) Company C, (AT 903743), (AT 903749), (AT 914749), (AT 913753),  
 (AT 909759), (AT 901755), (AT 905760), (AT 914766),  
 (AT 895774), (AT 900770), (AT 909772), (AT 889767)

(3) 3/4

- (a) Company I, (YD 9005) two, rein squad size  
 (b) Company H, (YD 8116) two, rein squad size  
 (c) CAC (YD 866156), (YD 907151) platoon size

a. Summary of Operation.      1/1      1/3      3/4      TOTAL

## (1) Patrols

(a) Squad	4	2	5	11
(b) Platoon	3	2	2	7

## (2) Ambushes

(a) Squad	5	23	4	32
(b) Platoon			2	2

4. Miscellaneous. Admiral SHARP, CINCPAC visited the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at RUE PHU BAI from 011350H to 011500H.

Isle Entry: This afternoon a squad from the 3d platoon Company D, 1/1, Company medical personnel and an Army Psy Ops Team patrolled to the hamlet of KNUONG MY (3) (AT 9167). Propaganda leaflets were distributed by the PsyOps Team while Vietnamese music was played over loud speakers. 200 villagers attended a movie while medical personnel treated 40 people. The reaction was reported as good.

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