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To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

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(5) Air Support and Defense Chronology
(6) Medical and Dental Chronology
(7) Communications - Electronics Chronology
(8) Artillery, Naval Gunfire, and Fire Support Chronology
(9) Combined Unit Journal

1. In accordance with reference (a) the Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted.

Joshua W Dorsey III
JOSHUA W. DORSEY III
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division, FMF

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 December 1965

3. Date of Submission of Report. 7 January 1966

4. Commanding Officer.

a. Lieutenant Colonel JOSHUA W. DORSEY III 1431 December 1965

5. Location of Command Post at End of Period. Coordinates (BT 975705) DANANG.

6. Map. AMS Seris L701, Sheet 6658 IV.

7. Staff Assignments.

Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1965	Major A. G. COMER
S-1	1-31 Dec 1965	1stLt R. F. GORMAN
S-2	1-9 Dec 1965	Capt C. G. DRAKE
	10-14 Dec 1965	None Assigned
	15-31 Dec 1965	1stLt E. T. MCGEE Jr.
S-3	1-31 Dec 1965	Major C. D. DEAN
S-4	1-31 Dec 1965	Capt G. V. GARDNER

8. Subordinate Unit Commanders.

H&S Co 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-30 Dec 1965	Capt L. M. ORSBURN
	31 Dec 1965	1stLt T. P. O'LEARY
Co I 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-27 Dec 1965	Capt C. M. MORRIS
	28-31 Dec 1965	1stLt J. R. HARTMAN
Co K 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-31 Dec 1965	Capt D. A. RAMSEY
Co L 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-31 Dec 1965	Capt P. W. DEMARTINO
Co M 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-31 Dec 1965	Capt C. L. RUSHING JR.

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1. Personnel

a. Monthly strength (average)

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
29	946	3	54

b. Battle Casualties
10 - KIA
62 - WIA

Non-Battle Casualties
14
1 MC Enl died (accidental shooting)

c. Rotation during month

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
1	127	0	0

d. Replacements Received

MC Off	MC Enl	Navy Off	Navy Enl
1	128	0	1

e. Periodic Personnel Reports. See Appendix A

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None

3. Local News Papers. None

4. Photographs. None

5. Journal. No journal is maintained as such. A chronological record is maintained of all Messages received in this command.

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

a. No unusual disciplinary problems

b. Courts-Martial
1 Summary Court
2 Special Courts
2 Special Courts pending
1 General Court pending

c. Bn. Cmdr OH — 1 completed, none pending

d. Company Cmdr Office Hours. 9 completed, none pending

e. There were no General Courts-Martial during the month of December.

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7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R

a. Morale in this command is considered to be high.

b. PX Services. Due to the poor road trafficability during the month of December it was very difficult to get a mobile facility to the troops on the MLR. The companies have consolidated runs to the Regimental PX and in this way have been able to keep the troops in the needed supplies.

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c. Postal Affairs. Postal service has been adequate during the reporting period. The Division Postal Officer held a postal inspection on 26 Dec 1965.

d. Liberty. There is no liberty for this command.

e. R&R. Quotas were received from 9th Marine Regt. All quotas were filled.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules.

a. During the month of Dec the Battalion Chaplain conducted 9 Sunday services with an attendance of 412 persons. In addition 6 weekday and special services were held with an attendance of 555 persons.

b. During the month the Chaplain received and distributed Christmas presents to all members of the Battalion. He also arranged to have Christmas music played in the mess area.

c. The Battalion Chaplain schedules divine services for all companies and the Battalion C. P. There is not an established schedule but services are scheduled based on operational commitment.

9. Civil Affairs, Military Government, Community Relations, Results of Med Cap Progress, Supplies Distributed, Projects Completed and in Progress.

a. During the month of December this Command treated 3,700 persons in the hamlets of An Trach (1) (AT972662). La Chau (4) (AT950667) & Cam Hoa (2) (AT975701). The greatest number of persons being treated daily occurred in An Trach (1) where at least 80 persons were treated.

b. In the hamlet of An Trach a hamlet school was established for the children. It's continuance depends upon the presence of the Political Action Team working in the area. Catholic mass was said for the people in the hamlet church by a priest four times and on Christmas Day by the founder of the Parish - a Vietnamese priest. On Christmas Eve a party was held for the children and 250 pounds of candy and toys were distributed.

c. A roof was placed upon a bombed-out building to act as a dispensary by the people and a walkway was built through the mud to the dispensary.

d. Ten persons were evacuated from the hamlets of An Trach and La Chau during this month.

e. 100 pounds of clothing were distributed throughout the TAOR.

f. The reaction of the people in the hamlets where a Med. Cap program has been established shows a change from one of mistrust and fear to one of confidence and friendship toward the Marines.

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Da Nang, Vietnam
022400H Dec 1965

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Periodic Personnel Report # ~~29~~ 27

Period Covered: 260001H Nov 65 - 022400H Dec 65

1. Strengths

a. See PDS report for period 260001H Nov 65 - 022400H Dec 65.

2. Replacements.

a. There have been 6 replacements received during this reporting period.

3. Discipline, Law and Order.

a.	AWOL or deserters	None
b.	General Court Martials	None
	Special Court Martials	None
	Summary Court Martials	I
	Battalion Commander's OH	3

4. Prisoners of War.

a. No Prisoners of War taken during this reporting period.

5. Graves Registration.

a. There were no personnel from this command killed during this reporting period. There were no KIA's processed or buried by GRS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services.

a. Morale is considered high.

b. Personnel services are considered adequate.

7. Civil Affairs.

a. None during this reporting period. Civil Affairs Program is just starting in the TAOR.

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8. Personnel Procedures.

a. Nothing to report.

9. Civilian Employment.

a. There are no civilians employed by this unit at the present time.

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Da Nang, Vietnam
022400H Dec 19[illegible]5

10. Internal Organization.

a. The Battalion C.P. occupies 47 hard-backed G.P. tents.

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S-2 CHRONOLOGY

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. Operation "HARVEST MOON".

2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS. There were no significant new developments during the reporting period.

3. PROBLEM AREAS. At the present time there are 3 interpreters assigned to this Battalion. The shortage of interpreters has made collection of information from indigenous personnel, functioning of the civil affairs program, and liaison with local Vietnamese forces difficult. It is felt that 9 interpreters is a minimum required by an infantry battalion, with the ideal being sufficientinterpreters to allow assignment of one per infantry platoon with 3 additional at the Battalion C.P. for use by the Command Group and S-2 during field operations, the Battalion Aid Station, Chaplain, and Civil Affairs Officer in the Battalion People to People program.

4. WEATHER. Weather in the Battalion TAOR was moderate during the reporting period, and did not appreciably influence any of the activities of this unit. A total of 6.2 inches of rain was recorded during the month of December. During Operation "HARVEST MOON" the Battalion encountered several heavy rains which effected our air capability for close air support, resupply and troop lifts.

5. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

a. VC activity during the month of December increased considerably over the month of November. A true comparison cannot be made since the battalion, during the month of November, spent considerable time moving from CHU LAI to DA NANG, and did not begin operations in the present TAOR until December.

b. VC activity in the Battalion TAOR during the reporting period consisted of isolated sniper and small arms incidents by individuals or small groups, mine and booby trap incidents, and attempted ambushes. During Operation "HARVEST MOON", the battalion encountered a large, and well armed VC force as indicated in Appendices (2) and (3).

c. There were 41 VC initiated incidents in the Battalion TAOR during December, excluding the period 081200H to 181700H during which Operation "HARVEST MOON" was in progress. During this period (081200H to 181700H), the Battalion TAOR was under operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. These 41 incidents consisted of:

(1) 36 incidents of small arms fire

(2) 2 ambushes

(3) 3 booby trap and mine incidents

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6. TARGET INFORMATION. No significant targets were reported during December.

7. DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. Attached as Appendix (1) (original only).

8. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS. Attached as Appendices (2) and (3) (original only).

9. A. O. REPORTS. Nothing significant reported by aerial observers.

10. PRISONER REPORT

a. There were 7 VCS apprehended in the Battalion TAOR during the reporting period. All suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. There were 79 VCS apprehended and evacuated during Operation "HARVEST MOON".

11. ENEMY CASUALTIES

a. There were 9 VC KIA (body count) in the Battalion TAOR during December.

b. There were 101 VC KIA during Operation "HARVEST MOON", including VC killed by air strikes and artillery fire.

12. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

a. There were 2 pounds of TNT (US), 4 M-26 grenades, 1 first aid packet, and 1 cartridge belt captured in the Battalion TAOR.

b. See Appendix (2), paragraph 1. a. (6) for equipment and supplies captured during Operation "HARVEST MOON".

13. ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES. During December, the Battalion employed the following electronic surveillance devices:

	AN/TPS-21	SID-150
Company "I"	0	6
Company "K"	0	5
Company "L"	0	5
Company "M"	0	0

During the month of December, both (2) AN/TPS-21's assigned to the Battalion were unserviceable and at FLSG, DA NANG for repair.

During the reporting period, Company "M" was positioned around ASP#1, and did not employ any SID-150's assigned to this Battalion.

TAB A INTSUMS 179-193
TAB B INTELLIGENCE RPT-OPN HARVEST MOON
TAB C INTSUM-OPN HARVEST MOON

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

1 Dec. Co I was helilifted from (AT 975707) at 011130H to L 3/9 CP (AT 968663). The lift was completed at 011300H with Co I coming under OPCON of 3/9 to provide security for the Pacification Cadre in the vicinity of (AT 963677), (AT 970695) and (AT 995670).

2 Dec. Co K was helilifted from (AT 975707) at 020900H to A 1/1 CP (AT 954667). The lift was completed at 021105H with Co K coming under OPCON of 1/1.

3 Dec. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines assumed responsibility for assigned sector of new TAOR at 031600H, relieving 1/1 and 3/9 units. At 032100H a fire team ambush departed Co K CP (AT 953666). Enroute to ambush site two VC were encountered. Fire was exchanged with both VC being killed.

4 Dec. At 041830H approximately 25 s/a rounds were fired into Co I's CP (AT 972662). Fire was returned and 3 young males were observed running into a canefield at (AT 923663). Three fire team patrols were immediately sent to investigate with negative results.

5 Dec. At 051037H a platoon patrol discovered a VC rice cache of from 2 to 4 hundred pounds at (AT 969650). As the rice was being recovered a heavy volume of s/a rounds and automatic fire was received from an estimated 20 VC, resulting in one USMC WIA. Fire including 81mm mortar fire was returned. At 051145H artillery was on target with good effect, stopping all VC fire. There were no traces of VC dead and no further VC activity. At 051325H 1st Plat Co I was helilifted from (AT 965660) to a LZ at (AT 976649) to reinforce the 3d platoon in destroying VC fortifications. At 050215 a Co K LP at (AT 950669) received 2 s/a rounds. Fire was returned with negative results. At 052330H the Bn CP (AT 975702) received one round of s/a fire. No casualties.

6 Dec. A Co I patrol destroyed an extensive VC tunnel network at (AT 969645). At 060935H while enroute to the Co I CP the patrol was taken under heavy s/a and automatic weapons fire from (AT 965650) resulting in one USMC WIA med evac. The patrol reacted with maneuver, s/a, 60mm and 81mm mortar fire. Two VC were located at (AT 965650) and killed by Marine fire. At 060940H four VC were observed firing from the edge of a cane field (AT 968653). A 60mm mortar concentration resulted in four VC killed.

7 Dec. At 071105H a Co I squad ambush engaged 7 VC killing two. Two other VC were seen to be hit. There were possibly more wounded. The squad moved forward to investigate the immediate area, and found a large amount of blood and a bloody trail into dense vegatation. Further investigation proved negative.

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8 Dec. The Battalion Command Group (A) and Co L (Rein) came under OPCON TASK FORCE DELTA at 081200H. Co's I, K, and M reverted to OPCON 2/9 at the same time. At 081225H three rounds s/a fire were directed at helo's making resupply runs at Co I's position. At 081825H vicinity (AT 973663) a Co I patrol was fired on by two VC. Fire was returned and contact broken. One Marine WIA but not evacuated. At 081910H Co I CP received one s/a round. Fire returned with negative results. At 082024H Co I patrol at (AT 970665) received ten rounds of a/w fire from (AT 970665). One M-79 fired by Marines. At 082030H 12-15 rounds from two a/w weapons fired into K Co CP (AT 954667) from an undetermined position.

9 Dec. The Battalion Command Group (A) and Co L (Rein) as part of TASK FORCE DELTA departed 090500H by motor march for the site of the LSA vicinity (BT 155455). Full information on Operation HARVEST MOON can be found in After Action Report #42.

10 Dec. At 101305H a returning Co K patrol detonated a grenade booby trap at (AT 955664), wounding three Marines who were med evacuated. The area was searched for any other booby traps with negative results. At 102000H Co K CP (AT 954666) received 10/20 s/a rounds from (AT 955665). Fire was returned with unknown results.

11 Dec. At 111150H Co I CP (AT 972662) received 10-15 rounds s/a fire vicinity (AT 972660). Fire returned. At 111100H a Co I platoon patrol was fired on at (AT 957657) receiving 75-100 s/a rounds. Fire was returned and squad searched area with negative results. One Marine was WIA and required evacuation at 111145H. At 112000H a Co I ambush at (AT 971658) saw two men. Fired on them and illuminated the area with negative results. At 112300H a Co I LP at (AT 973661) was approached by two men. The Marines threw grenades and fired on them with negative results.

12 Dec. At 122210H Co I CP (AT 972662) received two s/a rounds from a Southwest direction. Returned fire and illuminated area with negative results.

13 Dec. No Contact.

14 Dec. At 141855H Co I CP received a/w and s/a fire from vicinity (AT 961676). No casualties. At 142115H Co K CP (AT 954667) received s/a fire and one grenade from Southwest. Six rounds of s/a fire returned. VC casualties unknown.

15 Dec. At 151100H Co I CP received 10 rounds of s/a from vicinity (AT 971659) with 10-15 s/a rounds fired in return with negative results. At 151025H a squad patrol from Co K was fired on by approximately five VC (AT 953648). VC broke contact. At 151203H the same squad patrol, attempting to maintain contact, received heavy fire from vicinity (AT 948653), resulting in three USMC WIA. At 151215H 2d Plat Co K transported by Otters left to reinforce patrol arriving at 151240H.

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At 151300H artillery fired 46 rounds of 105mm. At 151305H VC ceased fire and broke contact. The 2d platoon moved North to establish a blocking force from (AT 9566) to (AT 9666). 1st Plat Co K helilifted at 151435H to vicinity (AT 939641) to sweep East and North along SONG YEN with one platoon Co I blocking vicinity (AT 956645).

16 Dec. On 16 November two Dog Teams were attached to Co I and were being used on patrols. Dampness in area of operations appears to hinder their effectiveness. At 161215H a Co K platoon patrol received s/a fire vicinity (AT 952633). One Marine WIA med evac. Returned fire. Results unknown. At 161430H the patrol found two bear traps vicinity (AT 949634).

17 Dec. A Co I sqd patrol with two Dog Teams attached received three rds s/a fire at 171110H vicinity (AT 965653). No casualties. Fire was returned. Results unknown.

18 Dec. At 181000H a patrol from Co K vicinity (AT 952651) received 10 rounds s/a fire from East of river, LE SON (4) (AT 958654). Returned fire. One Marine WIA med evac. At 181130H Co K patrol received s/a fire from vicinity (AT 953648). Returned fire with s/a and M-79. At 181700H Command Group returned to CP and CHOPPED from Task Force Delta. At 181940H Co I CP received one hand grenade with negative results.

19 Dec. No contact.

20 Dec. At 201450H a squad patrol from Co I vicinity (AT 974655) received 10 rounds s/a fire. Fire was returned with negative results. At 200805 a platoon patrol from Co K detonated booby trapped mortar round on side of trail at (AT 955664), resulting in one Marine KIA and one WIA. At 202055H a squad patrol from Co K vicinity (AT 955664) while taking cover from illumination by flare ship received s/a fire from vicinity (AT 955661). Returned fire with unknown results. One Marine WIA.

21 Dec. At 211945H Co I CP (AT 972662) received 30 rounds a/w and s/a fire vicinity (AT 972659). Returned fire, illuminated area and searched with no results. At 211743H a squad from Co L at river block (AT 972699) received s/a fire from vicinity (AT 979693). One mortar round landed in river junction. Vietnamese dressed in white with rifle in hand on opposite side of river was shot and presumed killed.

22 Dec. At 221935H Co I River Block (AT 963660) received 125 s/a fire from vicinity (AT 963658). Returned fire and illuminated area with negative results.

23 Dec. At 231310H Co I River Block (AT 963660) received two rounds s/a fire. Fire returned. One Marine WIA and evacuated. At 231425H Co L relieved Co K of Western portion of TAOR.

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24 Dec. At 241115H vicinity (AT 963667) a Co I Marine helping a Vietnamese dig a well hit a buried M-79 round one foot under the ground and was wounded. At 241730H Co K in conjunction with ARVN forces assumed responsibility of the Western portions of the Pacification Area. At 241906H Co I CP (AT 973663) received two rounds s/a fire from vicinity (AT 973660). At 242130H, SID 150's picked up movement vicinity (AT 964675). Hand illumination thrown and three s/a rounds received. Returned fire and a search was conducted with negative results.

25 Dec. At 251145H Co I River Block (AT 963660) received 40 rounds s/a fire from vicinity (AT 963658) from an estimated four VC. Three rounds of 81mm mortar were delivered and the area was searched with negative results. At 251400H Co I River Block called for two mortar rounds on VC sniper positions. Co L on other side of river saw one VC get hit and another carry off the body. At 251653H Co L River Block (AT 963660) received 12 s/a rounds vicinity (AT 960655). Returned two M-79 rounds with unknown results.

26 Dec. At 261145H Co I River Block (AT 962663) received 50 rounds s/a fire from vicinity (AT 964661). Returned fire with s/a and 81mm with negative results. At 260053H Co L (AT 954667) received one s/a round. At 260950H a Co L squad security patrol received 50-100 rounds s/a fire from two s/w and 10 VC (AT 952650). One Marine WIA and was med evac. Fired four 81mm mortar rounds and another squad searched area with negative results. At 262000H 3d Platoon Co L (AT 962660) received four rounds s/a fire from (AT 959657). Two M-79 rounds were returned with negative results. At 262230H a Co M squad vic (AT 973660) ambushed five VC killing two VC. The ambush then moved and were taken under fire by six VC vic (AT 973660) resulting in one USMC WIA. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact.

27 Dec. At 270430H Co K reinforced with 3d Plat Co I moved from (AT 969677) to blocking position vicinity (AT 971614) to (AT 967638) arriving at 270730H. They received six rounds s/a fire from (AT 983633). Fire returned. At 271040H fired two rounds at undetermined number of VC (AT 975613). Observed one VC killed. At 271029H Co L provided 81mm illumination and HE/WP fire mission for RF squad at DUONG LAM (1) vicinity (AT 946692) which was attacked by VC.

28 Dec. At 281232H Co K vicinity LE SON (3) (AT 973645) received 37 rds s/a fire from vicinity THAI CAM (1) (AT 975645). Fire returned and contact broken. No casualties.

29 Dec. At 290000H the 2d Plat Co M vicinity (AT 977647) received s/a fire from five VC with carbines. One USMC WIA med evacuated. At 290913H 1st Plat Co M vicinity (AT 969646) received s/a fire from eight VC with carbines. Following these two contacts, an air strike was called on (AT 966650) (AT 977653), (AT 973650), (AT 962641) and (AT 973642). Air was controlled by AO who sighted VC moving through cane fields. Three VC killed. At 292040H Co M CP received one incoming mortar round. No casualties.

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30 Dec. At 301115H 2d Plat Co K saw VC handing out leaflets in CAM NE (2) vicinity (AT 973688). An interpreter with the patrol challenged the two VC who ran. The armed VC was shot and killed while fleeing. The other VC was captured and evacuated to ITT for interrogation. At 301200H a Co L patrol vicinity (AT 953647) received 15 rounds s/a fire. Fire returned, no casualties. Co L CP at 302336H received several s/a rounds and what appeared to be two 60mm mortar rounds. S/A fire and illumination was returned with unknown results. At 302356H a Co L squad ambush vicinity (AT 951651) received 6-8 rounds s/a fire from vicinity (AT 959657). At 301910H Co M CP vicinity (AT 971663) received approximately 300 rounds s/a and a/w fire from an estimated 10 VC vicinity (AT 969665). 81mm mortar illumination was fired and 250 s/a rounds returned with unknown results. VC broke contact.

31 Dec. At 311115Ha Co L squad ambush received approximately 50 rounds of a/w fire from vicinity (AT 952644). Returned fire with s/a and 60mm mortar. Results unknown.

2. New Developments. Not applicable.

3. Problem Areas. Not applicable.

4. Training. During the reporting period designated Marines of this Battalion attended SID School conducted by Headquarters 2/9.

TAB A- WEEKLY OVERLAYS
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TAB-C - FRAG ORDER 40-65
TAB-D- OpN PLAN 21-65
TAB-E- OpN ORDER 21-65
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TAB-G - SPECIAL RpT- OpN FIVE MOUNTAINS
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w/Periodic Personnel Reports #27 - #30

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w/Intelligence Summaries #179 - #193
and Intelligence Report on Operation HARVEST MOON dtd 22 Dec 65
" " " dtd 23 Dec 65

S-3 Chronology
w/Weekly Overlays dtd 27 Nov - 04 Dec 65
04 Dec - 11 Dec 65
11 Dec - 18 Dec 65
18 Dec - 25 Dec 65
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Op Order 20-65
Frag Order No. 40-65
Operation Plan 21-65
Operation Order 21-65
Operation Order 22-65
Special Report Operation FIVE MOUNTAINS
After Action Report #42
Command Group "A" Operation HARVEST MOON 09 Dec - 18 Dec 65

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3rdBn, 3rdMar
Da Nang, Vietnam
092400H dec 1965

Periodic Personnel Report #28

Period Covered: 030001H Dec 65 - 092400H Dec 65

1. Strengths

a. See PDS reports for period 030001H Dec 65 - 092400H Dec 65.

2. Replacements

a. One MC Officer received during the reporting period.

3. Discipline, Law and Order. Nothing to Report

4. Prisoners of War. None

5. Graves Registration. There were 1 MC Officer KIA, 8 MC Enlisted KIA and 1 Navy Enlisted KIA during this reporting period. There were no KIA's processed or buried by BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale & Personnel Services.

a. Morale is considered high.

7. Civil Affairs. Nothing to report

8. Personnel Procedures.

a. There was a total of 27 personnel rotated to CONUS during the reporting period.

b. There was 1 MC Enlisted transferred to Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv during the reporting period.

c. There was 1 MC Enlisted joined from sick during the reporting period.

d. There was a total of 2 MC Officers WIA, and 13 MC Enlisted WIA during the reporting period.

9. Civilian Employment. There is one civilian barber presently employed by the battalion.

10. Internal Organization. The Bn C. P. occupies 47 hard-backed G. P. tents. The foundation for the galley was laid and completion of the galley is expected within a few days. Work continues on the orgarization and the set-up of the C. P.

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Da Nang, Vietnam
400H Dec 1965

Periodic Personnel Report #29

Period Covered: 100001HDec65 - 162400HDec65

1. Strengths

a. See PDS for period 100001H - 162400HDec65

2. Replacements

a. a. Replacements received: MCOff [redacted] MCEnl 14

3. Discipline, Law and Order. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War. None

5. Graves Registration. One (1) Marine Corps enlisted killed as a result of an accidental discharge. There were no KIA's processed or buried by BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services.

a. Morale is considered high.

7. Civil Affairs.

a. See daily SITREPS.

8. Personnel Procedures.

a. Rotatees to CONUS 71 Marine Corps enlisted

b. Returned to duty from sick 6 Marine Corps enlisted

c. There was a total of 5 Marine Corps enlisted WIA, 1 USN enlisted WIA.

d. One emergency leave was granted during the reporting period.

9. Civilian Employment. There is one civilian barber presently employed by the battalion.

10. Internal Organization. The battalion C.P. occupies 47 hard-backed G.P. tents. The galley has been completed and is in operation.

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Da Nang, Vietnam
232400Dec 1965

Periodic Personnel Report # 30

Period Covered: 170001HDec65 to 232400HDec65

1. Strengths

   a. See PDS for period 170001HDec65 to 232400HDec65

2. Replacements

   a. Replacements received: MCOff: 1 MCEnl: 90

3. Discipline, Law and Order. One Special Court-Martial pending.

4. Prisoners of War. None

5. Graves Registration. None

6. Morale and Personnel Services.

   a. Morale is high.

7. Civil Affairs.

   a. See daily SITREPS.

8. Personnel Procedures.

   a. Rotatees to CONUS: One (1) MCOff; 29 MCEnl.

   b. There was a total of 1 MCOff WIA and 4 MCEnl WIA.

   c. One emergency leave granted during the reporting period.

9. Civilian Employment. There is one civilian barber presently employed by the battalion.

10. Internal Organization. The battalion C.P. occupies 47 hard-backed G.P. tents.

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By direction

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3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, Marine #23
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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041630H Dec 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #179, Period ending 041630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) Weather continued moderate and without adverse effects on tactical or logistical operations.

(b) Trafficability: Numbered routes within the TAOR continue in fair condition, with scattered muddy areas but are completely adequate. The MSR along the Western side of the Bn TAOR (actually 1/1's responsibility) is still passable with all culverts in excellent shape but the road is showing signs of deterioration from traffic while the ground is saturated. All bridges are open but pounding from traffic and erosion is damaging the opproaches, though all are still passable with care. The road bed is being severely rutted and chuck-holes are opening. The MSR on the East flank of the TAOR (in 2/9's TAOR) is in fair shape. The road to "I" 3/3 is open but deeply rutted and muddy. It is passable but only with care. Engineers are working on this road.

All trail nets are passable to foot traffic with only small areas submerged.

Paddies are generally flooded only 4-6 inches. Heavy rainfall could result in widespread flooding. Most roads within the TAOR are sufficiently elevated that only a rise of 3 feet or more would seriously affect them. An execption to this, is the road to "I" Co C.P. which is more vulnerable to flooding.. Mites and 6x6 trucks can negotiate any major road in the TAOR.

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I" - A squad layout found, at 032230H, enclosed propaganda material at (AT 966664). Material was posted on a gate. There was no other evidence of VC activity.

Enclosed is a spent cartridge recovered from the helmet of the KIA killed at 030930 at (AT 968489). Return of cartridge is requested.

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(2) Company "K" - At 032145H, a squad sized patrol received fire from a house at (AT 955662), initially 4-5 rounds of carbine fire at a range of 15-25 yards. At the same time, two men were observed moving between the patrol and the house. These men opened fire, probably with carbines and the patrol returned fire with M-14's and a round of M-79 fire killing the two men. The two bodies were clearly observed lying in the trail by the patrol leader and several patrol members. Illumination fired by Company "K" on a seperate concentration inadvertantly illuminated the firefight. Inasmuch as the patrol was brightly illuminated and heavier fire from automatic weapons, probably carbines, was being directed on them from the house and movement was heard in a hedgerow close up and the patrol leader withdrew the patrol to the Company "K" perimeter without further incident. Incoming fire totaled about 75-100 rounds and the patrol fired approximately 50-75 rounds of M-14 ammunition and one 40mm grenade. One Vietnamese civilian apprehended vic (AT 946663) for expired identification card at 041200H. Delivered to HIEU DUC where S-2 says man is VCS.

(3) Company "L" - No enemy contacts.

(4) Company "M" - No enemy contacts.

C. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information was received from VN civilians.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 hour Reporting period:
KIA (Confirmed)	2
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	1

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

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051630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Intelligence Summary #180, Period ending 051630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Weather continues moderate exerted no influence on operations.

(2) Trafficability. All main roads continue open but rutting, chuckholing and detioration of bridge aproaches on the MSR to Hill 22 has made that road less trafficable during the last 24 hours. Continued rain will require immediate engineer effort to keep the road open to mites. At present mites can use the roads but it is rough and muddy.

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I" - 041830H - 041845H at (AT 973663) received 25 rounds of incoming small arms fire from (AT 973663). Observed 3 young males with M1 and M2 carbines. "I" returned fire and sent out 3 fireteam patrols to search the area, however the VC had sufficient head start that they were able to alude the patrols. An old woman indicated the VC had fled from the area. 042030H, PATm were told by villager that a 22 year old female VC Cadre member was killed while participating in a fire fight with Marines from "I" Company. She was buried at LE SON (3). 050835H, "I" patrol reported 2 men in Khaki uniforms at (AT 971650). VC men taken under fire with mortars, but apparently escaped unharmed. 050937H, squad at (AT 969649) received 10-12 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 969648). The company fired 3 rounds of 81mm mortar and 6 rounds of 60mm mortar in addition to small arms fire at the VC position. The squad swept the area but no VC casualties could be found. 051037H, "I" reports finding a VC rice cache of 200 pounds to 400 pounds (estimated). Rice disposition unknown. As soon as detailed information becomes available it will be forwarded. 051040H, "I" reported a heavy volume of small arms fire received at (AT 971651) from an estimated 20 VC at positions at (AT 967649) and (AT 970643). 15 rounds of 81mm WP and small arms fire returned. Platoon swept area. No VC casualties were found. "I" - 6 reports that residents in AN TRAC (1) have been very friendly and cooperative assisting building shelters and supplying materials for shelters.

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(2) Company "K" - IP received two rounds of small arms fire at coordinates (AT 950668) at approximately 040205H. Fire came from less than 100 meters. Fire was returned with M-14's (2 rounds) and one round from an M-79. Two males were sighted but neither side suffered any casualties.

(3) Company "L" - People at hamlet very receptive to U.S. Forces 041650H.

(4) Company "M" - No enemy contacts. Regimental Reserve and Security for ASP#1.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information was received from VN civilians.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:
KIA (Confirmed)	1
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	1

e. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. Both sets down; 1 due to electronics and generator, 1 due to generator.

(2) SIDD. SIDDs are in use at ASP#1 security at coord:

(a) (AT 991730)

(b) (AT 987720)

(c) (AT 982734)

(d) (AT 982735)

(e) (AT 984734)

(f) (AT 983735)

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061630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 181, Period ending 061630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Weather continues moderate with no hinderance to operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improved with clearing weather. Several days of clear weather will have trafficability in the TAOR back to normal.

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I" - 051830H, received sporadic small arms fire from (AT 965648) from an undetermined number of VC while "I" was at (AT 969649). No casualties suffered and doubtful if VC suffered any casualties as fireing was conducted from excellent concealment in vegetation. Total fire was approximately 20 rounds of incoming and 30-40 rounds in return. Fire came from several widely separated positions requiring distributed fire to counter. 060800H, large tunnel at (AT 969644), exact dimensions not known, destroyed by explosives. 060955H, While at (968654), received small arms fire from six VC, probably carbine. Fire returned. (USMC WIA. No estimate of VC casualties as they fired from behind houses. VC Propaganda has been found by several patrols in the India area. Much of it directed at U.S. Servicemen. (Enclosed are samples found at (AT 969649) on a fence and laying on the ground nearby).

(2) Company "K" - 051912H, reported blinking lights to south and east of hill 22. Exact location impossible to determine. May have been signalling (S-2 Comment: flicking lights in houses have given this impression but cannot be discounted as VC can and have utilized visual light signals. 061410H, HIEU DUC District Headquarters reports that one of the VC killed during "K" 3/3 firefight on evening of 4 December was TRAN DIA a guerrilla platoon commander supposed to be a guerrilla expert in this area. VC also lost a K-50 during engagement and have not located it. Search by our forces in area has not produced the weapon.

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(3) Company "L" - LA BONG (3) census of 24 November 1965 indicated 17 families with 98 total inhabitants; as of today figures are 31 families and 157 total inhabitants. Attendance at sick call has increased by 100%. Pacification team and Marine security well received in LA BONG (1). Villagers have given firewood and cooked rice to Marines. Villagers showed Marines two VC booby traps made from grenades; (1) one made from VC homemade grenade rigged with simple trip wire across trail. Trip wire was fine copper wire. Grenade was well weathered and appeared to have been in position for some time. Found at (AT 975688). (2) The other booby trap was a very rusty M-26 rigged with monafilament line across trail. Also at (AT 975688). CAM NE (3) houses near river indicate that high water level has reached as much as four or five feet judging from moss on houses.

(4) Company "M" - Regimental Reserve and Security for ASP#1. No enemy contact.

(5) H&S Company - 052335H, C.P. Perimeter security received one round of small arms fire of undetermined caliber. One man seen under light of hand illumination, was fired at but apparently escaped unharmed. Range was too great to get an accurate description.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. PA Team accompanying a MedCap patrol received the following information at 061500H: 6 to 8 VC entered LA BONG (1) vic (973670) about midnight last night (05 Nov). 1 man had an M-14 rifle, 2 had K-50 automatic weapons, the rest were seen to be armed, but types were unobserved.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and captured enemy material. 2 VC booby traps found. One was a VC home made grenade and the other was an M-26 both rigged as trip type booby traps.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. Both sets down; 1 due to electronics and generator, 1 due to generator.

(2) SIDD. SIDDs are in use at ASP#1 security at coord:

(a) (AT 991730)

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(b) (AT 987720)

(c) (AT 982734)

(d) (AT 982735)

(e) (AT 984734)

(f) (AT 983735)

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071630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 182, Period ending 071630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Generally clear with scattered rain showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Little change since INTSUM # 181.

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I" - Late report correcting and amplifying previous entry (INTSUM # 181).

(a) 060935H, Company "I" patrol at (AT 968651) was taken under very heavy small arms fire at range of less than 250 meters from (AT 965650) from an estimated 20 VC armed with carbines, possible machine guns and possibly K-50 or similar weapons used by VC. Fire was immediately returned by M-14's, M-60's and 60MM and 81MM Mortars with excellent results, as proven by the maneuver elements who passed over the VC positions and found extensive blood stains. However, since the position was on the edge of a cane field the survivors were able to evacuate the KIA or WIA before the search party arrived. Two VC were located in a tree at this time and one KIA by a long burst from an M-14 modified and another by a direct hit by an M-79. Both were seen to fall from the trees.

(b) 060940H, 4 VC observed in positions on the edge of cane field at (AT 968653). 60MM concentration fired, killing all 4 VC. The company continued to advance and found a great deal of blood where the VC had been.

(c) 060955H, 6 VC armed probably with carbines opened fire from behind several houses vic of (AT 968654) but results of Marine fire could not be determined.

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(c) 061005H, 3 men observed entering a hut at (AT 974654). Due to suspicious nature of their acts, 3.5" Rocket Launchers were laid on the house and when the 3 VC opened fire from the house the fire was returned with 3.5 rockets and while the house was totally destroyed no weapons or bodies were found.

(d) 061400H, Company observed two or three unexplained explosions on their flank vic (AT 973654).

(2) Company "K" - 062030H, received 10-15 rounds of automatic fire in Company CP from vic (AT 957663). Fire returned with 3 M-79 rounds. All quiet with no further incidents.

(3) Company "L" - No contact.

(4) Company "M" - Remains Regimental Reserve and Security for ASP#1. No enemy contact.

(5) HIEU DUC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

(a) 050900H - DIEN BAN Agent (C-3) reports 1 VC Company located vicinity (BT 043547). Strength estimated at 100 men, equipment includes 1-60MM Mortar and 5 automatic rifles. QNSS G-2 Comment: probably H-55 Company previously reported in area, also in GO NOI Area (BT 010540). H-55 Company AKA H-35, H-40, Q-15, or 104th Company is DIEN BAN LF Company.

(b) 04 Dec 65 - HOA VANG District Headquarters reports NGU HANH SON GUN Pacification Program (C-3). Unknown number of VC operating in vicinity THANH TRUONG (BT 030630) are gathering laborers with intent to sabatage Highway # 1 from (BT 047630) to (BT 028653). A propaganda unit will accompany this group. QNSS G-2 Comment: Very probably. SIA Comment: Highway #1 vulnerable to VC ambush, sniping and sabatage between THANH QUIT Bridge (BT 043621) and QUA GIANG Bridge (BT 017675).

(c) 04 Dec 65 - DAI LOC District Headquarters Agent (C-3) reports 2 VC Companies moved from (AT 908630) to (AT 970630) on 4 Dec 65. Equipment includes 1-57MM RR and 2-LMG. QNSS G-2 Comment: Information received indicates units are 345th MF Company with guerrillas attached and are operational in area.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
*KIA (Confirmed)	2
*KIA (Possible)	4
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

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e. Destroyed and captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. SIDDs are in use as follows:

(a) Company "M" - 6 SIDDs - ASP#1 Security Perimeter vic (AT 991730), (AT 987720), (AT 982734), (AT 982735), (AT 984734) and (AT 983735).

(b) Company "I" - 3 SIDDs - On approaches to MLR
2 SIDDs - On Layouts

(c) Company "K" - 5 SIDDs - Perimeter defense.

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3800
081630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 182, Period ending 081630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Generally clear with scattered rain showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Roads generally firm and dry except in low areas. Bridge on N/S road vic (AT 948702) damaged by excessive use during wet weather. Bridge closed. Wheeled vehicle may bypass bridge without fording by takeing route shown on map as trail that joins SONG TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 946700).

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I".

(a) 071805H, Ambush located vicinity (AT 971658) spotted 7 VC. The first 5 were unarmed and allowed to pass ambush site as last 2 men were armed. When 2 armed VC entered kill zone, ambush sprung with 30-50 rounds fired in initial bursts. 2 knocked down, 2 fell as if hit. Fire was seen hitting VC at 40 yards range. All VC fell/jumped off trail and disapeared into adjacent cane field. On pursuit of VC, found large trail of blood which was lost in the cane thicket because of fading light and dense undergrowth. Because of the observations by several individuals and the amount of blood sighted it is probable that 2 VC were KIA and 2 WIA and same will be claimed in paragraph d.

(2) Company "K". No contact.

(3) Company "L". No contact.

(4) Company "M". Remains Regimental Reserve and Security for ASP#1. No contact.

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(5) SENATOR relayed from HIEU DUC District Headquarters

(a) 7 Dec 65 - Agent report (B-3). 1 VC Company commanded by NGO CHAU HOANG moved from (AT 889601) t vic (AT 947625). Strength approximately 110 men, Equipment includes 1-60MM mortar and 1-IMG. G-2 Comment: Same unit that hit A-1/1 on 30 Oct. This is normal operating area of D-62 Main Force Company.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	2
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 182. There are a total of 21 SIDD held by this organization. Employment is limited due to shortage of communications wire.

(3) Weapons sight, Infra-Red. There are a total of 16 in the Battalion but batteries for 11 were destroyed in recent move. 1 unit is being utilized by Company "I" and 4 units by Company "K".

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191630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 183, Period ending 191630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Generally clear with scattered rain showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Roads generally firm and dry except in low areas.

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Company "I".

(a) 181940H, a Company "I" patrol reported receiving one grenade from VC positioned at close range. Since no other enemy fire was reported and the exact enemy location could not be determined, no action was taken. No casualties were reported.

(b) 191520H, a Company "I" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963658) reported observing five VC dressed in dark uniforms (no further description provided) positioned to the SW of the Marine position. The Marines directed S/A fire and twenty five 81MM mortar rounds at the enemy position at which time the VC returned an estimated thirty rounds automatic and semi-automatic S/A fire. The Marines persued the VC to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966656) at which time contact was lost. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(2) Company "K". No contact.

(3) Company "L". No contact

(4) Company "M". Remains Regimental Reserve and Security for ASP#1. No contact.

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c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 182. There are a total of 21 SIDD held by this organization. Emplpyment is limited due to shortage of communications wire.

(3) Weapons sight, Infra-Red. There are a total of 16 in the Battalion but batteries for 11 were destroyed in recent move. 1 unit is being utilized by Company "I" and 4 units by Company "K".

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201630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 184, Period ending 201630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Generally clear with scattered rain showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Roads generally firm and dry except in low areas.

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) AT 192230H, Company "M" providing security for the ASP#1 reported observing and hearing S/A fire from east of their position (general direction of the 9th Marines CP). A further investigation revealed the fire came from 9th Marines ambush element. No casualties were reported.

(2) 192330H, an agent from HOI AN Special Sector reported that VC guerrillas are gathering in the hamlet of DONG BICH (1) (AT 970657) to plan operations east of Hill # 41 (AT 9366) (time of operations not indicated). Rated C-3 by HOI AN. Rated F-3 by the Battalion S-2.

(3) 192340H, a 9th Marines liaison officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed an agent report (rated B-2), that on 20 December the VC will get the civilians of HOI THAI (AT 9868) and HOI LOI (AT 9666) to make claims to the U.S. military units for damage caused by friendly units operating in the area. (S-2 Comment: A group of civilians came to the Battalion CP on 19 and 20 December requesting payment for damage done to their land by U.S. units in the area. The people were turned over the Civil Affairs Officer. Rated C-1 by the Battalion S-2).

(4) At 200805H, a Company "K" patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (AT 955664). The explosive was described as being a possible 60 MM mortar round with a trip wire across the trail. A search

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of the area revealed two trail markers consisting of a piece of cardboard, with Vietnamese writing, attached to a bamboo pole, a tail fin, and several pieces of metal which were all evacuated to the 9th Marines S-2 for evaluation. One USMC KIA and one USMC WIA were reported.

(5) At 201035H, the 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from the DA NANG Garrison that the civilians in the hamlets of LE SON (1) (AT 983659), and YEN NE (1), (AT 987663) would stage a demonstration sometime on 20 December demanding reinbusrement from the U.S. for damage done to their land by U.S. forces operating in the area. The report is unevaluated by the 9th Marines S-2. (Battalion S-2 Comment: There has been no report today on such demonstrations within our TAOR. However, along with the report from MIEU BONG (see 192340H entry this INTSUM), the VC may get the civilians to demonstrate at a later date. Rated C-3 by the Battalion S-2).

(6) At 201112H, the First Battalion, First Marines relayed an agent report (rated B-2) from a P.F. Officer that the 44th PAVN Battalion of 400 men, and commanded by one Lt. Col. LAN DEN moved to the vicinity of LAC THANH DONG (AT 955587), GAIO AN (AT 955570, 947598, and 943590). The Battalion moved into the area at 170400H, and are presently digging fortification and many fox holes. The report stated the VC are equipped with 3 mortars (UNK Type), 3-MG, 9-AR, and 3-Rocket Launchers (2 meters long carried over shoulder). The Agent left the area because he believes the Marines would shell the area with mortar fire. (First Battalion, First Marines S-2 Comment: 44th Battalion was previously reported in the vicinity of (AT 8066) by the same source on 5 December and they requested to check the area out). (Battalion S-2 Comment: Most areas mentioned are to the south of our TAOR. Rated F-6 by the Battalion S-2).

(7) At 201505H, a Company "I" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974655) reported receiving 10 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at coordinates (AT 970657). The Marines directed approximately 25 rounds S/A fire at the enemy position at which time the VC broke contact. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Probable)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

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g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21 and SIDD.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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211630H DEC 65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 185, Period ending 211630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Generally clear with scattered rain during the evening and clearing to moderate with with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 202055H, a Company "K" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955664) reported receiving an estimated 150 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic S/A fire from an estimated 5 VC positioned at coordinates (AT 955661). The Marines requested illumination and directed approximately 250 rounds S/A fire, 40 81MM mortar rounds, and 29 60MM mortar rounds at the VC at which time the VC broke contact. One USMC was reported injured. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(2) At 202115H, a Company "I" platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 964474) reported hearing movement to the front of their position. Illumination (HAND) was provided at which time 1 VC was observed at close range. The Marines directed S/A fire at the enemy and the VC fled. No casualties were reported.

(3) At 210810H, a 1st Battalion, 1st Marines liaison attached to the HIEU DUC District Headquarters relayed an agent report that 2 VC companies equipped with 1-81MM mortar, and 1-60MM mortar, moved into the DIA LOC District. The report indicated that the VC are preventing civilians from leaving the area. The report stated that the VC intend to concentrate troops to attack Hill 41 and to harrass USMC units in the Hill 41 area. HIEU DUC District Headquarters rated the report B-3. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines rated the report F-3. The Battalion S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

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d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Probable)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary # 186, Period ending 221630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Continued clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 211743H, the Company "L" river block positioned at coordinates (AT 971699) reported receiving an estimated 30 rounds S/A fire and one 60MM mortar round (landed in river) from VC positioned at coordinates (AT 979693). The Marines directed S/A fire at the enemy position and observed VC fall as if struck by the Marines fire. Because of their mission, the Marines were unable to persue the enemy. No USMC casualties were reported. One VC KIA (Possible) was reported.

(2) At 211944H, a 9th Marines Liaison Officer attached to the Regional Force Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a secret agent report that on 21 December, 2 VC companies of the 305th VC Battalion commanded by one NOO THANH, and equipped with 4 machine guns, 15 BAR's and individual weapons, are in DIEN SON hamlet (AT 960645). The report indicated that the VC have 5 nurses and numerous people to carry strechers. The report stated that the VC are presently digging trenches in the vicinity of AN TRACH (1) (AT 967664) and intend to attack USMC units in the area (time not given). S-2 rates this report F-3.

(3) At 211945H, the Company "I" C.P. (AT 972662) reported receiving 30 rounds automatic and semi-automatic S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 972659). The Marines directed S/A fire at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. A search of the area revealed negative results. No casualties were reported.

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c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	1
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 187, Period ending 231630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Continued clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 221740H, Company "I" reported that Marine snipers (scout-sniper team) positioned in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974656), observed two men who appeared to be enroute to the local market place. The report stated that, when the men sighted the Marines, they turned about and quickly withdrew in separte directions. The Marines observed one of the men discard an object as he withdrew, which, when retrieved by the Marines, turned out to be an M-26 fragmentation grenade. The report stated that the Marines attempted to pursue the two men but they had disappeared from sight.

(2) At 221730H, the Ninth Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th GVN Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at MIEU BONG relayed a report which originated at HOA VANG District Headquarters that one Viet Cong platoon is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034678). The report stated that this Viet Cong platoon is believed to be preparing to attack HOA DA village (specific objective was not indicated) tonight. The report continued that one Viet Cong company is located along the west bank of the SONG YEN (river), coordinates (AT 953645) to (AT 965665). The report added that this Viet Cong company is believed to be the same unit that infiltrated CAM NE (2) hamlet last night (see Special Reports, para. 4. c. 9th Marines INTSUM # 166). 9th Marines S-2 rates this report as F-3. Battalion S-2 rates this report F-3.

(3) At 221935H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963660) reported receiving an estimated 125 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at coordinates (AT 963658), (AT 960652), and (AT 956657). The Marines directed S/A fire at the enemy position and the

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VC broke contact. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(4) At 231030H, the 9th Marines S-2 relayed an agent report from HOA LOI that the 305th VC Battalion is presently moving into DIEM SON (AT 960645) with the mission of ambushing and mortaring USMC units in the area. The report stated that the VC unit is equipped with mortars and BAR's (amount not reported) and dressed in black uniforms and gray uniforms, is commanded by one THAN. Battalion S-2 rates this report F-3.

(5) At 231310H, a company "K" security element positioned at coordinates (AT 963660) reported receiving 2 rounds sniper fire from VC located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959658). The Marines directed S/A fire at the VC position and the enemy fire ceased. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary # 188, Period ending 241630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Continued clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 231620H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a helicopter resupplying Company I at coordinates (AT 959651) received an estimated thirty to fifty small arms rounds from an automatic weapon positioned at coordinates (AT 961650). The Marines directed ben 81mm HE rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

(2) At 231710H, the 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that one guerrilla company is hiding at coordinates (AT 962699), (AT 951635), and (AT 917658). The report continued that one HO GIAO, identified as a Viet Cong committee chief, is with this unit. The report added that the Viet Cong are constructing combat trenches, and are dispatching women and children into USMC positions in these areas under the guise of beverage sellers, with the missions to spy, steal equipment, position mines, and deliver sniper fire. The report was rated F-3 by G-2. 9th Marines S-2 comment: Aside from the specifics of the report itself, the wide dispersion indicated for this Viet Cong company makes this report doubtful. 9th Marines S-2 rates it F-4. Battalion S-2 rates this report F-6.

(3) At 240940H, Company I relayed a report from a Peoples Action Team that the VC told the villagers in CAM NE (4), (AT 968694), that they would be back to CAM NE (4) at 241700H. The report indicated there are 40 VC in the group equipped with at least one machine gun

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and several automatic weapons. The report stated this information was received from more than one villager. Battalion S-2 rates this report F-3.

(4) At 241115H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963667) reported detonating a 40mm (M-79) dud. The report stated that a Marine helping a Vietnamese civilian dig a well struck the round, which was buried approximately one foot underground. The round detonated causing one USMC WIA.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians. No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary # 188A Period ending 251630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Overcast with scattered rain showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Road beds are softening due to the rain showers, but no difficulties with trafficability are noted at this time.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
26 Dec	0644	0707	1839	1902	1000	2120	1/4

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 242130H, Company "I" reported one of their SIDs positioned at (AT 964673) picked up movement to the front of the Marines position. The area was illuminated (hand illumination) at which time the Marines reported receiving 4 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at close range. The Marines directed 3 rounds S/A fire at which time the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(2) At 251140H, a Company "I" security element at (AT 963661) reported receiving an estimated 40 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 965658). The Marines directed 3 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) At 251201H, Company "L" positioned at (AT 958662) reported receiving 3 rounds sniper fire from VC positioned at (AT 958662). The enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy location could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

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d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 189, Period ending 261630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
27 Dec	0645	0708	1840	1903	1044	2210	1/4

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 251653H, a Company "I" security element positioned at (AT 963661) (river block) reported receiving 12 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 960655). The Marines directed 2 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the VC fire ceased. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(2) 251845H, Company "L" positioned at (AT 954667) reported that a Vietnamese child detonated a booby trap in the vicinity of (AT 944670) resulting in one Vietnamese killed and two Vietnamese wounded. Type of booby trap was not indicated, and no USMC casualties were reported.

(3) At 260950H, a Company "L" patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 952650) reported receiving an estimated 70 rounds automatic S/A fire from VC positioned at close range. The Marines directed S/A fire at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(4) At 261045H, a Company "I" patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 962665) reported receiving 75 rounds automatic and semi-automatic S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 964661). The Marines directed S/A fire, 40mm (M-79) rounds and 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

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c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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Subj: Intelligence Summary # 190, Period ending 271630H December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with clearing weather.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
28 Dec	0645	0708	1840	1903	1112	2258	1/4

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) 261630H, Company "L" apprehended 1 VCS male at coordinates (AT 954655) for improper I.D. VCS was forwarded to ITT.

(2) 261630H, Company "M" at (AT 969661) reported receiving 10 rounds S/A fire. No action was taken as source of fire could not be determined. No USMC casualties were reported.

(3) 261730H, Elements of H&S Company security apprehended one VCS male walking down the road (AT 966709) with an M-26 grenade in his hand. VCS was wearing a helmet liner and utility jacket and stated that he was an RF member on outpost # 10 on his way to take a bath. His I.D. showed him to be 13 years old. VCS was forwarded to ITT.

(4) 261915H, Company "M" reported their platoon at (AT 963660) (river block) received an estimated 40-50 rounds of S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 962655). Marines directed fire at the VC position and the VC broke contact. No USMC casualties were reported. VC casualties could not be determined.

(5) 270700H, an H&S Company platoon at (AT 970700) (river block) reported that one Vietnamese male came to them and reported that 2 VC had captured him, tied him up and made him lie in a rice paddy all night. VN stated that the VC had released him this morning (27 Dec). He was forwarded to ITT.

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(6) 271030H, Company "M" reported that 5 VC were caught in their ambush at (AT 973660). Marines opened fire and saw 2 VC hit. While the ambush was moving to better observe the 2 VC bodies, S/A fire was received from an estimated 6 VC positioned at close range. Marines returned fire and the VC broke contact. One USMC WIA was reported. VC casualties were reported as 2 VC KIA.

(7) 271235H, Company "L" reports spotting villagers running from the village of LA CHAU (3) (AT 956678), and two men in helmets, white jackets, black trousers with weapons. A patrol was dispatched to check area and apprehend the men with weapons.

(8) 271400H, Company "L" reports their patrol (mentioned above) apprehended one VCS in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) (AT 956678). VCS had improper I.D. and acted very suspicious when Marines approached. VCS was forwarded to ITT.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information was received from VN civilians during period.

d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	2
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	4

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

f. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 191, Period ending 28 December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Overcast with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Little change from INTSUM # 190.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
29 Dec	0645	0709	1841	1904	1148	2346	1/4

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 281232H, Company "K" reports their rear elements received 70 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned in THAI CAN (1) (AT 977643) while on the move going out of the village. Marines directed S/A fire at the VC position and the VC broke contact. No USMC or VC casualties were reported.

(2) At 281305H, Company "L" reported their mine sweeping detail discovered a landmine (M-16) (no further description given), at (AT 954664), on the trail. The mine had blue and red markings on its body. It was destroyed in place.

(3) At 281552H, Company "L" reported apprehending 1 VCS at (AT 95[illegible] 652). VCS claimed he is a field worker, but shows no sings of it and was forwarded to ITT for investigation.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information was received from VN civilians during period.

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d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Possible)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	1

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons Sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change from INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons Sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Intelligence Summary #191 Period ending 29 December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Showers with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. No change from INTSUM #190

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
30 Dec	0645	0709	1841	1904	1148	2346	1/4

b. Enemy Situation.

At 290900H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT969648) reported receiving an estimated 80 rounds automatic and semi automatic S/A fire from Viet Cong positioned at (AT 968645). The Marines directed S/A fire and an air strike at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed two 1 pound blocks of TNT (destroyed in place), 1 VC KIA (body count), and large pools of blood indicating 3 probable VC KIA. One USMC WIA was reported.

At 291200H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 965645) reported receiving 2 rounds sniper fire from Viet Cong positioned at (AT 960654). The Marines directed 5 81MM mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

At 291200H, a Company L platoon positioned at (AT962660) reported receiving an estimated 20 rounds automatic and semi automatic S/A fire from Viet Cong positioned at (AT960659). The Marines directed

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5 rounds S/A fire at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. At 291215H, the Marines reported receiving an estimated 9 rounds S/A fire from Viet Cong positioned at (AT956664). The enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy location could not be determined. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualtiesscould not be determined.

c. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period
KIA (confirmed)	1
KIA (probable)	3
VCC	0
VCC WIA	0
VCS	0

d. Negative

e. Negative

f. Negative

g. No change

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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Intelligence Summary # 192, Period ending 30 December 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Overcast with showers. No effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Road beds softening due to showers, but no noticable effect on trafficability is noted.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
30 Dec	0646	0709	1841	1904	1222	----	1/2

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 301100H, a Company "K" patrol operating in the vicinity of CAM NE (2), (AT 973688) reported observing two VC at close range distributing propaganda leaflets. Upon being challenged by the Marines the VC attempted to flee at which time the Marines directed 5 rounds S/A fire resulting in one VC KIA (body count), and one VCC. The report indicated that one cartridge belt, and M-26 grenade, one first aid packet, and various documents were found on the VC. The VCC and documents were evacuated to ITT for investigation, and the cartridge belt, M-26 grenade, and first aid packet will be forwarded to the Regimental S-2 for evaluation. No USMC casualties were reported.

(2) At 301200H, a Company "L" patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 955645) reported receiving an estimated 15 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 953647). The Marines directed approximately 30 rounds S/A fire at the enemy position, and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. Information on VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

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d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	1
KIA (Probable)	0
VC Captured	1
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Negative.

f. Negative.

g. No change since INTSUM # 190.

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To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary # 193, Period ending 311630H December 1965

1. Summary of Enemy Situation for the Period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather. Clearing to moderate with no effect on operations.

(2) Trafficability. Improving with the clearing weather.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET
1 Jan 66	0715	1826	1332	0120

b. Enemy Situation.

(1) At 301910H, the Company "M" C.P. positioned at (AT 971663) reported receiving an estimated 300 rounds automatic and semi-automatic S/A fire from an estimated 10 VC positioned at (AT 969665). The Marines directed approximately 250 rounds S/A fire and 81 MM illumination at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

(2) At 302356H, a Company "L" patrol operating in the vicinity of (AT 954655) reported receiving an estimated 30 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 955654). The Marines directed S/A fire and 81 MM illumination at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(3) At 302359H, a Company "L" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957658) reported receiving 8 rounds S/A fire from VC positioned at (AT 959657). The Marines directed 25 rounds S/A fire at the enemy position and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. Report of information of VC received directly from civilians.
No information received from VN civilians during period.

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d. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:
KIA (Confirmed)	0
KIA (Probable)	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	0

e. Destroyed and Captured enemy material. None.

f. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. None.

g. Disposition of AN/TPS-21, SIDD and Weapons sight, Infra-Red.

(1) AN/TPS-21. No change from INTSUM # 181.

(2) SIDD. No change form INTSUM # 183.

(3) Weapons sight, Infra-Red. No change from INTSUM # 183.

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3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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22 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Task Force Delta

Subj: Intelligence Report on Operation Harvest Moon

Ref: (a) Appendix 2 (Intelligence Requirements) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 333-65
(b) III MAF Operation Plan 101-65
(c) COMUSMACV SIGR U-UPE-U0131 dtd 3 September 1965

Time Zone: Hotel

1. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

a. The following intelligence requirements are established by reference (a):

(1) What was the extent of damage caused by the strike? Personnel? Buildings? Defense works? Terrain?

An estimated 25 Viet Cong were found dead as a result of the SAC strike. From examination it appeared that anyone caught out in the open, and within 75 meters of the blast, was killed, and in most cases had one or more limbs blown off. In one incident, a Marine patrol reported discovering several dead cattle and one dead Viet Cong approximately 50 meters from a bomb crater with no visible marks or wounds on their bodies (a detailed examination was not made). It appeared they could have been killed by concussion from the bombing.

From observation, any buildings (concrete or straw) within 25 meters of the bomb crater were destroyed. Straw huts from 25 meters and further from a bomb crater had little or no damage, indicating their ability to absorb the fragments and shock of the bombs. Solid structured buildings (concrete or plaster) from 25 to 75 meters from the crater had damage (varied depending on distance from the crater) to the side of the building facing the blast.

If a tunnel, cave, or trench line received a direct hit from the bombing, it was destroyed. Tunnels, caves, and trench lines discovered from 25 meters and further from the crater had no damage done to them.

A bomb landing in a rice paddy created a crater approximately 50 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep, and turned up soil out to approximately

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50 meters. Reports indicated that trees and brush within 20 meters of the crater were destroyed or up rooted. From 20 meters and further, the trees and brush were scorched, but not extensively damaged.

(2) What uniforms were worn by Viet Cong in the area?

Viet Cong encountered in the operating area were dressed in black pajamas, gray uniforms, and khaki uniforms. In addition the Viet Cong were equipped with packs, canteens, entrenching tools, cartridge belts, and in one incident observed wearing steel helmets.

(3) What weapons were encountered? (Special attention to AA and AT weapons.)

Weapons encountered during the operation included CHICOM carbines, caliber .30 carbines, K-44's, M-1's (US), Thompson sub-machine guns, 57MM recoilless rifles, 60 MM and 81MM mortars, BAR's, caliber .50 machine guns, hand grenades (assorted), bear traps, booby traps, and punji traps.

(4) Did Viet Cong in the area resist search forces? To what Degree? Organized resistance? How long after the strike?

The Viet Cong did resist searching forces. An estimated Viet Cong company (reinforced) gave light to moderate resistance. On 9 December the Marines received a heavy volumn of automatic, semi-automatic, and 81 MM mortar fire.

The S/C strike was conducted on 11 December 1965, and Viet Cong organized resistance terminated on 12 December 1965.

(5) What buildings, tunnels and caves were encountered? What were they used for? Were the buildings old or new? State of upkeep? Were the caves or tunnels new or old? How extensive?

Very extensive natural and man made tunnels and caves were discovered throughout the operating area. Most of the tunnels and caves were approximately 5 feet in height and led into underground rooms approximately 10 feet by 15 feet by 10 feet high, and as large as 30 feet by 30 feet by 10 feet high used mainly for storage of food, weapons, and ammunition, protection from artillery fire and air strikes, and living quarters. Most of these caves and tunnels appeared to be old with little new construction viseble. Some of the tunnels had side extensions (from one to five) which also led into large rooms approximately the same sizes as indicated above. Underground tunnels in some areas contained air and cooking breather openings to the surface.

The buildings in the area consisted mainly of straw and mud huts which were used primarily for living quarters, and in some cases for storage of rice, or other food stuffs. Most of these buildings appeared old and in need of repair, but which was nothing unusual for this area of the country. A few concrete/plaster buildings were discovered in the operating area which appeared to be used for living quarters. These buildings appeared to be old, but well kept.

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(6) What supply caches were found? How many? What type supplies? How much medicine?

The following is a summary of the supply caches found in the operation area:

(a) Approximately 4 caches of rice totaling an estimated 75 tons were discovered and destroyed.

(b) Approximately 4 caches of fish oil, salt, beans, tea, sugar and peanuts totaling an estimated 15 tons were discovered and destroyed.

(c) Two large caches of "personal comfort" items including approximately 400 tubes of tooth paste, 350 tooth brushes, 50 towels, 100 bars of soap, undetermined amounts of razors and razor blades, smoking tobacco, 2000 writing pens, 50 flashlights, 9 bicycles, and 150 bicycle tire tubes (Japanese manufactured), were discovered and all destroyed except for the bicycles which were evacuated.

(d) Three clothing caches were discovered consisting of approximately 500 completed gray Viet Cong uniforms, 30 completed black Viet Cong uniforms, 8 completed green Viet Cong uniforms, 15,000 buttons, 7 sewing machines, two helicopter loads of blue/gray material, and a large amount of sewing thread. The uniforms and material were evacuated, and the remainder of the cache was destroyed.

(e) Two caches of office supplies were discovered including approximately 1200 cubic feet of white paper (blank and lined), one typewriter, 100 typewriter ribbons, and carbon paper.

(f) Captured weapons included 5 BAR's, 4 M-1's (US), 7-LMG's, 2 Chinese Automatic rifles, 35-K-44's, 7 Unidentified bolt action rifles, 5 Thompson sub-machine guns, 1 Mossin Nagat carbine, 1 US (Stevens) shotgun (single barrel), 3 unidentified automatic rifles, 1-81MM mortar bipod, 35 anti-personnel mines, 42 grenades (assorted), 6 "tomato can" mines, 10 bear traps, 100 magazines (assorted), 39-60MM mortar rounds, 7 mine fuses, 10 rifle flares, and a large amount of small arms ammunition. All the captured weapons were evacuated except the explosives and ammunition which were destroyed.

(g) One cache of fuel was discovered including 375 gallons of gasoline, and 100 gallons of kerosene all of which was destroyed.

(h) Two caches of medical supplies were discovered including 1 medical hand bag containing medical instruments, a small amount of malaria tablets, a small amount of dysentary pills, and a few bottles containing liquid medication (unidentified). In addition an estimated 20,000 pills (assorted and unidentified), 8 reams of gauze material, 8 reams of bandage material, 12 sterilizing pots with lids (18 inches in diameter), 1 Russian bottle of penicillin, 1 French tube containing 100 chlorine tablets, 7 surgical uniforms, 4 nurses uniforms and 15 rolls of brown plastic were discovered and evacuated.

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(7) What evidence was found of resupply trails and roads? In what direction did they lead? In what direction did the most-used trails lead?

There were no roads discovered in the operating area. There were several well used trails discovered running NE to SW (SW to NE) through the valley. Most of these trails were located around the base of hills and provided adequate protection from observation. Several well used trails were discovered running SE, S, SW, and W from the valley floor up into the mountains. It is assumed that these trails were used to transport supplies from the south and west. In addition, many foot paths were discovered running between the hamlets, and extending off the main trails described above.

(8) What is the nature of the terrain? Undergrowth? Canopy? Density of trees? Steepness of mountains?

The valley floor consisted primarily of rice paddies. The valley ran generally NE to SW with mountain ranges to the SE, W, and NW. Most of the hamlets were located at the base of the hills, between the rice paddies and the mountain ranges. The hills surrounding the valley varied in size from 200 to 500 meters in height, and had slopes ranging from 40% to 70%. The hills were covered with thick brush 5 to 8 feet in height, which did not create a canopy. The hills of a height of 400 meters and higher were covered with trees ranging from 70 to 100 feet in height, which created a good canopy, and concealment from air observation.

(9) Any evidence of agricultural activity? What kind?

Almost the entire flat land consisted of rice paddies. In a few areas, some rice paddies extended up hill in a terrace fashion. There were also small amounts of bananas (trees), beets, potatoes, and onions grown in the area.

(10) Any edible animals encountered? How many? Were they maintained as a herd?

An estimated 200 head of cattle were observed throughout the operating area in unattended herds of 15 to 50. Eventhough they were unattended, the cattle stayed as a herd. Most of the hamlets had small numbers of water buffalo, pigs, chickens and ducks around their homes.

(11) What water supply (supplies) was used by Viet Cong?

Many man made wells were located throughout the hamlets. In addition numerous streams were discovered running down from the mountains into the valley. Both sources provided an adequate water supply for the Viet Cong.

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(12) What communication equipment was encountered? (Every effort must be made to capture communications equipment and related documents, codes, message books, etc.)

One cache of communications equipment was captured including 2 AN/PRC-10 radios, 1 AN/PRC-6 radio, 3 TA 312 telephones, 500 flashlight batteries, 5,000 meters of communications wire, 1 loudspeaker (16 inch diameter), 1 unidentified radio, and 1 possible code book. All of the equipment was immediately evacuated to the rear area for evaluation.

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1. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

a. Reference (b) requires the following information to assess the effectiveness of SAC strikes in the Republic of Viet Nam:

(1) Describe the type of terrain and vegetation in the area.

The terrain in the strike area consisted of a valley running NE to SW, with mountain ranges to the NW, W, S, and SE, the hills of which ranged from 200-500 meters in height. The valley floor consisted mainly of rice paddies and stream beds, with some rice paddies extending up hill in a terrace fashion. Most of the hamlets and villages were located at the base of the hills between the rice paddies and the mountain ranges. The hills were covered with thick tangled brush from 6 to 8 feet in height. The hills ranging from 400 feet and higher were covered with trees ranging from 70 to 100 feet in height, providing a good canopy, and protection from air observation. The slopes of the hills ranged from 40% to 70%.

(2) What Viet Cong units were located in the target area prior to the strike? Describe Viet Cong installations in the area.

It is not known what Viet Cong units were located in the target area before the SAC strike. Captured personnel and material indicating Viet Cong units were not interrogated or processed through the Battalion S-2, but were evacuated to higher headquarters from the point of capture.

Viet Cong installations consisted primarily of straw huts, stone buildings, caves, and tunnels. Very extensive natural and manmade tunnels and caves were discovered throughout the operating area. Most of the tunnels and caves were approximately 5 feet in height and led into underground rooms approximately 10 feet by 15 feet by 10 feet high, and as large

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as 30 feet by 30 feet by 10 feet high used mainly for storage of food, weapons, and ammunition, protection from artillery fire and air strikes, and living quarters. Most of these caves and tunnels appeared to be old with little new construction visable. Some of the tunnels had side extensions (from one to five) which also led into large rooms approximately the same sizes indicated above. Underground tunnels in some areas contained air and cooking breather openings to the surface.

The buildings in the area consisted mainly of straw and mud huts which were used primarily for living quarters, and in some cases for storage of rice, or other food stuffs. Most of these buildings appeared old and in need of repair, but is nothing unusual for this area of the country. A few concrete/plaster buildings were discovered in the operating area which appeared to be used for living quarters. These buildings appeared to be old, but well kept. In addition a few tin buildings (bamboo frames) were discovered which appeared to be used for storage, and offices by the Viet Cong.

(3) What casualties were inflicted on Viet Cong personnel by the strike? What damage was done to Viet Cong installations including underground structures? To civilian personnel and installations?

An estimated 25 Viet Cong and 3 Vietnamese civilians were found dead as a result of the SAC strike. From examination it appeared that anyone caught out in the open, and within 75 meters of the blast, was killed. In most cases, these bodies had one or more limbs blown off. In one incident, a Marine patrol discovered several dead cattle and one dead Viet Cong approximately 50 meters from a bomb crater with no visible marks or wounds on their bodies (a detailed examination was not made). It appeared they could have been killed by concussion from the bombing.

From observation, any buildings (concrete or straw) within 25 meters of the bomb crater were destroyed. Straw huts from 25 meters and further from a bomb crater had little or no damage, indicating their ability to absorb the fragments and shock of the bombs. Solid structured buildings (concrete or plaster) from 25 to 75 meters from the crater had damage (varied depending on distance from the crater) to the side of the building facing the blast.

If a tunnel, cave, or trench line received a direct hit from the bombing, it was destroyed. Tunnels, caves, and trench lines discovered from 25 meters and further from the crater had no damage done to them.

(4) What type of damage was incurred by target (burning, fragmentation, blast perforation)? Include dimentions of craters.

If a bomb landed in a rice paddy, 90% of the damage was caused by the blast, with secondary damage inflicted by fragmentation. There was no damage observed in the rice paddy areas as a result of burning. Craters observed in rice paddies were approximately 40 to 50 feet in diameter, and 15 to 20 feet deep.

In some areas, the rice paddies extended up hill in a terrace fashion. If a bomb landed in this area, the blast and fragmentation effect was reduced as a result of the rock and dirt terrace (dike), and the slope of

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the hill. Craters discovered in this area were approximately 8 to 10 feet deep, and 40 feet in diameter. There was no evidence of damage as a result of burning.

Bombs that landed in areas covered with trees and heavy brush created craters approximately 30 to 50 feet wide, and 10 to 20 feet deep. Most damage was done by the blast and fragmentation, with secondary damage inflicted from burning.

(5) What was the effect of terrain and vegetation on the weapons?

Terraced rice paddies, trees, thick brush, and steep slopes reduced the blast and fragmentation effect to a certain degree depending on the density of the trees and brush, and slope of the hills and terraces.

(6) What was the effect of weapons on vegetation and terrain?

Bombs detonating in rice paddies or open terrain, created a large crater as described in question 4. From the crater out to approximately 150 feet, the soil was torn up, destroying any crops that were growing.

In wooded and brush covered areas, the bombs created craters as described in question 4. Reports indicated that trees as thick as 2 feet in diameter and located within 10 meters of the crater were splintered and ripped apart from the blast and fragmentation. In addition brush and trees located within 50 meters of the crater were burned and scorched (damage varied according to distance from crater).

(7) Were there indications of fore knowledge of the strike? Did the Viet Cong evacuate the area prior to the strike?

There were no visible indications that the Viet Cong had prior knowledge of the strike. From the dead Viet Cong found in the target area, it appeared most of them were caught out in the open.

It is not known whether the Viet Cong withdrew before or after the SAC strike. From the amount of captured material, it appears that when the Viet Cong left, they left in a hurry.

(8) What evasive or protective techniques were employed by the Viet Cong during the strike?

It was evident that the Viet Cong sought shelter in the many caves and tunnels discovered in the target area. There were no other protective techniques discovered that were employed by the Viet Cong.

(9) What were the psychological effects of the strike on Viet Cong? On civilians?

A search of the target area after the strike revealed several Vietnamese civilians hiding in caves and shelters. Two Vietnamese discovered in one cave appeared to be in shock, and could not talk to the interpreter. Another family found in a home shelter said they were

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scared to death because the bombs sounded louder and more frightening than anything they ever heard. The civilians indicated they had not left the shelters since the bombing.

It cannot be determined what psychological effect the strike had on the Viet Cong because it cannot be determined if the Viet Cong left the valley before or after the strike. All Viet Cong captured were not interrogated by the Battalion S-2 but were immediately evacuated to higher headquarters from point of capture.

(10) Have any Viet Cong rallied due to strikes? Have any civilians returned to GVN control? Describe their complete reaction to the strikes.

It is not known how many Viet Cong rallied as a result of the strike. No Viet Cong rallied to the Third Battalion, Third Marines as a result of the strike.

There were a total of 48 Vietnamese civilians who requested, and were granted, relocation in an area under GVN control.

All of these civilians requested evacuation from the "fighting area", and the "Viet Cong". The only civilians that mentioned the strike were those mentioned in question 9.

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3d Bn (Rein), 3d Marines
DA NANG, VIETNAM
030800H Dec 1965

Frag Order No. 40-65

Ref: (a) 3d Bn, 3d Mar Operation Order 20-65
(b) CO 9th Mar Frag Order 67-65 dtd P0114402/Dec-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Change Annex A to ref (a) to read as follows:

Co L (-) Rein — Capt DE MARTINO
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co

Co M (Rein) — Capt RUSHING
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. No change.

b. Friendly forces. Add:

(1) 59th RF Bn provides security for pacification cadre.

(2) Pacification cadre together with RF security forces located in Western sector pacification areas LA BONG (1)/YEN NE (4) (AT 975675); LA BONG (3)/CAM NE (3) (AT 960680); and North part CAM NE (3) (AT 968688).

(3) Commencing 020700H, 2d Company 59th Regional Forces Bn relieves 3d Plat, Co L and occupies DUONG SON (3) (AT 994671).

(4) 59th RF Bn will withdraw security forces from all of Western sector pacification area except CAM NE (4) (AT 969694). Three pacification teams consisting of 10 members each will remain in assigned Western sector and be protected by 3d Bn, 3d Mar units.

c. Attachment and detachment.

(1) 3d Plat, Co L, attached to Co K.

(2) One Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co, attached to Co L.

(3) One Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co, detached from Co M.

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2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. No change.

b. Co I (Rein). No change.

c. Co K (Rein).

(1) Occupy and defend village of LA CHAU (2) (AT 947675) with minimum force of one squad (rein) on 3 Dec 1965.

(2) Occupy and defend village of LA CHAU (1) (AT 944685) with attached rifle platoon on 3 Dec 1965.

d. Co L (-) Rein.

(1) Provide day and night security for three pacification teams operating in assigned Western sector of pacification area.

(2) In addition to protection of pacification cadre, exercise control and defense of Western pacification cadre, exclusive of CAM NE (4) (AT 969694).

(3) Relieved of requirement for providing one platoon as Bn Reserve Force.

e. Co M (Rein). No change.

f. H&S Co (-).

(1) Continue to provide security for river barrier under construction (AT 971699).

g. 81mm Mortar Platoon.

(1) One section direct support Co I (Rein).

(2) One section direct support Co K (Rein).

(3) One section direct support Co L (Rein).

(4) One FO Tm attached each rifle company.

h. Coordinating instructions.

(1) New boundaries as indicated on accompanying operation overlay to this Frag Order will take effect on 3 Dec 1965 when 3d Bn, 3d Mar assumes responsibility for TAOR. Co K responsible for SONG YEN River in 3d Bn, 3d Mar TAOR. 1st Bn, 1st Mar responsible for Highway #5.

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(2) Where pacification teams are under Marine protection, night locations of cadre will be as determined by the Marine Commander concerned.

(3) 59th RF Bn will provide two soldiers to each Marine platoon located in pacification area.

(4) Each pacification team will have own radio communications capability with MIEU DONG (1) Headquarters.

(5) Eastern boundary for Co L is No-Patrol-Line.

(6) East-West boundary GS (AT 9766 and 9866) is No-Patrol-Line for Co I.

(7) Requests for civil affairs materials/supplies for pacification area efforts, and for civil affairs activities of units located in LA CHAU (1) and LA CHAU (2), to be directed to this Headquarters.

(8) Companies will take maximum advantage of opportunity to gain intelligence information by establishing radio contact with DAO's on daily 0600-0800 and 1600-1800 reconnaissance flights whenever possible.

(9) As a general policy, the completion of called fire missions will take priority over medical evacuations by helicopter.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communication-electronics.

(1) Radio frequency of 2d Company, 59th Regional Forces Bn, is 52.5.

b. Command posts.

(1) Report location of command posts, to include platoons when appropriate, when established and as changes occur.

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3d Bn, 3d Marines
DA NANG, VIETNAM
050800H Dec 1965

Operation Plan 21-65

Ref: (a) Map: As required by mission
(b) 9th Marines Operation Plan 330-65 w/ch 1
(c) 3d Bn, 3d Marines Operation Order 20-65
(d) 3d Bn, 3d Marines Frag Order 40-65
(e) 9th Marines Operation Order 329-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Intsum's as issued.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th Marines continues to defend DA NANG vital areas, and execute offensive operations in assigned TAOR's.

(2) 107mm Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(3) Survey Tm, 107mm Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(4) Air Support.

(a) FMAW provides required airlift of personnel and equipment, and provides CAS.

(b) One OE-1 TACA on 6-hour strip standby.

(5) 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn, direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(6) 4th Plat (Rein), Co C, 3d Engr Bn direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(7) HST, 1st Plat, Co A, 3d SP Bn direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

c. Attachment and detachment. Annex A (Task Organization).

d. Assumption. That there is a requirement for 3d Bn, 3d Marines to form a composite infantry battalion (minus one company) for contingency operations.

2. MISSION. 3d Bn, 3d Marines forms one composite infantry battalion force of three reinforced rifle companies for contingency operations, and reconstitutes forward defenses from internal resources.

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3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. 3d Bn, 3d Marines forms one composite three company battalion task force by attaching two reinforced rifle companies of 2d Bn, 9th Marines with one reinforced rifle company of 3d Bn, 3d Marines. 3d Bn, 3d Marines continues to retain responsibility for assigned TAOR, under OPCON of 2d Bn, 9th Marines. 1st Bn, 9th Marines provides one company as Regimental Reserve.

b. Co E (Rein) 2/9

(1) Be prepared to move to objective area by either helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, or motor convoy.

(2) Be prepared to execute any assigned mission.

c. Co G (Rein) 2/9

(1) Be prepared to move to objective area by either helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, or motor convoy.

(2) Be prepared to execute any assigned mission.

d. Co I (Rein).

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Assume mission of Co L in pacification area East of SONG YEN RIVER as indicated in operation overlay to reference (d).

e. Co K (Rein).

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Detach 3d Plat, Co L, to Co L (Rein).

f. Co L (Rein).

(1) On order, relieved of pacification mission.

(2) Be prepared to assume any assigned mission.

(3) Be prepared to move to objective area by helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, or motor convoy.

g. Co M (Rein). No change.

h. H&S Co (-).

(1) Continue present mission.

(2) Be prepared to provide . 20 man working party to departure LZ if movement to objective area by helicopter.

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i. 81mm Mort Plat.

(1) One sec direct support Co I (Rein).

(2) One sec direct support Co K (Rein).

(3) One sec general support Bn Task Force.

(4) One FO Tm attached to each rifle company.

(5) Be prepared, on order, to mount Task Force sec on truck beds prepared to fire if movement to objective area is by motor convoy.

j. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Plat.

(1) Three sec general support at Bn CP (AT 975708).

(2) One section general support Bn Task Force.

(3) Be prepared, on order, to ground mount Bn Task Force sec on truck beds prepared to fire if movement to objective area is by motor convoy.

k. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Rules of engagement in effect.

(2) Planning effective on receipt, and for execution on order.

(3) DIALAUTH between participating units for planning.

(4) Attachments and detachments effective on order to execute.

(5) Serialize units for tactical helilift based on 7 man teams.

(6) Serialize units for tactical motor march based on 18 man truck teams.

(7) Assign truck commanders for all truck teams, and provide for maximum radio communication possible between team commanders.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

(1) General. All units in support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines will be furnished the prescribed load by their parent unit prior to reporting.

(2) Uniform. Normal arms and equipment, light marching pack to include toilet articles, 3 pair of socks, poncho and change of clothing (optional). One entrenching tool per every two men.

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(3) Prescribed load.

(a) Class I. One day MCI w/fuel per individual.

(b) Class II. Two days supply batteries.

(c) Class III. None.

(d) Class IV. None.

(e) Class V. Basic allowance.

(f) Medical supplies. Full initial allowance plus 3 days high usage items.

(g) Water. Two full canteens per man. Each unit bring full water cans on a ratio of one per every two individuals. Water cans will be staged at the Bn mount out area.

(4) Resupply.

(a) Unit distribution.

(b) Submit routine resupply requests to S-4 on day prior to delivery.

b. Evacuation and hospitalization.

(1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be helilifted to C Med.

(2) Individual weapons, compasses, binoculars, classified documents, and ammunition of casualties to be evacuated will be retained by the company concerned.

(3) Casualties will be reported in the following manner:

(a) Casualty code designation:

1. Missing - Mosquito.

2. WIA - Wasp.

3. KIA - Hornet.

(b) First letter of last name and last four numbers of the serial number.

(c) Type of wound.

(d) Location of wound.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS To be issued.

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3d Bn, 3d Marines
DA NANG, VIETNAM
080800H Dec 1965

Operation Order 21-65

Ref: (a) Map: AMS Series L701 1:50,000 Sheets 6657 I, IV, 6658 II, III.
(b) TF Delta Operation Order 1-65 of Dec 1965
(c) 3d Bn, 3d Marines Operation Plan 21-65 of Dec 1965

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Annex A to reference (c).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly forces.

(1) Task Force Delta in coordination with participating ARVN forces will fix and destroy organized VC elements in the QUE SON - VIET AN - HIEP DUC valley complex. This operation is essentially a spoiling attack to prevent the Viet Cong from their announced objective of capturing QUE SON. The operation will also eliminate VC forces that have isolated the ARVN outpost at VIET AN, permitting ARVN to reestablish lines of communication.

(2) 2d Bn, 7th Marines, on D-Day, M-Hour proceeds by motor march to TAM KY, defends and prepares for helicopter-borne assault on Objective 1 on D+1 on order. On order conducts search and destroy operation, and provides one platoon security for ISU at HUONG XUAN.

(3) ARVN forces.

(a) One ARVN regiment (-) advances to South-West to PL's A&B on D-Day. Seeks to gain and maintain enemy contact at PL B.

(b) Provides security of selected bridge sites along Highway #1.

(c) 3d Bn, 5th Regiment (-) (Rein) hF on order feints attack West from HIEP DUC and blocks along line (AT 970275) to (AT 980260). Annex (Operation Overlay).

(4) SLF, BLT 2/1, Task Force Delta reserve.

(5) Provisional Arty Bn supports Task Force Delta.

(6) Air support.

(a) FMAW provides tactical air support to include offensive air support, air assault support and an airborne command/control capability as required.

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(c) One AC/NGF Spotter on station during motor convoy movement.

(7) Naval Gunfire Support. One DD and one CL provides naval gunfire support.

(8) Logistical Support Unit Provides combat logistic support as required.

(9) 3d MT Bn

(a) Provides motor transportation for motor march to and from objective area.

(b) Attachment and detachment. See Annex A to reference (c).

2. MISSION. 3d Bn, 3d Marines (-) Rein, commencing at M-hour on D+1 proceeds by motor march to HUONG XUAN, defends and prepares for helicopter-borne assault on such objectives as may be directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. 3d Bn, 3d Marines (-) Rein moves by motor march in column of three companies commencing at M-hour on D+1 to HUONG XUAN, establishes and defends an assembly area, and prepares by 1500 on D+1 to conduct helicopter-borne assaults TAOR objectives as directed.

b. Co L (Rein)

(1) Commencing at 0500H on D+1 board trucks and conduct tactical motor march from 3d Bn, 3d Mar CP to HUONG XUAN (BT150450)

(2) Upon arriving at objective area, seize, establish and defend an assembly area vicinity HUONG XUAN.

(3) Be prepared by 1500H on D+1 to execute helicopter-borne assault within Task Force Delta TAOR as directed.

(4) On order conduct search and destroy operations as directed.

(5) On order return to HUONG XUAN by helicopter and stage for motor march return to DA NANG on order.

c. Co E (Rein) 2/9.

(1) Commencing at 0530H on D+1, board trucks and conduct tactical motor march from 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP to HUONG XUAN (BT 150450).

(2) Upon arriving at objective area, reinforce Co L (Rein) in defense of assembly area vicinity of HUONG XUAN.

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(3) Be prepared by 1500H on D+1 to execute helicopter-borne assaults within Task Force Delta TAOR as directed.

(4) On order conduct search and destroy operations as directed.

(5) On order return to HUONG XUAN by helicopter and stage for motor march return to DA NANG on order.

d. Co G (Rein) 2/9.

(1) Commencing at 1130H D+1, board trucks and conduct tactical motor march from 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP to HUONG XUAN (BT 150450).

(2) Upon arriving at objective area, reinforce Co L (Rein) and Co E (Rein) in defense of assembly area vicinity of HUONG XUAN.

(3) Be prepared by 1500H on D+1 to execute helicopter-borne assaults within Task Force Delta TAOR as directed.

(4) On order conduct search and destroy operations as directed.

(5) On order return to HUONG XUAN by helicopter and stage for motor march return to DA NANG on order.

e. 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn. Provide combat engineer support as required.

f. HST, 1st Plat, Co A, 3d SP Bn. Be prepared by 1500H on D+1 to support any or all elements of 3d Bn, 3d Marines in execution of helicopter-borne assaults on objectives within Task Force Delta TAOR as directed.

g. 81mm Mort Plat, (Rein).

(1) One section direct support Co L (Rein).

(2) One section direct support Co E (Rein).

(3) One section direct support Co G (Rein).

(4) Be prepared to deliver fires during motor march in event of ambush.

(5) Be prepared to revert to general support, on order, if situation so dictates following arrival in objective area.

h. Coordinating instructions.

(1) D-day 8 Dec 1965.

(2) M-hour 0600H.

(3) Use CN/CS on authority this Headquarters

(4) Coordination with ARVN units in objective area through this Headquarters.

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(5) Minimize non-combat casualties and damage to crops.

(6) Rules of engagement are in effect.

(7) The unclassified code name for this operation is HARVEST MOON.

(8) Wearing of flak jackets optional.

(9) Each U.S. unit plan for civic actions.

(10) Mark friendly front lines with air panels and/or colored smoke prior to executing air-to-ground strikes.

(11) Fire Coordination Line. Annex (Operation Overlay). ARVN units will not fire to the West or North of the FCL without coordinating with the Task Force Delta Headquarters (FSCC). Task Force Delta fire support elements will not fire to the East or South of the FCL without coordinating with Task Force Delta Headquarters (FSCC).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (c).

b. Unit distribution from LSA, by helicopter, on call.

c. Air drops will be utilized within objective area when required and as feasible. Make maximum effort to salvage parachutes and delivery containers.

d. Commencing on D+1 and at time to be announced, medical evacuation to Clearing Plat (-) Rein at LSA, vicinity (BT 155450). 4 hour evacuation policy in effect.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Radio.

(1) Be prepared to provide communications between each serial during the movement to the objective phase, and with the Bn rear CP.

(2) Be prepared on order to activate all radio nets to senior headquarters and to subordinate units.

b. Radio Nets, frequencies and designators.

NET	FREQUENCY	DESIGNATOR
TF Delta Cmd.	3725	D-95
TF Delta TAC	45.9	D-231
3/3 TAC #2 (Primary)	42.9	D-206
3/3 TAC #2 (Secondary)	52.3	D-264
2/7 TAC #2	44.2	D-217
2/1 TAC #2	41.1	D-30

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NET	FREQUENCY	DESIGNATOR
AO/ARA, NGF AIR SPOT	38.7	D-181
LSU Cmd	7843	D-59
TAC #1	312.0	W-455
TAC #2	325.0	W-456
TAC	7995	W-451
TAC	2196	W-452
HD #1 (maroon)	273.8	W-459
HD #2 (black)	326.6	W-482
HST Logistics	5069	D-37
LZ Control	49.8	D-249
NGF Control	9301	D-30
SFCP Spot	3224	D-16
NGF Air Spot	262.2	D-300
NGF Local	48.6	D-243

c. Radio call signs as follow;

UNIT	CALL SIGN
Task Force Delta	Murphy
MVN Liason Officer	Monroe Kilo
3/3	Warehouse
2/7	Dixie Diner
2/1	Glimmer
Arty Bn, Group	King Broom
LSU	Thankfull Alfa
3d MT Bn	Slow Roll
DASC	Land Shark Bravo
DASC (airborne)	Land Shark Xray
Rifle Companies	Warehouse + (L,E and G)

d. Wire Section. Be prepared to support Command Group Alfa during the operation.

e. Repair Shop. Be prepared to provide a second echelon repair facility to Command Group Alfa, plus a battery charging capability at the LSU.

f. Message Center. Be prepared to issue necessary authentication, shackle sheets and brevity codes to all subordinate units during the operation.

g. Tactical Air Control Party.

(1) Be prepared during the movement to the objective phase to supply communications between convoy serials and the aerial observer on station.

(2) When directed, the TACP with associated equipment will be activated under the cognizance of the Air Liason Officer.

h. Logistics.

(1) All units carry a three day supply of dry-cell batteries, organic sound power telephones and one mile of wire.

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(2) A second echelon repair facility for radio and wire equipment will be available at Command Group Alfa and the LSU.

(3) Retrieve all comm wire after employment. Wire not retrieved can be utilized by the VC to detonate mines by electrical means.

i. Command Posts.

(1) Task Force Delta (BT 024349) D+1

(2) [redacted] Bn, 3d Marines (BT 150450) D+1

(3) Report Command Post locations when established.

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ANNEXES:

A - Task Organization (See reference C)

B - Intelligence

C - Operation Overlay NIF

D - Task Force Delta Concept of Operations

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3d Bn, 3d Marines (-) Rein — LtCol DORSEY
H&S Co — Capt ORSBORN

Co I (Rein) — Capt MORRIS
- Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- FAC Tm
- Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

Co K (Rein) — Capt RAMSEY
- Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- FAC Tm
- Light Sec Ontos, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn
- Light Sec Tanks, 1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn
- Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

Co L (Rein) — Capt DEMARTINO
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn
- FAC Tm

Co M (Rein) — Capt RUSHING
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines

Co E (Rein) 2/9 — Capt COTI
- Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co (2/9)
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry E, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- FAC Tm
- Eng Tm, 2d Plat, 3d Engr Bn

Co G (Rein) 2/9 — Capt LAWRENCE
- Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co 2/9
- FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co
- FO Tm, Btry E, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
- FAC Tm
- Eng Tm, 2d Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

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107mm Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines (Direct Support)	
Survey Tm, 107mm Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines (Direct Support)	
3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn (Direct Support)	1stLt MCCOY
4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn (Direct Support)	1stLt BRENNAN
HST, 1st Plat, Co A, 3d Sig Bn (Direct Support)	1stLt ZEBAUERS
1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn (Direct Support)	

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 21-65.

Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6657 I, IV and 6658 II, III.
(b) Task Force Delta OpOrder 1-65

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. The VC organization throughout Central Vietnam is composed of three distinct, but interconnected levels. The first is a loosely organized system of couriers and informers who keep the VC informed of USMC and GVN disposition, movements and plans, and warn the VC when they are endangered by our units. These sympathizers also furnish food, shelter, and aid. On the second level are guerrilla forces that may be full time guerrillas or organized as needed and, when not functuioning as guerrillas, return to civilian pursuits. The third level are the full time soldiers organized into regular, oftentimes uniformed and well equipped, units. This objective area contains all three levels.

b. Enemy Disposition

UNIT	ALTERNATE DESIGNATION	LOCATION	REMARKS
1ST VC Regt.		(BT168278)	VC defector stated 1ST Regt moved north into QUAN NAM for operations
40TH Bn			Part of VC 1ST Regt
45TH Bn		?(BT 1627)	Part of VC 1ST Regt
60TH Bn		(BT 0829)	Part of VC 1ST Regt
90TH Bn		(BT 0030)	Part of VC 1ST Regt
49TH Bn		(BT 0820)	
70TH Bn		(BT 1728)	
80TH Bn		(BT 0225)	May have combined with 40TH Bn.
CHU-DUNG Bn (HQ & STAFF)		(AT965350)	
CO #1	(HAI CANG 15;AC15)	(AT995350)	
CO #2	(HAI CANG 35;AC35)	(AT995365)	Also operating in DUC DUC
CO #3	(HAI CANG 20;AC30)	(BT030383)	
CO #4	(HAI CANG 45;AC45)	(AT900395)	Operating in DUC DUC
D-61 Co.	(H-53; D-20)	(BT130425)	
Guerrilla Concentration		(BT094470)	
400TH Arty Bn		(BT 0428)	Possible location

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c. Enemy Strength and weapons. (See Appendix 1). Subordinate companies of CHU DUNG Bn have strengths of: 1st Co, 60 men; 2nd Co, 146 men; 3rd Co, 144 men; and 4th Co, 100 men. The battalion headquarters has approximately 50 men including a signal squad and medical squad. The battalion is confirmed to be operating in the QUE SON area. Weapons available to these companies are unknown. The VC 1ST Regiment has displayed a capability of organizing and controlling a regimental size unit in a tactical situation. It may be assumed that it has sufficient communication facilities and personnel to effectively coordinate regimental size operations. There exists a distinct possibility of VC monitaring or entering our radio nets.

Enemy anti-aircraft weapons have been recently reported at (BT 047263) and (BT 021305), but may have been moved due to U.S. Counter action. The extent of VC anti-aircraft capability is not known but it may be assumed that these sites employ 12.7MM machine guns as a minimum, with an effective AA range of 1000 to 2000 meters depending on the type and ammunition. They recently downed a U.S. helicopter on 3 December 1965.

The 400TH Artillery Battalion at NUI GIAI (BT 0427) is reported but not confirmed. Probable armament might include 75RR.

d. Recent Enemy activity. The VC have considered this area as being relatively secure. They have engaged in terrorism and harrassing raids on small units. On 23 November (?) the VC, probably utilizing elements of the 1ST Regiment, overran the District Headquarters at HIEP DUC (AT 911245). The casualties on both sides were heavy.

During December they have not launched any major attack but indications are that they have scheduled or planned attacks on either QUE SON District Headquarters (BT 045348) or VIET AN District Headquarters (BT 0328).

Much VC activity has been devoted to destruction of the road net on routes 35, 82, and National Highway 1. There have been activities such as cutting ditches across the road or partially across the road and blowing many bridges. Traffic has been mined or stopped by VC units, and vehicles destroyed, persons kidnapped, or property confiscated. The object of these operations has been terrorizing of the populace, isolation of the GVN Forces in the area and obtaining some supplies, as well as displaying the degree of VC control over the area. The road cutting activities will have the most effect on planned operations by GVN and U.S. Forces since they will make use of the scanty road impractical.

f. Time and Space Factors. Several VC Companies are located south of the objective area as are several companies and at least five battalions to the north, but it is unlikely that the VC will reinforce with these units. The VC could, if the enemy chose, move five battalions from the DA NANG Sector and have them in the operation area in 48 hours with lead elements arriving in twelve hours. Company size forces from the south could begin arriving within eight hours.

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g. Logistical Considerations. Except for the units committed at HIEP DUC, most VC elements in this area have not been heavily engaged recently and the 1ST VC Regiment has been reorganizing, refitting, training and resting. There are suspected to be several VC supply staging areas, training areas and a hospital in the operation area or the hills immediately surrounding it, so the VC should be in a high state of logistical readiness, and able to resupply on an emergency basis those units able to reach the supply points.

h. Personnel Considerations. The status of training of VC personnel must be considered as relatively high. This area serves as training ground and has actual combat experience for the VC. Over an extended period some replacements might be made available to VC units from training areas in the hills. The quality of these replacements would probably be lower due to lack of training, indoc-- trination and experience. Loss of trained mortar men, communications, medical personnel or other specialists and loss of officers and NCO's would result in a difficult situation for the VC and might have long term implications.

i. Reinforcements. Due to lack of mechanized transportation and difficulty of daytime movements for the VC, large scale reinforcement is not too likely. Available trainees, in unknown numbers, might be available, as might several hundred replacements from various units outside the actual area of operations. Possibly two companies of local forces 107TH and 108TH might enter the area from the Northeast and units in DIEN BAN might be sent Southward in undetermined strength. From the South units available are:

(1) A-16 Company at (BT 1924), strength 120 men.

(2) A-19 Company at (BT 3411), strength 140 to 200 men.

(3) A-21 Comapny at (BT 3315), strength 80 men.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Will the VC resist our entry into the objective area; if so, where and in what strength?

b. What is VC strength in the objective area; how disposed?

c. What tactics will VC employ; delaying, counterattack or withdrawal?

d. What is local populace's attitude toward our forces?

e. What VC organized units are operating within the objective area?

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f. Does the enemy have artillery in the objective area? If so, determine type, caliber, and where located.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS ORDERS TO

a. Subordinate units. All units will collect, record and report all information on VC activities, strength and contacts. Detailed information on all contacts such as time, coordinates, weapons, strength, uniforms and tactics employed must be reported using a tactical spot report format.

Additionally, record and report information on terrain, trafficability, fords, bridges and choke points and other positions that may effect future operations in this area. Included in this are VC positions, evidence of VC activity and simular items.

b. Requests to higher adjacent and supporting units. Aerial reconnaissance of objective area and all available photos are requested for use by this headquarters.

c. Coordinating instructions. All units report evidence of VC employment of chemical warfare. All incoming fire will be reported to include time of fire, number of rounds received (estimated), direction of firing point as well as the position of the unit receiving fire. Identify the type of weapon(s) involved if at all possible.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL

a. Prisoners. Detailed instructions to be promulgated. All prisoners will be tagged to show time and place of capture, circumstances of capture and capturing unit. It is the responsibility of the capturing unit to deliver prisoners to the collection point.

b. Captured documents and material. All documents and material of possible intelligence value will be tagged in the same manner as prisoners and evacuated to the Battalion S-2. Items desired as war trophies must also bear the name, rank, serial number and organization of the capturing individual.

5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. AMS Series L701, VIETNAM, 1:50,000 is designated as the standard tactical map for this operation. Units are furnished sheets 6658 II, III; 6657 I, and IV of this series. This will be used for all references and overlays.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. See Division Intelligence SOP (DivO P3800.1).

b. Countersigns (Special Distribution)

c. Propaganda and psychological warfare will be conducted as directed.

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7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION. No special periodic reports are required, however spot reports of intelligence information on as occurred basis and after the operation a report of the information collected in accordance with paragraph 3. c. above within 72 hours from companies and attached units.

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APPENDICIES:

1 - Enemy Strength and Weapons

2.- Astronomical Data

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Appendix 1 (Enemy Strengths and Equipment) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 21-65.

Time Zone: H

1. The following is a listing by unit of enemy strengths and equipment:

UNIT	STRENGTH	57RR	81's	60's	AAMG	LMG	SMG	AUTO RIFLES	70MM	75MM ARTY	HMGS	REMARKS
1ST VC REGT.	1800	8	9	17	3	13	100	51	2	2	4	
40TH BN.	200		2				4	2				Prob have combined with 80th Bn
45TH BN.	200		2				4	2	2	2		Contained in 1VC Regt above
60TH BN.												
90TH BN.	400	2	7	10		4	65	23				Contained in 1VC Regt above
49TH BN.	350	3	2	3	2	3		24			2	
70TH BN.	500	1	1	4		2	48	19				
80TH BN.	400	4	3	4	3	4	32					9 B-40's 9 M-79's
CHU DONG	500	2	2	4		6		24				
U/I BN.	350	1	1	3		3		24			1	May be 60TH BN of 1ST Regt
D-61 (AKA D20)	100											Wpns. Unknown

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UNIT	STRENGTH	57RR	81's	60's	AAMG	LMG	SMG	AUTO RIFLES	70MM	75MM ARTY	HMGS	REMARKS
GUERRILLA CONC	100											Wpns. Unknown CO: LE VAN THAI

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DA NANG, VIETNAM
010800H Dec 1965

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6658 IV and 6659 III.
(b) 3d MarDiv, FMF (Rein) OpO 343-65
(c) 9th Mar Frag Order 65-65 dtd 28 Nov 1965

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th Marines (-) Rein occupies and controls assigned sector of DA NANG TAOR, defends DA NANG vital area in sector.

(2) 1st Bn, 1st Mar operates in assigned TAOR on right flank.

(3) 3d Bn, 9th Mar operates in assigned TAOR on left flank until on or about 5 Dec 1965, when relieved in place by 2nd Bn, 9th Mar.

(4) 2nd Bn, 12th Marines direct support 9th Marines.

(5) Det, H&S Co, 1st AmTrac Bn direct support 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar.

(6) 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn direct support 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar.

(7) 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn direct support 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar.

(8) 1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn general support 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar

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

2. MISSION. Occupy and defend assigned TAOR from enemy attack; execute offensive operations in assigned TAOR; establish and maintain a reconnaissance network in assigned TAOR, conduct a civil affairs program within assigned TAOR; be prepared to execute offensive operations beyond the TAOR in coordination with GVNAF; be prepared to execute missions in support of pacification programs as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines defends the assigned TAOR by occupying positions shown in Annex C (Operation Overlay) with companies conducting patrols and ambushes within assigned

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sectors; utilizes scout-sniper teams against the enemy; establishes observation posts for surveillance over enemy avenues of approach, makes maximum use of listening posts for early warning of enemy approach, establishes road/river blocks at strategic points, provides security forces for pacification teams as may be directed, and conducts offensive operations within TAOR.

b. Co I (Rein).

(1) Occupy positions as indicated in Annex C (Operation Overlay) on 1 Dec 1965.

(2) Conduct patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(3) Establish OP's for surveillance over enemy avenues of approach.

(4) Make maximum use of listening posts for early warning of enemy approach.

(5) Be prepared to assume responsibility for assigned sector of TAOR on order on 2 Dec 1965.

(6) Company I under OPCON of 3d Bn, 9th Marines upon arrival at new positions until ordered to OPCON of 3d Bn, 3d Marines on 3 Dec 1965.

c. Co K (Rein).

(1) Occupy positions as indicated in Annex C (Operation Overlay) on 2 Dec 1965.

(2) Conduct patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(3) Establish OP's for surveillance over enemy avenues of approach.

(4) Make maximum use of listening posts for early warning of enemy approach.

(5) Be prepared to assume responsibility for assigned sector of TAOR on order on 3 Dec 1965.

(6) Company K under OPCON of 1st Bn, 1st Marines upon arrival at new positions until ordered to OPCON of 3d Bn, 3d Marines on 3 Dec 1965.

d. Co L (Rein).

(1) Occupy positions as indicated in Annex C (Operation Overlay), on order.

(2) Conduct patrols and ambushes within assigned sectors.

(3) Provide one rifle platoon as Battalion Reserve Force.

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(4) Establish OP's for surveillance over enemy avenues of approach.

(5) Make maximum use of listening posts for early warning of enemy approach.

e. Co M (Rein).

(1) Occupy positions shown in Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Continue to provide security for ASP #1.

(3) Continue to construct mine barrier around ASP #1.

(4) Remain zone A reserve while occupying present positions.

f. H&S Co (-).

(1) Maintain present position.

(2) Provide CP security.

g. 81mm Mort Plat.

(1) One section direct support of Company I (Rein).

(2) One section direct support of Company K (Rein).

(3) One section (-) direct support of Company M (Rein).

(4) One FO Tm attached to each rifle company.

h. Battalion Reserve: One rifle platoon, Company L (Rein).

(1) Occupy positions shown in Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to conduct such missions as may be directed.

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1. Coordinating instructions.

(1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Submit overlays of defensive positions and fire support plans prior to 1800 of the day on which responsibility for assigned sector of TAOR is assumed.

(3) Submit by 4 Dec 1965 a schematic showing location of tactical and protective wire, mines and/or claymores emplaced, crew-served weapons positions, primary and alternate armored vehicle positions, and bunker positions.

(4) Barrages and concentrations will be registered upon coordination and approval of this Headquarters.

(5) Mines and claymores emplaced must be covered by observation and fire at all times. Request approval for emplacement of mines and claymores from this Headquarters.

(6) Make maximum utilization of listening posts within small arms range of MLR. Coordinate prearranged signals and routes of withdrawal for all listening posts and report location of listening posts to this Headquarters with daily patrol/ambush overlays. As a general policy, listening posts will not open fire except when necessary in own defense.

(7) School-trained snipers are to be employed with a minimum of a fire team for security, and are to be so positioned that their vantage point will fall within small arms range and observation of their company or platoon primary position.

(8) Companies will employ a minimum of one company sniper per day during normal operations. This is in addition to utilization of school-trained snipers. Such designated company snipers may be employed on patrols or other operations, or from a vantage point within his unit's position.

(9) When "Hay Day" is directed, companies will cancel such night activities as necessary, and establish a minimum of four ambushes per platoon.

(10) Each company will conduct a minimum of one daylight patrol per day and one ambush per platoon during the hours of darkness.

(11) The minimum size unit for a patrol is the squad (reinforced with radio communications capability).

(12) All patrols will have an FO capability. A patrol is considered to have an FO capability when the patrol leader has radio communication with his parent unit, and is capable of calling and adjusting supporting fires.

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(13) Companies will have designated elements prepared to reinforce all patrols.

(14) Patrols that are platoon size or larger, or patrols that will be operating for more than twenty-four hours, must have check points indicated on overlays.

(15) Patrol overlays will be submitted to this headquarters (S-3) by 1200 daily and at least 72 hours in advance. Changes for patrol activities will be submitted to this headquarters (S-3) by 1200 on the day such activity is scheduled to be executed.

(16) Rules of Engagement are in effect and are as follows:

(a) Individual.

1. Rounds will not be chambered in individual weapons unless contact with the enemy is imminent. The senior Marine present will determine if, in his judgement, this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel. Initiation of any offensive or defensive formation implies imminent contact with the enemy.

2. Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a camp area during day light hours unless under attack.

3. During the hours of darkness the sequence of engagement will be:

a. Challenge

b. If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act, and therefore endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.

c. Unit Commanders may prescribe illumination prior to firing if local circumstances allow.

d. The requirement for challenge may be waived by the local commander if required by the tactical situation and friendly forces are known to be not operating in the area.

(b) Unit.

1. Supporting arms will not be fired into any populated area except when the infantry commander on the ground personally determines that such action is necessary to save Marine lives, and that there is no alternative to such a course of action.

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2. All supporting arms missions except pre-planned barrages will be approved positively at the appropriate FSCC level prior to the use of supporting arms.

3. None of the foregoing is intended to deny the application of force against the source of hostile fires. Enemy forces engaging friendly troops will be destroyed by utilization of any available means.

(17) All artillery fires must be approved through this Headquarters. 81mm illumination, WP and HE fires are to be requested and approved through this Headquarters, except in those cases in which the Company Commander deems an emergency to exist. In such cases, Company Commanders are delegated the authority to fire 81mm illumination, WP or HE fires, and to report subject fire missions to this headquarters at the earliest opportunity.

(18) Flak jackets will be worn in night defensive positions. For other operations, the unit leader will determine whether flak jackets will be worn.

(19) No vehicles are permitted South of the bridge (AT 946700) unless in convoy of two or more vehicles, with a minimum of one "shotgun" per vehicle. Vehicles maintain appropriate distance as a counter-ambush measure.

(20) No individual is to proceed alone from any unit position within the TAOR.

(21) All companies prepare counter-attack plans for their own defensive positions. Submit a copy of such plans to this Headquarters by 1200 7 Dec 1965.

(22) Buying from local vendors is prohibited. Only authorized indigenous personnel are to be granted access to any unit position.

(23) Pay particular attention to providing adequate security for wiremen/wire teams when checking lines, and to engineers when mine-sweeping roads.

(24) Submit requests for infra-red sniper devices, and seismic intrusion devices, to the S-2 officer.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply

(1) Co I initial level to be transported by helicopter on 2 Dec 1965.

(a) Class I Seven hundred fifty (750) MCI

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(b) Class II One (1) case BA 270
One (1) case BA 279
One (1) case BA 30

(c) Class III Five (5) gallons gasoline

(d) Class IV Five thousand (5000) sand bags

(e) Class V 144 Ctg, 40mm, HE
75 Grenades, hand, frag
300 Ctg, 60mm, HE
50 Ctg, 60mm, illum
50 Ctg, 60mm, WP
200 Ctg, 81mm, HE light
99 Ctg, 81mm, HE medium
51 Ctg, 81mm, illum
50 Ctg, 81mm, WP
6 Mines, Claymore, M18A1

(f) Water Fifty (50) cans (5 gal)

(2) Co K initial level to be transported by truck on 2 Dec 1965.

(a) Class I Two thousand two hundred fifty (2250) MCI

(b) Class II One (1) case BA 270
One (1) case BA 279
One (1) case BA 30
Twenty (20) picks
Forty (40) shovels
Six (6) sledge hammers
Twelve (12) pairs leather gloves
One (1) wire cutters

(c) Class III Twenty (20) gallons gasoline

(d) Class IV Five thousand (5000) sand bags
Two (2) rolls baling wire

(e) Class V 288 Ctg, 40mm, HE
25 Grenades, hand, illuminating
12 Rocket, 3.5, HEAT
6 Rocket, 3.5 smoke, WP
12 Mines, Claymore, M18A1
100 Ctg, 60mm, HE
50 Ctg, 60mm, ILLUM
50 Ctg, 60mm, WP
200 Ctg, 81mm, HE light
99 Ctg, 81mm, HE medium
51 Ctg, 81mm, ILLUM
50 Ctg, 81mm, WP

(f) Water One (1) full water trailer

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(3) Resupply. Resupply by helicopter from 3/3 LZ. Submit requirements one (1) day prior to delivery.

b. Evacuation and hospitalization.

(1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be helilifted to C Med.

(2) Individual weapons, compasses, binoculars, classified documents and ammunition of casualties to be evacuated will be retained by the company concerned.

(3) Casualties will be reported in accordance with DnO 3040.2. Casualty reports will include a brief summation of circumstances.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-electronics.

(1) Radio frequencies of adjacent units:

UNIT	FREQUENCY	CALL SIGN
Co I 3/4	47.4	MORTGAGE INDIA
Co A 1/1	53.2	PILSNER ALPHA
Co B 1/1	53.4	PILSNER BRAVO
Co C 1/1	49.4	PILSNER CHARLIE
Co D 1/1	52.2	PILSNER DELTA
Co E 2/9	51.6	PARKGREEN ECHO
Co F 2/9	54.0	PARKGREEN FOXTROT
Co G 2/9	47.4	PARKGREEN GOLF
Co H 2/9	53.0	PARKGREEN HOTEL
Co I 3/9	51.4	POLISH INDIA
Co K 3/9	52.6	POLISH KILO
Co L 3/9	50.8	POLISH LIMA
Co M 3/9	54.2	POLISH MIKE
Army Advisor MIEU DONG 1	47.5	ROCKY POINT NINE ALPHA
DAO	40.7	ROSEMONT

(2) Present wire system as follows;

(a) Co K direct to SWAIN.

(b) Co K hot line to Hill #41.

(c) Co I to FERTILIZE to SWAIN.

(d) Proposed-Co K hot to Co I.

(3) Evacuate equipment from Co's I and K by vehicle to battalion CP, not by helicopter unless accompanied by a member of this organization.

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(4) Cryptographic. Brevity code to be used in all possible instances.

b. Command posts.

(1) See Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Report CP location changes as they occur.

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3d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol DORSEY
H&S Co (-) (Rein)	Capt ORSBURN
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
Heavy Sec Ontos, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn	
Co I (Rein)	Capt MORRIS
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
FAC Tm	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
Co K (Rein)	Capt RAMSEY
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
FAC Tm	
Light Sec Ontos, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn	
Light Sec Tanks (-), 1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
Co L (Rein)	Capt DE MARTINO
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
Co M (Rein)	Capt RUSHING
Sec (-), 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
~~Btry F~~, 2d Bn, 12th Marines (~~General~~ Direct Support)	Capt RYHANYCK
3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn (~~General~~ Direct Support)	1st Lt MCCOY
1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn (General Support)	Sgt FIKE
4th Plat(-), Co C, 3d Engr Bn, (~~General~~ Direct Support)	1st Lt BRENNAN
Det, H&S Co, 1st AmTrac Bn, (~~General~~ Direct Support)	WO ROTH

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 20-65

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1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

a. The VC has the capability to mass up to six battalions at the time and place of his choosing. It has been the enemy's usual tactic to mass smaller units to a degree necessary to have an overwhelming force for employment against targets of their choice. A more common employment has been small units attacking by relatively long range, heavy volume small arms fire with a hope of inflicting casualties and harassing Marine and Vietnamese units. VC units have disdained holding fixed positions and exhibited, characteristically, a high degree of foot mobility. In any given area the VC may be expected to maintain at least a cadre of guerrillas capable of harassing with mines, booby traps or small arms, conducting terrorist or propaganda campaigns, maintaining a measure VC control by representing the VC in the hamlet and collecting information on Vietnamese and Marine military activities.

b. VC weapons available include the standard small arms, such as carbines both Chinese Communist and U.S.; French, German and U.S. rifle, machine guns and submachine guns. Heavy reliance is placed on captured and recovered weapons and ammunition of U.S. and Vietnamese units. Positive programs of weapons control are necessary. Hand grenades of VC, CHI COM and U.S. manufacture are common, with the U.S. M-26 grenade a favorite for close combat and booby trapping.

c. VC mining and booby trapping activities have been historically heavy in the battalion TAOR. Troops must be made aware of the VC propensity for mining gates, paths and fence lines where troops are channelized. Mines usually are made of grenades, either pressure actuated, or trip wired for pull devices, and electrically detonated. Mines are used mainly for casualty producing effect and are not designed to channelize persons into killing zones for other weapons. Anti-vehicular mines are often electrically detonated so that the mine can be controlled to take advantage of lone vehicles or especially attractive targets. When an anti-vehicle mine is detonated the VC may be expected to attempt to recover any weapons on the vehicle. Immediate reaction by surviving occupants and other vehicles is necessary.

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d. Currently located enemy units are as shown in the following table. VC strengths are not available. VC units move frequently, therefore the table is useful mainly to indicate locations used by the VC, approximate size of units these sites can contain, and approximate size and comparative strength of enemy units operating in this area at any given time.

COORDINATES	UNIT/SIZE	DATE OF REPORT	REMARKS
(AT 980680)	H-41 Co	9 Oct	Confirmed
(AS 005625)	345-Co	11 Nov	Confirmed
(AS 005625)	H-40 Co	11 Nov	Confirmed
(AT 975605)	23d [illegible]n	23 Oct	Confirmed
(AT 955675)	Plat	UNK	Confirmed Local Force
(AT 980580)	7th [illegible]n	25 Sep	Probable
GS(AT 9354)	Co	10 Nov	Probable Main Force

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

a. Will the enemy attack our forces in the TAOR; if so, when, where, and in what strength?

b. What enemy forces are located within the Battalion TAOR; where and what strength?

c. Do enemy units cross the SONG YEN; if so, when, where, and in what strength?

d. Does the enemy maintain supply and arms caches within our TAOR; if so where?

e. Does the enemy move through our TAOR; if so, determine VC movement routes, trail markings and time of movements.

f. Do the VC warn civilians of anti-personnel mines and booby traps; if so, determine any VC system of mine and booby trap markings being used within the TAOR.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS. All units report results of all patrols, to include details of enemy contacts, VC mining and booby trapping, VC fortifications, tunnels and caves. Additionally information on trail nets, stream crossings, water supply and cover, concealment and observation along patrol routes. Units should be alert for enemy propaganda efforts and for opportunities for friendly psychological activities including civic action programs.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL. Viet Cong captured by this Battalion will be tagged with date and time of capture, coordinates of capture, circumstances of capture, capturing squad or unit and name of person effecting capture. Any documents found on persons apprehended will be tagged to identify them with the person on whom found and evacuated with the individual. Whenever possible, a person present at the apprehension of a VC or VCS will be detailed as a prisoner guard to accompany the individual to ITT.

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Captured VC or apprehended VCS will have their hands bound and blindfolded before delivery to ITT. As a general rule women, children, and old men will not be apprehended as VC suspects unless circumstances indicate reason to suspect VC orientation. The circumstances of apprehension related on the tag filled out at the time of apprehension will indicate the reason for arresting the person apprehended is a VC. Evacuation will be by surface means whenever possible. Inform the Battalion S-2 whenever a VC or VCS is forwarded, including name, age, home hamlet of person apprehended, and VC rank and affiliation, if known. Wounded VC or VCS will be evacuated in the medical chain, if medically indicated. All weapons or material captured will be evacuated to G-2 via battalion and regiment tagged with date-time group and coordinates of capture, identification of capturing unit and circumstances of capture or recovery. If the item qualifies for return and retention as a war trophy the name, rank and serial number of the person responsible for its capture should be affixed. Documents from VC dead will be tagged and sent to S-2.

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

The VC have displayed a marked ability to gather information by visiting unit positions in the guise of vendors, rag pickers, sick or injured seeking aid, or merely wandering into Marine positions. Stringent steps must be taken to prevent any unauthorized Vietnamese from observing friendly positions. Terrorist tactics including poisoning of beer, soft drinks and water by vendors, or the planting of explosives by children or vendors, must be guarded against.

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Appendix 2 (Astronomical Data) to Annex B (Intelligence) to
Operation Order 21-65

Time Zone: H

1. Astronomical Data for month of December 1965

DATE	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
8	0636	0659	1831	1854	1754	0622	FULL
9	0636	0659	1832	1855	1851	0725	FULL
10	0637	0700	1832	1855	1953	0830	FULL
11	0637	0700	1833	1856	2100	0933	3/4
12	0638	0701	1833	1856	2212	1034	3/4
13	0638	0701	1833	1856	2308	1126	3/4
14	0639	0702	1834	1857	- -	1222	1/2
15	0639	0702	1834	1857	0009	1256	1/2
16	0640	0703	1835	1858	0104	1336	1/2
17	0640	0703	1835	1858	0158	1415	1/2
18	0641	0704	1835	1858	0252	1453	1/4
19	0641	0704	1836	1857	0345	1534	1/4
20	0641	0705	1836	1857	0432	1617	1/4
21	0642	0705	1837	1900	- -	- -	NEW
22	0642	0706	1837	1900	- -	- -	NEW
23	0643	0706	1838	1901	- -	- -	NEW
24	0643	0707	1838	1901	- -	- -	NEW
25	0644	0707	1839	1902	- -	- -	NEW
26	0644	0707	1839	1902	1000	2120	1/4
27	0645	0708	1840	1903	1044	2210	1/4
28	0645	0708	1840	1903	1112	2258	1/4
29	0646	0709	1841	1904	1148	2346	1/4
30	0646	0709	1841	1904	1222	- -	1/2
31	0647	0710	1842	1905	1255	0031	1/2

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Annex D (Task Force Delta Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 21-65.

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1. Concept of Operations.

a. General. Task Force Delta consisting of two Marine Battalions, the Special Landing Force, 7th Fleet (SLF), and other supporting 3d Mar Div elements in coordination with an ARVN Regiment, will conduct a three stage search and destroy operation in the QUE SON-VIET AN-HIEP DUC valley complex. Marine logistic support will be from an established base complex, in the vicinity of HUONG XUAN.

b. Defination of Stages.

(1) Stage I. Period D-1 and D-day. D-1 ARVN forces search and destroy enemy forces in vicinity of THANG BINH. D-day ARVN forces cross LD at 0500H proceed generally Southwest along Route 35 to vicinity Phase Line B. Btry M, 4th Bn, 11th Marines, with one rifle platoon from 2/7, moves by motor march from CHU LAI enclave to vicinity of Phase Line B. 2d Bn, 7th Marines motor marches from CHU LAI to vicinity TAM KY.

(2) Stage II. Period D+1 to D+10. ARVN forces maintain contact enemy force. 2d Bn, 7th Marines is helilifted on D+1 to vicinity Objective 1, seize objective and is then prepared to move out to seek out and destroy the enemy as ordered. On D+1 all other elements of task force except SLF moves from DA NANG enclave to either the THANG BINH or QUE SON complex. Btry M, 4th Bn, 11th Marines continues to support from position at HUONG XUAN. 3d Bn, 3d Marines and SLF prepare for immediate commitment to objective area on order. Logistic Support Unit supports force from D+1 to D+10 from ISA vicinity HUONG XUAN. Force Command Group, Prov Arty Bn (-), Recon Co (-) bases at QUE SON.ON D+1. No major displacement of this element, with the exception of the Recon Co (-), is contemplated prior to D+10.

(3) Stage III. D+11 to D+12. All elements of Task Force Delta withdraw by helo/foot/motor march to their respective enclaves. ISA transfers surplus supplies to FLSG control in enclave. Operation HARVEST MOON terminates D+12.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Intsum's as issued.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th Marines (-) Rein continues to occupy and control assigned sector of DA NANG TAOR, defends DA NANG vital areas in sector.

(2) 1st Bn, 1st Marines continues to operate in assigned TAOR on right flank. Co F, 2d Bn, 1st Marines occupies Hill 41.

(3) 2d Bn, 9th Marines continues to operate on left flank. Co H, 2d Bn, 9th Marines occupies and controls CAM NE (1), (2) and (6).

(4) ARVN forces no longer occupy CAM NE (1), (2), (4) or (6).

(5) Pacification Teams no longer operate in CAM NE (1), (2) or (6).

(6) ARVN forces and Pacification Teams operate in YEN NE (2).

(7) One Pacification Team with Co M operates in AN TRACH and LA BONG (2).

(8) Three Pacification Teams with Co K operate in LA BONG (1), YEN NE (4), NO-NAME VILLE (AT 967676), LA BONG (3), CAM NE (3), CAM NE (4) and CAM NE (5).

c. Attachment and detachment. Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION. No change in basic mission. 3d Bn, 3d Marines assumes responsibility for day and night security of all Pacification Teams operating in assigned TAOR. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. Units of 3d Bn, 3d Marines relieve one another within assigned TAOR during period 23-27 Dec 1965. Co I relieves Co M at ASP #1, and provides one platoon to Bn CP. Co K assumes pacification mission in CAM NE (4), (5) and (3) and in LA BONG (3), YEN NE (4), LA BONG (1) and in village at (AT 967676). Co L relieves Co K in Western sector of Bn TAOR. Co M relieves Co I in AN TRACH (1).

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b. Co I (Rein).

(1) On 26 December, and when relieved by Co M, helilift two platoons from AN TRACH (1) to ASP #1. Report when responsibility assumed for security of ASP #1. Become Zone Alfa reserve.

(2) On 26 December, and when relieved by Co K, helilift one platoon from LA BONG (3) to Bn CP.

(3) On 27 December, provide one squad (rein) to relieve H&S Co squad on river block (AT 971699) by 1400H. To OPCON CO, H&S Co, upon relief.

(4) Prepare to provide daily one fire team (rein) as security for MEDCAP activities in the CAM HOA village complex. Coordinate with Bn Surgeon.

(5) Provide two squads nightly at 1700H to augment Bn CP security, OPCON of CO, H&S Co during tenure of watches.

(6) Detach Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, to parent unit upon relief of mission at AN TRACH (1).

c. Co K (Rein).

(1) On 23 December, and when relieved by Co L (Rein), truck one platoon to Bn CP during morning, and helilift one platoon to Bn CP during afternoon.

(2) Retain one platoon (rein) on Hill 22, and CHOP to CO, Co L (rein) until 26 December.

(3) Provide one platoon to occupy C&M NE (4) by 1600H on 23 December. Assume responsibility for day and night security of Pacification Team upon its arrival at C&M NE (4) on 23 December.

(4) On 26 December, provide one platoon (rein) as relief for 1st platoon, Co I, at LA BONG (3). Assume responsibility for day and night security of concerned Pacification Team upon relief.

(5) On 26 December, assume responsibility for day and night security of three Pacification Teams in assigned TAOR. See Annex B (Operation Overlay). Pacification Teams are tentatively assigned the following areas of responsibility by MIHU BONG Headquarters:

(a) One team - YEN NE (4) and LA BONG (1).

(b) One team - Northern sector of C&M NE (3), C&M NE (4) and C&M NE (5).

(c) One team - Southern sector of C&M NE (3), LA BONG (3), and village at (AT 967676).

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(6) On 26 December, resume OPCON of platoon from Co L.

(7) Report when responsibility assumed for new TAOR. Report new disposition of Co K units as determined by CO, Co K, upon assumption of responsibility for new TAOR.

d. Co L (Rein).

(1) On 23 December, truck lift one platoon (rein) to Hill 22 during morning as relief for Co K.

(2) On 23 December, helilift one platoon at 1300H to Hill 22 as relief for Co K.

(3) Assume OPCON of one platoon (rein) of Co K at new location until 26 December.

(4) Provide minimum security force of one squad (rein) each for AN CHAU (2) and river position at (AT 962660).

(5) Assume responsibility for new TAOR on 23 December. See Annex B (Operation Overlay). Report when responsibility is assumed.

(6) Co L responsible for SONG VEN River in 3d Bn, 3d Marines TAOR.

e. Co M (Rein).

(1) On 26 December, helilift two platoons from ASP #1 to AN TRACH (1) as relief for units of Co I.

(2) Assume responsibility for day and night security of Pacification Teams operating in AN TRACH (1) and LA DONG (2).

(3) Direct liaison authorized with VIET CONG liaison in support of pacification effort in AN TRACH complex.

(4) Provide minimum force of one squad (rein) for river position at (AT 963660).

(5) Co M relieved of responsibility for Pacification Team at LA DONG (3) upon relief of 1st Plat, Co I by Co K.

(6) Assume responsibility for new TAOR as indicated in Annex B (Operation Overlay) on 26 December. Report when responsibility is assumed.

e. H&S Co (-).

(1) By 0700H on 23 December, provide one squad (rein) as relief for Co L squad at river block (AT 971699).

(2) Maintain present position.

(3) Provide CP security.

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(4) Maintain responsibility for river block (AT 971699).

(5) On 27 December, assume OPCON of Co I relief squad on river block (AT 971699).

(6) Commencing 26 December, assume OPCON of two Co I squads at Bn CP at 1700H daily. OPCON continues during tenure of night watches as augmentation force for Bn CP perimeter security.

i. 81mm Mortar Plat.

(1) One section direct support of Co K (rein).

(2) One section direct support of Co L (rein).

(3) One section direct support of Co M (rein).

(4) One FO Tm attached to each rifle company.

g. Coordinating instructions.

(1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) See coordinating instructions of Operation Order 20-65.

(3) Time frames for truck lifts/helicopter lifts will be as promulgated by S-4/ALO respectively for individual units, dependent upon truck/helicopter availability times.

(4) Direct liaison authorized between Co's K and M and MIEU BONG Headquarters for coordination of pacification efforts in assigned sectors.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

(1) Leave all classes of supply in position.

(2) Maintain a three to five day level of supply.

(3) Submit resupply requirements one day prior to delivery.

b. Evacuation and hospitalization. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Radio.

(1) Adjacent units.

(a) Co H 2/9 53.0

(b) Co F 2/1 47.6

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b. Wire.

(1) Companies will leave wire lines in place and leave wiremen at present CP's to install relieving Co telephones. Do not leave communication equipment in place. Separate platoons draw telephones and radios from their respective companies. Provide security for wire teams as required.

(2) Wire section. Be prepared to install locals to CAM NE (4) and CAM NE (3). Install hot line between Hill 22 and AN TRACH (1) on order. Supply wire and wire teams to install and trouble-shoot lines for separate platoons.

(3) Present wire link-up.

(a) Hill 22 to Sierra to Swain.

(b) AN-TRACH (1) to Blackbox to Swain.

(c) ASP #1 to Senator to Swain.

(d) Proposed, Co K (plat) to Swain.

(e) Others as required.

(4) Evacuation of equipment. Communication equipment will be evacuated by vehicle when possible. Helicopter will be used only if the equipment is accompanied by a member of the Communication Platoon.

c. Command posts.

(1) Report command post locations down to and including platoon level when established, and as changes occur.

(2) Report separate squad locations when occupying positions other than platoon CP location.

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ANNEXES:

A - Task Organization

B - Operation Overlay

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3d Bn, 3d Marines
DA NANG, VIETNAM
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 22-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

3d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol DORSEY
H&S Co (-) (Reinf)	Capt O'SHEEN
Heavy Sec Ontos, 3d Plat, Co C 3d AT Bn	
Co I (Reinf)	Capt MORRIS
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
Engr Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
Co K (Reinf)	Capt RAMSEY
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
Co L (Reinf)	Capt [illegible]
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn	
FAC Tm	
Light Sec Ontos, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn	
Light Sec Tanks, 1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn	
Co M (Reinf)	Capt RUSHING
Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co	
FO Tm, Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines	
Eng Tm, 4th Plat, Co C 3d Engr Bn	
FAC Tm	
2d Bn, 12th Marines (Direct Support)	LtCol SPECKART
3d Plat, Co C, 3d AT Bn (Direct Support)	1stLt MCCOY
1st Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn (General Support)	SSGT SESAIR
4th Plat (-), Co C, 3d Engr Bn (Direct Support)	1stLt BRENNAN
Det, H&S Co, 1st Amtrac Bn (Direct Support)	WO ROTH

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To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Special report OPERATION FIVE MOUNTAINS

Special Report "Operation Five Mountains"

Lima Company arrived in LE SON (3) (AT 963677) and CAM NE (4) (AT 968695) areas on 29 November. Lima-1 was located at CAM NE (4) and Lima -2 and Company CP located at LA BONG(3). The Pacification Team arrived at LA BONG (3) on 30 November. The villagers were invited to a meeting with the Pacification Team members. At 1400 on the same day the Company Commander was invited to speak to the villagers through his interpreter. The Company Commander expressed the desire of the American people to help the Vietnamese People in their strive for freedom. He explained that his men were there to help and protect them. The things he said were very well accepted by the people present. They were pleased with his attempt to say "Hello" in Vietnamese. On behalf of the Pacification Team he presented each family head with one Ration. He explained to the people that his Corpsmen in conjunction with the Pacification Team Corpsmen would conduct Sick Call Daily at 0900.

When Company L arrived a census of LA BONG (3) showed 17 families with 98 people living there. Since Company L's arrival the family count has grown to 31 with 157 people. People are returning to the Hamlet because they feel that they will be protected from the VC. Likewise the sick call has increased 100%. The people are showing more and more trust and confidence in the Pacification Team and the Marines.

Company L has helped the Pacification Team to prepare their signs and have accompanied them on all their Pacification efforts.

The Pacification Team at Lima 1's position is conducting a census, Med Cap and Psychological Warfare in theirarea at CAM NE (3) (AT 962685). The Pacification Team from La BONG (3) has proceeded to LA BONG (1) (AT 967670) to conduct a similar program.

Lima one reports that the people in CAM NE (3) are extremel receptive to the Pacification Teams and the Marines. The Med Cap program in the CAM NE (3) area has tripled within the last few days.

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On 6 December 1965 a patrol which accompanied Pacification Team to LA BONG (1) was very well received A meeting was held and 118 villagers were present. The meeting was held for 2½ hours. Immediately after the meeting I/3/3 Corpsmen in conjunction with the Pacification Team corpsmen held Med Cap however they did not have sufficent medical supplies to treat all the people who needed it. After the Med Cap villagers took some of the Marines in the squad and showed them two booby trapped grenades which were located at (AT 97566 The grenades were destroyed. The villagers at LA BONG (1) are very receptive and friendly to the Pacification Teams and the Marines.

No unfavorable incidents have occured as of yet. The Marines are not allowed to buy anything from the people. The villagers have given Marines firewood and have cooked rice for them.

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3d Bn, 3d Marines
DA NANG, VIETNAM
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3d Bn, 3d Marines After Action Report #42

Ref: (a) Task Force Delta Operation Order 1-65
(b) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6657 I and IV, 6658 II and III.
(c) 3d Bn, 3d Mar Operation Order 21-65.

1. Unit: 3d Bn 3d Mar was comprised of the Command Group and Co. L from 3d Bn, 3d Mar; Co. E and Co. G from 2d Bn 9th Mar; Co. G from 2d Bn, 4th Mar; and the 2d Recomn Co., 2d ARVN Division.

Strength: 22 Officers, 693 Enlisted, 10 USN Enlisted.

Time: 090500H to 181700H December 1965.

Place: Area of operations enclosed by GS BT 1532, BT 1525, BT 0532, and BT 0525. The logistical support area was located in vic GS BT 1545.

Casualties: Friendly - 11 KIA, 51 WIA, 15 non-battle.
Enemy - 101 KIA, 120 KIA probable, 79 VCS evacuated.

Nature of Action: Operation HARVEST MOON, a search and destroy operation which was essentially a spoiling attack to prevent the Viet Cong from their announced objective of capturing QUE SON, and also to eliminate VC forces that isolated the ARVN outpost at VIET AN, permitting ARVN to reestablish lines of communications.

2. Summary. On 090500H 3d Bn, 3d Mar departed it's CP by motor march for the site of the LSA vic coord (BT 155455). Initial elements arrived at 091030H, established a defensive perimeter, and preparations began immediately for a heliborne assualt. At 091400H battalion helilift began to LZ coord (BT 144306) with the mission of reinforcing an ARVN Regt under attack 2500 meters to the NW of the LZ. At 091500H Co. L moved out toward the West with the Command Group and two platoons of Co. E in trace. At 091530, leading elements of Co. L made contact. Movement continued in a Westerly direction until approximately 091645H when a turn North was made in order to move to Hill 43 coord (BT 123321) where remnants of the ARVN battalion were supposed to be located. Movement continued North until 091700H when a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire were received from the North, Northwest and West. An intense fire fight lasted until approximately 091830H. As a result of the fire fight eleven friendly KIA's and seventeen friendly WIA's were evacuated by helicopter. Estimated enemy losses were seventy five KIA's. Periodic small arms fire was received until approximately 092030H. At approximately 092000H a HUIE was shot down while attempting a medical evacuation. Engineers destroyed the aircraft after the rescue of the crew and removal of weapons was completed. There was no further enemy contact during the night. Defensive positions for the night were established by the Command Group, Co. L, and two platoons of Co. E vicinity coord. (BT 122316). Co G and one platoon of Co E established night defensive positions in the LZ coord (Bt 144306). At 101300H the battalion consolidated on Hill 43 coord (BT 123321).

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At 101430H the battalion moved from Hill 43 to Hill 63 coord (BT 083325) and arrived at 101730H. Night defensive positions were established and contact was established with Co H, 2d Bn, 7th Mar. Company sized search and clear patrols were conducted on 11 December East and West of Hill 63 to a distance of 1800 - 2000 meters. Six VC were apprehended and a fortified complex was found at coord (BT 075324). At 120900H battalion helilift began to LZ coord (BT 145285). The helilift was completed at 121015H. The battalions mission was to search and clear PHUOC HA valley, and to assess the effectiveness of the S/C strike by B-52's conducted on the morning of 12 December. In order to accomplish the mission it was necessary to secure the entrance to PHUOC HA valley. This was accomplished by 121805H with Co L securing Hill 100 coord (BT 128285) and Co G securing Hill 180 coord (BT 139275). The assualt by Co G on Hill 180 was by helicopter. Sporadic contacts were made throughout the day by all companies. At 121345H the 2d Reconn Co, 2d ARVN Divison arrived at the battalion CP coord (BT 145285) and were placed under the operational control of 3d Bn, 3d Mar. Night defensive positions were established with Co L on Hill 100, Co G on Hill 180, Co E and 2d Reconn Co at the battalion CP. At 130800H Co E followed by the 2d Reconn Co entered PHUOC HA valley beginning search and clear operations within the valley. The battalion CP completed displacement to Hill 100 at 131445H. Search and clear operations were conducted in and outside the valley thru 16 December. At 151500H Co L was relieved by Co G 2d Bn, 4th Mar. All companies participated extensively in searching and results were highly satisfactory. See paragraph three which is a consolidated listing of weapons and supplies found. The majority of weapons and supplies found were evacuated to Que Son. During the search period sporadic contacts were made. On 17 December the battalion began its movement by foot from PHUOC HA valley to Highway 1 in order to link up with a truck convoy for return to the DA NANG area. First elements began movement at 170805H. Movement progressed satisfactorly until approximately 171630H. Progress was halted due to the flooded condition of the SUOI PHU XUAN river vicinity (BT 179313). A reconnaissance for a possible fording site proved negative. Movement by helicopter to Highway 1 was requested and Co G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar, and the 2d Reconn Co, 2d ARVN Division were lifted out just prior to adverse weather and light conditions setting in. A night defense was established at coord (BT 175313) by the Command Group and Companies G and E. No contact was made during the night. At 180830H the remaining elements were lifted to coord (BT 238315), by motor march at 181130H and arrived at the LSA at 181235H. Movement from the LSA to respective locations of parent organizations was accomplished by heli-lift and completed by 181900H. 3d Bn, 3d Mar CHOP from operational control of TASK FORCE DELTA at 181700H.

a. Company L, 3d Bn, 3d Mar. 090500H December 1965 the company departed Battalion CP in a truck convoy (no enemy contact on route to LSA). 091400H departed LSA on helicopters and landed in LZ coord (BT 144306) at 091430H. Established perimeter defense of LZ. Picked up one VC in LZ who was waving a white handkerchief. Battalion Command Post Group, with attachments, landed and entire unit departed LZ at 1500H. At 091500H moved in a Westerly direction and swept coord (BT 137311) CHIEN LON Village. Captured one VC in village. Moved Westerly to coord (BT 133314). In one house in this village an 81mm mortar bipod and one 81mm HE round was found with two VC; destroyed one tunnel; one WP bag; some clothing with blood on it and some VC documents (Interpreter identified them as VC papers) were also found.

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Continued to move West and came under light small arms fire from coord (BT 124303). Returned fire and moved into area and picked up one dead VC and three VC prisoners, one of them in possession of a BAR. Other gear found included: Cartridge belt with Chi-Com grenades attached and a VC travel kit containing a stove, 10 lbs rice, mess pan, clothing, and a cake-type foodstuff. At the Western end of the village four VC were captured, one of whom was identified by the interpreter as the village chief and definitely VC. Crossed the stream which bordered village on the South and apprehended 3 VC in a cave, one of whom was carrying a BAR. Gear found in the cave included a cartridge belt with Chi-Com grenades attached and an E-Tool. At this point an LZ was designated at coord (BT 130310) and all VC gear was evacuated. The company recrossed the stream and continued movement in a Westerly direction and came under light small arms fire from coord (BT 118309). Fire was returned and movement continued. At 091650H executed turning movement to North. Moved in this direction for approximately 10 minutes and at 091700H the first rounds of the ensuing battle were fired. To clarify the following action, at this time the various units were located as follows:

2d Platoon - Facing North deployed along left flank at coord (BT 119311).
3d Platoon - Facing North deployed along right flank and on line at coord (BT 122312).
1st Platoon - Located at coord (BT 122309) and in process of executing turning movement to North.
81mm - in trace of 1st Platoon and located at coord (BT 124309).

At 091700H with the units in the preceding locations the VC forces opened up with a heavy volume of small arms and automatic fire from the North, Northwest, and West. The VC forces were estimated as 100 VC to the North, 50 VC to the Northwest, and 50 VC to the West. Within the next five minutes the 2d Platoon deployed to a position where they could deliver fire to the enemy on the West and Northwest; the company's 60mm mortars began delivering fire to the enemy on the North, and 3d Platoon began returning fire to the North and Northwest.

The ensuing battle lasted an hour and a half and the following incidents are in approximate chronological sequence (some of them happened simultaneously):

- Enemy fire commenced from the rear (estimated force to be 100 VC).
- Incoming mortars began falling in the village to the East and the rice paddy West of the village (approximately 35 rounds fell in the village and about 6 rounds fell in the rice paddy).
- First platoon deployed along cemetery mounds, somewhat on line facing South, and began delivering fire on enemy to rear.
- Incoming mortars were now detected as also coming from the rear approximately 15 rounds).
- Third platoon received order to assault hill to front (North).
- Second platoon got into position to act as base of fire for the third platoon.
- First platoon reported they were still receiving fire to the rear (from the South).

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- 81mm mortars began delivering fire on enemy to North.
- Air strikes were being called on enemy to North and Northwest.
- 2d platoon commenced base of fire.
- 3d platoon, with 2 squads, assaulting hill
- Artillery and air began to blast enemy positions to North and Northwest. As 3d platoon was assaulting hill, aircraft made strike on enemy to the rear (South).
- 3d platoon reported they had taken the hill.
- Friendly artillery began falling 100 meters North of the 3d platoon.
- Aircraft were conducting strikes to the West and Northwest.
- 1st platoon was now receiving fire from their West.
- A HU-1E came in from the South to attempt medical evacuation.
- Automatic fire from the West hit the pilot and the helicopter crashed in the rice paddy in the midst of the 1st platoon who were evacuating wounded at this time.
- Members of the helicopter crew were pulled out of the downed aircraft.
- 2d platoon moved East from their position to establish a secure LZ for medical evacuation.
- All casualties to be evacuated from the 1st platoon and aircraft crew were now at collection point coord (BT 123310).
- All casualties of 2d platoon, 3d platoon, Bn CP Group and Co E were now at evacuation point coord (BT 123314), which was approximately 400 meters from 1st platoon collection point.
- 1st platoon ordered to evacuate all casualties to Bn evacuation point.
- Medical evacuation helicopter began to arrive and all casualties began movement to LZ.
- All casualties were evacuated.
- 2d platoon moved onto hill with 3d platoon.
- Engineers destroyed UH-1E with explosives.
- 1st platoon moved down trail to West of village and joined company on the hill.
- Company set up perimeter defense on the hill for the night.

At 100930H company arrived on Hill 43 and linked up with approximately 40 ARVN. Company set up perimeter defense on hill. 101000H the 3d platoon received order to conduct patrol to the Northwest to coord (BT 117328) with mission to find the ARVN Regimental Commanders body, who was presumed killed during previous engagement between ARVN and VC units (secondary missions included the finding of any dead, wounded, or weapons that were left in the area). At 101200H the 3d platoon reported they had found the body of the ARVN Regimental Commander plus three other dead ARVN, 1 dead VC, 5 weapons (1 Chi-Com Auto-Rifle, 2 M-1, 1 Thompson, 1 BAR) cartridge belt with M-1 ammunition, and 2 ARVN packs. The body of the ARVN Regimental Commander was evacuated by helicopter. At 101300H the 3d platoon returned to Hill 43. At 101530H commenced move and arrived at Hill 63 at 101730H. 3d platoon provided LZ security at the objective and the remainder of the company tied in with 3d platoon and other units to form defense of hill. No enemy contact during night (during night company received word that 1 VC had infiltrated defensive perimeter). At 110900H found 1 VC in cave within perimeter (believed to be same VC that had infiltrated during the night). At 111200H commenced company patrol to search and clear area 2000 meters East of Hill 63. (Grid Squares BT 0832, BT 0833, BT 0932 and BT 0933). Apprehended 5 VC males and 1 VC female.

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At 120900H commenced helicopter lift to coord (BT 143300). At 121030H departed LZ in Southwest direction toward Hill 100 coord (BT 128285). At 121130H spotted approximately 10 to 15 VC moving across Hill 100, called in artillery and air strikes on hill. Arrived on Hill 100 at approximately 121300H and set up perimeter defense. At 121315H one reinforced squad sent out to investigate trench line encountered on Northeast slope of hill. Squad spotted 2 VC fleeing the area; the squad opened fire and wounded one of the VC. Squad returned and the wounded VC was evacuated. On 13 December 1965 remained in positions on Hill 100. At 140800H the 2d and 3d platoons moved out on a search patrol of PHUOC HA valley. One sewing machine case was found at the base of Hill 100 coord (BT 132283) by the Company CP group. Two 155 duds were found at coord (BT 133278). These duds were marked by the engineers. VC uniforms and two sewing machines were found at coord (BT 136274) by the second platoon. The 2d platoon destroyed 20,000 pounds of rice and 1500 pounds of salt in caves at the base of Hill 100. At 141130H began to evaluate the damage of the B-52 strikes. Craters were found that were 40 ft. wide and 30 ft. deep. Around these craters were VC 782 gear (E-tools, canteens, ammunitions and aid kits), 1Chi-Com carbine, a great deal of medical supplies, and approximately 3000 pounds of rice were found by the 3d platoon. The damage by the B-52 was astounding. Approximately 12 to 15 VC bodies were found in the rice paddies. Dead cattle (15-20) were also found throughout the bombed area. At 141315H the 2d platoon was ordered to search the South side of the valley. On the search operation 400 tubes of tooth paste, 350 tooth brushes, 50 towels, 100 bars of soap, 2 cans of fish oil, and 2 cans of fuel were found at coord (BT 122265). A map was found at coord (BT 122264) as well as some deeds. The 3d platoon searched the North side of the valley. During this search approximately 10 tons of ricewere destroyed. At 151500H company heli-lifted to ISA coord (BT 153457). Company was lifted from the ISA to 3d Bn, 3d Mar CP.

b. Company E, 2d Bn, 9th Marines. At 090530 two platoons Company E departed 3d Bn, 3d Mar CP on truck convoy to assembly area at HOI'NG XUAN vicinity coord (BT 155455). 3d platoon departed 091230H with Co G. No enemy contact enroute. Co E (-) arrived at 091030H and assumed defensive positions vicinity LSA. At 091430H Co E (-) was helilifted to an LZ at coord (BT 144305) and commenced movement Northwest towards Hill 43. At 091650H while Co L and the Bn CP were moving around hamlet HUONG LOC coord (BT 122311), Co E (-) recieved permission to search the hamlet instead of following the Bn CP. Co L and the Bn CP came under heavy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire, from the Northwest, West and Southwest. The 1st platoon Co E started receiving fire from the hamlet (North), the 2d platoon was pinned down by small arms fire 600 meters to the rear. The 1st platoon commenced an assault on the hamlet to the North from which Co E (-) was receiving fire. The 1st platoon pulled back to a tree line and fired 5 - 3.5 WP and 4 LAAW rds. Co E (-) received 50 cal fire from the rear at this time. The 1st platoon began another assault and ran into a mortar barrage and 50 cal fire from coord (BT 120304). The platoon rushed on thru the hamlet and set up perimeter defense at coord (BT 125314). In the assault on the hamlet Co E received 6 WIA's. At 092330H the 2d platoon fought its way into the defensive perimeter. At 092345H Co E moved with Co L and the Bn CP to coord (BT 123313) and set in a night defensive perimeter.

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At 100930H Co L, Co E and the Bn CP moved to Hill 43 and relieved what was left of the ARVN Bn defending Hill 43. At 101300H Co G and 3d platoon of Co E joined the battalion on Hill 43. At 101400H the battalion moved Westerly towards Hill 63. The 3d Bn, 3d Marines occupied and set up a defensive perimeter of Hill 63 coord (BT 083325) at 101700H. At 110800H Co E conducted a company size patrol to the West of Hill 63. At coord (BT 075324) Co E discovered a fortified hill and tunnel complex with air vents for cooking and providing fresh air to the tunnel complex. There were four foot tunnels 10 feet below the surface - rooms to accomodate 75 people. Due to insufficient demolitions to destroy the complex it was left intact. Co E returned to Hill 63 at 111430H. At 120900H Co E was helilifted to an LZ coord (BT 144295) and secured the LZ for the landing of the remaining elements of the Bn. Co E provided CP security for night defense at coords (BT 142291). At 130800H moved into PHUC HA valley in a search and destroy mission and to evaluate a B-52 bomber strike on 12 December. Search and destroy missions were conducted on 13, 14, 15 and 16 December. Paragraph 3 of this report lists the supplies and equipment found by the battalion during the operation. At 170805H the battalion commenced movement out of PHUC HA valley to Highway 1, with Co E as rear guard. At coords (BT 152300) Co E was fired upon by small arms from the right flank. Returned fire with 3.5 WP rounds, rifle and machine gun fire killing 2 VC. HU-1E gunships were called for an air strike. Co E received no casualties. Continued movement to coord (BT 176314) and set in defensive perimeter for the night. At 180800 the Bn commenced helilift to coords (BT 238314). Co E was last to be lifted. At 181130H the Bn was moved by truck convoy to the LSA and arrived at 181235H. At 181430H Co E was helilifted from the LSA to 2/9 CP coords. (AT 992672) and was CHOP from OpCon 3d Bn, 3d Mar.

c. Company G, 2d Bn, 9th Mar. 091230H departed 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP for LSA. Arrived LSA at 091630H. No enemy contact enroute. 091645H company was helilifted to LZ coord (BT 143307). Helilift completed at 091830H. Established defensive positions for the night. 3d platoon, Co E remained in defensive positions in the LZ throughout the night. Sniper fire received at 091700H. No enemy contact during the night. Company departed LZ at 100730H and arrived at Hill 43 coord (BT 124320) at 101300H. Departed Hill 43 at 101430H enroute to Hill 63 coord (BT 083325) arriving at 101700H. Contact was established with ARVN unit at coord (BT 095332) at 101600H. Defensive positions were established for the night. On 11 December remained in defensive positions around Hill 63. On 120930H the company was helilifted to LZ coord (BT 145285). At 121100H 4 VC dressed in utilities and steel helmets were seen moving East at coord (BT 145289). One was killed with one shot from sniper rifle at a range of 700 meters. The company was assigned the mission of securing Hill 180 coord (BT 139275). Movement by foot to Hill 180 from the LZ proved to be impossible due to wide river and an estimated VC force well positioned and dug in on the far side of the river. The company received small arms fire, automatic weapons fire, and mortar fire from the far side of the river vicinity coord (BT 142280). Supporting arms were directed on the enemy force. The company conducted a orderly withdrawal behind a screen of WP smoke. Two friendly WIA's were sustained.

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At 121800H initial elements of the company were helilifted from the LZ coord (BT 145285) to the objective on Hill 180. Light small arms fire was received and quickly neutralized. The helilift was completed at approximately 121830H and night defensive positions were established. At 121830H 18-20 VC were seen moving East at coord (BT 150275) and were brought under artillery fire. No other contact was made during the remainder of the night. 13 December maintained defensive positions on Hill 180 and patrolled base of hill. 14 December conducted search patrols with two platoons to coord (BT 126268). Results of equipment and supplies found during all searches is included in paragraph 3 of this report. No enemy contact. One VCS taken. Returned to Hill 180 and assumed night defensive positions. 15 December remained on Hill 180 in defense. Sent one platoon on search patrol to village coord (BT 142280). At 1400 the search platoon received small arms fire from coord (BT 147283). Fire was neutralized and enemy contact broken. Patrol returned to Hill 180. 16 December search patrols continued. On 170730H the company departed Hill 180 and proceeded as the lead element of a foot march towards Highway 1 until approximately 171630H when reaching the SUOI PHU XUAN River which was impassable. Defended portion of Bn perimeter coord (BT 175313) during the night with no enemy contact. Morning of 18 December moved by helicopter from coord (BT 175313) to (BT 236314). From there the company was trucked to LSA and then helilifted to the 2/9 CP at 181530H and CHOP from 3d Bn, 3d Mar.

d. Company G, 2d Bn, 4th Mar. At 151500H Co G relieved Co I of the defensive perimeter of Hill 100 coords (BT 128286) and set in for the night. At 160730H Co G conducted a search and destroy operation to the Northeast of Hill 100 Vicinity PHOUC HA (1) (BT 130290) and DONG AP (2) (BT 134293). No enemy contact was made. They destroyed approximately 10 tons of rice and found a small amount of medical supplies which were evacuated to District Headquarters at QUE SON. Company returned to Hill 100 at approximately 161300H and resumed the defensive perimeter. At 170300H the battalion commenced a tactical march to Highway 1 with Co G in trace of Co G 2d Bn, 9th Mar. At 171530H the battalion reached coord (BT 179313) and was unable to cross a swift, swollen and deep river. Co G was helilifted from (BT 179313) to vicinity TUAN DUONG (2) coord (BT 234314) and set in a defensive perimeter for the night. At 181005H, Co G was CHOP 3d Bn, 3d Mar and boarded trucks for a motor convoy South to re-join their parent unit.

e. 2d Reconn Company, 2d ARVN Div. At 121345H the 2d Reconn Co, 2d ARVN Div arrived at Bn CP and came under the Battalions Operational Control. They set in as part of the CP security with two platoons as flank and rear area security. On 13 December the Bn CP moved to Hill 100 and the 2d Reconn Company moved into PHOUC HA Valley in trace of Co E in a search and destroy mission. This mission continued thru 16 December. On 17 December the 2d Reconn Company moved in a Bn tactical march toward Highway 1. At 171730H, the 2d Reconn Company was helilifted to an ARVN compound at coords (BT 234314) and CHOP from Operational Control of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

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3. Compilation of captured weapons and ammunition, supplies, food, medical supplies, and miscellaneous equipment during Operation HARVEST MOON.

a. Weapons and Ammunition. (Evacuated)

Thompson SMG - 5
BAR - 5
M-1 - 4
Russian K-44 Rifle - 35
Czech Rifle - 7
Sniper Rifle - 1
Russian Carbine - 3
M-1 Carbine - 2
Chinese Automatic Rifle - 2
Unknown type automatic rifles - 3
Carbine - 1600 rds
Russian - 12.30 cal
M-1 - unknown large amount of ammunition
7.62 - 100 rds
9mm pistol ammo - 30 rds
81mm mortar - 5 rds
60mm mortar-39 rds
50 cal brass casings - large amount (500 approx)
8 inch shells - 2
Carbine 30 cal primer rds - 500
Misc small arms ammo unknown amount; (several thousands)
AP mine - 35
Tomato Can mine - 6
Bear Trap - 10
7 fuses for mines - 2 (unknown type)
Grenades - undetermined number

b. Supplies. (Evacuated)

Gas - 375 gallons (destroyed)
Kerosene - 100 gallons (destroyed)
Cloth - 200 reams blue/gray; 70 rolls cloth unknown color; 1500 lbs blue cloth in plastic bags; 40 rolls blue, black, and white cloth, uniform material (unknown quantity)
Buttons - 15000
Binding - 100 bundles (bamboo)
Uniforms - 8 green uniforms; unknown amount of utilities in plastic bags; 500 complete blue/gray uniforms; 30 black uniforms.
Paper - 3 huts white paper (huts, 10X10X15); unknown amount of plain lined books; carbon paper; 2 stacks of note books, 1 ft high each; unknown large amount of general supplies; 100 reams.
Typewriter - 1
Pens - large quantities of ball point pens
Flashlights - 500 flashlight batteries; 50 flashlights
Cots - unknown amount of cots
Sewing machines - 7; 1 case
Plastic material - 2 roll
Pots - 12,steel

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Bicycles - 9; 150 bicycle tubes
Hats - 1 camouflaged cover; 1 straw cover
Toothpaste - 400 tubes; 350 tooth brushes
Loud speaker - 1-16 inch
Pick heads - 31 mattocks
Stoves - 1
Towels - 50
Plaster of paris - 10 lbs
Soap - 100 bars
Needles - unknown amount
Thread - 2 small bundles
Blankets - unknown amount

c. Food. (Destroyed)

Rice - 75 tons estimated; 25 kilos; 2 rice bins 7' x 7' x 4'
Salt - 500 lbs (3 bins) size: 7'X7'XX5'
15'X15'X4'
8'X8'

Sugar - 50 gal
Tea - 24 cubic feet
Soup - 200 lbs
Malt - 1500 lbs
Cake type food stuffs - unknown amount
Fish oil - 800 gal

d. Medical Supplies. (Evacuated)

Gauze - 8 reams, bundles of sterile cloth
Doctor bag - 1; containing, malaria and disentary pills plus medical equipment.
Pills - 2 bags; 20,000 (unknown type), 100 clorine tablets; sulfur tablets (unknown amount).
Surgical uniforms - 7
Nurses uniforms - 4
Bandages - 8 reams, 400 lbs
Penicillin - 500cc

e. Miscellaneous Equipment. (Evacuated)

Cartridge belts - 8
Cleaning rods - 2
VC flags - 6
Packs - approximately 15
Comm gear - 2 PRC-10; 1 PRC-6; 5000 meters wire; 3-TA 312 telephones NIK-1.
Gas Mask - unknown amount
Punji stakes - 40 metal; 100 wooden; 15 anti-helo
Pistol holster - 1
Mess kits - 2
Helmets - 2
Liners - 1
Rice sacks - 2--

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Rifle magazines - 100
Entrenching tools - unknown amount
Canteens - unknown amount
81mm mortar - 1 bipod

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S-4 CHRONOLOGY

1. Journal - See Appendix A

2. Estimates - Not applicable

3. Staff Studies - Not applicable

4. Supply requirements - See Appendix B

5. Procurement Problems - Not applicable

6. Problems and Solutions

a. Storage

(1) Problem - Adequate shelter for Class I and V supplies.

(2) Solution - Provide adequate and appropriate material to establish waterproof bunkers.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization of POWs - Not applicable

c. Transportation

(1) Periodically helicopters are not readily available for resupply of front line troops, except in the case of an emergency resupply.

(2) Provide appropriate transportation for logistical support of all tactical situations.

d. Maintenance - Not applicable

e. Construction and Fortification - Not applicable

f. Sanitation - Not applicable

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7. Deadlined Equipment by Type

	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
a. Motor Transport	M-422	3
	M-274	5
b. Comm/Elect	TTS-21	1
	PRC-6	9
	PRC-47	1
c. Ordnance	M-60	1
	M-79	2
	60mm Mortar	1
	81mm Mortar	2

8. Employment of Indigenous Personnel - An authorized barber and laundry are employed within the battalion CP.

9. Embarkation - The embarkation posture of this unit is still not good. We still lack sufficient quantities of Mount-Out boxes.

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S-4 Journal
Month of December 1965

IN	OUT	SER.NO.	ENTRY
			1 Dec 1965
0730		1	8 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to BnSup, 2 to Messhall, 1 to H&Sco., 1 to Mco. and 1 to Lco.
	1600	2	Semi-Monthly D/L Combat Essential Equipment rpt submitted to CG 3rd MarDiv.
			2 Dec 1965
0730		3	7 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 4 disp to Kco., 2 to Messhall and 1 to Mco.
	0800	4	Reconciliation rpt of Selected Items submitted to CMC, Washington, D.C.
1400		5	4 trks returned from Kco. 3 disp to BnSup and 1 to H&Sco.
	1500	6	Helo resup to Lco. Chow, water, ammo, batteries, mail, fruit and personal gear.
	1530	7	Helo resup to Lco. Chow, water, ammo, comm equip, Class IV and personal gear.
	1600	8	Equipment Density rpt submitted to CG 3rd MarDiv.
	1600	9	Engine Generator rpt submitted to CG 3rd MarDiv.
	1600	10	Ammo Expenditure rpt submitted to 9th Marines.
			3 Dec 1965
0730		11	8 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to Kco., 3 to BnSup, 1 to Mco. and 1 to Messhall.
	1045	12	Helo resup to Lco. Chow, water, ammo, Mogas, cots, Class IV and tentage.
	1145	13	Helo resup to Lco. One section 81mm mortars, ammo, and personal gear.
			4 Dec 1965
0730		14	8 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to Bn Sup, 2 to Kco., 1 to Mco., 1 to S-1 and 1 to Messhall.
	1500	15	Helo resup to I & L co.s. Chow, water, ammo, comm equipment and Class IV.
	1600	16	Logistic Summary rpt submitted to 9th Marines.
			5 Dec 1965
0730		17	8 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to BnSup, 2 to Messhall, 1 to Mco., 1 to Lco. and 1 to H&Sco.
	1500	18	Helo resup to Lco. Mission only partially completed due to hostile fire received by aircraft. Sufficient chow, water and ammo delivered.
1700		19	Helo resup to Lco. cancelled due to unavailability of aircraft.
	1745	20	Emergency Helo resup to Lco. located forward of company position. Chow, water, ammo and batteries.
			6 Dec 1965
0730		21	8 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to Kco., 2 to Messhall, 2 to BnSup and 1 to I co.

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	1345	22	Helo resup to Ico. Chow, water, ammo and comm equipment.
	1515	23	Helo resup to Ico. Chow, water, ammo and comm equipment.
			9 Dec 1965
	0500	24	First serial of trk convoy departed 3/3 CP for Operation Harvest Moon.
	0700	25	Second serial of trk convoy departed 3/3 CP for Operation Harvest Moon.
0730		26	5 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 4 disp to BnSup and 1 to Mco.
0800		27	Water point again in operation.
1300		28	2 trks returned from BnSup. 1 disp to Messhall and 1 to CHub MCO.
	1345	29	Third serial of trk convoy departed 3/3 CP for Operation Harvest Moon.
			10 Dec 1965
0700		30	5 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 3 disp to Kco. and 2 to Messhall.
0720		31	3 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 1 disp tp BnSup, 1 to Mco. and 1 to Messhall.
	1400	32	3 otters returned from Kco. and disp to Ico. for resupply run.
	1400	33	Emergency Helo resup to 1st Plt Ico. Chow, water and ammo.
	1452	34	2 otters returned from Messhall and disp to Kco. to pick up MedEvac.
			11 Dec 1965
0700		35	4 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 disp to Ico., 1 to BnSup, and 1 to H&Sco.
0735		36	3 trks rpt'd from FLSG, 1 disp to Messhall, 1 to Mco. and 1 to BNSup.
	1030	37	1 otter returned from H&Sco. and disp to I co. for resupply run.
	1040	38	Helo request submitted through ALO for resupply of Ico. 1st Plt.
	1300	39	106 Plt resupplied with chow and water.
	1450	40	Helo resup to Ico. 1st Plt. Chow, water, ammo and comm equip.
			12 Dec 1965
0730		41	5 otters and 3 trks rpt'd to S-4. 3 otters disp to Ico. and 2 to Mco. 2 trks disp to Messhall and 1 to BnSup.
	0955	42	3 otters departed for resupply run to Ico.
1155	1155	43	Ico. resupply run returned.
	1450	44	3 otters departed for resupply run to Kco.
	1530	45	Helo request submitted for resupply of Ico. 1st Plt.
1645		46	Otter resupply convoy returned unable to resupply Kco. due to road blocked by grenade.

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1705		47	Kilo rpt'd it has sufficient supplies to get through the night.
	1715	48	Yacht 3 authorized retention of otters overnight.
			13 Dec 1965
0715		49	4 otters and 1 trk rpt'd in to S-4. Trk disp to Mco., 3 otters disp to Kco. and 1 to Ico.
0745		50	2 trks rpt'd from FISG. 1 disp to Messhall and 1 to BnSup.
	0830	51	3 otters departed with Kco. resupply.
	1000	52	Ico. helo resupply of ammo, chow and water.
1930		53	Searchlight unit picked up from 9th Marines.
			14 Dec 1965
0700		54	2 otters rpt'd from Yacht 3. 1 disp to Mco. and 1 to Kco.
0730		55	2 trks rpt'd from FISG. 1 disp to messhall and 1 to BnSup.
	0955	56	Ico. resupply departed area (1 otter and 1 mite)
	1230	57	S-4 personnel departed for ISA via helo.
			15 Dec 1965
0700		58	3 trks and 4 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 1 trk disp to messhall and 1 to BnSup. 3 otters disp to Kco. and 1 to Mco.
	1015	59	Kco. resupply departed CP.
	1100	60	Helo resupply to Ico. Chow, water and ammo.
1900		61	Lima co. commenced debarking at helo pad from ISA.
			16 Dec 1965
0700		62	3 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 disp to Kco. and 1 to Mco.
0915		63	2 trks rpt'd from FISG. 1 disp to Messhall and 1 to BnSup.
	0950	64	Kco. resupply departed CP.
1040		65	Trk for messhall broke down. Wrecker called for.
1445		66	Daily helo resupply cancelled.
1510		67	Rec'd rpt that road condition is Bravo.
	1600	68	Semi Monthly D/L Combat Essential rpt submitted to to CG 3rd Marine Division.
	1615	69	Ammo Expenditure rpt submitted to 9th Marines.
	1620	70	Ltr request submitted for CONEX boxes to CG 3rd MarDiv.
			17 Dec 1965
0700		71	2 trks rpt'd from FISG. 1disp to Messhall and 1 to BnSup.
0720		72	4 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 disp to Kco., 1 to Mco. and 1 to Ico.
0800	0800	73	Trk for BnSup lost brakes and returned to MotorPool.
	1030	74	Kco. resupply departed CP.
1000		75	Rec'd word from ALO that no helos available for resupply today.
	1400	76	Ico. resupply departed CP.

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			18 Dec 1965
0700		77	1 trk rpt'd from FLSG. Trk disp to Messhall.
0730		78	4 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 disp to Mco., 1 to Lco. and 1 to Kco.
	1115	79	Lco. resupply departed CP.
	1145	80	Helo resupply to Lco. 1st plt. Chow, water and ammo.
			19 Dec 1965
0800		81	4 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 2 disp to BnSup, 1 to Messhall and 1 to H&Sco.
0800		82	3 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 otters disp to Mco. and 1 to Kco.
			20 Dec 1965
0730		83	2 trks and 3 otters rpt'd in to S-4. Trks disp to Messhall, 3 otters to BnSup and 1 otter to Mco.
	1300	84	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, water, ammo and Class II.
			21 Dec 1965
0800		85	3 trks and 5 otters rpt'd in to S-4. 2 trks disp to Messhall, 1 trk to BnSup, 3 otters to Kco., 1 to Mco. and 1 to BnSup.
	1030	86	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, water, ammo and personnel.
	1115	87	Helo resupply to Kco. Mail and personnel.
			22 Dec 1965
0800		88	6 trks and 3 otters rpt'd to S-4. 2 trks disp to Messhall, 2 to BnSup and 2 to S-3 for troop lift. 3 otters disp to Kco.
	1100	89	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, water, ammo and comm equipment.
			23 Dec 1965
0800		90	6 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 3 disp to Lco., 1 to BnSup and 2 to Messhall.
	1515	91	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, water, ammo, mail, personnel and comm equipment.
	1630	92	3 FAC personnel with gear delivered to Hill 22 by helo.
	1645	93	Ammo Expenditure rpt submitted to 9th Marines.
			24 Dec 1965
0800		94	6 trks rpt'd from FLSG. 2 disp to Messhall, 1 to Mco., 1 to MT and 2 to BnSup.
	0830	95	3 otters rpt'd from Yacht 3. 2 disp to Lco. and 1 to S-3.
	1630	96	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, water, ammo, mail, comm equipment and personnel.
	1650	97	Helo resupply to Lco. Commequipment and ammo.

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			25 Dec 65
0800		98	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to Messhall, 2 to BnSup, 1 to S-1 and 1 to Mco.
	1300	99	Helo resupply to Lco. Hot chow, mail and gifts.
	1330	100	Helo resupply to Kco. Hot chow, water, ammo and mail.
	1345	101	Helo resupply to Lco. Chow, ammo, water and personnel.
2120		102	Rec'd word from S-3 that road condition is Alpha.
			26 Dec 65
0800		103	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to Messhall, 2 to BnSup, 1 to Lco. and 1 to MT.
	1400	104	Helo resupply to Mco. Chow, water, ammo and comm equipment.
			27 Dec 65
0800		105	5 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to BnSup, 2 to Messhall and 2 to Lco.
	1300	106	Helo resupply to Mco. Chow, water, ammo, comm equipment, mail and Class IV.
			28 Dec 65
0800		107	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to Messhall, 2 to BnSup, 1 to Lco. and 1 to Club NCO.
	1530	108	Helo resupply to Mco. Chow, water, ammo and comm gear.
			29 Dec 65
0730		109	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to BnSup, 1 to Messhall, 1 to Post Office, 1to Lco. and 1 to Lco.
1110		110	Helo resupply run cancelled due to bad weather.
	1330	111	Trk disp to Kco. for priority resupply run.
	1330	112	All available trks disp to carry troops to USO show.
2000		113	S-3 Alpha req trks to return Lco. plt. from ASP-1.
	2100	114	S-3 informed all trks secured directly from area after returning troops from show.
	2150	115	Lco. plt. returned to CP by trks requested from Depot 3.
			30 Dec 65
0730		116	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to BnSup, 1 to Messhall, 1to Post Office, 1to Lco. and 1 to Mco.
	1430	117	Helo resupply to Mco. Chow, water, ammo and equip.
			31 Dec 65
0730		118	6 trks rpt'd from FISG. 2 disp to BnSup, 1 to Messhall, 1 to Post Office, 1to Lco. and 1 to H&Sco.
0805		119	2 otters rpt'd in to S-4. Disp to Lco. for resup.
	1300	120	Helo resupply to Mco. Choe, ammo and water.
	1345	121	Helo resupply to Kco. Chow, water and mail.

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NOMENCLATURE	FSN	DOC #	DDD	AMT	PRIORITY
Wire, MX-306	6145-160-7795	04397	22 May 65	20	02
Wire, RL-159	6145-243-8465	04398	"	15	02
Connector	6140-981-5867	04400	"	30	02
Antenna, AT-271	5820-242-4967	04416	29 May 65	10	02
Kit, Electrolyte	6140-981-5864	04543	1 Jun 65	6	05
Brush, Chamber	1005-610-8828	04514	30 May 65	10	05
Magazine, 45 cal.	1005-550-8694	04527	"	100	05
Antenna, AT-1042	5985-733-6045	04537	1 Jun 65	1	05
Brush, Bore	1005-556-4174	04575	"	300	05
Brush, Chamber	1005-690-8441	04578	"	200	05
Battery, BA-42	6135-120-1010	04587	"	150	05
Terminal	5940-689-9999	04601	5 Jun 65	6	05
Lamp Rectiole	6240-796-6915	04647	11 Jun 65	2	05
Wrench, Lens	1090-885-8451	04649	"	1	05
Lens Paper	6640-240-5851	04652	"	2	05
Mount, Body	1090-829-6623	04653	"	2	05
Bag, Carry	8105-446-5987	04654	"	6	05
Bag, Tool	5140-878-9804	04655	"	1	05
Filter, Light	5850-796-8758	04656	"	1	05
Lamp, Light	6240-796-6916	04657	"	2	05
Nut	5310-045-1063	04665	12 Jun 65	8	02
Nut	5310-045-1063	04666	"	8	05
Extinguisher, Fire	4210-202-9858	04683	15 Jun 65	1	05
Tube, Jacket	2530-772-8056	04692	"	1	05
Seal, Plain	5330-724-3171	04698	"	1	05
Watch, Wrist	6645-808-1407	00001	5 Jul 65	48	05
Magazine, 45 cal.	1005-550-8694	00015	"	220	05
Kit, Locking Device	2510-076-7764	00094	"	20	05
Cup, Leather	7310-379-2498	00095	"	25	05
Valve, Flame	7310-379-2594	00098	"	24	05
Valve, Air	7310-379-2569	00099	"	25	05
Tube Manifold	7310-379-2588	00100	"	25	05
Battery, BA-414	6135-125-5256	00317	16 Jul 65	4	05
Battery, BA-279	6135-240-3200	00340	"	200	05
Cable Assy, Conduit	5935-770-0175	00343	"	1	05
Terminal Assy, PSIT	5935-790-0179	00344	"	6	05
Fuse, 5A 32V	5240-284-4131	00345	"	6	05
Motor, 60 CPS	6107-798-0347	00354	"	2	05
Teletypewriter	5815-892-1031	00357	"	2	05
Insecticide, Powder	6840-242-4222	00436	27 Jul 65	10	05
Pocket, Ammo M-14	8465-823-6956	00795	14 Aug 65	600	05
Soap, Laundry	7930-224-7901	00863	19 Aug 65	606	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	00988	24 Aug 65	1	05
PRC-47	5820-861-3539	01237	16 Sep 65	1	02
Hand set H-35PT	9965-163-9941	01314	20 Sep 65	225	05
Battery, BA-279	6135-240-3200	01316	"	50	02

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NOMENCLATURE	FSN	DOC #	DDD	AMT	PRIORITY
Electron Tube	5960-188-6588	01335	23 Sep 65	15	05
Crystal Unit	5955-194-6500	01649	16 Oct 65	5	05
Crystal Unit	5955-892-3281	01651	"	56	05
Reel, Quip Cell	5605-487-7122	01796	22 Oct 65	2	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	01806	23 Oct 65	2	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	01931	26 Oct 65	1	05
Battery, BB 429/U	1090-446-5920	01942	"	11	05
Spoon, Mess	7340-243-5390	02042	2 Nov 65	250	05
Knife, Mess	7340-240-7436	02044	"	250	05
Pan, Mess Kit Cover	7340-242-5110	02045	"	150	05
Pocket, M-14	8465-825-6936	02052	"	100	05
Pocket, 45 cal.	8465-225-8415	02053	"	25	05
Mattress, Pneumatic	8465-254-8887	02054	"	400	05
Liner, Helmet	8415-240-2512	02055	"	150	05
Cap, Canteen	8465-242-7843	02056	"	75	05
Bag, WP	8465-261-6909	02057	"	200	05
Magazine Assy M-14	1005-628-9048	02058	"	225	05
Brush, M-14	1005-690-8441	02059	"	520	05
Magazine, 45 cal.	1005-550-8694	02061	"	220	05
Connector Plug	5935-180-8149	02076	3 Nov 65	1	05
Element, Oil Filter	4310-217-3588	02077	"	6	05
Kit, Electrolyte	6140-981-5864	02079	"	6	05
Cable Telephone	6145-226-8863	02080	"	10	05
Cable, Telephone	6145-243-8466	02113	4 Nov 65	20	05
Tablet, Iodine	6850-264-9042	02162	"	300	05
Refrigerator 8CuFt	4110-287-5850	02198	25 Nov 65	2	05
Refrigerator ME-10	4110-289-7965	02199	"	1	05
Antenna, RC-292	5820-497-8554	02222	"	4	05
Table, Electrical	6625-792-3060	02224	"	1	05
Case, R/T CY 3884	5820-957-7805	02274	30 Nov 65	2	02
Connector, Battery	6135-996-5465	02511	4 Dec 65	3	05
Retainer Tube, Electr	5960-392-6153	02712	9 Dec 65	3	05
Cable, AL-159	6145-243-8466	02733	10 Dec 65	45	05
Electron Tube, 2621	5960-243-5025	02752	13 Dec 65	4	05
Electron Tube, 5678	5960-230-5262	02755	"	12	05
Pallets	3990-271-1880	02793	15 Dec 65	25	05
Pulley Assy	2930-709-8069	02801	20 Dec 65	1	05
Connector, Power Assy	5935-966-7490	02802	"	6	05
Nut, Plain Hex	5310-559-0575	02858	26 Dec 65	640	05
Battery, Storage	6140-981-5865	02859	"	72	05
Kit, Electrolyte	6140-981-5864	02857	"	18	05

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AIR SUPPORT AND DEFENSE CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events Not applicable.

2. New Developments Not applicable.

3. Problem Areas

a. On 15 December during operation HARVEST MOON some difficulty was experienced with Landshark Bravo in filling a request to replace two assigned helicopters. The assigned helicopters had mechanical problems and Landshark Bravo passed word several different times that replacements for the helicopters were on the way. The helicopters never arrived. Progress of the battalion on the 15th was consequently impaired, but probably could not have been averted due to heavy helicopter commitments throughout operation HARVEST MOON with all units. All in all helicopter support was outstanding for our battalion due to the cooperation of the pilots.

b. Type and number of air missions in operation HARVEST MOON:

(1)	Evac	47
(2)	Spot/observer	4
(3)	Recon	6
(4)	Troops	19
(5)	Logistic	32

4. Contributions The UH-1E aircraft again supported the battalion in an outstanding manner both as gun ships and in their spot/observer capacity.

5. Air Support and Defense

a. Number of Air Support Requirements

(1) We requested one CAS mission with A/C on station in support of a patrol.

(2) A/C were used and target was well covered.

b. Target Analysis Not applicable.

c. Number and Types of Air Missions Requested

(1)	Troops	11
(2)	Logistics	14
(3)	Admin	2
(4)	Recon	3

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(5) Spot/observer 1

(6) Evac 26

d. Number and Type of Air Missions Completed

(1) Troops 11

(2) Logistics 12

(3) Admin 2

(4) Recon 3

(5) Spot/observer 1

(6) Evac 28

6. Air Employment During Major Operations, Problems and Solutions Encountered See paragraph 3 and 4.

7. Existing Air Defense Capabilities Not applicable.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL CHRONOLOGY

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data.

a. Significant Events: An outbreak of food-borne bacillary dysentary (Shigella sonnei and boydii) occured late evening on 26 Dec thru 27 Dec. The more severe cases were characterized by abdominal cramps, nausea, vomiting with retching, severe shaking, chills and fever to 105°F orally, diarrhea with scattered reports of some blood in the stool. Occasional delayed cases occurred over the ensuing week with milder symptoms. Some 161 men had clinically significant disease out of exposed population of 302.

b. New Developments: Not Applicable.

c. Problem Areas:

(1) Supply. Improvement continues in the availability of medical and organic sanitation supplies.

(2) Sanitation. Overall improvement in camp sanitation continues.

d. Other Contributions Under The Cognizance of The Battalion Medical Officer: 3,700 Vietnamese civilians were treated in the hamlets of CAM HOA, LA CHAU, and AN TRACH.

2. Patient Statistical Data.

a. Average Daily Number of Patients Seen: 45

b. Number of Referals to C-MED: 58

c. Routine Medical Complaints: Diarrhea, colds, sores on extremities.

d. Significant Diseases Peculiar to the Area: Not Applicable.

e. Number of Emergency Treatments and Type:

(1) Lacerations - 07

(2) Burns - 02

f. Innoculations and Prophylactic Medicine Administered:

(1) Innoculations - 220

(2) Malaria prophylactic - 4,000

g. Dental Referals: 63

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Status of Communication Equipment. The overall status of communications equipment is very good.

2. Inoperative or Unserviceable Gear.

   a. 1 Battery Charger PP-3240, on order.

   b. 1 Radar Set AN/TPS-21, awaiting parts.

   c. 9 Radio Sets AN/TRC-6, awaiting parts.

3. Security Violations. A page of KAC-138 lost during Operation HARVEST MOON.

4. Amount of Message Traffic Sent and Received.

   a. Sent - 11

   b. Received - 511

5. Overages and Shortages of Personnel. The following shortages exist:

   a. 1-1341 Engine Generator Maintenance Man.

   b. 3-2531's Field Radio Operators.

6. Operational Training Conducted.

   a. Communications Security - 10 hours.

   b. Preventative Maintenance and Waterproofing - 26 hours.

   c. First Aid and Treatment for Electrical Shock - 4 hours.

7. Summary of Operations. The Communications Platoon participated in one major operation during the reporting period, which was HARVEST MOON. The only difficulty encountered was trying to keep equipment dry and clean during extensive periods of inclement weather.

8. Lessons Learned.

   a. When equipment is to be evacuated for repair it should be accompanied by a communicator to prevent loss.

   b. All possible back-up equipment should either accompany the Command Group or be staged at the nearest point possible to the operating area.

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c. Most equipment damage is caused by poor operator training with consequent poor equipment availability at crucial times. This is easily remedied by proper instruction and close supervision.

9. Regimental/Battalion Phone Book. Not applicable.

10. Equipment and Personnel Located in Area Other then the DANANG Enclave. None.

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ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION CHRONOLOGY

1. Artillery.

a. Significant Events. Two 105mm Howitzer Batteries, one 4.2 mortar battery, one 107mm Howtar Battery, and two 155mm Howitzer Batteries operated in support of USMC and ARVN units in Operation HARVEST MOON 8-19 Dec 1965.

b. New Developments. Not applicable.

c. Problem Areas. None.

d. Other Contributions Under the Cognizance of each Executive/Special Staff Officer. Not applicable.

e. Number of Missions Fired. 71

f. Types of Missions Fired.

(1) Observed.

(a) Actual fire missions.

(b) Registrations.

(c) Prep fires.

(2) Unobserved.

(a) H and I fires.

(b) Unobserved fire missions.

g. Total Number of Rounds Fired by Type.

TYPE	NO. RDS
107	0
105	3094
155H	2146
155G	0
8 in	0
TOTAL	5240

h. Surveillance of Missions Fired

(1) 051145H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at VC firing heavy automatic weapons. No surveillance.

(2) 121100H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at 20-30 VC. 1 VC WIA.

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(3) 121130H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired prep fire on Hill 180. No surveillance.

(4) 121350H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at VC firing from village in treeline. 5 VC KIA.

(5) 121500H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at VC in open. No surveillance.

(6) 121525H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired prep fire on Hill 180. No surveillance.

(7) 121800H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at 20 VC. No surveillance.

(8) 130845H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at 15-20 camouflaged VC in draw. No surveillance.

(9) 131310H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at suspect VC position. No surveillance.

(10) 131800H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at 7 VC. No surveillance.

(11) 132355H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at suspect VC position. No surveillance.

(12) 140355H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at suspect VC movement. No surveillance.

(13) 151100H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired heavy concentration automatic weapons. Weapons silenced.

(14) 151645H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at VC moving in bushes. No surveillance.

(15) 161235H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at VC firing (unobserved fire mission). No surveillance.

(16) 161925H December 1965: 155 Howitzer fired at suspect VC movement. No surveillance.

(17) 282100H December 1965: 105 Howitzer fired at VC company. No surveillance.

i. Number of Enemy Killed and/or Wounded as a Result of Fire Missions.

(1) Body Sight.

KIA - 5
WIA - 1

(2) Estimated.

KIA - Unknown
WIA - Unknown

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Command Group "A" Operation HARVEST MOON

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OPENED: 090555H Dec 1965
CLOSED: 092400H Dec 1965

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0555		1	090555	Departed 3/3 CP location	
0957		2	090957	Arrived at HUNANG XUAN (3) (BT 150450)	
1010		3	091010	Shackle and authentication has been compromised be specifically watchful for defection.	
1410		4	091410	Ruggles Mike - WH Yukon Snapper 6 request to know WH L hour	
1445		5	091445	Helo lift commenced.	
1500		6	091500	Cmd Grp lifted out.	
1515		7	091515	Cmd Grps joined L Co in LZ at 144305.	
1527		8	091527	L Co moving out.	
1530		9	091530	Reported our position to Murphy coords (.T 123303) moving West.	
1532		10	091532	Many VC at coords (BT 123303).	
1545		11	091545	Bonnie Hero - TFD reports ARVN Mechanized colume past through CHU LAI headed North at 091145 told bridge was out am going anyway.	
1545		12	091545	Rosemount - WH 14 No ARVN in area coords 122358	
1550		13	091550	WH L - WH 6 Picked up one VC at 135311 tried to escape was captured found tunnel at coords (.T 138310) filled with water.	
1605		14	091605	E Co is moving out, evacuated VC.	
1613		15	091613	WH 6 - WH E - I Co is following in your tract	
1616		16	091616	WH L front lines (BT 130311) to (BT 135314).	
1625		17	091625	WH 2 to WH 6 3d serial at my position, Murphy to direct immediate air lift to you.	
1647		18	091647	WH L at DINIA ARC (1) receiving small arms fire	
1648	1648	19	091648	WH 6 to WH L utilize all supporting arms.	
1654		20	091654	WH L result of fire fight 3 VCS, 1 female approx 15 killed coords (BT 126305).	
1705		21	091705	WH L found 2 grenades, 5-10 lbs of rice, 1 stove, cakes, gear and cartridge belt.	
1742		22	091742	G Co landed coords 130303.	
2000		23	092000	Murphy - WH Frag order Arty Btry continues to support Task Force and ARVN. Req for logistic support from LCA 5 acknowledge.	

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OPENED: 100001H Dec 1965
CLOSED: 102400H Dec 1965

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0645		24	100645	G crossed LOD observed a/w fire at coords (BT 125321)	
0910		25	100910	Commenced moving to our objective	
1033		26	101033	Frag Order - Dixie Diner moves South links up with Glimmer secures suitable LZ in Glimmer area consulidates defends in position prepared to attack and seize on order. Glimmer on consolidation moves to obj C and ties in with WH	
1045		27	101045	Arrived at Hill 43 set in	
1100		28	101100	After Action Report - WH L Engagement of 9 Dec against Hill 120316. From debriefings and information received from advisory personnel WH encountered 200 VC unit rein with 4-81mm mortars. WH rec'd 35-40 mortar rounds, HE and WP, during 4 mortarings during attack. Engagement lasted one hour and 35 minutes.	
1135		29	101135	Murphy - WH Weapons Equip and material are to be forwarded directly to Murphy. Items in posession of VCC will accompany that individual properly tagged directly to Murphy collection point.	
1200		30	101200	Murphy - WH Frag order - WH attacks to NW from present location to Mutually supporting positions of other Bn's on Task Force Objective C.	
1330		31	101330	Murphy - WH req sit rep, amount of captured material etc.	
1417		32	101417	Departed present position Hill 43.	
1420		33	101420	E Co is on the move	
1448		34	101448	G Co rec s/a from coords (BT 110320).	
1535		35	101535	Murphy - WH use standard spot report format.	
1547		36	101547	WH leading elements at coords at (BT 095330).	
1625		37	101625	Leading elements now climbing obj C.	
1640		38	101640	WH elements now on obj C.	
1740		39	101740	Cmd Grp now on obj C.	
	1830	40	101830	WH Murphy sit rep WH moved to and now occupies and coordinating defense positions with DD.	

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
OPENED: 110001H Dec 1965
CLOSED: 112400H Dec 1965

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0745		41	110745	WH K will patrol GS 0732 commencing 0800H	
0830		42	110832	Murphy - whats No. of VCC on hand and arrange for evac to this hdqs.	
0910		43	110910	WH E is at CP 2	
0915		44	110915	Murphy - Eastern patrol sector limited to 600M	
1000		45	111000	Murphy - Smoke machine being forward to obj C	
	1005	46	111005	WH to Murphy spot report. E Co at 076323 patrol found large under ground shelters for 75 people, digging up and destroying.	
	1025	47	111025	WH to Murphy. Req 15 ARVN to be assigned 5 per Co to assist in collecting intell info during current WH mission on obj C.	
1105		48	111105	WH L captured 1 VCS at Co CP at coords 082325	
	1107	49	111107	WH to Murphy spot report at coords 076323 Extensive under ground tunnels 10 Ft air & cooking vents. Entrances have bamboo obstacles	
	1110	50	111110	WH to Murphy - spot report at coords 083325. WH L found VCS in cave on obj C have also found VC equipment this obj area will forward for interog	
1219		51	111219	WH L moving out on patrol	
1220		52	111220	Murphy - smoke machine being forward to obj C	
1345		53	111345	WH L picked up 2 VCS at coords 083324 with receipts from VC picked up 2 more at 089325.	
1355		54	111355	WH L - haved picked up 2 more VCS at 088323	
1520		55	111520	WH L approaching obj C on the way back from Patrol.	
1538		56	111538	WH L patrol back on obj C	
	1800	57	111800	Sit rep to Murphy - Captured 9 VCS on Co sweep this morning. Aprrox 100 carbine rounds.	
1830		58	111830	Murphy - furnish morning resupply requirements by 2300 furnish LZ coords and latest time delivery should be accomplished.	
2000		59	112000	Murphy - Overlay to be delivered first light, you will have gunships, L-hour at 120830H, LZ located 147297, VCS will be lifted prior to 0800H, will have CAS, be advised one ARVN recon Co will be lifted into WH LZ to work with WH.	
2240		60	112240	Murphy 6 - WH Frag Order-submit by 120001H supplies needed at present positions required to jump off.	

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CLOSED: 122400H Dec 1965

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0320		61	120320	Murphy- Dixie Diner LZ located vic 053249 to be delivered first light.	
0405		62	120405	Murphy - ARVN units VS advisors will contact you on your tac. Advisors call sigh Yukon Shocker they will contact WH at 120700H.	
	0905	63	120905	WH to Murphy lead elements of WH lifting off.	
0917		64	120917	Completed lift of E Co.	
0920		65	120920	Started loading G Co	
0930		66	120930	Murpny - one ARVN intell Tm arriving in 10 min to assist your intell gathering your inform	
0945		67	120945	Cmd Group landed LZ	
	1005	68	121005	WH Murphy, WH 6 in LZ at 1005 continuing to land last elements neg contact w/ARVN	
1107		69	121107	WH G saw 3 VC and killed 1 at coords 155282.	
	1110	70	121110	WH to Murphy - spot report - Cantured one VC with Russian Rifle.	
	1130	71	121130	WH 6 to YS 529, Proceed to 140193 ASAP.	
1130		72	121130	WH E extensive trench line 138288.	
1200		73	121200	Murphy Imperative that units 22's submit stobewell dose report each time units move and minimum of 30 minutes intervals when on move	
1200		74	121200	WH G forward elements at 143283 1 VC killed	
1215		75	121215	YS 529 WH 6 house with 25 Kilos of rice in it at 149297.	
1220		76	121220	WH L reports that they spotted 8-10 VC at coords 135288 went over Hill 100.	
1300		77	121300	Air strike being conducted by WH on Hills 180, 100. Arty also conducted mission on some hills.	
1245	L.E.	78	121245	WH G wide river at base of hill looking for a place to cross.	
1300		79	121300	WH L at base of objective waiting for 1 plat to check out vill.	
1315		80	121315	WH G shot wound right hand not evac R9249 gun shot wound right arm.	
	1330	81	121330	WH 6 to Murrphy WH L secured Hill 100, WH G cannot cross river at base of Hill 180, WH G under heavy small arms and mortar attack, conducting air strike ARVN Co not in sight have not committed WH L up valley wet.	
1345		82	121345	ARVN Co arrived at WH position and provided rear security.	
1400		83	121400	WH G 2 WIA's s/sgt MATUSKO 1186686 and Sgt RAMSEY 1619249.	
1400		84	121400	Murphy - report from ARVN sources is new location of 60th VC Bn at coords 105290 - 095286, the 70th Bn at (BT 125280) - (BT 135275).	
1400		85	121400	Murphy 3 are gathering up choppers req to know where you want choppers to go.	
1405		86	121405	WH G receiving s/a fire from coords 142280 have 2 wounded also recieving mortar fire.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
1426		87	121426	G Co receiving s/a fire from coords 139280.	
	1430	88	121430	WH to Murphy WH G Division sniper got one kill this date at range 1000 yds USMC sniper rifle.	
	1435	89	121435	WH to Murphy sit rep med evac (1) ARVN wounded by booby trap at coords 140295.	
1441		90	121441	Monroe all stations submit req for today re-supply as early as possible to allow for timely deliverly furnish coords of LZ with request.	
1500		91	121500	L Co set in on top of obj Hill 100 set in 360° have HST Tm.	
	1510	92	121510	WH 6 to WH G request you return to this position choppers on way.	
1530		93	121530	Air strike conducted prior to G lift. Bombs, Napalon Rockets.	
1550		94	121550	Pick up coords for G 139297 landing coords are 138274.	
1650		95	121650	G Co helo lift commenced to Hill 180 7 choppers	
1654		96	121654	G leading elements landed on Hill 180	
1707		97	121707	3 waves of G on obj Hill 180 rec light s/a	
1717		98	121717	G receiving fire form coords 140268.	
1725		99	121725	G resupplyied L Co standing by for supplies.	
1727		100	121727	L Co evacing 1 VOS and 1 Marine	
1730		101	121730	G in position 360 perimeter on Hill 180.	
	1800	102	121800	WH to Murphy sit rep WH commenced Helo lift from obj C	
2000		103	122000	Murphy WH frag Order - add plat with Batry CLF direct support Dixie Diner.	
2313		104	122313	Murphy - Times sit reps req, scheme of manuver	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0220		104	130220	Murphy VCS indicated possible small field hospital at hamlet 135283, PHUOCHA vill WIA from recent engagement may have been evac to this sight.	
	0300	105	130300	WH to Murphy sit rep - WH now occupies Hill 100 and 180 with one Co on each hill.	
0314		106	130314	WH G confirmed KIA during todays engagement sniper rifle, 1 machineguns 3, rifle fire 4, 3.5 1, 81 Arty 3,unknown WIA, no weapons captured, no engagement with enemy before 12 Dec	
0320		107	130320	WH L 33 captured 28 confirmed KIA, 90 estimated KIA captured 1 BAR, 1 carbine, 1 60mm bipod & base plate, 1 Thomrson submachine gun, 1 M-1 1 Chinses auto rifle, 2 cartridge belts full of grenades and a good deal of ammo.	
0327		108	130327	WH E estimated KIA 30, KIA confirmed 12 confirmed, number captured 17, captured weapon 1 M-1, 1 M-1 Carbine, 1 sniper rifle believed to be Russian made, Carbine ammo 4 rds.	
0500		109	130500	Murphy require as ultimate totals on VC KIA's by 130600H.	
	0515	110	130515	WH to Murphy accumalation totals VC KIA confirmed 54 probable 120 impossible to estimate casualties by air and arty on suspected positions.	
	0610	111	130610	WH Glimmer have adjusted 155 missions have not registered 155 Btry.	
0910		112	130910	E Co moved out for entrance of valley forward elements moved out 0900H.	
0940		113	130940	81 concentration coords 132280 target against VC patrol. Observed reports 8 VC KIA.	
	0940	114	130940	WH to Murphy - require totals on VC KIA & WIA	
1000		115	131000	E Co found ammo cache at 138289 intell Tm picking up considerable VCS.	
1003		116	131003	E Co has 1 more VCS.	
1028		117	131028	WH G intelligence reports small VC field hospital at coords 135280.	
1015		118	131015	Murphy to WH Frag Order see msg.	
1030		119	131030	WH E neg contact.	
1032		120	131032	WH E forward elements at 134283.	
	1035	121	131035	To Murphy snot rep.	
	1125	122	131125	WH to Murphy sit rep	
	1131	123	131131	WH to Murphy sit rep.	
1135		124	131135	WH E presently at 134383 in area of possible hospital, 2 VCS said hospital is 200 meters behind us have had no enemy contact.	
1145		125	131145	WH L moved 1 platoon to vill we had 1 patrol and they have completed observation.	
1145		126	131145	Murphy 3A entering your ZOA from NW, FCL established from 110270 to 139250.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
1149		127	131149	WH 4 point 500 meters ahead area seems deserted	
1151		128	131151	WH E upon checking tunnel it is 4 ft deep 6-8 feet wide did not go back into hill found a 5 lbs box of salt in it detroyed salt.	
1152		129	131152	Glimmer patrols returning to previous saddle from 110270 - 130250.	
1200		130	131200	WH E upon search of area we found a certificate for R/N on back was names of doctors & nurses will search area throughly for hospital.	
1220		131	131220	WH E a bottle 5000 cc penicilin labled in Chinese now has a different red substance in it.	
1225		132	131225	Murphy expedite front line posi report send CO CP locations.	
	1230	133	131230	Murphy sit rep Found a picture of people in a cave, it was taken in HANOI. ARVN said they are high ranking VC officials.	
1231		134	131231	WH E found a list 27 names in a cave believed to guerrilas a mark was next to each name indicating whoather they drew 1 or 2 rations.	
1233		135	131233	WH E found a riture of 9 people in a cave.	
	1430	136	131430	WH to Murphy sit rep WH CP displaced to G Co position coords 127287.	
	1430	137	131430	WH Murphy, have 25 civ with personal gear at CP who desire relocation. More arriving can you schedule trans.	
1332		138	131332	WH E found a VC pack with Russian clipes in it and VC papers area is isolated with a lot of VC papers in area and cattle running about.	
	1341	139	131341	WH to Murphy arty mission called by WH on coords 129261 at suspected enemy position.	
1350		140	131350	WH E camo hut w/utilities med supplies salt under hut.	
1417		141	131417	Murphy No transportation for civilians ARVN offic ers.	
1417		142	131417	Cmd group boarded choppers for Hill 100 landed 1417H	
1500		143	131500	WH L found a lot of 50 cal brass in cave.	
1655		144	131655	Murphy Info obtained from interrogating VCS.	
	1700	145	131700	Murphy No documents found in Russian	
	1735	146	131735	WH to Murphy request Bsy war chopper earlist on 14 Dec to broadcase in WH valley area context of surrender message request leaflet drops if available.	
1755		147	131755	Murphy send position report ASAP and include friendly also enemy casualities, present posi	
	1845	148	131845	2d recon Co 2d ARVN Div now located with E Co	
1900		149	131900	Msg Order 7-66 continue search and destroy operations in area assigned with all possible speed be prepared to execute helo lift to LZ assigned.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCOMING, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
2005		150	132005	Murphy submit initial responce to SICR 131 ASAP use designation as to info submitted by radio.	
	2330	151	132330	WH to Murphy, Intsum No enemy contact during period other then VCS apprehended during sweep up valley (BT 128278). Several large cames over 1000 meter area vicinity (BT 124274). Contain large amount medical supplies of clothing, factory with several sewing machines, ammo and many papers.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
	0320	152	140320	WH to Murphy WH has had neg enemy contact. all quiet. No change CP locations since last report. WH will continue mission at 140730H with a 4 Co search and destroy action.	
	0745	153	140745	WH to Murphy, Parkgreen E attached to WH as WH E, request that Parkgreen provide senior corpsman for its unit.	
	0830	154	140830	WH to Murphy have found 3 more supply areas and one VC pack full of documents. Request disposition, instructions for captured material. found one more salt cache.	
0830		155	140830	G Co cressed LOD.	
0835		156	140835	Murphy Baily to WH send this hourly front line report.	
	0845	157	140845	WH to Murphy-Evac two Helo load of captured material from coord (BT 127277). To LZ Birch.	
		158	140900	WH to Murphy - Found guerela base camp at (BT 133274) at 0930. Abandoned for one week approx.	
0910		159	140910	Found gurellia base camp to from G	
	0910	160	140910	To Murphy WH G found gurellia base camp	
	0930	161	140930	WH to Murphy WH G found man toap consisting of Bear Trap at coords (BT 132273).	
	0953	162	140953	WH to Murphy Secured Guerrilla Camp	
1010		163	141010	Murphy neg contact.	
1010		164	141010	Murphy to WH evacuation of all documents and materials to Murphy CP, must be tagged, showing time and place of capture.	
	1025	165	141025	WH to Murphy 2 more choppers of captured material evac to LZ Birch.	
1110		166	141110	WH E to WH 2 tons of rice destroyed and 24 cubic feet.	
1115		167	141115	WH G to WH saw man in Kaki running at (BT 116 273)	
1122		168	141122	WH L to WH present position BT 131270) moving to end of valley.	
1128		169	141120	WH G to WH search in progress from coords (BT 131270) to (BT 131265).	
1130		170	141130	WH L to WH at coords (BT 129270) found 600 lbs rice in a container found 700 lbs more at same coords.	
1135		171	141135	WH G to WH found surgical uniform, ID card, bandages sulfer tablets, documents and clothing at (BT 133268).	
	1200	172	141200	YS 529 found one rice mill, 50 - 5 gal cans (BT 126283) destroyed.	
	1200	173	141200	WH to Murphy, sit rep- found 1300 lbs of rice. Destroyed same. WH E found 125 1 gal cans of gas, 3 sewing machines, salt bin 7X7X5	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
1245		174	141245	WH G to WH found 18 rounds or rice coords (BT 131271) burned same also typewriters cartridge, documents coords (BT 133276)	
1300		175	141300	WH L to WH 6 found 10-12 bodies from bomb strike	
1305		176	141305	WH L to WH forward elements (BT 114253).	
1310		177	141310	WH G front line positions (BT 126269) to (BT 127263) 3 choppers of gear on Hill 180 Negative on gear.	
	1330	178	141330	WH Murphy WH elements reached head of valley at (B 115253) at 141330H continuing search and destroy mission	
	1330	179	141330	WH to Murphy Neg contact	
1340		180	141340	WH L at coords (BT 115251) found 200 tubes of toothpaste and 200 toothbrushes.	
1340		181	141340	WH E front line elements at coords (BT 123265)	
1350		182	141350	Murphy shift from 7995 to 2196	
	1430	183	141430	WH to Murphy reference 12 VCS lifted to LZ birch at (BT 141445H	
1433		184	141433	WH G forward elements at coords (BT 128267)	
1450		185	141450	WH L to WH front leading elements at coords	
	1450	186	141450	WH to Murphy snot rep evacuating VCS to LZ Birch continuing to collect weapons	
	1510	187	141510	WH to Murphy WH sent with helo pilot bringing 12 VCS from 115267 to LZ birch, diagram of proposed road network to QUE SON. Please advise.	
1617		188	141617	WH G to WH at 125260 going up hill jungle canopy. No trails. Going around and try other side.	
1617		189	141617	Murphy - resupply missions postponed for present .	
	1653	190	141653	WH to Murphy sit rep neg cont.	
	1655	191	141655	WH to Murphy WH now evacuating VCS's	
1706		192	141706	WH L present positions at coords (AT 125273)	
1730		193	141730	Murphy neg sit rep	
	1800	194	141800	WH Murphy continue assigned search and destroy mission in present area of operations.	
	2030	195	142030	WH to Murphy Commence operations tommorrow	
	2105	196	142105	WH to Murphy Anyone with bad feet move to high ground to sun and dry out.	
	2145	197	142145	WH to Murphy request specific tasks organizations and communications capability of sudden death E does sudden death E have interpreter.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0005		198	150005	Murphy WH pertaining to operations on 14 & 15 Dec.	
0015		199	150015	Murphy reference your 142200H Task Organization of 3D G follows FAC Tm, Arty, FA Tm; 81 observers, radio equip 41 and 47 with FAC, 2 FRC	
	0340	200	150340	WH to Murphy neg contact.	
0350		201	150350	Murphy to WH info to assist operations	
0845		202	150845	WH G estimated 35 craters spotted 15 more high on mountain which we could not reach. Detail report in writting now ready for pickup.	
0930		203	150930	WH E small rice cache and VC rain hut made of bamboo and plastic.	
1020		204	151020	WH G search indicates the following gear found in the village at (AT 143280) items 1 Dead VC 1 81 mortar rd 100lbs of rice.	
1029		205	151029	WH G search continues, found 2 dead VC and 2 Thompson machine guns.	
1040		206	151040	WH G search continues found 1 more dead VC total 4 found BAR total 3 Thompson machine guns 1 BAR, 1 M-1, killed by rifle fire.	
1100		207	151100	WH G patrol found 6 rds of 60mm Mortars, illum assorted s/a cartridges and a box of documents at coords (AT 142281) material picked up by Murphy choppers.	
	1100	208	151100	WH to Murphy Search found 4 VC dead, 3 Thompson MG, 1 BAR, 1 M-1, 1 81mm rd, 1cartridge belt 100 lbs of rice at coords (AT 143280).	
	1110	209	151110	WH to Murphy enemy contact on patrol.	
	1114	210	151114	WH to Murphy In attack against enemy position firing 60mm & 81mm on target.	
1122		211	151122	WH E 2 patrols found 3-81mm rds, 21 60mm 5 AP mines (AT 128278).	
1330		212	151330	WH G found 7 complete uniforms gas mask home CS grenade, no unit insignias (AT 142280).	
	1410	213	151410	WH Murphy, found two rice bins 7X6X4 destroyed vic same as amo cache	
1410		214	151410	WH E E-3 replacing E-2.	
	1430	215	151430	WH to Murphy Search and destroy mission neg contact	
		216	151507	529 WH coords (AT 126270) found cache of rice 9 T. Telephone wire, 5000 Meters. Destroying at present	
	1530	217	151530	WH to Murphy neg sit rep	
1535		218	151535	WH G search of valley continues lead elements (AT 143278).	
	1545	219	151545	WH to Murphy lead elements sudden death G arrived this position at 151545H,	
1600		220	151600	WH E is now in defensive permitter (AT 135284) OP's are situated around the permitter zomming out, one patrol is now curently searching up valley (AT 126276) patrol distroyed 4 empty hooches captured 21 60mm rds.	

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	1600	221	151600	WH to Murphy sit rep msg contact:	
1625		222	151625	529 to WH found 1 sewing machine, one VC grave and 2 stackes of note books approximately 1' high	
	1700	223	151700	WH to Murphy spot rep see msg.	
	1800	224	151800	WH to Murphy WH I has now arrived at LZ oak	
1830		225	151830	Murphy until further notice, inventory and destroy on position bulk, stacks of paper, cloth and clothing samples of uniforms disecrd not to exceed 10 each.	
1925		226	151925	WH G coords 145275 light flashing and being answerer from coords 146280.	
1945		227	151945	YS 529 have no patrols or ambushed out tonight will be leaving at first light.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0047		228	160047	Murphy did you capture 4 VC wearing camoflaged utilities on 15 Dec	
0755		229	160755	WH E patrol 1&2 departed at 160755, search and destroy mission	
	0930	230	160930	WH Murphy reference your 152350 & 152305 negative on both, 13 VCS on 14th and 2 on 15th were eva	
1015		231	161015	529 to WH 123268 bombed out 3 civilian type bodies, 1 VC uniform bodies dismembered.	
1055		232	161055	SDG to WH have found cave no material	
1057		233	161057	YS 529 to WH our position coords (AT 119260)	
1110		234	161110	Murphy to WH Glimmer spotted 40-50 VC at 1124 between Glimmer leading elements and your most Western elements. Req you notify your elements in vic as to situation.	
1110		235	161110	WH E found a camofladged hut with sterile bandages light weight utilities and various other medical supplies, also bunkles strile cloth all throuth village should we destroy hut was 20-15 8'X8' cache of salt discovered under hut.	
1120		236	161120	SD G have found 10 T of rice (AT 128294)	
1130		237	161130	WH G Yukon Shocker 529 at coords (AT 117257)	
1130		238	161130	Glimer front line (AT 115250)	
1138		239	161138	WH G Yukon shocker 529 approx 500 meters to your front.	
1207		240	161207	SD G found network of tunnels and small amount of medical supplies at (AT 132294)	
1232		241	161232	WH G search continues in vill at (AT 146276)	
1243		242	161243	YS 529 Glimmer units are right on top of us.	
1315		243	161315	SD have compdeted search of Hill at (AT 130295)	
1455		244	161455	WH G brief case with VC documents and newspapers magazine pouch	
1700		245	161700	Murphy now well engaged vic 113230 desire you send blocking eliment SW to high ground to block or attack at your option after liaison with G 6 by radio.	
1712		246	161712	YS 529 6 bodies 6-800 meters up valley from out position parts of body blown off, clothes were blown off	
1730		247	161730	Murphy Execute Plan B with excention	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0705		248	170705	Murphy ref Frag Order 16065 modify paragraph 1 of reference to read execute plan B. Do not leave company size to block.	
0800		249	170800	WH on move	
1040		250	171040	G on obj 1	
1055		251	171055	E is at pagoda	
1105		252	171105	Yukon SY 529 and E Co at pogada	
1110		253	171110	Yukon SY 529 G leading elements	
1200		254	171230	WH between CP #A1 - CP #A2	
1325		255	171325	WH G lead elements at CP #2	
1355		256	171355	WH G leading elements at (AT 165302)	
1355		257	171355	Lead elements of WH at CP # 3	
1410		258	171410	E Co received s/a fire coords (AT 155293) returned fire 2 VC KIA's	
1425		259	171425	Lead elements WH G CP #4	
1434		260	171434	WH E at CP #2 lead elements	
1440		261	171440	Lead elements of SD G at CP #3	
	1900	262	171900	WH to Myrphy sit rep neg contact.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0905		263	180905	Murphy to WH convoy departing LSA to pick up Sudden Death G at 0900H at (242318) for further transportation South.	
1000		264	181000	SD G dropped from WH command.	
1130		265	181130	WH 3/3 departed sunrise L position by truck convoy	
1235		266	181235	Arrived LSA	
1430		267	181430	Commenced helo lift to 2/9 and 3/3 positions DANANG	
1500		268	181500	Murphy 6 to WH 6 My thanks to you and all your men. USMC and ARVN for a job well done. Murphy 6 actual sends.	

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2. Naval Gunfire. Not applicable.

3. Fire Support Coordination.

a. Significant Events Not applicable.

b. New Developments. Not applicable.

c. Problem Areas Not applicable.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0230		1	010230	From Smoke Room - Received 20 rds of carbine fire at 0205 from an estimated 4-5 VC. Fire came from between MT and Tanks. Fire returned.	K Noti
0450		2	010450	SW K to SW 3 B-1 is now entering the lines.	
0640		3	010640	Informed Sen 3 of unit taking over hill 22.	
0800		4	010800	K-1-A has departed	Sen 3
0820		5	010820	Weather report see Msg.	
1045		6	011045	K-1-A has returned.	Sen 3
1131		7	011131	K-1-B has departed.	Sen 3
1232		8	011232	Sen 3 to SW 3 modify Frag Order 65-65 see Msg.	
1120		9	011120	I commenced helilift to Fertilizer.	Sen 3
1250		10	011250	I last elements left this position .	Sen 3
1300		11	011300	I last elements arrived at Fertilizer.	Sen 3
1320		12	011320	WH L received word from FF's that 1 VC plat moved North from LA BONG see Msg.	
1300		13	011300	Village Chief reports 1 VC Co with 2-60mm located at (BT 002669)	
1600		14	011600	H&S Co notified to take CP defense 011800	
1645		15	011645	Frag order from Regt received.	
1810		16	011810	Msg from HIUE DUC - overlays are ready to be picked up.	3A Noti
2230		17	012230	I 7 A has departed	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S, T,F
0230		18	020230	I-7-A has returned	Sen Noti
0710		19	020710	Monroe to Motherhood-Weather report	
0845		20	020845	Sen 3 - SW 3 redistribution of boats	
0912		21	020912	Commenced lift of K Co to Hill #22.	Bound 3
0830		22	020830	SW I to SW 3 Co I assumed responsibility of assigned TaOh under OpCon 3/9.	Sen Noti
0915		23	020915	SW K to SW 3 k advance party arrived at their position (first elements)	
1100		24	021100	K lift complete to Bound area, also 3d Plat L Co reported this position.	Sen Noti
1401		25	021401	Sen 3 to SW 3 SW placed on 6 hour alert to move w/Cmd Group, one Co and 2 Co's from 3/9, to move on order.	All Co's Noti
1626		26	021626	SW 3 to SW M Be prepared to chop 1 sqd this CP in the AM	
1635		27	021635	SW 3 to SW L retain plat your present position upon assumption new mission.	
1640		28	021640	I pat received 10-20 rds s/a fire 965655 and 958656.	
1803		29	021803	Sen 3 to SW msg on inactivity	
	1829	30	021829	SW 3 to SW K be advised that 3d plat is on 6 hour Alert	
1923		31	021923	Monroe to Motherhood - weather report	
1925		32	021925	Sen 3 noti us that shooters for sniper school will not report to range tomorrow.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0700		33	030700	Weather report see msg 030700	
0825		34	030825	PS Liason wants info on unit in USMC TAOR	
0845		35	030845	WH 3A two plats are in passification area	
0920		36	030920	WH L prepare overlays of planned activities for next 72 hr: submit via chopper	
0949		37	030949	Request to know if WH K will remain in posi	
1000		38	031000	I-K #1A patrol hit from AT 914648) by heavy volume of fire. Fire returned, 81's Arty fired on target. I-K #1A, 3 WIA enemy posi ?	
	1030	39	031030	WH L's patrols will remain assumed positions	
1205		40	031205	Survaliance rept from F 1 on fire mission coord (BT 974644).	
1217		41	031217	WH L RF's out of area by 1500	SW L
	1235	42	031235	Marine Liaison will be your posi 1430	
	1430	43	031430	Road conditions said normal	
1545		44	031545	Sen 3 to SW 3 assume OpCon of 3/3 TAOR 03 1600	
1546		45	031546	Sen 3 sent msg see msg #45	
1548		46	031548	Sen adds to msg	
1543		47	031543	Sen report when ready to assume OpCon area	
1700		48	031700	Msg from Sen 3 see Msg #48	
1715		49	031715	Intend to register 81 con this eve.	
1720		50	031720	Unable to finish job due to motor problems with raft reqd another motor thru Sen 4	
1751		51	031751	Message for SW 3 from WH L 6 see Msg	
1815		52	031815	Wheather report.	
	1900	53	031900	WH 3 to Sen 3 sit rep of units loc, along with a correction on the coord	
1948		54	031948	WH L and WH T sends Neg Sit Rep	
2030		55	032030	WH L-2-B, & L-2-A has departed at 1900	BB
2045		56	032045	From Lt BUISE: Pacification Tm that was to arrive in CAM NE (3) was being paid will arrive tomorrow in the AM exact time ?	
2205		57	032205	K-3-A departed	
2205		58	032205	WH K to SW 3 K has killed 2 VC see msg.	
2400		59	032400	WH K,L and I Neg Sit Rep	

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0350		60	040350	WH L Neg Sit Rep	Sen 3
0420		61	040420	WH I3 has returned	Sen 3
0608		62	040608	WH I LP 5 has returned	Sen 3
	0700	63	040700	Sen 3 notified that all pat hav returned	
0720		64	040720	SW K - SW 3 K-IC & K-2C departed	Sen 3
0800		65	040800	SW I sweeping road started at coords 972662 at 0700H	Sen 3
0840		66	040840	SW I eng have finished sweep	Sen 3
0845		67	040845	L-6 sent recon pat with pacification Tm to NO NAME Vill and to L position	Sen 3
0845		68	040845	Resupply req for L 1	SW 4
0845		69	040845	Resupply req for L 6	SW 4
0850		70	040850	Weather report	SW 2
0942		71	040942	SW K H&I fires tonight see Msg	
0950		72	040950	K-1C returned	Sen 3
0959		73	040959	K-2C returned	Sen 3
1020		74	041020	Sen 3 reports 2 evac civilians made.	
1105		75	041105	K-PA at CP #2 at 1100	
1135		76	041135	I-PA at CP #3	
1140		77	041140	Pacification cadre on way to WH L	WH L
1213		78	041213	I-PA is at CP #4	Sen 3
1245		79	041245	I-PA is at CP #5	Sen 4
1345		80	041345	SW Tango to SW 3 Engr's completed river block on way back in	Sen 3
1543		81	041543	SW I-PA returned at 1515	Sen 3
1735		82	041735	WH I request a thermometer to be sent on resupply for patient with high temp and chills	SW 4
1850		83	041850	Spot report from SW I see Msg	
1855		84	041855	Weather rept	
1942		85	041942	SW I-1A has departed	Sen 3
1532		86	041532	WH K sends patrols see Msg	
1550		87	041550	I-PA neg sit rep	
1945		88	041945	I-L1 has dept	Sen 3
2020		89	042020	I 2A and L-2 depat	Sen 3
2024		90	042024	I,K,L and T neg sit rep	
2025		91	042025	I-L3 has dep	Sen 3
2030		92	042030	I 6 reports 1 VC was killed	Sen 3
2100		93	042100	I-3A has departed	Sen 3
2100		94	042100	L-5 has departed	Sen 3
2220		95	042220	I,K,L,M and T neg sit rep	
2400		96	042400	K-1A has departed	Sen 3
2400		97	042400	K,L,M,I and T neg sit rep	
2400		98	042400	L-3A has departed	Sen 3

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0140		99	050140	I #1A has returned	Sen 3
0155		100	050155	L-3 has returned	Sen 3
0215		101	050215	WH K neg sit rep for Foxtrot 2	
0215		102	050215	WH K one IP received 2 rds sniper fire see msg	Sen 3
0245		103	050245	WH I #2A has returned at 0240 Neg Contact	Sen 3
0330		104	050330	WH M Neg sit rep	Sen 3
0331		105	050331	WH K Neg Sit Rep	Sen 3
0349		106	050349	WH L Neg Sit Rep	Sen 3
0400		107	050400	WH I #3A returned neg sit rep	Sen 3
0405		108	050405	WH M Neg sit rep	Sen 3
0422		109	050422	K #2A has departed	Sen 3
0431		110	050432	L-3 Net sit rep	Sen 3
0444		111	050444	L-1 has returned neg contact	Sen 3
0500		112	050500	K-#3A has departed	Sen 3
0502		113	050532	L-3 reports neg contact	
0535		114	050535	I2 & I3 have returned with neg contact	Sen 3
0536		115	050536	All patrols report neg contact	
0605		116	050605	I Co - IL5 has returned neg contact	Sen 3
	0600	117	050600	Did sharpshooter units arrive your posi 04 Dec	
	0602	118	050608	What was time and loc of pick up of VCS 04 Dec	
0710		119	050710	K 2A returned	Sen 3
0730		120	050730	Engineers will start check road at p745 at coord 975663.	Sen 3
0745		121	050745	K1A returned neg contact	Sen 3
0755		122	050755	K 2C departed	Sen 3
0710		123	050710	Weather report see msg	
0800		124	050800	WH L reports sit rep and posi see msg	Sen 3
0830		125	050830	WH K reports that their mine detecting device is not working	
0845		126	050845	Spot report see msg from I	Sen 3
0930		127	050930	Fired prep fires (AT 969649)	Sen 3
1011		128	051011	10- 12 rds sniper fire (969648) returned with 3rds 81 & 60mm fire	
1200		129	051200	SW I sit rep see msg.	Sen 3
1210		130	051230	K2C has departed	Sen 3
1037		131	051037	one more plat for detail search of LASON (3)	Sen 3
1040		132	051040	I4 C has found a cache of rice 200-400 lbs vic 969650	Sen 3
1145		133	051145	I4C receiving heavy volume s/a fire	Sen 3
1150		134	051150	26 HE & 12 WP fired at automatic weapon posi by I4C sweep being made behind arty.	Sen 3
1325		135	051325	I4C making sweep of LE SON (3) behing prep fires	
1330		136	051330	SW L req medivac, man bitten by snake	
1400		137	051400	SW I reports one helicopter downed at SW I CP cable & oil line for chopper from Sen 4	Sen 4
1520		138	051520	WH I we have reached LE SON (3) and are continuing search.	
1615		139	051615	WH I search continues.	
1620		140	051620	HOA CAM no RF patrols in our TAOR tonight	
1620		141	051620	WH I request for ammo resupply	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
1620		142	051620	WH 3 can you consolidate and occupy your current new positions with present forces for night.	
1620		143	051620	WH I search has been completed	
1625		144	051625	WH L6 sit rep neg	
1630		145	051630	WH I have downed H-34 at our CP	
1708		146	051708	One Plat from I on way to L	
1710		147	051710	WH I - WH 3 we are going to start moving out now in order to reach our CP by dark	
1425		148	051425	Sen 6 enrout to our position	
1537		149	051537	WH 3 to WH L send loc OP remaining L elements your TAOR	
	1601	150	051601	Info report to L Co see msg.	
	1605	151	051605	WH 3 to WH I will you need resupply other than water	
	1655	152	051655	To WH L send your patrols to WH I CP	
1655		153	051655	WH I to WH 3 coord of LZ 969649	
1715		154	051715	WH I request helo evac for wounded woman	
	1722	155	051722	WH to WH I evac wounded woman on resupply helo	
1730		156	051730	WH K 6 req dozer remain K posi until job complete.	
	1732	157	051732	WH 3 to WH I rein your CP with one plat	
1740		158	051740	WH K6 req for dipboard on maning supply	
	1740	159	051740	WH 3 to Sen 3 advised of SW I activities	
	1748	160	051748	SW I has occupied area 969649	
	1748	161	051748	WH I report sit rep neg contact	
1751		162	051751	WH L 6 is utilizeing attachments in perimeter	
1830		163	051830	WH I Receiving sniper fire from our West flank (see msg)	
1830		164	051830	Rosemount F checked hill 55, hill 22 river at 62-66 neg contact	
	1840	165	051840	WH 3 to WH I has I now joined you	
	1846	166	051846	WH 3 to WH K will pick up M 2's tommorrow	
1900		167	051900	WH I consolidated at L# SON (3)	
1900		168	051900	WH I report when consolidated your position	
1912		169	051912	WH K neg sit rep	
	1920	170	051920	SW 3 to Sen 3 by L/L SW I has consolidated	
1925		171	051925	Monroe to motherhood - weather report	
1930		172	051930	I-1 now joined to I-6	
1950		173	051950	K-3-A dep 1815 returned at 1900	
2000		174	052000	Sit rep all secure neg contact L-2-A	
2005		175	052005	WH M & I neg contact all is quiet.	
2030		176	052030	Sen gave credit 2 VC	
2030		177	052030	L-4 has just departed	
	2125	178	052125	Req TOD of L-1 & L-2	
2200		179	052200	Req TOD of L-P-2	
2335		180	052335	2200 sit rep neg contact all secure	
2335		181	052335	Perimeter security received 1 rd of s/a	

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0330		183	060330	WH K 3A, K 2A and L 3A departed	Sen 3
0400		184	060400	I,K,L and M all secure	
0430		185	060430	WH L 3A has returned	Sen 3
0500		186	060500	WH L 1A has returned	Sen 3
0730		187	060730	WH 3 to WH I friendly activity at see msg	
	0730	188	060730	WH 3 to WH K I will have pat adjacent to K 3C	
	0730	189	060730	WH 3 time of tommorrows pick up still not confirmed will advise at earliest.	
	0740	190	060740	WH 3 to WH I be advised to friendly snooper will be operating to the E of 6198 and S	
0753		191	060753	WH I found larger tunnel at 969644	
0805		192	060805	WH I neg sit rep	
0805		193	060805	Monroe to SW 2 weather report.	
0815		194	060815	WH K 3C departed	Sen 3
0830		195	060830	WH K minesweeper departed	Sen 3
0830		196	060830	WH K logistical req see msg	
0855		197	060855	PS req clearance at coord 976632 for Arty	Sen 3
0900		198	060900	WH I search of Southern area completed	
0925		199	060925	WH I have completed search and are moving back	
0925		200	060925	WH L two snoopers out with pacification Tm	Sen 3
0930		201	060930	Spot rpt see msg	Sen 3
	0955	202	060955	WH 3 to WH K eng Tm enroute you posi	WH K
1000		203	061000	6 snipers at see msg	Sen 3
1000		204	061000	WH I approx 6 snipers north	
	1109	205	061109	WH 3 to WH L ret plat to your area.	
1110		206	061110	K mine Det Tm has returned	
1110		207	061110	WH K 6 to WH 6 see msg	
1130		208	061130	WH K 3C has now returned.	Sen 3
1140		209	061140	WH L 1 pat is leaving I CP for L CP	
1205		210	061205	WH L neg sit rep	
1210		211	061211	WH I coord requested 965652	
1327		212	061327	Rosemount now on station	
1450		213	061450	HIEU DUOC HQ confirmed VC killed	
1500		214	061500	WH K 2R has returned	
1605		215	061605	Axhandle recon departing K posi	
	1600	216	061600	WH 3 to WH you are cleared to fire req fire	
1616		217	061615	WH L neg sit rep	
1616		218	061616	WH K firing Tanks and Ontos	
1717		219	061717	WH K cease fire	
1808		220	061808	K 2S departed	
1830		221	061836	K 2S returned	
1930		222	061930	K & L patrols departed	
1932		223	061932	SW I L4 and I 3A departed	
1710		224	061710	Bound firing will send GS and Hours	
1915		225	061915	Weather report	
1657		226	061657	Wounded woman.	
2006		227	062006	Req to move from hill 22 (Tanks)	
1753		228	061753	Perm to reg tanks on hill 55	
2045		229	062045	D -1A has departed	

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0045		235	070045	I 3A has returned	Sen 3
0100		236	070100	T - sit rep see msg	BB
0240		237	070240	Received warning order from MC	
0300		238	070300	I #1A has returned	BB
0305		239	070305	I #3A has returned	BB
0400		240	070400	Sen 3 prepare L Co for helolift (-), commencing at 070900	
0405		241	070405	I #2A has returned	BB
0510		242	070510	L-2A and L-1-A has returned	BB
0540		243	070540	L-4-2 has returned	
0545		244	070545	L-3 has returned	BB
0700		245	070700	K neg sit rep	
	0705	246	070705	To WH K see msg	
0755		247	070755	hold up on plat pat	
0758		248	070758	see msg	
0815		249	070815	Priority msg see msg.	
0900		250	070900	K neg sit rep	
0910		251	070910	WH I mine clearing detail left	
0925		252	070925	Pat from WH I has arrived posi	
1000		253	071000	WH K #2A is now departing	
1023		254	071023	WH K mine detecting has returned	
1050		255	071050	WH I one plat occupies L CP	
1042		256	071042	WH LZ C is half way completed loading	
1050		257	071050	Will be completed in 4 more loads	
1100		258	071100	L is at LZ and are coming into CP	
1100		259	071100	SW L helo lift is complete	
0825		260	070825	Req civil affairs officer contact I	
1245		261	071245	K daily sit rep see meg.	
1323		262	071323	WH K #2C has now returned	
1645		263	071645	E 2/9 has 171 for serial.	
1730		264	071730	K 3S i s now departing	
1635		265	071635	msg from peepsight to WH I see msg.	
1900		266	071900	K 3S has returned	
1915		267	071915	K 3A now dept.	
1930		268	071930	msg from I Co	
1953		269	071953	All H&I fires have been approved	
2000		270	072000	weather report from monroe.	
2005		271	072005	L 4 has dep	
2040		272	072040	I OP # 1 has departed	
2102		273	072102	msg from Sen 2	
2111		274	072111	be prepared to execute spread eagle 08 Dec 1965 msg from Sen 3	
	2117	275	072117	msg #274 sent to all companies	
2200		276	072200	msg #273 sent to K	
2200		277	072200	Sniper Tm SW I has departed	
1950		278	071950	I 1A has departed	
2130		279	072130	I 3A has departed	
2247		280	072247	L-1 has departed	
2248		281	072248	K 3A has returned	
2358		282	072358	WH M neg sit rep	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
2145		230	062145	[illegible] request	
2200		231	062200	Spot report see msg	
2257		232	062257	I 2A departed	Sen 3
2305		233	062305	K 3A departed	Sen 3
2335		234	062335	WH K 2A has returned	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,F,T
0255		283	080255	WH K 2A departed	BB
	0425	284	080425	K 1A returned at 0300	BB
	0430	285	080430	K 1A departed	BB
0440		286	080440	I 3A has returned	BB
0455		287	080455	I L1 has returned	BB
0541		288	080541	K neg sit rep	
0610		290	080610	ST 1 returned	BB
0830		291	080830	K 1A & k 2A returned	BB
0808		292	080808	WH K mine road sweep detail has left	BB
0821		293	080821	WH 3 to WH I see msg	
0825		294	080825	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0723		295	080723	weather report see msg	
0914		296	080914	WH K 3C has departed	BB
0930		297	080930	WH I engineers completed sweep of road.	
	0944	298	080944	When will WH chop to Murphy	
1005		299	081005	sit rep neg contact L	
	1103	300	081103	Send shackled coords of all patrols L	
1615		301	081615	WH I sit rep neg contact	
1620		302	081620	K 3C returned	BB
1720		303	081720	K 2S departed	
1825		304	081825	Execute spread eagle at 2200H secure 0100	
1825		305	081825	Contact with VC 1 WIA	BB
1910		306	081910	Contact with VC	
1910		307	081910	Mine report	
1912		308	081912	Intelligence report	
1245	LE	309	081245	3 rds sniper fire at 971656	
1945		310	081945	Intelligence report	
2001		311	082001	I 3A & L-1 departed	BB
1830		312	081830	weather report see msg	
1920		313	081920	K-1-A departed 1900	
1919		314	081919	K-2-A has now departed	
2005		315	082005	WH I neg contact	
2024		316	082024	Spot report see msg	
2120		317	082120	DIEN BAN VC Bn loc 168546 no realiability	
2200		318	082200	I - K executed spread eagle	
2200		319	082200	SP spread eagle in effect	
2210		320	082210	K 2A returned	BB
2248		321	082248	1 pat AT authorized for security MM	
	2345	322	082345	I 2A departed 2100, L-4 departed 2030	
2400		323	082400	SW K have completed operation spread eagle	BB

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0400		324	090400	Sit rep neg contact from SW I	BB
0500		325	090500	SW I 2A have returned	BB
0607		326	090607	WH I neg sit rep	
0745		327	090745	Eng commenced road sweep (973683)	BB
0800		328	090800	No resupply choppers	
0815		329	090815	2 sqd size pat from 1st plat dep 0810	BB
0815		330	090815	Weather report see msg	
0835		331	090835	I #1 neg contact	
0843		332	090843	Mine detector Tm dep K CP	BB
0810	LE	333	090810	Msg from SW I see spot report	BB
0855		334	090855	From PS to T we can deliver commodities to you by truck. No helos were available today the trucks can get to 986663 could you have mules meet the trucks at that coord	
0940		335	090940	M 2/9 one LAW to be carried on each patrol	BB
0950		336	090950	K-1-M & K-2-M delayed, K-4-M cancelled	BB
1010		337	091010	Arty H&I fires see msg	BB
1100		338	091100	Sen 3 one plat fr M to go South	BB
1212		339	091212	WH 6 to WH 3 a meeting with G Co	
1210		340	091210	Need WH G ASAP	
1318		341	091318	Sit rep from SW I see msg	BB
1318		342	091318	SW I sneds sit rep see msg also info on Eng	BB
1319		343	091319	G Co convoy is on the way	
1415		344	091415	M Co alerted to move out as required	
1459		345	091459	Regional Forces ambush 961689	BB
1535		346	091535	Request WH 3 contact WH I and obtain info on VC killed at LA BONG	
1530		347	091530	K-P-3 returned and K-P-1 departed	BB
1545		348	091545	Request full info regarding VC killed	
1600		349	091600	msg on VC killed at IA BONG see msg	
1616		350	091636	K-2-M dep 1315 ret 1615	BB
1635		351	091635	K-P-3 returned	BB
1627		352	091627	I pat received 3 rds sniper fire see msg	BB
1651		353	091651	K-1-M returned 1651	BB
1712		354	091712	Do not use AP8A1 tonight	BB
1800		355	091800	WH I neg contact	
1825		356	091825	2 pats have ret from I Co	BB
1840		357	091840	K pat ret	
1900		358	091900	L 1 A has dep	BB
1915		358	091915	K A 1 departed 1900	BB
1930		359	091930	I 1 A departed	BB
2000		360	092000	K 1 A departed	BB
2200		361	092200	K 2 A has departed	BB
2250		362	092250	I 2 A departed	
2250		363	092250	I L 2 has departed	
2250		364	092257	K 3 A departed	
	2323	365	092323	F Btry received carbine fire.	
2324		366	092324	Intelligence report from Sen, orginated at shove see msg.	
2400		367	092400	Neg Sit Rep I and M Co	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0008		368	100008	WH K 2A has returned	
0010		369	100010	K pat apprehended on female VCS Husband as known VC	
1758	LE	370	091758	Weather report	
0330		371	100330	L/CPL CLAWS must be at H&S office 0630	
0330		372	100330	K 3A has returned	BB
0345		373	100345	I 3A has returned	BB
0415		374	100415	WH K neg sit rep	
0430		375	100430	K 3A has returned	BB
0430		376	100430	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0430		377	100430	WH K DROP has returned to permiter	
0431		378	100431	I 3A has returned also sniper tm.	BB
0505		379	100505	I L2 has returned	BB
0730		380	100730	Weather report	
0832		381	100832	K 2M departed	BB
0850		382	100850	Approved H&I's	
1005		383	101005	I P1 departed	BB
1003		384	101003	WH I 1 all quiet neg contact	
1025		385	101025	WH K mine sweeping detail returned	BB
1135		386	101135	Intel report C-2 & C-3 see msg	
1240		387	101240	K 2M has returned	BB
1435		388	101435	WH K spot report on booby trap see msg	BB
1438		389	101438	K 3M has returned	
	1445	390	101445	WH to WH I be advised H&I's will begin at 0500	
1446		391	101446	Two vehicles on way to pick up med evac at Hill 22	
1448		392	101448	WH I neg contact	
1500		393	101500	WH I 2 departed spot report	BB
1605		394	101605	WH I3 departed	
1605		395	101605	WH I 1 sit rep neg contact	
1606		396	101606	WH K evacuted veh will be dropped off at district headqts.	
1620		397	101620	I-1 departed	BB
1700		398	101700	I med cap pat treated 45 adults & 20 children	
1800		399	101800	I-1 has returned	BB
1800		400	101800	Info report from pat in YEN NE (4)	BB
1815		401	101815	I 2-3 has returned	BB
1759		402	101759	WH K accidential discharged rec helovac	BB
1839		403	101830	Medvac has been completed	
1900		404	101900	WH K 2A has departed	BB
1919		405	101919	Weather report	
2042		406	102042	I L3 departed 2000	BB
2050		407	102050	I A 2 departed 2050	BB
2050		408	102050	I L 2 departed 2050	BB
2050		409	102050	SN I sniper tm has departed	BB
2110		410	102110	K 2A reported back in see msg	BB
2200		411	102200	WH I neg contact	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0006		412	110006	WH I neg sit rep	
0050		413	110050	Msg from see msg	
0202		414	110202	WH I 1 sit rep neg contact	
0245		415	110245	WH K sit rep neg contact	
0355		416	110355	WH K sending down details in the morning	
0400		417	110400	I-L negative contact	
0445		418	110445	I-3 returned	BR
0450		419	110450	I-T returned	BR
0815		420	110815	H&I fires	
0817		421	110817	WH K mine sweeping Tm has dep	BR
0819		422	110819	Weather report	
0845		423	110845	SW I 0730 heard explosion investigated found people wounded.	
0855		424	110855	SW 3 Ranger Co will sweep in 20 min sweeping CAM-le 1-2-4-5 and PHONE-1	BR
0907		425	110907	Rept of auto fire on PF position	BR
0950		426	110950	SW I sit rep see msg	
0959		427	110959	WH I neg sit rep	
1025		428	111025	SW I obs 5VCS see msg	BR
1030		429	111030	K-3-L departed	BR
1031		430	111031	WH K mine sweeping detail departing	BR
1050		431	111050	WH I 1-A-2 cancelled	BR
1050		432	111050	I-2 has returned	BR
1120		433	111130	WH K req 1 priority med evac coord 957657; mark with yellow smoke	BR
1130		434	111130	K-2-C will be K-3-C	BR
1135		435	111135	K-3-C spot report on msg	BR
1140		436	111140	K Co med evac lifted out see msg	BR
1208		437	111202	WH I sit rep neg contact	
1220		438	111220	SW I sniper fire	BR
1235		439	111235	WH I I-P-1 has been cancelled	BR
1400		440	111400	WH I sit rep neg contact	
1405		441	111405	WH K just blown 155 dud	BR
1420		442	111420	SW I morning pat back neg contact	BR
1430		443	111430	WH K 3 C has now returned	BR
1449		444	111449	SW I I-S-T has departed	BR
1705		445	111705	SW I T-S-T has returned	BR
1725		446	111725	SW K-10-C departed	BR
1800		447	111800	I-A-3 has just departed	BR
1830		448	111830	K-P-2 has departed	BR
1831		449	111831	Intelligence report from Sen #2	
1900		450	111900	Weather report	
1930		451	111930	WH K-A-1 has dep	BR
2000		452	112000	I-A-1 has departed	BR
2000		453	112000	I-L-1 has departed	BR
2000		454	112000	SW I ambush at 971658 see msg	BR
2000		455	112000	I-L-2 has departed	BR
2320		456	112320	I-L-2 has returned with sit rep see msg	BR
2344		457	112344	K-P-2 has now returned	BR
2300		458	112300	SW I-L-3 has departed	BR
2400		459	112400	K-A-1 returned	BR
2400		460	112400	I-A-3 returned with spot report see msg	BR

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION W,S,T,F
0155		461	120155	I-L-A has returned	BB
0200		462	120200	WH I neg sit rep	
0355		463	120355	WH I neg sit rep	
0415		464	120415	K-3-A departing	BB
0500		465	120500	I-L-2 has returned	BB
0545		466	120545	I-L-3 has returned	BB
0600		467	120600	K-P-1 has departed	BB
0730		468	120730	K-A-3 has returned	BB
0734		469	120734	I-S-T-1 time change, I-A-1 cancelled	BB
0738		470	120738	K-A-2 has returned	BB
0800		471	120800	sit rep neg contact WH K	
0808		472	120808	WH K-A-2 departed	BB
0810		473	120810	I-*-1 cancelled	BB
	0814	474	120814	Informed WH 3 of all patrols returning and departing	
0823		475	120823	Weather report see msg	
0840		476	120840	H&I fires	
0850		477	120850	Mine deteching tm now departed	BB
0925		478	120925	Engineers swept to BB and road is clear	BB
0950		479	120950	Serra found booby trap see msg	BB
1015		480	121015	I-p-3 & 4 time & Grid coords see msg	BB
1022		481	121022	Mine sweeping detail has returned	BB
1055		482	121055	Convoy leaving M pos 1200	BB
1105		483	121105	I-P-4 departed	BB
1200		484	121200	WH I sit rep neg contact	
1216		485	121216	I-P-4 returned neg contact	
1255		486	121255	sit rep from SW I see msg	BB
1305		487	121305	sit rep neg contact	
1305		488	121305	Pilsner will be at I's position at 1330	
1335		489	121335	K-P-1 returned	BB
1335		490	121335	I-1-D has departed	BB
1435		491	121435	Spot report	BB
1600		492	121600	I-1-D has neg sit rep	
1707		493	121707	I-p-3 returned	BB
1810		494	121810	Msg from I Co concernig Bunker that I Co Blew	BB
1811		495	12 1811	I-P-2 has returned	BB
1816		496	121816	K-P-2 has departed at 1745	BB
1822		497	121822	K-P-2 has returned	BB
1910		498	121910	K-A-1 has departed	BB
1925		499	121925	K-A-2 has departed	BB
1926		500	121926	Weather report	BB
2010		501	122010	I-L-2 has departed	BB
2010		502	122010	WH I neg sit rep	
2035		503	122035	I-A-2 departed	BB
2120		504	122120	I-L-3 departed	BB
2120		505	122120	I-L-4 departed	BB
2200		506	122200	WH I neg contact	
2204		507	122204	I-A-3 departed	BB
2210		508	122210	SW I see msg	
2220		509	122220	I-A-4 departed	BB
2400		510	122400	WH I neg sit rep	

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2d Battalion, 3d Marines
OPENED: 130001H Dec 1965
CLOSED: 132400H Dec 1965

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TIME IN	TIME CUT	SER #	DTG	INCOMING MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,I,*
0030		511	130030	K-A-2 has returned	BB
0055		512	130055	K-A-1 has returned	BB
0150		513	130150	I-A-2 has returned	BB
0150		514	130150	WH S negative contact	
0200		515	130200	K-A-4 has returned	BB
0300		516	130300	K-A-3 has returned	BB
0355		517	130355	WH I negative contact	
0430		518	130430	I-L-2 has returned	BB
0430		519	130430	I-L-3 has returned	BB
0430		520	130430	I-L-4 has returned	BB
0500		521	130500	I-A-3 has returned	BB
0500		522	130500	I-S-2 has departed	BB
0600		523	130600	WH I negative contact	
0710		524	130710	K-P-1 has departed	BB
0750		525	130750	SW I engineers have started mine clearing	BB
0822		526	130822	I-S-2 departed	BB
0832		527	130832	Weather report	
0842		528	130842	K-D-2 departed	BB
0847		529	130847	K Co mine detecting Tm departed	BB
0910		530	130910	5' search light now in operation	BB
0920		531	130920	Engin have returned	BB
0955		532	130955	I-S-T-2 returned	BB
1010		533	131010	WH I negative contact	
1135		534	131135	K-P-1 returned	BB
1305		535	131305	WH I-1 neg contact	
1410		536	131410	Patrol changes see msg	BB
1450		537	131450	H&I fires	
1556		538	131556	I-S-2 departed	BB
1622		539	131622	Spot rpt report of capture of 2 women	BB
1705		540	131705	Spot report on VC in area see msg	BB
1705		541	131705	I-S-2 has returned	BB
1715		542	131715	I-S-T-I has returned	BB
	1807	543	131807	SW K execute ASAP pull plat fr LA CHAU to Hill 22	BB
1822		544	131822	K-P-1 has now departed	BB
1845		545	131845	msg from Sen 2	
1845		546	131845	WH I 2 neg sit rep	
1910		547	131910	K-P-1 has returned	BB
1935		548	131935	K-2 has returned	BB
1950		549	131950	IL-1 departed	BB
2010		550	132010	K-S-2 has departed	BB
2030		551	132030	Spot report on VCS results	BB
2228		552	132228	K-P-2 has returned neg contact	BB
2230		553	132230	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	BB
2300		554	132300	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	BB
2335		555	132335	WH I-1 pat prep to move out are going to fire a couple of 60mm prep fire into area because of earlier suspected enemy movement	BB

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
OPENED: 140001H Dec 1965
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NOTE: All times H unless otherwise indicated

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SEQ #	DTG	INCIDENT, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,I,F
0003		555	140005	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
0315		557	140315	I-A-1 has returned	BB
0400		558	140400	I-A-3 departed	BB
0420		559	140420	I-L-3 has returned	BB
0545		560	140545	I-L-2 has returned	BB
0546		561	140546	K-L-A has returned	BB
0619		562	140619	K-A-1 has returned	BB
0809		563	140809	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
0820		564	140820	I-A-3 returned	BB
0821		565	140821	WH K Mine sweeping detail now departing	BB
0835		566	140835	Weather report	
0925		567	140925	K-P-4 departed	BB
0940		568	140940	0900 I-P2 departed	BB
0945		569	140945	H&I fires f > 142100	BB
1000		570	141000	Mine sweeping detail has returned	BB
1015		571	141015	Password is changed to MAGIC STEEL	BB
1040		572	141040	Mine sweeling detail returned to CP	BB
1157		573	141157	K-P-4 has returned	BB
1205		574	141205	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
1249		575	141249	Engineers swept areas see msg.	
1305		576	141305	sit rep neg contact	
1410		577	141410	sit rep neg contact	
1530		578	141530	I-S-T-1 departed	BB
1635		579	141635	I-S-T-1 returned	BB
1840		580	141840	I-L-1 departed	BB
1857		581	141857	WH I CP is receiving auto and s-auto fire from south and west	BB
1900		582	141900	Weather report	
1905		583	141905	Weather report	
1915		584	141915	Pat sighted VC Co (C-3) see msg	BB
1919		585	141919	WH I Rec'd auto fire at 961673	BB
1920		586	141920	K-A1 departed	BB
1830		587	141830	K-P-1 has departed	BB
1900		588	141900	K-P-1 has returned	BB
2010		589	142010	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
2010		590	142010	see msg	
2010		591	142010	K req that search light not be directed in their area	
2100		592	142100	I-A-2 has departed	BB
2113		593	142113	WH I K-P-3 and K-P-3 cancelled	BB
2141		594	142141	K-A-2 has departed	BB
2200		595	142200	K is receiving s/a fire from the NW- shut down on the spotlight-interference	
2201		596	142201	WH I neg contact	
2300		597	142300	WH I reports that searchlight operation is helping their positions	

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
OPENED: 150001H Dec 1965
CLOSED: 152400H Dec 1965

NOTE: All times H unless otherwise indicated.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0003		598	150003	WH I-1 Negative contact	
0045		599	150045	I-A-1 has departed	BB
0055		600	150055	WH K negative contact	
0105		601	150105	K-A-1 har returned	BB
0131		602	151031	K-A-1 has returned	BB
0130		603	150130	K-A-3 has departed	BB
0150		604	150150	WH I negative contact	
0152		605	150152	K-A-2 has returned	BB
0210		606	150210	I-A-2 has returned	BB
0245		607	150245	I-L-1 har returned	BB
0350		608	150350	WH I-1 negative contact	
0405		609	150405	I-L-2 returned negative contact	BB
0505		610	150505	I A1 has returned 0450	BB
0506		611	150506	Sit rep K neg report	
0555		612	150555	K P4 has returned	BB
0603		613	150603	WH I 1 Sit rep neg contact	
0710		614	150710	Mine sweeping has kerarted K CP	BB
0750		615	150750	I-1 negative contact	
0810		616	150810	K-A3 reurned	BB
0858		617	150858	Weather report	BB
0900		618	150900	Mine sweeping detail has returned	BB
0925		619	150925	K-P-4 Departed	BB
0935		620	150925	I-P-2 departed	BB
1005		621	151005	Sit rep neg contact L	
1045		622	151045	SW K spot report see msg	BB
1112		623	151112	SW I spot report	BB
1113		624	151113	H&I fires see msg	BB
1130		625	151130	MAG 11 holding defense drill at 1800	
1132		626	151132	RF operations terminated 30 min ago	BB
1200		627	151200	WH I 1 sitrep neg contact	
1205		628	151205	IA2 and IL3 cancelled	BB
1410		629	151410	WH I 1 neg sit rep	
1418		630	151415	WH I P1 returned neg contact	BB
1800		631	151800	MEDCAP pat returned	BB
1815		632	151815	Elements returned CP	
1816		633	151816	Info on sweep today	BB
1855		634	151855	Weather report	
1857		635	151857	K-P-1 departed	BB
1900		636	151900	I-A-3 departed	BB
1930		637	151930	I-L-4 departed	BB
1948		638	151938	K-A-1 departed	BB
1955		639	151955	K and L 1 thru 6 have departed	BB
2000		640	152000	K-A-2 departed	BB
2002		641	152002	WH I neg sit rep	
2003		642	152003	I-L-2 departed	BB
2100		643	152100	All of L Co is back in the CP area	BB
2200		644	152200	WH I neg sit rep	
2205		645	152205	I-A-4 has departed	BB
2205		646	152205	K-A-1 has returned	BB
2205		647	152205	K-P-1 has returned	BB
2205		648	152205	I-L-1 has departed	BB
2308		649	152308	K neg sit rep	
2330		650	152330	K-A-2 has returned	BB

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,E,F
0015		651	160015	K-A-3 has returned	Sen 3
0155		652	160155	WH I negative contact	
0235		653	160235	K-A-3 has departed	Sen 3
0300		654	160300	I-A-1 has departed	Sen 3
0406		655	160406	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0500		656	160500	I-L-2 returned at 0450	Sen 3
0501		657	160501	I-A-4 returned at 0215	Sen 3
0503		658	160508	I-L-4 returned at 0405	Sen 3
0638		659	160638	K-A-3 returned at 0633	Sen 3
0639		660	160639	K-L-1 thru 6 returned	Sen 3
0725		661	160725	I-L-1 returned	Sen 3
0734		662	160734	K-P-3 departed	Sen 3
0800		663	160800	I-P-4 departed	Sen 3
0822		664	160822	Two gunships on 30 min standby	Sen 3
0824		665	160824	K-P-5 departed	Sen 3
0826	--	666	160826	I-A-1 returned	Sen 3
0830		667	160830	Weather report	
0857		668	160857	WH K-P-4 and mine sweeping detail dep	Sen 3
0920		669	160920	I-P-1 departed	Sen 3
0950		670	160950	I-P-4 has returned	Sen 3
	0956	671	160956	TO WH I,K and I-1 info on secon explos	Sen 3
0940		672	160940	I-PA 1 VCS at coord see msg	Sen 3
1042		673	161042	WH K has blown 3-3.5 duds	Sen 3
1044		674	161044	WH I-P-2 sends position see msg	Sen 3
1120		675	161120	H&I fires	
1130		676	161130	I-P-1 har returned	Sen 3
1133		677	161133	Msg from I Co	Sen 3
1147		678	161147	K-P-4 has returned	Sen 3
1157		679	161157	SW I sit rep neg contact	
1235		680	161235	MED EVAC spot report see msg	Sen 3
1240		681	161240	MED EVAC complete	Sen 3
1345		682	161345	L-Z has been cancelled	
1402		683	161402	SW I sit rep neg contact	
1410		684	161410	No resupply today	Sen 3
1445		685	161445	Frost call for roads see msg	Sen 3
1455		686	161455	Spot rept on possible demonstrations by Budhists	
1600		687	161600	K-P-5 has returned	Sen 3
1605		688	161605	SW I ist rep neg contact	
1615		689	161615	K Co found two bear traps 949634	Sen 3
1630		690	161630	SA report C-3 see msg	
1710		691	161710	954650 clear to shoot armed Huey rec sniper fire	Sen 3
1745		692	161745	K-P-1 departed	Sen 3
1909		693	161909	K-A-1 departed	Sen 3
1935		694	161935	Spot rept of VC Bn vic AN TRACH see msg	Sen 3
1945		695	161945	Weather report	
2020		696	162020	I-A-2 departed	Sen 3
2021		697	162021	I-L-2 departed	Sen 3
2025		698	162025	Spot report from Sen 2	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,I,F
2030		699	162030	I-1 reports activity to their South W	Sen 3
2145		700	162145	I-A-1 has departed	Sen 3
2145		701	162145	I-L-4 has departed	Sen 3
2200		702	162200	WH I-1 neg sit rep	
2230		703	162230	I-L-3 has departed	Sen 3
2240		704	162240	K-A-1 har returned	Sen 3
2400		705	162400	I-A-4 departed	Sen 3

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,I,J
0001		706	170001	3d I negative contact	
0055		707	170055	I-A-3 has departed	Sen 3
0130		708	170130	K-P-2 and K-A-2 have crossed LP	
0140		709	170140	K-P-2 neg sit rep	
0230		710	170230	I-A-1 has returned	Sen 3
0230		711	170230	I-A-3 has returned	Sen 3
0115		712	170115	K-P-2 departed	
0115		713	170115	K-A-2 departed	
0400		714	170400	I neg sit rep	
0441		715	170441	K-L-3 returned	
0506		716	170506	I-A-3 returned	
0540		717	170540	I-L-4 returned	
0615		718	170615	K-I-1 thry 6 returned	
0713		719	170713	K-A-2 returned	
0825		720	170825	I-1 neg contact	
0827		721	170827	Weather report	
0840		722	170840	K Co mine datail departed	
0930		723	170930	No resupply helo storm cond	
0957		724	170957	K-P-3 is now departing	
0958		725	170958	WH I-1 sit rep neg	
1045		726	171045	K-P4 departed	
1103		727	171103	K Co mine sweeping detail returned	
1105		728	171105	H&I fires	
1110		729	171110	Spot report see msg	
1115		730	171115	I-P-1 is at CP 2	
1132		731	171132	SW CO returns today see msg	
1210		732	171210	I sit rep neg contact	
1333		733	171333	K-P-3 returned	
1340		734	171340	I-P-1 reached CP 1	
1355		735	171355	I-P-1 departed	
1345		736	171345	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
1420		737	171420	Spot report	
1347		738	171347	Northern pat returned neg contact	
1426		739	171426	I-P-1 at CP 5	
1427		740	171427	K-P-4 has returned	
1442		741	171442	IST-1 has departed	
1541		742	171541	IP-1 has returned	
1605		743	171605	Sit rep neg contact Fm SW I	
1640		744	171640	K Co just blew two M-26 grenades	
1630		745	171630	I-P-1 sit rep	
1724		746	171724	K-P-1 departed	
1740		747	171740	Weather report see msg	
1850		748	171850	K-P-1 returned	
1950		749	171950	I-L-3 departed	
2100		750	172100	I-L-2 departed	
2109		751	172109	change on weather	
2200		752	172200	I-A-2 departed	
2203		753	172203	WH I-1 sit rep neg contact	
2345		754	172345	I-A-1 departed	

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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
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CLOSED: 182400H Dec 1965

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0002		755	180002	WH I negative contact	
0035		756	180035	K-P-3 has departed	RR
0050		757	180057	K-*2 departed	RR
0105		758	180105	I-A-4 departed	RR
0200		759	180200	I-L-5 departed	RR
0130	LE	760	180300	WH M a mine went off in area info to follow	RR
0215		761	180215	I-A-1 returned	RR
0355		762	180355	WH I-A-3 has returned	RR
0400		763	180400	WH I neg contact	
0422		764	180422	I-L-2 has returned	RR
0423		765	180423	WH K-P-3 has returned	RR
0430		766	180430	K-P-3 has returned	RR
0600		767	180600	I A 4 returned	RR
0602		768	180602	I L 5 returned	RR
0604		769	180604	K L 1 thru 5 returned	
0630		770	180630	K P 5 returned	
0700		771	180700	Weather report	
0820		772	180820	K P 5 now departing	RR
0848		773	180848	Helos will be delayed indef due weather	RR
0925		774	180925	WHI fires	
1000		775	181000	K sends snot rert see msg	
1110		776	181110	SW K mine sweeping detail has returned	RR
1310		777	181810	Set rept K-2	
1320		778	181320	K P 5 at CP #2	
1325		779	181325	I P 2 departed	RR
1455		780	181455	Info req from Sen see msg	
1403		781	181403	K P 5 at CP #3	
1410		782	181410	I Co sit rep neg contact	
1415		783	181415	K P 5 is at CP #4	
1425		784	181425	K P 5 is at CP #5	
1435		785	181435	SW Cmd Grp due to arrive at 1500	RR
1435		786	181435	K P #5 now at [illegible]	
1450		787	181450	K P 5 is at CP [illegible]	
1500		788	181500	K P #5 has returned	
1600		789	181600	I P 3 has departed	
1620		790	181620	Snot report I Co	
1640		791	181640	I P 2 returned	RR
1720		792	181720	K P 1 has now departed	RR
1730		793	181730	Info reports from Sen see msg	
1815		794	181815	Sen 2 message on sus VC hamlet see msg	
1920		795	181920	Weather report	
1940		796	181940	One incoming hand grenade vic 972661	
1955		797	181955	K A 1 & K A 2 departed	RR
2003		798	182003	From 19 to 25 Dec maintain 75% alert	
2024		799	182024	I L 2 departed	
2025		800	182025	K L 1 through 5 departed	RR
2135		801	182135	I A 1 departed	
2307		802	182307	K A 2 returned	RR
2317		803	182317	K A 1 returned	RR

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0110		804	190110	WH K neg contact	
0150		805	190150	WH I-2 departed	
0245		806	190245	WH I negative contact	
0300		807	190300	WH I A1 departed	
0320		808	190320	WH K negative contact	
0401		809	190401	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0451		810	190451	WH I A3 returned	
0455		811	190455	WH K P1 returned	
0536		812	190536	WH I L3 returned	
0612		813	190612	WH I I2 returned	
0642		814	190642	WH K P2 departed	
0658		815	190658	WH K A3 returned	
0710		816	190710	WH I A2 returned	
0810		817	190810	Weather report	
0840		818	190840	Period 19-25 all units 75% alert	
0845		819	190845	K L 1,2,3,4 and 5 departed	
0935		820	190935	I P1 departed	
0911		821	190911	WH I 1 neg sit rep	
1050		822	191050	K P2 has returned	
1050		823	191050	I P1 has returned	
1315		824	191315	WH I sit rep neg contact	
1445		825	191445	I P2 has departed	
1520		826	191520	Spot report see msg.	
1610		827	191610	SW I loc of Icavmore mines see msg.	
1750		828	191750	K P1 departed	
1820		829	191820	I 1 neg contact	
1845		830	191845	Weather report	
1846		831	191846	K P1 returned	
2000		832	192000	WH I negative contact	
2020		833	192020	I L1 has departed	
2040		834	192040	I A1 has departed	
2100		835	192100	I I2 departed	
2125		836	192125	K L1 departed	
2200		837	192200	I L3 departed	
2201		838	192201	WH I 1 neg sitrep	
2230		839	192230	M Co sends spot report see msg	
2311		840	192311	WH M neg sit rep	
2325		841	192325	I A2 departed	
2340		842	192340	Secret agent report	
2350		843	192350	SW L sit rep neg contact	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0200		844	200200	I A1 has returned	Sen 3
0350		845	200350	I A2 has returned	Sen 3
0400		846	200400	I L1 has returned	Sen 3
0410		847	200410	WH I negative contact	
0600		848	200600	I L2 has returned	Sen 3
0600		849	200600	WH I negative contact	
0630		850	200630	I L3 has returned	Sen 3
0805		851	200805	K rec one KIA, stepped on mine	
0815		852	200815	WH I neg sit rep	
0820		853	200820	K L1 thru 5 returned at 0430	Sen 3
0850		854	200850	1 KIA AND 1 WIA see msg	Sen 3
0850		855	200850	K P2 departed	Sen 3
0853		856	200853	K P3,4 and 1 dent	Sen 3
0855		857	200855	K P2 returned	Sen 3
0856		858	200856	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0950		859	200950	K P4 returned	Sen 3
1035		860	201045	Sen 2 msg on group demonstration on damages	Sen 3
1105		861	201105	I P1 departed	Sen 3
1106		862	201106	I P2 departed	Sen 3
1235		863	201235	Bound 2 intell rpt see msg	
1330		864	201330	Sniper rnd fired at helicopter	
1331		865	201331	K P4 returned	Sen 3
1401		866	201401	WH I 1 neg sit rep	
1430		867	201430	I P1 returned	Sen 3
1500		868	201500	Spot report	
1605		869	201605	Sit rep neg sit rep	
1618		870	201618	I P2 returned	
1622		871	201622	Sit rep neg contact	
1800		872	201800	K P1 departed	
1900		873	201900	K A1 departed	Sen 3
2020		874	202020	L neg sit rep	
2030		875	202030	I A1 departed	
2042		876	202042	I L2 departed	
2045		877	202045	K L1 thru 6 departed	
2045		878	202045	K neg sit rep	
2055		879	202055	K A1 receiving auto wpn's fire see msg	
2130		880	202130	H ill 327 rec 4 rds sniper fire	
2135		881	202135	Spot report see msg	
2153		882	202153	I L3 departed	
2200		883	202200	I L4 has departed	
2300		884	202300	I A3 has departed	
2400		885	202400	SW L neg rep	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	TIME M,S,T,F
0202		886	210202	SW I Neg sit rep	
0230		887	210230	I A1 has returned	Sen 3
0300		888	210300	I A2 has departed	Sen 3
0430		889	210430	K L1 thru 5 have returned	Sen 3
0430		890	210430	SW L sit rep all secure	
0440		891	210440	K P1 returned	Sen 3
0440		892	210440	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0444		893	210444	I L1 returned	Sen 3
0456		894	210456	I L2 returned	Sen 3
0605		895	210605	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0630		896	210630	K P2 departed	Sen 3
0715		897	210715	I L3 returned	Sen 3
0715		898	210715	K A2 returned	Sen 3
0750		899	210750	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0805		900	210805	Hay Day execute 21 Dec 1200	
0805		901	210805	Weather report	
0810		902	210810	Intelligence information	
0912		903	210912	K P2 at CP #1	Sen 3
0950		904	210950	K P2 at CP #2	Sen 3
1020		905	211020	K P2 at CP #3	Sen 3
1120		906	211120	K P2 at CP #4	Sen 3
1225		907	211225	K P2 returned	Sen 3
1315		908	211315	I P1 departed	Sen 3
1315		909	211315	I P2 departed	Sen 3
	1515	910	211515	To SW K Monroe 6 will visit your CP 221300H	
1540		911	211540	I ambush set in dogs have arrived	Sen 3
1545		912	211545	Intelligence report	
1610		913	211610	WH I 1 sit rep neg contact	
1630		914	211630	Info from pat Bn see msg	Sen 3
1730		915	211730	K P1 departed	Sen 3
1835		916	211835	River block rec'd s/a fire	Sen 3
1836		917	211836	K P1 returned	Sen 3
1905		918	211905	Intelligence report fr Sen 2 2 VC Co	
1940		919	211940	Spot report SW I rec'd s/a fire	Sen 3
1950		920	211950	I A1 departed	Sen 3
2000		921	212000	WH K 7A, 9A have departed	Sen 3
2000		922	212000	SW L neg sit rep	
2003		923	212003	L A1, 2 and 3 departed	Sen 3
2011		924	212011	I A2 departed	Sen 3
2000		925	212000	K P3 has been cancelled see msg	Sen 3
2010		926	212010	K A12 has departed	Sen 3
2028		927	212028	PF force attacked by VC at school house	Sen 3
2045		928	212045	M Co 1A and 2A departed	Sen 3
2100		929	212100	I A4 departed	Sen 3
2220		930	212220	I A6 has departed	Sen 3
2235		931	212235	I A7 has departed	Sen 3
2345		932	212345	K A3,5,7 and 12 have returned	Sen 3
2350		933	212350	K 9A returned	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0001		934	220001	I Co neg contact	
0005		935	220005	M Co LCo neg sit rep	
0035		936	220035	K 4A 6A, 6A, 10 A now departed	Sen 3
0200		937	220200	I A1 returned	Sen 3
0210		938	220210	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0225		939	220225	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0310		940	220310	I A3 returned	Sen 3
0340		941	220340	I A4 returned	Sen 3
0425		942	220425	I A6 returned	Sen 3
0455		943	220455	I A7 returned	Sen 3
0530		944	220530	I A8 returned	Sen 3
0505		945	220505	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0650		946	220650	L A3 returned	Sen 3
0720		947	220720	M A1 and MA2 returned	Sen 3
0725		948	220725	Mine sweeping detail now departing CP	Sen 3
0735		949	220735	WH K neg sit rep.	
0810		950	220810	Weather report see msg	
0900		951	220900	K F3 has departed	Sen 3
0935		952	220935	L reports pat tm working their side of river	
1025		953	221025	IST departed	Sen 3
1405		954	221405	I to SW 3 IP4 to pat 800 M due W	Sen 3
1405		955	221405	WH I1 sit rep neg contact	
1440		956	221440	1 RF truck is being sent to area of WH CP pick up Pac Tm & RF Plat	
1704		957	221704	Weather report	
1705		958	221705	I 2 is in position	Sen 3
1730		959	221730	SW I sends report see msg	Sen 3
1740		960	221740	River crossing rec'd 1 sniper fire	Sen 3
1755		961	221750	Info report fr Sen 2	
1800		962	221800	Sen 3 sends Intelligence report see msg	
1815		963	221815	Weather report	
1845		964	221845	Visit by Gen ENGLISH on 24 Dec 1615	
1930		965	221939	K A1 departed	Sen 3
1940		966	221940	WH L 3 departed	Sen 3
1935		967	221935	SW I plat rec'v s/a fire	
1935		968	221935	BB 3 suspected underwater bridge at (AT 087 673) will check out at your req	
2000		969	222000	I I2 departed	Sen 3
2015		970	222015	Msg from Tanks attacked by 2 VC now head NW	
2055		971	222055	K A2 has departed	Sen 3
2110		972	222110	I I3 departed	Sen 3
2145		973	222145	WH I1 negative contact	
2130		974	222130	Msg from Sen 3 - Army Chief Of Staff	
2400		975	222400	WH I1 negative contact	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	LTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0030		976	230030	2 attemped VC infiltrators fled after illum	
0040		977	230040	SW KA2 returned	Sen 3
0059		978	230059	Spot report from Sen 2	
0300		979	230300	I A2 has dep	
0310		980	230310	K A3 has dep	
0315		981	230315	I 3A has returned	Sen 3
0345		982	230345	I L1 has returned	Sen 3
0430		983	230430	I I2 has returned	Sen 3
0445		984	230445	I I3 has returned	Sen 3
0615		985	230615	WH L3 returned	Sen 3
0700		986	230700	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0702		987	230702	WH M set rep neg contact	
0703		988	230703	WH I set rep neg contact	
0725		989	230725	K A1 returned 0700	Sen 3
0730		990	230730	I L4 returned	Sen 3
0820		991	230820	Weather report see msg	
	1030	992	231030	To SW K advise SW 3 of K's arrivals	Sen 3
1030		993	231030	Sen 2 intelligence info see msg	
1045		994	231045	Sen 2 intelligence info	
1130		995	231130	SW I P2 departed	Sen 3
1310		996	231310	1 s/a round into I position	
1335		997	231335	K 2 is moving out	
1415		998	231415	2d Plat K Co 3/3 CP	
1425		999	231425	L Co assumed OpCon West sect of 3/3 TAOR	Sen 3
1550		1000	231550	L neg contact	Sen 3
1620		1001	231620	s/a fire at helo resupply 961650	
1815		1002	231815	Remain of K completed more to CP	
1938		1003	231938	L P1 departed	Sen 3
1939		1004	231939	L A1 departed	Sen 3
1940		1005	231940	L A2 departed	Sen 3
1941		1006	231941	L 1 thru 5 departed	Sen 3
1944		1007	231944	I L 1 departed	Sen 3
1955		1008	231955	WH L all secure	
2000		1009	232000	I I2 departed	Sen 3
2003		1010	232003	HOA VANG Ln off rpts	
2039		1011	232039	SW I departed	Sen 3
2105		1012	232105	SW I A1 departed	Sen 3
2141		1013	232141	WH M sit rep neg contact	
2204		1014	232204	WH I1 sit neg contact	
2216		1015	232216	I A2 departed	Sen 3
2224		1016	232224	WH M sit rep neg contact	
2347		1017	232347	WH I. sit rep neg contact	
2330		1018	232330	WH I neg sit rep	
2335		1019	232335	L A1 has returned	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0050		1020	240050	L A3 departed	Sen
0101		1021	240101	WH M neg contact	
0230		1022	240230	I A1 returned	Sen 3
0330		1023	240330	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0345		1024	240345	I L1 returned	Sen 3
0540		1025	240540	I L2 returned	Sen 3
0540		1026	240540	I L3 returned	Sen 3
0540		1027	240540	I A1 returned	Sen 3
0545		1028	240545	I L4 returned	Sen 3
0630		1029	240630	I L 1 thru 5 returned	Sen 3
0645		1030	240645	L L 1 thru 5 returned	Sen 3
0645		1031	240645	L A3 departed	Sen 3
0645		1032	240645	I A3 departed	Sen 3
0700		1033	240700	L P1 returned	Sen 3
0705		1034	240705	Weather report	
0710		1035	240710	Req to register on 916632	
0840		1036	240840	I P2 departed	Sen 3
0842		1037	240842	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0849		1038	240849	WH L engr sweeping road	
0915		1039	240915	Frag Order from Sen 3	
0930		1040	240930	L Co engr completed sweep of road	
1005		1041	241005	Intelligence report from I Co	Sen 3
1105		1042	241105	L P2 in position	
1110		1043	241110	Shove 6 visited SW CP at 1035	
1120		1044	241120	L P3 returned	Sen 3
1150		1045	241150	Spot report 1 WIA	
1305		1046	241305	WH I 1 neg sit rep	
1320		1047	241320	WH L 6 pat at his position awaiting return	
1337		1048	241337	K 3 departed	Sen 3
1355		1049	241355	K 1 departed	Sen 3
1400		1050	241400	K 2 departed	Sen 3
1412		1051	241412	WH I negative contact	
1407		1052	241407	Sen 3 cease fire	Sen 3
1430		1053	241430	K 3 at CAM NE (2)	Sen 3
1510		1054	241510	To K shorter size of patrol	
	1605	1055	241605	WH 2 to WH K 2 pat tm rots	Sen 3
	1610	1056	241610	To SW units general cease fire	
1550		1057	241550	WH K is at (AT 970694) waiting for pac tm	
1630		1058	241630	Fr peep sight when all hands have been noti of fef A noti peep sight.	
1725		1059	241725	Convoy was delayed is now on the way	
	1735	1060	241735	General cease fire (see msg)	
1750		1061	241750	L 6 to WH 3 neg sit rep	
1755		1062	241755	I neg sit rpp	
1800		1063	241800	L P 1 departed	Sen 3
1815		1064	241815	K Co CP 1&3 plat arrive CAM NE (2)	Sen 3
1830		1065	241830	Pac Tms at CAM NE (4)	
1833		1066	241833	Weather report	
1905		1067	241905	L's LP's are now in posi	
1906		1068	241906	SW L spot report rec'd 2 s/a fire	Sen 3
1945		1069	241945	I L1 & 4 departed	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
2027		1070	242027	Report L Co	
2028		1071	242028	I 12 departed	
2028		1072	242038	Sen 3 sends info report	Sen 3
2030		1073	242030	I L5 dep	
2035		1074	242035	I L3 has dep	
2100		1075	242100	Msg from Sen 3 concerning msg 241355H	
	2140	1076	242140	Msg to WH L6 roger your req in reference A	
2140		1077	242140	Sit rep from I	
	2140	1078	242140	msg sent to all Co's add guidance fr higher hdq	
2200		1079	242200	Spot report from I sid device pickup noise	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0400		1080	250400	I L1 returned	Sen 3
0452		1081	250452	L L2 returned	Sen 3
0650		1082	250650	L L5 returned	Sen 3
0650		1083	250650	L L3 returned	Sen 3
0730		1084	250730	Weather report	
0800		1085	250800	I Co reported found 1 claymore, loc West	
1000		1086	251000	Spot report Shove 2 20 people digging in side of river.	
1105		1087	251105	Submit by 251600H normal ambushes starting 252400H.	
1135		1088	251135	Req Liaison Officer send to this Hdqs proposed activities for the period 271800 to 281800H.	
1533		1089	251533	L 1A has returned	Sen 3
1553		1090	251553	L P2 returned	Sen 3
1637		1091	251637	L Co activities for today.	
1655		1092	251655	WH L All secure	
1706		1093	251706	Spot rept I Co river block rec'd 12 rds s/a fire.	Sen 3
	1755	1094	251755	Cease fire in effect until further noti	
1807		1095	251807	WH I leaving this pos for I CP	
1805		1096	251805	Int rep (see msg)	
1825		1097	251097	Veitnamese child lost	
1845		1098	251845	Women & child killed (see msg)	Sen 3
1400		1099	251400	1 VC killed observed direct hit 81mm Mortar	
1910		1100	251910	LCo all LP's are out	
1935		1101	251935	I L1 thru 5 departed	Sen 3
2005		1102	252005	Arrival of vistors see mess	
2010		1103	252010	Sit rep all secure	
2115		1104	252115	Frost call road condition A	
2129		1105	252129	Reference to past mess	
2131		1106	252131	Weather report	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,F
0030		1107	260030	Sen 3 concerning current special status of no fire see msg	
0215		1108	260215	I A1 & I L5 returned	Sen 3
0330		1109	260330	I A2 returned	Sen 3
0350		1110	260350	WH L sit rep neg contact	
0410		1111	260410	I A3 returned	Sen 3
0500		1112	260500	I L1 returned	Sen 3
0530		1113	260530	I L3 returned	Sen 3
0545		1114	260545	I L2 returned	Sen 3
0545		1115	260545	I L4 returned	Sen 3
0700		1116	260700	L A2 returned	Sen 3
0720		1117	260720	L A3 returned	Sen 3
0720		1118	260720	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0800		1119	260800	WH L negative contact	
0804		1120	260804	Weather report	
0845		1121	260845	Sen 3 msg offensive action I,K & L noti	
0900		1122	260900	WH L med evac for man wounded leg	Sen 3
0945		1123	260945	Send to this Hdq by radio all proposed activities for period 281800H to 29-1800H	
0940		1124	260940	Req med evac for Vietnamese women hemmoraging	
1100		1125	261100	SW M at 261100 1st plat at river block rec'd 40-50 rds s/a vic 963660.	
1500		1126	261500	L A3 departed	Sen 3
2000		1127	262000	L 3 rec'd automatic weapons fire 959657 ret with 2 M-79 rds	Sen 3
2115		1128	262115	M A1 departed	Sen 3
2200		1129	262200	To WH K Golden Spike area vic 974615 must be occupied.	
2230		1130	262230	SW M M A1 at 973660 ambushed five VC possible bodies still in bushes moving ambushes to different location	Sen 3
	2235	1131	262235	WH 3 to WH I frag order, see msg 261035	
	2240	1132	262240	WH 3 to WH M advise M Co GS of friendly	
2300		1133	262300	WH M to WH L 3 at coords 973660	
2305		1134	262305	WH M L3 departed	Sen 3
2400		1135	262400	WH L 6 possible enemy activity SE of position see msg.	

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0014		1136	270014	L Co has had no contact with L A2 4 hrs	
0030		1137	270030	Msg from Sen 3 ARVN unit use yellow or green smoke to mark friendly	
0215		1138	270215	Fire Zone calls from Sen Bailey	
0354		1139	270354	L A2 neg contact	
0355		1140	270355	WH M neg sit rep	
0507		1141	270507	L P4 returned	Sen 3
0500		1142	270500	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0545		1143	270545	WH K moving out from Park Green	
0645		1144	270645	WH K is 300 M W of the HO DONG Bridge	
0647		1145	270647	M L3 returned	
0745		1146	270745	L A2, L A3 and L A1 returned	Sen 3
0749		1147	270749	L A2 neg contact	
0750		1148	270750	WH K at BICH BAC rec'd sniper fire fr W	Sen 3
0805		1149	270805	Mine sweep det departed	Sen 3
0805		1150	270805	L P1 has been cancelled	
0805		1151	270805	L L 1 thru 5 returned	Sen 3
0840		1152	270840	WH K is now is position	
0805		1153	270805	Neg contact all secure	
0817		1154	270817	From your present position can you observe fork in river at coord 973611 From K	
	0825	1155	270825	Pass word sent to L Co	
0920		1156	270920	Mine sweep det returned	Sen 3
0930		1157	270930	WH K coords	
1030		1158	271030	Weather report	
1035		1159	271035	Sit rep neg contact	
1055		1160	271055	Food supply	
	1130	1161	271130	Req sit rep and loc of PG	
1145		1162	271145	Rec'd from SW M shackles	
	1150	1163	271150	To WH K withdraw all troops 400 M from HA DONG Bridge will be blasted	
1205		1164	271205	Sit rep from WH L OP #4 rec'd sniper fire from 954668.	
1230		1165	271230	SW T Info rept VC male came to us last night.	
1215		1166	271215	SW M VN man brought in large ammount of ammo	
1230		1167	271230	WH L OP #4 spotted villagers running from village of LA CHAU (3) will check	
1255		1168	271255	WH K OP at 973614 fired 2 rds s/a at unknown no. of VC	
1316		1169	271316	WH L 3A departed	Sen 3
1402		1170	271402	WH L P1 picked up 1 VCS	
1510		1171	271510	Serria Operation will take place in GS see msg	
	1440	1172	271440	WH 3 to WH K info on Frag Order	
	1535	1173	271535	WH 3 to WH K frag order	
1609		1174	271609	WH L 6 sit rep neg contact	
1725		1175	271725	L P5 departed	Sen 3
1650		1176	271650	SW L info on VCS picked up	

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1800		1177	271800	Weather report	
1805		1178	271695	WH M No H&I fires tonight	
1907		1179	271907	WH M A1 in position	
1933		1180	271933	All LP's in position from L Co	
1935		1181	271935	WH K consolidation is completed.	
1935		1182	271935	WH M A2 has departed	
1957		1183	271957	WH L 6 sit rep see msg	
2030		1184	272030	M L1 has departed	
2045		1185	272045	From Sierra a reminder of Op taking place tomorrow.	
1930		1186	271930	Sierra rec arty mission see msg	
2055		1187	272055	Msg originated Sierra FM on target search tomorrow	
2055		1188	272055	Sierra VC plat now moving E carrying their dead.	Sen 3
2147		1189	272147	L A 3 has returned	Sen 3
2145		1190	272145	L Co neg contact	

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0035		1191	280035	WH K & M neg sit rep	
0107		1192	280107	WH L sit rep see msg	
0420		1193	280420	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0445		1194	280445	L P1 2 & 3 departed	Sen 3
0450		1195	280450	Friendly forces at gun operations	
0730		1196	280730	L A2 is in friendly lines	
0731		1197	280731	Registering Battery clearance	Sen 3
0731		1198	280731	Park Green is unable to provide slave-born elements	
0815		1199	280815	Weather report	
0820		1200	280820	WH L mine sweeping patrol departed	Sen 3
0821		1201	280821	L P2 departed	Sen 3
0845		1202	280845	L P3 departed	Sen 3
0958		1203	280958	M P1 has departed	Sen 3
0927		1204	280927	L P1 departed	
1030		1205	281030	WH K Wiskey elements departed	Sen 3
1031		1206	281031	WH K all pigs recovered will be leaving this CP in 15 min	
1052		1207	281052	SW K commenced move to North	Sen 3
1125		1208	281125	L P3 returned	Sen 3
1148		1209	281148	WH M has blocking force	
1150		1210	281150	WH M neg contact	
1201		1211	281201	WH L sit rep negative contact	
1205		1212	281205	WH K rear elements entering THY CAM (2)	
1223		1213	281223	WH K forward elements entering LASON (2)	
1232		1214	281232	WH K receiving fire from THAI CAM 1	Sen 3
1300		1215	281300	WH K lead elements now entering LE SON (1)	
1318		1216	281318	WH L neg contact	
1322		1217	281322	WH L 7 departed CP	Sen 3
1325		1218	281325	WH L 7 found landmine approx 150 M from our 12 oclock position	
1348		1219	281348	WH L 7 blowing landmine	
1350		1220	281350	WH L 7 has returned to CP	Sen 3
1359		1221	281359	Coords of linemine 954664.	
1420		1222	281420	WH K rear now leaving LE SON (2)	
1452		1223	281452	Peepsight Liason RF ambushes tonight see msg	
1552		1224	281552	SW L 1 VCS apprehened at (AT 954622)	
1700		1225	281700	SW I 3 returned to ASP #1	
1600		1226	281600	WH L sends spot report see msg	
1618		1227	281618	L 7 departed	Sen 3
1845		1228	281845	K set in at 991686	
1939		1229	281939	M A 2 departed	
1930		1230	281930	AO is on 15 min strip alert see msg	
1945		1231	281945	Sierra spot report on PF ambush sites	
1952		1232	281952	WH L neg contact	
1955		1233	281955	L A1 departed	Sen 3
1900		1234	281900	L A2 departed	Sen 3
2100		1235	282100	M A3 departed	Sen 3
2230		1236	282230	L A3 departed	Sen 3
2300		1237	282300	Spot report from L Co	Sen 3

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0030		1238	290030	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0031		1239	290031	WH L sit rep neg contact	
0045		1240	290045	MA 2 returned	Sen 3
0122		1241	290122	K A2 returned	Sen 3
0123		1242	290123	K A3 departed	Sen 3
0122		1243	290122	SW L rec'd 2 incoming arty rds(Friendly)	
0150		1244	290150	L A3 departed	Sen 3
0205		1245	290205	M A3 returned	Sen 3
0200		1246	290200	M A1 departed	Sen 3
0323		1247	290323	K sit rep neg contact	
0347		1248	290347	L sit rep negative contact	
0403		1249	290403	K 2A returned	Sen 3
0600		1250	290600	M L1 returned	Sen 3
0600		1251	290600	M L3 returned	Sen 3
0736		1252	290736	L A2 returned	Sen 3
0800		1253	290800	K L1 thru 4 returned	Sen 3
0800		1254	290800	M L4 returned	Sen 3
0830		1255	290830	M P1 & 2 departed	Sen 3
0835		1256	290835	L P1 & 2 departed	Sen 3
0835		1257	290835	Road clearing detail started	
0840		1258	290840	Weather report	
0900		1259	290900	Spot Report M Co sniper fire rec'd by 2 or 3 VC call air strikes.	Sen 3
1016		1260	291016	SW T has reported in M Co position	Sen 3
1150		1261	291150	ARVN students on training making sweep thru CAM NOA PHU HOA.	
1135		1262	291135	SW M sniper in woodline (960654) 5 rds	Sen 3
1230		1263	291230	L P1 returned	Sen 3
1230		1264	291230	Sen 3 sends password	
1013		1265	291013	L P3 departed	Sen 3
1245		1266	291245	Trucks picked up 1/2 I Co Plat	
1303		1267	291303	Patrol for CAM NE (1) departed	Sen 3
1303		1268	291303	L P3 returned	Sen 3
1305		1269	291305	2d Plat departed M Co CP	
1320		1270	291320	ARVN sweep complete	
1321		1271	291321	WH I now in position	
1325		1272	291325	K P1 departed	Sen 3
1400		1273	291400	Parts of bodies and TNT found I Co see msg	Sen 3
1405		1274	291405	WH K crossed LP	
1409		1275	291409	K Co negative sit rep	
1500		1276	291500	L 3 rec'd s/a fire (AT 960658) see msg	Sen 3
1515		1277	291515	WH L is in position	
1530		1278	291530	CAM NE patrol left 1530	Sen 3
1542		1279	291542	WH K 2 at CP neg contact	Sen 3
1537		1280	291537	Spot report from I Co	
1555		1281	291555	Sit rep negative contact I Co	
1554		1282	291554	WH L sit rep neg contact	
1603		1283	291603	WH K P2 has returned	Sen 3
1605		1284	291605	WH I operation BIG CHIEF has not started	
1635		1285	291635	L P2 returned	Sen 3

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION M,S,T,P
1625		1286	291625	Sen 3 Co M change in time of visit see msg	
1708		1287	291708	Call I Co CP: Set chow 1900	
1755		1288	291755	L 1 returned	Sen 3
1823		1289	291823	K P3 returned	Sen 3
1823		1290	291823	L P4 returned	Sen 3
1902		1291	291902	Operation BIG CHEER secured	
1918		1292	291918	K A1 departed	Sen 3
1944		1293	291944	L A2 departed	
1945		1294	291945	L A3 departed	
1945		1295	291945	K L1 thru 6 departed	Sen 3
1950		1296	291950	WH L neg sit rep	
2007		1297	292007	K A3 departed	Sen 3
2008		1298	292008	M A3 departed	
2030		1299	292030	M A1 departed	Sen 3
2150		1300	292150	M Co sit rep rec'd 1 81mm Mortar rd arty will make creater report	
2155		1301	292155	L A1 and M A3 have departed	Sen 3
2330		1302	292330	M A1 and M L3 departed	Sen 3

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0055		1303	300055	L A1 returned.	Sen 3
0100		1304	300100	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0155		1305	300155	K A4 departed	Sen 3
0200		1306	300200	WH I neg contact	
0505		1307	300505	L A2 departed	Sen 3
0505		1308	300505	L A3 returned	Sen 3
0508		1309	300508	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0510		1310	300510	WH L sit rep neg contact	
0514		1311	300514	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0516		1312	300516	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0517		1313	300517	WH I sit rep neg contact	
0519		1314	300519	WH L sit rep neg contact	
0520		1315	300520	M A1 returned	Sen 3
0547		1316	300547	K P1 returned	Sen 3
0604		1317	300604	K A4 returned	Sen 3
0645		1318	300645	K A3 returned	Sen 3
0545		1319	300645	M L1 returned	Sen 3
0654		1320	300654	M L2 returned	Sen 3
0700		1321	300700	L A2 returned	Sen 3
0715		1322	300715	K P2 departed	Sen 3
0755		1323	300755	Weather report	
0802		1324	300802	Sit rep WH L neg contact	
	0820	1325	300820	M A2 and M L3 returned at position to M Co	
0830		1326	300830	L P2 departed	Sen 3
0838		1327	300838	L P2 departed	
0840		1328	300840	Sumit overlays to shove	
0920		1329	300920	VIP visit delayed	
0935		1330	300935	L P2 is set in med cap program	
0937		1331	300937	M P2 departed	Sen 3
1200		1332	301200	K P3 departed	Sen 3
1045		1333	301045	Frost call cond (B)	
1100		1334	301100	Analysis of mm rd in ref to msg 1300	
1115		1335	301115	K P2 departed	Sen 3
1245		1336	301245	Intell summary from Irontree	
1200		1337	301200	K P3 spot report	
1246		1338	301246	WH L - L P1 received s/a fire from coords 953647 about 15 rds.	Sen 3
1420		1339	301420	WH L P3 departed	Sen 3
1610		1340	301610	K 2 is now in position	
1735		1341	301735	Msg from Sen 3 - 60mm mortar - M-19 evalua	
1824		1342	301824	L P4 returned	Sen 3
1853		1343	301853	Weather forecast	
1908		1344	301908	L A3 departed	Sen 3
1930		1345	301930	K A4 has returned	Sen 3
2000		1346	302000	WH L sit rep neg contact	
2006		1347	302006	K A2 departed	Sen 3
1910		1348	301910	WH M spot report see msg	
2030		1349	301349	K A1 departed	Sen 3
2114		1350	302114	L A1 departed	Sen 3

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0050		1351	310050	K A1 returned	Sen 3
0030		1352	310030	L A1 returned	Sen 3
0215		1353	310215	K A3 departed	Sen 3
0255		1354	310255	WH K neg sit rep	
0352		1355	310352	WH L sit rep all secure	
0409		1356	310409	WH K neg sit rep	
0516		1357	310516	WH L neg sit rep	
0535		1358	310535	Req clearance for btry mission	
0600		1359	310600	SW T neg contact	
0605		1360	310605	K A3 returned	Sen 3
0715		1361	310715	L A2 returned	Sen 3
0724		1362	310724	L 3 departed	Sen 3
0830		1363	310830	Weather report	
1000		1364	311000	2 155 duds found coord (AT 987688)	Sen 3
1010		1365	311010	L P1 departed	Sen 3
1045		1366	311045	Sen 2 intell	
1237		1367	311237	L P1 has returned	Sen 3
1250		1368	311250	L P3 returned	Sen 3
1340		1369	311340	Msg to DAO GS check	
1350		1370	311350	Sen 3 briefing on WAR BONNET at 2/9 CP 011300H	
1550		1371	311550	Sit rep all secure L Co	
1648		1372	311648	THANH QUIT Bridge is now open	
1650		1373	311650	K A4 and K P1 departed	Sen 3
1800		1374	311800	K P3 returned	Sen 3
1800		1375	311800	L Pr returned	Sen 3
1810		1376	311810	Weather report	
1815		1377	311815	M Co is on the way to LE SON (3)	
1849		1378	311849	Will attempt to make a crater analysis tomorrow.	
1850		1379	311850	K P1 returned	
1900		1380	311900	K P4 has returned	
1930		1381	311930	L A1 now departed	Sen 3
1940		1382	311940	K A2 departed	
1941		1383	311941	K A1 departed	
1950		1384	311950	WH L neg contact	
1951		1385	311951	K A1 returned	Sen 3
2005		1386	312005	M 1 departed	Sen 3
2100		1387	312100	Request to cancell L P3	
2330		1388	312330	L A3 departed	Sen 3

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