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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1)
is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)2. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, Coordinates (AT 944762)3. Period Covered. 1 March - 31 March 19664. Date of Submission. 10 April 19665. Average Monthly Strength.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	88	7
Enlisted	2247	104

6. Commanding Officer. Colonel T.H. FISHER7. Regimental Staff.

S-1	Captain J.O. MARSH
S-2	Captain J.F. GREER
S-3	Major H.D. HAVILAND
S-4	Major J.F. TURNER (1 Mar - 17 Mar 1966)
	Major J.A. MC PHILLIPS (17 Mar - 31 Mar 1966)

8. Subordinate Units.

Hq Co, 3d Marines	Captain C.E. TAYLOR
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel R.R. DICKEY III
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel W.K. HORN
1st Bn, 1st Marines (detached 28 March)	Lieutenant Colonel H.A. HATCH
2d Bn, 1st Marines (detached 28 March)	Lieutenant Colonel R.T. HANIFIN

9. Mission. 3d Marines occupies and controls assigned sector of DA NANG TAOR, defends DA NANG vital areas in sector; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations within the DA NANG TAOR; conducts combat/reconnaissance patrols throughout assigned sectors; prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated operations with GVN Armed Forces within and beyond the periphery of the DA NANG TAOR, prepared to provide one (1) mobile reserve company for deployment as directed; prepared to conduct counterattacks to restore the integrity of assigned sectors.

10. Background. The disposition of the battalions under operational and administrative control of the Regiment was as follows: the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines occupied positions on the MLR within the assigned DA NANG TAOR; the 1st Battalion (-), 1st Marines and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines were placed under operational control of Task Group Fextret on 3 March and operated in the HUE PHU BAI area. On 28 March, the 1st Battalion (-), 1st Marines and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines came under operational and administrative control of the 4th Marines. From 3 March to 31 March

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Company D (Rein), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was placed under operational control of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. To accomplish the assigned mission, patrolling, search and clear operations and ambush operations were conducted to prevent infiltration, deny VC access into forward areas, and search out and destroy the VC within the TAOR.

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1. Personnel.

a. Gains. During the period four officers and two hundred forty five enlisted replacements were received. Allocations to subordinate units were based on rank and MOS shortages.

b. Losses. The Third Marines suffered one hundred thirty seven casualties during the period. One hundred thirty three were battle casualties and four were non-battle. Of the battle casualties twenty six were killed in action, one hundred seven were wounded in action and one died of wounds. The circumstances to all non-battle casualties were investigated. Administrative losses were: USMC Officers - 3, USMC Enlisted - 243, and 1 USN Officer, 9 USN Enlisted.

c. Dilution of Personnel Program. This program has been completed within this regiment.

d. Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers. Six were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. One humanitarian transfer to CONUS was effected.

e. Administrative Discharges. Two recommendations for discharge by reason of unsuitability were processed through this Headquarters.

f. R&R TAD Trips. R&R trips were afforded to one hundred sixty nine members of this regiment. R&R trips were to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa, Saigon, Tokyo, Manila and Taipei.

g. Organizational Changes. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines were administratively and operationally transferred to the control of the 4th Marines on 28 March 1966. On 14 March 1966, Third Marines was assigned administrative control of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. On 26 March 1966, this battalion was administratively returned to the control of their parent unit, the 4th Marines.

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2. Administrative.

a. Awards. The following recommendations for awards were processed through this Headquarters; Legion of Merit Medal - 2, Silver Star Medal-4, Bronze Star Medal - 9, and Navy Commendation Medals - 15. All battle casualties are processed for the Purple Heart Medal by Division Combat Casualty Reporting center.

b. Promotions. None

c. Legal Matters. Thirty three "office hours" were conducted during the period. In addition two Special Courts-Martial were completed.

d. Inspections. None

e. Special Services. Members of the Third Marines were provided entertainment by the Ann Margaret Show and Billy Casper on separate occasions. The recreation department of the American Red Cross continues to provide entertainment programs for troops on a regular basis.

f. Liberty. Regular liberty has been suspended in the Da Nang and Hue Phu Bai area.

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3. Intelligence

a. The enemy situation at the beginning of the month was marked by extensive activity in the HUE PHU BAI TAOR, as Operation NEW YORK continued until 3 March, and as the previous upsurge of VC activity which was noted within that TAOR in the past two months was also characteristic of this reporting period. The enemy activity in the DA NANG TAOR fell off slightly from the level of the previous month, but when compared to the monthly averages for the past six months, it remains relatively high.

b. The majority of the enemy losses sustained on Operation NEW YORK were incurred by the VC during the month of February. For that reason, and because the HUE PHU BAI TAOR is no longer under the cognizance of the 3d Marines, a summary of the incidents and enemy losses occurring as a result of NEW YORK, contained on 3d Marines' INTSUMS, will be omitted here. Unlike NEW YORK, wherein our forces confronted, and badly mauled, the 810th VC MF Battalion, the VC in the DA NANG TAOR continued his refusal to confront 3d Marines units with any force of appreciable size.

c. Viet Cong Initiated Incidents -- 119 (43 at night) (3 directed at aircraft)

(1) Small Arms/Sniper Fire -- 38 (17 at night)

(a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 3 (2 at night)

(b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 21 (13 at night)

(c) 2dBn 1stMar -- 6 (3 at night)

(d) Other Sources -- 9 (none at night)

(2) Grenades -- 11 (all at night, 10 occurring within 2/3 TAOR, one in 1/3 TAOR) (One incident involved 5 grenades, three incidents involved 2 each)

(3) Booby Traps and Mines -- 34 (3 mines, one anti-vehicular -- 2 of the 3 discovered and disarmed) (19 of the 34 total discovered and disarmed)

(a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 5 (4 discovered and disarmed)

(b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 24 (14 discovered and disarmed)

(c) 2dBn 1stMar -- 1 (discovered and disarmed)

(d) Other Sources -- 4 (all detonated)

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(4) Movement or Probing Action Where the VC did not Fire or Return Fire -- 22 (15 at night)

- (a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 8 (6 at night)
- (b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 9 (5 at night)
- (c) 2dBn 1stMar -- 4 (all at night)
- (d) Other Sources -- 1

(5) Mortar Fire -- 3 instances (one at night)

- (a) 2dBn 3dMar -- 2 (one at night)
- (b) 2dBn 1stMar -- 1

(All of the above were 60mm mortars)

(6) Communications Interference -- 2 instances

- (a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 1 (VC propaganda)
- (b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 1 (a foreign language which "sounded like Chinese," and broken English, addressed to "ECHO 6")

(Both of the above occurred on Company Tactical Nets)

(7) Kidnapping -- One instance (2dBn, 3dMar reported that a PF recruiter was captured by 6 VC just outside of the 2/3 TAOR after he had visited the Pontoon Bridge. He later escaped)

(8) Propaganda Signs/Leaflets -- 5 instances (all in 2/3 TAOR)

(9) AA Fire -- 3 instances (one in PHU BAI TAOR, one west of DA NANG TAOR, one in DA NANG TAOR)

(10) Terrorism -- one instance (an old man in 2/3 TAOR reported that the VC had threatened to booby trap the main gate of his hamlet because some of the people had accepted G-rations from Marines)

(11) Miscellaneous -- Mine markers were discovered in 2/3 TAOR on 2 occasions and one dummy mine was discovered.

d. Enemy Losses

(1) Personnel

- (a) KIA -- 20
- (b) WIA -- 11
- (c) VCG -- 2

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(2) Material

(a) Weapons

- 2 - K-50 Sub machine guns
- 1 - Soviet AK 47 (KALASHNIKOV)
- 1 - US carbine
- 1 - CHICOM 7.62mm carbine
- 1 - 1903 Springfield rifle
- 1 - MAS-36
- 2 - CHICOM grenades
- 2 - VC grenades
- 8 - M-26 grenades
- 9 - 81mm "inert" rounds
- 1 - 155mm artillery rounds
- 10 - 81mm and 106 "duds"

(b) Weapons Accessories

- 1 - Carbine magazine
- 3 - M-14 magazines
- 3 - K-50 magazines
- 1 - Cleaning rod

(c) Ammunition

- 3 - Cal. .45 rounds
- 97 - 7.62 Type CHICOM rounds
- 37 - Cal. .30 M-1 rounds
- 60 - 7.62mm rounds
- 5 - Cal. .30 rounds
- 128 - 7.62mm type P rounds (CHICOM)

(d) Demolitions

- 1 - 10-12 lb shape charge
- 35 - $\frac{1}{4}$ lb blocks TNT
- 1 - 4-lb block TNT
- 32 - shape charges
- 17 - CHICOM fragmentation mines
- 1 - Package blasting caps

(e) Food

- 1 - Can of foreign rations
- 1000 - lbs rice
- 25 - lbs beans
- 50 - lbs potatoes

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(f) Medical Supplies

- 1 - Bottle of medicine
- 1 - Box medicine
- 5 - lbs supplies
- Assorted pills and bandages

(g) Clothing

85 lbs

(h) Miscellaneous

- 2 - Empty shoe box mines
- 3 - Demolitions cases for TNT
- 1 - Flare parachute
- 1 - Rifle rack
- 1 - Flashlight
- 5 - Batteries
- 4 - cooking pots
- 3 - Wood cutting knives
- 3 - Cans evaporated milk
- 13 - Canteens
- 2 - Canvas ponchos
- 1 - Bag tobacco
- 1 - Plastic gas mask
- 100 - Ft plastic line
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - lb documents
- 300 - Ft communication wire
- 18 - packs
- 8 - Pistol belts
- 10 - Canteen covers
- 1 - Poncho
- 1 - Fish net
- 12 - Hammocks
- 2 - Canteen cups
- 3 - US smoke grenades
- 1 - Pouch (for 3 K-50 magazines)
- 1 - Mirror
- 1 - Bag wicks
- 3 - Razor blades
- 1 - Ammo pouch
- 1 - Bag
- 130 - Plasters

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e. Enemy Units Reported and/or Sighted During the Period

UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
2 Plts	AT8762	28Mar
1 MF Co	AT9462	29Mar
1 VC Co	AT972695, AT963675, AT962650	29Mar
2 Plts	AT9763	27Mar
1 NVA Bn	AT7969	26Mar
1 NVA Co	AT8367	26Mar
1 Plt	AT905685	26Mar
1 Plt	AT9564, AT9463	26Mar
1 NVA Co	AT9763	26Mar
1 Plt	AT9568, AT9668	26Mar
1 NVA Co	AT948629, AT954621, AT954628, AT936623 AT9461	26Mar
1 VC Co	AT904600	25Mar
1 MF Co	AT9564, AT9563	25Mar
2 Sqds	AT9467, AT9566	25Mar
1 Plt	AT9461	25Mar
25 VC	AT9568	25Mar
1 Sqd	AT967699	23Mar
2 Plts	AT859899	23Mar
1 Plt	AT950640	23Mar
1 Plt	AT943638	23Mar
2 Sqds	AT950640, AT948630	21Mar
1 Plt	AT9462, AT9562	21Mar
1 MF Co	AT965725	19Mar
VC Bn	AT845530	19Mar
1 Plt	AT888703	19Mar
1 VC Co	AT9672	18Mar
1 VC Co	AT965725, AT959719, AT962714	18Mar
108th Bn	AT970695	18Mar
1 Guer Co	AT897693	18Mar
1 Plt	AT897693, AT908698	13Mar
2 Sqds	AT958685	13Mar
40 VC	AT977637	11Mar
1 Guer Co	AT938620, AT942610	11Mar
1 Plt	AT9462, AT937623	9Mar
1 Co	AT937623	8Mar
1 Co	AT9462	8Mar
1 MF Co	AT937623	8Mar
49th Bn	BT000615, AT998622	8Mar
1 Sqd	AT906698, AT896693	7Mar
1 Plt	AT910661, AT892659	7Mar
1 Sqd	AT945637	5Mar
1 Sqd	AT950640	4Mar
3 VC Co's	AT932608, AT938620, AT949624, AT949620	3Mar
1 Plt	AT949630, AT944637, AT948650	3Mar

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UNIT	LOCATION	DATE
1 VC sqd	AT955690	3Mar
1 Regt	AT880625	3Mar
1 Plt	AT9462	3Mar
1 Bn	AT985614, AT968608; w/ CP at AT968613	3Mar
1 Plt	AT950630	3Mar
1 Plt	AT948621	3Mar
1 Plt	AT871708	3Mar
125 VC	YD963080	2Mar
2 VC Co	YD967047	2Mar
20-30 VC	YD917097	2Mar
Plt	YD9607, YD9506	2Mar
2 Co's	YD969138	1Mar
1 Co	YD950170	1Mar

f. Trends

(1) Summary of VC initiated Incidents on a Monthly Basis

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Incidents	79	63	54	103	145	119
Small Arms Fire	47	37	31	45	52	38
Booby Traps/Mines	16	11	13	23	58	34
Grenades	2	5	5	9	15	11
Enemy Movement without Firing	10	5	4	15	17	22
Assassination	2	—	1	1	2	—
Sabotage	—	1	—	4	—	—
Communications Interference	—	4	—	2	1	2
Kidnapping	1	—	—	1	—	1
Demonstrations	—	—	—	1	1	—
Intimidation	—	—	—	1	—	—
Miscellaneous	1	—	—	2	1	2

(2) It appears from a glance at the statistics contained in paragraph f., (1), above that there has been a slight decline in "VC Initiated Incidents" compared with the totals of the previous month. It could be noted, however, that the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, ceased operational reporting to this Regiment on 14 March 1966. This factor alone is probably responsible for a 9-12% decrease in such incidents reported by this organization. Taking this into account, a statistical

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analysis reveals that while the general level of VC activity for this period is still lower than that of the preceding month, it is higher than the average of the preceding two months.

(3) Mining and booby trapping has decreased significantly from the previous month, but is still far higher than the previous five month average. It is possible that the decrease which did occur was a result of the move of the V-15 Engineer Company (Redesignated C-85) of the DCC LAF Battalion from just to the west of our TAOR to just north of it. It is also possible that the guerrilla base camp discovered in the northern part of the 1/3 TAOR which contained 10X81mm mortar and 106mm recoilless rifle "duds" and 38 pounds of TNT was the new operating base of this unit.

(4) Other items of note which occurred during the period were:

(a) 2d Bn 3d Mar finding 9X81mm mortar rounds in the process of being booby trapped -- some placed in trees, representing a new tactic within our TAOR;

(b) The marking of booby traps with rock piles and bamboo poles, broken near the top -- the broken end pointing toward the device;

(c) The two low-level mortar attacks in the 2/3 TAOR -- the first such attacks in over four months;

(d) And the confirmation that children are setting booby traps in our TAOR.

g. The enemy situation at the close of the month is marked by the same relatively high level of harassments, booby traps and mines, and an increase in propaganda directed at civilians who might tend to cooperate with the allied forces. The enemy continues to decline substantial contact, but a recently reported buildup of company and platoon size units along the boundary between the 3d Marines and 9th Marines, and immediately to the southwest of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines defensive positions might be an indication that the enemy will commit himself to a larger-scale action during the near future.

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SECRET4. Training.

a. Objective. To improve and maintain the high state of combat efficiency of the Regiment, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

b. Highlights.

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Major training highlights included the accomplishment of land mine warfare training for 37 men by the 3d Engineer Battalion, and familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons by all units of the battalion. Additionally, company level classes were conducted by all units on the Rules of Engagement, individual and crew served weapons, and general military subjects, with emphasis on patrolling and small unit tactics.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. Major training highlights included instruction in the following subjects.

- (1) FAM firing of individual weapons conducted weekly.
- (2) FAM firing of crew served weapons including 60mm mortar and 81 mm mortar conducted weekly.
- (3) VC mines and booby traps
- (4) Stoner Weapons System
- (5) Self and buddy aid.
- (6) Field sanitation and hygiene.
- (7) Care and maintenance of individual equipment.
- (8) Field fortifications.
- (9) Field radio operating procedures.
- (10) Combat patrolling.
- (11) Ambush techniques.
- (12) Code of Conduct.
- (13) Land navigation.
- (14) Employment of mines and booby traps.
- (15) Intelligence Gathering.
- (16) Night firing of individual weapons.
- (17) Seismic Intrusion Devices.
- (18) Sniper Scope (infra-red)
- (19) Laying of protective wire).
- (20) The following Information Program:
 - (a) Why We're in Vietnam.
 - (b) Association With Vietnamese People.
 - (c) Vietnamese Custom and Traditions.
 - (d) Rules of Engagement.
 - (e) Incidents Involving Vietnamese Nationals.
 - (f) Treatment of Captured Personnel.
 - (g) Unauthorized possession of Narcotics and Habit Forming Drugs.
 - (h) Missions, objectives and Responsibilities in RVN
 - (i) Religions in Vietnam.
 - (j) Possession of Privately owned Firearms.

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SECRET5. Special Operations.

a. Amphibious Operations. There were no amphibious operations during this reporting period.

b. Combined Operations. The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a company size search and destroy operation in the HOI VUC Valley area. The operation was begun on 24 March 1966. (See Combat After Action Report, Part III, 2d Bn, 3d Marines Supporting Documents).

c. Psychological Operations. 16,000 leaflets were distributed and 50 posters were emplaced on bulletin boards and conspicuous points in several villages and hamlets in the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR.

d. River Operations. Rubber boats were used throughout the month by elements of Company D, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines to cross the CA DE River on patrols and search and destroy operations to the north of the river.

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6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other Special Types of Warfare.

a. During this reporting period, there was no use of NBC Warfare or equipment pertaining to NBC Warfare.

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SECRET7. Command and Control.

a. During the month of March the 3d Marine Regiment was task organized as follows. The troop list as of 31 March 1966 is as follows:

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (-)(Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	94	2528	9	129	2760
Hq Co (Rein) (DA NANG)	19	281	2	5	307
<u>1st Bn, 3d Marines (Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	41	1280	4	70	1359
1st Bn, 3d Marines (DA NANG)	34	978	4	54	1070
Co C, 1st Bn, 4th Marines	3	158	0	8	169
Co D, 1st Bn, 1st Marines	4	144	0	8	156
<u>2d Bn, 3d Marines (DA NANG)</u>	34	967	3	54	1058
<u>2d Bn, 1st Mar (Rein)(PHU BAI)(Until 17Mar66)</u>	69	1616	3	60	1748
2d Bn, 1st Marines	35	1017	3	51	1106
Det, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv	1	14	0	0	15
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st AT Bn	1	20	0	0	21
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn	1	35	0	0	36
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st TK Bn	2	30	0	0	32
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st Recon Bn	1	18	0	0	19
4th Bn, 12th Mar (-)(Rein)	28	482	0	9	519
Hq Btry (-)(Rein)	15	162	0	3	180
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Mar	4	111	0	2	117
Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar	6	128	0	2	136
107mm Mortar Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Mar	3	81	0	2	86

b. Command Post Locations

3d Marines (AT 944762)
 1st Bn, 3d Marines (AT 939783)
 2d Bn, 3d Marines (AT 953723)

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2d Bn, 1st Mar (YD 885136)
 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 876144)

c. The primary means of control within the 3d Marines continues to be through wire, backed up by radio and radio relay. The radio relay link between this headquarters and 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was terminated upon change of operational control.

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SECRET8. Communications - Electronics.a. Wire.

(1) The Regimental switchboard and wire section was moved into a new bunker completed during the month. No other significant changes were made to the wire system of the Regiment.

b. Radio.

(1) The Regimental Headquarters now has received a total of eight Radio Sets AN/PRC-25 and three Radio Sets AN/GRC-125. Each infantry battalion has received eight Radio Sets AN/PRC-25 and two Radio Sets AN/GRC-125. Authority to vehicular mount the AN/GRC-125 is forthcoming from 3d MarDiv.

c. Radio Relay.

(1) The radiorelay link between this headquarters and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was discontinued during the month. 3d Marine Division now maintains a radio relay link to the 4th Marines at HUE PHU BAI.

d. Message Center.

(1) Message center operations were moved into a recently completed bunker. Resulting improvement in working spaces has had a positive effect on operation and equipment functioning. Further improvements are continuing.

(2) A total of one thousand six hundred and sixty messages were processed during March.

e. Maintenance/Supply.

(1) No major supply problems were encountered during the month.

(2) Two of four Battery Chargers, PP-3240, remain deadlined at FLSG. They are awaiting parts. Two borrowed chargers are currently providing temporary relief. These items are critical in that batteries are those used with Radio Set AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-47.

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SECRET9. Close Combat.

a. The following operations were conducted during the month of March.

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|-----|-----------------|----|
| (1) | Platoon Size | 14 |
| (2) | Company Size | 4 |
| (3) | Battalion Size | 0 |
| (4) | Regimental Size | 0 |

b. The month of March was characterized by continued deep patrolling of the DA NANG TAOR, and placement of numerous night ambushes along likely avenues of approach.

c. Significant Events.

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

1 March OpCon of Co. D, 1st Bn, 1st Mar to 1st Bn, 3d Mar by CG 3d MarDiv Msg R0105174. At 1832H, this headquarters was notified by 3d Marines of requirements to furnish 1 NCO and 6 men to White Elephant Pier for security 2-15 Mar. At 2300H, a squad from Co. B, at an ambush position, lost radio contact with CP and began returning to CP in accordance with instructions. On way to CP, this squad encountered another squad from same platoon returning to CP on its patrol route. At (AT 871788) the point of the patrol unit fired one round at the returning ambush unit, killing 1 Marine.

2 March At 2100H, a squad from Co. A, while returning to its CP from ambush position, sighted 3 VC moving south from (AT 867749). The Marine unit opened fire with 20 rounds S/A. VC broke contact, squad physically pursued but was unable to regain contact.

3 March At 2200H, a squad from Co. D discovered a guerilla base camp vicinity (AT 869846). The squad established an ambush at the site for the remainder of the night without enemy contact. At first light on 4 March the base camp was thoroughly searched. A large amount of enemy equipment was captured, including 3 Cases of TNT, 1 15lb shape charge, 1 WP grenade, assorted clothing, medical supplies and small arms ammo. Captured material was delivered to 3d Marines.

4 March At 0700H, Rough Rider Convoy to PHU BAI was escorted by Co. D, 1/1. The convoy returned at 1649H. At 2310H, a squad patrol from Co. A sighted 1 VC running to the Northwest. Small arms fire was directed at him and the area searched with neg. results.

5 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

6 March At 1606H, one platoon of Co. D, 1/1 was lifted by helicopter to Hill 41, by order of 3d Marines. At 1700H, one platoon of Co. D, 1/1 was transported to Museum Pier by motor march, with mission of boarding ship for a period of one week, to furnish security to an Underwater Demo Team operation. At 2230H, 7th Eng. Bn. personnel at waterpoint located at (AT 898801) reported hearing noises near bridge located near (AT 899801). A fire team from Co. B was dispatched to investigate. The fire team sighted two

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7 March At 0705H a platoon patrol from "D" Co, detonated a grenade rigged as a mine vicinity (AT 877834), resulting in two USMC WIA (one evac). A second mine located near the site of the incident was destroyed in place. At 1240H the leading element of a platoon patrol from "D" Co, made contact with 6-8 VC in a meeting engagement. The point of the Marine patrol engaged the VC with 3 rounds shotgun fire and one round pistol fire. One VC was KIA, 3 WIA. The VC broke contact. One squad pursued the VC in attempt to regain contact. The remainder of the patrol searched the area, vicinity (AT 877834), and discovered and captured a large amount of enemy material, including two 7 1/2 pound shaped charges, 15 Chi Com grenades, 4 M-26 grenades, one M1903 Springfield Rifle, one MAS 35 Rifle, one Chi Com carbine, one U.S. Carbine, 12 canteens, 2 canteen cups, 8 canteen covers, 2 haversacks, 7 pistol belts, 1 Chi Com AP mine, 80 pounds clothing, assorted medical supplies, numerous documents and personal papers and items. Captured material was delivered to 3d Marines for processing.

8 March At 0740H the platoon from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines which had been occupying Hill 41, vicinity (AT 934663), returned to 1st Bn, 3d Marines CP by helicopter. At 1120H "C" Co CP, coord (AT 939865), received one round sniper fire. Small arms fire was directed at the suspected source of enemy fire. Enemy fire ceased. A fire team searched the area but was unable to regain contact.

9 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

10 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

11 March At 0730H "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines escorted ROUGH RIDER motor convoy to HUE PHU BAI.

12 March At 1252H "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines returned from Operation ROUGH RIDER escort mission.

13 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

14 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

15 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

16 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

17 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

18, 19 and 20 March Twelve men attended Mine Warfare School at 3d Engr Bn.

18 March Platoon from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines assigned to UDT security mission returned to 1st Bn, 3d Marines CP.

19 March At 2050H a squad patrol from "C" Co, while establishing a temporary ambush vicinity (AT 929892) observed 2 VC near their position. The VC were engaged with small arms. VC returned small arms fire and broke

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contact. The area was searched but contact was not regained. No USMC casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

20 March At 1935H a squad patrol from "C" Co sighted two VC 75 meters to their right front. The VC were engaged by small arms fire. VC broke contact and were physically pursued by the patrol, but contact was not regained. No USMC casualties, VC casualties unknown.

21 March At 1030H a platoon patrol from "D" Co discovered two anti-personnel mines rigged with trip wires crossing trails vicinity (AT 877833). The mines were disarmed and held for EOD. At 1150H one platoon (Rein) from D Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines was dispatched by motor march on a security mission for salvage operations at the scene of a crashed helicopter, vicinity (AT 890965). At 2030H a squad from "C" Co encountered approximately five VC vicinity (AT 933869). The VC were engaged by small arms fire. The VC returned 8 rounds small arms fire and broke contact. The area was searched but contact was not regained. No USMC casualties, VC casualties unknown.

22 March At 1145H a platoon from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 3d Marines relieved "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines as security force for salvage operations at helicopter crash site (AT 890965). Relief was made by helicopters, platoon from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines returned to 1st Bn, 3d Marines CP.

23 March At 0925H "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines ordered by 3d Marines to move from 1st Bn, 3d Marines CP by motor launch to air freight terminal for deployment by air to Operation TEXAS. The company departed from 1st Battalion, 3d Marines CP at 231030H March. At 1215H a platoon from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 3d Marines returned to "D" Co CP following relief from security mission at helicopter crash site (AT 890965).

24 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

25 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

26 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

27 March There was no report of enemy contact during this period.

28 March At 1030H "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Marines departed on Operation ROUGH RIDER to HUE PHU BAI. At 1200H A squad patrol from "C" Co discovered an M-26 grenade rigged as a booby trap with vine across trail. Grenade destroyed in place. At 1430H two squad patrols from "D" Co captured a total of 4 VCS, who were delivered to 3d Marines. At 2100H "B" and "D" Companies placed on 3 hour stand-by alert. Planning and reconnaissance for operation ORANGE continues.

29 March At 1100 a squad patrol from "C" Company discovered a Chi Com grenade lying in the open at (AT 907846). Grenade was turned over to EOD. Planning continued for Operation ORANGE. Briefing conducted for CG, 3d MarDiv at 2000. Concept of operation was approved.

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30 March At 0020H a squad from "C" Company, in ambush position vicinity (AT 912859) heard noise near position. Two men moved to new position to intercept, were taken under SA fire by approximately 4 VC. Squad returned heavy volume SA fire. VC broke contact, USMC unit searched area but was unable to regain contact. Eight rounds 81mm HE, 10 rounds 106mm, 6 rounds 90mm were fired on pre-registered concentrations in direction towards which VC fled. No USMC casualties, VC casualties unknown. At 0200H a squad from "D" Company on patrol vicinity (AT 905829) opened fire on two members of the point element of the patrol who had lost the trail and had moved to the flank of the main body. Six to eight rounds small arms were fired, resulting in one USMC WIA, (Med Evac). At 0405H a squad patrol from "D" Company discovered a tunnel vicinity (AT 908824). A VCS apprehended in vicinity was delivered to 3d Marines. At 1800H Operation Order 303-66 (Operation ORANGE) published. At 2040H a squad patrol from "D" Company made contact with 6-10 VC, vicinity (AT 883840). VC threw 2 hand grenades, squad delivered small arms fire and one hand grenade, VC broke contact. Squad pursued, could not regain contact, called artillery and 81mm HE in area toward which VC fled, with unknown results, no USMC casualties, VC casualties unknown.

31 March At 0830H final briefing for 1st Bn, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) plus units in direct support for Operation ORANGE was conducted at CP of 1st Bn, 3d Marines. At 2110H a squad patrol from "C" Co, vicinity coord (AT 912857) was taken under SA fire by approximately 5 VC. The Marine squad delivered a high volume of SA fire on the VC, who broke contact. The squad pursued but was unable to regain contact. A thorough search of the area of contact revealed two packs, one hat and freshly bloodied rags. Nine rounds 81mm HE, 8 rounds 105mm HE, and 4 rounds 106mm HE were fired on pre-registered concentrations in direction VC fled. No USMC casualties, VC one WIA.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

1 March The battalion assumed operational control of assigned TAOR from 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Company "E" found a M-26 grenade booby trapped in a C-ration can at (AT 943666). First Platoon "A" Company tanks received six (6) to eight (8) rounds fired at vehicles vicinity of (AT 954713). "E" Company spotted four (4) VC through scope on Ontos, fire 81mm mortar illumination and twenty-three (23) rounds from 30 calibre machine gun. Patrol checked area with negative results. During this period there was nine (9) squad day patrols, (12) squad night patrols, five (5) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

2 March At 2045 one (1) VCS walked into "E" Company squad ambush and was captured. VCS was turned over the next day to District Headquarters. Two Marines suspected of having malaria were evacuated "G" and "H" Companies by helicopter to C-Med. On this date the battalion conducted nine (9) day squad patrols, twelve (12) night patrols, seven (7) ambushes and twenty-one (21) listening posts.

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3 March "G" Company observed two (2) VC at (AT 884723), approximately seventy (70) meters southwest of their position. Took VC under fire and search of area with negative results. At 0630H as patrol from "E" Co approached village at (AT 916675) one (1) man ran out of house and into nearby bushes. Patrol pursued him and captured him as he was about to enter tunnel. Investigation of tunnel revealed a Chi Com Grenade, One (1) M-26 grenade, one (1) can of foreign C-ration and a bottle of medicine. Patrol checked house man originally occupied and discovered man sleeping. Man was apprehended. As the patrol emerged from the house another man was sighted at the entrance of the aforementioned tunnel. Patrol then received twelve (12) rounds of small arms fire from one (1) VC at coordinates (AT 912676). VC broke contact when patrol pursued. "G" Company observed two (2) explosions believed to be 60mm mortar or grenade at vicinity of (AT 903719). Negative results when area was searched. There were a total of nine (9) squad day patrols, thirteen (13) squad night patrols, nine (9) ambushes and twenty-four (24) listening posts on this date.

4 March First Platoon "G" Company at 0155H fired three (3) rounds at suspected enemy movement southerly direction two-hundred (200) yards from their position (AT 917715). Area was thoroughly checked with no results. Patrol from "H" Company reported finding nine (9) 81mm mortar rounds hanging from trees and embedded in ground at (AT 907684). EOD personnel sent to location discovered that 81mm rounds were only cannisters and tail fin sections. All rounds were inert and it was felt by EOD officer that inert cannisters were laid out in the manner to harass patrols. A 155mm howitzer dud (WP) was also found when EOD team arrived and was detonated. Another "H" Company patrol at 041615H tripped a booby trap of unknown origin. Suspected that it was detonated by trip wire, however, no wire was found after detonation. Booby trap was apparently attached to tree. It was believed to have been a shape charge because the force of the explosion sheared off a two (2) and one (1) half inch tree, and shrapnel penetrated the flak jacket of the point man and knocked down a man forty (40) paces away. Two (2) Marines were evacuated, one (1) with head and chest wound, the other with wounds of lower part of body. At 042325H "G" Company patrol encountered VCS vicinity (AT 902709) and took under fire. Man appeared to be hit, but ran into hamlet and escaped. In addition, there were nine (9) squad day patrols, thirteen (13) squad night patrols, ten (10) ambushes and nineteen (19) listening posts.

5 March At 050830H "E" Company was moved to the Chu Lai area for purpose of supporting an operation. Seventy (70) men from H&S Company were organized into two (2) platoons and occupied "E" Companies position on the MLR. Engineer team discovered smoke type grenade under bridge at (AT 942682). Grenade was detonated by engineers. "H" Company CP (AT 923690) received one (1) incoming grenade at 050145H wounding one (1) man in the leg. Search of area revealed negative results. H&S Company squad patrolling in "E" Companies area discovered booby trapped M-26 grenade in a C-ration can, pin removed with knee high wire attached to grenade stretching across the trail. Booby trap was destroyed. During this day there were nine (9) squad day patrols, ten (10) squad night patrols, ten (10) ambushes and nineteen (19) listening posts.

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6 March Unidentified Vietnamese female wounded by shrapnel in legs, arm and stomach at 061925H was brought to the penton bridge at (AT 946700), from an unknown location south west of bridge. Source of shrapnel unknown. Female was evacuated by helicopter. On this date the battalion conducted nine squad day patrols, ten squad night patrols, 10 ambushes and 23 listening posts.

7 March Company E returned to original positions from CHU LAI. H&S Company personnel returned to Battalion CP. Patrol from Co. H picked up 4 VCS at (AT 908690) and turned them over to Vietnamese District Headquarters. During this period there were 8 squad day patrols, 10 squad night patrols, 10 ambushes and 21 listening posts.

8 March First Platoon, Co. G departed at 080700H on a 3 day patrol into HOI VUC Valley. At 081815H, an electrically detonated booby trap was detonated at (AT 869704) causing 2 USMC WIA and 1 ARVN WIA of the extended patrol. None were serious. At 081845H, 5 VC were spotted by the same patrol at (AT 861700). Artillery concentrations, M-79 rounds were fired and the patrol pursued until the VC broke contact. Area was searched with neg. results. There were 8 squad day patrols, 9 squad night patrols, 16 ambushes and 21 listening posts conducted by the battalion.

9 March Company G extended patrol continued sweeping area in HOI VUC Valley. At 092000H, they received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire from vicinity (AT 888698). Darkness and heavy vegetation prevented physical search and visual contact. Artillery was fired, results unknown. At 092215H, received 50 rounds small arms fire (believed to be carbine) from vicinity (AT 874704) - (AT 874706). Artillery mission fired and enemy fire ceased with results unknown. The battalion conducted a total of 8 squad day patrols, 10 squad night patrols, 16 ambushes and 19 listening posts.

10 March Company G platoon returned. A squad patrol from Co. G fired on a VC running across the road at (AT 892720) at 100105H. Search of area was made with neg. results. Company H found M-26 grenade attached to perimeter wire at (AT 924692). The battalion conducted 8 squad day patrols, 10 squad night patrols, 17 ambushes and 21 listening posts.

11 March Company G received one incoming hand grenade in their position at (AT 903719) resulting in 1 WIA. Area was illuminated and a search conducted with neg. results. WIA was not serious and evacuation was not required. During this period the battalion conducted 9 squad day patrols, 19 squad night patrols, 25 ambushes and 21 listening posts.

12 March Squad from Co. G apprehended 2 VCS in village of NING AN (AT 906709). Both VCS were found to have false ID cards and were turned over to IIT. Listening post from Co. E at (AT 922675) spotted movement close to their position and pulled back. Illumination was fired and 15-20 men were spotted 200 meters to the northwest. VC were taken under fire and a squad size patrol pursued but lost contact as the enemy broke up into individual groups. There were 9 squad day patrols, 10 squad night patrols, 36 ambushes and 18 listening posts.

13 March Company E listening post at (AT 922674) received incoming grenade and 4-5 rounds of carbine fire. Area searched with neg. results.

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There were 8 day squad patrols, 11 squad night patrols, 19 ambushes and 20 listening posts. Company F provided security for the Ann Margaret show.

14 March Company E patrol received 6 60mm mortar rounds vicinity of (AT 899703). Continued to patrol area with neg. results. 1st Platoon of Company E at (AT 922673) received sporadic carbine fire from vicinity of (AT 917673), (AT 921677), (AT 920675) and (AT 925675) between 141940H and 142252H. Search and clear patrol was immediately dispatched where fire had been received. 250 meters from platoon position, patrol spotted men moving to the northwest at a distance of 300 meters from their position. VC were taken under fire and physically pursued. VC broke into 2 groups and broke contact in thick brush. The area was interdicted with 60mm mortar, 3.5s and M-79 fire. The battalion conducted 8 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 19 ambushes and 23 listening posts.

15 March Company E listening post at (AT 920675) received an incoming hand grenade at 152140H. Listening post returned fire and pulled back to lines. Area was illuminated and interdicted with M-79 and small arms fire. LP reestablished in another position and ambush set up. LP from Co. G (AT 905719) received hand grenade. Estimated 1 VC made approach from SE through hamlet and up ravine. Area interdicted with 4 hand grenades, 40 rounds of 7.62 and illuminated by 81mm mortars. Search conducted with neg. results. During this period there were 8 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 21 ambushes and 24 listening posts.

16 March Village chief and local police chief went to Co. E CP and gave CO information on 14 year old boy named Do-Nho who had previously planted booby traps. Boy was apprehended and admitted being VC. He was sent to MTF. The 1st Platoon, Co. E at (AT 922673) conducted local sweep of perimeter discovering 2 M-26 grenades. Both grenades were blown in place. At 162100H, 1 VC was observed in front of 2d Platoon, Co. G positions (AT 915174). VC threw grenade. Marines returned fire and a search of the area was conducted with neg. results. 2d Platoon, Co. G received 5 incoming hand grenades from estimated 3 VC at 162311H. Platoon returned heavy volume of small arms fire, 6 hand grenades, 4 M-79 rounds and 3.5 HE. Conducted rapid search and attack of area. Encountered heavy brush and found no sign of VC dead or wounded. 3 USMC were WIA, none serious. LP from 1st Platoon, Co E sighted movement at (AT 916675). LP took the movement under fire and received 9 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 916675) and 12 rounds from (AT 916677). One VC was spotted running into house at (AT 916675). Search and destroy squad was dispatched to house and found man and woman approximately 50 years old. Both were unhurt and retained for questioning by village chief. 3d Platoon, Co G received small arms fire from (AT 874703). Area searched with neg. results. Battalion conducted a total of 9 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 17 ambushes and 21 listening posts.

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17 March The battalion Cp at (AT 948722) perimeter security spotted estimated 3 VC and took them under fire. VC returned carbine fire and then they retreated. Search of area conducted with neg. results. At 170345H, 2d Platoon, Co. G received 1 incoming hand grenade. Platoon returned fire and searched area with neg. results. Co. H patrol sweeping village at (AT 908688) had a man trip a mine causing wounds to arms and legs. Man evacuated and sweep continued. Patrol from Co. G found 1 electrically set mine with 2 pounds of C4 at (AT 878690) and 1 grenade booby trap at (AT 883697). Grenade and mine were destroyed in place. 1st Platoon, Co. F, received 8-10 rounds fire from 2 VC at (AT 907606). Patrol returned fire and searched area with neg. results. Co. E 1st Platoon position received 25 rounds of carbine fire at (AT 916675) at 172205H. Starlight scope spotted 2 VC at (AT 917672) and 3-5 men at (AT 920609). Platoon returned fire and searched area with neg. results. During this period there was a total of 9 squad day patrols, 13 squad night patrols, 23 ambushes and 20 listening posts.

18 March Co. F patrol received 8-10 rounds from sniper in building at (AT 936607). 1 USMC was wounded in arm and evacuated. Area was searched with neg. results. Land mine was detonated electrically in vicinity of bridge at (AT 944677) killing a 3 man USMC Engineer team. An immediate sweep and search of the area was made capturing 10 VCS at (AT 945700) and 60 VCS running south at (AT 940640). All VCS were turned over to HIEU DUC District Headquarters. Co. H CP received 15 rounds of carbine fire at 182110H. 15 men spotted in rice paddy and taken under fire with 60mm mortars, M-79s and small arms fire. Area was searched with neg. results. During this period the battalion conducted 9 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 18 ambushes and 20 listening posts.

19 March At 190330H, a squad patrol from Co. G activated a land mine at (AT 899706) resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Co. F patrol moving at (AT 942654) received several rounds of carbine fire and automatic weapons fire from estimated 2 VC at (AT 945654). 2 Vietnamese men approached Co. G squad patrol and pointed out 2 women as being VC nurses and 1 guerilla at (AT 888701). Men requested to be taken to IIT along with VC so as not to be considered as informers by local people. Co. G patrol encountered booby trapped gate. While destroying gate, 1 man was wounded in face. Medical evacuation was effected. There were 9 squad day patrols, 14 squad night patrols, 20 ambushes and 23 listening posts.

20 March No significant events or contacts developed this day during which the battalion conducted 9 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 20 ambushes and 23 listening posts.

21 March Squad patrol from Co. G hit land mine at (AT 875714) wounding 2 men. Helicopter medical evacuation effected on wounded personnel. Operations during this period included 9 squad day patrols, 12 squad night patrols, 21 ambushes and 20 listening posts.

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22 March Listening post at "G" Company CP position spotted and took under fire an estimated three (3) VC. Position received one (1) incoming hand grenade but no small arms. LP withdrew from position under cover of light small arms fire from the perimeter. Patrol sent to immediate area but no signs of VC were found. LP re-established in new location at (AT 220915). Patrol from "G" Company found mine believed to be M-26 grenade with trip wire at (AT 874711). Mine was activated. Another patrol from "G" Company activated mine in vicinity (AT 896704). Mine was M-26 grenade attached to four (4) to five (5) pounds of TNT on an overhanging bamboo pole. A Marine was wounded and a helicopter medical evacuation was effected. There were nine (9) squad day patrols, fifteen (15) squad night patrols, twenty-four (24) ambushes and twenty-one (21) listening posts.

23 March Squad patrol from "H" Company had point man step on land mine wounding one (1) USMC in thigh and head. Mine was suspected to have been M-26 grenade with trip wire. "G" Company observed two (2) explosions at 2350H, two-hundred (200) meters north west of their CP. It was believed to have been 60mm mortars, grenades or detonated booby trap. Illuminated area for a visual check. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines were notified since it appeared to be in their TAOE. During this period the battalion conducted a total of nine (9) squad day patrols, fourteen (14) squad night patrols, twenty-five (25) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

24 March Company search and destroy operation was conducted in Poi Vuc Valley. (See Combat After Action Report, Part III, Supporting Documents). In addition, there were nine (9) squad day patrols, twelve (12) squad night patrols, twenty (20) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts during this period.

25 March There were no significant events in the battalion TAOE this date, although the battalion conducted nine (9) squad day patrols, fourteen (14) squad night patrols, twenty-four (24) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

26 March Six (6) VC captured one (1) District Official near "F" Company squad position on Pontoon Bridge at 261250H. VC were suspected of taking official toward Bo Ban (AT 958658), three (3) USMC and five (5) PF pursued. Official later escaped 262130H and returned to District Headquarters. "H" Company patrol found one (1) M-26 grenade with trip wire across trail at AT 921690. Patrol detonated grenade in place. 1st Platoon from "E" Company received one (1) incoming round from north east of position (AT 922677). Grenade landed between outer and inner strands of protective wire. Returned fire and conducted immediate pursuit without making contact or locating VC. Battalion employed nine (9) squad day patrols, fourteen (14) squad night patrols, twenty-five (25) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

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27 March "E" Company's 1st Platoon (AT 921674) received one (1) round incoming believed to be 60mm mortar. Concussion occurred at north end of position approximately forty (40) meters inside outer wire; no movement or sound were heard prior to or after detonation. Patrol from "G" Company observed one (1) VC with weapon running out of hut at AT 868704 heading east. Took VC under fire and pursued with negative results. Five (5) women were found in hut and taken to ITT by S-2 for interrogation. During this period there were nine (9) squad day patrols, fourteen (14) squad night patrols, twenty-five (25) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

28 March "SPAR" report received indicating enemy activity at (AT 908600). Frag Order issued to "E" Company; "Send one (1) Platoon (Rein) to (AT 908600), to depart 290700H for search and destroy mission upon enemy. Coordinating instructions: (1) Mission subject of "SPAR" report. (2) Submit preplanned artillery concentrations and check points to headquarters prior to 282400H." Battalion conducted six (6) squad day patrols, twelve (12) squad night patrols, twenty-one (21) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

29 March 3d Platoon, "E" Company carried out mission of checking out "SPAR" report and found negative enemy activity at objective area. Platoon from "E" Company conducting sweep of village (AT 876700) flushed out six (6) VC that were in village. As point man of point fire team came within thirty (30) meters of village six (6) VC with weapons suddenly ran out of the hut and disappeared into heavy vegetation adjacent to village. Point immediately took VC under fire killing one (1). The point fire team and part of the 1st squad immediately pursued VC and a complete search of the area was conducted. One (1) VC body, one (1) Chi Com sub-machine gun, three (3) M-26 grenades, two (2) full M-14 magazines and sufficient blood traces were found indicating that all VC were wounded. Third Platoon "F" Company received two (2) incoming grenades which blew up outside wire. Area illuminated and searched with negative results. Patrol from "G" Company found two (2) bows, six (6) sticks of setting booby traps, equipment for detonating electrical mines and one-thousane (1,000) pounds of rice in hut at (AT 890707). Helicopter assistance was requested to evacuate captured equipment and rice. In battalion TAOR there were conducted eight (8) squad day patrols, nineteen (19) ambushes and twenty-three (23) listening posts.

30 March 3d Platoon, "E" Company patrol apprehended one (1) VCS male on routine identification card check. ID card had faulty age; VCS was turned over to District Headquarters for varification. Squad patrol from "G" Company found M-26 grenade rigged as a booby trap on trail. Grenade was detonated with a grappling hook. Same patrol spotted five (5) VCS running at (AT 902703) when patrol approached. All VCS apprehended and evacuated to District Headquarters for identification. Squad patrol from 3d Platoon, "G" Company detonated booby trap as they were moving along trail causing injuries to three (3) USMC and one (1) ARVN. No one to the rear of the explosion received any shrapnel but two (2) men about fifteen (15) meters away were tossed about six (6) feet. Shrapnel passed through flak jackets and caused injuries to head, chests, arms and legs of the three (3) USMC wounded. Medical evacuation was effected by helicopter. Patrol conducted a search of the area for any further VC activity and pieces of booby

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trap. It was found that trail had been marked with a pile of rocks. In addition, the following were conducted: eight (8) squad day patrols, ten (10) squad night patrols, fourteen (14) ambushes and twenty-one listening posts.

31 March At 2d Platoon (AT 914714), "G" Company position, one (1) M-14 spent projectile fired from long distance entered tent and hit man in leg causing slight wound in right leg above ankle. Spent projectile recovered and fire team searched immediate area to insure it did not originate close by. Wound very slight not requiring evacuation. Checked adjacent units and patrols concerning firing with negative results. During this period the battalion nine (9) squad day patrols, thirteen (13) squad night patrols, eighteen (18) ambushes and twenty-one (21) listening posts.

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SECRET10. Fire Support Coordination.a. Significant Events.

(1) No unusual problems were encountered in the provisions of fire support for the 3d Marine Regiment.

(2) The Defensive Fire Plan was revised and up-dated and published as an enclosure to the 3d Marine Regiment Operation Order 325-66.

(3) No missions were fired in support of GVN Forces.

(4) There were no other significant events in the area of Fire Support.

b. Artillery Providing Support.

1. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines at HUE PHU BAI, until 170800H March 1966, was provided support by:

4th Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Rein)

One (1) Battery 107mm Howtar
Two (2) Batteries 105mm Howitzer
One (1) Battery 155mm Howitzer

2. 3d Marines at DA NANG was provided support by:

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Rein)

One (1) Battery 107mm Howtar
Three (3) Batteries 105mm Howitzer
One (1) Battery 155mm Howitzer

c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support.

1. USS ROBISON (DDG-12)
2. USS TAYLOR (DD-486)
3. USS JENKINS (DD-447)

d. Type and Number of Missions Delivered.1. Artillery Missions Fired.

Observed	185
Unobserved	4
Registration	5
Harassing and Interdiction	3769
Total	3963

2. Naval Gunfire Missions Fired.

Harassing and Interdiction 30

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SECRETe. Ammunition Expended by Type.1. Artillery Ammunition Expended.

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>SMOKE (Yellow)</u>
105mm	9349	93	23	23	2
107mm	27	6			
155mm	1592	34	44		

2. Naval Gunfire Ammunition Expended.

5"/38 Cal	408 (HE)
5"/54 Cal	58 (HE)

f. Statistics for paragraphs (d) and (e) with respect to the HUE PHU BAI TAOR will be reflected in the 4th Marine Regiment Command Chronology for March 1966.

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SECRET11. LOGISTICSa. SUPPLY

(1) An Engine Generator Contact Instruction Team visited units of the Third MARINES on the following dates:

HqCo, 3rdMar	31 Mar - 1 Apr
1stBn, 3dMar	31 Mar - 1 Apr
2ndBn, 3dMar	31 Mar - 1 Apr

(2) In accordance with MCO 8220.1, the Aiming Circle, M2 will replace the Aiming Circle, M1 as the standard Aiming Circle within the Marine Corps. The M2 has a more improved cross-leveling mechanism and a more improved telescope than the M1. In view of the similarity to the M1, training other than familiarization in the use of the new item prior to placement in service, will not be required. This replacement item will be provided units based on one (1) per M&S Co and one (1) per infantry battalion.

(3) Due to the increased operational requirements in the Phu Bai enclave, FLSU #2 has been requested to increase dump levels to meet demands in all classes of supplies.

(4) FHEPAC provided a Technical Assistance Team Comm-Elect for on site instruction to be presented to elements of the 3dMarDiv on the KW-7, AN/TPS-21, AN/KFQ-1, SB-86, AN/TGC-14A(V), AN/GCC-3, BB-451 and new types of FM equipment. The schedule for units of the Third Marines was as follows:

HqCo, 3rdMar	5 Mar
1stBn, 3dMar	7 Mar
2ndBn, 3dMar	6 Mar

(5) HqCo, 3dMar received January "Critipak" on 10 March, but has not received the February "Critipak". 1stBn, 3dMar received February "Critipak" on 9 March. 2dBn, 3dMar has not received either the January or the February "Critipak".

(6) Thirteen (13) shotguns which were scheduled for 2dBn, 1stMar were missent to Chu Lai. On 12 March they were recovered and shipped to 2/1 who have acknowledged receipt.

(7) 2dBn, 3dMar was issued its 8 - 60mm mortars on 5 March. 2dBn, 3dMar left its original 8 in RVN for 1stBn, 3dMar when that unit relieved 2/3 last November.

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(8) The following is the authorized distribution of five gallon plastic water containers to units within the Third Marines for test and evaluation:

HqCo, 3rdMar	25
1stBn, 3dMar	50
1stBn, 1stMar. . . .	50
2ndBn, 1stMar. . . .	50
2ndBn, 3rdMar. . . .	50

DivBul 3960 of 11 March 66 authorized a new quantity of plastic water containers to units of this regiment as follows:

HqCo, 3rdMar	70
1stBn, 3dMar	100
1stBn, 1stMar. . . .	100
2ndBn, 3rdMar. . . .	100
2ndBn, 1stMar. . . .	100

The reporting date for evaluation was extended from 1 April to 15 April.

(9) There have been recent requirements for Disposable Mess Equipment in some units due to water shortage. The following items are available from GSA, and authority has been granted to requisition as required.

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>U/P</u>
Cup, paper	7350-162-3006	CT	1,000	7.00
Spoon	7340-170-8374	HD		.55
Fork	7340-205-3342	HD		.57
Knife	7340-205-3187	HD		.57
Plate, plastic	7350-899-3056	CT	1,000	12.00

(10) A Class V Contact Instruction Team visited battalions of the Third Marines during the period 17-20 March. The purpose of their visit was to inspect and provide instruction as necessary concerning explosive safety, explosive handling, ammunition storage, land transportation, segregation, records and reporting.

(11) Standard Mounting Brackets to install in AN/GRC-125 radios in M-422 vehicle are being prefabricated by FLSG. Units will notified when to take vehicles and radios in for installation.

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(12) All personnel transferred within the 3dMarDiv will be transferred with the following gear:

- (a) Individual equipment as listed on NAVMC 10577-SD.
- (b) Individual weapons and accessories or Listed on NAVMC 10576-SD.
- (c) Lightweight utilities.

The above will be invoiced to the new unit within three days following transfer of the individual.

(13) CG, 3dMarDiv required a report by 23 March 66 of all equipment in excess of current T/E's or T/A's received after 1 September 1965 and on hand for ninety days or more.

(14) Sufficient assets of green underclothing and towels are now on hand at FLSG to begin initial issue. These items are Class II Organizational items, and the allowance established in the revised T/A provides 4 drawers, 4 undershirts and 2 towels per man. Subject items are to be controlled in accordance with current instructions on light weight utilities. The items will be reclaimed for reissue by units prior to tour rotation of individual concerned.

(15) There has been recent discovery of over aged and spoiled MCI's within the division. Unit medical personnel should be used to assist in periodic inspections of unit held MCI's. Questionable rations or definitely spoiled rations must be returned to FLSG/FLSU for proper check and/or disposal.

(16) All trucks M274 that have been replaced by the M274A1 will be expeditiously turned into FLSG stock account FRC-14 accompanied by an LTI (NAVMC 10284-SD).

(17) All units having Helmet Liner Cotton Duck FSN 8415-240-2512 on hand have been instructed to turn all into the nearest FLSG/FLSU.

b. MAINTENANCE. The average daily rate of vehicles on deadline in the regiment was:

- (1) M-274 (Mechanical Mules) 2% (1 of 60)
- (2) M-422 (Mighty Mites) 2% (1 of 54)

c. CANTONMENT AND CAMP FACILITIES

(1) HqCo, 3dMar completed two 12' x 24' x 8' bunkers for use by the message center and the switchboard. The bunkers are now in operation.

(2) HqCo, 3dMar has a requirement for four additional strongback tents for transit use. Also one additional strongback is under construction to be used as a Civil Affairs storage area.

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(3) 1stBn, 3dMar has 27 strongbacks which require screens and 12 strongbacks which require kickboards. They have 1 shower building within the BN CP which has never been screened.

(4) Division Engineers directed a generator switch for 2dBn, 3dMar. 2/3 gave up their 30KW FU-482 to 1st Force Recon and received a 20KW FU-239 from Shore Party Battalion.

d. WATER

(1) 2dBn, 3dMar was issued 4-M107 water trailers for use by their forward companies.

(2) FLSG has discontinued water service to HqCo, 3dMar, 1stBn, 3dMar and "Q" Co, 2dBn, 3dMar. 1/3 and 2/3 are solving their water problems by utilizing M-35's and M107 water trailers to move water to their forward areas. HqCo is now operating a 55 gal per min pump to supply water within the Regimental CP.

e. MOTOR TRANSPORT

(1) Allocation of new M422A1's (Mighty Mite)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>QTY REC'D</u>	<u>DATE REC'D</u>	<u>TOTAL C/H</u>
HqCo, 3rdMar	12	March 5,7,11,20	13
1stBn, 3dMar	1	" 12	20
2dBn, 3dMar	7	" 9	20

(2) FMFPac Contact Instruction Team - Auto Test Equipment will visit units of this regiment on the following dates:

HqCo, 3rdMar	5 April
1stBn, 3dMar	7 April
2dBn, 3dMar	7 April

(3) An FMFPac Contact Instruction Team for Automotive Maintenance procedures is scheduled to visit units of the Third Marines during the month of May. The purpose of the Team is to visit each Motor Pool responsible for second echelon maintenance and review shop procedures, observe work flow and procedures, and submit recommendations for improvement to each unit Commanding Officer.

(4) HqCo, 3dMar Motor Transport Section received a new M170 Ambulance on 19 March.

(5) Upon receipt of new M422A1's, the items being replaced will be expeditiously turned into FLSG Stock Account FRC-14 accompanied with an LTI (NAVMC 10284-SD).

f. MISCELLANEOUS. During the period 15-21 March, 2dBn, 1stMar was inspected by CG, 3dMarDiv.

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12. Air Defense. There were no significant events.

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SECRET13. Combat Air Support.

a. First Marine Airwing provided support in the areas of medical evacuation, logistic supply, liaison, aerial reconnaissance and close air support. Aerial reconnaissance support was also provided to the Regiment by U.S. Army Aviation OL aircraft. On-call ready alert helicopters performed vertical assault lifts for this unit. Assault lifts for the month consisted of reinforced rifle company elements. Also Regimental Headquarters Company Sparrow Hawk unit was employed on Blue Spring and other reaction missions. Helicopter response times were satisfactory thus providing effective offensive control of the 3d Marines TAOR. Response time for tactical air requests and medical evacuation have been excellent in all cases.

b. Overall combat air support provided 3d Marine Regiment consisted of the following summarized missions:

- (1) One hundred-thirty-six (136) resupply missions.
- (2) Forty-eight (48) medical evacuation missions.
- (3) Ten (10) tactical troop lifts.
- (4) Six (6) reconnaissance missions.
- (5) One (1) close air support mission.

c. Highlights. Headquarters Company, 3d Marines employed Sparrow Hawk on numerous occasions during the month. This newly organized unit effectively enhanced the overall combat effectiveness and TAOR control by the Regiment.

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14. Medical and Dental Support.a. Unit Surgeons.

- (1) HqCo, 3rd Mar - LT R.C. MILSOVIC (MC) USNR
- (2) 1stBn, 3rd Mar - LT J. WILKERSON (MC) USN
LT E. SHAHADI (MC) USNR
- (3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mar - LT M.B. BUTLER (MC) USNR

b. Significant Events.

- (1) 1 March 66 BAS 2/3 Established in 3rd Marines TAOR.
- (2) 11 March 66 Alpha Medical Section went in support of Task Group Foxtrot.
- (3) 20 March 66 to 27 March 66 Alpha Medical Section went in support of BAS 1/4 on Operation "Oregon."

c. Medical Trends.

- (1) There has been a great increase in diarrhea, most of which has proved to be bacillary in nature.
- (2) We are also seeing an increase in Hookworm infections.

d. Number of Battle Casualties treated at Aid Stations.

- (1) HqCo. (In support of Task Group Foxtrot) - 50
- (2) 1stBn, 3rd Mar, - 2
- (3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mar - 8

e. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated at Aid Stations.

- (1) HqCo, 3rd Mar - 402
- (2) 1stBn, 3rd Mar - 520
- (3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mar - 733

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation.

- (1) Innoculations were carried out according to current directives.
- (2) New Urinals were implaced in the HqCo camp.

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered.

- (1) Number Treated.
 - (a) HqCo, 3rd Mar - 256
 - (b) 1st Bn, 3rd Mar - 6928
 - (c) 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar - 12,464

(2) AMOUNT of Medications Dispensed.

- (a) Bacitracin Ointment - 163 tubes
- (b) Antibiotic Eye Ointment - 136 tubes
- (c) Aspirin (1,000 per bottle) - 43 bottles
- (d) Sodium Salicylate Tablets (1,000's) - 8 bottles
- (e) Tedral Tablets - 7 bottles
- (f) Penicillin in Oil (5 per Packet) - 49 packets
- (g) Procaine Penicillin - 247 bottles
- (h) Tetracycline Tablets - 49 bottles
- (i) Penicillin G Tablets - 28 bottles
- (j) Cough Syrup - 9 gallons
- (k) Erythromycin Oral Suspension Ped's - 217 bottles
- (l) Tetracycline Oral Suspension - 199 bottles
- (m) Charocol Peppermint Tablets - 21 bottles
- (n) Brown's Mixture - 9 cans
- (o) Piperazine Citrate - 16 bottles
- (p) Piperazine Citrate Tablets - 18 cans
- (q) Antiseptic Solutions - 18 gallons
- (r) Bandaids - 70 packs
- (s) Gauze Bandage - 172 rolls

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- (t) Compress Bandage - 172 packages
- (u) Vitamins - 234 bottles
- (3) Schooling Conducted. BAS 1/3 continues to train Nurses in its Pediatric Ward.
- (h) Problem Areas.
 - (1) No Major Problem areas.

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SECRET15. Chaplain Support.a. Chaplains serving 3d Marine Regiment.

- (1) CDR Jonathan C. BROWN Jr. (Protestant) Regimental Chaplain
- (2) Lt Curtis W. BRANNAN (Protestant) 1st Bn, 3d Mar. Chaplain
- (3) Lt Leonard L. AHRNSBRAK (Protestant) 2d Bn, 3d Mar Chaplain
- (4) Lt G. Robert WITT (Catholic) 1st Bn, 3d Mar Chaplain

Supporting Chaplains:

- (1) CDR C.J. MAGUIRE, Assistant Div. Chaplain
- (2) Lt R.L. REINER, Jewish Chaplain
- (3) Lt J.J. GLYNN, C Med.
- (4) Lt W.M. GIBSON, FLSC

b. Religious Activities: Religious services were held throughout the Regiment. There were 39 Divine Services held on Sundays with 988 men attending. Weekday services numbered 30 with 332 men attending. There were 5 memorial services with 355 men attending.

c. Professional Counseling Interviews: The chaplains of this Regiment had 174 personal counseling interviews. Chaplains assisted with 18 Red Cross cases.

d. Civil Affairs. The chaplains of this Regiment participated in civil affairs and MEDCAP programs of the battalion with reference to the institutional work. Chaplain AHRNSBRAK made courtesy calls on the Catholic priest, Protestant Ministers and Buddhist leaders in his area.

e. Other Significant Events: All the chaplains in the Regiment have given or they are presently giving Lecture No. 1, "The Religions of Viet Nam" to all their officers and enlisted personnel.

f. Facilities: The worship facilities in the Regiment are adequate. Improvements are constantly being made on these facilities in each unit.

g. Transportation: Transportation is no problem for any of the chaplains in the Regiment.

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SECRET16. Civil Affairs.a. General

(1) During the month of March, the 3d Marines Civic Action Program continued to operate smoothly and effectively. A total of 23,050 Vietnamese civilians received medical assistance from Battalion Medical Teams and daily sick calls conducted by the Company Corpomen.

(2) Force/Naval Component Command Order 5081.1A dated 16 March 1966 is in the hands of both Battalion CAO's and it is anticipated that the Report of Significant Data will be completed by 24 April 1966.

(3) Major KNEEVER, G-5, III MAF, visited the Regimental and both Battalion Headquarters, where conferences were held with the respective Commanding Officers and CAO's. Topics under discussion were:

(a) Difficulties and limitations regarding current unit Civic Action Programs.

(b) Civic Action projects within the 3d Marines TAOR during the next six month period.

(c) Consideration of establishment of new medical and educational facilities within the 3d Marines TAOR.

b. Unit Activities(1) Headquarters Company.

(a) Corpomen continue to conduct weekly sick call at KHANH SON Hamlet (AT 952765).

(b) Colonel T.H. FISHER and seven Officers from 3d Marines Headquarters, attended a Buddhist Thanksgiving Festival and Dinner at KHANH SON Hamlet on 30 March 1966.

(2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

(a) A Combined Action Squad, composed of one Marine Rifle Squad and one squad of Regional Forces was activated in KIM LIEN Hamlet (AT 926857). This unit provides security for the hamlet and is conducting an active Civil Affairs program.

(b) The 3d Marine Division Band and the 3d Marine Division Drum and Bugle Corps held two concerts for approximately 1,000 people in KIM LIEN Hamlet. Both concerts were well received by the local population.

(c) A total of 152 Vietnamese civilians are attending Marine sponsored English classes in LEI MY, HOA VINH, KIM LIEN, AND HOA KHANH.

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(d) With the aid of Marine security, the rice harvest within the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR is nearing completion.

(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(a) Plans are underway, with the cooperation of the HIEU DUC District Chief, to select and train five Vietnamese civilians for utilization as medical assistants within the villages.

(b) On 10 March 1966, Lieutenant General KONG, Commandant of the Korean Marine Corps and his Staff visited the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR. A briefing was held by the CAO pertaining to current and future Civil Affairs activities.

(c) The Battalion Chaplain donated twenty ^{bags} ~~pounds~~ of cement to the Christian Church of TUY LOAN (AT 946701).

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PART III

1. - Daily Situation Reports, 01-31 March 1966, # 66-90
2. - Weekly Operations Overlay Reports, 281800H February 281800 March 1966
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3. - Journal, 1-31 March 1966
4. - Operation Order 333-66
5. - Operation Order 332-66
6. - Operation Order 334-66 (msg 300230Z) *Opn ORANGE*
7. - Change No 6 to Operation Order 326-65
8. - CO, 3d Marine msg 010400Z (Relief of 1/1 by 2/3)
9. - CO, 3d Marine msg 030610Z (Frag Order 8-66)
10. - CO, 3d Marine msg 030701Z (Contact with patrols and outpost; Readdressal of CO, 3d Mar msg 291135)
11. - CO, 3d Marine msg 040340Z (Designation of Organization)
12. - CO, 3d Marine msg 041207Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 040713)
13. - CO, 3d Marine msg 041210Z (Nam O Bridge)
14. - CO, 3d Marine msg 050515Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 050243Z
Enemy Tactics)
15. - CO, 3d Marine msg 090055Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 081330Z)
16. - CO, 3d Marine msg 090910Z (Sparrow Hawk Concept)
17. - CO, 3d Marine msg 100430Z (Mask M-17 by type)
18. - CO, 3d Marine msg 111510Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 260723Z
Claymore weapons)
19. - CO, 3d Marine msg 131314Z (Traffic Control points)
20. - CO, 3d Marine msg 140230Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 130707Z
use of Sparrow Hawks)
21. - CO, 3d Marine msg 170846Z (Frag Order 9-66)
22. - CO, 3d Marine msg 181010Z (Permission to operate outside TAOR, Request for)

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- 23. - CO, 3d Marine msg 210920Z (Operation Order 334-66)
- 24. - CO, 3d Marine msg 211435Z (Cancellation of Operation Order 334-66)
- 25. - CO, 3d Marine msg 261730Z (Frag Order 10-66)
- 26. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/hlw dtd 1 March 66, *Paul Anglin, Connections of*
- 27. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/DPR/lws dtd 5 March 66
- 28. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/lws dtd 9 March 66
- 29. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/JU dtd 9 March 66, *CP locations*
- 30. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/lws dtd 10 March 66
- 31. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/lws dtd 12 March 66
- 32. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/PJC/lws dtd 13 March 66
- 33. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/HDH/lws dtd 18 March 66
- 34. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/PJC/lws dtd 19 March 66 *Leona Larned*
- 35. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/JJT/mvm dtd 19 March 66
- 36. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/PJC/lws dtd 19 March 66
- 37. - CO, 3d Marine ltr 3/FWM/hlw dtd 31 March 66
- 38. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/RJB/rjc over 5213 dtd 15 Feb 66
- 39. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/RJB/rjc over 5213 dtd 16 Feb 66
- 40. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 6/RTH/fss over 5510 dtd 22 Feb 66
- 41. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/RJB/sjc over 5213 dtd 25 Feb 66
- 42. - 1st Endorsement on CG, 3d MarDiv ltr 3/REW/jjw over 3101.1 dtd 5 Mar 66
- 43. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/RLE/mgh over 5213 dtd 5 Mar 66
- 44. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/AJS/mgh over 5213 dtd 6 Mar 66
- 45. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/JJM/ces over 5213 dtd 9 Mar 66
- 46. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/AJS/rjc over 5213 dtd 14 Mar 66
- 47. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/AJS/mgh over 3100 dtd 15 Mar 66

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- 48. ✓ 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3/JJM/ces over 5213 dtd 16 Mar 66
- 49. ✓ 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/RJE/ppm over 3480 dtd 26 Mar 66
- 50. ✓ Traffic diagram
- 51. ✓ Circuit diagram
- 52. Command Chronologies from 1st Bn, 3d Marines and 2d Bn, 3d Marines *added 4/27*

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0001:		Journal Opened	
0045:	1	Fr. 1/1: C-5 ambush has departed; D-3-Y at CP#3	
0158:	2	Fr. 1/1: B-4 scorpion has returned.	
0218:	3	Fr. 1/1: All secure. Negative contact. A-1 patrol at ckpt. #2	
		B-8 at ckpt. #2. B-9 at ckpt #1	
0322:	4	Fr. 1/1: C-1 & C-6 have returned.	
0430:	5	Fr. 2/1: All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
0605:	6	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secur. Negative contact.	
0825:	7	Fr. 1/1: B-3-C has returned to base camp	
0910:	8	Fr. 1/1: B-1 at ckpt #3	
1030:	9	Fr. 2/1: Will send E Co SitRep as soon as it becomes available.	
	10	Fr. 1/3: D-2-B-1 at ckpt #2	
1228:	11	Fr. 2/3 SPOT REPORT A. D-1 B. 011146H C. 943666 D. Discovered	
		booby trap in sweep - - (1) M-26 grenade in a C ration can.	
		Security has been place around the booby trap. E. Notified EOD.	
		F-N Negative	G-3
1305:	12	Fr. 1/3: D-2-C-2 has left CP.	
1340:	13	Fr. 1/3: D-2-B-2 at ckpt #1.	
1400:	14	Fr. 2/3: H-1 at ckpt #2	
1625:	15	Fr. 2/1: Msg received 1615 H at COY from Mutter B MSG 011300H.	
		Ground activity was limited to small units probing PF CP during the	
		night. Sweep by 2/1 this AM resulted in neg. contact. 1 VC WIA	
		picked up along with 2 VC/KIA 958147. 5 blood soaked khaki uni-	
		forms found vic 961146. Evidence of heavy wpns and K fresh	
		fighting holes with camouflage found vic 967127. Villagers	
		throughout area. Water boy tol F Co that 1 VC Company was in vill-	
		age vic 969k38 during early hours of 1 March. Continyed to find	
		fresh dug foxholes vic 968149, 968145. Villagers reported 2 MATCAG	
		companies (garbled) province chief for security. 1 VC Co was loca-	
		ted vic 950170. Antique 34 reported boats vic 9812. Capabilities:	
		of enemy: Continye to withdraw to SE & SW in small disorganized	
		groups. By passed groups which were hiding reorganizing and	
		establishing new defended for ambush positions to the north of	
		friendly positions. Conclusions; VC are disorganized and morale	
		is fair to poor.	
1730:	16	Fr. 1/3: All daylight patrols are in except B-2-A.	
1815:	17	Fr. 2/3: C-3 has returned to Cp. Nrgative contact.	
1855:	18	Fr. Cr-26: OP on Hill 364 reported observing what appeared to be:	
		50 cal mg fire firing in easterly direction from grid square	
		7982. Cr-26 has contacted Burke to check it out.	G-3
1920:	19	Fr. 1/3: Negative contact all secure.	
2007:	20	Fr. 1/3: B-3-D at ckpt #2	
2108:	21	Fr. 2/3: F-2-X Departed.	
2204:	22	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure Negative Contact.	G-3
2340:		Fr. 1/3: B-3-D and B-2-A has returned with Negative contact.	
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0001		Journal Opened	
0029	1	Fr. 1/3: D-2-A at ckpt. #1	
0120	2	Fr. 2/3: F-1-1 has returned.	
0200	3	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure. B-3-A returned, D-1C-1 returned	
0250	4	Fr. 2/3: H-3 lost contact @ ckpt #2 @ 2345H. 2/3 checked with H Co-6 and he assured them they the patrol had a prearranged signal in case they developed any trouble. Also their patrol route is close enough to H CP that flares could be used in case of trouble.	
0320	5	Fr. 1/3: D-3-A @ ckpt #3 & D-3-A @ ckpt. #3.	
0335	6	Fr. 2/3: G-1 @ ckpt. #3 @ 0315H.	
0450	7	Fr. 2/3: G-1 and G-3 returned (both one patrol).	
0618	8	Fr. 2/3: G-4 returned.	
0618	9	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact	G-3
0945	10	Fr. 2/3: E-2 left as scheduled.	
1012	11	Fr. 1/3: G-1-A at ckpt #3.	
1110	12	Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. 2/1 B. 020400H C. YD 955085 D. VC attempted to pass by Marine Position. E. Opened fire. F-H. None M. 1 carbine, 3 K-50s modified, 2 1/2 lb blocks TNT, 5 VC grenades, 2 chicom concussion grenades. 300 rds SMG ammo N. Tool kit for Russian Hvy MG, 1 lot book, various clothing, cartridge belts, mag. pouches.	G-3
1257	13	Fr. 2/3: H-3 left IP @ 1100H.	
1338	14	Fr. 1/3: B-3-A at ckpt #5.	
1420	15	Fr. 1/3: Received cancellations and changes to ambushes for evening of 2 March 66.	
1615	16	Fr. 2/3: G-3: returned to CP. Negative contact	
1635	17	Fr. 2/3: G-2 has returned to CP. SitRep All secure. Neg. cont.	
1816	18	Fr. 2/3: E-3 returned. Negative contact.	
1816	19	Fr. 2/3: H-3 patrol reached ckpt #1.	
2030	20	Fr. 2/3: F-6 in position	
2120	21	Fr. 2/3: H-1-B at ckpt. at 2115H.	
2230	22	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact. D-1-C departed 2100H. At 2200H A-2-A set in 2143H. D-3-B departed 2203H.	G-3
2246	23	Fr. 1/3: All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
2350	24	Fr. 2/3: H-2 @ ckpt. #2. @ 2325H.	
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0001:	:	:	Journal Opened	:
0010:	1	:	Fr. 1/3: SitRep Negative contact.	G-3
0130:	2	:	Fr. 2/3: F-2-X returned to CP. F-2-Z at ckpt. #1	:
0147:	3	:	Fr. 1/3: B-1-C at ckpt. #4. B-3-A departed. B-3-c at ckpt. #3.	:
0221:	4	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep all secure. Negative contact.	G-3
0224:	5	:	Fr. 1/3: B-2-B at ckpt #4.	:
0304:	6	:	Fr. 2/1: Task Force Hotel and Task Force Troy Sit Rep Remains the	:
:	:	:	same. Negative Contact.	G-3
0416:	7	:	Fr. 2/1: SitReport all secure Neg contact..	G-3
0505:	8	:	Fr. 1/3: All Secure, Negative contact.	G-3
0607:	9	:	Fr. 2/1: Negative contact. All secure as of 0600H.	G-3
0706:	10	:	Fr. 2/3: 0700 SitRep All secure. H-3-A & G-6 have returned.	G-3
:	:	:	Negative contact.	:
0834:	11	:	Fr. 2/1: Col FISHER, arrived @ Phu Bai. G-3 notified 0815H time of	G-3
0923:	12	:	arrival.	G-3
0923:	12	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact. E-1 at ckpt #3.	G-3
1046:	13	:	Fr. 2/1: All TASK UNIT HOTEL is in CP as of 1040H.	G-3
1115:	14	:	Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-3-2 B. 030630H. C. 916675 D. As patrol	:
:	:	:	approached village at (916675) 1 man ran out of house into nearby	:
:	:	:	bushes. Patrol pursued him as he was about to enter a tunnel.	:
:	:	:	Investigation of tunnel revealed 1 chicom grenade, 1 M-26 grenade,	:
:	:	:	1 can pf fpreog C rations chow, and a bottle of medicine. Patrol:	:
:	:	:	checked house that man originally ran out of and discovered a man	:
:	:	:	sleeping. Man was apprehended., at the above entrance of the same	:
:	:	:	tunnel.. Patrol then received 12 rounds s/a fire from a VC at	:
:	:	:	(912676). VC broke contact when patrol pursued. E. 3 VCS returned.	:
:	:	:	Helo lifted to ITT. F-J. None K. 2 L. 1 M. None N. 1 chicom grenade	:
:	:	:	1 M-26 grenade, 1 can of foreign C rations (chow); 1 bottle of	G-3
:	:	:	medicine.	G-3
1224:	15	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep 1200 All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
1342:	16	:	Fr. 2/3: H-2 at ckpt. #3 G-2 at ckpt #2	:
1450:	17	:	Fr. 2/3: E-3 at ckpt. #3. H has made contact. They can received	:
:	:	:	out not send any traffic.	:
1558:	18	:	Fr. 1/3: D-3-A @ ckpt. #4. B-3 reports neg. con.	:
1701:	19	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
1722:	20	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep 1700H. All units all secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
1749:	21	:	Fr. 1/3: D-3-A cancelled for tonight.	G-3
1811:	22	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep 1800 All companies secure. Neg. con.	G-3
1910:	23	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep 1900 All units all secure. Neg. con.	G-3
2008:	24	:	Fr. 2/1: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
2105:	25	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All Co all secure, Neg. contact.	G-3
2210:	26	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep neg. contact. G-2-B at ckpt #2	G-3
2305:	27	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	:
2359:	:	:	Journal Closed	:

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0001:			Journal Opened	
0030:	1		Fr. 3d Eng: Sgt ZITO, 3 men; Pvt SHEDOVER, Cpl HOWARD, PFC MILLER: picked up between the road and Co CP in rice paddy Eng personnel. Did not know pass wordner have Dog Tags. 1 man did nothave ID card. Verified with comm, that men were trouble shooting wire as prior: directed by wire chief. No reason forlack of identification was given, Cr-3A talked to Sgt. ZITO and Lt OOD at Eng & sent vehicle: to pick up men & bring them to Cr-3A for identity & questioning.	
0109:	2		Fr. 2/3: #7 at ckpt. #4. SitRep All secure. Neg. contact	G-3
0220:	3		Fr. 2/3: G-2-A @ ckpt. #3. E-9 @ ckpt. #1. E, F, & H All secure	G-3
			Negative contact.	G-3
0500:	4		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Sit same. Negative contact.	G-3
	5		Fr. 2/3: G-3 patrol has returned to CP. E-9 @ ckpt. #5. C500H	G-3
			SitRep Situation remains same. Neg. won.	G-3
0705:	6		Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change. Neg. Contact.	G-3
0810:	7		Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change. Neg. contact.	G-3
0840:	8		Fr. 2/3: Capt. KELLEY called asked why we wanted all patrols on one overlay. I explained that we had to put all Bn patrols & ambush on one overlay for Division distribution.	
0926:	9		Fr. 1/3: B-3 is 10 min. west of ckpt. E and proceeding to ckpt. F. At present time they are looking for landing site for med-evac. 1 man with wrenched knee.	
1040:	10		Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. D-1-B B. 041000H C. 869846 D. discovered: VC guerilla base camp: Neg. contact. Have requested EDO. F-M. None M. 3 cased TNT, 1-15 lb shape charge, 1 WP grenade, 50 rds M-1 ammo & clips, 1 booby trap with 1/2 pound charge of TNT regged to be electrically fired. 1000 ft. of comm wire. 1 BAR mag. with 20 rds. 61 sub-machgun rds, 1 sub-machinegun mag. est. 13 pounds of med supplies. 2.45 rds. 3 K-50 rds: uniforms include 3 black pajamas 1 set of khaki, 2 lbs of tobacco. 10-81/106 duds.	G-3
1107:	11		Fr. 2/3: 1100 SitRep Neg. contact.	
1225:	12		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. H-2 B. 041205H C. 904682 D. Patrol found 9 81 mm mortar rds. in trees and in the deck. It appears that VC were attempting to set up a booby trap but had not finished. All mortar rds were within a 15m radius. E Notified EDO. Diagram of layout being prepared by patrol and will be submitted later (probably with tomor row's SitRep) unless otherwise directed. The patrol will remain at site until EOD arrives. They will not continue on patrol route. They will return to IP with layout of area. F-N, Negative	G-3
1321:	13		Fr. 1/3: D-3-B-2 departed CP.	G-3
1420:	14		Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
1455:	15		Fr. Pil D. Now at ckpt. #3 temp. held up.	G-3
1559:	16		Fr. Pil D. Convoy now at ckpt. #6	
1640:	17		Fr. 2/3: EOD at ckpt #4.	
1900:	18		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. A-3-3 B. 041645H C. AT 899701 D. Patrol point tripped booby trap, unknown origin, suspected detonated by trip wire., however no wire was found after detonation. Booby trap attached to tree, 2 1/2" in diameter and waist high. E. Casualties emergency evacuated, patrol returned to CP. F. None G. 2 H-N. Neg.	G-3
2020:	19		Fr. 1/3: A-1-A is in position.	
2157:	20		Fr. 2/3: G-2 patrol has departed IP.	
2227:	21		Fr. 1/3: A-1-B has departed.	
2334:	22		Fr. 2/3: H-3 patrol has returned.	
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0001:		: Journal Opened	
2400:	1	: Fr. 1/3: Sopt Report A. A Co B. 042310H C. AT 859731 D. A-1-B	
		: patrol had contact with 1 VC running to right flank. VC was moving	
		: northwest on a small trail. Point opened with s/a fire approx 25	
		: rds. A-1-B drew no fire. E. A-1-B patrol pursued immediately and	
		: conducted a search in a northwest direction as far as coord AT	
		: 860738 with negative results. A-1-B is continuing on assigned mis-	
		: sion. Adjacent unit A-3 was notified. F-N None.	G-3
0016:	2	: Fr. 1/3: A-2-B has departed.	
0121:	3	: Fr. 1/3: A-1-B is at ckpt #3.	
0330:	4	: Fr. 1/3: SitRep all secure neg. contact.	G-3
():	5	: Fr. 2/1: SitRep all secure Neg Contact	G-3
0645:	6	: Fr. 1/3: A-2-B has returned all secure. Neg. contact. (SitRep for	
		: 0700H).	
0745:	7	: Fr. 2/1: Cancel H-3-B for 5 March.	
0820:	8	: C-3 departed for Phu Bai	
0836:	9	: Fr. 1/3: B-6 enroute to ckpt. #6 @ 0810H	
1002:	10	: Fr. 2/3: E Co has departed for air field.	G-3
1036:	11	: Fr. 1/3: A-2-C at ckpt #3.	
1115:	12	: Fr. 1/3: D-3-C-1 at ckpt #1	
1145:	13	: Fr. 2/3: G06 patrol departed IP @ 0945H	
1202:	14	: Fr. 2/3: G-5 patrol at ckpt #1	
1310:	15	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
1425:	16	: Fr. 1/3: B-2-E is at ckpt. #2.	
1552:	17	: Fr. 2/3: G-3-A returned to CP.	
1645:	18	: Fr. 1/3: C-1-A has returned..	
1815:	19	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change. Neg. contact.	G-3
2005:	20	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure, Neg. contact.	G-3
2018:	21	: Fr. 1/3: SitRep Negative contact.	G-3
2130:	22	: Fr. 1/3: B-2-D @ ckpt. #1.	
2241:	23	: Fr. G-3 (Sgt MOYER): Requested to know if we had the alert Bn for	
		: the Da Nang area. Informed him that 1/1 assumed Div Reserve upon	
		: relief by 2/3, and we have not been informed otherwise.	
2326:	24	: Fr. 2/3: R-1 @ ckpt. #4.	
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0001	:	Journal Opened.	:
0035	1	Fr 1/3: B-2-A returned. B-2-D patrol @ ckpt #5.	S-3
0205	2	Fr 2/3: SitRep all units report situation same. Neg contact. H-1 ambush reached check point #1 at 2225H and returned to IP at 0150H.	S-3, G-3
0253	3	Fr 1/3: D-2-A returned. D Co strrep all secure. Negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0353	4	Fr 1/3: D-3-B returned. SitRep for D Co negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0400	5	Fr 1/3: A-2-B at ckpt #1, D-2-B-1 is in. C-3-A-1 at check point #4. A & C Companies sitrep all secure.	S-3
0603	6	Fr 1/3: A-2-A has returned. Sitrep negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0715	7	Fr 2/3: G-4 returned to CP at 0710H.	S-3
0808	8	Fr 1/3: A-3-C has departed.	S-3
09	9	Fr 1/3: D-1 A-1 at check point #2. D-1-1 at check point # 4. C-2 C-1 at ckpt # 3.	S-3
1100	10	Fr 2/3: H-1-C has departed IP.	S-3
1205	11	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change. Negative contact.	S-3, G-3
1505	12	Fr 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. CAC-2 B. 061315H C. YD 914164 D. Received 6-8 rds from 7 VC, Wearing khaki uniforms, carrying carbines and cartidge belts. Possibly a supply team. E. Returned fire and physically pursued. VC were quickly withdrawing across river and in doing fired appx 30-40 rds. small arms. 7 VC sighted. 3 of them dropped due to fire and were dragged away. Fr. continued firing until VC were out of sight. VC crossed river in SanPans. F. None G-I. None I. Unk J. 3 (poss) K-N. None	G-3, S-2
1802	13	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change. negative contact.	G-3
1915	14	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	S-3
2210	15	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact. Have regained comm with C-3-A-1.	S-3, G-3
2315	16	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact. H-1 ambush departed F-1 patrol departed.	S-3, G-3
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0001			Journal Opened.	
0006	1		Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0010	2		Fr 2/1: SitRep negative contact.	G-3
0015	3		Fr 2/3: E-4 returned SitRep negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0300	4		Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	S-3
0400	5		Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact. all secure G-6 has departed returned to CP.	S-3, G-3
0500	6		Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	G-3
0658	7		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0740	8		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	S-3, G-3
0905	9		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	S-3, G-3
1700	10		Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3
18	11		Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	G-3
1840	12		Fr 1/3: C-3-C has departed.	S-3, G-3
2021	13		Fr 2/1: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2133	14		Fr 2/3: H-1-P at ckpt #2 at 2120H.	S-3
2202	15		Fr 2/3: E-6 departed 2200H. SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2352	16		Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact. G-4 returned. F-1 at ckpt #4.	S-3, G-3
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0001	:	:	Journal Opened	:
0010	:	1	Fr. 2/1: SitRep Neg. contact	G-3
0105	:	2	Fr. 2/3: E-7 @ ckpt. #2.	:
0154	:	3	Fr. 1/3: A-2-B @ ckpt. #3.	:
0237	:	4	Fr. 1/3: A-2-B @ ckpt. #5 & B-1-B @ ckpt. #1	:
0315	:	5	Fr. 1/3: b-1-B at ckpt. #2.	:
0333	:	6	Fr. 2/3: H-2 @ ckpt. #1	:
0440	:	7	Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-8 B. 080345H C. AT 929673 D. Patrol found a piece of paper lying on the road, with a cross made of sand, thought it a sign of a mine. Checked area with neg results. F-N	G-3
	:	:	None	:
0600	:	8	Fr. 2/3: All patrols and ambush have retrnd.	:
0835	:	9	Fr. 1/3: C fire s/a & M-79 @ 1030H.	:
0900	:	10	Fr. 1/3: C-1-A has departed.	:
0940	:	11	Fr. 1/3: D (1/1) @ ckpt. #2. D-2-A-2 @ #2.	:
1035	:	12	Fr. 2/3: G-3 @ ckpt. #2.	:
1110	:	13	Fr. 1/3: (Capt. KELLY) Asked about 53 men who were to return from ARVN camp while test firing weapons. Still investigation.	G-3
1138	:	14	Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. C B. 081120H C. AT 941865 D. Received 1 round sniper fire from vic (AT 943866). Returned 100 rounds, M-14 6-8 rounds M-79. E FT dispatched to search out area. Neg results.	G-3
	:	:	None. C-2-B @ ckpt. #3 8 D-2-A @ ckpt. #4.	:
1255	:	15	Fr. 2/3: C-1-A @ ckpt #5.	:
1315	:	16	Fr. 2/3: E-2 has departed.	:
1400	:	17	Fr. 1/3: Add 1 sqd night patrol to the plans. "X-ray".	:
1406	:	18	Fr. 1/3: C-1-A @ ckpt. #6. B-3-Da @ ckpt #2.	G-3
1435	:	19	Fr. 1/3: D-2-A-1 @ ckpt. #3.	:
1435	:	20	Fr. 2/3: H-2 patrol returned.	:
1837	:	21	Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-1 B. 081815H C. AT 869704 D. 3 WIA from booby trap. Fragment type grenade, electrically detonated. Found wire & battery. Trail heavily overgrown leaving area, sqd is pursuing VC.	G-3
2045	:	22	Fr. 2/3: H-1-A & H-3-A set in position.	G-3
2110	:	23	Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact	:
2230	:	24	Fr. 2/3: E-R-2 @ ckpt #2.	:
2300	:	25	Fr. 2/3: H-3-A is in. F-1-P dptd @ 2300H.	:
2333	:	26	Fr. 1/3: D-1-A, D-1-C dptd. D-3-C @ #3.	:
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0030:	1	Fr. 1/3:	B-1-C @ ck;t. #1 D-3-A-3 dptd.	
0135:	2	Fr. 2/1:	Sit Rep Negative contact	G-3
0240:	3	Fr. 1/3:	A-2-B @ ckpt. #7.	
0255:	4	Fr. 1/3:	A-2-B returned. A-3-B @ ckpt. #5 and set in.	
0430:	5	Fr. 1/3:	SitRep No change. Neg contact	G-3
0523:	6	Fr. 1/3:	C-3-B-1 returned. A-1-A returned.	
0633:	7	Fr. 1/3:	C-3-A-1 has returned.	
0733:	8	Fr. 1/3:	B-1-D @ ckpt. #2.	
0907:	9	Fr. 1/3:	C-2-C-1 @ ckpt. #2.	
1047:	10	Fr. 1/3:	A-3-C has returned.	
11:	11	Fr. 1/3:	C-3-B-2 @ ckpt. #2	
1220:	12	Fr. 1/3:	B-1-E @ ckpt #4.	
1315:	13	Fr. 1/3:	C-3-B-2 @ ckpt #6 C-2-C back in their position	
1400:	14	Fr. 2/3:	SitRep All units all secure.	
1446:	15	Fr. 1/3:	D-3-c-2 @ ckpt. #2.	
1510:	16	Fr. 1/3:	D-3-C-3 @ ckpt. #3.	
1545:	17	Fr. 2/3:	(Late entry D-3-C-3 @ ckpt #3.	G-3
1810:	18	Fr. 2/3:	SitRep No change.	G-3
1955:	19	Fr. 2/1:	SitRep All secure.	G-3
2043:	20	Fr. 2/3:	SitRep All secure.	
2149:	21	Fr. 1/3:	B-1-A All set.	
2206:	22	Fr. 2/3:	SPOT REPORT A. H-2 B. 091630H C. AT 9d1685 D. AT 091630:	
			H-2 patrol reported they met an old man at (AT 911685). who	
			reported he was several VC at about 081900H. This morning about	
			090900H, two of his cows stepped on a mine. One was killed and	
			other injured. Old man said 4-5 VC came down from mountains. 2 or:	
			3 times a week wearing black PJs and conceal their weapons under th	
			their clothing during the day. Old man would not accept 150 Ps	
			for returning patrol around booby trapped area. Old man said he	
			took 3 or 4 cows from Marines some time ago and VC would lay mines:	
			at maingata of village at (AT 912688) and not tell anyone. Man	
			suggested patrol bring old woman (wife) and himself to H Co CP so	
			VC would not suspect him of informing. Patrol let them go at foot:	
			of him to CP. To day is first time old man & woman have been seen:	
			Both had US leaflets on mines. E. Requested Engr support for mine:	
			sweep for 10 March.	G-3
2316:	23	Fr. 2/3:	#-4 is at ckpt. #3 set in ambush.	
2331:	24	Fr. 2/3:	SitRep All secure No change	
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0001:			:Journal Opened	
0040:	1		:Fr. Cr-24: Outpost Dong Din requested and received illum at 837817	
			:Received s/a fire. Sqw 4 VC under illumination. Requested HE	
			:mission. Received it.	
0130:	2		:Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. CAC-2 B. 100050H at coord YD 910149 D.	
			:Received incoming grenade at coord YD 910149 E. Swept & searched	
			:immediate area with neg. results. F-N. None	G-3
0355:	3		:Fr. Perger-3: From "I" Corps - 100335H ASHAU reports they are now	
			:under full attack as of 0355H radio contact is still maintained.	
			:No further details. (Pass to S-2).	S-2
0452:	4		:Fr. 2/1: SitRep All secure.	G-3
0500:	5		:Fr. 2/3: M-6-P returned to CP.	
0640:	6		:Fr. 2/3: H-3 is in. H-1 is in.	
0800:	7		:Fr. 2/1: Plans for 1/1 C 19 March.	
1005:	8		:Fr. 1/3: B-3-B departed.	
1103:	9		:Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change. H-3 departed.	G-3
1217:	10		:Fr. 2/3: H-2 returned to IP.	
1318:	11		:Fr. 1/3: B-3-B returned to CP at 1306H.	
1456:	12		:Fr. 1/3: FAC & FO teams have arrived.	
1550:	13		:Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact.	
1630:	14		:Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. H B. 101530H C. AT 911685 D. Engr mine	
			:detection team and patrol from H found mine and 3 mine signs at the	
			:above locatioj. No signs of setive mines in area. E. Dummy mines	
			:& signs being forwarded to 2/3 CP. F-M. None N. 3 signs and 1	
			:dummy mine.	G-3
1730:	15		:Fr. 2/1: From "H" Sector advisor reported that Vietnamese Unit con-	
			:ducting search & clear operation apprehended 30 VC, 1 antitank mine	
			:and 5 hand grenades. The ARVN processed all captured through own	
			:channels.	
1832:	16		:Fr. 2/3: Ref Msg J #125 of 10 March. Apprehended 2 people (men)	
			:with ID cards but no weapons. The ARVN Lt first identified them	
			:as VC and then as ARVN. Will hold till morning.	G-3
2153:	17		:Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. OP B. 102130H C AT 916783 D. Burke OP	
			:heard noise in concentina wire approximately 30 meter west of their	
			:position. Heard cans rattling on wire. Due to heavy fog visibility	
			:very poor. Are in process of requesting illumination. E Fired 3	
			:M-14 rds, threw 1 hand grenade & the noise ceased. Checked wire.	
			:Neg. results.	
2248:	18		:Fr. 2/3: E-8 departed.	
2353:	19		:Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A CAC-5 B 101950H. C. YD 918195 (PHU BAI)	
			:D. CAC-5 moving into ambush site when received approx 50 rds s/a;	
			:from 3 VC at (YD 918095). CAC-5 returned approx. 150 rds s/a	
			:Search conducted w/neg. results.	G-3
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0008	1		Fr. 1/3: D-1-C is set in.	
0048	2		Fr. 1/3: A-1-A is breaking ambush.	
0135	3		Fr. 1/3: B-3-A has departed.	
0347	4		Fr. 2/3: G-1 is in.	
0500	5		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact.	G-3
0526	6		Fr. 1/3: B-3-A has returned.	
0648	7		Fr. 1/3: C-3-C has returned.	
1117	8		Fr. 2/3: 1100H SitRep Neg. contact.	G-3
1216	9		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact.	G-3
1216	10		Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. Recon B. 111545H C. YD 913064 D. VC sniper firing at Recoq D. Called for five mission. Area searched after mission with neg. results. F-N. None	G-3
1700	11		Fr. 1/3: C-3-B-3 departed.	
1750	12		Fr. 1/3: Patrol D-1-B departed.	
1910	13		Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	
2005	14		Fr. 1/3: A-3-B departed @ 1956H. B-3-A departed @ 1945H. Set in ambush. C Co spotted illumination Hai Van Pass. SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
2120	15		Fr. 2/1: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
2250	16		Fr. 2/3: Have received mag 110720Z (J #29)	
2312	17		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT. A G-2 B. 112240H C. AT 903719 D. 1 hand grenade received in position at above coordinates, resulting in 1 friendly WIA. Slight leg wound not requiring evac. E. G-2 returned fire. Illuminated area. Pursuit in progress. F. None G. 1 B-N None	G-3
2359	18		Fr. 1/3: Burke D fired 7 rounds of illumination at (AT 903819) at VC suspects. Neg. results.	
2359	19		Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change.	G-3
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0141	1	:	: Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. CAC-2 B. 120100H C. YD 910149 D. Believed	:
:	:	:	: VC tripped white phosphorous booby trap. E. tripped white sprung	:
:	:	:	: we immediately held sweep of area. Neg results 11 rounds of 105	:
:	:	:	: illum was fired. E-N. None.	G-3
0202	2	:	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure.8	G-3
0315	3	:	: Fr. 1/3: F-2 at ambush site.	:
0535	4	:	: Fr. 2/1: SitRep No change. 1/1 no change E Co established blocking	:
:	:	:	: position @ 0445H. Task Group "F" no change.	G-3
0835	5	:	: Fr. 2/3: E-1 patrol will not use ckpts. They will stay out in	:
:	:	:	: vicinity of patrol area to protect rice harvesters.	G-3
1000	6	:	: Fr. 1/3: A-1-C patrol has been changed. CO stopped patrol for	:
:	:	:	: admin. reasons. Will start patrol at 1300H and run until 1500H	:
:	:	:	: with same ckpts. Was stopped at ckpt. #1	G-3
1330	7	:	: Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-1 B. 120755H C. AT 906709 (Ninh-An) D.	:
:	:	:	: 2 VCS captured 1 had fake ID card. His name NGUYEN NHUAN. The	:
:	:	:	: other was seen in village talking to 4 young men. His name is	:
:	:	:	: HO LANG. E. 2 VCS being detained and are being sent to 2/3 col-	:
:	:	:	: lection point. F-K. None L. 2 M. None	G-3
1428	8	:	: Fr. 1/3: C-1-A now departing area.	:
1656	9	:	: Fr. Sh-3: Maj CHRISTENSON: III MAF says Navy advisory group will	:
:	:	:	: be firing from boats with 40mm and 81mm, 50 cal & 30 cal wps from	:
:	:	:	: 1900H to 2100H in gs 9892; 9992; and BT 0097.	:
1755	10	:	: Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. A Co (1/1) B. 121710H C. YD 788168md. A	:
:	:	:	: booby trap Chi Com grenade with a tripwire was tripped. 3 Marines	:
:	:	:	: wounded with fragmentation in leg and shoulders. E. Request med	:
:	:	:	: evac; @ 1730 med evac completed. F. None G. 3 H-N Neg. 1/1 all	:
:	:	:	: secure. New CP at (YD 787113) @ 121630H. Neg contact. B Co move	:
:	:	:	: to vicinity YD (824080) for search and clear operation. Are on a	:
:	:	:	: 6 fr alert status. 2/1 all secure.	:
1820	11	:	: Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E Co (2d platoon) B. 121545H C AT 928672	:
:	:	:	: D patrol moving through village noticed 3 men in hut. 1 man had a	:
:	:	:	: book containing mechanical information and content. Man appeared	:
:	:	:	: frightened. E. Interpreter interrogated 3 VCS. The 2 older men	:
:	:	:	: had district identification and were released. The younger man	:
:	:	:	: was taken to HIEU DUC District HQ. F-K. None L. 1 M-N. None.	G-3
2059	12	:	: Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. Matter, F-2 B. 121940H C. 910149 D Squad	:
:	:	:	: was giving setting in claymore mines. Had an accidental	:
:	:	:	: discharge. E. First aid was given by corpsman. Night helo evac	:
:	:	:	: was conducted. F. Neg	:
2211	13	:	: Fr. 2/3: Sit Rep No change.	G-3
2333	14	:	: Fr. 1/3: B-3-C is now set in.	:
2359	:	:	: Journal Closed	:

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0015	1	Fr. 2/3: G-5 returned. H-3-A-P set in ambush.	
0125	2	Fr. G-3: (Ref J # 132 111300-122400H) would like to know how serious the wounds were and was the mine defective?	
0210	3	Fr. 1/3: SitRep No change.	G-3
0355	4	Fr. Cr-2: Received reports from G-2 that Dong Din has been attacked 2 times in the last 72 hours. Contacted Dong Din by radio to request SitRep. Answer: Negative. They have had no enemy contact in the last 48 hrs.	
0515	5	Fr. Perger-3: SitRep #17 as of 130600H-TGF no change. Bound location no change except Bravo holding via (809190) until fog lifts. Operation negative contact. Plans are submitted in SitRep #16. 2/1 E Co operations negative contact. Plans are submitted in SitRep #16	
0700	6	Fr. 2/1: SitRep All secure.	G-3
0925	7	Fr. 1/3: B-3-A has returned to CP.	
1202	8	Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact.	G-3
1307	9	Fr. 2/3: H-3 has departed IP.	
1355	10	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	
1603	11	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure.	
1940	12	Fr. 1/3: B-1-C has departed.	
2055	13	Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT D. Probing around front of about coordinates Fired upon enemy. Received no incoming rounds. El Fired 1 M-79 round at VC. Then fired 30 7.62 rounds & 1 more M-79 round. Then sent 5 men out to check area. Neg results. FGI, None J. 1 (possible) K-N. None.	
2207	14	Fr. 1/3: SitRep No change.	G-3
4	15	Fr. 2/1: SPOT REPORT A. H&S Patrol B. 132320H C. YD 846127 D. 5-10 VC opened fire first with 20 rounds automatic fire, that sounded like a carbine. Returned fire with 160 rounds of s/a and swept area with neg results. F-N. Neg.	G-3
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0041	:	1	: Fr. 1/3: A-1-A & A-3-A have departed.	:
0217	:	2	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep same. Neg. contact.	: G-3
0505	:	3	: Fr. 2/3: E-5 returned to CP.	:
0712	:	4	: Fr. 1/3: C-3-C has returned to CP.	:
0812	:	5	: Fr. 1/3: A-2-C departed CP.	:
1010	:	6	: Fr. 1/3: C-2-A returned to CP	:
1230	:	7	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep for E, F, G same all secure .	:
1234	:	8	: Fr., 2/3: Spot Report: A. H-2-B 141440H G 899703 D. H-2 patrol : reported receiving 6 60mm mortar rds. about 250m from patrol pos- : ition at (AT 899703) E. Patrol dispersed and reported incident. : En fired 81mm interdiction on suspected mortar position. Search in : progress for enemy position in Grid Square (AT 8969), coordinated : with district Chief at district Headquarters. Position location : of friendly units and adjacent units coordinates have been effected:	: G-3
1327	:	9	: Fr. 1/3: C-2-B has returned Cp	: G-3
1613	:	10	: Fr. 1/3: A-3-C has returned to CP	:
2000	:	11	: Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure, Neg. contact.	: G-3
2120	:	12	: Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-1 B 141940H C AT 91767 D. Plt Cmdr : dispatched at 6 man search and clear patrol to the front of his : position where fire and movement had been received on previous : occasions. About 250m from position, patrol received 3 rds. car- : bine fire from rear. Spotted 2 men running running to the north- : west at a distance of about 300m away. E. VC were immediately taken : under fire and physically pursued. VC entered and then returned to : plat position at 1955H. At this time received 2 additional rds. : Fired 2 60mm, 3 3.5, 4 M79, and 97 s/a rds and illuminated with : 81s. Physically searched area with neg. results. F-N Negative	: G-3
2130	:	13	: Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-1 B. 142045H C. AT 921677 D. LP on north : side of platoon position saw approx. 3 VC moving north toward : position under light of illumination. LP took VC under fire w/hand : grenades and s/a. Search of the area failed to produce signs of VC : KIA or WIA. F-N. Neg .	: G-3
2310	:	14	: Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-1 B 142259H C AT 920675 D. Plt position : received 12 rds carbine from estimated 3 VC from westerly direction : E. Illuminating area w/81 ill illumination. Conducting immediates : s/d mission of one squad in general area. F-N. Unknown	: G-3
2359	:	:	: Journal Closed	:

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0005	1		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Neg contact. SPOT REPORT A. E-1 B. 142252H C. AT 925675 D. 1 VC tripped flare. LP fired 6 rounds and heard loud painful cry. Minute later another flare flares in tripped 1 line fire in that area. No mg used. Fired 57 rounds s/a, 10 M-79 rounds. AT 926676 received 12 rounds s/a, carbine fire at approx same time from (923627). Fired 6 60mm inated with 81mm. E. Dispatched 1 squad to pursue enemy and or police up battle area. Squad covered area from (926676) to (923671). Negative contact.	G-3
0120	2		Fr. 2/3: Med evac completed. More info to follow.	
0150	3		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G CP B. 150050H C. AT 905719 D. Received 1 hand grenade in approx IP in CP vic (906719). VC appeared to make approach fork southwest through hamlet and ravine in area. Estimate 1 VC No incoming s/a. E. 4 hand grenades returned fire and area searched with approx. 40 rounds M-14. Area illuminated with 81mm. Visual search conducted. Neg. results. 9 men swept hamlet. Neg. results.	G-3
0456	4		Fr. 1/3: D-3-A-1 has returned.	
0630	5		Fr. 2/3: H-1-A returned To CP	
0833	6		Fr. 1/3: A-3-C has departed CP	
0955	7		Fr. 2/3: H-3 has departed.	
1205	8		Fr. 1/3: D-1-B-3 has returned to Cp	
1414	9		Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
1613	10		Fr. 1/3: D-1-B-3 has returned to CP	
1845	11		Fr. 2/3: E-4 has left IP.	
1943	12		Fr. 1/3: B-3-B has departed.	
2103	13		Fr. 2/3: F-2 has departed.	
25	14		Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. E Co B. 152140H C. AT 920675 D. LP received one (1) hand grenade. E. IP threw one grenade and pull back to perimeter area. Area illuminated returned M-19 and s/a fire. Established FT ambush in rear. F-N. Negative.	G-3 G-3
2355	15		Fr. 1/3: Neg. contact. All secure.	
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0107	1	Fr. 2/3: F-1 has returned to CP.	
0255	2	Fr. 1/3: A-3-B, B-1-A, D-2-A-2, & D-3-B have returned.	
0310	3	Fr. 2/3: H-1-P departed.	
0403	4	Fr. 1/3: SitRep No change.	G-3
0600	5	Fr. 2/3: SitRep same. Neg. contact.	
0710	6	Fr. 2/3: H-2-P departed. G-1 departed @ 0645H.	
1007	7	Fr. 2/3: Has brought in plans and overlays.	
1025	8	Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-1 B. 160930H C 922673 D Local sweep of perimeter located xxxx two M-26 frag grenades. One M-26 had spoon removed and other had pin removed. Grenades about 100m from position. E. Grenades blown in place. F-N. Negative	G-3
1313	9	Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-3 B. 161114 C. 874703 D. G-3 patrol received s/a fire coord. AT 874703. E. 81m concentration fired into VC position and being used as a block. One squad reinforced to sweep area. F-N. Negative	G-3
1455	10	Fr. 2/3: E-1 has returned to CP	
1601	11	Fr. 1/3: SitRep Negative contact	
1820	12	Fr. 1/3: D-2-B has departed.	
1948	13	Fr. 1/3: B-2-B is set in	
2118	14	Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-2 B. 162100H c. AT 915714 D. 1 VC observed near wire in front of G-2 position at (915714). USMC troop threw 1 grenade and fire. E. XXXXXXXXXX Patrol searched area. Negative results. F-N. Neg.	G-3
2303	15	Fr. 2/3: H-3 returned to CP	
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0020	1		Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. D-1-C patrol heard movement with s/a and searched area with negative results. E. D-1-C held search of area using 81 illumination during search. D-1-C will set up an ambush in that area. for rest of night. F-N Negative.	G-3
0023	2		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-2 B. 162311H C. AT 914714 D. G-2 perimeter received 5 grenades incoming from estimated 3 VC. E Returned heavy s/a fire, six grenades, 4, M-79, one 3/5 HE. Conducted search of area with neg. results. Med evac not needed F. None G. 3 H. None I-J. Unk K-N. None.	G-3
0116	3		Fr. 1/3: B-1-B has returned	
0420	4		Fr. 1/3: Misinformation B-1-B has set in ambush.	
0420	5		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-2 B. 170345H C. AT 917514 D. G Co perimeter received one (1) incoming grenade. Returned small arms fire at suspected VC position. E. Area illuminated and reinforced FT searched area with neg. results. F. 1 G-N None.	G-3
0820	6		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. H-2 B. 170740H C. AT 908688 D. Sweep being conducted by H. Man trapped booby trap injuring legs and arms. E. Med evac completed. Sweep continues. F. None G 1 H-N Negative.	G-3
1213	7		Fr. 1/3: Med evac for man from A Co. PFC MADRID. Man hit in lower chest by rifle or someone near him. Med evac has been completed. Took place at A Co CP at AT 888773, time 1153H.	
1220	8		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT. A. G B. 171115H C. AT 883697 & 878690 D.G patrol found 1, M-26 booby trap at (AT 883697) and one mine with two lbs of C-4 at (AT 878690) E. Set off grenade and one mine in place.	G-3
1608	9		Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure 1. Neg contact.	
2016	10		Fr. 1/3: C-1-B has departed.	
2016	11		Fr. Security: Sgt of Guard reported hismen in holes heard barbed wire fire coming from "7 graves" approximately at the fork in the road. Also saw 3 people with flashlights in the paddies. Also heard carbine fire xxxx from the village.	
2211	12		Fr. 2/3: G-5 patrol has departed.	
2255	13		Fr. 1/3: D-3-C has departed..	
2350	14		Fr. 2/3: Sit Rep Negative contact.	
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0154:	1		Fr. 2/3: SitRep, Neg contact, H-5 returned	G-3
0434:	2		Fr. 1/3: D-3-B-3 returned, B-1-C returned	
0713:	3		Fr. 1/3: E-8 will stay and provide blocking force for local sweep	
0840:	4		Fr. 2/3: Spot Report: A. H-2 & H&S Co B. 182110H C. AT 926695	
			D. Company CP received 14 rds of carbine fire, illuminated area with	
			81's spotted 15 men running away from position Through rice paddy	
			E. Enemy taken under fire with 11 rds 60mm, 9 rds M-79 115 s/a	
			fire, 2 3.5 Rockets. Patrol pursued force and searched area to	
			recover dead and wounded, under light of illumination without find-	
			ing any enemy casualties. A patrol is in area at this time, search-	
			ing area with Neg results so far. F-N Neg	
0905:	5		Fr. 1/3: GySgt NICKOLS reported that GySgt SHAFFER from NGF on	
			Dong Don reported that a PFC BIBBS (Comm Section) had been instruct-	
			ed not to leave the authorized area. PFC BIBBS left the auth-	
			orized area and tripped a grenade rigged as booby trap by men on	
			Dong Don. He received sharpnail in elbow - slight wounds. Treated	
			on spot and dismissed - He is now back in CP area trying to get	
			a Purple Heart Medal. GySgt NICKOLS is now in process of getting	
			statement from GySgt SHAFFER on this incident, this happened on 8	
			March 1966.	
0925:	6		Fr. 2/3: Spot Report: A. F-1 B. 180856H A. AT 924608 D. Patrol	
			received 3 to 4 rds of sniper fire from village AT 928606. E.	
			Search village with Neg results. F-N Neg.	
1114:	7		Fr. 2/3: Spot Report: A. F-1 B. 181100H C. AT 936607 D. Patrol	
			received 8 to 10 rds from building at Coord (AT 936607). Marine	
			shot in arm by sniper rd. at coord. (AT 936607) E. Patrol returned	
			heavy s/a fire - search and clearing of village in process F. Neg	
			G. 1 H-N Neg.	
1220:	8		Fr. 1/3: C-2-A-1 returned	
1322:	9		Fr. 1/3: B-2-B-1 departed at 1255	
1600:	10		Fr. 2/3: D-2-A-3 & B-2-A-1 have returned.	G-3
1804:	11		Fr. 2/3: 1800 SitRep No change.	G-3
1928:	12		Fr. 1/3: B-3-A has departed.	
1937:	13		Fr. Cr-3(Maj HAVILAND): Be sure to have more than 1/3 (1 sqd per	
			plat position) in any position during the hours of darkness	
			Notified 1/3 (Maj TOLMAY) and 2/3 (Capt KELLEY).	
2000:	14		Fr. 2/3: G-4 and H-3 have departed. SitRep all secure. Neg. con.	G-3
2110:	15		Fr. 1/3: B-2-A set in ambush	
2323:	16		Fr. 1/3: B-1C has departed.	
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0150	1		Fr. 2/3: All units are secure, E-4 returned to the IP.	G-3
0410	2		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-7 B. 190330H C. AT 889706 D. Activate:	
			land mine, sustained 4 WIA. Mine was an M-26 grenade with trip	
			wire. (1 - let hand; 1 - stomach) (large wound); 1 - hip; 1 -	
			slight shoulder) E. Med evac completed 0400H. F. None G.4 H-N. No	
			None.	G-3
0605	3		Fr. 2/3: All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
0850	4		Fr. 1/3: G-1-A departed. Changes in plans for 182400-192400H.	
			Ambush B-2-A will return 0630H. Ambush B-2-A will return 2300H.	
			B-3-A ambush will depart 1930H. Patrol B-3-B will return @0415H.	
			Cancel B-2-B patrol.	G-3
1053	5		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. F-1 B. 191030H C. AT 945653 D. While	
			patrol was moving north at Coord (942654) it received several rds.	
			of carbine fire from estimated 2 snipers at coord (945653). E.	
			Patrol returned fire and requested permission to move into 3/3	
			area. Squire 3 coordinated with 3/3. I 3/3 involved in a fire	
			fight with unspecified number of VC in vicinity coord (955655).	
			Patrol, instructed to stay in 2/3 TAOR and form blocking force	
			since 3/3 was calling in mortar. F-N. Negative	G-3
1240	6		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. H-1 B. 191215H C. AT 925682 D. Lt a.r.	
			VANDAN blew dud, M-79 round with grenade (our own dud). Grenade had	
			2 second delay fuse. Lt tool frag in legs & arms. E. Med evac	
			completed at 1245H. (wounds not serious). F. None G. 1 (non-	
			combat) H-N. None	G-3
1550	7		Fr. 1/3: D-3-C-1 returned to CP.	
1735	8		Fr. 1/3: B-3-B is departing.	
1820	9		Fr. 1/3: B-3-B is departing.	
2020	10		Fr. 2/3: G-6: Small arms fire and grenades being thrown in gully:	
			at (AT 888732) approximately 500-700 meters from right flank of Co:	
			position. A tank with XENON light is in position but cannot ob-	
			serve into the draw because of an intervening ridge. No fire	
			being received into Marines position at this time. If it is	
			determined that action is result of VC presence they will be taken	
			under fire by indirect fire weapons.	
2121	11		Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. Co C B. 192050H C. AT 929892 D. C-2-C	
			patrol moving into ambush position at (AT 929892) observed 2 VC	
			who were taken under fire w/4 M-79 rounds and 300 M-14 rounds.	
			VC returned fire w/100 rds carbine fire and broke contact as Marine	
			fire team moved to envelope position. E. Area searched by squad	
			under arty illumination w/neg. results. Squad will remain in	
			vicinity and continue search at daylight. F-I None J. 2 poss	
			K-N. None	G-3
2315	12		Fr. 1/3: D-2-B departed.	
2358	13		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Neg. contact.	G-3
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0001	1	:	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure.	:
0159	2	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
0450	3	:	Fr. 1/3: E-1-4 has returned to CP	:
0609	4	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
0728	5	:	Fr. 2/3: E-1 and E-2 has departed.	:
0750	6	:	Fr. 2/3: H-5-P has departed CP	:
1200	7	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change. All secure. Negative contact.	G-3
1250	8	:	Fr. Crowd Security: Checked out to go pick-up sniper in village.	:
1453	9	:	Fr. 2/3: E-3 has returned to CP	:
1700	10	:	Fr. 1/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	:
1800	11	:	Fr. 1/3: E-2 long range prtrol is setting up for tonight at ckpt #5 but hit rough ground and could not make the time.	:
1850	12	:	Fr. 1/3: Additions to 24 hr. plans	:
1905	13	:	Fr. 1/3: E-4 has departed.	:
2015	14	:	Fr. 1/3: SPOT REPORT A. C Co B. 201935H C. AT 918866 D. C-3-C	:
	:	:	patrol observed one VC patrol route at (AT 918866). Patrol opened	:
	:	:	fired with 80 rds M-14 and physically pursued. VC whow brike	:
	:	:	contact to the northeast. E. Area illuminated with 10 rds. 81mm	G-3
	:	:	mortar and searched with negative results.	:
2200	15	:	Fr. 1/3: SitRep Negative contact.8	:
2320	16	:	Fr. 2/3: F-1 returned to CP @ 2330H	:
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0203	2		Fr. 1/3: D-2-B returned	
0410	3		Fr. SitRep no change E-6 returned.	
0530	4		Fr. 1/3: D-3-D returned A-2-B returned.	
0703	5		Fr. 1/3: C-3-C returned	
0814	6		Fr. 2/3: SitRep all secure Neg. contact.	
1115	7		Fr. 2/3: Spot Report #43 A. G-3 Patrol. B. 211105H C. (AT 875714) D. Patrol hit land mine and wounded two men. One is very serious. Pull or trip type. Man injured in left eye and both arms. E. Med evac requested and completed at 211130H. Patrol will go on with mission. G. None G. 2 H through N None.	
1240	8		Fr. 1/3: B-3-A has departed CP Spot Report #55 A. Co D. B. 211030H C. (AT 877833) D. D-2 on daylight patrol, moving west in vic. (AT 877833) discovered 2 booby traps near trail. Trip wires were on trail. E. Disarmed booby traps. Put tape around them and will bring them in tomorrow. Search of area neg. F-N Neg.	
1306	9		Fr. 2/3: H-2 departed	
1400	10		Fr. Crowd-4: The seven trucks have arrived.	
1503	11		Fr. 2/3: E-1 has reached its IP at 1455	
1718	12		Fr. 2/3: SitRep no change	G-3
1900	13		Fr. 1/3: C-3-A-1 has departed.	
1927	14		Fr. 1/3: C-1-B has returned to CP	
2056	15		Fr. Shove 3: My Cancell 2/3 operations for 22 Mar. Have one Co. stand by on 4 hour alert.	
2121	16		Fr. 1/3: Spot Report #107-A Co. G B. 212030H C. AT 933868, D. C-3-C patrol, while moving into area of Ckpt #1 encountered 1 VC VC about 20 meters from Ckpt. Took the VC under fire and heard movement of 5 VC. VC returned s/a fire. (M-14) E Fired 8 rds of illumination, then searched area and set up ambush in vicinity of contact area. Para. F through Neg.	
2220	17		Fr. 1/3: SITREP no change.	G-3
2304	18		Fr. 1/3: D-3-B-1 has departed, Pilsner D-2	
2355	19		Fr. 2/3: SITREP - All secure, neg. Contact.	G-3
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0101:	1		Fr. 2/3: H-9 patrol returned @ 0030H.	
0200:	2		Fr. 2/3: SitRep No change.	G-3
03308	3		Fr. 1/3: A-1-B has returned to CP	
0455:	4		Fr. 2/3: G-2-A has returned to its CP.	
0550:	5		Fr. 2/3: H-1 has returned to CP	
0628:	6		Fr. 2/3: H-3-P has returned to its CP	
0805:	7		Fr. 1/3: Helos and divers arrived at Pilsner D-2 position at 0730	
			: A coast guard cutter found 1 booby at D-2 position at 0741H. A-3-	
			: C departed.	
0904:	8		Fr. 1/3: C-1-A has departed CP	
1000:	9		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-3 B. 220915H AT 874711 D. Vine triggered	
			: booby trap behind to be M-26 grenade detonated wounding 2 men	
			: after 1 man already passed it. E. 1 man evacuated. F. None G. 2	G-3
			: H-N Neg.	G-3
1155:	10		Fr. 2/3: SitRep Negative contact	
1415:	11		Fr. 2/3: H-5 patrol has returned.	
1453:	12		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. G-1 B. 221325H C. AT 896704 D. Patrol	
			: proceeded along trail 7 to 10 meters apart at (AT 896704) and	
			: rounded a bend in the trail. An overhanging bamboo pole was hit	
			: and a click noise was heard. The patrol then turned in the	
			: direction of the noise. The movement of pole set off one (1) M-26	
			: grenade and about 4 to 5 pounds of TNT, causing the casualties. E.	
			: 3 Med evac and 2 walking wounded. Med evac has been completed. F.	
			: None G. 5 H-N None	G-3
1550:	13		Fr. 1/3: E-1-B has returned to CP.	
1730:	14		Fr. 2/3: G-3 has returned to CP.	
11:	15		Fr. 2/3: G-4 departed 1800H. G-5 dptd 1900H.	
2105:	16		Fr. 1/3: Pretex 2-X set in	
2145:	17		Fr. 2/3: E-6 departed 2140. F-1 departed 2200H	G-3
2250:	18		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A, G Forward B. 222210H D. AT 908718 D LP	
			: spotted and took under fire estimated 3 VC. Received 1 incoming	
			: hand grenade. E. LP withdrew to position under cover of light	
			: s/a fire from perimeter. Illuminated and conducted search of area.	
			: signs of VC could not be found.	
2332:	19		Fr. 2/3: E-7 returned.	
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0022:	1		Fr. 2/3: F-1 returned to CP	
0250:	2		Fr. 2/3: E-4 & E-6 have returned to CP	
0335:	3		Fr. 1/3: A-2-A has returned to CP	
0455:	4		Fr. 1/3: Lt BRUCE called in about a fire on hill 358. Fire is out of control but is not endager of the Marines position. Fire was started by a trip flare - doesn't think it was a VC whomset it off. The report came from C Co. Don't believe will need help getting fire under control.	
0605:	5		Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure. Neg. contact.	G-3
0735:	6		Fr. 2/3: G-3 has departed CP	
085:	7		Fr. 1/3: A-1-C departed 0830H. C-1-A departed @ 0820H.	
0921:	8		Fr. 8-3: Movement is one schedule. Company will take on 25 PRC; 4 PRC 10s; and FO team; and FAC team.	G-3
1005:	9		Fr. 2/3: SitRep All secure.	G-3
1037:	10		Fr. 2/3: H-5 departed.	
1225:	11		Fr. 2/3: G-3 has returned to IP.	
1320:	12		Fr. 2/3: G-3 has returned to IP.	
1507:	13		Fr. 1/3: C-1-A has returned.	
1545:	14		Fr. 1/3: B Co has cancelled fam firing.	G-3
1706:	15		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. H-3 (H-6 patrol) B 231635H G AT 899698 D. Patrol H-6 point man stepped on land mine believed to be M-26 grenade. Results 1 wounded Marine Med evac requested. Final de-termination of wound was not serious. Shrapnel in upper thigh and throat. E. Med evac requested. F. None G. 1 H-N. None.	G-3
1804:	16		Fr. 2/3: SITREP: neg. contact, all secure.	G-3
2105:	17		Fr. 2/3: SPOT REPORT A G B 232000H G AT 908721 D. While registering 60mm mortars at above coord. long round hit a house. Started fire killing one woman and wounding 2 children, E Med evac called and completed. Fire extinguished. G Co CO, CAO and Claims Officer will attend to claims in morning at earliest, Co G CO&CO 2/3 on scene. No back lash anticipated. 1 VN G. 2 VN H-N None.	G-3
2125:	18		Fr. 1/3: A-1-A ambush is in position.	
2215:	19		Fr. 1/3: D-3-A departed @ 2150H	
2305:	20		Fr. 1/3: D-1-C departed.	
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0004	1	:	Fr. 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3
0110	2	:	Fr. 2/3: H-1 departed CP, H-9 returned to CP	
0249	3	:	Fr. 1/3: A-1-A returned	
0402	4	:	Fr. 2/3: H-1-P and H-3-P departed	
0525	5	:	Fr. 1/3: A-3-B returned to Cp	
0625	6	:	Fr. 1/3: C-3-C returned	
0652	7	:	Fr. 2/3: H-3 returned	
0822	8	:	Fr. 1/3: A-1-C has departed	
0901	9	:	Fr. 2/3: G-3 has departed CP	
1100	10	:	Fr. 1/3: C-1-C returned to CP	
1201	11	:	Fr. 1/3: B-2 SitRep same. Neg. contact.	
1228	12	:	Fr. 1/3: D-2-C-1 has returned	
1300	13	:	Fr. 1/3: B-2-A returned.	
1420	14	:	Fr. 2/3: E-2 has departed IP	
1445	15	:	Fr. 2/3: H-6 has departed IP	
1610	16	:	Fr. 1/3: A-3-C has returned. B-2 SitRep and location remain same	G-3
1710	17	:	Fr. S-3: Called 34 informed Capt TAYLOR Sparrow Hawk returned,	
1816	18	:	Fr. 2/3: H-6 returned	
1940	19	:	Fr. 2/3: H-9 has departed	
2038	20	:	Fr. 1/3: C-1-B departed 2006. G-3-C departed 2005. A-3-A de-	
	:	:	parted 2010H. SitRep all secure. Neg. contact	G-3
2106	21	:	Fr. 2/3: D-1-C has departed .	
2207	22	:	Fr. 2/3: H-8 has departed IP	
2306	23	:	Fr. 2/3: E-8 departed CP	
2350	24	:	Fr. 1/3: D-1-1 arrived in 1/3 CP area.	G-3
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0010	1	Fr. 1/3	B-1-A ambush returned due to comm trouble	
0200	2	Fr. 2/3	SitRep No change.	G-3
0420	3	Fr. 1/3	H-3-P has returned to its CP.	
0545	4	Fr. 1/3	B-3-C has returned.	
0630	5	Fr. 2/3	G-1 & G-2 have departed IP.	
0713	6	Fr. 1/3	D-3-B departed.	
0820	7	Fr. 2/3	SitReport: All secure, Neg. con.	G-3
0917	8	Fr. 1/3	C-2-C departed.	
1144	9	Fr. 1/3	Plans and overlays submitted.	
1130	10	Fr. 2/3	G-3 has returned.	
1139	11	Fr. 2/3	SitRep All secure. Neg. contact. All units position remain the same.	G-3
1855	12	Fr. 2/3	SPOT REPORT A. G Co B. 251815H c. AT 906721 D. Sniper round fired into market place hitting Marine in upper thigh. E. 2 squads immediately dispatched to sweep area. Found one Vietnamese male and female in area from which round was fired. The male resisted apprehension and in an ensuing struggle his arm was broken. The Vietnamese with broken arm and the Marine WIA evacuated. No additional signs found by sweep. No weapons were located.	G-3
1930	13		B-1-B & B-3-C and C-1-A departed.	
2055	14	Fr. 1/3	B-1-A set in ambush position.	
2148	15	Fr. 1/3	A-1A set in ambush position.	
2233	16	Fr. 1/3	D-2-B set on ambush position.	
2300	17	Fr. 1/3	SPOT REPORT A. B-1-B B. 252248H C. AT 885832 D. Contact with 2 VC. VC moving west. Marines opened fire at 50 meters w/15 rounds M-14. No enemy fire received. E. Enemy pursued by fire and physically, but contact. lost. F-N None	G-3
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0001		Journal Opened.	
0240	1	Fr 2/3: SPOT REPORT A. E-1 position B. 270207H C. AT 921574 D. Received 1 incoming round believed to be 60mm mortar. Concussion occurred at north end of position and was approximately 40 meters inside outer wire. Personnel in area state that concussion was much greater than a grenade. No movement or sounds were heard prior to detonation. E. Area searched. Neg results. F-H. Negative. Maj HAVILAND requested that E-1 be contacted for a confirmation of type of explosion.	G-3
0300	2	Fr 2/3: Ref J#16. Plt Cmdr estimates that explosion was either a 60mm mortar round or an extra heavy hand grenade that was somehow launched into E-1 position.	G-3
10	3	Fr 2/3: E-1 & G-1 departed. All night patrols have returned.	S-3
0800	4	Fr 1/3: A-3-C & C016C have departed CP.	S-3
1000	5	Fr 2/3: SitRep All secure. Negative contact.	S-3
1240	6	Fr 2/3: G Co fire team security w/Engr mine road sweep at 271030H at coord AT 888704. One VC with weapon spotted running out of hut at above coord. Heading east. Hut contained 6 women and 2 children. USMC personnel fired 6 rds on VC and pursued. Five of the women are being routed back to G Co CP for further VCS evacuation. The other individual, an elderly woman, was left to care for the children.	S-3 G-3
1331	7	Fr 2/3: G-3 at 271240H at coord AT 885699 One booby trap, M-26 grenade set off by G-3 patrol at above coord, wounding 2 USMC. Med Evac requested and completed at 132. Patrol is searching area.	S-2, G-2
1530	8	Fr 2/3: G-3 patrol at 271500H at coord AT 884706. G03 patrol found M-26 grenade booby trap. while crossing a ditch at AT 884706. M-26 grenade was attached to wire, stretched across ditch tied to bamboo pole. Booby trap destroyed.	S
10	9	Fr 2/3: SITREP all secure negative contact.	S, G-3
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0001		Journal Opened.	
0220	1	Fr 2/3: SITREP no change. F-1 and #8 have returned.	S
0355	2	Fr 1/3: A-2-B and D-1-C have returned to CP.	
0605	3	Fr 1/3: C-3-A-1 and C-3-B and all A Co ambushes and patrols have returned.	S
0655	4	Fr 1/3: Received 2 sniper team locations 28 at 1st light until 281930H (861773) 28 at 1st light until 281830H 883825.	B
0800	5	Fr 1/3: A-3-C has departed.	S
0810	6	Fr 1/3: D Co will be fam firing S/A at company position from 0830 1000 today.	G-3
1144	7	Fr Pil Delta: At ckpt 15.	S
1407	8	Fr 1/3: D-3-C-3 has returned.	S
1407	9	Fr 1/3: C-1-B and C-3-C departed C-1-A set in.	S
2007	10	Fr 1/3: Sitrep no change.	S
2102	11	Fr 1/3: D-3-C-3 departed.	S
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0003	1	Fr 1/3: A-3-A has returned, SitRep all secure negative contact.	S, G-3
0400	2	Fr 1/3: SitRep same all secure A-1-A has returned to CP. A-3-B has returned to CP.	S, G-3
0605	3	Fr 1/3: SitRep same all secure, C-1-A and C-3-C has returned to CP.	S
0630	4	Fr 1/3: B-2-C has returned to CP, C-1-B has returned to CP.	S
0850	5	Fr Pil D-5: Bridges hit by 7 rds 60mm mortar fire during night 28-29 March, Extent unk DABAC Bridge (ZD 035025) BAC SON Bridge 005034.	S
0900	6	Fr Pil D-5: Bridge at ZD 005034 hit by 3 rds 60mm mortar. 3 holes 3 ft in diameter in bridge. Traffic still crossing bridge good by pass available.	S, G-3
1020	7	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3
1331	8	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	S
1331	9	Fr 2/3: SitRep E-3 conducted sweep of area. Negative contact. Will sweep again.	S
1605	10	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	S
2200	11	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	S
2358	12	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact. E-8 returned to CP.	S, G-3
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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Approximately 1 Company of V.C., remnants of 810th Battalion known to be in operation area.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) First Battalion, First Marines

(a) "A" Co, 1/1

(b) "E" Co, 2/1

(c) "F" Co, 2/9

(d) ARVN Intelligence Company

(2) 4/12 remain in General Support.

(3) HMM-163 remain in General Support.

(4) 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines provide logistical support.

2. MISSION. To search for, capture, and destroy all VC in zone of operation. And to destroy all bunkers and tunnel systems found during the movement.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) One Company will be moved by truck convoy to a blocking position along National Highway # 1 at coordinates 938075 to 959069.

(2) Two Companies will be helo lifted into Landing Zone "A" and "B" and on order will begin to sweep Northward in their areas of responsibility.

b. 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

(1) Move one company to occupy blocking position in accordance with Annex A to prevent withdrawal of enemy forces to north.

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(2) Move two companies by helicopter into LZ "A" and "B" (Annex "A") and begin sweep toward North, searching entire area of responsibility for enemy troops, equipment, or fortification.

c. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

(1) Be prepared to provide vehicles to move one company into blocking position.

(2) Be prepared to provide logistical support for Task Unit as required.

d. HMM-162.

(1) Be prepared to provide transportation for 2 Companies to land in LZ's "A" and "B" (Annex "A").

(2) Provide necessary transportation for re-supply or Med Evac as requested.

e. 4/12.

(1) Provide F.O.'s to Task Unit as requested.

(2) Be prepared to support by fire as requested.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Situation Reports and C.P. location required hourly.

(2) CN or CS gas authorized.

(3) Do not destroy private property unless forced to during active conflict.

(4) Insure that all VCS, VCS, VC KIA's & WIA, as well as captured equipment and documents are returned to 2/1 S-2 by most expedient means possible.

(5) Friendly PF's and RF's may be in the area.

(6) Air support and flare ship are on call.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS.

a. All class resupply by helo or truck as required.

b. Task Unit commence operation with basic load plus 1 day Class V.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Med Evacuation by Holo to "A" Med.

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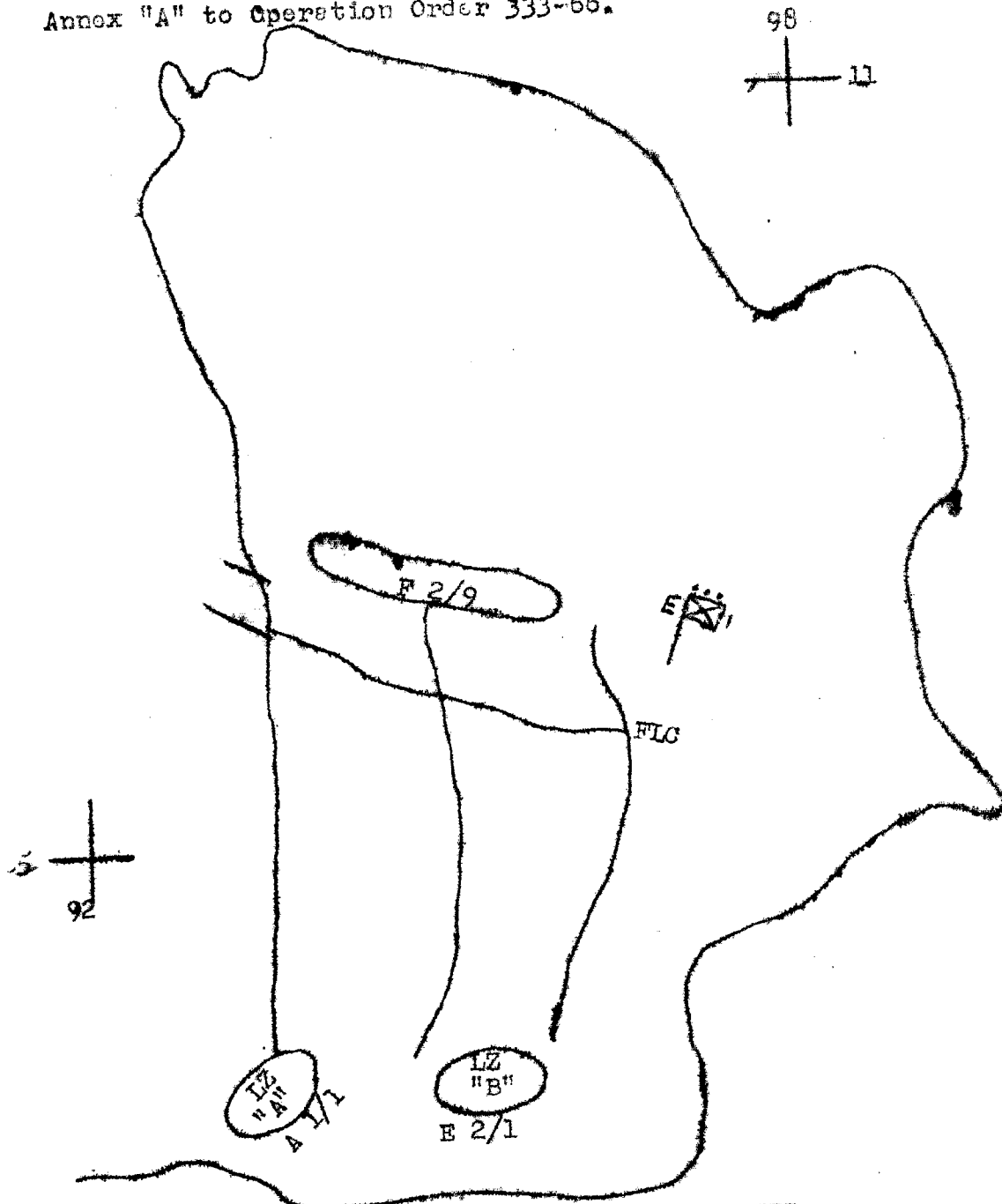
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Operation Order 332-66 (Rear Area Defense)

- Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Series L701 1:50,000 Sheets 6659 III
 (b) CG, 3d MarDiv ltr 3/CRK/jrl over 1545 dtd 4 Sept 65 (NOTAL)
 (c) DivO 3100.1B (Operational Reports)
 (d) RegtO 3000.6 (Rules of engagement)
 (e) Reg Op Order 326-65

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. See current ISUMS.
- b. Friendly forces. No change.
- c. Attachments and detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To establish a mutually supporting rear area defense and security patrol system within the 3d Marines sector of the DA NANG Tactical Area of Responsibility, utilizing combat support and combat service units located therein.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) Reference (b) assigned the responsibility of coordination of defenses of non 3d Marines organizations within the 3d Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility to the Commanding Officer, 3d Marines.
- (2) It is envisioned that the 3d Marines will be conducting operations further west thus putting the ground forces at a greater distance from the combat support and combat service units located in the rear areas of the 3d Marines TAOR. This concept puts a greater burden on the appropriate rear area commander to provide an alert, mutually supporting defense augmented by security patrols and ambushes to adequately maintain security in his assigned area.
- (3) Rear area defense zones have been established (Annex A (Rear Area Defense Zone Assignment (Overlay))) which provides a chain of command which will most effectively allow for ease of control, mutual defensive support and coordination. Three zones

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have been established with zone commanders responsible to the Commanding Officer, 3d Marines for the mutual defense and patrolling/ambushing of their respective zones.

(a) Zone A

1. 7th Engineer Battalion (-) (Zone Commander).
2. 1st 8" Howitzer Btry (-) (SP).

(b) Zone B

1. 12th Marines Command Post (Zone Commander).
2. 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
3. 3d Engineer Battalion.
4. Headquarters Battalion, 3d Mar Div.
5. Co C, 3d Med Battalion.

(c) Zone C

1. 3d SP Battalion (Zone Commander).
2. MCB-5.

(4) The defense of each rear area defense zone shall be coordinated by the assigned zone defense commander as indicated above. The responsibilities of the assigned Rear Area Defense Zone Commander includes:

- (a) Formulation and promulgation of plans to provide for the defense and mutual support of units located within each assigned zone.
- (b) Provisions of advisory assistance to commands so requesting.
- (c) Supervision of the defensive effort within the assigned zones.
- (d) Establishment of a Rear Area Reserve Force of at least one platoon.
- (e) Submission of reports.

(5) Nightly squad sized patrols/ambushes shall be conducted by units designated by the Rear Area Defense Zone Commander in

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area not physically occupied by USMC or GVN military forces.

- (6) It is not envisioned that the rear area will be subject to a major ground attack, but that limited attacks may require the deployment of the Rear Area Defense Zone Reserve. Whenever possible, this Reserve Force will be provided by Rear Area Defense Zone Commands other than those under attack.
- (7) Major ground attacks initiated against front line units may require the deployment of a Rear Area Defense Zone Reserve in a counter-attack or blocking force role. In this event, deployment shall only be accomplished within the confines of the present alignment of the established MLR.

b. Rear Area Defense Zone A.

- (1) Establish perimeter defenses which are mutually supporting, within all units located within assigned zone.
- (2) Provide a minimum of one squad per night to patrol/ambush area which are not physically occupied by USMC or GVN military forces.
- (3) Organize a Reserve Platoon from personnel resources available from units within rear area defense zone. This reserve force will be prepared on a two hour notice:
 - (a) To conduct a counter-attack against an enemy force which has penetrated front line positions and threatens the security of any unit located within the rear area defense zone.
 - (b) To conduct a counter-attack against a minor penetration in front line positions anywhere within the assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave.
 - (c) To occupy blocking/ambush positions as directed, following a rupture or breakthrough of MLR positions.
 - (d) To occupy blocking/ambush positions anywhere within assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave, following an unsuccessful attempt by the enemy to penetrate front line positions.

c. Rear Area Defense Zone B.

- (1) Establish perimeter defenses which are mutually supporting, within all units located within assigned zone.
- (2) Provide a minimum of one squad per night to patrol/ambush areas which are not physically occupied by USMC or GVN military forces.

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- (3) Organize a Reserve Company from personnel resources available from units within the Rear Area Defense Zone. This Reserve Force will be prepared on a two hour notice:
 - (a) To conduct a counter-attack against an enemy force which has penetrated front line positions and threatens the security of any unit located within the rear area defense zone.
 - (b) To conduct a counter-attack against a minor penetration in front line positions anywhere within the assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave.
 - (c) To occupy blocking/ambush positions as directed, following a breakthrough of MLR positions.
 - (d) To occupy blocking/ambush positions anywhere within assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave following an unsuccessful attempt by the enemy to penetrate front line positions.

d. Rear Area Defense Zone C.

- (1) Establish perimeter defenses which are mutually supporting within all units located within assigned zone.
- (2) Provide a minimum of one squad per night to patrol/ambush areas which are not physically occupied by USMC or GVN military forces.
- (3) Organize a Reserve Platoon from personnel resources available from units within rear area defense zone. This reserve force will be prepared on a two hour notice:
 - (a) To conduct a counter-attack against an enemy force which has penetrated front line positions and threatens the security of any unit located within the rear area defense zone.
 - (b) To conduct a counter-attack against a minor penetration in front line positions anywhere within the assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave.
 - (c) To occupy blocking/ambush positions as directed following a breakthrough of MLR positions.
 - (d) To occupy blocking/ambush positions anywhere within the assigned portion of the 3d Marines TAOR within the DA NANG enclave following an unsuccessful attempt by the enemy to penetrate front line positions.

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SECRETe. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Rear Area Defense Zone Commanders are not responsible for the normal interior security of installations or units assigned them for rear area security.
- (2) All plans prepared in support of this order will be submitted to this headquarters for approval prior to promulgation.
- (3) Defensive fires will be requested through this headquarters.
- (4) Rules of Engagement. Reference (d).
- (5) Reserve Forces to be committed by Rear Area Defense Zone Commanders on approval of this headquarters only.
- (6) Reports. Spot reports will be submitted to this headquarters by the most expeditious means available in accordance with reference (c).
- (7) Zone Commanders will submit a weekly overlay 1600 (Saturday) to 3d Marines of proposed patrol routes/ambushes to take place from Monday to Sunday. Report will include time and unit conducting patrol/ambush and unit supplying reserve force for same period.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. The responsibility for administrative and logistical support will remain with the parent organization.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to 3d MarDiv Operation Order 321A-65.
- b. Rear Area Defense Zone Commanders are responsible for communications within their assigned zones.
- c. In the event of enemy action, Commanders of Zones A and C will enter the 3d Marines Regimental Tactical Net # 1. Organizations assigned to Zone B will be prepared to enter the 3d Marines Regimental Tactical Net # 1 in the event wire communications fail.
- d. Succession of Command.
 - (1) 12th Marines succeeds command in the event the 3d Marines Command Post is over-run.

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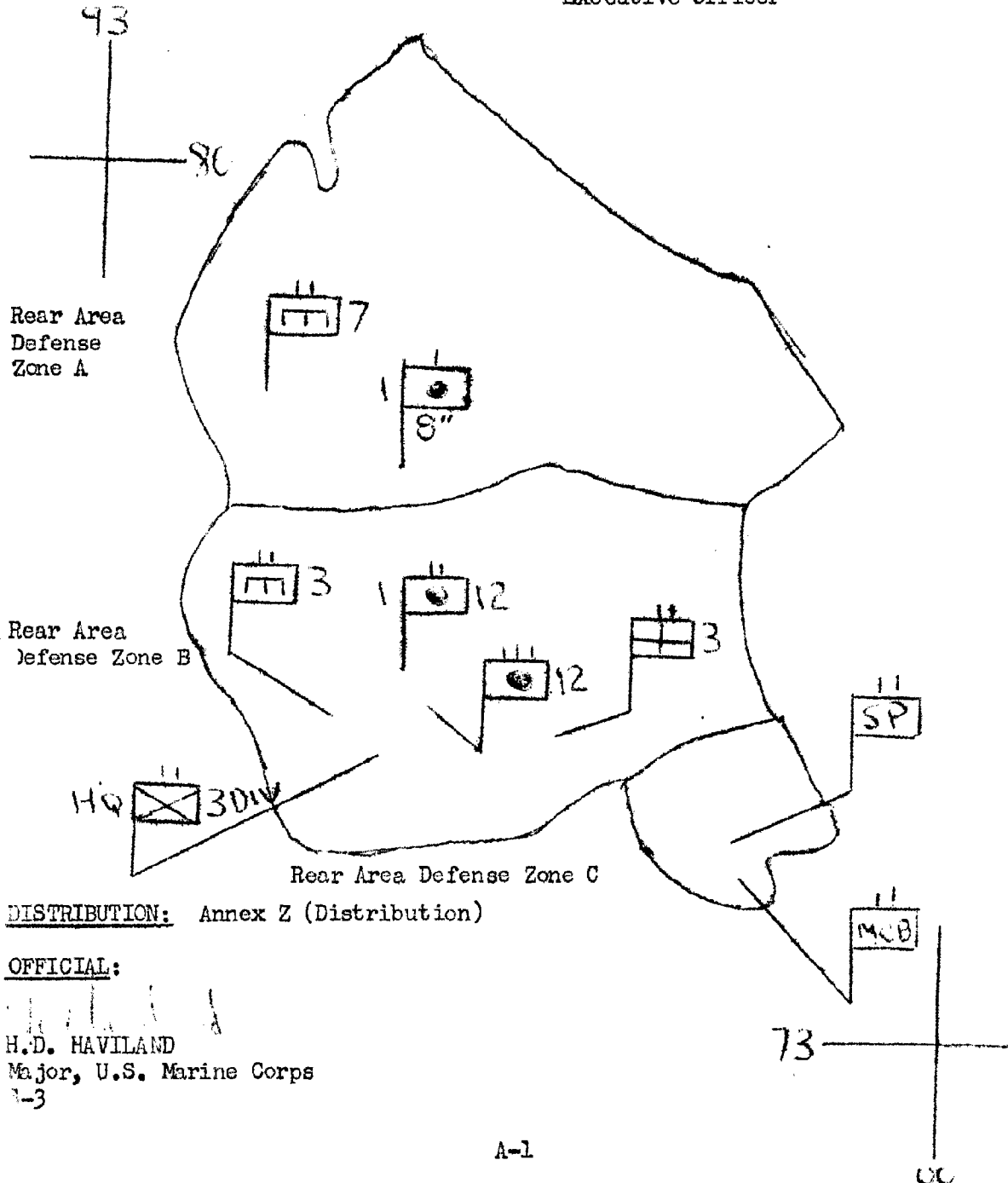
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3d Recon Bn	3
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3d Tank Bn	1
3d AT Bn	1
Co A (-), 3d Tank Bn	1
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TASK ORGANIZATION

3D MAR (-) (RMH)
1ST BN, 3D MAR (-) (RMH)

COLONEL FISHER
LIEUTENANT COLONEL DICKNEY

RD BR, 3D WAE (-) (WIDE DIRECTED)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOBSON

4.2 MORT STRY (-) (2. IN)

CAPTAIN DREW

1. SITUATION.

- A. NEW YORK. SEE PRICE (E).

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- (1) 3D MARBY (RAIN) CONTINUED DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST VC FORCES.
- (2) FIBY PROVIDES AIR IVT, CAS, RESUP LY, AND LOG SWAG AS REQUIRED.
- (3) 9TH MAR PROVIDES ONE BN (-), WHEN DIRECTED, FOR RESERVE/RETALIATORY FORCE.
- (4) 4.2 ART BTRI (-) (RAIN) PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT.
- (5) USA SPECIAL FORCES PROVIDES INTN TO 3D ARMS.
- (6) 70TH RE CO VIC (2014532) OPERATES UNDER CONTROL OF DISTRICT CHIEF.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. 3D BN, 3D CO (-) ATTACHED WHEN DIRECTED BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

2. MISSION. AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY, 3D ARMS (-) (RAIN) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE THUONG DUCHA TAN AREA TO SUPPORT THE INITIAL INSTALLATION OF CING CAMP, AND PROVIDE MINE CLEARING AND SECURITY FOR USA SPECIAL FORCES AS REQUIRED.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. COMMENCING AT L-HOUR, D-DAY, THE 3D ARMS (-) (RAIN) LANDS IN DESIGNATED LZS WITHIN THE THUONG DUCHA TAN VALLEY AND CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS, SWEEPS CING BASE CAMP AREA VIC (150539) FOR MINES, AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR USA SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.

B. 1ST BN, 3D ARMS (-). AT L-HOUR, D-DAY, COM SEGE HELICOPTER ASSAULT VIC THUONG DUC (20 153541), SECURE LZ, CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT AREA OF OPERATIONS, SECURE AIRSTRIP VIC (AT 149539) AND CONDUCT MINE SWEEP OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED BY USA SPECIAL FORCES. PROVIDE TACTICAL SECURITY TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CING.

C. 2D BN, 3D ARMS. PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY (RAIN) FOR OPGEN OF 1ST BN, 3D MARINES FOR DURATION OF OPERATION.

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D. 4.2 MORTAR BTRY (-) (REIN) 1ST BN, 12TH MAR. BS. LAND IN DESIGNATED D LZ AND PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT FOR OPERATION OF OPERATIONS.

E. RESERVE. 3D BN, 30 MARINES. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO ON TWO HOUR ALERT AND BN CMD GR UP WITH ONE RIFLE CO ON FOUR HOUR ALERT TO BE COMMITTED WHEN DIRECTED BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) L-HOUR IS 0700H.
- (2) D-DAY IS 1 APRIL 66.
- (3) RCA AUTHORIZED IN OPERATION AREA ONLY.
- (4) OPERATION AREA IS CIRCLE WITH RADIUS 3600 METERS CENTERED AT (ZC153541).
- (5) FREE FIRE ZONE IS CIRCLE WITH RADIUS ¹²11,000 METERS CENTERED AT (ZC 153541).
- (6) REFERENCE (C).
- (7) REFERENCE (D).
- (8) THE UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME FOR OPERATION IS CHANGE.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- A. SUPPLY. REFERENCE (B).
- B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. REFERENCE (B).
- C. PERSONNEL. REFERENCE (B).
- D. CAPTURED PERSONNEL AND DOCUMENTS. REFERENCE (B).

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E. CIVIL AFFAIRS. REFERENCE (B).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY).

B. COM AND POLTS.

(1) 3D MARINES. NO CHANGE INITIALLY.

(2) SUBORDINATE UITS. REPORT LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. SEE PARAGRAPH 5 REFERENCE (B).

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1. Make the following change in Operation Order 326-65.

- a. Annex E. Insert "Appendix 1 (Defensive Fire Plan Overlay) to Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 326-65," attached hereto.

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A. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 201520Z
B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 201513Z

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2. LAW REF B CHOP D-1-1 EFFECTIVE 011000 TO 1ST BN, 30 MARINES FOR OPCON.

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B. BOMB ORDER 361-45
C. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AND SERIES 1701 SHEETS 6659 III, IV; 6559 I, IV; AND 6560 II AND III

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: SEE ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION) REFERENCE A.

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. ANNEX B (INTELLIGENCE) REFERENCE A AND CURRENT ISSUES.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(a) 12TH MARINES.

(1) Provide ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

(2) AU AUTHORIZED TO DEMPLACE ARTILLERY OUTSIDE THE TAOR INTO FRIENDLY

AREAS TO FACILITATE ARTILLERY SUPPORT, AS REQUIRED.

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(3) PROVIDE ONE FORWARD OBSERVER TEAM PER CONVOY.

(4) PROVIDE LIAISON PERSONNEL WITH COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO ARVN ARTILLERY UNITS SUPPORTING THE OPERATION.

(5) PROVIDE ONE NAVAL GUNFIRE SPOT TEAM PER CONVOY.

(b) RD MOTOR TRANSPORT BN.

(1) PROVIDE TRUCKS SUPPORT FOR CONVOY.

(2) PROVIDE ONE .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN WITH RING AND GROUND MOUNTS FOR EVERY THREE TRUCKS.

(c) RD ENGINEER BN.

(1) CONDUCT AERIAL ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE OF HIGHWAY # 1 NO EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF CONVOY. REPORT FINDINGS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) PROVIDE ENGINEER CONVOY SUPPORT TEAM TO EACH CONVOY TO PROVIDE ENGINEER ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT.

(3) BE PREPARED TO DESTROY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO PREVENT CAPTURE.

(4) ARVN FORCES PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANCE AT BRIDGE SITES, CROSSINGS AND VILLAGE/HAMLET COMPLEXES; PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF ENEMY ATTACK; PROVIDE ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

(e) F-4A PROVIDES AERIAL OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT AND CONVOY COVER; PROVIDES CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ON CONDITION THREE GROUND ALERT; PROVIDES EMERGENCY RESUPPLY AND EVACUATION AIRCRAFT, AS REQUIRED.

2. MISSION. 3D WARINS OPEN NATIONAL ROUTE # 1 FOR MILITARY CONVOY MOVEMENT BETWEEN RUE-PHU BAI AND DA NANG; CONDUCTS VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE OF HIGHWAY AND

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CAPABILITY TO UTILIZE HIGHWAY AND PROTECT MILITARY CONVOYS FROM V.C. ATTACK.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THIS REGIMENT OPENS NATIONAL ROUTE # 1 FOR MILITARY CONVOY MOVEMENT BETWEEN USMC ENCLAVES BY CONDUCTING MOTORIZED MARCHES AT SELECTED TIMES, ON A RANDOM PATTERN TO AVOID PREPARED AMBUSH, FROM DA NANG TO HUE-PHU BAI. CONVOYS WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 10 2 1/2-TON OR EQUIVALENT CARGO VEHICLES, WITH NECESSARY SUPPORT AND CONTROL VEHICLES. PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL COMBINED TO DESTINATION AREAS WILL BE TRANSPORTED AS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, CONVOYS WILL MOVE WHETHER LOADED OR NOT. INFANTRY ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS SUPPORTING ARMS FOR COVER THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE. ALL PROTECTIVE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE SAFE ARRIVAL OF CONVOYS. ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED WILL BE ATTACKED AND DESTROYED. THE OVERALL PURPOSE IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO BOTH FRIENDLY AND ENEMY FORCES THE CAPABILITY AND DETERMINATION OF THIS COMMAND TO MAINTAIN LAND LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VITAL AREAS.

B. 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES.

(1) PROVIDE ONE INFANTRY COMPANY (LESS 1 INFANTRY PLATOON) (REIN) AS CONVOY ESCORT.

(2) ASSIGN ONE INFANTRY PLATOON ON 30 MINUTE ALERT AS CONVOY RESERVE FOR HELICOPTERBORNE MOVEMENT TO CONVOY LOCATION IN EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON THE CONVOY.

(3) COORDINATE LOGISTIC, ENGINEER AND TACTICAL SUPPORT PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF CONVOY FROM DA NANG TO PHU BAI AND RETURN.

C. 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

(1) ASSIGN ONE INFANTRY PLATOON ON 30 MINUTE ALERT AS CONVOY RESERVE FOR HELIBORNE/TRUCK MOVEMENT TO CONVOY LOCATION IN EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON THE CONVOY.

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D. CONVOY RESERVE.

- (1) ONE PLATOON FROM 1ST BATTALION, ^{1ST} 3D MARINES.
- (2) ONE PLATOON FROM 2D BATTALION, ^{1ST} 3D MARINES.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME MISSIONS AS ASSIGNED BY CONVOY COMMANDER.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) G DAY WILL BE 4 MARCH.
- (2) H HOUR WILL BE 040700H.
- (3) CONVOY WILL BE PREPARED TO RETURN TO DA NANG SAME DAY.
- (4) CHECKPOINTS WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C OF REFERENCE A.
- (5) DESTRUCTION OF VEHICLES WILL BE ON THE AUTHORITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS ONLY.
- (6) DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS AUTHORIZED.
- (7) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REFERENCE B.
- (8) UNCLASSIFIED CODE A-2 ROUGH RIDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION.

A. COMMAND.

- (1) INFANTRY COMPANY COMMANDER WILL BE DESIGNATED CONVOY COMMANDER AND WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ENTIRE OPERATION.

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(2) AN OFFICER FROM THE 3D MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION WILL BE DESIGNATED ASSISTANT CONVOY COMMANDER WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY SHALL BE TO CONTROL THE TECHNICAL OPERATION OF THE CONVOY.

B. COMM-FLEC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX E (COMM-FLEC) OF REFERENCE A.

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CONTACT WITH PATROL AND OUTPOSTS

1. FOLLOWING POLICY IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY:

A. ALL PATROLS, OUTPOSTS, AMBUSHES, LISTENING POSTS AND OTHER ELEMENTS SEPARATED FROM PARENT UNITS IN AREAS SUBJECT TO ENEMY ATTACK WILL BE PROVIDED MEANS FOR RADIO AND/OR WIRE COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIGHER HQ.

B. REARRANGED VISUAL SIGNALS WILL BE UTILIZED TO INDICATE ENEMY ATTACK IF OUT OF VOICE CONTACT.

C. ON LOSS OF VOICE COMMUNICATION WITH SEPARATED ELEMENT, PARENT UNIT WILL TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO REGAIN CONTACT, BY PHYSICAL REINFORCEMENT IF NECESSARY.

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SUBJ: DESIGNATION OF ORGN

1. ALL DIVISION UNITS IN PHU BAI UNDER YOUR COMMAND AND ORGN
 DESIGNATED TASK GROUP FOXTROT. DEACTIVATED TASK UNIT HOTEL.
 2. NEW SUBJ: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE TASK ORGN DIVISION UNITS
 DOWN TO PLATOON SEPARATE BATTALIONS LOCATED PHU BAI AS SOON AS
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TO CG THIRD MARINES

CG NINTH MARINES

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FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED CG, 1 CORPS

QUOTE

1. THE INFORMATION SAYING THAT VC INTEND TO ATTACK PHU BAI BASE, THEN
 ATTACK OUR REINFORCEMENTS AND SABOTAGE THE ROAD FROM H E TO DA NANG
 ATTACK CONVOYS GOING THROUGH AI-VAN PASS, USE MORTARS NIP AI-VAN
 PASS, THEN ATTACK AT WILL THE LIEN-CHIEU GAS LINE DEPOT AND HANG-0 B
 BRIDGE... HQQUITE.

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SUBJECT
SUBJ: ENEMY TACTICS
1. THROU THE LAST SIX DAYS MARINE RIFLE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN
ENGAGED AT EXTREMELY CLOSE RANGE BY WELL DUG IN ENEMY TROOPS
FIRING FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRES. THIS IS AN INNOVATION NOT PRE-
VIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED BY MARINE UNITS IN RVN
2. SMALL UNIT COMMANDERS SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT THE USE OF
SCREENING ELEMENTS TO THE FRONT AND FLANKS IS STILL A VALID
TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS DURING THE MOVEMENT TO CONTACT
PHASE OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. CLOSE ENGAGEMENTS DENY OUR MAX-

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IMMUN USE OF OVERWHELMING SUPPORTING FIRES AVAILABLE
3. REQUEST YR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
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ADVANCE PARTY FOR BLT THREE FOUR

A. YR 050155Z

1. PRESENT INTENTION THIS HQ TO HAVE 3D BN, 4TH MAR RELIEVE 1ST

B. 3D MAR ON ARRIVAL DANANG.

2. REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE PARTY SIMILAR TO BLT ONE THREE IN NOVEMBER ARRIVE NLT 13 MAR OR AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR ETA SHIPPING.

3. IF APPROVED REQUEST ADVANCE PARTY TO INCLUDE LIAISON/MEMBERS AT SQUAD/PLATOON LEVEL TO ASSIST RELIEF OF LINES.

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SPARROW HAWK CONCEPT

A. CG, THIRD MAR DIV MSG 071157

1. SPARROW HAWK IS BEING UTILIZED WITHIN THE 3D MAR TACR IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER. ONE REINFORCED RIFLE SQUAD IS KEPT ON ALERT, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, IN THE REGIMENTAL CP. THIS SQUAD IS THE ONLY SPARROW HAWK SQUAD MAINTAINED IN THE 3D MARINES TACR. THIS SQUAD IS TO BE EMPLOYED ANYWHERE IN THE 3D MARINE TACR.
2. AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING/ORIENTATION PROGRAM IS IN PROGRESS TO FAMILIARIZE SPARROW HAWK PERSONNEL WITH THE SITUATION AND TERRAIN WITHIN 3D MAR TACR. ALL SPARROW HAWK PERSONNEL ARE BRIEFED EXTENSIVELY BY ALL BN S-3's. THEY ARE TAKEN OVER AS MUCH TERRAIN AS IS POSSIBLE ON FOOT AND/OR VEHICLE. THEY ARE THEN TAKEN ON A COMPREHENSIVE HELO RECON OF THE ENTIRE TACR.
3. SPARROW HAWK HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR ONE MONTH. DURING THIS TIME, THE SPARROW HAWK SQUAD HAS NOT BEEN COMMITTED IN A COMBAT SITUATION. THIS IS NOT ENOUGH EXPERIENCE DATA ON WHICH TO BASE A JUDGEMENT OF A CONCEPT.
4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT 3D MARINES KEEP CURRENT SPARROW HAWK ORGANIZATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EXPERIENCE GAINED IN OPERATIONS INDICATES A NEED FOR A CHANGE.

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1. INFO REQUESTED BY REF (a).
2. MASK BY TYPE: M-17 FIELD PROTECTIVE MASK

HQ CO, 3D MAR	238
1ST BN, 3D MAR	1,194
2D BN, 3D MAR	1,154
2D BN, 1ST MAR	1,179
1ST BN, 1ST MAR	935

3. M-17 MASKS ARE STORED IN COMPANY/BATTALION SUPPLY.
4. MASK CARRIED ONLY BY PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS WHERE THE USE OF CS IS AUTHORIZED.
5. AVAILABILITY OF OTHER CHEMICAL DEFENSE ITEMS. MAJORITY OF CHEMICAL DEFENSE ITEMS AUTHORIZED BY CURRENT TA/TE ARE ON HAND. THOSE ITEMS NOT ON HAND ARE ON REQUISITION.
6. STATUS OF TRAINING. THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE TRAINED PERSONNEL ON COMPANY LEVEL TO FILL MONITOR AND DECONTAMINATION TEAM ASSIGNMENTS. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED NBC SCHOOL.
7. ABILITY TO RESPOND TO A CHEMICAL ATTACK. THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO A CHEMICAL ATTACK IS CONSIDERED EXCELLENT.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
CLAYMORE WEAPONS

A. MY 150228Z DEC 65

B. CO 1/1 LTR 3/HTK/LNA SER 0031-65 DTD 26 DEC 1965 (NOTAL)

1. IAW REQUEST OF REF B CANCEL REF A.

2. CLAYMORE WEAPONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE EMPLOYED BY DIVISION UNITS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MEASURES ARE FOLLOWED:

A. BN COMMANDERS WILL PROVIDE A 1:5000 SCHEMATIC AND THE COORDINATES OF EACH WEAPON EMPLACED IN A PERMANENT OR SEMI-PERMANENT NATURE TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS VIA CHANNELS NLT FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS

PAGE TWO RUMMF 933D C O N F I D E N T I A L
PRIOR TO EMPLACEMENT.

B. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES NOT IN A PERMANENT OR SEMI-PERMANENT NATURE DO NOT HAVE TO REPORT CLAYMORE WPNS POSITIONS UNLESS EMPLACED OVER 24 HOURS IN DURATION.

C. CLAYMORE WEAPONS WILL BE DISARMED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, UNLESS ATTACK IS IMMINENT.

D. CLAYMORE WEAPONS WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED WITH ANY MANNER OF UNCONTROLLED TRIP DEVICES.

E. CLAYMORE WEAPONS WILL ONLY BE DETONATED BY ELECTRICAL MEANS UNDER POSITIVE CONTROL. HOWEVER, TO PRECLUDE SPONTANEOUS DETONATION, DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS THE MINE WILL BE PREPARED FOR NON-ELECTRICAL DETONATION WHEN THE TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT IS DANGEROUS TO FRIENDLY TROOPS (NON-ELECTRIC METHOD TO BE USED AS OUTLINED IN TM9-134-2001.)

F. CLAYMORE WEAPONS WILL BE EMPLOYED NEAR ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND UNDER OBSERVATION TO PREVENT REMOVAL OR TURNING AROUND.

3. THE ABOVE APPROVAL FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CLAYMORE MINES DOES NOT ENDORSE A CONCEPT OF DEVELOPING A FIXED BASE OR STATIC DEFENSE. SECURITY IS FORTHERED MORE BY FREQUENT

PAGE THREE RUMMF 933D C O N F I D E N T I A L
RELOCATION OF SMALL UNIT DEFENSE POSITIONS AND THE AGGRESSIVE CONDUCT OF PATROLS AND ABUSHES TO AVAOID PRE-PLANNED AND RE-HEARSED ENEMY ATTACKS.

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OWN REPRESENTATIVES AT TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS; REPORT OF

(A) CO, 3D MAR DIV MSG DTD 0700Z MARCH 66

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES:

1. HAND BRIDGE (AT 931297), OPERATES 24 HOURS DAILY WITH ARVN PERSONNEL ASSISTING.
2. ROAD BLOCK (AT 84065) OPERATES 24 HOURS DAILY WITH NO VN PERSONNEL.
3. IN CP SENTRY (AT 943707) OPERATES 24 HOURS DAILY WITH NO VN PERSONNEL.
4. ROAD BLOCK (AT 091224) OPERATES 0630 TO 1800 DAILY. NO VN PERSONNEL.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES:

1. PORTCH BRIDGE SENTRY (AT 946700), OPERATES 0600-1800. 1 SQUAD OF POPULAR FORCES AT BRIDGE SITE.

C. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES:

1. BUNG DA ROADBLOCK (IS 07144), OPERATES 24 HOURS DAILY. ONE NATIONAL POLICE AND ONE CG ARE PRESENT FROM 0700-2000 DAILY.

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2. **PHU-LAI ROADBLOCK (ID 09133) OPERATES 24 HOURS DAILY. ONE NATIONAL POLICE AND ONE OC ARE PRESENT FROM 0700-2000 DAILY.**

B. **HQ CO, 3D MARINES:**

1. **SENTRY POST (AT 944764) OPERATES 1930-0630 DAILY. NO VN PERSONNEL PRESENT.**

2. **SENTRY POST (AT 945761) OPERATES 1930-0630 DAILY. NO VN PERSONNEL PRESENT.**

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USE OF SPARROW HAWKS

A. MORA OP ORDER 364--66 OF 260800H JAN66

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT COMMANDERS ARE NOT MAKING FULL USE OF THE PURSUIT
AND EXPLOITATION CAPABILITIES OF THE SPARROW HAWK PROGRAM AS ESTABLISHED

BY REF A.

2. SPOT REPORTS AND SITUATION REPORTS CONTINUE TO REFLECT ENEMY CONTACTS

AND SIGHTINGS WHERE THE RAPID REACTION CAPABILITIES BUILT INTO THE
SPARROW HAWK CONCEPT WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY SUITED BUT
WERE NOT EMPLOYED.

3. FURTHER, THERE CONTINUE TO BE REPORTS OF NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF ENEMY
CONTACTS AND SIGHTINGS WHICH, FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED AT THIS HQ, DO
NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED OR EXPLOITED BY ARTY, AIR,
ORGANIC SUPPORTING WEAPONS OR TROOP MOVEMENT. REPORTS WHICH INDICATE
THAT A CONTACT TERMINATES WHEN THE ENEMY BREAKS CONTACT EITHER INDICATES

INCOMPLETE REPORTING OR LACK OF TROOP LEADER AGGRESSIVENESS AND
INITIATIVE.

4. THE ENEMY HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE ELUSIVE AND HARD TO FIND. FIX
AND FIGHT. WHEN INITIAL CONTACT IS MADE EVEN WITH SMALL ENEMY
FORCES WE HAVE FOUND HIM. WE MUST INSTILL IN LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS TO
TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS FINDING OF THE ENEMY AND TO AGGRESSIVELY
FIX, FIGHT AND FINISH HIM.

GENERAL WALT SENDS.

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FRAG ORDER 9-66

- A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AND SERIES 1:701 SHEETS 6658 IV
- B. 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN. OPERATION PLAN 11-66
- C. 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN. OPERATION ORDER 349-65 W/CR. 1

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TASK ORGANIZATION: SEE REFERENCE B

- 1. SITUATION: SEE REFERENCE B
- 2. MISSION: SEE REFERENCE B
- 3. EXECUTION:

a. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: SEE REFERENCE B

b. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES

(1) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY (-)(REIN) AS PATROL BASE SECURITY AND TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS MADE BY RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS OR TO REINFORCE RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS IF REQUIRED.

(2) RIFLE COMPANY TO CONSIST OF:

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- (a) COMPANY HEADQUARTERS
- (b) TWO RIFLE PLATOONS, REINFORCED WITH ONE M-60 LMG SQUAD AND ONE 3.5 ASSAULT SQUAD PER PLATOON.
- (c) 1 SECTION, 60MM MORTARS WITH LARGE BASEPLATE.
- (d) 1 ARTILLERY FO TEAM
- (e) FAC TEAM
- (3) RESERVE
- (a) ONE RIFLE PLATOON TO BE POSITIONED AT 3D RECONNAISSANCE EN. GP TO REINFORCE/ EXPLOIT COMBAT OPERATIONS.
- c. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 - (1) D-DAY 20 MARCH 1966
 - (2) ATTACHMENTS EFFECTIVE 1600H D-1
 - (3) DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS AUTHORIZED.
 - (4) L-HOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: SEE REFERENCE B

5. COMM-ELEC: IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE C, AS MODIFIED BY REFERENCE B.

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1. PERMISSION IS REQUESTED FOR A PLATOON (4-) OF CO. "C", 1ST BN, 3D MARINES TO CONDUCT AN OPERATION FROM 250000H TO 251600H MAR 66, IN GS HSEQ, WNPJ, WHUU

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REF: (a) MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 SERIES L701 SHEET 6659 III
(b) REGT O 3000.6
(c) REGT O 3120.1B

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION.A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT ISSUES.B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES (-) (BNIN) PROVIDES ARTILLERY SUPPORT
- (2) FMAW PROVIDES AIR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED
- (3) 3D ENGINEER BATTALION PROVIDES FOUR DEMOLITION TEAMS

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(4) 3D MARINES PROVIDES ONE SNIPER PLATOON

2. MISSION. COMMENCING D-DAY AT H-HOUR 3D MARINES CONDUCTS THREE DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN HOI VUC VALLEY COMPLEX (AT 8770) AND NUI DUNG CHUA HILL COMPLEX (AT 8968), DESTROYS OR CAPTURES ENEMY FORCES OR MATERIAL ENCOUNTERED.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. ONE BATTALION (-) (REIN) ESTABLISHES BLOCKING POSITIONS VICINITY (AT 888683) TO (AT 902682) AND (AT 905719) TO (AT 891712); CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM (AT 865707) AND (AT 870692) EAST.

B. 2D BATTALION. 3D MARINES (-) (REIN)

(1) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN OBJECTIVE AREA

C. RESERVE.

(1) 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY (-) ON TWO HOUR ALERT STATUS

(2) RIFLE SQUAD (REIN); HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D MARINES

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) D-DAY 22 MARCH

(2) H-HOUR 0300H

(3) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REFERENCE (b)

(4) ~~SUBMIT SITUATION REPORTS EVERY HOUR~~

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(5) ANTICIPATED DURATION OF OPERATION: 3 DAYS

4. ADMINISTRATION-LOGISTICS: RESUPPLY BY HELICOPTER AS REQUIRED FROM 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES GP.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS:

A. REPORT CP LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED.

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A. MY OPERATION ORDER 334-66

(1) CANCEL REFERENCE A

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FRAG ORDER 10-66

- A. DIVISION OPERATION ORDER 361-66
B. REGIMENTAL OPERATION ORDER 326-65
C. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS SERIES L701 SHEETS 6699 III, IV; 6599 I, IV;
AND 6560 II AND III

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: SEE ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION) REFERENCE A.

1. SITUATION.

- A. ENEMY FORCES. ANNEX B (INTELLIGENCE) REFERENCE A AND CURRENT ISUMS
B. FRIENDLY FORCES.
(a) 12TH MARINES
(1) PROVIDE ARTILLERY SUPPORT

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(2) AUTHORIZED TO DISPLACE ARTILLERY OUTSIDE THE TAGE INTO FRIENDLY (ARVN) AREAS TO FACILITATE ARTILLERY SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(3) PROVIDE ONE FORWARD OBSERVER TEAM PER CONVOY.

(4) PROVIDE LIAISON PERSONNEL WITH COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO ARVN ARTILLERY UNITS SUPPORTING THE OPERATION

(b) 3D MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION

(1) PROVIDE TRUCKS SUPPORT FOR CONVOY

(2) PROVIDE ONE .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN WITH RING AND GROUND MOUNTS FOR EVERY THREE TRUCKS.

(c) 3d ENGINEER BN.

(1) CONDUCT AERIAL ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE OF HIGHWAY # 1 NO EARLIER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE OF CONVOY. REPORT FINDINGS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) PROVIDE ENGINEER CONVOY SUPPORT TEAM TO EACH CONVOY TO PROVIDE ENGINEER ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT.

(3) BE PREPARED TO DESTROY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO PREVENT CAPTURE.

(d) ARVN FORCES PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANCE AT BRIDGE SITES, CROSSINGS AND VILLAGE/HAMLET COMPLEXES; PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF ENEMY ATTACK; PROVIDE ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

(e) FMAN PROVIDES AERIAL OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT AND CONVOY COVER, PROVIDES CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ON CONDITION THREE GROUND ALERT; PROVIDES EMERGENCY RESUPPLY AND EVACUATION AIRCRAFT, AS REQUIRED.

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2. MISSION. 3D MARINES OPEN NATIONAL ROUTE # 1 FOR MILITARY CONVOY MOVEMENT BETWEEN HUE-PHU BAI AND DA NANG; CONDUCTS VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE OF HIGHWAY AND SURROUNDING AREAS ENROUTE; DESTROYS ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED; DEMONSTRATE CAPABILITY TO UTILIZE HIGHWAY AND PROTECT MILITARY CONVOYS FROM V.C. ATTACK.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THIS REGIMENT OPENS NATIONAL ROUTE #1 FOR MILITARY CONVOY MOVEMENT BETWEEN USMC ENCLAVES BY CONDUCTING MOTORIZED MARCHES AT SELECTED TIMES, ON A RANDOM PATTERN TO AVOID PREPARED AMBUSH, FROM DA NANG TO HUE-PHU BAI. CONVOYS WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 10 2½-TON OR EQUIVALENT CARGO VEHICLES, WITH NECESSARY SUPPORT AND CONTROL VEHICLES, PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL CONSIDERED TO DESTINATION AREAS WILL BE TRANSPORTED AS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, CONVOYS WILL MOVE WHETHER LOADED OR NOT. INFANTRY ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS SUPPORTING ARMS FOR COVER THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE. ALL PROTECTIVE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE SAFE ARRIVALS OF CONVOYS. ENEMY FORCES ENCOUNTERED WILL BE ATTACKED AND DESTROYED. THE OVERALL PURPOSE IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO BOTH FRIENDLY AND ENEMY FORCES THE CAPABILITY AND DETERMINATION OF THIS COMMAND TO MAINTAIN LAND LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VITAL AREAS.

B. 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES.

(1) PROVIDE ONE INFANTRY COMPANY (LESS 1 INFANTRY PLATOON) (REIN) AS CONVOY ESCORT.

(2) ASSIGN ONE INFANTRY PLATOON ON 30 MINUTE ALERT AS CONVOY RESERVE FOR HELICOPTERBORNE MOVEMENT TO CONVOY LOCATION IN EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON THE CONVOY.

(3) COORDINATE LOGISTIC, ENGINEER AND TACTICAL SUPPORT PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF CONVOY FROM DA NANG TO PHU BAI AND RETURN.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

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- (1) G DAY WILL BE 28 MARCH.
- (2) S HOUR WILL BE NOT EARLIER THAN 261030H AND NOT LATER THAN 261100H.
- (3) CONVOY CMDR WILL REPORT TO GO 4TH MARINES FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON ARRIVAL AT PHU BAI.
- (4) ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM PHU BAI WILL BE 290800H.
- (5) CHECKPOINTS WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C OF REFERENCE A.
- (6) DESTRUCTION OF VEHICLES WILL BE ON THE AUTHORITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS ONLY.
- (7) DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS AUTHORIZED.
- (8) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REFERENCE B.
- (9) UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME ROUGH RIDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. COMMAND.

(1) INFANTRY COMPANY COMMANDER WILL BE DESIGNATED CONVOY COMMANDER AND WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ENTIRE OPERATION.

(2) AN OFFICER FROM THE 3D MOTOR TRANSPORT BN WILL BE DESIGNATED ASSISTANT CONVOY COMMANDER WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY SHALL BE TO CONTROL THE TECHNICAL OPERATION OF THE CONVOY.

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B. COMM-ELEC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX E (COMM-ELEC) OF REFERENCE A.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96601

3/HDR/BLW
1556
1 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Task Organization; correction of
Ref: (a) DivBul 005440 of 4 Jan 66
Encl: (1) 3d Marines Task Organization and Personnel Troop List
1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a),
enclosure (1) is submitted.

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	USMC		USM		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (-)(Rein)(DA NANG-PHU BAI)</u>	150	3795	11	179	4135
HqCo (Rein)(DA NANG)	14	223	2	5	244
Det, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv		3			3
<u>1st Bn, 1st Marines (DANANG)</u>	32	969	3	55	1059
<u>1st Bn, 3d Marines (DANANG)</u>	35	1004	3	55	1097
<u>2d Bn, 1st Marines (Rein)(PHU BAI)</u>	69	1599	3	64	1735
2d Bn, 1st Marines	35	1003	3	55	1096
Det, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv	2	10			12
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st AT Bn (5M50A1 Ontos)	1	16			19
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st Engr Bn	1	37			38
3d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st TK Bn (5 M48A3 Tanks)	1	28			29
2d Plt (Rein), Co A, 1st Recon Bn	1	21			22
4th Bn, 12th Marines (-) (Rein) (PHU BAI)	28	482		9	519
HqBtry(-)(Rein)(CMR Team)	15	162		3	180
Btry M, 4th Bn (SP)(6-155How)	4	111		2	117
Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar, (6-105How)	6	126		2	136
107mm Mortar Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines (6 Mortars)	3	81		2	86

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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3/DTR/lws
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5 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-3
(REDOPS))

Subj: Command REDOPS (U)

Ref: (a) FMFPACO P003000.5
(b) DAVO 03000.5

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following REDOPS is submitted:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Trans</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Data</u>
Hq Co	C	CRPERS	C-1
		CREOP	C-1
		CRSUP	C-1
		CRTRG	C-1
1st Battalion, 3d Marines		CRPERS	C-1
		CREOP	C-1
		CRSUP	C-2/C-1 Unk
		CRTRG	C-1
2d Battalion, 1st Marines		CRPERS	C-2/C-1 Unk
		CREOP	C-1
		CRSUP	C-2/C-1 Unk
		CRTRG	C-1
2d Battalion, 3d Marines	A	CRPERS	C-1
	A	CREOP	C-1
	A	CRSUP	C-1
	A	CRTRG	C-1
1st Battalion, 1st Marines	C	CRPERS	C-2/C-1 Unk
		CREOP	C-1
		CRSUP	C-1
		CRTRG	C-1

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By Direction

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HEADQUARTERS
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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96601

3/HHH/lws
1510.1
9 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer, Third Marines
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Subj: Forward Observer's Guide for Infantry Unit Leaders
Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv ltr serial 1510.1 of 28 Feb 1966
Encl: (1) Forward Observer's Guide

1. The Forward Observer's Guide has been evaluated for use by infantry unit leaders in accordance with reference (a).
2. The Guide is not suitable for use by infantry unit leaders in requesting air support as it contains absolutely no information on either requesting or controlling close air support.
3. The Guide, either in conjunction with additional instruction or with certain alterations, would be suitable for use by infantry unit leaders in requesting mortar or artillery support. Recommendations are as follows:
 - a. The Guide could be used as it is written in conjunction with a formal FO School of from (1) to (5) days duration. This School would have to schedule several live practice missions to be conducted by each student. Without this School as a background, the Guide is too detailed and technical to allow immediate comprehension and practical application by the average infantry unit leader.
 - b. Page (3) of the Guide which attempts to explain the Mil Relation (Worm) Formula and its application should be deleted. The following explanation of the practical application of the Mil Relation may be used instead.
 "To find deflection correction: Multiply the range to the target in thousands of meters (i.e. 1500 meters = 1.5; 2000 meters = 2.0) by the angle of deflection from the initial round impact point to the target in mils to obtain the deflection correction in meters."
 - c. Page (1) and page (4) should be combined. Amplification and explanation of the various sections of the Initial Fire Request should be continued with the Request. The four (4) Methods of Target Location found on page (1) should be inserted under section (3) of the Request. Likewise the four (4) Methods of Control should be a part of section (8) of the Initial Fire Request. The explanation of "Creeping" on page (2)

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should be inserted under section (5) of the Request. With such a combined format, all the information required would be together, immediately available in proper sequence to the observer.

d. Delete diagram explaining conversion of magnetic azimuth to grid azimuth on page (2). This information is found on all map sheets.

e. Develop brief format for observer's use when sending corrections and adjustments to the FDC. This format would include the remainder of the explanatory material on deflection correction stated in paragraph 3 (b) above.

4. Implementation of the above recommendations will provide infantry unit leaders with a guide for requesting mortar and artillery support which they can easily understand and apply.

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By direction

HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California

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9 Mar 1966

From: G-3 Officer
To: G-3, 3d Marine Division

Subj: CP Locations, Report of

1. In accordance with instructions of G-3, 3d MarDiv of 9 Mar 1966, the following CP locations are hereby submitted.

3d Marines (AT 944762)
Co A (-), 3d TK Bn (AT 944762)
Co A (-), 3d AT Bn (AT 944762)

DA NANG TACR

1st Bn, 3d Mar (AT 89783)
Co A (AT 892772)
Co B (AT 895801)
Co C (AT 898665)
Co D (AT 898821)

2d Bn, 3d Mar (AT 952742)
Co E (AT 935682)
Co F (AT 952742)
Co G (AT 904737)
Co H (AT 923714)

HUE PHU BAI TACR

2d Battalion, 1st Mar. (YD 887135)
Co E (YD 887135)
Co F (YD 887135)
Co G (YD 897147)
Co H (YD 897147)
4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 877144)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar (YD 889142)
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Mar (YD 887144)
Btry W, 1st Bn, 11th Mar (YD 880149)
2d Plt, Co A, 3d TK Bn (YD 898146)
2d Plt, Co A, 3d AT Bn, (YD 898146)

Task Group Foxrot (YD 885136)
1st Bn, 1st Mar (YD 885136)
Co C, 1st Bn, 1st Mar (YD 807161)
Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Mar (YD 876149)

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HEADQUARTERS
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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
PPO San Francisco 96601

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1510.1
10 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer, Third Marines
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Subj: Forward Observer's Guide for Infantry Unit Leaders
Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv ltr serial 1510.1 of 28 Feb 1966
Encl: (1) Forward Observer's Guide

1. The Forward Observer's Guide has been evaluated for use by infantry unit leaders in accordance with reference (a).

2. Recommendations. The Guide, either in conjunction with additional instruction or with certain alterations, would be suitable for use by infantry unit leaders in requesting mortar or artillery support. Specific recommendations are as follows:

a. The Guide could be used as it is written in conjunction with a formal FO School of from (1) to (5) days duration. This School would have to schedule several live practice missions to be conducted by each student. Without this School as a background, the Guide is too detailed and technical to allow immediate comprehension and practical application by the average infantry unit leader.

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d. Delete diagram explaining conversion of magnetic azimuth to grid azimuth on page (2). This information is found on all map sheets.

e. Develop brief format for observer's use when sending corrections and adjustments to the FDC. This format would include the remainder of the explanatory material on deflection correction stated in paragraph 2 (b) above.

3. Implementation of the above recommendations will provide infantry unit leaders with a guide for requesting mortar and artillery support which they can easily understand and apply.

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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco, 96601

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12 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 3d MarDiv (Rein) FMF
Subj: Approval of Defensive Fire Plan
Ref: (a) CO, Hdqtrs Bn, 3d MarDiv ltr serial 8000 of 6 March 1966 and
enclosure thereto

1. In accordance with request contained in reference (a), the concentration locations and Illumination Shell points of impact for the Headquarters Battalion Defensive Fire Plan are approved.

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By direction

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3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96601

3/PJC/lws

13 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Value of Vietnamese Language School Graduates; Report of

Ref: CG, 3d Mar Div msg. 040217Z March 66

1. There are thirteen (13) graduates of Vietnamese Language School currently serving with the Third Marines. These personnel have proved invaluable in gathering intelligence information and maintaining liaison with Vietnamese nationals.

2. The Regimental Civil Affairs officer is a graduate of the language school. His ability to speak Vietnamese has greatly assisted him in the performance of his duties.

a. One Marine, serving with 2d Bn, 3d Marines, is being utilized in the largest hamlet in the TAOR. He has made numerous contacts with the people of the hamlet, including the Police Chief, Popular Force militiamen and intelligence agents from District Headquarters. These contacts have resulted in valuable intelligence information, which would have otherwise been unavailable to the battalion.

b. Another Vietnamese-speaking Marine is attached to Hieu-Duc District Headquarters as Liaison Representative for 2d Bn 3d Marines. This man has proved valuable in gathering intelligence information, and in effecting co-ordination between Marine and Vietnamese activities.

c. One Vietnamese-speaking Marine is performing the duties of Civil Affairs clerk for 2d Bn, 3d Marines. His ability to speak the language has increased the efficiency of the battalion's Civil Affairs program.

3. It is recommended that the Vietnamese language course be increased from four to eight weeks, in order to aid selected personnel to attain a greater degree of proficiency.

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By direction

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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18 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Psychological Warfare Team, request for
Encl: (1) CO, 2d Bn, 3d Mar Ltr 3/PJK/ppm over 3000 dtd 17 Mar 66
1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded recommending approval.

Van D. BELL Jr
By direction

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HEADQUARTERS
2d Battalion, 3d Marines
APO San Francisco 96602

3/FJK/pym
3000
17 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: Psychological Warfare Team, request for

1. It is requested that the Psychological Warfare Team be made available to this organization on 22 March 1966, for the purpose of augmenting the subject effort.
2. It is desired that this team will provide this headquarters and staff with guidance, advise and available materials in order to further develop the Psychological Warfare program in this area.

C.L. HARRISON
By direction

HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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03300
19 March 1966

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Lessons Learned, submission of

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv msg 180540Z Feb 1966

Encl: (1) Lessons Learned

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

Van D. BILL Jr
By direction

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Discussion. During the past few months, an increasing number of instances of the utilization by the VC of a new shape charge explosive device has been noted. The device is approximately 10 inches in height, 6 inches in diameter at its bottom end, and shaped roughly like a bottle or "jug". The device is olive green in color with yellow markings, one of which is "TNT". The device weighs 10-12 pounds, and the bottom of the explosive cone is inlaid with pre-cut pieces of steel shrapnel, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The "shrapnel cone" is then overlaid with a cone of heavy waxed cardboard. The device appears to have a pull-friction type fuse.

Recommendation. That a study be conducted into the characteristics of the device, and an attempt be made to compile statistics relative to the VC employment of such devices.

III OPERATIONS/TRAINING:1. Item: Use of Hand Grenades for Ambush.

Discussion: By capitalizing on the element of surprise, the enemy can be permitted to enter then be retained in the killing zone of an effective ambush for the maximum possible time. An exploding grenade produces the desired shock effect, does not reveal the limits of the ambush position and is an excellent signal to commence firing.

Recommendation: That patrol leaders use grenades in ambushes; conduct repeated training of the squad in the safe handling and employment of grenades; arrange for periodic fam courses with live grenades at fixed positions.

2. Item: Use of civilians by VC to distract Marine patrols.

Discussion: VC have used civilians to herd cattle in front of Marine patrols to canalize them into the killing zone of an ambush or sniper. On occasion the delay of the patrol to wait for cattle to clear the road or path has been the signal for VC to open fire and capitalize on the confusion resulting from cattle mingling with the Marine unit.

Recommendation: That Marines be alert to counteract a planned attempt by civilians to direct livestock to block or come between the elements of a patrol.

3. Item: Distribution of Weapons in Patrols.

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Discussion: Experience has shown that the point of a patrol is most effective using a shotgun while moving in dense terrain, and an automatic rifle when moving in open terrain. The number two man in the patrol column should be armed with an automatic weapon, while the third man should carry an M-79. This distribution of weapons increases the probability of enemy casualties whether it be a meeting engagement at close quarters or the need to saturate a heavily vegetated area into which the enemy has crawled to escape.

Recommendation: That weapons distribution within a patrol be tailored to the type of terrain encountered and changed as the unit moves from one type of terrain to another.

4. **Item:** Scout Dogs.

Discussion: Scout Dogs were used on two operations during January 1966. In both cases the dogs used to assist Marines in searching huts quickly located hidden objects. Though the objects found did not have any military significance, it demonstrated the Scout Dog's value in this type operation. During a preliminary demonstration by their handlers and U.S. Army advisor, the Scout Dogs unerringly moved to the area where demonstrators had been hidden in an open, heavily vegetated field. The usefulness of Scout Dogs in search and destroy operations and on patrols to alert a unit to enemy in the area is obvious.

Recommendations: That Scout Dogs continue to be utilized in Marine operations when available.

IV LOGISTICS

1. **Item:** Control of Supply Distribution by Helicopter.

Discussion: During OPERATION MALLARD in January 1966 numerous instances of incorrect distribution of supplies by helicopter were experienced. Items intended for one unit were often delivered to another unit or not delivered at all because helicopters were diverted from resupply to tactical missions of a higher priority. The most frequent cause of mis-directed supplies occurred where a helicopter carrying items for two or more units simultaneously, mixed the cargo stacks in flight between the supply point and the units to which they were effecting delivery.

Recommendations: That battalion or company supply personnel accompany supplies from supply point to the requesting unit to preclude erroneous delivery or lost items of equipment and material.

V COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

1. **Item:** Directional Antennas.

Comment: The use of directional antennas has increased the effectiveness of frequency modulated radio equipment within the rifle company.

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Discussion: This command has made effective use of directional antennas for the purpose of increasing the transmission ranges of frequency modulated radio equipment. The directional antenna employed is commonly known as the wave antenna. It consists of a length of field telephone wire (WA-1/TF) cut to the wave length of the operating frequency terminated by a 600 to 800 ohm carbon resistor leading to ground. The antenna utilizes a counterpoise which is also constructed from field telephone wire. A short length of coaxial cable with connector is utilized as a transmission line with the braided shield soldered to the counterpoise. This antenna is normally employed in static positions and has been found to be ideal for ambush teams utilizing radio set AN/PRC-6 operating at distances up to three miles from their parent unit. Long range patrols normally carry the wave antenna in lieu of antenna RC-292 due to weight and tactical considerations.

Recommendation: That directional antennas be utilized by platoons, squads, and fire teams with radio sets AN/PRC-6 and AN/PRC-10 when operating in semi-fixed positions as well as a means of extending transmission ranges whenever possible.

2. Item: Preventive Maintenance Contact Teams.

Comment: Frequent visits to line companies on a scheduled basis are required to insure proper operator maintenance, operating procedures, and timely evacuation of equipment for second echelon repair, as well as issuance and turn in of dry cell batteries.

Discussion: The communication platoon of one battalion of this command has established and maintained a system of visiting each line company every two days. This visit has proved very useful in maintaining an efficient communications system. A contact team was formed from a representative of each section of the communication platoon, thus providing a complete cross section for communication maintenance and supply as well as operational support.

Recommendation: That, when feasible, a contact team as described above be established at the battalion level.

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3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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19 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Patrol Outside TAGR; request for

Ref: (a) Tele-con W/G-3 Watch Officer at 192200H Mar

1. Permission is requested for a daylight patrol by a platoon of Co. C, 1st Bn. 3d Marines into grid squares (AT9289), (AT9389), (AT9390), (AT-9290) beginning 200800H Mar.
2. G-2-G patrol encountered two VC at coordinate (AT929892) at 192050H. VC fled north suggesting above grid squares may be harbouring site for VC.

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By direction

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/PJC/lws
1500
19 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Evaluation of Basic Training Program

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg PL40414Z

1. Only one battalion of this regiment has joined personnel trained under the new program. In accordance with reference (a), the following comments regarding the proficiency of these Marines are forwarded:

a. General military ability of newly joined personnel is considered satisfactory.

b. MES proficiency under the new program is considered adequate. Personnel trained under the new program compare favorably with new arrivals trained under the old program.

2. Troop leaders have made no adverse comments concerning personnel trained under the new program and have commented favorably on their knowledge and general military proficiency.

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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/FWMW/hlw
3900
31 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(Attn: G-3)

Subj: Stoner Weapons System; evaluation of

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 131243Z Feb 66

Encl: (1) CO, 2d Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JEM/ppm over 3900 dtd 27 Mar 66

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. The recommendations contained in enclosure (1) are noted and concurred with.
3. It is further recommended that the weapons be tested during several sustained combat operations in order that the required experience data can be obtained by units that can best evaluate what may become a combat essential item.

T.H. FISHER

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HEADQUARTERS
2d Battalion, 3d Marines
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3/JEM/ypm
3900
27 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Marine Regiment

Subj: Stinger Weapons System; evaluation of

Ref: (a) CG, 3rdMarDiv msg 131243Z FEB

Encl: (1) "F" Company evaluation sheets (3)
(2) "G" Company evaluation sheets (3)
(3) "H" Company evaluation sheets (2)

1. In accordance with reference (a) the subject weapons system was evaluated over a two week period by three rifle companies. These weapons were carried on combat patrols, used in perimeter defense and ambushes. The weapons were also fired to familiarize and test fire the weapons.

2. Enclosures (1) through (3) are evaluation sheets from "F", "G" and "H" companies and are indicative of the response obtained during this evaluation. Additionally, personnel were interviewed concerning the Stinger Weapons System. Both the evaluation sheets coupled with personnel interviews indicate the following evaluation of the Stinger Weapons System are as categorized by reference (a).

a. Maintenance, care and cleaning posed no unusual problems. Field stripping the weapon is easier to accomplish than it is for the present M-60 currently in use.

b. Troop reaction and acceptance was very enthusiastic. This is attributed to:

- (1) Physical resemblance to M-60
- (2) Light weight of weapon and ammunition
- (3) High rate of fire and accuracy

c. Operational compatibility with present T/E weapons was good. It is felt they could possibly replace the M-60's and M-14's (modified), either in the weapons platoon or on a one-per-squad fire team basis.

d. Technical inspections were on a user/1st echelon basis. No discrepancies were noted.

e. Sighting and aiming - no calibration firing was done, however, sight adjustment did move the strike of the round on target a meaningfully correct corresponding distance, i.e. Three (3) clicks of elevation moved the strike of the round 3' at one hundred yards.

f. Safety and ease of operation were extremely good. The safety is easy to operate and well placed. No problems encountered.

g. Functioning, durability and reliability to include malfunction rate - Weapons operated well in all three areas except as noted in paragraph (i) below.

h. Effect of fire compared to M-60 machine gun was good. Recoil seemed to be smaller than that of the M-60. Accuracy appeared to be as good or better than the M-60. It is not difficult to hold the weapon on target when firing full automatic.

i. Suitability of ammunition packaging provided the only major problem encountered with this weapon. This opinion was almost unanimous.

(1) The plastic assault magazine sometimes breaks off the weapon. A metal reinforcement would correct this deficiency.

(2) The ammunition belt sometimes hung up in the magazine, causing a stoppage. This is easily remedied by the operator, but might cause problems in an intense combat situation. Again, reinforcing of the plastic assault magazine with a lightweight metal would probably remedy the problem immediately.

(3) Four plastic magazines fit nicely into the standard size ammunition box and this aspect of packaging is satisfactory for movement and storage of ammunition.

j. The weapons were employed on daylight and night patrols, ambushes, sweeps and perimeter defense. There were no instances where the weapons system was used to fire upon the enemy.

k. Recommended ammunition expenditure rate and basic load.
 Ammunition expenditure rate - 50 rounds daily
 Basic allowance - 1000 rounds

l. Recommended weapons allowances:

(1) Machine gun as assigned to weapons platoon

(2) Rifle as assigned to automatic riflemen

(3) Carbine - for the Platoon Guide, Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Leader.

3. Comments/recommendations:

The pump on type biped, though easily attached and detached, would probably be brushed off when moving in thick vegetation. Recommend that a clamp or lock-on type biped be used.

The Stenor Weapons System appears to be highly satisfactory, except as noted. With the recommended improvements it would undoubtedly be an excellent addition to the rifle company. Additionally, it is felt that a longer test period would prove beneficial in evaluating this weapons system in that it would:

a. Allow the novelty to wear off so that evaluations would be more objective.

b. Provide a greater range of test experience and more data on which to base opinions.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3:RJB:rjc over 5213 dtd 15 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-3)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Semi-monthly SID - 150 Report

1. Forwarded.

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FIRST ENFORCEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3:RJB:rjc over 5213 dtd 16 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Activity Summary of Popular Force Units under cognizance of
Combined Action Company for period 10-17 February 1966

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 6/RTH/fss over 5510 dtd 22 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Personnel and Equipment requirements for Combined Action Company

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 3d M, 1st Mar ltr 3/RJA/rjc over 5213 dtd 25 Feb 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Activity Summary of Popular Forces Units under cognizance of Combined
Action Company 17-24 February 1966

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CG, 3d MarDiv ltr 3/FHW/jjw over 3101.1 dtd 5 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines

Subj: Expansion of HUE PHU BAI TAOR (U)

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CC, 2d Bn, 1st Mar Ltr 3/RLB/ugh over 5213 dtd 5 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Activity Summary of Popular Force Units under cognizance of Combined
Action Company 23 February - 2 March 1966.

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FIRST REDUCED on CC, 2d M, 1st Mar ltr 3:15:15pm over 5213 dtd 06 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: After Action Report, Operation NEW YORK PRO LAI Village and
PRO THE Peninsula

Ref: (a) Div O 3100.1B

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr JMH:oes over 5213 dtd 9 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: C-3)

Subj: Activity Summary of Popular Forces Units under cognizance of
Combined Action Company 3-9 March 1966

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv Operation Order 358-65

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FIRST SUBSEQUENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr 3:AJ5:rje over 5213 dtd 14 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st MAB ltr 3:45:51 a.m. over J100 dtd 15 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ltr JMH:ces over 5213 dtd 16 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Activity Summary of Popular Forces Units under cognizance of
Combined Action Company 10-16 Mar 66

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FIGHT UNDERSTANDING on CG, 2d Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/FJF/ppa over 3480 dtd 26 Mar 66

From: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

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