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

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May through 31 May 1966

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1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, Coordinates (AT 944762)
3. Period Covered. 1 May - 31 May 1966.
4. Date of Submission. 10 June 1966
5. Average Monthly Strength.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	74	8
Enlisted	2079	107
6. Commanding Officer. Colonel H.A. HAYES JR.  
Executive Officer. Lieutenant Colonel J.T. ODENTHAL
7. Regimental Staff.

S-1	Captain D.G. MASON
S-2	Lieutenant F.X. EGAN (1 May - 21 May 1966) Major T.J. WILLIS (22 May - 31 May 1966)
S-3	Major F.W.M. WOODROW, JR.
S-4	Major J.A. MAC PHILLIPS (1 May - 3 May 1966) Lieutenant J.S. SMITH (4 May - 31 May 1966)
CEO	Major J.E. CLARK
CAO	Captain A.D. LEHR
8. Subordinate Units.

Hq Co, 3d Marines	Lieutenant R.E. SCHWARTZ
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel R.R. DICKEY III
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel W.K. HORN
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 sector; be prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated operations with GVN Armed Forces within and beyond the periphery of the DA NANG TAOR; be prepared to provide one (1) mobile reserve company for deployment as directed; be prepared to conduct counterattacks to restore the integrity of assigned sectors; establish a mutually supporting rear area defense within assigned sector of TAOR coordinating the resources of all tenant activities therein.

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## PART II

Significant Events1. Personnel

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

b. Losses. The Third Marines suffered thirty-three casualties during the period. Thirty-two were battle casualties and one was non-battle. Of the battle casualties, two were killed in action; thirty were wounded in action. The circumstances surrounding the non-battle casualty were investigated. Administrative losses were seven USMC officers, one-hundred sixty four USMC enlisted and four USN enlisted.

c. Command Changes. The Third Marines assumed administrative control of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines at 0920 on 20 May 1966.

d. Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers. Four persons were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. Two humanitarian leaves to CONUS were effected.

e. Administrative Discharges. One recommendation for discharge by reason of unfitness; one recommendation for hardship discharge, and one request for discharge as a conscientious objector were processed through this Headquarters.

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

2. Administrative

a. Awards. The following recommendations for awards were processed through this Headquarters:

(1) 2 Silver Star Medals

(2) 9 Bronze Star Medals

(3) 12 Navy Commendation Medals

b. Promotions. Promotions to 79 Corporals and 163 Lance Corporals were effected during the month as authorized by percentages allocated by the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. In addition, combat promotions were effected to 4 Corporals and 2 Lance Corporals as authorized by the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division.

c. Legal Matters. Forty seven "office hours" were conducted during the period. In addition, six Special Courts-Martial and four Summary Courts-Martial were completed.

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- d. Inspections. None conducted.
- e. Special Services. A ROK Swing Band show was presented to members of the 3d Marines on 23 May 1966.
- f. Liberty. Regular liberty has been suspended in the Da Nang area.

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## 3. Intelligence

a. Enemy activity during the month of May stayed at the same general level as in preceding months. There was a slight increase around 19 May, Ho Chi Minh's birthday, but no large scale activities materialized as was expected. There was, however, a great deal of non-VC activity during the month, involving conflict between Saigon based Rangers and Vietnamese Marines, and the so-called Struggle Forces of the I Corps Area. This activity began when the Saigon troops landed at the Danang airstrip on 15 May and culminated with the disintegration of the Danang Area Struggle Forces on 23 May.

b. During the period 11-19 May, The Regiment conducted Operation Cormorant 3-1, a company sized reconnaissance in force, in the hilly region to the west of 1stBn, 3dMar TAOR. This operation was in response to reports of the presence of a cultivated area (nicknamed "The Garden of Eden") and the possible operating area of the VC 51st MF Battalion. The operation resulted in 6 VC KIA, the capture of one US carbine, assorted personal items and documents, 5000 rounds of small arms ammunition, and the destruction of several acres of dry crops.

c. Viet Cong Initiated Incidents -- 98 (43 at night)

(1) Small Arms/Sniper Fire -- 33 (21 at night)

(a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 7 (5 at night)

(b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 13 (9 at night)

(c) Other Sources Within 3dMar TAOR -- 13 (7 at night)

(2) Grenades -- 6 (5 at night)

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

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

(3) Grenades Accompanied By SA Fire -- 5 (all at night)

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

(b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 1 (at night)

(c) Other Sources Within 3dMar TAOR -- 1 (at night)

(4) Booby Traps and Mines -- 37 (22 discovered, disarmed and/or destroyed) (15 detonated)

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

(b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 32 (19 discovered and disarmed)

(c) Other Sources Within 3dMar TAOR -- 1 (detonated)

(5) Movement or Probing Action Where VC Did Not Fire or Return Fire -- 16 (12 at night)

- (a) 1stBn 3dMar -- 3 (all at night)
- (b) 2dBn 3dMar -- 8 (4 at night)
- (c) Other Sources Within 3dMar TAOR -- 5 (all at night)

(6) Mortar Fire -- 1 incident during the day

- (a) 2dBn 3dMar -- 1 (during day)

(7) Communication Interference -- 1 incident

- (a) 2dBn 3dMar -- 1 (during day)

(8) Anti-American Slogans -- 1 (during day)

- (a) Other Sources Within 3dMar TAOR -- 1 (during day)

(9) Attacks -- 1 incident (in 1/3 TAOR, but not against USMC units) VC initiated. An estimated 20-24 VC armed w/ChiCom grenades and SMCs attacked the III MAF trash dump, at 0125 on 23 May, killing 2 RFs and 1 Civ, and wounding 1 RF. VC captured 2 US carbines. Area was searched at first light by elements of 1/3, but resulted in negative enemy contact.

#### d. Enemy Losses

(1) Personnel

- (a) KIA -- 8
- (b) WIA -- 0
- (c) VCC -- 12
- (d) Returnee -- 1

(2) Material

(a) Weapons

- 12 - ChiCom Grenades
- 13 - M-26 Grenades
- 1 - US MK-2 Grenade
- 4 - Mines
- 1 - MAS-36
- 1 - US Cal .45 Pistol
- 1 - Unknown Booby Trap
- 1 - Directional Type Mine
- 7 - ChiCom Anti-Tank Rifle Grenades

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(b) Weapons Accessories

- 1 - M-14 Magazine
- 1 - Cal .45 Pistol Magazine
- 6 - US Carbine Magazines
- 1 - US Pistol Holster
- 1 - US Cartridge Belt
- 1 - US Pistol Magazine Pouch
- 1 - K-50 Magazine

(c) Ammunition

- 7 - .45 Cal Pistol Rounds
- 20 - 7.62mm M-14 Rounds
- 31 - .30 Cal Carbine Rounds
- 7 - ChiCom Metal Ammo Containers
- 3000 - ChiCom 7.62mm Rounds (Long)
- 2000 - ChiCom 7.62mm Rounds (Short)
- 1 - 20mm Shell

(d) Demolitions

- 1 - 1/2 Lb Block C-4
- 3 - Shape Charges

(e) Food

- 7600 Lbs Rice
- 1000 Lbs Peanuts
- 4 Bags Of Rice

(f) Medical Supplies

- 3 Bottles of Assorted Pills
- 1 First Aid Kit

(g) Clothing

- 1 Pair Of Sandals
- 1 Pair Black Trousers w/Hood And Holes
- 1 Khaki Uniform
- 1 Campaign Hat
- Assorted Clothing

(h) Documents

- 10 Charts On .50 Cal MG (VN Language)
- Assorted Documents

(i) Miscellaneous

- 1 Bear Trap
- 2 Man Traps
- 3 Packs
- 1 Hammock

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1 Cutting Blade  
 2 Canteens  
 1 VC Flag  
 1 Hand Illumination Grenade  
 3 Acres Of Tobacco

## (3) Destroyed Fortifications

1 Booby Trapped Gate  
 35 Caves  
 1 Tunnel  
 11 Spider Traps  
 8 Punji Traps  
 4 Bunkers  
 4 Huts

There Were Numerous Amount Of Caves, Trenches and Bunkers

Destroyed.

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

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
1 VC Co	AT825805	1May66
1 VC Co	AT8770	2May66
1 Bn	AT800547, AT800545, AT802555, AT795548	6May66
1 Co	AT869706	4May66
1 Co	AT952623	9May66
2 Plts	AT9567	10May66
1 Co	AT890908, AT890888	12May66
1 Co	AT9567, AT9564	12May66
1 Plt	AT9567	12May66
1 Co	AT915590	13May66
C-7 Co	AT845563	13May66
V-25 Co	AT865550	13May66
1 Plt	AT966697	13May66
M-59 Unit	ZC208807	13May66
2 Plt Hard Core	AT961689	17May66
1 Guer Plt	AT961689	17May66
U/I Bn	AT846857, ZC1684	17May66
2 Plt	AT910716	17May66
1 Bn	AT935550, AT938547, AT935554, AT943660	18May66
1 NVA Bn	AT925547, AT938544, AT943594	18May66
1 Bn (V-25?)	AT818600, AT820604	18May66
R-22 Co	AT897588	18May66
1 VC Co	AT850565	18May66
Q-16/B Co	AT940640	18May66
Unk No VC	AT918827, AT911807	19May66
1 Bn	AT950570, AT957570, AT952563, AT946568	19May66
1 Bn	AT953570, AT952567, AT958533, AT954554	20May66
2 Plts	AT954678	21May66
1 Bn Rebel Deserters	AT909783	21May66

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3 Co	AT843563, AT851566, AT894588	22May66
2 Co	AT910555, AT920545, AT945560, AT937554	22May66
2 Co	AT860550, AT868557, AT870552	23May66
1 Co	AT900608	23May66
1 Co	AT966675, AT956672, AT952642, AT950630	24May66
2 Co	AT908547, AT910547, AT927545	24May66
2 Co	AT912606, AT900592	24May66
1 Co	AT915590	25May66
1 Co	AT972690	25May66
1 Cd	AT835575, AT837567, AT857557	25May66
2 Co	AT927545, AT915547, AT930543	26May66
1 Co	AT906601	26May66
2 Bn	AT8555, AT8755	26May66
1 Bn	AT850547, AT855586, AT864553	26May66
4 Bn	AT850548, AT854548, AT850546, AT846547, AT856549, AT852546	26May66
1 Co	AT9259	27May66
1 Co	AT842578, AT837566, AT835573	27May66
2 Co	AT828856, AT830558, AT850555	27May66
1 Bn	AT850532, AT850530, AT865554	27May66
2 Co	AT832600	27May66
1 Co	AT948639	27May66
41st MF Bn	AT8884, AT8985, AT8588, AT8589	27May66
1 Co	AT940546, AT932548	28May66
1 Co	AT908547, AT910547	28May66
1 Co	AT904601, AT910598, AT920595, AT906596	30May66
2 Co	AT910548, AT918547	30May66
2 Co	AT922558, AT940577	30May66
8 Guer Plt	AT858549, AT885531, AT904531, AT914555, AT943573, AT952586, AT925598, AT907598	30May66
1 VC Co (R22?)	AT924554, AT922505	30May66
1 Plt	AT860545	30May66
1 Co	AT910597, AT914596, AT920596	31May66

f. Trends

(1) Summary Of VC Initiated Incidents On A Monthly Basis

	<u>Oct</u> 47	<u>Nov</u> 37	<u>Dec</u> 31	<u>Jan</u> 45	<u>Feb</u> 52	<u>Mar</u> 38	<u>Apr</u> 30	<u>May</u> 33
Small Arms Fire								
Booby Traps	16	11	13	23	58	34	42	37
Grenades	2	5	5	9	15	11	6	11
Enemy Movement w/o Fire	10	5	4	15	17	22	13	16
Assassinations	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Kidnappings	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	0

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	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>
Sabotage	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Comm Interference	0	4	0	2	1	2	0	1
Intimidations	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Misc	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	0
Total Incidents	79	63	54	103	145	119	93	98

(2) The number and type of incidents reported during the month of May coincides closely with that of April. No new trends were noticed.

(3) Significant Events During Period -- On 12 May Hieu Duc District Headquarters reported that 6 ChiCom advisors were in Hieu Duc District at AT9170 and AT9070 during April, to study the situation in Hieu Duc.

g. The enemy situation at the end of the month is marked by the same relative level of harrassments, booby traps and mines. The enemy avoids substantial contact, attacking pre-selected targets at the time and place of his choice.

SECRET4. Training.

a. Objective. To maintain and improve 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. Training highlights included the training of 40 men in the B course and 105 men in the A course at Land Mine Warfare School, conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion at their CP on 5 May 1966. NBC NCO's from all companies received an hours instruction on the employment of Riot Control Agents during search and destroy operations. This instruction was given by the Battalion NBC NCO and covered information disseminated at a period of instruction administered by Maj. WATSON at Headquarters, 3d Marine Division on 22 April 1966. A contact team administered one day's instruction in communication equipment water proofing to 5 personnel at Headquarters, 3d Marines. Two members of the Battalion were assigned to duty under instruction for a period of 3 weeks to Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course, and one to the Basic Ammunition Technician's Course for a period of about 2 weeks. Both courses commenced on 28 May 1966. Familiarization firing of individual and crew-served weapons was conducted by all companies. In addition, classes were conducted by each company on general military subjects, individual and crew-served weapons, and subjects related to operations in Vietnam, with particular emphasis accorded to patrolling, rules of engagement and lessons learned.

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(a) The objectives for training personnel with the Combined Action Company is to raise morale, provide professional guidance and to train Vietnamese Popular Force personnel to a degree of perfection so that reliance on these troops for the defense of their respective villages can be expected.

(b) Two (2) CAC platoons have been established in the villages of TUY LOAN (1) and HOA PHU. The morale of the Popular Forces in these villages is high and they are training with a high degree of enthusiasm.

(c) Company level classes were conducted on the following classes:

- 1 FAM firing of individual weapons conducted weekly.
- 2 FAM firing of crew served weapons including 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars conducted weekly.
- 3 FDC operating procedures for 81mm mortar personnel.

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- 4 Rules of Engagement conducted weekly.
- 5 Tactical Trends and VC Tactics.
- 6 Handling of POW's
- 7 Land Navigation
- 8 Field Fortifications.
- 9 Field Sanitation.
- 10 Moral Guidance conducted weekly.
- 11 One company trained in the use of RCA and Gas Masks.
- 12 Combat Patrolling.
- 13 Map Reading.
- 14 VC Mines and Booby Traps.
- 15 Field Radio Procedure.
- 16 Care and maintenance of individual equipment.
- 17 Ambush Techniques
- 18 Self and Buddy Aid.
- 19 Gathering of Intelligence.
- 20 Laying of Protective Wire.
- 21 Information Program.
  - a Association with the Vietnamese People.
  - b Treatment of Captured Personnel.
  - c Mission, Objectives and Responsibilities of U.S.

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SECRET5. Special Operationsa. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. Operation County Fair (See enclosure (2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Supporting Documents).

(3) Psychological Operations. Audio-Visual teams showed movies and handed out leaflets and pamphlets in conjunction with a County Fair Operation in the village of NIEU THACH SAN on 4-5 May 1966. In addition, 10,000 leaflets were air dropped on villages in the proximity of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

(4) River Operations. Regular crossings of the CA DE River, both by fording and by the use of rubber boats, were made by Company D during the reporting period, in conjunction with routine patrol and ambush activities and search and destroy operations. On 19 May 1966, Company C supported by 3 amphibious tractors, conducted a search and destroy operation in AP THUY TU, Grid Squares (AT 9182) and (AT 9183).

b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. Four (4) company size operations were conducted. (See Operation Orders - Part III, Supporting Documents).

## (3) Psychological Operations.

(a) During a County Fair Operation held on 9 May 1966, 635 inhabitants of TUY LOAN (2) were evacuated from the village. All 387 adults were screened and all identification cards were checked. One (1) very sick child was med-evaced with a serious case of meningitis. A continuous feeding of rice, chicken soup and tea was made to all the people. The 3d Marine Division Band conducted a concert which was enthusiastically received. The District, Village, Hamlet Chief and an ARVN lieutenant spoke to the assembled people from 1430H to 1730H. The speeches were well received and the people applauded numerous times. The Vietnamese National Anthem was played and all stood at attention and saluted. The U.S. Army Psychological Warfare Team played Vietnamese music, distributed candy and leaflets to the people. Volley Ball and soccer games were played by the villagers.

(b) On 14 May 1966, a search and destroy/psychological operation was conducted in the hamlets of KHONG MY (2) and KHONG MY (4). The hamlets were surrounded by Marines and the District Forces assembled the villagers in an area where the District Chief, Village Chief, Political Action Team and the Battalion Commander spoke to all inhabitants.

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225 persons were treated for various ailments by the Battalion medical team. One (1) child, critically ill with sleeping sickness, was evacuated to the Vietnamese hospital in DA NANG. During the presentation, the District Forces conducted a search and destroy operation in the hamlets. Eleven (11) Viet Cong (Confirmed) were captured, five (5) caves were destroyed and two (2) ChiCom grenades captured.

(c) On 25 and 26 May 1966, the District Chiefs of HIEU DUC and DAI LOC Districts explained to the people the purpose of the U.S. Marine Corps and Vietnamese Forces and encouraged their cooperation. Helicopters with loud speakers were used and it is estimated that the broadcast was heard by approximately 60,000 people

(d) Psychological pamphlets were distributed throughout the TACH (See Part III, Supporting Documents).

(4) River Operations. None

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SECRET6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other Special Types of Warfare.a. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Use of any equipment peculiar to CBR: None

(2) The Battalion NBCD NCO gave one hour's instruction to all companies on the use of Riot Control Agents, based on a seminar conducted at Headquarters, 3d Marine Division on 22 April 1966.

(3) All major items of NBCD equipment are on hand. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Each company has assigned one (1) NBC Officer and three (3) enlisted personnel as company NBC NCO's. Each company has assigned by name, personnel to either a monitoring or decontamination team who are trained on the company level.

(2) Status of NBC equipment on hand is in good condition and maintained by Battalion Supply.

(3) One (1) company was trained in the use of the M-17 Protective Mask and the use of Riot Control Agents in preparation for deployment in the city of DA NANG during civil disturbances. The company was not deployed but remained in an alert status.

(4) The Battalion has employed scout dog teams on daylight squad patrols, platoon and company size operations.

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SECRET7. Command and Control.

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

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (-)(Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	80	2062	8	118	2268
Hq Co (DA NANG)	16	268	2	5	291
<u>1st Bn, 3d Marines (Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	30	868	3	55	956
<u>2d Bn, 3d Marines (Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	34	926	3	58	1021
Co. D, 1st Bn, 1st Marines (Until 30 May)	3	101	0	8	112

b. Command Post Locations

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

c. The primary means of control within the 3d Marines continues to be through wire, backed up by radio and radio relay.

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SECRET8. Communications - Electronics.a. Wire.

(1) There were no major changes in the Regimental wire system.

(2) The receipt of fifteen (15) Telephone Sets, TA-312/PT has provided greater depth to the preventive maintenance program of installed equipment.

(3) A cable pair has been provided to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines for a direct link to a recently established FO team on Hill 364.

(4) Continued re-working of existing wire construction is gradually decreasing outage time on all circuits.

b. Radio.

(1) All radio systems remain essentially unchanged.

(2) A Regimental OP has been established on Hill 364, with existing radio and radio relay personnel manning same.

(3) Two radio operators have been assigned to a ~~Third~~ Marines liaison team at Dai Loc.

c. Radio Relay.

(1) No change in basic systems.

d. Message Center.

(1) No major changes.

(2) One-thousand seven-hundred and forty-four messages were processed during May.

(3) The Message Center Chief completed a five day cryptographic course in Yokosuka, Japan, during May.

e. Maintenance/Supply.

(1) The 2d and 3d echelon repair of portable radio equipment remains critical due to the slow arrival of repair parts.

f. Miscellaneous.

(1) Liaison visits were made to each battalion at least weekly. A program of section chief (wire, radio, etc.) visits to battalion contemporaries has also been initiated.

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(2) Liaison has been established, and continues, with 3d Battalion, 3d Marines relative to forthcoming displacements of units.

(3) Communication security instruction was presented to officers and men of each battalion and the regimental headquarters. Instruction was presented by 1st Radio Battalion.

(4) A communications equipment waterproofing and weatherproofing course, conducted by LFTU Pac, was attended by communicators of battalion and regimental headquarters.

(5) In coordination with Communication Company, Headquarters Battalion, plans are being formulated to conduct a joint training course on the Communication Central, AN/TSC-15.

(6) An FLSG-A contact team conducted on-site equipment checks and technical instruction throughout the Regiment on Radar Set, AN/TPS-21.

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SECRET9. Close Combat

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

(1)	Platoon size	7
(2)	Company size	9
(3)	Combined operations	1

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

c. Significant Events.(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

1 May At 1850H, a Vietnamese farmer working in a rice paddy in the vicinity of (AT 900811) detonated a mine of unknown type and sustained multiple body wounds. He was evacuated to DA NANG by helicopter.

2 May A platoon from Co. D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines provided security to elements of the 3d Engineer Battalion conducting a route reconnaissance of Highway 1 between DA NANG and PHU BAI from 0730H to 1800H, and again from 030635H to 051520H.

3 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

4 May Operation COUNTRY FAIR was conducted from 0700H to 1300H. At 2020H, elements of Co. C at NAM-O Bridge (AT 928843) sighted a boat crossing from the south to the north bank of the CA DE River, in the vicinity of (AT 921843). The boat was illuminated by tank searchlight and returned to the south bank. A patrol intercepted the Vietnamese and warned them about curfew violations.

5 May A squad patrol from Co. C discovered a bloodstained pair of black trousers, with what appeared to be many shrapnel holes in them in the vicinity of (AT 925875). A 20 round 81mm HE fire mission was fired at three VC at these coordinates on 251950H April. At 1415H, a squad patrol from Co. C sighted a hammock in a banana grove located in the vicinity of (AT 907855). A Vietnamese male was observed in some bushes nearby. He was ordered to come out, and started toward the patrol with his hands up. At this time, the patrol was taken under fire by one automatic rifle and one carbine. As the squad returned the fire, the VC originally sighted escaped in the heavy brush. The VC who fired on the patrol immediately broke contact. The patrol pursued them but were unable to regain contact. One pack, one hammock and one machete were captured.

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At 2110H, a squad patrol from Co. C received 3 rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of (AT 910855). The area was illuminated and searched. Several more rounds of small arms fire was received by the patrol, which returned the fire. The VC broke contact. At 2120H, a squad patrol from Co. C observed a VC in the vicinity of (AT 864759). The VC ran from the patrol, which pursued by fire when the VC ignored commands to halt. The VC ran into a hamlet in the vicinity of (AT 868759) which was searched by the patrol with negative results.

6 May At 1845H, a re-supply team from Co. B, while enroute to its platoon position from the Company CP, received one round of small arms fire from long range. A sniper team from the Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines returned 3 rounds of small arms fire and the VC broke contact, fleeing to the east from his original position at (AT 896786).

7 May At 0930H, two Vietnamese children found a M-79 round in the vicinity of (AT 915855), and struck it with a rock causing it to explode. One child was killed and one was injured. The injured child was taken to the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines aid station and then to DA NANG for treatment.

8 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

9 May Co. D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines furnished convoy security for a ROUGH RIDER convoy to PHU BAI and return from 0700H to 1720H. At 2043H, a fire team LP from Co. B received one round of small arms fire from the vicinity of (AT 897803). The area was illuminated and two VC were observed running into a hamlet at (AT 898806). The hamlet was searched with negative results.

10 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

11 May Co. D conducted Operation CORMORANT 3-1 from 112000H to 192015H.

12 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

13 May Three VC were encountered by a squad patrol from Co C at (AT 877833) at 1840H. The VC were taken under small arms fire by the patrol. The VC broke contact immediately, fleeing into the heavy brush. The patrol pursued but was unable to regain contact. There were no friendly casualties. VC casualties were unknown.

14 May At 1545H, the police chief of HOA VINH (AT 9079) reported the location of a ChiCom grenade rigged as a booby trap at (AT 900-800). The grenade was destroyed in place by EOD. At 1840H, a wire team from Co. A received one round of sniper fire. Fire was returned at the suspected source of the enemy fire. Three armed VC were seen leaving the area. There were no friendly casualties. VC casualties were unknown.

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15 May At 0612H, Headquarters, 3d Marines placed Co. D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on a 2 hour alert status for possible riot control assignment due to political unrest. At 0655H, this battalion was notified by 3d Marines that Condition YELLOW was in effect until further notice. Vehicular traffic to be restricted to absolutely official business only. At 2212H, a hand grenade was thrown at a Co. D position at (AT 899822). The area was illuminated and searched with negative results. There were no USMC casualties.

16 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

17 May A squad patrol from Co. C, at 2120H, received two rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of (AT 921894). Fire was returned, and the squad pursued an estimated 3 VC but could not regain contact. There was one USMC WIA. VC casualties were unknown.

18 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

19 May At 0713H, the battalion was placed on 100% alert by the 3d Marines. The battalion stood down from this status at 0815H. Co. D, 1/1 remained on 6 hour alert status. At 0940H, a squad patrol from Co. D, 1/1 received sniper fire in the vicinity of (AT 914799). The area was searched with negative results. There were no USMC casualties. At 0930H, a fire team from Co. B, while manning a road checkpoint, was engaged by an unknown number of VC about 15 minutes after their arrival at the checkpoint (AT 894823). The VC opened fire from ambush positions about 10-15 meters away from the Marine position. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the initial burst of fire. The fourth Marine engaged the VC, but was knocked down by a hand grenade. The VC captured 3 M-14 rifles and fled. An Ontos and a squad of Marines were dispatched to the scene by Co. B. The squad discovered and killed one VC who was found hiding near the vicinity of the ambush. This VC was armed with 4 ChiCom grenades. Artillery and mortar fire was directed into the area where the VC were last seen, and the area was thoroughly searched without further contact. At 1112H, sniper fire was received at the CP position of Co. B at (AT 896801). The area was searched with negative results. There were no USMC casualties. Popular Forces personnel killed 3 VC in the vicinity of (AT 922818) at 0745H. In follow-up action, one platoon of Co. D, 1/1 searched the area and hamlets in the vicinity of (AT 9179) (AT 9180), (AT 9181) and (AT 9281). One VCS was apprehended. In related action, one platoon from Co. C searched the area of Grid Square (AT 9182) including the hamlet of AP THUY TU with negative results.

20 May At 2016H, Popular Force personnel guarding a bridge in the vicinity of (AT 999815) fired at 3 VC, who fled from the area. No contact was made by USMC patrols in the vicinity who were alerted.

21 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

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22 May At 1041H, a member of a squad patrol from Co. C stepped in a bear trap in the vicinity of (AT 919877). The trap was old and malfunctioned poorly and the Marines leg was only bruised. The trap was removed without difficulty.

23 May At about 0130H, a detachment of 8 Regional Forces soldiers were attacked by an estimated 20 VC in the vicinity of (AT 948817). Two RF's were killed, one civilian was killed and one RF was wounded. Co D, 1/1 and Co D, 1/3, searched suspected areas with negative results.

24 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

25 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

26 May Co B (--) conducted a search and destroy operation in grid squares (AT 9181) and (AT 9180) from 0915H to 1500H. There was no enemy contact. At 2220H, a squad from Co A detected movement near their position at (AT 864758). The patrol delivered small arms fire on the suspected enemy position. Two VC were seen fleeing along the road to the west. A 81mm fire mission was fired into the area the VC were seen fleeing into. A thorough search of the area was made at daybreak with negative results.

27 May At 1200H, a wire team from Co B received one round of sniper fire while repairing a break in the land line in the vicinity of (AT 894796). The wire team deployed and searched the area with negative results. There were no USMC casualties.

28 May At 1950H personnel on the outpost located on Dong Den (AT 837827) reported sighting two VC who had tripped a flare on the northern side of the defensive perimeter. At 2015H three rounds of small arms fire were received in the southern sector of the perimeter. Small arms fire was returned and enemy fire ceased. At 2047H, the OP received 6 rounds of automatic small arms fire, and two grenades were thrown into the perimeter in the vicinity of the Helicopter landing pad, followed by 16 rounds of small arms fire. Personnel manning defensive positions returned small arms fire, and the area was illuminated by naval gunfire and by artillery. HE fire missions were directed on approaches to the OP, and VC activity was suppressed. There were no friendly casualties.

29 May A squad patrol from Co D encountered 5 VC at 1220H in the vicinity of (AT 909826) and engaged them with small arms and M-79 fire. The VC returned small arms fire, threw one hand grenade and broke contact. The Marines pursued physically, but were unable to regain contact. Two USMC were WIA. VC casualties unknown. A search of the area produced one hat with 2 bullet holes in it, one ChiCom grenade and one loaded magazine for a K-50 submachinegun. At 2032H, Co C observed tracer rounds being fired into the air in the vicinity of (AT 898784). The Company Commander directed the fire of a 106mm recoilless rifle at the area with unknown results.

30 May There was no enemy contact during this period.

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31 May At 1128H, a wire team from Co B received one round of sniper fire from a hamlet at (AT 898794). The wire team deployed and searched the hamlet with negative results. As they were leaving the hamlet they were again fired on. The hamlet was again searched, but the team was unable to locate the snipers position. There were no USMC casualties.

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SECRET(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

1 May At 010730H, 3d squad, 1st platoon of "F" Company found a steel gate booby trapped vicinity(AT 899707). Booby trap had C-4 explosives attached to the steel post which anchored the gate. The booby trap was blown in place. The patrol also found punji traps in the vicinity of(AT 899706). The punji traps were destroyed.

2 May No contact with the enemy forces during this period.

3 May At 030720H, a "G" Company patrol near vicinity of (AT 873710) found a chi-com grenade booby trapped. Booby trap had a step on pressure type detonator. Prongs sticking above ground enabled patrol to spot the mine. The mine was blown in place. At 031010H, a "H" Company patrol encountered a home made claymore type mine set off electrically near the patrol vicinity(AT 897674). There were no injuries to USMC personnel. The patrol searched area and found batteries and wire used to detonate the mine.

4 May No contact with enemy during this period.

5 May At 050730H, the 3d squad, 3d platoon of "E" Company apprehended a Vietnamese male in the vicinity of Phuoc Ninh (2) (AT 928672). The patrol did not recall the male having been there on previous patrols through the village. VCS was turned over to Hieu Duc District Headquarters for questioning. At 050815H, four (4) Vietnamese children tracing a wire along a rice paddy detonated a VC set M-26 grenade. The grenade had trip type device. All four (4) children were wounded and med-evaced by USMC helicopter. "H" Company Commander talked to the villagers about the VC booby trapped M-26 grenade through the use of an interpreter. The local villagers understood booby trap was placed by VC.

6 May At 061010H, a member of G-6 patrol encountered a deserted hut at (AT 874706) (Binh Thai (1)) and activated a booby trap resulting in one (1) USMC WIA. Wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter. Search of immediate area produced negative results. At 062059H, the point man of H-5 patrol tripped wire to a M-26 grenade booby trap. No friendly casualties from blast. Patrol searched area and found a Viet Cong directional mine. Mine was rigged for electrical detonation. Patrol ambushed sight until daylight. Mine was disarmed, returned to area and turned over to EOD personnel. At 062330H, a "H" Company listening post spotted two (2) VC carrying rifles and heard noises. Listening post fired approximately twenty-five (25) rounds of small arms fire. Area was searched with negative results. All adjacent units notified of possible booby trap setters.

7 May At 070115H, the Combined Action Company located at (AT 944697) received one (1) round small arms fire resulting in one (1) USMC WIA.

8 May At 080700H, 1st plt, "G" Company patrol discovered a M-26 grenade booby trap vicinity of (AT 894704). Grenade was placed in a tin can with trip wire stretched across trail. Patrol blew booby trap in place. At

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082312H, 2d plt, "E" Company received two (2) incoming 105mm rounds vicinity of (AT 919671) and (AT 920663). Checked with friendly artillery units. Negative results. Conducted target analysis at first light.

9 May At 091005H, Whiskey battery vicinity (AT 932666) received six (6) rounds small arms fire. Small arms fire believed to have come from Duyen Son (5) vicinity (AT 929664). "E" Company diverted E-2 patrol to search area with negative results.

10 May At 100130H, G-4 patrol tripped a booby trap of unknown type vicinity (AT 892707). Explosion occurred between point and second man. No injury to USMC personnel. While patrol searched area scout dog signaled an alert. Patrol set in ambush to wait for possible VC movement in area. Ambush produced negative results. At 101510H, G-3 patrol tripped a booby trap vicinity (AT 875709) wounding one (1) USMC. Med evac effected. Patrol searched area but could not find evidence to establish type of booby trap. At 101615H, G-3 patrol tripped a booby trap vicinity of (AT 871709). Booby trap was a M-26 grenade with vine stretched across trail. Booby trap was faulty as it burned instead of exploding. One Marine was burned not requiring med evac.

11 May At 110300H, H-1 patrol discovered a booby trapped Mark II grenade vicinity (AT 918678). Grenade was disarmed and area searched. Grenade was brought to "H" Company CP to be destroyed. At 111000H, H-1 patrol discovered a Chi-Com pineapple type grenade vicinity (AT 918678). Booby trap trip wire was placed across a hole covered with cardboard over grenade placed to the side in a position so if booby trap was set off it would explode knee high. Grenade was disarmed and returned to CP to be destroyed. Remainder of booby trap sent to battalion CP. At 111115H, G-1 patrol apprehended one (1) female VCS for identification violation vicinity (AT 913726). VCS was former resident of Hoi Vuc. Medical supplies and a battery were also found in a hut nearby. VCS and supplies sent to battalion S-2. At 111840H, 2d sqd, 2d platoon, "H" Company on patrol tripped a Chi-Com type grenade booby trap vicinity (AT 917693) wounding the patrol leader. Med evac was effected. Booby trap was set under piece of cardboard and tied with string so grenade would go off either by stepping on or lifting. Detonation was instant. Patrol searched area and found a flat stone laying on pile of sand with word CAM and arrow scratched in a rock. Arrow pointed toward booby trap. At 112215H, G-1 patrol heard noises in brush vicinity (AT 902713). Explosion followed immediately wounding one (1) USMC. Patrol could not determine if explosion was caused by a booby trap or incoming hand grenade. Patrol returned and searched area.

12 May No contact with enemy forces during this period.

13 May At 131630H, G-1 patrol discovered a booby trap vicinity (AT 899708). Patrol unable to determine type because of dense brush. Booby trap blown in place. Another M-26 grenade booby trap discovered at (AT 895704). The booby trap was disarmed and brought to "G" Company CP where it was destroyed by engineers.

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14 May At 140150H, E-1 patrol tripped a M-26 grenade booby trap vicinity (AT 934677) which was tied with comm wire. When the booby trap was tripped it fell at the feet of point man who picked up grenade and threw it clear of the troops. One (1) USMC had slight frag wounds not requiring med evac. At 142015H, H-7 patrol vicinity (AT 926683) tripped a booby trap or received an incoming grenade wounding two (2) USMC personnel. Med evac effected. Patrol searched area for VC with negative results. At 142030H, Hill 22 occupied by 1st plt, "E" Company, received eight rounds small arms fire (carbine). Small arms fire came from vicinity (AT 927680). Fire was not returned due to friendly unit in area. Alerted friendly unit of enemy fire. At 142230H, two (2) VC moving from Tuy Loan (1) came upon CAC ambush vicinity (AT 953698). Ambush opened fire and VC ran into a southerly direction and broke contact. CAC pursued finding heavy blood stains on the trail. VC dropped propaganda material, M-26 grenade, two (2) identification cards and assortment of clothes. CAC apprehended six (6) members of VC family and turned them over to District Headquarters for questioning.

15 May At 150620H, H-1 patrol found an M-26 booby trap grenade vicinity (AT 926683). Booby trap blown in place. Two (2) Vietnamese men were found near area of booby trap. Both were apprehended as VC and turned over to District Headquarters. At 151535H, H-1 patrol discovered an M-26 grenade encased in mud vicinity (AT 915678) in middle of trail. Grenade destroyed in place by M-79 round. At 151915H, a "H" Company observation post spotted man observing company position. Also spotted a boy in approximately same position who looked suspicious. Patrol dispatched to apprehend both persons as possible VCS. VCS sent to District Headquarters. At 152000H, CAC roadblock received about twenty (20) rounds automatic fire from vicinity (AT 948697). Returned fire and VC firing stopped. CAC pursued and searched area where firing came from with negative results.

16 May This battalion made no contact with enemy forces during this period.

17 May At 171330H, E-3 patrol found 1500 pounds rice and 1000 pounds of peanuts vicinity (AT 926663). Patrol checked with village police chief who said rice and peanuts were contraband. Contraband turned over to District Headquarters. At 171450H, H-5 patrol heard an explosion vicinity (AT 897677) and proceeded to area. Patrol found a spoon indicating it was an M-26 grenade booby trap that exploded. At 171805H, the 325th RF Company at Hieu Duc District Headquarters departed with two (2) caliber MGs, five (5) BARs and one (1) 60mm mortar plus normal arms. They are believed to be heading for the Da Nang area. RF platoon and Political Action Team believed to be enroute to Hoa Luc vicinity GS (AT 91174). At 172155H, H-4 patrol discovered a punji booby trap vicinity (AT 915679). Booby trap blown in place.

18 May At 180900H, H-3 patrol's curiosity was aroused by woodcutters vicinity (AT 922671). A M-26 grenade booby trap was found by patrol while checking identification of woodcutters. Patrol cleared area and blew booby trap in place. At 181000H, E-2 patrol vicinity (AT 940678) discovered

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fourteen (14) barrels and two (2) 50 gallon containers of rice (approximately 4000 pounds). Rice turned over to District Headquarters. At 182050H, "B" Btry received fifteen (15) rounds of small arms from vicinity (AT 925665). Fire was not returned because direction of incoming fire could not be determined.

19 May At 191015H, "E" Company patrol discovered an M-26 grenade booby trap vicinity (AT 939677). Patrol destroyed booby trap in place. At 191030H, mine sweep team discovered an M-26 grenade booby trap in a "C" Ration can vicinity (AT 945673). Mine sweep team disarmed booby trap for further analysis. At 191640H, "H" Company patrol checking identification cards at (AT 916694) picked up a Vietnamese male with improper identification papers. VCS taken to District Headquarters for proper identification. At 191930H, an unknown type of explosion took place vicinity (AT 910719) near "G" Company CP. Checked all supporting arms, they had not been firing at that time. Patrol sent to investigate explosion with negative findings to indicate explosion. At 192155H, listening post heard movement vicinity (AT 918690). Listening post received incoming Chi Com grenade. After checking the area, it appeared grenade was a booby trap.

20 May At 200600H, patrol discovered man trap vicinity (AT 905683). Patrol waited for first light to investigate and discovered man trap had false bottom. Trap blown with an M-26 grenade. Patrol proceeded along route and found another man trap with shape charge in it. Man trap and shape charge blown in place by M-26 grenade. At 200750H, a accidental rifle discharge in battalion CP at (AT 953723) ~~330000H~~ the death of one (1) USMC. Immediate investigation underway. At 200930H, engineer sweep team discovered nine hundred (900) pounds of rice vicinity (AT 941689). National Police said rice was contraband and rice was turned over to District Headquarters. At 201600H, "H" Company patrol tripped a booby trap vicinity (AT 913705). Charge was placed in fence line aimed down trail. Area was searched with negative results. At 201615H, "E" Company mile ran over a electrically detonated mine vicinity (AT 943668) wounding two (2) USMC, one (1) ARVN and one (1) Vietnamese male. Med evac was effected. Squad sent to search area with negative results. At 201650H, "G" Company patrol came upon one (1) VC vicinity of (AT 886705). VC saw or heard patrol coming. VC dropped rifle and ran into thick underbrush. Patrol searched area with negative results. At 201830H, "F" Company put on thirty (30) minute alert for possible deployment in Da Nang in case of civil disturbances.

21 May At 210830H, "E" Company patrol found two thousand (2000) pounds of rice vicinity (AT 937674). Village chief stated rice was contraband. Rice taken to District Headquarters. At 211015H, "H" Company patrol tripped a Chi Com grenade booby trap vicinity (AT 896678). One (1) USMC wounded. Med evac effected. Patrol searched area and found a man trap with punji stakes in pit vicinity (AT 915682). Booby trap blown in place with grenade. At 211245H, "E" Company roadblock vicinity (AT 943663) noticed one (1) Vietnamese male dragging another Vietnamese male that was apparently wounded after engagement with "C" Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines patrol. VCS had no identification cards. VCS taken to District Headquarters. At

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1400H, a Co. H patrol spotted one Vietnamese male who started to run when he saw the patrol. The patrol fired a warning shot over his head, and when the Vietnamese still did not stop, the patrol fired, wounding the man. The VC was taken to C Med where he was interrogated by ITT. At 1230H, a Co. E patrol picked up one VCS while checking ID cards in the vicinity of (AT 927665). The VCS was taken to District Headquarters.

22 May At 1030H, a local PF platoon at TUY LOAN (1) established a squad size roadblock north of pontoon bridge at (AT 946702) to prevent ARVN troops from moving south towards District Headquarters. At 1030H, a chief of HIEU DUC District claimed that he had been appointed by LtCol LOP to take command of the District. The District Chief claims that he is still in command. The District Chief sent a message to LtCol LOP to clear the situation. At 1050H, a Co. H wire team detonated a booby trap at (AT 922698). One USMC was wounded (Non-evac). At 0230H, District PF forces moved to vicinity La Chau (2) discovered VC had burned about three hundred (300) meters of hamlet fence. PF forces received small arms fire from La Chau (2) as they departed area. No casualties sustained. District Chief requested air strike on La Chau (2). At 1945H, Dai Loc District receive heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from vicinity (AT 921592), (AT 925594) and (AT 923595) (about 300 rounds). Returned fire with small arms fire and six (6) artillery rounds from 105 battery at Dai Loc District Headquarters.

23 May At 1000H, Hieu Duc District Headquarters District Chief informed commanding Officer of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines that LtCol LOP informed him he was in charge of Hieu Duc District. At 1300H, "E" Company patrol in the process of searching Phuoc Ninh (1) vicinity (AT 936675) found one (1) khaki uniform and a canteen hidden near a hut. Patrol apprehended one (1) Vietnamese male as a VCS and sent him to District Headquarters.

24 May At 1030H, "H" Company patrol discovered a sign with the word CANDIA vicinity (AT 908673). Sign was fifteen (15) meters from trail. When sign was pulled up a booby trap exploded wounding one (1) USMC. Med evac effected. Patrol searched area and determined booby trap was a Chi Com grenade. Sign brought to S-2. At 1115H, "H" Company patrol discovered a M-26 grenade in a deserted hut vicinity (AT 904676). M-26 grenade blown in place. At 2115H, CAC ambush spotted two (2) VC vicinity (AT 949692). Ambush took VC under fire with small arms. VC broke contact and fled to the east. CAC did not pursue due to close proximity of friendly unit. Friendly unit alerted for VC activity.

25 May At 1000H, psychological warfare helicopters received an unknown number of small arms fire vicinity (AT 922608), (AT 924603), (AT 852550), (AT 846588) and (AT 838545). Artillery fire called on coordinates (AT 922608) and (AT 924603). Report of receiving fire from other coordinates reported to District Headquarters. At 0845H, "E" Company patrol searching the village of Phuoc Ninh (1) vicinity (AT 939676)

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found one (1) Chi Com grenade, one (1) hand illumination grenade, four (4) carbine magazines, one (1) Vietnamese pistol holster, one (1) pistol magazine pouch and thirty-one (31) rounds of carbine ammunition. Captured munitions and equipment taken to "E" Company CP. At 1115H, "E" Company patrol discovered a M-26 grenade booby trapped vicinity (AT 907676). Patrol searched area and discovered another M-26 grenade booby trap. Patrol destroyed both booby traps in place.

26 May At 0915H, a "E" Company platoon on a search and destroy mission in Phuoc Ninh (1) vicinity (AT 940673) received approximately four (4) to five (5) rounds small arms fire from a hut. Platoon returned small arms fire killing one (1) VC. Eight (8) caves were destroyed in area. Apprehended one (1) Vietnamese male as a VCS and sent VCS to District Headquarters with two thousand (2000) pounds of rice. At 1300H, Dai Loc District Chief states one (1) VC battalion and laborers carrying mortars and ammo at (AT 850547), (AT 855586), (AT 860547), (AT 864553), (AT 868556) and (AT 870552). Aerial observer checked area with negative findings. At 1430H, a Co. E patrol sighted 3 Vietnamese males in the vicinity of (AT 926676). The Vietnamese ran when the patrol was sighted. The patrol pursued and captured one VCS. The VCS was sent to District Headquarters. At 1710H, a Co. H patrol tripped a M-26 grenade booby trap in the vicinity of (AT 902669). One USMC was WIA and medevaced. The area was searched with negative results. At 1800H, a Co. E patrol destroyed 8 caves, 2 spider traps, and one twenty foot tunnel in the vicinity of (AT 940675). The patrol killed one VC and one VCS was captured and sent to District Headquarters.

27 May At 0740H, a Co. G patrol received 2 rounds of small arms fire from hamlet BINH THAI in the vicinity of (AT 886711). The patrol returned the fire and searched the area with negative results. At 1300H, a Co. E patrol on a search and destroy mission through PHUOC NINH (2) at (AT 929669), destroyed seven caves.

28 May At 1700H, a Co. E patrol destroyed eight caves in the vicinity of PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 929667). One cave was booby trapped with a ChiCom grenade. The grenade was destroyed in place. There were no USMC casualties.

29 May At 1800H, a Co. E patrol destroyed 2 caves in the vicinity of (AT 927666) and 5 caves in the vicinity of (AT 937616). At 1945H, DAI LOC District Headquarters received incoming small arm rounds from the vicinity of (AT 911588) and (AT 911589). Small arms fire, automatic weapons fire and 15 rounds of artillery fire was returned at the enemy with unknown results.

30 May At 1100H, helicopters conducting psychological warfare operations in DAI LOC District received small arms fire, from (AT 813555), (AT 822556) and (AT 826560). COUNTY FAIR 3-3 was begun at 0500H and was terminated at 1300H. The operation was conducted in the hamlets of PHUOC NINH (2) and DUyen SON (5). The operation is considered successful from the standpoint of ID card check, census, medical treatment and psychological warfare.

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At 1830H, a Co. H patrol discovered a sign with the words "CAM DIA" on it. Upon investigation, the patrol found 3 cans with wires buried underground. The booby traps were destroyed in place. At 1840H, a Co. H patrol found another sign with the words "CAM DIA" written on it in the vicinity of (AT 909679). There were three cans buried separately and connected by a wire. Each can was destroyed and secondary explosions occurred. The patrol proceeded for approximately 20 meters and found a sign with the word "MIN" written on it. There was a wire leading from the sign to a stake. Patrol placed grenade on mound of dirt and blew it. A secondary explosion occurred. At 1900H, a CAC patrol checked out the hut of an known VC and found a grenade booby trap on a path 20 meters from hut, at (AT 916726). The patrol apprehended the wife of the known VC and she was sent to District Headquarters as a possible VCS.

31 May At 0700H, Popular Forces picked up wife of confirmed VC vicinity (AT 927717). Woman suspected of smuggling food to her husband. She was taken to District Headquarters for preliminary interrogation. At 1100H, Dai Lac District Chief reported one (1) VC company vicinity of (AT 910597) (AT 914596) and (AT 920598). Aerial observer checked out area with negative results. At 1200H, "E" Company patrol vicinity (AT 923678), (AT 924677) (AT 937677) and (AT 941671) destroyed five (5) caves, six (6) punji traps and nine (9) spider traps. At 1625H, "G" Company patrol vicinity (AT 874705) tripped a Chi Com grenade booby trap wounding three (3) USMC personnel. Med evac was effected. Patrol searched area with negative results. Patrol instructed to return to CP.

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SECRET10. Fire Support/Fire Support Coordinationa. Significant Events

(1) On the night of 28-29 May while Dong Den (AT 837828) was being probed, Naval Gunfire provided illumination which was coordinated with HE fired by Battery K.

(2) Operation Cormorant 3-1 during the period 11-19 May was supported by one platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery and by one platoon, 3d 155 Gun Battery.

b. Artillery Units Providing Support(1) Direct Support

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 Battery A; 1st Battalion; 11th Marines (1-30 May)  
 Battery A; 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery B; 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery C; 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (31 May)  
 Battery W, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

## (2) General Support, Reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gun Fire Support.

USS MORTON (DD-948)	3,9 May
USS DAVIS (DD-937)	20 May
USS DYESS (DD-880)	25-29 May
USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)	29-30 May

d. Number and type of Missions Delivered.(1) Artillery Missions Fired (Direct Support)

Observed	37
Unobserved	17
Registration and Practice	81
Harrassing and Interdiction	3268
Total	3403

(2) Naval Gun Fire Missions Fired.

Actual Missions	54
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SECRETe. Ammunition Expended by Type(1) Direct Support

	HE	WP	ILL	HC	Aggregate
105mm	10856	387	23	90	11356
107mm	61	12	28		101

(2) General Support

155mm	2082 (Approximate)
8"	618 (Approximate)

(3) Naval Gun Fire Ammunition Expended

	HE	HC	WP	ILL
5"/38	346		40	104
5"/54	70			
6"/47		61		
Total	416	61	40	104

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f. Surveillance

(1) Naval Gun Fire and Artillery fired at a reported VC Battalion on 28 and 29 May produced a report from a Vietnamese source (F-3) that the fires resulted in three (3) VC KIA, five (5) VC WIA, and the destruction of one (1) machine gun.

(2) Other Artillery fires in support of the 3d Marine Regiment resulted in forty-eight (48) VC KIA by body count, and thirteen (13) possible WIA. In addition, Reconnaissance patrols reported eight (8) confirmed VC KIA, five (5) possible VC KIA and two secondary explosions in grid square (AT 9063).

(3) During the period covered by this report, Forward Observers on observed fire missions consistently reported good to excellent target coverage.

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11. LOGISTICS

a. SUPPLY. Operations were normal with the exception of the following deficiencies. Jungle boots and jungle utilities of all sizes are in short supply. Concertina is also a short supply item. The following shortages exist in 782 gear: pistol belts, canteen cups, canteens, M-14 belts, forks, ponchos, magazine pouches and entrenching tool covers.

(1) Each battalion received thirty (30) M-1961 Field Combat Packs for test and evaluation. Evaluation report will be submitted to Division by 10 June 1966.

(2) The following Class V was suspended during May.

a. H602 RKT 3.5" SMK WP M30 RD-1-44.

b. C232 CTG 81mm M362A1 w/Fuse PF M524F4; Lot NR MA-27-2A.

1stBn, 3dMar had 12 rounds of 3.5" and 3 rounds of 81mm which was immediately turned into FLSG-ASP-1.

(3) All Supply Officers and Supply Chiefs attended a Supply Conference at FLSG on 8 May 1966. The topics discussed were unit allowance lists, new controlled items report and FSA C2 reconciliation of obligations. It was determined that allowance lists need to be updated frequently enough so as to be useful. The new controlled items report was discussed in general and a deadline of 5 June was set for submission which all Regimental units have met. Reconciliation of obligations was discussed as to requirements and report due dates.

(4) A Review of the Material Maintenance Program schedule for the period 23 May - 10 June was postponed and will be rescheduled by Division at a later date.

(5) County Fair and Cormorant Operations encountered no major logistical problems during the reporting period.

(6) Battalion ALO's and S-4's attended a meeting at Wing Headquarters on the subject of Landing Zone Improvements. The conditions of all LZ's were pointed out, and recommendations for proper corrective action were made. Landing Zones Coo Coo and Dong Den were rated poorly. Both LZ's were considered too small, and Coo Coo also was partially blocked by obstructions. A work request was submitted on 6 June to enlarge Dong Den's present size of 40'x70' to 70' x70'. The three remaining LZ's were rated satisfactory with discrepancies. Measures have been taken to alleviate the existing discrepancies.

(7) No units of the Regiment received "Critipaks" during May. 2ndBn, 3dMar has yet to receive a "Critipak". This problem has been reported to the Division Supply, and follow up actions will be continued.

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b. MAINTENANCE. The average daily rate of vehicles on operational deadline was:

- (1) M-274 (Mechanical Mules) . . . . 12.2% (11 of 90)
- (2) M-422 (Mighty Mites) . . . . . 9.5% (7 of 74)

1stBn, 3dMar accounted for two (2) mites and two (2) mules; 2dBn, 3dMar had one (1) mite and four (4) mules; 3dBn, 3dMar accounted for three (3) mites and five (5) mules; and HqCo, 3dMar had one (1) mite. Vehicles on administrative deadline were the new M-416B1 trailers which are awaiting a stockage of repair parts prior to becoming operational.

c. CANTONMENT AND CAMP FACILITIES

(1) The present on-hand status of generators for camp electrical power sources is as follows:

- HqCo, 3dMar . . . . One PU-239 and One PU-482
- 1stBn, 3dMar . . . . One PU-239 and One PU-482  
One PU-348 on loan to DivEngr
- 2dBn, 3dMar . . . . One PU-348 and One PU-482
- 3dBn, 3dMar . . . . One PU-239 and One PU-482

(2) The following camp cantonment projects were initiated/completed during May by the following units.

HqCo, 3dMar:

- a. Messhall grease trap completed.
- b. Topographic survey made of Regimental CP for future cantonment program.
- c. Re-screening of messhall in progress.
- d. Company Police Storage Shed completed.
- e. Work request submitted to water-proof the Operations Bunker.

1stBn, 3dMar:

No cantonment projects during May.

2dBn, 3dMar:

- a. Two (2) Combined Action Company (CAC) buildings 12' x 15' constructed.
- b. Three (3) strongbacks constructed in CP area.

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3rdBn, 3dMar:

No cantonment projects during May.

d. FISCAL. During May HqCo, 3dMar was allocated 150,000 piasters to employ sixteen Vietnamese Nationals during the second quarter of calendar year 66. At the present time, fourteen Vietnamese Nationals are employed within the Regimental CP. Measures are being taken to employ two additional workers. To date 1stBn and 2dBn have submitted requests for AIK Funds to be utilized for employment of Vietnamese workers. 3dBn has been advised of how to submit a like request for necessary funds.

e. WATER. The 3d Engineer Battalion installed a new water system which will provide running water to the messhalls, showers, and billeting areas within the 3d Marines area.

f. MOTOR TRANSPORT

(1) Each battalion has been authorized two (2) additional M-107A2 Water Trailers as a special allowance. HqCo, 3dMar has also been authorized three (3) water trailers. With the provisions of this special allowance, each battalion will now have a total of six (6) and HqCo, 3dMar will have three (3).

(2) Motor Transport Officers, Chiefs and a mechanic from each battalion attended a meeting at Division Motor Transport on 11 May to discuss a maintenance problem with the M-274/M-274A1. The specific problem pointed out was concerned with governors on the new M-274A1. It was discovered that some governors for the M-274A1 were installed with the old type gaskets used on the M-274. The old gasket does not have the necessary oil passage holes for the new type governor. Units were advised to place those M-274A1's on deadline until proper corrective action is taken.

(3) Units have been instructed that the Truck M-274/M-274A1 should not be employed to the rear of infantry battalion command posts except in an emergency situation.

g. EMBARKATION. This Regiment has an adequate supply of Mount-Out boxes. With the exception of the 2dBn, cargo manifest are up to date. The 2dBn is in the process of updating their manifest. Red, yellow and white paint is in short supply, but has been placed on requisition.

h. MISCELLANEOUS. On 20 May 1966 Third Marines assumed administrative control of 3dBn, 3dMar. The S-4 from the 3dBn was briefed on logistical procedures, reporting requirements and regimental policy for the support of subordinate units.



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12. Air Defense. There were no significant events.

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SECRET13. Combat Air Support

a. First Marine Air Wing provided support in the areas of close air support, medical evacuation, logistic supply, troop lift, aerial reconnaissance and helicopter escort. Aerial reconnaissance support was also provided this Regiment by U.S. Army Aviation 01 aircraft. Regimental Headquarters Company SPARROW HAWK was employed on BLUE SPRINGS missions on six (6) occasions.

b. The following is a summary of air support provided the 3d Marines during the month of May.

- (1) Thirty-eight (38) resupply missions.
- (2) Thirty-two (32) medical evacuation missions.
- (3) Nine (9) reconnaissance missions.
- (4) Twelve (12) non-tactical troop lifts.
- (5) Seven (7) administrative missions.
- (6) Six (6) BLUE SPRINGS missions.
- (7) Five (5) helicopter escort missions.
- (8) One (1) close air support mission.

c. Highlights. Operation CORMORANT, to the west of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR, in the vicinity of grid square (ZC 2081), from 11-19 May, was dependent entirely on helicopter support for logistic supply and medical evacuations. In each of the four instances in which helicopter resupply was sent to the CORMORANT unit, fixed-wing jet aircraft were launched as escort and in one case were called down to suppress small arms fire which was being directed at the resupply helicopters.

d. Fixed-wing aircraft were maintained on Condition Three (3) strip alert (15 minutes) during the month of May providing on-call close air support capability. Med-evac helicopters were also maintained on a standby basis.

e. Reaction times on these emergency and on-call missions were excellent in all cases.

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

(1) HqCo., 3rd Mars	LT R.C. MILSOVIC MC USNR
(2) 1stBn, 3rd Mars	LT J. WILKERSON MC USN
	LT E. SHAHADY MC USNR
(3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mars	LT E.P. ANDERSON MC USN
	LT M.B. BUTLER MC USNR
(4) 3rdBn, 3rd Mars	LT J.E. JONES MC USN
	LT H.F. HEIN MC USNR

b. Significant Events.

- (1) On 20 May 1966 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines was placed under AdCon of Third Marines. Liaison was made with BAS 3/3.
- (2) On 21 May 1966 the new Division Surgeon, Capt. ROHRS MC USN paid a visit to the Regimental Aid Station.
- (3) On 29 May 1966 Bubonic Plague was discovered among civilians in the 3rd Marines TAOR. Preventive measures were immediately taken.

c. Medical Trends.

- (1) There has been an increase in heat casualties.
- (2) The number of cases of diarrhea and gastroenteritis remains constant.

d. Number of Battle Casualties Treated.

(1) HqCo., 3rd Mars	0
(2) 1stBn, 3rd Mars	4
(3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mars	18
(4) 3rdBn, 3rd Mars	0

e. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated.

(1) HqCo., 3rd Mars	423
(2) 1stBn, 3rd Mars	725
(3) 2ndBn, 3rd Mars	743
(4) 3rdBn, 3rd Mars	744

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation.

- (1) Innoculations were carried out according to current directives.
- (2) Emphasis was placed on Vector Control throughout the Regiment.

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered.(1) Amount Treated.

(a) HqCo., 3rd Mars	160
(b) 1stBn, 3rd Mars	11,312
(c) 2ndBn, 3rd Mars	5,789
(d) 3rdBn, 3rd Mars	105

(2) Amount of Medications Dispensed.

(a) Bacitracin Ointment	100 tubes
(b) Antibiotic Eye Ointment	100 tubes
(c) Aspirin ( 1,000's )	11 bottles
(d) Sodium Salicylate Tablets (1,000's)	5 bottles
(e) Tedral Tablets	5 bottles
(f) Penicillin in Oil ( 5 per packet )	44 packets
(g) Procaine Penicillin	215 bottles
(h) Tetracycline Tablets	28 bottles
(i) Penidillin G Tablets	10 bottles

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| (j) | Cough Syrup                  | 4 gallons   |
| (k) | Erythromycin Oral Suspension | 165 bottles |
| (l) | Tetracycline Oral Suspension | 133 bottles |
| (m) | Charocol Peppermint Tablets  | 4 bottles   |
| (n) | Brown's Mixture              | 3 cans      |
| (o) | Piperazine Citrate           | 13 bottles  |
| (p) | Piperazine Citrate Tablets   | 8 cans      |
| (q) | Antiseptic Solutions         | 17 gallons  |
| (r) | Band-aids                    | 81 packages |
| (s) | Gauze Bandage                | 137 rolls   |
| (t) | Compress Bandages            | 78 packages |
| (u) | Vitamins                     | 192 bottles |
- (3) Schooling Conducted.
- (a) BAS 1/3 continued to train nurses in its Pediatric Ward.
- h. Problem Areas.
- (1) There has been a shortage of MedCap supplies, but requisitions for these supplies have been resubmitted.
- (2) We continue to have resistant cases of V.D.

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SECRET15. Chaplains Serving 3D MARINE Regiment:

- (1) CDR Jonathan C. BROWN, Jr., (Protestant) Regimental Chaplain
- (2) LT George R. WITT, (Catholic) 1stBn, 3dMar Chaplain
- (3) LT Leonard L. AHRNSERAK, (Protestant) 2ndBn, 3dMar Chaplain

Supporting Chaplains:

- (1) CDR C. J. MAGUIRE, Ass't Div. Chaplain
- (2) LT R. L. REINER, Division Jewish Chaplain
- (3) LT C. W. BRANNAN, 7th Engineer Battalion Chaplain
- (4) LT R. T. McCUE, MAG-11
- (5) LCDR P. H. LIONBERGER, Div. Admin. Chaplain
- (6) LTJG R. F. WOOD, FLC

Religious Activities: Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Lutheran, and Latter Day Saints Services were held throughout the Regiment. There is complete Roman Catholic and Protestant coverages to every company within the Regiment. There were 59 Sunday Divine Services held with 1790 men attending. Weekday Divine Services numbered 113 with 1180 men attending. There were 3 Memorial Services with 192 men attending.

Professional Counseling Interviews: The Chaplains of the Regiment had 200 personal counseling interviews during the reporting period.

Civic Action Activities: The Chaplains of the Regiment participated in civic action and MEDCAP programs of the battalions with reference to institutions and schools. The Second Battalion, Third Marines provided 18 beds for Phu Thong Orphanage with funds from the Chaplains Civic Action Fund (III MAF).

Other Significant Events: There were two lectures given on the "Religions of Viet Nam" to the officers and men in the Regimental CP.

Facilities: The worship facilities within the Regiment are adequate and improvements are constantly being made on the facilities in each unit.

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

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a. General. During the month of May the 3rd Marines Civic Action program continued to function smoothly and efficiently. The political unrest in Da Nang during the month had no significant effect on the Civic Action program. The rural population appeared to have knowledge of the situation in Da Nang, but it in no way influenced their activities. During the month, battalions began a review of their Civic Action programs. A survey was taken as to projects completed, in progress and planned for each hamlet within their area. Steps are now being taken to establish a long range Civic Action program to consolidate the various projects and assist each hamlet as a whole rather than just accomplishing isolated projects within the hamlet. Plans presently being formed will include assistance in all areas of Civil Affairs and will stress assisting the people in such a manner that they will be able to carry on with the project should the Marines leave the area. Company Corpsemen and battalion MEDCAP Teams continued giving medical assistance throughout the area. A total of 17,695 medical treatments were given during the month. Commodities were also distributed as required. A total of 15,637 pounds of food, 890 pounds of clothing, 6517 bars of soap in addition to such things as school kits, carpenter kits, sewing kits and cement were distributed. The Civic Action program is being well accepted by the people throughout the TAOR. No significant problems were encountered.

b. Unit Activities.(1). Headquarters Company.

(a). On 13 May, commodities were distributed to the people of Khanh Son Hamlet, AT 950760, including 1200 pounds of food, soap, candy and magazines.

(b). On 16 May, experimental English classes were begun in Khanh Son Hamlet at the request of the people. Classes were conducted using locally produced mimeographed lesson sheets. The continued attendance of an average of 30 students was sufficient to set plans for a regularly established school to begin in June. Textbooks have been ordered and until they are received, the classes will continue with the mimeographed sheets. The classes are being conducted by the Regimental CAO and one of the Regimental interpreters.

(2). 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(a). Civil Affairs activities continued during the month of May. The political unrest hampered the program slightly when the market places were placed off limits and also laundry and barber shop services were interrupted.

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(b). Close liaison was maintained with all village officials. Almost daily contact was made with the officials by Civil Affairs personnel of the individual companies.

(c). On 26 May, Marines provided trucks to haul 30 loads of dirt and 10 loads of sand to the Hoa Thanh market place. The villagers used the fill to build up and improve the market place before the monsoon season arrives. The villagers provided all the labor.

(d). On 28 May Company D initiated a laundry service for their area using 31 of the local women to operate it. In addition, they held an English class for 40 of the children at Le My, AT 897815.

(e). On 29 May, Company D provided paint and materials and assisted in the painting of the Le My chief's house, the adjacent house and market place. In addition, they constructed a fence around the PF's barracks and erected a CP tent for use by the PF's.

(f). On 29 May Company C held an English class for 20 children from Kim Lien, AT 925855.

(g). On 30 May Company B provided lumber for the repair of a pagoda door. The pagoda is located at AT 904805. The actual work is being done by the local population.

(h). On 30 May Company D held another English class for 40 children at Le My, AT 897815.

### 3. 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(a). On 3 May a plywood blackboard, which was constructed by members of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, was presented to a small school with an enrollment of 40 students located at Khuang My (1) Hamlet, AT 925688.

(b). On 4 May the following listed persons were present during the dedication of an addition to the Hieu Duc District Dispensary located at Tuy Loan (1), AT 946669: CO, 3rd Marines, CO, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, Hieu Duc District Chief, U.S. Army Subsector Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines CAO, Hoi An Province medical doctor and Hoa Hung Village Chief. The dispensary's staff prepared a large Vietnamese meal for those present which was enjoyed by all. The 3rd Marine Division Band was also present and presented a concert at the dedication.

(c). On 5 May local villagers built a new section of a roof on a school at Duyen Son (1), AT 943633, with thatching

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purchased by the Marines of Company E.

(d). On 8 May at the request of the battalion S-4, a TD-18 was furnished the battalion and used for 3 days in improving the road heading from Tuy Loan (1), AT 946699, to the proposed site of a refugee camp located at AT 924705. The TD-18 was also used to cut 3 terraced levels of land on which the refugee homes will be constructed.

(e). On 9 May during a County Fair operation held in the hamlet of Tuy Loan (2), AT 927675, several items of interest were noted. A medical aid tent was set up and staffed by 4 corpsmen who treated 350 people. A messing facility was set up to feed approximately 600 people two meals during the day. The 3rd Marine Division band was also present and presented a concert for the people.

(f). On 11 May 200 school students and their teacher were present at Company E positions for the dedication of a club. They were served potatoe chips and kool aid. Each child also received a CARE school kit.

(g). On 16 May the battalion Chaplain, Lt. Ahresbrak, the Hieu Duc District Chief and the battalion CAO visited the Catholic orphanage at Phu Thuong Hamlet, AT 906764, and presented 18 beds to Sister Marie St. Paul who is head of the orphanage. The beds were locally built and were paid for from funds obtained by the chaplain.

(h). On 21 May the battalion CAO met with Mr. J. Herbert, province USAID representative and discussed plans for the construction of a two room school in Tuy Loan Hamlet. Materials are to be provided by USAID.

(i). On 24 May the Hoa Thinh Elementary School located in Phu Hoa Hamlet, AT 947703, received a regulation sized basketball backboard and basket. The gift was the result of a Company F civil affairs project.

(j). On 25 May the battalion Executive Officer visited the Phu Thuong Catholic orphanage, AT 906764. A total of 7000 piasters and 310 pounds of food were given to the senior nun to be used as needed by the orphanage.

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	Medical	Dental
(a) <u>Medical Assistance.</u>		
(i) No. female adults assisted.....	2283	10
(ii) No. male adults assisted.....	1782	10
(iii) No. children under 18 assisted.....	13630	380
(iv) Total persons assisted.....	17695	400
(b) <u>Construction Assistance.</u>		
(i) No. projects initiated.....		10
(ii) No. projects under construction.....		9
(iii) Total number projects completed.....		6
(c) <u>Personal Assistance.</u>		
(i) No. pounds food distributed.....	15637	
(ii) No. persons receiving food.....	8906	
(iii) No. pounds clothing distributed.....	890	
(iv) No. persons receiving clothing.....	1458	
(v) No. bars soap distributed.....	6517	
(vi) No. persons receiving soap.....	6545	
(d) <u>Evacuation Assistance.</u>		
(i) No. adults evacuated medically.....	24	
(ii) No. children under 18 evacuated medically....	12	
(iii) No. adults evacuated operationally.....	0	
(iv) No. children under 18 evacuated operationally	0	
(v) No. persons above returned to hamlet.....	2	
(e) <u>Contact with local personnel.</u>		
(i) No. of initial contacts.....	14	
(ii) No. of follow-up contacts.....	0	

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1. Daily Situation Reports, 01-31 May 1966 #121-151 *121-151*
2. Weekly Operations Overlay Reports, 251800H April - 301800H May 1966 *251800H April - 301800H May 1966*
3. Journal, 01-31 May 1966
4. Daily Frag Order, 01-31 May 1966, #122-66 thru 151-66
5. Operations Order 335-66 (Golden Fleece II)
6. CO, 3d Marines msg. 010325Z (County Fair Operations)
7. CO, 3d Marines msg. 030100Z (Evaluation of Basic Training)
8. CO, 3d Marines msg. 052330Z (Operational Concept)
9. CO, 3d Marines msg. 060730Z (Readdressal CO, 3dMar msg. 052330Z; Operational Concept)
10. CO, 3d Marines msg. 061200Z (Rough Rider Instructions)
11. CO, 3d Marines msg. 071310Z (Rough Rider North)
12. CO, 3d Marines msg. 071547Z (Readdressal CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 071315Z; Rough Rider)
13. CO, 3d Marines msg. 081110Z (Readdressal CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 080915Z; Rough Rider)
14. CO, 3d Marines msg. 122320Z (Readdressal CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 121514Z; Force Engr Road/Route Recon)
15. CO, 3d Marines msg. 131010Z (Readdressal CG, III MAF msg. 121126Z) and (CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 130025Z)
16. CO, 3d Marines msg. 171545Z (Readdressal CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 160915Z; Operation County Fair)
17. CO, 3d Marines msg. 171600Z (Readdressal CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 150835Z)
18. CO, 3d Marines msg. 181140Z (Readdressal CG, III MAF msg. 171454Z) and (CG, 3d MarDiv msg. 180737Z)
19. CO, 3d Marines msg. 181440Z (Task Assignment; Road block/checkpoint NAM-O Bridge)
20. CO, 3d Marines msg. 181625Z (Interpreter Request)
21. CO, 3d Marines msg. 190846Z (Positioning Armor Forces)
22. CO, 3d Marines msg. 191415Z (Readdressal CO, 12th Marines msg. 181410Z)

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23. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 210205Z (Mission at NAM-O Bridge)
24. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 210810Z (Readdressal CG, FMF PAC msg. 210017Z)
25. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 211035Z (Stand down from Riot Control Alert Status)
26. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 220800Z ( Readdressal CG, III MAF msg. 220240Z;  
Mortar Alert)
27. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 220815Z (Positioning of Armor Forces)
28. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 221415Z (Positioning of Armor Forces)
29. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 230920Z (Positioning of Armor Forces)
30. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 250500Z (U) (Alert Forces)
31. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 261105Z (U) (Parade Co. Memorial Day Ceremony)
32. - CO, 3d Marines msg. 310400Z (Normal Operations)
33. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/hlw dtd 1 May 1966
34. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/hlw over 1556 dtd 1 May 1966
35. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/DTR/hlw over 3000 dtd 2 May 1966
36. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/jeh dtd 4 May 1966, *Lessons Learned, Apr 1966*
37. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/WHE/jeh dtd 10 May 1966, *County Fair # 3-1; # 3-2*
38. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/EJP/hlw over 4900 dtd 12 May 1966, *Popular Force/M.C. action*
39. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/lws over 1500 dtd 14 May 1966
40. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/EJP/jeh over 1500 dtd 18 May 1966
41. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/DTR/lws over 1500 dtd 18 May 1966
42. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/EJP/lws over 1500 dtd 19 May 1966, *Popular Force/M.C. action*
43. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/lws over 3100 dtd 25 May 1966 *County Fair Opns*
44. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/FWMW/lws over 1500 dtd 26 May 1966 *Popular Force/M.C. action*
45. - CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/DTR/lws over 1500 dtd 27 May 1966
46. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 2d Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/FJK/ppm over 3480 dtd 3 May 66
47. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 1st Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JJT/ddh over 1500 dtd 12 May 66
48. - 1st Endorsement on CO, 1st Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JJT/ddh over 1500 dtd 29 May 66

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49. 00, 3d Marines Report, Psy Ops dtd 29 May 1966

50. 3d Marines Traffic Diagram Overlay

51. Command Chronologies from 1st Bn, 3d Marines; 2d Bn, 3d Marines *→ filed sep*

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0001	:	:	Journal Opened	:
0004	:	1	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0014	:	2	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact. F-9 returned.	: G-3, S-3
0210	:	3	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0213	:	4	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0355	:	5	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0409	:	6	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0605	:	7	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0610	:	8	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
0805	:	9	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	: G-3, S-3
1207	:	10	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure. negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
1416	:	11	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure. negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
1558	:	12	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	: G-3, S-3
1830	:	13	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	: G-3, S-3
1909	:	14	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	: G-3, S-3
2019	:	15	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	: G-3, S-3
2201	:	16	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	: G-3, S-3
2207	:	17	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	: G-3, S-3
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0001			Journal Opened	
0010	1		Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0200	2		Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0205	3		Fr 1/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0410	4		Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0605	5		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0955	6		Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1422	7		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1811	8		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	S-3
2007	9		Fr 1/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
2035	10		Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
2206	11		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
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0001		Journal Opened	
0015	1	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0030	2	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0210	3	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0355	4	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0405	5	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0550	6	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0610	7	Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1000	8	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1007	9	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1400	10	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1600	11	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1800	12	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2000	13	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2200	14	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
2355	15	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2359		Journal Closed.	

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0001		Journal Opened	
0215	1	Fr 2/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0400	2	Fr 1/3: SitRep no change.	G-3, S-3
0600	3	Fr 1/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
0611	4	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
0800	5	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0955	6	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
1430	7	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-31605
1605	8	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	S-3
1805	9	Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
2011	10	Fr 2/3: SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
2350	11	Fr 2/3: 2400 SitRep negative contact.	G-3, S-3
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0001			Journal Opened	
0200	1		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0355	2		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0553	3		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1005	4		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1155	5		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1400	6		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
1830	7		Fr 1/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
2215	8		Fr 1/3: SitRep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
2359			Journal Closed.	

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0001			Journal Opened	
0147	1		Fr 2/3: Sit <sup>R</sup> Rep all secure.	G-3, S-3
0347	2		Fr 2/3: SitRep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
0600	3		Fr 1/3: SitRep neg contact all secur.	G-3, S-3
0755	4		Fr 2/3: SitRep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
1000	5		Fr 2/3: SitRep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
1140	6		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure neg contact.	G-3, S-3
1352	7		Fr 2/3: SitRep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
1801	8		Fr 2/3: Sit <sup>R</sup> Rep neg contact.	G-3, S-3
2344	9		Fr 2/3: SitRep all secure.	G-3, S-3
2359			Journal Closed.	

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	<b>011445Z</b>	ACTION			<b>XXX</b>				
		INFO			<b>XXX</b>				

FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
TO: ZEN/THIRD MARINES  
INFO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
FIRST BN TWELTH MARINES  
ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN  
ZEN/CO A THIRD TR BN

**HAS BEEN SENT****C O N F I D E N T I A L**

DAILY FRAG 0 122-66 (PERIOD 020001H - 022400H)

A. REGT OPN 0 326-65 W/CHANGE # 8

1. SITUATION.A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 121.B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF A.C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF A.2. MISSION. NO CHANGE SEE REF A.3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF A.B. HQ CO TIRD MARINES.~~(1) ESTAB BK BLK W/SOD REIN W/TR, (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.~~

(1) ESTAB BK BLK W/SOD REIN W/TR, (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

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C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.**HAS BEEN SENT**

- (1) CONTINUE REIN HAM O BRIDGE/ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT (REIN) IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE MAY DAY ACTIVES.
- (2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PLAT (REIN) TO "A", 1/11 AND "K", 1/12 FOR LOCAL SECURITY.
- (3) PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) <sup>AS</sup> OR SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGR ROAD RECON OF HWY # 1 DA NANG TO HUE - PHU BAI. EST TERMINATE 4 MAY DIRLAUTH W/7TH ENGR.
- (4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SOD FOR HARBOR SECURITY IAW 3D MARDIV O 005500.1, W/CH # 1. TERM 13 MAY.
- (5) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE A COUNTY FAIR OPN 4 MAY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ROUGH RIDER NORTH ON 3 MAY IAW MY MSG OLC450Z.
- (2) CONDUCT CO SIZE S/D OPERATION IN HOI VUC COMPLEX (AT 8770) NLT 5 MAY.
- (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC AN NHUN (2) GS (AT 9069).
- (4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC PHOU C MINH (1) GS (AT 9367).
- (5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC DUYEN SON (5).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
- (2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.
- (3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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(4) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING MSGS.

(A) COMUSMACV MSG 300625Z.

(B) COMUSMACV MSG 300305Z.

(C) CG, 3D MARDIV MSG 010845Z.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/R/SUPPLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

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TO ZEN/THIRD MARINES

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DAILY FRAG O 123-66 (PERIOD 030001H - 032400H)

A. REGT OPN O 328-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 122

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

QB. HQ CO THIRD MARINES.

(1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK, (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE REIN NAM O BRIDGE/ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT (REIN) IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE VC ACTIVITIES 1-4 MAY.

(2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VICINITY A/1/11 AND K/4/12. COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS.

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) AS SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGE ROAD RECON OF HWY 1 DA NANG TO HUE - PHU BAI. EST TERMINATE 4MAY.

(4) CONDUCT 3 DAY SQUAD SIZE S/D OPN NORTH OF DONG DEN.

(5) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE COUNTY FAIR OPN 4MAY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT CO SIZE S/D OPERATION IN HOI VUC COMPLEX (AT 8781).

(2) EXECUTE ROUGH RIDER NORTH IAW MY MSG 010450Z

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC PHUAC NINH (1)

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(AT 9367).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC AN NHON (2)

(AT 9069).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC AN NHON (1)

(AT 8969).

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION DURING THE PERIOD 8-12 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(4) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO FORBUL 8095

(PLACEMENT OF CHARGES ON 81 MM MORT AMMO).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

(3) HQ CO PROVIDE ADMIN/LOG SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR OPNS AS REQUESTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY - RAG O 123-66 (PERIOD 030001H - 032400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 122

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

QB. HQ CO THIRD MARINES.

(1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK, (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE REIN NAM O BRIDGE/ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT (REIN) IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE VC ACTIVITIES 1-4 MAY.

(2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES

VICINITY A/1/11 AND K/4/12. COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS.

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) AS SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGE ROAD RECON OF HWY 1 DA NANG TO HUE - PHU BA). EST TERMINATE 4MAY.

(4) CONDUCT 3 DAY SQUAD SIZE S/D OPN NORTH OF DONG DEN.

(5) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE COUNTY FAIR OPN 4MAY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT CO SIZE S/D OPERATION IN HOI VUC COMPLEX (AT 8781).

(2) EXECUTE ROUGH RIDER NORTH LAU MY MSG 010450Z

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC PHUAC NINH (1)

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(AT 9367).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC AN NHQN (2)

(AT 9069).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC AN NHQN (2)

(AT 8969).

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION DURING THE PERIOD 8-12 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(4) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO FORBUL 8095

(PLACEMENT OF CHARGES ON 81 MM MORT AMMO).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

(3) HQ CO PROVIDE ADMIN/LOG SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR OPNS AS REQUESTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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CG THIRD MAR DIV

CO FIRST BN TWELTH MARINES

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DAILY FRAG O 124-66 (PERIOD 040001H- 042400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INSUM 123

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES.

(1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/ TK, AT (942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE REIN NAM-O BRIDGE/ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT(REIN) IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE VC ACTIVITIES 1-4 MAY.

(2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC A/1/11 AND K/4/12.

COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS.

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) AS SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGR ROAD RECON OF HQY 1 DA NANG TO HUE-PHU BAI. EST TERMINATE 4 MAY.

(4) CONTINUE SQUAD SIZE S/D OPN NORTH OF DONG DEN. EST TERMINATE 4 MAY

(5) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN AP XUAN THIEU (AT 9281). EST TERMINATE 5 MAY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE NIGHT AMBUSH VIC (AT 925630 -AT 934627).

(2) CONDUCT CAC DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC DUNG LAM(1) (AT 9469).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC TUY LOAN(1) (AT 9370).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC THON TRUC DONG (AT 910700).

(5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION DURING 8-12 MAY.

(6) MAINTAIN RIFLE CO ON 4 HR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT OPN GEORGIA

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(7) IN COORDINATION WITH HIEU DUC DIST HQ MAN CHECK POINT VIC  
(AT 943666) DAILY 0600-1800

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (-).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/ RESUPPLY.

(3) HQ CO PROVIDE ADMIN/LOG SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR OPNS AS REQUESTED

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (-).

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CG THIRD MARDIV  
CO FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES  
ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN  
ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
DAILY FRAG O 125-66 (PERIOD 050001H - 052400H)  
A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.
  - A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #124.
  - B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).
  - C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).
3. EXECUTION.
  - A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

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- B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES.
  - (1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.
  - (2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/TWO SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.
- C. FIRST BN. THIRD MARINES.
  - (1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE COUNTY FAIR OPN AP XUAN THIEU (AT 9281)

EST TERM 5 MAY.

- (2) CONTINUE REIN NAM O BRIDGE / ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT (REIN) IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE VC ACTIVITIES.
- (3) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC A/1/11 AND K/4/12. COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS.
- (4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) AS SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGR ROAD RECON OF HWY 19 DA NANG TO HUE - PHU BAI. EST TERMINATE 5 MAY.

- (5) CONDUCT SQD SIZE RECON VIC HILL 004 (AT 8989) EST TERMINATE 6 MAY.

D. SECOND BN. THIRD MARINES.

- (1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC KHUONGMY (4) (AT 9168).
- (2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC CAO SONG (1) (AT 8769).
- (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC AN TAN (AT 9170).

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(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPERATION VIC PHOU C NINH (6) (AT 9051).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYTIME PATROL/ROAD BLOCK VIC (AT 9363).

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A). APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(4) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING MSGS.

A. CG THIRD MAR DIV LTR DTD 2 MAY 1966. COMMUNIST AND VIET

CONG HOLIDAYS

B. CG III MAF 030616Z.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

(3) HQ CO PROVIDE ADMIN/LOG SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR OPNS

AS REQUESTED.

COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

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DAILY FRAG O 126-66 (PERIOD 060001H - 062400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 125.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

C. ATTACH AND DETACH. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

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B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES.

(1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQU REIN W/TK (AT 942765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/TWO-SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE REIN NAM O BRIDGE/ESSO STORAGE W/ADDITIONAL PLAT (REIN).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC (AT 8576).

(3) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC A/L/PT AND K/4/12. COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS.

(4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH 8 MAY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MAINES.

(1) CONDUCT PAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC GIAO TRI (3) (AT 8870).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC DONG BICH (3) (AT 8968).

(3) ESTAB CHECK POINT IN CONJUNCTION AND COORDINATION W/DISTRICT HQTRS VIC (AT 544669).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC PHUAC NINH (7) (AT 8967).

(5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT A COUNTY FAIR OPN IN TY LOSN (2) VIC (-5 9269?) ON 9-10 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

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(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DAILY FRAG 0 127-66 PERIOD 070001H - 072400H

A. REGT OPN 0 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MAR INTSUM NR 126.

INDICATIONS A RECENT REPORT FROM QUANNAM SPEC ECTOR INDICATES  
VC ARE CONFISCATING ID CARDS OF PRO-GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS SO THAT  
MARINES WILL THUS ARREST AND DETAIN THEM. CONVERSELY, MANY  
GUERRILLAS ARE RELEASE BY M

RINES UPON PRODUCING GOVERNMENT IDENT-

TIFICATION.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A)

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C. MISSION NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

3. EXECUTION.

A.: CANCELLED OPNS. TO CHANGE SEE REF A

B. HQ CO. THIRD MARINES.

(1) ESTAB RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK AT 945365 DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) PROVIDE NINTH MARINES W/FOUR SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS FOR OPN GEORGIA.

C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8280) AT-

(AT 8279). TERMINATE 9 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DINH LIN (AT 915067)

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON COMBAT PATROL VIC AP XUAN

VDOUNG (AT 931835).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT-  
866760).(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL  
VIC (AT 861736).

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH SHAY.

(7) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN COREMORANT 3-1 PM VIC OF NW SECTOR OF  
TAOK ON ORDER.

D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC CAO SUNG G(2) (AT 8710).

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(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC AN NHONG G(AT 9069).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC KJUONG MY (4) (AT 9168).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC G(AT 9363).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (7) (AT 8967).

(6) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR 3-2 OPN IN TUY LOAN

(2) VIC (AT 930700).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (AO) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) CG III MAF LTR 3/JFC OVER 550000D 4 MAY 66.

(B) CG III MAF MSG-291352Z APRIL 66.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/R SUPPLY.

(3) SECOND BN PICK UP REQUIRED LOGISTIC SUPPORT F/COUNTY FAIR 3-2  
NLT 081600H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

SEE REF (A). ACKNOWLEDG RECEIPT.

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DAILY FRAG 0 128-65 (PERIOD 080001H - 082400H)

A. REGT OPN 0 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SEE THIRD MAR INTSUM # 127

(2) INDICATIONS: 7 MAY 66 MARKED THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
 COMMUNIST VICTORY AT DIEN BIEN PHU. VC MAY EXPLOIT THE  
 PSYCHOLOGICAL POTENTIAL OF THIS VICTORY DURING THE PRESENT  
 SITUATION. (REF: CG, 3D MARDIV MSG 050818Z MAY 66).

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK AT 945765 DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS FOR O.N. GEORGIA.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE COLBAT/RECON PATROL VIC (AT 8280). EST TERM 10 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PLAT SIZE S/D OFN VIC TUNG SON (AT 8472).

(3) CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PLAT SIZE COLBAT/RECON PATROL VIC AP THUY TU (AT 9182).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE S/D OFN VIC AP THUY TU (AT 9184).

(5) ROUGH RIDER NORTH 080700H CANCELLED. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT 090700H.

(6) BE PREPARED TO INITIATE OPN COMBANT 3-1 BY 11 MAY. SUBMIT

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PLANS THIS HDQTRS PRIOR TO 081800H.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) EXECUTE COUNTY FAIR 3-2 OPN IN TUY LOAN (2) (AT 930700) ON 9 AND 10 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PLAT SIZE RECON/COLBAT PATROL VIC KHUONG MY (3) (AT 9167).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT SECURITY PATROL VIC PHUOC NINH (3) (AT 9267).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT SECURITY PATROL VIC DUyen SON (5) (AT 9266).(5)

(5) ESTAB DAYLIGHT PLAT SIZE ROAD/BLOCK/AMBUSH PATROL VIC (AT 9363).  
E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) ATTENTION INVITED TO CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 050800Z (BALD EAGLE).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

(2) TWO ADDITIONAL M-35 TRKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES, FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN. EST RETURN 101600H.

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(3) TRAFFICABILITY. ROAD CONDITION NORMAL. TRAVELLING IN DA NANG LIMITED TO OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY.

(4) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

(5) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO FOLLOWING.

(A) CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 060905Z (EMPLOYMENT OF M274 - M274A1.)

(B) CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 061240Z (SEARCH FOR MARINES).

(C) CG, THIRD MARDIV LTR 15/HL/TAP DTD 1 MAY 66 (BLINKER CONSTRUCTION).

(D) CG, III MAF MSG 030616Z (ATTITUDE TOWARD VN).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

(1) NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

(2) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG, III MAF MSG 051156Z (COMSEC)

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DAILY FRAG 129-46 (PERIOD 090001H - 092400H)

A. REGT OYN O 320-65 W/CHANGE 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MAR INTSUM NR 120.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OYN. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO. THIRD MARINES.

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(1) CONTINUE RD BLK W/SGD REIN W/TK (AT 945/65) DURING HRS  
OF DARKNESS.(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SQUAD TOWARD  
FOR OPN GEORGIA.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE COMBAT/RECON PATROL VIC (AT 8660.  
TERM 10 MAY.(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT COMBAT/RECON PATROL VIC  
(AT 9474).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT COMBAT/RECON PATROL VIC  
(AT 9188).(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT COMBAT/RECON PATROL VIC  
(AT 8681).(5) EXECUTE "ROUGH RIDER" NORTH LAW CG. THIRD MAR.  
080915Z.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) EXECUTE "COUNTY FAIR" 3-2 OYN IN TUY LOAN (2)  
(2) CONDUCT PLAT DAYLIGHT COMBAT PATROL VIC CAS  
(AT 8769).

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENGR HEADQUARTERS

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- (4) CONDUCT PLAT DAYLIGHT COMBAT PATROL VHC ( AT 9165).
- (5) SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARTY H&I FIRES IN HOT VHC COMBAT (AT 8171) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

- (2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- (1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

- (2) RT 4 UNDER IMPROVEMENT. TRAFFIC RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL

ADMIN VEHICLES ONLY. COMMANDING OFFICERS MUST AUTHORIZE AND DISPATCH VEHICLES.

- (3) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING.

- (A) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 070547Z. READDRESSAL OF

CG. FMFPAC MSG 060050Z (EMERGENCY LEAVE).

- (B) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 071435Z (ALLOWANCE LISTS).

- (C) CG. THIRD MARDIV MSG 061431Z

- (4) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 130-66 (PERIOD 100001H - 102400H)  
A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR 8

1. SITUATION
  - A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MAR INTSUM NR 129
  - B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE SEE REF (A)
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)
3. EXECUTION
  - A. CONCEPT OF OPN: NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)
  - B. HQ THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE RD BLK W/SQD REIN W/TK (AT 945765) DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(2) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NINTH MARINES W/THREE SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS FOR OPN GEORGIA.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE COMBAT/RECON PATROL VIC (AT 8280).

TERM 10 MAY

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DINH LIEN CHIEU (AT 9186)

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AP AN NGAI DONG (AT 9178)

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC THRUONG DINH (AT 8783)

(5) WITH ONE PLAT CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC A/1/11 AND K/4/12. COORDINATE WITH BATTERY COMMANDERS

(6) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC THON PHUOC SON (AT 870761)

(7) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN CORMORANT 3-1 ON 11 MAY.

D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMPANY SIZE DAYLIGHT SECURITY

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FORCE FOR 3D ENGINEER RECON OF MSR VIC ( AT 9260)(9159) 12 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN DUYN SON

(5) VIC (AT 9266)

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN GIAO TRI (3) VIC

(AT 8870)

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN THAN PHUOC VIC

(AT 9172)

E. CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAÇ PROGRAM

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

(1) NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

(2) TWO H-34'S AVAILABLE F/RESUPPLY

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE SEE

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DAILY FRAG O 131-66 (PERIOD 110001H - 112400H)  
A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8  
1. SITUATION.

## A. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #130.  
(2) INDICATIONS. NORTH VIETNAM AND THE VC CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF HO CHI MINH. ON 19 MAY. THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY OF VIET MINH FORCES INTO HANOI IS 22 MAY. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT NVA AND VC FORCES MAY MARK THESE OCCASIONS WITH MILITARY ACTIONS AND TERRORISTIC

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ACTIVITIES. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THESE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING PERIODS OF MINIMUM LUNAR ILLUMINATION. (REF: VMAC 37/66 2314094 APR 66 AND COMUSMACV 091645Z MAY 66).

## B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

## A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. WITH LIGHT SEC FLAME TKS FROM CO A 3D TANK BN IN SUPPORT, CONTINUE CLEARING TERRAIN SW OF DEO DAI LA PASS (AT 939753). CLOSE CAVES IN VIC OF PASS.

## C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

✓ (1) EXECUTE OPERATION CORMORANT 3-1 COMMENCING 11 MAY. ONE PLAT RECON BN ATTACHED. REF CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 091009Z.

✓ (2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL 20 (AT 8672).

✓ (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8905).

## D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE CO SIZE DAYLIGHT SECURITY FORCE FOR ENGR RECON OF MSR VIC AN MY (4) (AT 9260) ON 12 MAY.

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(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NHON (1)  
(AT 8969).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DUYEN SON (5)  
(AT 9266)

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9168)

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE SECURITY PATROL VIC KHUONG MY (4)  
(AT 9168).(6) DISPATCH REPRESENTATIVES TO DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS  
FOR INITIAL LIAISON MEETING. REPORT RESULTS TO THIS HQTRS.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) IAW THIRD MARDIV OPN ORDER 389-66 (BALD EAGLE) BE PREPARED  
TO EMPLOY AND ASSUME OPCON ALERT CO FOR EXPLOITATION.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(A) SEE REF (A).

(B) ATTENTION IS INVITED TO CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 100332Z AND  
LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR FULL COMPLIANCE.(C). IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 091306Z SUBMIT TO THIS HQ NLT 121600H  
DEEP WATER FORDING KIT REPORT.

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(D). CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 090700Z POSTPONED REVIEW OF MATERIAL  
MAINT PROGRAM SCHEDULED F/20 MAY - 10 JUNE. TO BE RESCHEDULED AT  
LATER DATE.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8  
B. DIV BUL 5060 OF 10 MAY 1966

1. SITUATION.
  - A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #131.
  - B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).
3. EXECUTION.
  - A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

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B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. WITH TWO DEMO TEAMS FROM THIRD ENGINEERS  
CONTINUE CLEARING TERRAIN SW OF DEO UAI LA PASS (AT 939753). CLOSE  
CAVES IN VIC OF PASS.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

- (1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8276).

(2) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(3) ADJACENT UNITS COMPANIES "B" AND "C" CONTINUE TO MAN CO "D"  
SECTOR OF TAOR DURING OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

- (1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC CAO SUNG (1)  
(AT 8769).
- (2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NHON (1) (AT 8969).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (6)  
(AT 8966).

(4) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PLAT SIZE SECURITY FORCE FOR THIRD  
ENGR ROAD RECON SOUTH TO CHU LAI ON 14 MAY. EST TERM 17 MAY.

(5) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPN COUNTY FAIR 3-3 NLT 17 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
- (2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

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(3) IAW THIRD MARDIV OPN ORDER 389-66 (BALD EAGLE) BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY AND ASSUME OPCON ALERT CO FOR EXPLOITATION.

(4) AN INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO DETERMINE THE ORIGIN OF CAPTURED RICE. THEREFORE, A SAMPLE (APPROX ONE QUART) OF EACH LOT OF CAPTURED RICE IS REQUIRED FOR ANALYSIS. ALL UNITS FORWARD TO THIS HQ, SAMPLES OF CAPTURED RICE, DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO RICE SHIPMENTS OR

STORAGE, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF ORIGIN. LABEL EACH SAMPLE, AND NOTE TIME, DATE AND LOCATION OF CAPTURE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. SEE REF (A).

B. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 100659Z. MERITORIOUS COMBAT PROMOTION QUOTAS. 1/3 AND 2/3 EACH AUTHORIZED ONE PROMOTION TO LCPL AND TWO TO CPL.

(2) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 060644Z. QUOTAS FOR HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION/PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST. THIRD MAR LTR OF 9 MAY 66, SETS QUOTAS OF 20 MEN TO EACH BN AND 10 MEN FOR REGT HQ CO. BNS SUBMIT ROSTERS TO THIS HQ NLT 23 MAY.

(3) FOURTH QUARTER UNUSED REGULAR PROMOTION QUOTAS ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THIS HQ NLT 10 JUN.

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(4) PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF (B) SETS FORTH TIME FOR REQUEST MAST WITH CG, FMFPAC AS 1750 - 1825 ON 13 MAY 66, IN ASST DIV COMMANDERS OFFICE. PERSONS DESIRING REQUEST MAST WITH CG FMFPAC WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CO 3D MAR NLT 1200 12 MAY.

(5) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 101236Z REQUIRED QUOTA FOR BASIC AMMO TECHNICIAN COURSE. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THIS HQ NLT 12 MAY 66.

(6) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 110629Z (PERSONS HELD BEYOND RTD) BNS SUBMIT REPORTS THIS HQ NLT 16 MAY.

(7) SUBMIT EVALUATION BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM BY 121200H (REF CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 050406Z APRIL).

(8) REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM SCHEDULED BY FMFPAC

INSPECTOR HAS BEEN POSTPONED. CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDANCE/ADVICE CONTAINED IN DIV SUPPLY OFFICE NEWSLETTER # 6-66

(9) CONGRESSMAN MONAGAN OF CONN. WILL ARRIVE 1/3 AREA TO VISIT PEDIATRIC CLINIC 121305H MAY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

(A) SEE REF (A).

(B) CROWD 6 WILL BRIEF CG FMFPAC AT SENATOR CP 121510H TO 121520H.

(C) AT 121430H CROWD 5 WILL ATTEND VN CELEBRATION OF VICTORY OVER

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DAILY FRAG O 133-66 (PERIOD 130001H - 132400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR8

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 132.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. PROVIDE TWO COMM PERS W/AN/PRC-25

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TC 2/3 FOR LN TM AT DAI LOC DISTRICT HQ FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC HOA NINH (AT 8677).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN AREA NE OF TRUONG DINH (AT 8784).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC CAO SUNG (2) (AT 8770).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367).

(4) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPN COUNTY FAIR 3-3 AT PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266) ON 17 MAY.

(5) BE PREPARED TO COMMENCE OPN CORMORANT 3-2 DURING WEEK OF 22 MAY.

(6) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PLAT SIZE SECURITY FORCE FOR THIRD ENGR ROAD RECON SOUTH TO CHU LAI ON 14 MAY. EST TERM 18 MAY.

(7) W/2 PERS AND ONE AN/ PRC-25 FROM HQ CO, AND AUGMENTATION AS REQUIRED, ESTAB LN TM AT DAI LOC DISTRICT HQ TO EFFECT LN FOR THIS HQ.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTION.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

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(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) IAW THIRD MARDIV OPN O 389-66 (BALD EAGLE) BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY AND ASSUME OPCON ALERT FORCE FOR EXPLOITATION.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. SEE REF (A).

B. FORCE BULLETIN 5760 OF 7 MAY, 66 SETS FORTH POLICY CONCERNING OFFICER AND NCO MEMBERSHIP IN MAR CORVASSN. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO SUB PARAGRAPH 2C OF THIS BULLETIN.

C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 110758Z SETS FORTH PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR UNITS PLANING ORGANIZED PARTIES AT CHINA BEACH RECREATION AREA.

D. IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 111012Z DO NOT SUBMIT REQUISITIONS FOR REPLINISHMENT OF GREEN UNDERCLOTHING &amp; TOWELS UNTIL AFTER 20 MAY.

E. CO 1/3 BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE VIPs FOR TOUR OF PEDIATRIC CLINIC.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

(1) SEE REF (A).

(2) COMMAND ATTENTION DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 111345Z (TELEPHONE WIRE/ CABLE INSTALLATION).

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DAILY FRAG O 134-66 (PERIOD 140001H - 142400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8

B. THIRD MARDIV MSG 121514Z

C. CG III MAF 121126Z

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #133.

(2) INDICATIONS. IN THE UPPER ECHELON OF VC UNITS, MORALE IS  
CONSIDERED GOOD TO EXCELLENT. RECENT REPORTS FROM VCC

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INDICATE MORALE IN LOWER RANKS IS DECLINING. THIS IS REPORTEDLY DUE  
TO CONTINUED AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES, LACK OF SUFFICIENT RICE AND  
OTHER FOOD STAPLES, AND VC PROMISES OF A GOOD LIFE FOR THE SOLDIER  
NOT BEING FULFILLED. (REF III MAF PERINTREP #14).

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE.

C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC TRUONG DINH  
(AT 8683) AND VIC HOA LAC (AT 8883).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
(AT 8472).(4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 DURING WEEK  
OF 18 MAY.

D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) EXECUTE REF (B). PROVIDE TASK ELEMENT CMR W/PLAT (REIN)  
SECURITY FORCE FOR ENGR ROAD RECON SOUTH TO CHU LAI. EST TERM 18 MAY

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(2) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-3 AT PHUOC NINH (2) (AT 9266) ON 17 MAY.

(3) WITH A COMPANY (REIN) IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES EFFECT DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC KHUONG MY (2) (AT 9169) AND KHUONG MY (4) (AT 9168).

E. CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) IAW THIRD MAR DIV OPN O 389-66 (BALD EAGLE) BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY AND ASSUME OPCON ALERT FORCE FOR EXPLOITATION.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. DIV BUL 1730 OF 12 MAY 66 CITES 19 MAY AS CATHOLIC HOLY DAY OF ASCENSION. SCHEDULE OF SERVICES INCLUDES 2/3 CP AT 1300, 1/3 AND 7TH ENGR AT 1300, AND CROWD CP AT 1130.

B. I CORPS COORDINATOR INSTRUCTION 1710.1A SETS FORTH CATEGORIES OF WATER AND BEACH RECREATION AREAS. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS CONTAINED IN ENCLOSURE (1).

C. 1ST BN THIRD MAR COMPLY WITH PARA 1 OF CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 120513Z.

D. BNS INCLUDE COMPLETE DETAILS OF DESIRED JOB WHEN SUBMITTING

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ENGINEER ASSISTANCE REQUESTS.

E. SUBMIT AMMO EXPENDITURE REPORTS VIA THIS HQ. (REF CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 230822Z AUG 65).

F. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO COMUSMACV MSG. 110122Z WHICH CONCERNS UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF MILITARY INFORMATION TO NEW MEDIA.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

A. SEE REF (A).

B. 2D BN 3D MAR ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS FOR ENGR ROUTE RECON IAW REF (C). ENTER NETS NLT 140600H.

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DAILY FRAG O 135-66 (PERIOD 150000H - 152400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NO 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MAR INTSUM NO 134.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE.

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C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 DURING THE  
WEEK OF 22 MAY.(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHO N/M THUONG HA  
(AT 8585).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC

(AT 9085).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC

(AT 8472).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NHON (1) (AT 9085)

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (6)  
(AT 9067).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC NINH AN (1) (AT 9085)

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AP HOA KHUANG  
(AT 9472).(5) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-3 AT PHUOC  
NINH (2) (AT 9266) ON 17 MAY.

(6) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TASK ELEMENT CMR AND PLAT (6) (AT 9085)

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L. CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. BNS ARE REQUESTED TO SCREEN SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION

FOR ASSIGNMENT AS AIDE TO THE ADC (PTD JAN 67). SUBMIT NOMINATIONS  
TO THIS HQ NLT 17 MAY 66. NLG REPTS REQ.

B. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE REPORTS AND POLICIES SET FORTH IN  
DIVISION ORDER 1300.2B (ROTATION TOUR DATES).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

A. SEE REF (A).

B. COMMUNICATION SECURITY.

(1) COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO DIV PUL 02221 OF 11 MAY 66  
AND CG 3D MAR DIV MSG 131358Z.

(2) FACT, NOT AN ASSUMPTION, THAT THE ENEMY IS MONITORING OUR  
RADIO NETS AND TELEPHONE CIRCUITS. APPLICATION OF COMMON  
SENSE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY REGULATIONS IS  
MANDATORY.

C. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WATERPROOFING COURSE.

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(1) TIME: 0800 - 1600, 16 MAY 66

(2) PLACE: 3D MAR CLASSROOM

(3) STUDENT QUOTA:

(A) HQ CO, 3D MAR - 10

(B) 1ST BN, 3D MAR - 5

(C) 2D BN, 3D MAR - 5

(4) EQUIPMENT: EACH UNIT WILL FURNISH THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

AN/PRC-6.....(1)

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DAILY FRAG O 136-66 (PERIOD 160001H - 162400H)  
A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE 8

## 1. SITUATION

## A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SEE 3D MARINES INTSUM 135.

(2) INDICATIONS. IT IS REPORTED THAT VC WILL CAPITALIZE ON  
COINCIDENCE OF THE DARK OF THE MOON PERIOD (18-22 MAY) AND HO CHI  
MINH'S BIRTHDAY (19 MAY) TO CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF LOW LEVEL  
HARASSMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TADR. VC ACTIVITIES IN COMMEMORATION

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OF THE BIRTHDAY, HOWEVER, ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE NIGHT OF 19 MAY,  
AND MAY OCCUR SEVERAL DAYS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DATE.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SQUAD (REIN) SIZE NIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL  
VIC (AT 9274)(2) IAW REGT BULL 5060 DTD 14 MAY PROVIDE PERS F/AWARDS  
CEREMONY. CG THIRD MARDIV WILL PRESENT AWARDS.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 DURING THE  
WEEK OF 22 MAY.(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL  
VIC (AT 8475).(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
TI TOU (AT 8986).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

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- (1) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TASK ELEMENT COMBAT AND PLAT (REIN) SIZE SECURITY FORCE FOR ENGR ROAD RECON. EST TERM 16 MAY.
- (2) 1AW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 142315Z PROVIDE RIOT CONTROL COMPANY ON 2 HR ALERT, CO WITH TRUCKS STANDBY AT RECTR CM.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPERATION COUNTRY FAIR 3-2 ON 17 MAY VIC KUONG MY (4) (AT 9168).
- (4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DUEN SON (5) (AT 9266).
- (5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC THON NINH AN (AT 9171).

- (6) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC NINH AN (1) (AT 9070).

## E. CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
- (2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.
- (3) CONDITION YELLOW IN 1 CORPS AREA - REMAINS IN EFFECT SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 142232Z.
- (4) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO FOLLOWING:
  - (A) COMUSMACV 141035Z (US PERSONNEL INSTRUCTED TO AVOID VN POLITICAL MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS).
  - (B) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 131304Z

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- (C) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 131356Z
- (D) ATTENTION OF ALL COMMANDERS IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150430Z (IMMEDIATE ACTION DURING ENEMY ATTACK) AND MODIFICATION IN CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150705Z.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 142310Z - (NO VEHICLES PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CITY OF DANANG).

- B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150310Z SETS FORTH ADDITIONAL INFO AND POLICY CONCERNING FY66 OFFICER AUGMENTATION PROGRAM.

- C. CG THIRD MARDIV 150335Z (CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES DURING CURRENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES).

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

- A. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).
- B. COMM EQUIP WATERPROOFING COURSE SCHED FOR 16 MAY 66 POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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DAILY FRAG C 137-66 (PERIOD 170001H - 172400H)  
A. KEPT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR 8  
1. SITUATION.

## A. ENEMY FORCES.

- (1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NO 136.
- (2) INDICATIONS. AN ANALYSIS OF ENEMY INFORMATION OVER THE  
LAST THREE WEEKS AND MANY RECENT ENEMY CONTACTS, INDICATES THAT  
PRESENT CONDITIONS ARE CONCLUSIVE FOR A MORTAR OR SAPPER-TYPE  
ATTACK ON EITHER OUR AIRFIELDS OR OTHER NEAR AREA INSTALLATIONS

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WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE (REF CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150525Z MAY 66).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZE NIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 9274)  
TO COVER APPROACHES TO DEO DA LA PASS.

(2) REINFORCE SQUAD AT THE PASS (AT 943755) W/TANK.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 DURING THE WEEK  
OF 22 MAY.

(3) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 9084).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC

(AT 8276).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 142315Z PROVIDE RIOT CONTROL COMPANY  
W/TRKS ON 2 HR ALERT AT 2/3 CP.

(2) POSTPONE COUTY FAIR OPN 3-3 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC BINH THAI (1)

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(AT 6770).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NHON (2) (AT 9069).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (6)  
AT 9067).

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW IN I CORPS AREA REMAINS IN EFFECT. SEE  
CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 142232Z.(4) SUBJECT: TASK ELEMENT CMDR AND PLAT (REIN) SIZE SECURITY  
FORCE FOR ENGR ROAD RECON. TO RETURN DA NANG ASAP. (IAWD  
THIRD MARDIV MSG 160239Z).(5) BNS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REACTIONARY FORCES TO COUNTER POS-  
SIBLE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK. (SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150525Z MAY 66).4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD  
MARDIV MSG 160132Z AND 160135Z REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF  
AIR MEDAL.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 138-66 (PERIOD 180001H - 182400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8

## 1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #137

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. (1) REINFORCE SQUAD AT THE PASS.

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(AT 943755) W/TANK.

(2) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZE NIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT9274)  
TO COVER APPROACHES TO DEO DAI LA PASS.  
C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 DURING  
WEEK OF 22 MAY.

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL  
506 (AT 8987).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL  
270 (AT 8473).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE NIGHTTIME PATROL/BLOCKING FORCE  
VIC (AT 931807).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC CAO SUNG (2).  
(AT 8770).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DONG BICH (3).  
(AT 8968).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (6).  
(AT 9067).

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(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (1)  
(AT 9367).(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DUEN SON (5)  
(AT 9266).

(6) PROVIDE RIOT CONTROL COMPANY ON 6 HR ALERT.

**E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.**

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW IN I CORPS AREA REMAINS IN EFFECT. SEE CG  
III MAF 142310Z.(4) BNS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REACTIONARY FORCES TO COUNTER  
POSSIBLE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK (SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150525Z MAY 66)(5) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 160915Z AND  
CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150835Z (BNS WILL REPORT ANY UNAUTHORIZED  
VISITORS TO OPN TO THIS HQ).**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.**A. DIV ORDER 1300.2B OUTLINES PROCEDURES AND FORMATS TO BE  
FOLLOWED IN THE SUBMISSION OF PERSONNEL ROTATION REPORTS. BNS WILL  
SUBMIT REPORTS TO REGT NLT THE 29TH OF EACH MONTH.

B. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG III MAF MSG 140624Z WHICH

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STRESSES SCREENING OF PERSONNEL TO INSURE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF R & R  
AIRCRAFT SPACES AND ELIMINATE HARDSHIPS ON INDIVIDUALS.C. ALL VEHICLES AVOID & STAY CLEAR OF HWY INTERSECTIONS ONE AND ONE  
ALPHA NW OF AIRFIELD (AT 992778). UTILIZE ALTERNATE ROUTES. (SEE  
THIRD MARDIV MSG 170339Z MAY 66).D. CONCERNING PRESENT TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN DA NANG SEE CG THIRD  
MARDIV MSG 170200Z MAY 66.**5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.**

A. SEE REF (A).

B. COMM EQUIP WATERPROOFING COURSE.

(1) RESCHEDULED TO COMMENCE 0700 - 1600, 18 MAY 66.

(2) ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS ARE AS PROMULGATED IN MY FRAG O 135-66  
(PERIOD 150001H - 152400H).

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A. REGT OPN 0 326-65 W/ CHANGE NR 8

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 138

(2) THE EVENING OF 18 MAY, COMMENCES THE DARK OF THE MOON PERIOD. 19 MAY, IS HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY, MANY REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING VC INTENTIONS TO EXPLOIT THIS PERIOD. MAXIMUM SECURITY IS REQUIRED.

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(3) REPORTS OF ACTIVITY CONCERNING THE POLITICAL CRISIS ARE VAGUE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SMALL SCALE CLASHES BETWEEN PRO-GOVERNMENT AND STRUGGLE FORCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THE VC CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITIES RESULTING FROM THE CRISIS AND REPORTEDLY HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST THE STRUGGLE FORCES.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO. THIRD MARINES.

(1) REINFORCE SQUAD AT THE PASS (AT 943755) W/ TANK.

(2) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZE NIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 9274)

TO COVER APPROACHES TO DEC DAI LA PASS.

C. FIRST BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE OPN CORMORANT 3-1.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8574).

(3) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE RECON / COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8983). EST

TERM 19 MAY.

(4) POSTPONE COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-4 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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- (5) PROVIDE SQUAD SIZE SECURITY FORCE FOR ENGR ROAD
- (6) SWEEP AT (AT 930796) WEST TC (AT 916794) COMMENCING 190600H.
- (6) CONTINUE ROADBLOCK/CHECKPOINT (CG III MAF 171454Z  
AND CG 3D MAR 181440Z)

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

- (1) PROVIDE RICT CONTROL COMPANY ON 7 HR ALERT.
- (2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC CAC SUNG (1) (AT 8769).
- (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC NINH AN (3) (AT 9170).
- (4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC KHUONG MAY (2)  
(AT 9169).
- (5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH (1)  
(AT 9367).

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
- (2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGEAR.
- (3) CONDITION YELLOW IN I CORPS AREA REMAINS IN EFFECT. SEE  
CG III MAF 142310Z.
- (4) BKS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FORCES TO COUNTER  
POSSIBLE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK. (SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG  
150520Z).
- (5) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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 CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 150835Z 10BNS WILL REPORT ANY UNATHOR-  
 IZED VISITORS TO OPNS TO THIS HQ).  
 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.  
 A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 172255Z (LIFTING OF  
 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS).  
 E. THURSDAY, 19 MAY, IS CATHOLIC HOLY DAY OF ASCENSION. SCHEDULE OF  
 SERVICES INCLUDES 2Y3 CP AT 1300, 1Y3 AND 7TH ENGR AT 1300, AND  
 CRWD CP AT 1130.  
 15. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.  
 A. SEE REF (A).  
 B. VOICE CALL SIGNS CONTAINED IN CHANGE 1 TO DIV O 02000.2D ARE  
 EFFECTIVE 200800H MAY. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MAR DIV  
 MSG 170736Z.  
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DAILY FRAG O 140-66 (PERIOD 200001H - 202000H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NO. 3

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 139.

(2) THE POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS TENSE. THE OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE FORCES CONTINUES WITH THE APPARENT ABANDON OF THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION TO THE R SIDE IN THE CLASH AREA.

(3) 10 MAY WAS HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY. HOWEVER THE VC HAVE

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BEEN KNOWN TO EXPLOIT A PARTICULAR DATE BY ATTACKS BOTH SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THEREFORE INCREASED VIGILANCE IS STILL DICTATED OVER THE

NEXT SEVERAL  
DAYS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HO THIRD MARINES.

(1) WITH ONE SOD SUPPORTED BY ONE TK AND ONE ONTOS CONTINUE TO *provide* MAINTAIN ROADBLOCK VIC (AT 9077) UNDER CIV ORCON.

C. FIRST BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 9006).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC (AT 8676).

(3) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/ CKPT VIC NAM-D BRIDGE (CG, III MAF 171450Z

AND CO THIRD MARINES 181440Z).

(4) PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE FOR ENGR ROAD SNEEP AT (AT 930790) WEST TO (AT 916794) COMMENCING 200600H.

D. SECOND BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) PROVIDE PIOT COI 1900 COMBAT CO (EX 1) RECON ALONG

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC

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- (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT TRS/D OPR VIC ARPC NEAR (AT 7566).
- (4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPR VIC HIDE NINH (1) (AT 5257).
- (5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPR VIC TUYEN SON (3) (AT 3266).
- (6) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPR VIC CIRG TRI (23) (AT 5161).

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO ORDER LETTER G-3 - I CORPS NO 4636/TM3 SUBJ: COORDINATED ACTIVITIES BETWEEN RF AND USMC IN TACR.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW IN I CORPS AREA REMAINS IN EFFECT. (SEE CG, III MAF 1423107).

(4) BNS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FORCES TO COMBAT POSSIBLE ENEMY AIRPORT ATTACK. (SEE CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 150525Z).

(5) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE POSITIONING OF ARMOR FORCES/ROAD BLKS. (SEE CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 190341Z MAY 66 AND CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 190846Z).

(X) SECURITY ELEMENT ON HILL 261 (AT 942755) NOW COORDINATED BY BNS BRAVO. REAR DEFENSE AREA (SEE THIRD MARINES MSG 191015Z).

(X) CHALLENGE AND PASSWORD CODES (SEE CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 181302 MAY 66).

(X) NGF SHIP, USS DAVIS, FAIRLY IN SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES COMMENCED 200600H.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. (1) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CIVIL SUPPLY OFFICE NEWSLETTER 7-66. (2) ALL U.S. TRAFFIC RESTRICTED FROM DANANG. (CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 191211Z)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 041-66 (PERIOD 210000H - 212400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/ CHANGE R

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM 140.

(2) DARK OF MOON CONTINUES UNTIL 22 MAY. AFTER THAT TIME.

LIMITED MOONLIGHT BEGINS.

(3) INDICATIONS. VC ARE REPORTED TO BE CONDUCTING A SCHOOL  
IN DA NANG TO TRAIN PEOPLE TO INFILTRATE CIVILIAN STUDENT

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AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND FERMENT DISTURBANCES.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD SUPPORTED  
BY ONE TK AND ONE ONTOS AS ROADBLOCK VIC (AT 9877) UNDER DIV  
OPCON.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC

(AT 8470). COORDINATE WITH 2D BN, 3D MAR.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/ COMBAT PATROL VIC

(AT 9188).

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT WHITE  
ELEPHANT PIER UNTIL RELIEVED.(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD TO HQ CO, THIRD MARINES FOR  
AUGMENTATION OF LOCAL SECURITY.(5) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/ CHECKPOINT VIC NAM-O BRIDGE WITH THREE  
TANKS IN SUPPORT.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC CAO SUNG (2)

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(AT 8770).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC THON-NINH-AN  
(AT 9171).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NHON (1)  
(AT 8969).(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC PHUOC NINH  
(1) (AT 9367).(5) PROVIDE RIOT CONTROL COMPANY W/TRUCKS ON 30 MIN ALERT  
FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT, ON ORDER.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW IN I CORPS AREA REMAINS IN EFFECT.  
(SEE CG III MAF MSG 142310Z).(4) BNS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FORCES TO COUNTER POSSIBLE  
ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK. (SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150525Z).

B. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. MEETING OF ALL BN SUPPLY OFFICERS AND SUPPLY CHIEFS AT  
0900 23 MAY 66, HEADQUARTERS BN MESS HALL. SUBJECT:  
QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION OF REQUISITION TO CT.

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B. MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE TO DA NANG IS ESTABLISHED (AW CG THIRD  
MARDIV MSG 200638Z).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.  
SEE REF (A).

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A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR 8

## 1. SITUATION.

## A. GENERAL.

(1) POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNSTABLE.

(A) STRUGGLE FORCES AND RANGERS (PRO GW) CONTINUE TO  
FACE OFF AT CENTRAL DE NANG PAGODA.(B) A CONVOY, CARRYING 350-400 STRUGGLE FORCES,  
WAS FIRED ON BY VNAF AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS ENROUTE TO DA NANGON 20 MAY, LATER NEAR DA NANG PAGODA. IT WAS FIRED ON BY GWN TANKS.  
TOTAL CASUALTIES ARE UNK.(C) STRUGGLE FORCES CONTINUE TO HOLD POSITIONS ON EAST  
SIDE OF DA NANG RIVER NEAR BRIDGE.(D) IT IS REPORTED THAT 2BNS AND 1 APC TROOP WILL COME  
TO DA NANG FROM LAM KY. 22 MAY TO SUPPORT STRUGGLE FORCES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 141.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A). THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES NOW  
AD CON THIS REGT.

2. MISSION. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

O A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD  
SUPPORTED BY ONE TK AND ONE ONTCS AS ROADBLOCK VIC (AT 9877) UNDER  
DIV OP CON.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL 74  
(AT 877)).(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC DINH LYEN CHIEU  
(AT 9187)).

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(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SOD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT ELEPHANT PIER.

(4) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/CHECKPOINT VIC NAM-O BRIDGE TANKS IN SUPPRT. ATTENTION CG THIRD MAR MSG 210205Z (SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROAD BLOCK).

D. SECOND BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC GIA TRE (1) (AT 8870).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT S/D OPN VIC AN NMON (2) (AT 7060).

(3) 1AW DIV OP ORDER 389-66 PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANT ON 30 MIN ALERT DURING HRS OF DAYLIGHT AND ON 2 HR ALERT DURING HRS OF DARKNESS. (SEE THIRD MARINES MSG 211035Z).

(4) STAND DOWN FROM RIOT CONTROL COMPANY ALERT

3. THIRD BN. THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) MAINTAIN MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(3) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(4) BNS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FORCES TO COUNTER POSSIBLE ENEMY

MORTAR ATTACK (SEE THIRD MARDIV MSG 170520Z).

(5) REVIEW AND COMPLY CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 240328Z APRIL (SPOT AND INCIDENT REPORTING).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG FMF PAC MSG 182338Z (OPSTAT REPORTING). WHEN SUBMITTING OPSTAT REPORTS TO THIS HQ PART II (COMMANDERS COMMENTS) OF THE REPORT IS DESIRED.

B. SEC NAV MSG 162147Z (SEC NAV NOTE 5120) DIRECTS GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE SAVINGS BOND PROGRAM. BNS AND REG'L HQ CO WILL INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PARA 2.

C. BNS SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS TO SGT VIA THIS HQ NLT 3 JUNE. CG 3D MARDIV MSG 700610Z.

D. QUOTAS FROM ALL UNITS LESS 3/3 FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS/HEAT ACCLIMIZATION TEST, SET FORTH IN CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 060644Z MAY 66, ARE DUE AT THIS HQ NLT 23 MAY.

E. BNS COMPLY WITH PARA 1 AND 2 OF CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 201310Z CONCERNING CLASS IV FORTIFICATION MATERIAL. SUBMIT VIA THIS HQ NLT 1800 24 MAY.

F. 1AW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 201022Z THE FOLLOWING CLASS V IS

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TO DIV VIA THIS HQ NLT 26 MAY 66. NEG REPORTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

A. SEE REF (A).

B. AN FLSG RADAR TECHNICAL TEAM WILL ARRIVE AT 213 CP 230000H MAY  
TO CHECK RELIABILITY AND CALIBRATION OF RADAR SETS AN/TPS-21 UNIT  
OPERATORS AND TECHNICIANS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM  
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DAILY FRAG O 143-66 (PERIOD 230000M - 232400M)

A. REGT GEN C 326-65 W/CHANGE #8

**1. SITUATION.**

A. GENERAL. POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS EXTREMELY TENSE AND CON-  
FUSED.

- (1) 210730 - THE NEW III MAF COMPOUND (BT 0407M) REC'D INCOMING  
EXT RDS FROM WHAP A/C RESULTING IN 3 USMC KIA. SAME COMPOUND  
REC'D 81MM RDS FROM STRUGGLE FORCES RESULTING IN 8 USMC KIA.
- (2) MANY OTHER SA AND MORTAR INCIDENTS AROUND DA NANG REPORTED  
DURING THE DAY (21 MAY).
- (3) USMC ELEMENTS CONDUCTED SWEEPS AGAINST PAGODAS AROUND DA NANG  
CAPTURING 150 VET INCLUDING 4 OFFICERS. (21 MAY).
- (4) CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN OF 51ST ARVN REGT REPTD 5000 BUDDHISTS TROOPS  
IN HAI VAN PASS MOVING TOWARDS DA NANG.

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(5) 221320 - VN LST #500 WPTD UNLOADING XROPS & VEHICLES AT  
(UT 005787)

B. SEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM # 142.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. NONCHANCE (A). SEE REF (A).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HC CO. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD SUPPORTED BY ONE TK AND ONE  
CHTOS AS ROAD BLOCK VIC (AT 981771). OPCON THIRD MARINES.

(2) ESTAB REGT OP, HILL #364 VIC (AT 9376), UTILIZING HC CO  
PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ON PCSN TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT DAYLIGHT  
SURVEILLANCE IN AND AROUND THIRD MARINES TAOR. REPORT ALL  
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS TO S-2, THIRD MARINES.

C. FIRST REG. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/CHECKPOINT VIC NAM-O BRIDGE W/THREE  
TANKS IN SUPPORT. NOTE: CC, THIRD MAR MSG 210205Z FOR  
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT WHITE  
ELEPHANT PIER.

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL 312  
(AT 8875).

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✓(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT SECURITY PATROL VIC KIM LIEN (AT 9185).

**D. SIGRED BN. THIRD MARINES.**

✓(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC CAO HUNG (1)  
(AT 8769).

✓(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC AN NHON (2)  
(AT 9069).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC PHUOC MINH (1)  
(AT 8966).

✓(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC DUYEN SON (5)  
(AT 9266).

✓(5) IAW DIV OP ORDER 389-66 PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 30 MIN  
ALERT DURING HRS OF DAYLIGHT AND ON 2 HR ALERT DURING HRS OF  
OF DARKNESS. THIRD MARINES AUTHORIZED TO MAINTAIN ALERT COM-  
PANY AT ANY 2/3 HLT. (CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 220334Z) APPLIES).

**E. THIRD BN. THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAP).**

**F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.**

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(3) PLACE EMPHASIS ON:

(A) POSITIONING OF ARMOR FORCES (CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 190341Z).

(B) ~~INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIED RD HLTs (CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 230355Z).~~

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(4) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG III MAF MSG 220400Z (MORTAR ALERT).

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS.**

4. PRESENT TRAFFIC RESTRICTION LAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 211340Z.
- B. SUBMIT GENERAL PURPOSE TENTS REPORT TO DIV (ATTN: SCL-21) VIA THIS HQ BY 31 MAY. THE FOLLOWING INFO SHOULD BE SHOWN:
- (1) QTY ON HAND SERVICEABLE.
  - (2) QTY ON HAND UNSERVICEABLE.
  - (3) QTY REQUIRED.
- CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 201015Z APPLIES.
- C. ATTENTION INVITED TO DIVISION SUPPLY OFFICE NEWSLETTER 10-66.
- D. REEVE FRAG ORDER 142-66 PARA 4C. CHANGE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF MERITORIOUS PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS VIA THIS HQ FROM 3 JUNE TO 28 MAY.
- E. UNITS CURRENTLY DESIRING USE OF HERBICIDES TO IMPROVE FIELDS OF FIRE AND/OR OBSERVATION SUBMIT REQUEST TO THIS HQ PRIOR 1 JUNE. REQUEST WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 OF DIV ORDER 03100.2. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN FORCE ORDER 03100.1.
- F. UNITS ARE REMINDED OF THE OBSERVANCE OF THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOS FROM SUNSET 24 MAY THROUGH SUNSET 26 MAY. SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

24 MAY - 1930 SHAVUOS EVE - MARINE CHAPEL 1ST MAW

25 MAY - 0830 1ST DAY SHAVUOS - MARINE CHAPEL 1ST MAW

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25 MAY - 1930 2D NIGHT SHAVOUS - MARINE CHAPEL 1ST MAW  
 26 MAY - 0630 2D DAY SHAVOUS - MARINE CHAPEL 1ST MAW

COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMANDS AND TO PERMIT JEWISH PERSONNEL TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED LOCAL OBSERVANCES CONSISTENT WITH OPERATION COMMITMENTS.

**5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.**

A. SEE REF (A).

B. AN F15C RADAR TECHNICAL TEAM WILL ARRIVE AT 1/3 CP 240900H MAY TO CHECK RELIABILITY AND CALIBRATION OF RADAR SETS, AN/TFS-22. UNIT OPERATORS AND TECHNICIANS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AHEAD.

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DAILY FRAG 0 144-66 (PERIOD 240001H - 242400H)

A. PECT OPN 0 326-65 W/CHANGE MR 8

**1. SITUATION.**

A. GENERAL. POLITICAL SITUATION HAS EASED SLIGHTLY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS.

(1) GEN DINH 2ST ARVN DIV CMDR, REPTD HE WILL NOT SEND HIS TROOPS SOUTH OF LANG CO BRIDGE (AT 887955).

(2) BUDDHIST BISHOP OF THE MAIN PAGODA IN DA NANG IS REPTD TO HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH THE MILITARY MAYOR OF DA NANG TO ALLOW PASADAC

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TO RETURN TO THEIR UNITS W/O REPRISAL.

(3) LTCOL DONG OF I CORPS HQTRS REPTD THAT STRUGGLE FORCE ELEMENTS AT DA NANG EAST HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO SURRENDER. HOWEVER, SEVERAL DISSENT GROUPS REPTD STILL HOLDING OUT IN VARIOUS PAGODAS IN DA NANG.

B. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSIRM #143.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

**2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).****3. EXECUTION.**

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD SUPPORTED BY ONE TK AND ONE ONTOS AS ROAD BLOCK VIC (AT 981771). OPCON TWELFTH MARINES.

C. FIRST BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/CHECKPOINT VIC NAM-O BRIDGE W/THREE TANKS IN SUPPORT.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT WHITE ELEPHANT PIER.

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC TAN AN PHUONG (AT 8573).

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(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC TRUONG DINH (AT 8683).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL 106 (AT 9287).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 30 MIN ALERT DURING HRS OF DAYLIGHT AND ON 2 HR ALERT DURING HRS OF DARKNESS. MAINTAIN ALERT COMPANY AT 2/3 HLZ CON COO.

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC BINH THAI (1) (AT 8770).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC DONG BICH (1) (AT 8968).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC PHUOC NINH (7) (AT 8967).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367).

E. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF).

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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(3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(4) ARMOR BLOCK FORCE (AT 981771) INCORPORATED IN ZONE BRAVO AND NOW OPCON TWELFTH MARINES. (CM. THIRD MAR MSG 230920Z).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. PRESENT TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN DA NANG AND DA NANG EAST AREA CONTAINED IN CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 230344Z.

B. ALL UNITS CONDUCT SEARCH FOR MISSING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AS LISTED IN CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 220454Z. REPORT BY PHONE TO SHOVE 206 WLT 28 MAY 66. NEGATIVE REPORTS REQUIRED.

C. COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO DIVISION BULLETIN 1710 OF 22 MAY 1966. WHICH CONCERNS INDOCTRINATION LECTURES FOR NEWLY JOINED PERSONNEL.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A). ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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DAILY FRAC O 145-66 (PERIOD 250001H - 252400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM # 144

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO. THIRD MARINES. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQUAD SUPPORTED

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BY ONE TK AND ONE ONTOS AS ROAD BLOCK VIC (AT 981771). OPCON  
ELEPHANT MARINES.

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/CHECKPOINT VIC NAM-O BRIDGE W/THREE  
TANKS IN SUPPORT.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT  
WHITE ELEPHANT PIER.

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL  
112 (AT: 8677).

(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL  
506 (AT 9087).

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC GO  
CAY SAP (AT 9283).

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL TO HOI VIC  
VIC (AT: 8670).

(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC PHUOC  
NH (7) (AT 8967).

(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC DUEN  
SON (5) (AT 9266).

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(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY ON 30 MIN ALERT  
RING HRS OF DAYLIGHT AND 2 HRS ALERT DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL TO CAO  
SUNG (3) VIC (AT 8769).

E. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF).

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONDITION YELLOW REAMINS IN EFFECT.

(3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO DIVISION BULLETIN 7251 OF 17 MAY  
1966 WHICH GIVES A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE DISBURSING ON SITE  
EXAMINATION TEAM. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO PAR 4.

B. LAW CG III MAF MSG 200500Z. BNS MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT WITHIN  
CAPABILITIES TO IMPROVE HELO LANDING PADS WITH EMPHASIS ON IMPROVE-  
MENT TO PREVENT BLOWING OF SAND. MAKE REQUESTS FOR ESSENTIAL  
ENGINEER SUPPORT THROUGH THIS HQ.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 146-66 (PERIOD 260001H - 262400H)

A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR 8

## 1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 145

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A).

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## C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL  
VIC HILL 216 (AT 8782).(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
HILL PY (AT 8987).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
HILL 112 (AT 8576).(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
AP TRUNG SAN (AT 9280).(5) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD FOR HARBOR SECURITY AT  
WHITE ELEPHANT PIER.

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN COUNTY FAIR 3-3 BY 30 MAY

## D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
GIAO TRI (3) (AT 8870).(2) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC PHUOC  
NHAN (1) (AT 8966).(3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC DONG  
BICH (3) (AT 8868).(4) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC  
GIAO TRI (1) (AT 8870).(5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON /COMBAT PATROL VIC  
(AT 9264).

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 (6) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY ON 30 MIN ALERT  
 DURING HRS OF DAYLIGHT AND 2 HRS ALERT DURING HRS OF DARKNESS.

(7) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT A CPN COUNTY FAIR BY 3 JUNE

- E. THIRD BN. THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF).
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.

(2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.

(3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.

(4) SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 241033Z MAY66.

HELICOPTER ESCORT AND HELICOPTER AIR SUPPORT.

A. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. IAW FORCE BUL 10125 OF 19 MAY 66 ALL UNITS WILL TURN IN  
 UNSERVICEABLE BODY ARMOR TO COGNIZANT FLSG/FLSH.

B. UNITS SUBMIT REQUESTIONS FOR M-107A2 WATER TRAILERS.

CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 241322Z APPLIES.

C. IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 250400Z AN AERIAL CARGO DELIVERY  
 SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT CHU LAI AT APPROXIMATELY 1230  
 27 MAY66. BNS SUBMIT NAME/RANK/SERIAL NUMBER OF ONE (1) OFFICER/SMO TO  
 ATTEND NLT THAT 1000 26 MAY66 TO THIS HQ AIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND  
 FROM CHU LAI WILL BE PROVIDED.

SHOW TIME AT MARINE AIR FREIGHT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ASAP.

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 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.  
 NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 147-66 (PERIOD 270001H - 272400H)  
A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE NR 08

## 1. SITUATION.

## A. ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 146.

(2) CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN DETECTED IN AREA BOUNDED BY  
(AT 8454) TO (AT 8457) TO (AT 8857) TO (AT 8854) TO (AT 8454) DURING  
PERIOD 260930H TO 261300H. AGENT REPORTS INDICATED THAT ACTIVITY CON-  
SISTED OF TWO OR MORE VC BNS USING VN LABOREPS. (RATED F-3).

ADDITIONALLY THREE LARGE GROUPINGS OF VN (APPROX 200 PLUS) WERE  
OBSERVED BY RECON OP; ONE GROUP WAS SEEN MOVING ON SOUTH SIDE OF SONG  
VI GIA RIVER IN A SW DIRECTION. THE SECOND GROUP WAS ON RIVER BANK AT  
(AT 860559) AND A THIRD GROUP CROSSED RIVER FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AT  
(AT 864567).

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A).

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE PLANNING FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-3 BY 31 MAY 65.

(2) SATURATE VIC SONG CA DE BANKS W/NIGHT PATROLS/AMBUSHES.

(3) CONDUCT EXTENDED S/D OPN VIC (AT 9285). (AT 9286).

(4) CONTINUE PATROL ACTIVITY THROUGH RIVER VALLEY VIC  
(AT 8485) AND CONDUCT CLEARING OPN VIC (AT 8585).(5) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE SQD TO WHITE ELEPHANT PIER FOR  
HARBOR SECURITY.

D. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE MAX PATROL ACTIVITY VIC HOI VUC (AT 8770).

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- (2) CONDUCT S/D OPN INTO CAO SUNG VALLEY AREA VIC (AT 8568).
- (3) EXECUTE S/D OPN VIC PHUOC MINH (A) (AT 9057).
- (4) PROVIDE COMPANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 31 MAY 66.
- IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 260235Z.
- (5) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC DONG BICH (3) (AT 8868).
- (6) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY IAW DIV OPN ORDER 389-66.
- (7) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN BY 3 JUNE.
- E. THIRD BN. THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF)
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
  - (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
  - (2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.
  - (3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.
  - (4) SEE CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 260020Z FOR CHANGE NR ONE TO OPN ORDER 389-66 (BALD EAGLE).
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - A. BNS ARE REMINDED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERITORIOUS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT ARE TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THIS HQ NLT 28 MAY.
  - B. SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING HEAT ACCLIMITIZATION/PHYSICAL

FITNESS TEST WILL BE FORTHCOMING. UNITS WILL BE PREPARED TO HAVE ASSIGNED QUOTAS AVAILABLE WHEN A DEFINITE TIME OF EXECUTION IS ESTABLISHED.

C. ATTENTION TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 250015Z CONCERNING QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION OF REQUISITIONS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A). ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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DAILYFRAG ORDER 148-66 (PERIOD 280001H - 282400H)

A. REGT OPN O-326-65 W/CHANGE #8

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSIM NR 147.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A)

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).

## 3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF (A).

B. HQ CO. THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A).

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## C. FIRST BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) EXECUTE S/D OPN VIC KIM LIEN (AT 9185) (AT 9186).

CLEAR HIGH GROUND WEST OF KIM LIEN.

(2) CONTINUE RECON/COMBAT PATROLLING VIC (AT 8472) TO  
(AT 8675) ALONG NATURAL AVENUE OF APPROACH.

(3) CONDUCT S/D OPN VIC GO CAY SAP (AT 9283).

(4) CONTINUE SATURATION PATROLS/AMBUSHES VIC (AT 9079)  
(AT 9080)(5) CONTINUE PATROL ACTIVITY VIC THON HOA TRUNG  
(AT 8477).(6) WITH ONE S/D PROVIDE SECURITY TO WHITE ELEPHANT  
PIER FOR HARBOR SECURITY.(7) EMPHASIZE NIGHT PATROLS/AMBUSHES NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS  
OF SONG CA DE.

(8) PREPARE PLANS FOR CORMOPANT 3-2.

## D. SECOND BN. THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE MAX PATROL ACTIVITY VIC HOI VIC (AT 8770) ..

(2) EXECUTE PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL FROM VIC  
(AT 9267) TO HIGH GROUND VIC (AT 9165).

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- (3) EFFECT EXTENSIVE S/D OPN VIC KHIENG MY (2) (AT 9169).
- (4) CONDUCT CLEAPING OPN VIC NINH AN (1) (AT 9070).
- (5) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY IAW DIV
- OPN ORDER 389-66.

- (6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN BY 31 MAY 66.
- (7) PROVIDE COMPANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 31 MAY
- IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 260235Z.
- E. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. (OPCON III MAF)
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF (A) APPLICABLE.
- (2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.
- (3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORTCAC PROGRAM.
- (4) SEE THIRD MARDIV MSG 260610Z CHALLENGE AND PASSWORD

CODES.

- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 270003Z SUSPENDS THE FOLLOWING CLASS
  - V: C232 CTG 81MM M 362 A W/FISE PF M524 F4; LOT NR MA-27-1 A.
  - B. ATTENTION TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 260300Z CONCERNING
  - INITIAL PROVISIONING OF 2D ECHELON REPAIR PARTS FOR TRK M274A1.

- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE
- SEE REF (A).

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A. REGT OPN O 326-65 W/CHANGE #8

1. SITUATION.A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM #148B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A)2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF (A)B. HQ CO, THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A)C. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.(1) EXECUTE S/D OPNS VIC(A) AP THUY TU (AT 9183)DISTRIBUTION:  
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✓(B) MIEU THACH SON (AT 9281)

D-1-ECV 0750-1500

✓(C) AP HUONG PHUOC (AT 9079)

D-1-1-0000-1500

(2) CONTINUE RECON/COMBAT PATROL ~~AT~~ OPNS VIC

✓(A) HILL 112 (AT 8677)

D-1-1-0000-1500

✓(B) HILL 146 (AT 9084)

D-1-1-0000-1500

AT

✓(3) WITH ONE SQUAD PROVIDE SECURITY TO WHITE ELEPHANT PIER. 6B

✓(4) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR CORMORANT OPN 3-2

✓(5) SATURATE W/NIGHT PATROLS/AMBUSHES SOUTH BANK OF SONG CA DE (AT 8982)  
(AT 9082) (AT 9182) D-2d. SECOND BN. THIRD MARINES.(1) EFFECT EXTENSIVE S/D OPNS VIC

(A) AN NHON (2) (AT 9069)

D-1-1-0000-1500

✓(B) CAO SUNG (1) (AT 8769)

✓(C) DUyen SON (5) (AT 9266)

E-3 1200-1200

✓(D) THON TRUC DONG (AT 9171)

D-1-1-0000-1500

(2) CONDUCT RECON/COMBAT PATROLS OPNS ~~AT~~

✓(A) VIC (AT 9165) (POSSIBLE VC OP)

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✓(B) ~~VIC AN NHON (1) (AT 8969)~~

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(3) EMPHASIZE NIGHT PATROLS/AMBUSHES/VIC (AT 9266) (AT 9365) (AT 9268).

✓(4) PROVIDE COMPANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 30 MAY.

✓(5) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-3 ON 30 MAY.

(6) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY IAW DIV OPN ORDER 389-66

E. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES (OPCON III MAP)F. CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REF (A) APPLICABLE

(2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT

(3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT GAC PROGRAM

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. IAW CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 271215Z, SUBMIT REPORT ON BODY ARMOR UPPER TORSO TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DATA:

(1) QTY AUTHORIZED

(2) QTY ON HAND BY SIZE

SUBMIT REPORT VIA THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 011600 JUNE 66

B. CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 270650Z REQUIRES A REPORT BY ALL REGIMENTS AND SEPARATE BN'S OF PERCENTAGE OF PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN PAYROLL SAVINGS BOND PROGRAM. ALL UNITS WILL SUBMIT REPORTS VIA THIS HQ NLT 1 JUNE.

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~~G. ALL UNITS ARE REMINDED OF THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY ON 30 MAY AS OUTLINED IN DIVISION BUL 5060 OF 26 MAY 66. MAXIMUM REPRESENTATION IS DESIRED FROM UNITS COMMENSURATE WITH TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS.~~

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

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DAILY FRAG 0150-66 (PERIOD 300001H-- 302400H)  
A. RLAT OPN 0326-65 W/CHANGE NR 8

1. SITUATION.
  - A. ENEMY FORCES SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 149.
  - B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A).
2. MISSION NO CHANGE SEE REF (A).
3. EXECUTION.
  - A. CONCEPT OF OPNS SEE REF (A).
  - B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A).

## C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES.

- (1) EXECUTE PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC PHO NAM THUONG HA (AT 8585).
  - (2) EXECUTE PLAT SIZE S/C OPNS VIC:
    - (A) AP KIM LIEN (AT 9285).
    - (B) GIA LIEN CHIEN (AT 9286).
  - (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL OPNS VIC
    - (A) HILL 50 (AT 8572).
    - (B) (AT 9287).
  - (4) EMPHASIZE NIGHT PATROL/ANGUSH\*OPNS VIC
    - (A) AP QUAN NAM (AT 9082).
    - (B) NORTH BANK OF SONG CA DE (AT 8083)
    - (C) LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH (AT 8981) AND (AT 9282).
  - (5) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR CORMORANT OPN 3-2.
  - (6) WITH ONE SQUAD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT WHITE ELEPHANT PIER.
  - (7) 1AW CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 281544Z BE PREPARED TO SHIFT OPCON D-1-1 TO NINTH MARINES AT 300000 MAY.
- D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
- (1) CONTINUE PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL OPN VIC
    - (A) (AT 9165).

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- (R) PHUOC MAHN (AT 8966).
- (2) DIRECT EXTENSIVE PLAT SIZE S/D OPN VIC
  - (A) CAO SUNG (2) (AT 8770).
  - (B) AN NHON (2) (AT 9069).
  - (C) PHUOC MINH (3) (AT 9068).
  - (D) DONG BICH (2) (AT 8965).
- (3) PLACE EMPHASIS W/NIGHT PATROLS/AMBUSHES VIC
  - (A) WEST OF RTE 5 (AT 9365) TO (AT 941653).
  - (B) PHUOC NINH (5) (AT 9167) MORTAR VALLEY ENTRANCE.
- (4) PROVIDE COMPANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 30 MAY IAW DIV BUL 5060 DTD 26 MAY.
- (5) EXECUTE COUNTY FAIR OPN 3-3 ON 30 MAY.
- (6) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY IAW DIV ORDER 389-66.
  - E. THIRD BN THIRD MARINES (OPCON III MAF).
  - F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
    - (1) SEE REF (A).
    - (2) CONDITION YELLOW REMAINS IN EFFECT.
    - (3) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAC PROGRAM.
    - (4) IAW CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 281544Z BE PREPARED TO SHIFT OPCON

- D -1 TO NINTH MARINES AT 300800H MAY.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV SPEEDLETTER OF 27 MAY 1966 CONCERNING NOMINATIONS FOR COMM COURSE. BN SUBMIT NOMINATIONS VIA THIS HQ MLT 12 JUNE.
  - B. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 280735Z (BASIC AMMO TECH CRS).
  - C. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO MARINE CORPS BUL 1430 OF 27 MAY 1966. BNS SUBMIT NUMBERS PROMOTED BY MOS TO THIS HQ BY 3 JUNE.
  - D. COMMAND ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MEMO OF 28 MAY 1966 ON INDOCTRINATION CONCERNING THE HAZARDS OF FRATERNIZING WITH VIETNAMESE FEMALES AND TRAVELING ALONG IN FORWARD AREAS.
  - E. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 290255Z (GEMINI FREQ PROTECTION).
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A).  
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DAILY FRAG O 151-66 (PERIOD 310001H - 312400H)  
A. REG OPN O 326-45 W/CHANGE NR 8

## 1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE THIRD MARINES INTSUM NR 150.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. SEE REF (A)

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE. SEE REF (A)

## 3. EXECUTION.

- A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF (A)
- B. HQ CO THIRD MARINES. SEE REF (A)

## C. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES.

- (1) EXECUTE PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL VIC HILL 350 (AT 8375)
- (2) CONDUCT EXTENDED PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL FROM PATROL BASE VIC (AT 897873). CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES
- (3) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN VIC THON PHUOC SON (AT 8676)
- (4) CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PLAT SIZE S/D OPNS VIC
  - (A) THON TRUNG SON (AT 8978)
  - (B) AP QUAN NAM (AT 9181)
  - (C) MIEIX BN HIA (AT 9578)
  - (D) AP THUY TU (AT 9184)
  - (E) AP HONG PHUOC (AT 9079)
- (5) EMPHASIZE NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC
  - (A) SOUTH BANK OF SONG CA DE RIVER (AT 9082) (AT 9182) (AT 9282)
  - (B) KIM LIEU AREA (AT 9185)
- (6) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR CORMORANT OPN 3-2 TO COMMENCE 1 JUNE.
- (7) WITH ONE SQUAD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT WHITE

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B. EMERGENCY PIER. WITHDRAW SOD ON 1 JUNE.

D. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

(1) CONDUCT PLAT SIZE RECON/COMBAT PATROL OPNS VIC (AT 9165)  
(AT 8469)

(2) EXECUTE PLAT SIZE S/D OPNS VIC

(A) HOI VUC (AT 8778)

(B) KUONG MY (?) (AT 9169)

(C) AN MIEN (?) (AT 9267)

(D) PHUOC HINH (6) (AT 9267)

(E) PHUOC NINH (1) (AT 9367)

(3) ESTABLISH ROAD BLOCK/CHECKPOINT ON ROUTE 5 VIC  
(AT 943663)

(4) INTENSIFY NIGHT PATROL/AMBUSH OPNS VIC

(A) SONG TUY LOAN RIVER (AT 9072) (AT 9170)

(B) TRAIL NETWORK (AT 9166) (AT 9266)

(5) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BALD EAGLE COMPANY TAV DIV  
OPN ORDER 389-66

E. THIRD BN THIRD MARINES. (CN CON III MAP)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) SEE REF (A)

(2) CONTINUE MAX EFFORT CAP PROGRAM

(3) CONDITION YELLOW STILL IN EFFECT

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

(A) SUBMIT QUOTA REQUIREMENTS FOR:

(1) BASIC INFANTRY WPNS REPAIR CRS TAV CG THIRD MARDIV  
MSG 290012Z INFO COPY TO THIS HQ(2) MOTION PICTURE OPERATOR SCHOOL TAV CG THIRD MARDIV  
290011Z INFO COPY TO THIS HQ(3) ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO REGIMENTAL BUL 1700 OF 31  
MAY 66 CONCERNING VISIT OF FRANK SUTTON TO 3D MAP AREA ON 31 MAY.  
PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE ITINERARY CONTAINED  
IN ENCLOSURE (1).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE. SEE  
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Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv Op Order 385-66  
 (b) RegtO Op Order 326-65  
 (c) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701 Sheets 6756 - All;  
 6757 - All; 6657 I, II; 6658 - All, 6659 - All;  
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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. See current INTSUMS and special intelligence reports as issued.
- b. Friendly forces. No change.

2. MISSION. 3d Marines conduct operations to protect Vietnamese Nationals and the rice crop during the main harvest seasons to deny the VC valuable food stuffs, stifle his control over the local populace and aggravate the VC logistical problem.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. The most effective echelon to coordinate rice harvesting procedures is at the Infantry Battalion/Village Chief, and Infantry Company/Hamlet Chief levels thereby proving to the local populace that the Marine forces are available to protect them against VC encroachment. Battalions in conjunction with local district chiefs, village chiefs, ARVN, RF and PF forces will coordinate the protection of the rice harvesting in their respective areas. No set harvesting pattern is applicable to all rice growing areas, however the methods, tactics, and procedures prescribed in reference (a), paragraph 3.a., will guide commanders in the execution of these operations.
- b. Infantry Battalions. Conduct operations for harvest protection in assigned tactical area of responsibility during the period that regional rice harvesting is in progress.
- c. Coordinating Instructions. In accordance with the provisions established in reference (a).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. In accordance with reference (b).

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. In accordance with reference (b).

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3d AT Bn	1
3d AmTrac Bn	1
3d MT Bn	1
Co A, 3d Tank Bn	1
Co A, 3d AT Bn	1
3d Engr Bn	1
7th Engr Bn	1
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## COUNTY FAIR OPERATION

1. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ON ORDER COUNTY FAIR - TYPE COORDINATED OPERATION WITH HOA VANG DISTRICT FORCES.
2. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THIRD MARINES AND HOA VANG FORCES CONDUCT TWO - THREE DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY/CIVIC ACTION OPERATION IN MUTUALLY AGREEABLE AREA, WITH 3D MARINES PROVIDING INFANTRY, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT. INFANTRY (APPROXIMATE STRENGTH: ONE (1) RIFLE COMPANY) PROVIDES STATIONARY BLOCKING FORCE AROUND OBJECTIVE AREA (HAMLET OR VILLAGE). HOA VANG DISTRICT FORCES CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION THROUGHOUT AREA CORDONED OFF BY USMC FORCES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME GATHERING AND ASSEMBLING THE LOCAL POPULACE. HOA VANG DISTRICT OFFICIALS PROCESS LOCAL CITIZENS, CONDUCT CENSUS AND REGISTRATION. USMC CIVIC ACTION PERSONNEL ASSIST IN PROVIDING MEDICAL, AND MESSING FACILITIES. CONCURRENTLY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE PSY WAR OPS.
3. ACTUAL HANDLING AND CONTROL OF CIVILIANS IN OPERATION OBJECTIVE AREA TO BE PERFORMED BY VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL.
4. Awaiting instructions to follow.

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EVALUATION OF BASIC TRNG

- A. CG, FFPAC LTR 1510 OF 28 MAR 66 NOTAL  
B. CG, 3D MARDIV MSG 140414Z (U) MAR 66  
C. CG, 3D MARDIV MSG 050406Z (U) APR 66

1. SUBMIT REPORT TO THIS HDQS (ATTN: S-3) NLT 1200H 12 MAY 1966.

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OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

1. THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL CONCEPT IS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

CONCEPT. THIRD MARINES CONDUCT DEEP RECONNAISSANCE/SEARCH/DESTROY OPERATIONS IN KNOWN AND SUSPECTED VC CONTROLLED/FREQUENTED AREAS WITHIN ASSIGNED TAOR AND CONTIGUOUS RZ'S. COMPANY OR MULTI-COMPANY SIZE FORCES REINFORCED WITH ELEMENTS OF THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS, SCOUT DOGS, ENGINEER UNITS, ARVN, ROK OR PF UNITS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND CIVIC ACTION TEAMS AS REQUIRED, AND SUPPORTED BY AIR, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE, AS

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AVAILABLE, WILL SEARCH OUT AND PURSUE VIET CONG FORCES AND DESTROY OR CAPTURE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS. FORCES WILL BE SO ORGANIZED AND EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY AND MOBILITY REQUIRED TO INSURE A CONTINUOUS CAPABILITY TO BE IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE TO CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AS DEVELOPED, AND TO CONDUCT SUSTAINED RECONNAISSANCE/SEARCH/DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH MINIMUM LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

2. IF THE ABOVE CONCEPT IS APPROVED, IT IS ENVISIONED THAT SUCH OPERATION WILL BE

PLANNED AND CONDUCTED BY UNS OF THIS REGT UNDER TITLE OF "OPERATION HUNTER-KILLER", NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY. PLANNING HAS BEEN INITIATED FOR THE CONDUCT OF A HUNTER-KILLER OPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE THIRD MARINES TAOR/RZ.  
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OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

1. THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL CONCEPT IS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

CONCEPT. THIRD MARINES CONDUCT DEEP RECONNAISSANCE/SEARCH/DESTROY OPERATIONS IN KNOWN AND SUSPECTED VC CONTROLLED/FREQUENTED AREAS WITHIN ASSIGNED TAOR AND CONTIGUOUS RZ'S. COMPANY OR MULTI-COMPANY SIZE FORCES REINFORCED WITH ELEMENTS OF THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS, SCOUT DOGS, ENGINEER UNITS, ARVN, ROK OR PF UNITS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND CIVIC ACTION TEAMS AS REQUIRED, AND SUPPORTED BY AIR, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE AS

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TO: CO, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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CG, THIRD MARDIV  
CG, FIRST MAF  
CG, FOURTH MARINES  
CG, TWELTH MARINES  
CG, THIRD ENGR BN  
CG, THIRD MT BN  
CG, FLC  
CG, SEVENTH ENGR BN

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- A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 361-66  
B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 060530Z

1. IAW REF (A) EXECUTE REF (B).

2. DIRLAUTH ARVN CHECK POINT SOUTH OF HAI VAN PASS TO INSURE SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC STOPPED FOR PASSAGE THIS CONVOY.

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 CG THIRD MARDIV  
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- A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 361-66  
 B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 060530Z  
 C. CO THIRD MARINES MSG 061200Z  
 D. TROOP W/THIRD MARDIV 062030H

1. IAW REF (A), (B), AND (C) DIRECTED EXECUTION OF ROUGH RIDER NORTH HLT 08700H.

2. IAW REF (D), ROUGH RIDER NORTH IS POSITIONED 24 HRS.

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TO: CO FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

O 071315Z

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV

TO: ZEN/THIRD MARINES

ZEN/FOURTH MARINES

ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD ENGR BN

ZEN/THIRD MT BN

FLC

INFO: CG III MAF  
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ROUGH RIDER

A. MY 060530Z

1. POSTPONE REF A BECAUSE OF WEATHER UNTIL ORDERED TO  
EXECUTE BY THIS HQ.

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ROUGH RIDER NORTH  
A. MY 060530Z  
1. EXECUTE REF A NLT 090700H MAY 66  
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ZEN/NINTH MARINES

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ZEN/SEVENTH ENGR BN

ZEN/THIRD MT BN

CG 1 CORPS ADV GRU

INFO CG III MAF

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FORCE ENGR ROAD/ROUTE RECON

A. CG III MAF 110644Z (NOTAL)

1. REF A TASKS VARIOUS UNITS TO SUPPORT THE SUBJ RECON DANANG TO

CHU LAI 14-17 MAY 66.

2. THIRD MARINES:

A. PROVIDE TASK ELEMENT CNDK AND ONE REIN INF PLT (FAC/FO TWO INTERPRETER AND COMM-ELECT PERS AND EQUIP. EMBARKED IN APPROPRIATE MOTOR TRANSPORT TO CONDUCT THE SUBJ RECON DANANG TO CHU LAI AND RETURN.

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B. BE PREPARED TO COMMIT SPARROW HAWK AS REINFORCING ALERT UNIT WHILE TASK ELEMENT IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

C. TASK ELEMENT CMDR RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY AND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT W/APPROPRIATE DIVISION.

3. TWELFTH MARINES:

A. PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT FROM PRESENT POSNS W/IN RANGE CAPABILITIES.

B. PROVIDE ARTY LN O/NCO AT DIEN BAN TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ARVN ARTY SUPPORT IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

4. NINTH MARINES:

A. MAINTAIN SPARROW HAWK AS ALERT REINFORCING UNIT WHILE TASK ELEMENT OPERATING IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

5. THIRD ENGR BN:

A. CONDUCT ROAD/ROUTE RECON OF HIGHWAY ONE FOR THIS HQ IN COORDINATION WITH FORCE ENGR PERS.

6. THIRD MT BN:

A. PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION AS REQUESTED.

7. CG FIRST MARDIV:

A. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TASK ELEMENT TO RON AT THANH BINH 14 MAY AND TAM KY 15 MAY.

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B. REQUEST AO COVERAGE AS AVAILABLE.

C. REQUEST ARTY LN O/NCO BE PREPOSITIONED AT THANH BINH AND TAM KY TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING ARVN ARTY SUPPORT.

D. REQUEST SPARROW HAWK ALERT UNIT BE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT WHILE TASK ELEMENT IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE.

8. CG 1 CORPS ADV GRU:

A. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY ARVN UNITS TO BE PREPARED TO FIRE IN SUPPORT OF TASK ELEMENT.

9. SEVENTH ENGR BN:

A. CHOP OPCON TO TASK ELEMENT AT 140600Z.

B. PROVIDE ENGR PERS W/EQUIP, COMM AND TRANSPORTATION

10. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

A. OPCON WITH 3D MAR DIV IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AND WITH 1ST MAR DIV IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. TASK ELEMENT CMDR NOTIFY APPROPRIATE DIVISION WHEN OPCON SHIFTS.

B. USE CHECK POINTS IN ANNEX C TO MY OPN O 361-66 (ROUGH-RIDER) FOR LOCATION REPORTING.

C. REPORT TASK ELEMENT LOCATION TO APPROPRIATE DIVISION EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR WHILE ON THE ROAD.

D. ENGR ELEMENT DEPARTING ROAD ON 14 MAY.

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E. DIRLAUTH ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS  
11. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS: TO BE PUBLISHED  
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TO CG III MAF  
INFO: MAW  
ZEN/THIRD MARINES  
ZEN/NINTH MARINES  
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OPERATION COUNTY FAIR

1. INCREASING INTEREST IN COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR A COMMAND POSITION THAT IS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL WHO MAY HAVE OCCASION TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THESE ACTIVITIES.

2. AS CONCEIVED AND EXECUTED BY THE 3D MARINE DIVISION "COUNTY FAIR" IS A SPECIFIC TYPE OF **SEARCH** AND CLEAR OPERATION CONDUCTED IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN, RF AND PF UNITS. REMOVAL OF ALL HAMLET INHABITANTS TO A SEGREGATION AREA PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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CAREFULLY SEARCH THE HAMLET FOR VIET CONG WHO ARE USING THE VILLAGE AS A BASE OF OPERATION OR HIDING PLACE AND TO KILL OR CAPTURE THEM. WHILE THIS ACTION IS TAKING PLACE THE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE VILLAGE ARE PROCESSED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. A CENSUS IS TAKEN, INDIVIDUALS ARE GIVEN MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT, FOOD IS PROVIDED, GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA IS DISSEMINATED, AND OCCASIONALLY ENTERTAINMENT IS PROVIDED. WHILE SOME OF THE ACTIVITY IS OF A CIVIC ACTION CHARACTER, THE COUNTY FAIR IS NOT A CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM.

3. AS THE NUMBER OF COUNTY FAIRS AND THE INTEREST IN THEM INCREASES, MORE PEOPLE WANT TO VISIT THESE OPERATIONS. VISITORS ARE NAUALLY WELCOME PROVIDED THEY HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE OPERATION AND THE VISIT IS CLEARED IN ADVANCE.

4. IN ORDER TO CARRY ON THE COUNTY FAIR OPERATION IN A MORE ORDERLY FASHION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANYONE DESIRING TO VISIT THESE OPERATIONS

MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH CG, 3D MARINE DIVISION (AC/S, G-3).

5. BY COPY OF THIS MESSAGE, REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS, 3D MARINE DIVISION, ARE DIRECTED TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY UNAUTHORIZED VISITOR AT COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS.

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VISITORS TO TACTICAL OPERATIONS

1. PAST TACTICAL OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY COUNTY FAIRFAX OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY DIVISION UNITS, HAVE ATTRACTED A LARGE NUMBER OF UNSCHEDULED VISITORS. SUCH VISITS MAY INTERFERE WITH THE TACTICAL CONDUCT OF THE OPERATION AND BE DEMANDING ON THE VITAL TIME AND EFFORTS OF UNIT COMMANDERS AND THEIR STAFF. DURING COORDINATED ARVN, RF AND PF OPERATIONS, A CONSTANT PARADE OF U.S. VISITORS COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR EFFORTS IN DEMONSTRATING TO OUR COUNTERPARTS THE SOUND TACTIC OF DEVOTING FULL CONCENTRATION ON

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PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION AT HAND.

2. TO PRECLUDE UNWARRANTED AND UNSCHEDULED INTERRUPTIONS, THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS DIRECTED:

A. INDIVIDUALS FROM OTHER THAN DIVISION UNITS WHO DESIRE TO VISIT AN OPERATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THIS HQS (AC/S, G-3) AT LEAST 12 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL SEEK CONCURRENCE FOR THE VISIT FROM THE REGIMENT CONCERNED.

B. INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVISION UNITS WHO HAVE NO RECORDS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION WILL OBTAIN CLEARANCE DIRECTLY FROM THE REGIMENT CONCERNED.

3. TO INSURE THAT THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE, UNIT COMMANDERS CONDUCTING OPERATION OF COMPANY SIZE AND LARGER WILL REPORT AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME THE NAMES OF VISITORS AND PARENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHOM ADVANCE CLEARANCE WAS NOT OBTAINED.

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CO SECOND BN, THIRD MAR  
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FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
TO: CO FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
CO SEVENTH ENGRS BN

A. CG III MAF MSG 171454Z

1. IAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING TASKS ARE ASSIGNED:

A. FOR FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

→ (1) CONTINUE ROAD BLOCK/CHECK POINT AT NAM-O BRIDGE. NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN EFFECTIVE SEARCH BY ARVN IS NOT BEING CONDUCTED.

B. FOR SEVENTH ENGR BN.

(1) ESTAB ROAD BLOCK/CHECK POINT AT (AT 956786). NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN RD BLK/CK PT IS ESTAB.

2. NOTIFY THIS HQ IF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED AS PER PARA 3A.

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FM: CG THIRD MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: CG SEVENTH MCR BN

A. CG III MAF MSG 171454Z  
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 180610Z

1. IAW PARA 3A OF REF (A), REQUEST MINIMUM EIGHT ARVN PERS PLUS THREE INTERPRETERS TO ASSIST SEVENTH MCR BN IN MANNING A CONTROL POINT AS REQUIRED BY REF (B).

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POSITIONING OF ARMOR FORCES

A. MY 190341Z

B. III MAF COC 190017Z

1. DELETE SUB-PARAS INDIA AND JULIETT PARA 2 REF A.  
PROVISIONS OF REF B COMPLIED WITH.

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REF. A: CG THIRD MARDIV.....POSITIONING OF ARMORED FORCES

B. III MAF COC 190017Z.....NOT HELD

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
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TO ZEN/FOURTH BN TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN  
HQBN  
THIRD ENGR BN  
ZEN/HQBTRY TWELFTH MARINES  
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INFO: CG THIRDMARDIV  
THIRD MARINES  
THIRD SP BN  
SEVENTH ENGR BN  
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A. 3D MAR S-3/12TH MAR S-3 PHONECON, 180930H MAY 66  
B. 3D MARDIV OP ORD 343-65

1. REF A INCREASED THE ZONE B AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY TO INCLUDE HILL 268 (AT 969746) & LEVIED A REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A SECURITY ELEMENT ON HILL 268 EACH EVENING.
2. HILL 268 OVERLOOKS POSSIBLE APPROACHES FROM THE SOUTH & SOUTH WEST; OF VITAL CONCERN IS THE PASS BETWEEN HILL 327 & 268. THE SECURITY ELEMENT WILL HAVE THE MSN OF LISTENING, REPORTING, &

PAGE TWO Y14E 005 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
CHALLENGING ANYONE WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THAT TERRAIN FOR AN APPROACH AND/OR AS A POSSIBLE MORTAR PSN. THE SECURITY ELEMENT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ONE MG, GRENADES & FLARES; AND WILL BE COMPRISED OF A MINIMUM OF FIVE MEN, INCLUDING THE RADIO OPERATORS.  
3. UNITS WILL HAVE MEN EMPACED NO LATER THAN 1830 EACH EVENING & WILL RETRACT THEM NO EARLIER THAN 0530H. SECURITY ELEMENT LEADER WILL COORDINATE WITH THE 2D BN, 3D MAR UNIT PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE HILL 327 COMPLEX PRIOR TO EMPLACING HIS MEN.  
4. UNITS WILL PROVIDE AS LISTED BELOW.  
18 MAY - HQ 12TH MARINES  
19 MAY - 3D ENGINEER BATTALION  
20 MAY - 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION  
21 MAY - HEADQUARTERS BATTALION  
22 MAY - 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES  
5. UNITS WILL USE ON CALL SIGN WITH "Y" SUFFIX AND WILL BE ON M-462  
6. UNITS PROVIDE ON TRANSPORTATION TO HILL 268.  
7. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AS STATED IN REF B APPLY.  
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FROM: CO, THIRD MARINES  
 TO: CO, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
 INFO: CG, THIRD MARDIV  
 CO, SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
 CO, THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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A. C/S<sup>CO</sup>, THIRD MARINES TELCON OF 210905H

1. PER REF A THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MISSION IS ASSIGNED TO UNITS AT NAM-O BRIDGE.

*NORTH AND* A. PHYSICALLY STOP AT NAM-O BRIDGE ALL REPEAT ALL MILITARY UNITS MOVING SOUTH. POSITION TANK IN ROAD TO PHYSICALLY BLOCK MOVEMENT. REPORT BY FLASH MSG ANY AND ALL MOVEMENTS OF MILITARY UNITS.

B. STOP AND SEARCH ALL REPEAT ALL VEHICLES MOVING SOUTH ACROSS NAM-O BRIDGE. USE RP/TF IF AVAILABLE TO INSPECT BUT USMC SUPERVISE INSPECTION. SEARCH FOR MORTARS, RECOILLESS RIFLES, AND/OR AMMO. REPORT BY FLASH MSG IF SEARCH REVEALS SUCH WEAPONS AND/OR AMMO. OTHERWISE PROVIDE HOURLY STATUS REPORT OF SEARCHES ACCOMPLISHED.

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CG FMFPAC MSG 210017Z RE-ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE

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THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTER

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FM CG FMFPAC

TO DDKE/CG THIRD MAR DIV

INFO WIND/CMC (DN)

DDKM/CG FIRST MAR DIV

DDKM/THIRD MARINES

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

CONGRINT PFC EVAN A. GILKES JR. 2130735 USMC

A. CMC 191921Z (U) (NOTAL)

1. REF. A QUOTED FOR ACTION: "HAVE PFC EVAN A.

GILKES, JR. 2130735 USMC GIVEN PHYSICAL EXAM WITH  
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ANY RESPIRATORY DIFFICULTIES.

REPORT RESULTS BY MSG TO CMC CODE DN SPECINT."

2. RECORDS THIS HQ SHOW PFC GILKES MBR CG D 1ST BN 3D MAR.

BT

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 CG, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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- A. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 050800Z
- B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 210730Z
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 112315Z

1. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE REF (A) AS MODIFIED BY REF (B). UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED CONTINUE TO POSITION ALERT CG VIC FOUR BN CP (AT 954724) FOR RAPID EMPLOYMENT VICE VIC MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

2. STAND DOWN FROM RIOT CENTER COMPANY ALERT STATUS AS ESTABLISHED BY REF (C).

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O 220800Z

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O 220530Z

FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO THIRD MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD TANK BN

O 220240Z

FM CG III MAF  
TO CG FIRST MAF  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

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MORTAR ALERT, CONFIRMATIONS OF (U)

1. SITUATION: STRUGGLE FORCES MAY ENGAGE GVN FORCES IN VICINITY  
OF US INSTALLATIONS. MORTARS MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THESE FORCES.  
ANY MORTARS FIRING INTO US INSTALLATIONS WILL BE DESTROYED.

2. CG FIRST MAF

A. PLACE 2 UH1E GUNSHIPS ON 5 MIN ALERT AT MAF (AIRCRAFT SHOULD  
MONITOR THE AO.NET).B. PREPARES TO LAUNCH UH1E GUNSHIPS WHEN DIRECTED BY CG III MAF  
THROUGH TADC NET.

PAGE TWO RUMNMF SECRET

C. MISSION OF GUNSHIPS IS TO CAUSE MORTARS TO CEASE FIRE OR TO  
DESTROY MORTARS ATTACKING US INSTALLATIONS AS NECESSARY WHEN  
DIRECTED BY III MAF AND IN COORDINATION WITH AO OBSERVING THE MORTAR  
FIRE.

D. MINIMUM FORCE WILL BE USED TO INSURE MORTARS CEASE FIRING.

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3 MarDiv - 2100/2THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTERO 220815Z  
FM THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)  
TWELTH MARINES  
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POSITIONING OF ARMOR FORCES

A. CG. THIRD MARDIV MSG 220535Z NOTAL

1. FOR BOTH ADDRESSEES: REF (A) ACCOMPLISHED.

2. FOR TWELTH MARINES (ZONE BRAVO REAR AREA DEFENSE):

A. ASSUME OPCON OF ARMOR BLOCK FORCE (AT 981771)

AND INCORPORATE INTO ZONE BRAVO REAR AREA DEFENSE PLANS.

B. NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN PARA 2A THIS MSG COMPLIED WITH.

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3d MarDiv - 2100/2

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FM THIRD MARINES  
TO TWELTH MARINES  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTER

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A. MY 220815Z  
1. CANCEL PARA 2 OF REF(A).  
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3d MarDiv - 2100/2THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTERO 230020Z  
FM THIRD MARINES  
TO TWELTH MARINES  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

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POSITIONING OF ARMOR FORCES

A. MY 221415Z

B. MY 220815Z

1. CANCEL REF A

2. EXECUTE REF B

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THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTER

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FM CO THIRD MARINES

TO THIRD MARINES

CO TWELTH MARINES

CO SEVENTH ENGR BN

INFO THIRD MARDIV

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ALERT FORCES

A. MY 181440Z (NOTAL)

B. MY 210205Z (NOTAL)

C. MY 230920Z (NOTAL)

D. MY 211035Z (NOTAL)

1. CANCEL REFS A. B. AND C.

2. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED  
TO EXECUTE BALD EAGLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF D.

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FM: THIRD MARINES  
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(A) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 260235Z

1. PROVIDE COMPANY CALLED FOR IN PARA 3A AND REPRESENTATION PER PARA 5 AND 6 OF REF (A).
2. REGIMENTAL COLORS AVAILABLE THIS CP WHEN REQUIRED.

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INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST BN, THIRD MAR

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A. MY 211035Z  
B. RPT CPM 0 326-65

1. CANCEL REF A.
2. NORMAL CPMs IAW REF B.

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

3/FMW/hlw  
1 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)  
Subj: Review of FPM 8-2, Operations Against Guerrilla Units  
Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 130037Z

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject review was conducted.
2. The present FPM 8-2, "Operations Against Guerrilla Units" is considered adequate within the scope as stated in the Foreword of FPM 8-2. It is felt that no revision of the subject manual is required.

J.T. ODENTHAL  
By direction

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

3/FMMW/hlw  
1556  
1 May 1966

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

Subj: Task Organization; correction of

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div ltr 3/FMMW/pnc over Ser 00101-66 dtd 8 Apr 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		USN		TOTAL
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
<u>3d Marines (-)(Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	80	2157	8	117	2362
Hq Co (DA NANG)	17	253	2	5	277
<u>1stBn, 3d Marines (Rein)(DA NANG)</u>	34	995	3	60	1092
1stBn, 3d Marines (DA NANG)	31	894	3	52	980
Co D, 1stBn, 1st Marines	3	101	0	8	112
<u>2d Bn, 3d Marines (DA NANG)</u>	29	909	3	52	993

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

3/DTR/PLW  
3000  
2 May 1966

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

Subj: Casualty REPORTS (U)

Ref: (a) MESTACO P003000.5  
(b) DivO C3000.5

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following REPORTS is submitted.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TRANS</u>	<u>LABEL</u>	<u>DATA</u>
1st Bn, 3d Mar	C	CNPERB	C-2/C-1 Unk
2d Bn, 3d Mar	C	CNPERB	C-2/C-1 Unk
	C	CREOP	C-2/C-1 Unk

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
APO San Francisco, 96322

3/PMM/jeh  
4 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (Attn G-3)  
Subj: Lessons Learned, April 1966  
Ref: (r) (M, 3d MarDiv msg 4754387

1. In accordance with reference (1), the below Lessons Learned are submitted.

a. Item. Scout-Sniper Teams, employment of

Discussion. During Operation Orange, Scout-Sniper Teams were extremely effective against VC at ranges up to one hundred meters. By occupying firing positions in trees, on vantage points, and elevated dykes, snipers were able to kill VC before friendly troops moved to within small arms range of the VC.

Recommendation: That the proven capabilities of Scout-Snipers be exploited to the maximum in all future search and destroy operations. By being positioned on a vantage point outside of a village, Scout-Snipers can kill those VC that try to escape during the search of the village. In addition, that Scout-Snipers occupy positions overlooking known areas that small groups of VC frequent (Example: Areas that mines and booby traps have been emplaced previously, locations where communication wire has been cut, etc). The precision fire brought to bear on these areas by Scout-Snipers will enhance our posture.

J. T. ODENTHAL  
By direction

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

3/WHE/jeh  
10 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (SC-2)  
Subj: County Fair Operation

Ref: (a) Verbal Request of Assistant Chief of Staff (G-2) of 6 May 1966  
(b) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Operation Order 304-66 (County Fair)  
3-1 of 021500H May 1966  
(c) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Operation Order 11-66 (County Fair 3-2)  
of 071200H May 1966

Encl: (1) County Fair 3-1 narrative  
(2) County Fair 3-2 narrative  
(3) Diagram of Collection Point layout

1. The 3d Marine Regiment has conducted two (2) County Fair operations to date. County Fair 3-1 was conducted at AP XUAN THIEN (AT 928813) by 1st Battalion, 3d Marines on 4-5 May 1966 as set forth in reference (b). County Fair 3-2 was conducted at TUY LOAN (2) (AT 934700) by 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 9 May 1966 in accordance with reference (c).

2. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are herewith forwarded. Enclosure (3) diagrams the Collection Point layout which has been found to be the most efficient.

H.A. HAYES, JR

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COUNTY FAIR 3-1

AP XUAN THIEU was selected as the operational site due mainly to reports that the VC had used it as an ingress/egress route the night of 17-18 April 1966, when Btry "A", 1/11 was attacked.

Company B, 1/3, and HOA VANG District forces (two (2) PF platoons, numbering sixty (60) men) combined to conduct the operation. Company B, 1/3 established a cordon around the hamlet at 040300H and maintained that position until 051305H, when County Fair 3-1 secured. HOA VANG District forces commenced the initial sweep of the hamlet at 040645H. All residents were assembled at the Collection Point, which was established about six-hundred (600) meters to the West of the hamlet.

National Police and district officials checked ID cards, conducted a registration and census. One-hundred fifty-four (154) adults were registered; one (1) ARVN deserter and seven (7) VCS were removed to HOA VANG District Headquarters for further processing.

Five-hundred thirty-two (532) treatments were administered by medical personnel from 1/3. One (1) Vietnamese was admitted to the 1/3 Pediatric Ward. The medical facility remained in operation throughout the morning of 4 May.

Three (3) large meals of rice and soup were served to the hamlet residents during the twenty-seven (27) hour period while they were at the Collection Point.

The Army Psychological Warfare Team presented lectures and conducted question-and-answer discussions with the adults during the afternoon of 4 May. Pamphlets and magazines were distributed during the evening meal and movies were shown after dark. The people generally expressed approval of and support for the aims, policies, and operations of the USMC/District forces.

The HOA VANG District forces occupied the hamlet during the night, the residents remained at the Collection Point and Company B, 1/3, maintained its cordon around the perimeter. After a final sweep through the hamlet on the morning of 5 May, the residents were allowed to return to their homes and the operation was secured at 051305H.

County Fair 3-1 primarily strengthened the position of the HOA VANG District officials in the politically - troubled AP XUAN THIEU area.

It also provided extensive medical aid to the people, indicated that the hamlet was free of VC influence, and presented another opportunity for coordinated operations between USMC and Vietnamese forces.

Enclosure (1)

COUNTY FAIR 3-2

TUY LOAN (2) was selected as the operational site for several reasons: (1) A recent VC booby trap incident killing or wounding four (4) children in the immediate area; (2) the concern of the HIEU DUC District Chief for the security of the New Life Hamlet which is being constructed adjacent to TUY LOAN (2); (3) the need to re-establish government influence in the area at the hamlet, village and district levels; and (4) the requirement for an accurate census.

Company H, 2/3, established a cordon around TUY LOAN (2) at 090500H. At 090600H, HIEU DUC District forces, numbering about one hundred (100) RF and PF troops, and reinforced with elements of the Combined Action Company and Engineer Demolition teams, commenced the initial sweep of the hamlet. Six-hundred thirty-five (635) residents of the hamlet were assembled at the Collection Point.

National Police, district officials, and ITT personnel checked ID cards and conducted a registration and census. A "Census Form" which was developed and printed in quantity by 2/3, was utilized and each adult filled out a copy. Three-hundred eighty-seven (387) adults were screened. Three (3) VCS were temporarily detained but later released. This phase of the operation continued throughout the morning.

A medical facility was established as the second checkpoint in the Fair. Two hundred (200) children under (18), two-hundred (200) women over 18, and fifty (50) men over (18) were treated for a variety of ailments. Bars of soap were passed out as the people were processed through the medical facility. One (1) child with meningitis and one (1) woman in labor were evacuated by helicopter.

Rice, chicken soup, and tea were made available to the people throughout the day. Approximately seventeen-hundred (1700) meals were served.

The 3d Marine Division Band presented a one-hour concert during the early part of the afternoon, which was enthusiastically received. Volleyball and soccer games were continually in progress.

The Army Psychological Warfare Team furnished Vietnamese music during most of the day. The team also distributed leaflets and pamphlets and conducted question-and-answer discussion sessions. All of these activities were aimed at ensuring that the people understood the mission and aims of County Fair.

The Hamlet, Village, and District Chiefs, each spoke at length to the people during the afternoon. This enabled the district and local officials to personally re-establish and strengthen the government structure in TUY LOAN (2).

Enclosure (2)

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County Fair 3-2 was secured at 091800H due to a severe rainstorm. It achieved its military aim in that no evidence of VC activity was found in TUY LOAN (2) and thus the security of the New Life Hamlet seems assured. An accurate census was compiled and the governmental establishment was strengthened. Gains in the area of Civic Action were the high point of the day. The operation received an enthusiastic response from the people and was a fine coordinated effort by USMC and Vietnamese forces.

ENCLOSURE (2)

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

3/RJP/hlw  
4900  
12 May 1966

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

Subj: Popular Forces - Marine Corps combined action, weekly report of

Ref: (a) DivO 358-65

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

a. Operations Conducted.

(1) 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (a) 27 Apr - CAC program officially began at village of TUY LOAN. Construction of Headquarters began.
- (b) 28 Apr - First patrol organized and dispatched. Patrol picked up VC defector and turned him over to Bn C-2.
- (c) 28 Apr - To present. Continuous improvement of positions.
- (d) 29 Apr - To present. Daylight and night patrols being conducted. 7 May - In response to recent intelligence reports CA Platoon conducted B/D Opn of KONG MY (1). Seven (7) VCS apprehended and three (3) caves were destroyed.
- (e) 9 May - CAC participated in County Fair Opn 3-2.
- (f) 11 May - CAC acted as blocking force on SONG TUY LOAN river for a sweep that was being conducted by the village chief.

(2) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. None.

b. Training Conducted (27 Apr - 11 May).

(1) 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (a) Field Sanitation - 9 hours.
- (b) Field Fortification - 60 hours.
- (c) Patriotism - 3 hours.
- (d) Patrolling - 31 hours.
- (e) English Class - 3 hours.

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(2) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. None.

c. Problems Encountered.

(1) 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

(a) Lack of radios. The battalion does not have enough organic radios to support CAC. Seven (7) additional radios are needed.

(b) Interpreters. Full time interpreters are a necessity to make program work. At this time the battalion does not have sufficient interpreters to provide a full time interpreter.

(c) Problems have been encountered in assembling PF's and having them work a full day. PF's are paid 1300 piasters a month and have to work at other occupations in order to increase their income. Present policy among the PF's is to grant an individual 24 hours off after an operation or a patrol. In addition many PF's have families to support and crops to tend to. Another problem encountered is the one of the daily rest period of 1200 to 1500 and Sunday as a holiday.

(d) Problems are anticipated in convincing the PF's to live in the platoon headquarters, but should be resolved in time.

(e) The uniforms that were allotted to the PF's from the district have not been received yet.

(2) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. No answer has been received from the District Chief in reply to this Battalion's request that he designate PF platoons to take part in the CAC program. The Chief advisor at District has been contacted. The Advisor states that he is working with the District Chief on this matter. The Advisor will be contacted again this week.

d. Evaluation.

(1) 2d Bn. 3d Marines:

(a) The first two weeks of operations have been very encouraging.

(b) Program is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

(c) The PF's are becoming more willing to work and they are developing friends among the Marines.

(d) Groundwork and preparation are being made to start  
"second" CA Platoon in NOA LOC/PHUOC THUNG area in the  
near future.

(2) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. None.

F.M.M. GOODNOW, Jr.  
By direction

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

3/FWMM/LWS  
1500  
14 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Evaluation of Basic Training Program  
Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv msg. 140414Z of Mar 66

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following comments regarding the proficiency of Marines joining this command since the inception of the new basic training program are forwarded:

- (1) It is the opinion of this command that individuals who participated in the shortened basic & ITR training are as well qualified in general military abilities as those who completed the full period.
- (2) MDS proficiency under the new program is also considered to be adequate. Troop leaders have reported that basic knowledge of MDS related subjects have proven to be adequate and that the amount of on the job training required is within normal limits.

F.W.M. WOODROW, Jr.  
By direction

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

3/EJP/jeh  
1500Z  
18 May 1966

MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, Third Marines (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Land Mine Warfare School 3d Engineer Battalion

1. Quotas for subject school have been assigned.
2. The 2d Bn, 3d Marines, is assigned a quota of twelve men to attend course "A" at subject school commencing 250730H May. Course "A" is of two day duration, and will be held at 3d Engineer Battalion CP.
3. Billeting and transportation will be provided by 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

F. W. M. WOODROW, Jr  
By direction

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

3/UTB/Lws  
1500  
18 May 1966

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

Subj: Patrol Leader's Guide; request for

Encl: (1) Patrol Leader's Guide

1. It is requested that 1000 copies of enclosure (1), Patrol Leader's Guide, be delivered to this Headquarters (S-3). The subject guide will be used as handouts for Marines of this Regiment.

F.W.M. WOODROW, Jr.  
By direction

Encl # 41

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
APO San Francisco, 96602

3/EJP/Lms  
1500  
19 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Popular Forces - Marine Corps Combined Action Company (CAC);  
weekly report of  
Ref: (a) Div O 358-65

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

A. Operations Conducted.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. None.

(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (a) 13 May: CAC platoon in TUY LOAN (1) conducted night ambush.
- (b) 14 May: CAC platoon helped villagers fight a large house fire.
- (c) 15 May: CAC platoon participated in joint operation in KUONG MY (2) and KUONG MY (4). The platoon was responsible for search of village and apprehended 11 VCC and destroyed five (5) caves.
- (d) 16 May: An ambush was conducted during the night and a road block established at southern end of hamlet on route 5.
- (e) 17 May: No activities conducted due to political unrest in Da Nang and PFs had to remain in village to help defend District Headquarters.

B. Training.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. None.

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(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (a) Field Fortification - 12 hours
- (b) Field Sanitation - 5 hours
- (c) Patrolling - 6 hours
- (d) S/D Operations - 8 hours
- (e) English - 2 hours
- (f) Care & Cleaning of Wpns - 3 hours

C. Problems Encountered.(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. None.(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (a) Battalions do not have sufficient interpreters to provide a full time interpreter for program.
- (b) The political situation in Da Nang has brought the operations of CAC to a stand still.
- (c) Problem exists in obtaining training ammunition.

D. Evaluation of Progress.(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. Meeting conducted on 16 May with Chief of Hoa Thanh village resulted in obtaining building near village headquarters for CAC platoon headquarters/living quarters. Marine squad for this location has been selected and will move in this week.(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (a) The battalion commander, operation officer and district chief met and discussed plans for establishing a second platoon of CAC in Hoa Phu village (AF 9272).
- (b) The continued progress of program will be determined greatly on how long the political unrest exists in Da Nang.

F.W.M. WOODROW, Jr.  
By direction



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

3/FMMW/lms  
3100  
25 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Engineer Battalion (Rein)  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: County Fair Operations

Ref: (a) Your ltr 3/CDW/edm over 3100 dtd 22 May 1966

1. In response to your timely letter, the information contained below is hereby furnished, and it is apparent that we are in agreement.

2. Phuoc Ninh (1) (AT 942671) has been thoroughly searched and surveillance is being maintained in this hamlet. These searches, since the incident mentioned in reference (a), have disclosed there is significant activity to make this area a priority objective for a County Fair operation.

3. Accordingly, a County Fair operation is scheduled for this area within the very near future.

H.A. HAYNS, Jr.

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Main), FMF  
APO San Francisco, 96602

3/FMH/lws  
1500  
26 May 1966

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

Subj: Popular Force - Marine Corps Combined Action Company (CAC); weekly report of

Ref: (a) DivC 358-65

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period of 19-26 May 1966.

A. Operations Conducted.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. None.

(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

(a) During this period the 1st Platoon, CAC at TUY LOAN (1) was limited in its operation due to the political situation in Da Nang. However, the 1st Plat did conduct ambushes every night in the vicinity of their village.

(b) On 23 May a second platoon of the CAC was established in the village headquarters (AT 922724). A meeting was held with all the PFs and Marines and the Battalion Commander and District Chief explained the program. After everyone became acquainted the platoon began construction of their headquarters. To this date, one (1) old house has been built and a strong back tent constructed as quarters for the platoon. In addition, protective wire was laid and bunkers built for the defense of the CP. The Marines moved into Headquarters on 26 May 66 and the second platoon of the CAC will begin operations this week.

B. Training Conducted.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. None.

(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

(a) Field Fortification .....24 hours

(b) Field Sanitation & Hygiene ..... 6 hours

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- (c) Patrol & Ambush Techniques ..... 18 hours
- (d) English Class ..... 3 hours
- (e) Patriotism..... 2 hours
- (f) First Aid ..... 3 hours

C. Problems Encountered.

(1) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. The major problem has been the civil and political unrest which has caused the CAC to be temporarily stalemated.

(2) 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

(a) Interpreters are badly needed to operate permanently with 2 CAC platoons.

D. Evaluation of Progress.

(1) 1st Bn. 3d Marines. A meeting was held with Hoa Vang District Chief and plans were formulated to establish a combined action company in the village of Hoa Thanh (AT 9078). A site was selected for CAC headquarters and USMC personnel were screened. Indoctrination classes were held. Two (2) squads of Marines will move into CAC CP area this week and integrate with their respective PF platoon. Program is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

(2) 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

(a) The first platoon of CAC well established and has been well received by the local populace.

(b) A second platoon was established during the reporting period and progress of CAC is considered excellent.

F.W.M. WOODROW, Jr.  
By direction

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

3/DTR/lws  
1500  
27 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Introductory Training for the Personnel Detector, Chemical  
(People Sniffer)  
Ref: (a) Div Bul 03403 dtd 9 May 1966

1. The following personnel of this command are scheduled to attend subject training, in accordance with reference (a).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1st Lt. LEWIS, C.F.	2d Bn, 3d Marines
Sgt. LESSARD, J.J.	1st Bn, 3d Marines

2. Billeting is required for Sgt. LESSARD.

F.W.M. WOODROW, Jr.  
By direction

Copies to:  
OO, 1st Bn, 3d Marines  
OO, 2d Bn, 3d Marines

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3/100/11w  
3400  
7 May 1966

VINT REPORT on CO, 3d Bn, 3d Mar Ltr 3/100/11w over 3400 dtd 3 May 66

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

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report

1. Forwarded.

2. Concur in the recommendation set forth in paragraph 15. The area is currently under consideration for a COMBAT Operation.

H.A. HAYES, Jr

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3/HLW/hlw  
1500  
12 May 1966

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1st Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JJT/ddh over 1500 dtd 12 May 66

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

Subj: Quota Requirements and Nominations to Basic Ammunition  
Technician Course, period 28 May - 10 Jun 66

1. Forwarded recommending approval.

P.M.M. WOODROW, Jr  
By direction

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1st Battalion, 3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

3/JJT/dsh  
1500  
12 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Via: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines (Attn: S-3)

Ref: (a) CO, 3d MarDiv Reg 101236Z

Subj: Quota Requirements and Nominations to Basic Ammunition  
Technician Course, period 28 May - 10 Jun 1966

1. In accordance with ref (a), a quota of 1 is requested for subject course.

2. The following individual is nominated to fill this quota:

Cpl WILL, Henry Jr. 2061333

J. J. TOINAY  
By direction

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HEADQUARTERS  
1st Battalion, 3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
PFO San Francisco 96602

3/JJT/ddh  
1500  
29 May 1966

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

Subj: Quota Requirements and Nominations for Basic Ammunition  
Technician's Course 11 June - 4 July 1966

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv Msg 280735Z  
(b) CG, 3d MarDiv Msg 101136Z

1. In accordance with ref (a), the following individual is nominated  
to subject course.

PFC LEWIS, W. Jr. 215023B/0341

2. PFC LEWIS meets prerequisites set forth in ref (b).

J. J. TOLMAY  
By direction

3/LJP/Lus  
1500  
29 May 66

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on 1st Bn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JJT/ddh over 1500 of 29 May 66

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

1. Forwarded.

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By direction

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Date: 29 May 1966

Organization: 3d MarinesPeriod covered 21 May 1966 to 29 May 1966

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	MEDIA	THEME
<u>21 May</u>	<u>Hieu Duc</u> AT 9368 AT 9269 AT 9470 AT 9468 AT 9169	10,000 VN	Leaflets (5000) Newspaper	On back of sheet
<u>26 May</u>	<u>Hieu Duc</u> AT 9168 AT 9269 AT 9470 AT 9468 AT 9169 AT 9266 AT 9367  <u>Dai Loc</u> AT 9260 AT 9160 AT 9259 AT 9058 AT 8958	15,000 VN       15,000 VN	Aircraft Loudspeaker.  Tapes  Leaflet drop 20,000	Why USMC are here?  Encourage cooperation of villagers?  Exposure of VC atrocity.
<u>27 May</u>	<u>Hieu Duc</u> AT 9368 AT 9367 AT 9268 AT 9369 AT 9469  <u>Dai Loc</u> AT 9058 AT 9059 AT 9259 AT 8958 AT 8957	15,000 VN      1,500 VN	Aircraft Loudspeaker  Tapes  Leaflet drop 20,000	Why USMC are here?  Encourage cooperation of villagers.  Exposure of VC atrocity

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**REMARKS :**

2d Battalion, 3d Marines has programmed for Hieu Duc District a District Newspaper. It is designed to be written by the USMC personnel for the district chief. As the newspaper develops it is planned that more and more activities conducted by the district with the assistance of USMC forces will be publicized, de-emphasizing USMC activities and highlighting the district organizational activities. It is further planned that all material assistance obtained by Hieu Duc District Chief from all US sources will be published. This will not mention the source of this material but rather emphasize the manner in which it is equally distributed. This will serve as an inducement for those hamlets and villages to reduce enemy activity within their area. It will also help to organize the political structure and keep the people informed.

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