

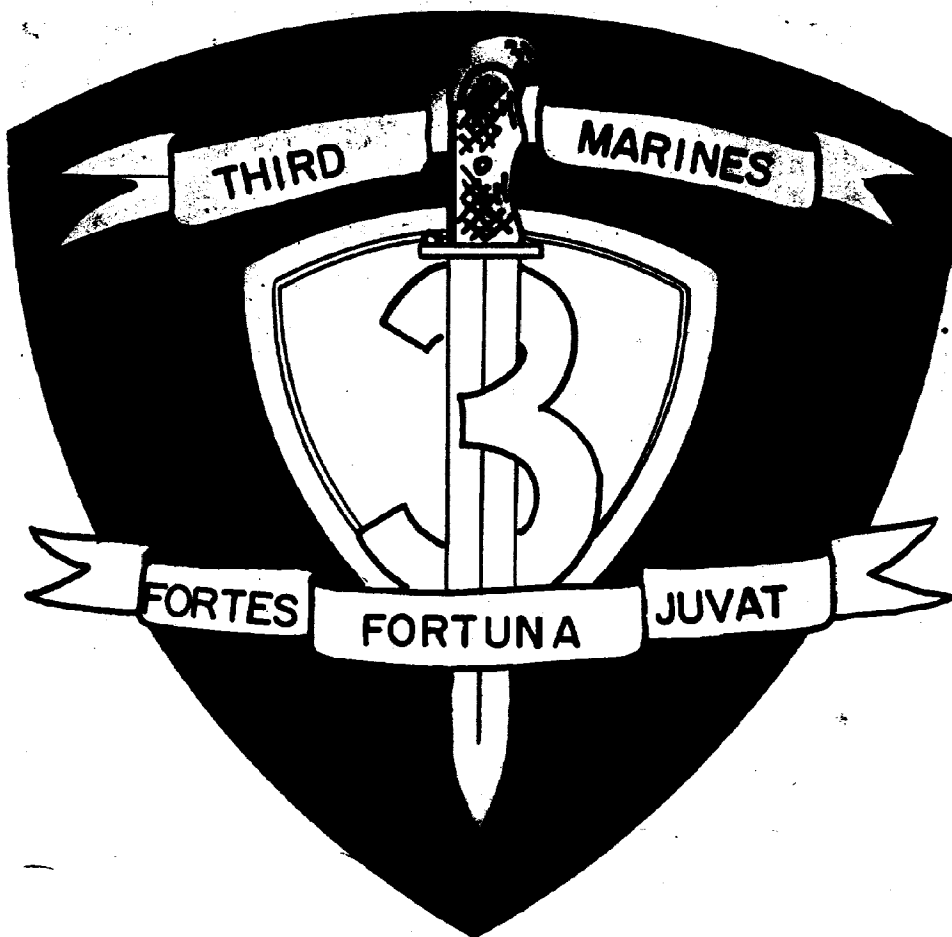
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September through 30 September 1966

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines.
2. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, Coordinates (AT 947762).
3. Period Covered. 1 September - 30 September 1966.
4. Date of Submission. 10 October 1966
5. Average Monthly Strength.

	USMC	USN
Officers	127	9
Enlisted	3305	166
6. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. E. HAMMERBECK  
Executive Officer. Lieutenant Colonel J. T. ODENTHAL (1-14 Sep 1966).  
Lieutenant Colonel L. C. SHEPHERD III (15-30 Sep 1966)
7. Regimental Staff.

S-1	Lieutenant L. PARRETTI
S-2	Major W. H. FORREY
S-3	Major G. H. RIPLEY
S-4	Captain J. S. SMITH
CEO	Captain C. G. ARNOLD
CAO	Lieutenant E. R. ECREMENT
8. Subordinate Units.

Hq Co, 3d Marines	Captain W. A. BYRNE
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel R. R. DICKEY III (1-22 Sep 1966), Major P. A. WICKWIRE (23-30 Sep 1966).
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN
2d Bn, 26th Marines	Lieutenant Colonel J. J. WILSON (1-14 Sep 1966). Major W. S. FULLAR JR (15-26 Sep 1966). Lieutenant Colonel J. M. CUMMINGS (27-30 Sep 1966).
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.

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## PART II

Significant Events1. Personnel.

a. Gains. During the period nineteen officers and one hundred twenty two enlisted replacements were received. Allocations to subordinate units were based on rank and MOS shortages.

b. Losses. The 3d Marines suffered ninety three casualties during the period. Eighty four were battle casualties and nine were non-battle. Of the battle casualties, fifteen were killed in action, sixty nine were wounded in action. The circumstances surrounding the non-battle casualties were investigated. Administrative losses were fourteen USMC officers, four hundred nineteen USMC enlisted, one USN officer and twenty two USN enlisted.

c. Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers. Three persons were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. One ordered home to CONUS by PCS orders in connection with emergency leave. Two humanitarian leave to CONUS were effected.

d. Administrative Discharges. Two recommendations for hardship discharge and one recommendation for discharge by reason of unfitness were processed through this Headquarters.

e. R&R TAD Trips. R&R trips were afforded two hundred twenty eight members of this regiment. R&R trips were to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa, Hawaii, Tokyo, Manila, Taipei, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

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2. Administrative

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

2	Legion of Merits
18	Bronze Star Medals
15	Navy Commendation Medals

b. Promotions.

(1) The following promotions were effected by Commandant of the Marine Corps during this reporting period.

1	SgtMaj	8	GySgt
1	1stSgt	17	SSgt
1	MSgt	49	Sgt

(2) Six appointments from Staff Sergeant to Second Lieutenant were effected during this period.

(3) Three Combat Promotions to Corporal and nine to Lance Corporal were effected during this period.

c. Legal Matters. Fifty one "Office Hours" were conducted during the period. In addition, four Special Courts-Martial and five Summary Courts-Martial were completed.

d. The "Jimmy Boyd Show" was presented to members of 3d Marine Division at the 3d Marines Regimental Headquarters on 28 September 1966.

e. Liberty. Regular liberty has been suspended in the Danang area.

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### 3. INTELLIGENCE

a. The total number of incidents declined by about 2% during the month of September. Mining/booby trap incidents decreased 9%, grenade incidents by 42%, intimidation incidents by 87%, and communication interference incidents by 65%. Conversely small arms fire incidents increased slightly (1%) while enemy movement incidents increased by 16%.

b. Contact Incidents - 252 (99 at night).

(1) Small arms/sniper fire -- 68 (32 at night)

(a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (3 at night)

(b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 4 (4 at night)

(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 45 (21 at night)

(d) Other -- 18 (4 at night)

(2) Grenades -- 10 (all at night)

(a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 3 (all at night)

(b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (all at night)

(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 4 (all at night)

(d) Other -- 1 (all at night)

(3) Booby Traps -- 16 (all discovered)

(a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (discovered)

(b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0

(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 15 (discovered)

(d) Other -- 0

(4) Mines -- 44 (18 discovered) (26 detonated)

(a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (discovered) 6 (detonated)

(b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (discovered) 0 (detonated)

(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 12 (discovered) 14 (detonated)

(d) Other -- 3 (discovered) 6 (detonated)

(5) Moving or probing action where VC did not fire or return fire -- 75 (50 at night)

(a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 22 (all at night)

(b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 21 (9 at night)

(c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 21 (17 at night)

(d) Other -- 11 (2 at night)

(6) Mortar/Artillery Fire -- 1 (at night)

(a) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 1 (at night)

(7) Number of instances of VN nationals volunteering information about VC direct to Marines and reward paid. -- One (600 \$ VN)

(8) Communications Interference -- 6 incidents (none at night)

(9) Intimidation -- 1

(10) Attacks -- 1 (1st Bn, 3d Mar -- at night)

(11) Miscellaneous -- 30 (15 at night)

#### c. Enemy Losses

(1) Personnel

(a) Confirmed

1 KIA - 9

2 WIA - 9

3 VCC - 0

(b) Probable

1 (KIA - 15

2 WIA - 11



(2) Material

(a) Weapons

1 Remington 1903, 30-06

1 MAT - 49

6 M-26 Grenades

4 ChiCom Grenades

2 M-16 AP Mines

(b) Weapons Accessories

6 AK-47 Magazines

(c) Ammunition (rounds)

1 106 round

1 105 round

2 81mm rounds

1 60mm round

1 20mm round

5 7.62 casings

(d) Demolitions

24 ounces C-4

(e) Food

1500 pounds rice

505 pounds salt

110 pounds fish

20 gallons oil

(f) Medical supplies

Assorted

(g) Clothing

Assorted

**(h) Documents**

Assorted

**(i) Miscellaneous**

8 Boats destroyed

3 Boats damaged

5 Trip Wires

2 VC Flags

2 55 gallon drums

2 Trail Markers

5 7.62 casings

1 7.62mm charger guide

1 38 Caliber casing

2 ponchos

3 cartridge belts

1 Battery

2 Scarecrows

**(3) Fortifications destroyed**

12 Caves

14 punji pits

2 fighting holes

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d. Enemy units reported and/or sighted during period

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1 Co of R-20	BT052638	30 Sept
1 Co of 402d	BT008619	30
1 Co of 402d	AT992621	30
1 Co	AT805560, AT805556, AT803554	30
20 Guerrillas	AT894557	29
1 Co	AT888554, AT891555, AT894556, AT899559	29
1 Plat	AT959685, AT967698	28
1 Plat	AT935554, AT934552, AT933550	28
1 Co	AT945562, AT947565	28
1 Bn	AT8553	27
1 Squad	AT825554, AT824555	27
1 Co	AT813555, AT818560, AT825559	27
2 Plat Guerrillas	AT917591, AT910593	26
1 Co	AT952589, AT955592, AT960589, AT952593	26
5th VC Bn	AT952704	25
1 Bn	AT903597, AT900605	24
1 Co	AT800557, AT805560, AT803554	24
1 Co	AT9086	24
3 Co	AT888705	23
1 Plat	AT958677	22
1 Co	AT823556, AT828544, AT828559	22
2 Co	AT892557, AT891556, AT845546	22
1 Regt	AT805610	20
1 Co	AT882538, AT888535, AT890537	20
1 Co	AT833541, AT839543	21
1 Plat	AT956678	19

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120 Guerrillas	AT893547, AT890555	17
2 Co	AT8382	17
1 Co	AT815571, AT818577	16
2 Co	AT840530, AT838533	16
1 Plat Guerrillas	AT933550, AT937555	13
1 Bn	AT818550, AT882553, AT825556, AT815558, AT820560	13
1 Co	AT964698	12
1 Co	AT935659	12
1 Bn	AT856714	10
1 NVN Regt	Quang Tri/Sam	10
1 Co	AT963694, AT965696	10
1 Co	AT822553, AT820551	10
1 Plat	AT863562, AT873558	10
2 Co	AT951570, AT955570	10
1 Squad	AT8683	10
1 Bn	AT955680	9
1 VC Co	AT825570	9
1 Bn	AT85850, 863561, 866554, 873557, 864542, 890555	9
1 Plat	AT950620	8
1 Plat	AT790560	8
2 Co	AT804568	8
1 Plat	AT846778	8
1 Bn	AT863561, AT864566, AT886554, AT873557	7
2 Plat	AT8784	7
2 Co	AT840545, AT850548	6
1 Co	AT859709, AT897693	6
2 Bn	AT957662	5

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1 Co	AT816570, AT818571	5
20 Guerrillas	AT898598	4
1 Co	AT850548, AT855557	4
2 Co	AT934554, AT935555	3
1 Squad w/19 Guerrillas	AT966697, AT973688	2
1 Plat	AT964664, AT953643	2
1 Plat	AT908690, AT894673	2
2 Co	AT821554, AT822556, AT833560, AT834556	2
24 VC	AT9285	1
Q-14	AT903574, AT924605	1
38 VC	AT854744	1

## e. Trends

## (1) Summary of incidents (all types) on a monthly basis.

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sen</u>
SA Fire	49	66	68
Booby Traps	45	66	16
Mines			44
Grenades	18	17	10
Enemy movement w/o fire	60	63	75
Assassinations	0	0	0
Sabotage	0	0	0
Comm interference	1	17	6
Kidnappings	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0
Intimidations	0	8	1
Miscellaneous*	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>30</u>
Total incidents	186	254	250

\*Includes unexplained SA fire, explosions, fires, lights with noises, etc..

(2) The slight decline in overall incidents noted in paragraph 3.e. is attributed to enemy preoccupation with rice collection. The decrease in mine/booby trap, and grenade incidents is probably caused by a shortage of these munitions. Intimidation incidents declined to the pre-election level upon successful conclusion of the elections. The increase in small arms fire incidents indicate that the enemy utilizes whatever is available to harass and inflict casualties. The enemy situation at the end of the month is marked by a concerted enemy effort to collect his share of the rice harvest. No substantial contact is expected. His main efforts will most probably be directed toward harassing US forces and collecting/harvesting rice.

#### 4. 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) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines. One man attended Motion Picture Operators Course in Japan. One Officer attended Crypto/Comm. Security School held in Japan. Ten member of the Regimental Sniper Platoon utilized the HQA GAM Regional Forces Training Center Range to "zero-in" rifles and scopes on 21 September.

(2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. One man attended NCO Leadership School held on Okinawa. NBC Decontamination and Monitoring Teams and Company NCO's were given a two day course of instruction at the Battalion CP on 21-22 September. OJT was conducted for newly arrived personnel assigned to the Communication Platoon, H&S Co. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies in addition to company level classes on General Military Subjects related to operations in Vietnam.

(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies, in addition to company level classes on General Military Subjects related to operations in Vietnam.

(4) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines. 180 Marines attended a one day course and 60 Marines attended a two day course on Land Mine Warfare conducted by 3d Engineer Battalion. One man was sent to Okinawa to attend a four-week course in Vietnamese Language. One man attended a four-week course on NCO Leadership conducted on Okinawa. Motor vehicle operators school (M422A1) and (M274A1) was conducted at the Motor Transport Section, H&S Company. 22 Marines were qualified to drive the M422A1 and 22 Marines qualified to drive the M274A1. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies. In addition, squad level classes were conducted on General Military Subjects with emphasis on patrolling, Rules of Engagement and Lessons Learned.

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## 5. Special Operations.

### a. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Amphibious Operations. None

(2) Combined Operations.

(a) Operation COUNTY FAIR 3-20 conducted in KIM LIEN by Company C (Rein), H&S Company (-) and Local Regional and District Officials during the period 24-26 September 1966.

(b) Reinforcement of KHE SANH Special Forces Camp on connection with imminent reactivation of TASK FORCE DELTA, by 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (-) on 30 September 1966.

(3) Psychological Operations.

(a) 16 September - A leaflet drop was conducted in grid square (AT 9194) and (AT 9094). A total of 338,000 leaflets were dropped. The theme of the drop was "Chieu Hoi", "Family Happiness" and "Government Benefits".

(b) 22 September - A leaflet drop was conducted in grid square (ZC 1983) to (AT 8279) to (AT 8274) to (AT 8073) to (ZC 1773). A total of 300,000 leaflets were dropped. Co. A and Co. D were given 25,000 each of the new type Mine and Booby Trap Reward leaflets for distribution in their sector of the TAOR.

(c) 24-26 September - During COUNTY FAIR 3-20, presentations were made by a Cultural and Drama Team and speeches by GVN Officials. In addition, prepared tapes and movies were presented by a US Army Psychological Warfare Team.

### b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Amphibious Operations. None

(2) Combined Operations. On 23 September, Co. G and a platoon of the 522d Company, ARVN, conducted search and destroy operations in the hamlet of DOIG PHU (AT 9462).

(3) Psychological Operations. During the reporting period, psychological Warfare activities consisted of passing out 8,000 leaflets by patrols, in hamlets throughout the Battalion TAOR.

### c. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

(1) Amphibious Operations. None

(2) Combined Operations. None

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(3) Psychological Operations.

(a) 16 September - A leaflet drop was conducted in HIEU DUC District in the area of BO BAN (1), LA CHAU (3), LA CHAU (5) and DUYEN SON (2). Prepared tapes were utilized in conjunction with the leaflet drop. The theme of the drop was the "Chieu Hoi" program and a request for assistance in aiding GVN-US Forces to find and locate mines and booby traps and VC guerrillas.

(b) 24 September - A leaflet drop was conducted in the areas of BO BAN (1), LA CHAU (3), LA CHAU (5), DUYEN SON (2), KHUONG MY (4), AN NHAM (2) and GIAO TRI (2). Prepared tapes were also utilized in conjunction with the drop. The theme of the drop was "Chieu Hoi" and the poor life of the VC guerrilla.

(c) 27 September - A request was made to the Regimental Psychological Warfare Officer to obtain a Psychological Warfare Team to assist in planning psychological operations in the Battalion TAOR.

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

a. Hq Co. 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training Accomplished: Personnel have been assigned to Monitoring or Decontamination Teams to be trained at Company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

b. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

c. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

d. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

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7. Command and Control.

a. The troop list as of 30 September is as follows:

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	133	3220	9	161	3523
<u>Hq Co (DA NANG)</u>	17	231	1	6	255
<u>1st Bn, 3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	47	1027	3	54	1131
<u>2d Bn, 3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	32	899	2	53	986
<u>2d Bn, 26th Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	37	1063	3	48	1151

b. Command Post Locations.

3d Marines	(AT 947762)
1st Bn, 3d Marines	(AT 939783)
2d Bn, 3d Marines	(AT 916582)
2d Bn, 26th Marines	(AT 950721)

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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8. Communication - Electronics.a. Radio Relay.

(1) AN/MRC 62 circuit withdrawn by Division. Shot to DAI LOC replace by AN/TRC 27 equipment.

(2) Activated AN/TRC 27 circuit to DAI LOC. Shot has operated over 300 hours with less than 1 hour down time. A noteworthy accomplishment.

(3) Constructed waterproof sheds for AN/TRC 27 generators at DAI LOC Hill 364 and Hill 70. Generally improved each radio relay site for the monsoon.

b. Wire.

(1) Laid and overheaded, where necessary, a new four-pair cable between this CP and 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

(2) Laid new cable to radio and radio relay sites on Hill 364. Installed new terminal box.

(3) Laid new security loop in Regimental CP. Installed female plugs on all posts. Commenced overheading of loop.

(4) Rerouted various local lines in preparation for construction of Chapel.

(5) Issued 18 new head and chest sets for perimeter defense.

c. Radio.

(1) ROUGH RIDER convoy net was activated on three different occasions.

(2) AN/MRC 110 was tested operationally with excellent results.

(3) Radio communications from THOUNG DUC Special Forces Camp to 2d Bn, 3d Marines CP was determined to be feasible.

d. Maintenance.

(1) Submitted requisitions for operational items of maintenance for new FM radio equipments.

(2) Improved installation of new head and chest sets on security perimeter.

(3) Installed new electric wiring throughout the camp.

(4) AN/TPS 21 modifications completed.

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(5) School for generator operators and maintenance was conducted by FMF PAC contact team. A total of 14 Marines from each battalion and from Regimental Headquarters attended. This was an excellent period of instruction conducted by a competent team.

e. Communication Center.

(1) Total message traffic for September was 2,971 incoming and 238 outgoing. Total messages handled by Regimental Message Center was 3,209.

f. Inspections.

(1) On 21 September 1966, a team from the Regimental Communications Office inspected 1st Bn, 3d Marines relative to the Communication-Electronics aspects of that battalion.

(2) Personnel and rifle inspection of Communication Platoon formally conducted each week.

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9. Close Combat.

a. The following number of operations were conducted during September 1966.

Fire Team Size	1591
Squad Size	2279
Platoon Size	61
Company Size	5
Battalion Size	1

b. Significant Events.(1) Hq Co, 3d Marines.

5 September At 0915H, a 3d Marines communication section Mighty Mite at (AT 924743) received 3 rounds of carbine fire from unknown number of VC at (AT 925745). There were no USMC casualties.

(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

1 September At 0145H, a Co. D patrol established an ambush in vicinity of (AT 902832). The ambush sighted and engaged one VC coming out of river. Contact was broken and the area searched with negative results.

2 September Co. C (-)(rein) conducted a Rough Rider North, departing NAM O bridge at 0610H and arriving at PHU BAI at 0920H. The Company came under OPCON of 4th Marines upon arrival PHU BAI. There were no incidents. The convoy will return to DA NANG on 3 September.

3 September Co. C concluded Rough Rider North, departing DONG HA at 0630H and arriving DA NANG at 1350H. There were no incidents. At 2130H, entrance to Esso plant (AT 935866) received one round of sniper fire from (AT 931866). Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

4 September At 0815H, Co. D reported that 15 minutes after 3 AmTracs passed through area (AT 897826) an explosion occurred. A mine sweep team checked the area with negative results.

5 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

6 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

7 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

8 September 1st Bn, 3d Marines Bn. Command Group and 3 rifle companies (rein) were placed on 12 hour alert for possible commitment to Operation PRAIRIE.

9 September At 1805H, a CAC 13 driver discovered a grenade partially buried in the road at (AT 923793). EOD personnel removed the grenade.

10 September At 2143H, Co. D ambush observed one VC at (AT 918828). The VC was taken under fire and when the area was illuminated, 3 additional VC were sighted moving from area. The ambush attempted to intercept the VC, but contact could not be established. Area searched with negative results.

11 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

12 September At 1230H, a Co. B squad conducted a BLUE STRINGS operation in the vicinity of (AT 925810). The mission was completed at 1550H. At 1850H, a Co. B patrol discovered a partially buried 81mm mortar round at (AT 879763). The round was removed by EOD personnel.

13 September At 0504H, a Co. D patrol sighted and took under fire 1 VC at (AT 913833). A search of the area produced negative results.

14 September At 0920H, a Co. D patrol received 3 rounds of small arms fire at (AT 915834). There were no USMC casualties. One VC was spotted running into village at (AT 910834). The patrol searched the village with negative results. At 2034H, a Co. D patrol sighted and took under fire 1 VC at (AT 910815). Contact was broken and the area searched with negative results.

15 September At 1500H, a squad from Co. A was launched from LZ Turkey (AT 941784) on a BLUE SPRING Operation. The mission was completed and the squad returned to Co. A at 1600H. At 1750H, Co. A dispatched a squad to (AT 929922) in reaction to VC attack on RF vehicle. Artillery fire was called in on suspected VC routes of withdrawal, with unknown results. The RF WIA's were med-evaced.

16 September At 1000H, a Co. A patrol detonated a ChiCom grenade at (AT 910860). There were no USMC casualties. At 1519H, a Co. A patrol member detonated an unknown type explosive device when he stepped in covered hole at (AT 903864). 1 USMC was WIA and med-evaced. At 2015H, a Co. D patrol sighted several VC while moving to its ambush position at (AT 903836). The VC were taken under fire and the area searched with negative results. At 2020H, a Co. D patrol observed 2 VC at (AT 901814). M-14 fire delivered with 81mm illumination with negative results.

17 September At 0045H, a Co. D patrol sighted 2 VC at (AT 908838). Small arms fired and area searched with negative results. At 0445H, a Co. D patrol detonated AP mine (AT 925825) resulting in 3 USMC WIA. WIA's med-evaced. Area searched with negative results.

18 September At 2120H, a Co. B patrol sighted and fired at 1 VC at (AT 878789). Search produced negative results.

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At 1245H, a Co. D patrol detonated a M-26 grenade at (AT 917822). There were no USMC casualties. At 0030H, CAC 15 patrol fired small arms fire at 1 VC at (AT 906820). Area illuminated and checked with negative results.

19 September At 0105H, Co. D patrol fired 15 rounds of small arms fire at 1 VC at (AT 903816). Area checked with negative results.

20 September At 1230H, a Co. A patrol located an unoccupied VC base camp with bunkers, shelters, fighting positions and OP's. 1 USMC casualty resulted when M-79 round was fired into OP position. Arty destruction mission fired at 1820H. At 2050H, Co. B patrol sighted person when illumination device was tripped. Small arms fired and area checked with negative results. At 2100H, Co. D patrol fired small arms fire at 2 VC at (AT 901819) resulting in 1 VC WIA (conf).

21 September At 0330H, a Co. A squad located at hamlet of KIM LIEN (AT 925885) attacked by an estimated VC squad. The attack resulted in 4 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIA, 1 VC KIA (conf) and 1 VC WIA (prob). Arty mission fired on possible VC withdrawal routes resulting in secondary explosion. Search of area resulted in the finding of 6 AK47 magazines. Information from VN sources indicate that the attack was conducted by platoon size unit which sustained 13 casualties. At 0125H, a Co. B OP received 1 enemy grenade at (AT 892772). Three grenades returned and area illuminated and searched with negative results. At 0205H, Co. D patrol fired small arms fire under 81mm illumination at 2 VC along river bank (AT 915825) resulting in 1 VC WIA (conf).

22 September At 0145H, Co. D patrol tripped mine at (AT 900-830) resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. Casualties were med-evaced. Mine is believed to be grenade attached to trip wire.

23 September At 1647H, a squad from Co. C was launched from LZ TURKEY, in conjunction with BLUE SPRINGS Operation. The drone was recovered but USAF could not retrieve due to darkness. The squad maintained security during the night. At 0600H, Co. D patrol tripped an unknown type grenade rigged as a mine at (AT 912824) resulting in 5 USMC WIA. 3 WIA were med-evaced.

24 September At 0300H, 1/3 commenced County Fair 3-20 in the hamlet of AP KIM LIEN (AT 9285). During the day 9 VCS were apprehended. 364 Vietnamese were processed. The operation was visited by LtGen. L. S. WAIT, CG III MAF and Mr. Joseph HOLT and party.

25 September At 0005H, Co. A patrol apprehended 6 VCS with 10 pounds of rice at (AT 944927). VCS delivered to IIT. Co. C continued to conduct County Fair 3-20 in the vicinity of AP KIM LIEN (AT 9285). There were no contacts or significant incidents.

26 September Co. C completed County Fair 3-20 at 1700H. There were no significant incidents during the day. At 0005H, Co D patrol found mine covered by brush at (AT 907828). Mine was blown in place resulting in a secondary explosion. At 0725H, CAC 15 apprehended 1 VCS (AT 907828) VCS forwarded to IIT.



27 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

28 September At 1455H, Co. C patrol found partially buried grenade at (AT 932813). Grenade destroyed by EOD. At 1600H, a Co. D sweep of AP THUY TU (AT 9083) resulted in 9 VCS who were processed to ITT.

29 September At 0930H, a gas tanker of the LAAM Bn, detonated a mine (AT 941915) resulting in slight damage to the truck. At 1455H, a civilian logging truck detonated a mine (AT 932888). 2 civilian were wounded and evacuated to Co. A CP. Search of area produced negative results. At 1339H, a convoy of 3 ARVN vehicles were ambushed at HAI VAN PASS (AT 914943) and (AT 915935) resulting in 11 ARVN KIA and 8 ARVN WIA. At 1735H, Co. C squad provided security for BLUE SPRINGS Operation in the vicinity (AT 930820). The squad returned at 1815H when the mission was aborted.

30 September From 0959H to 1745H Command Group ALPHA and Companies B, C and D deployed in accordance with CG, 3d MarDiv 291715Z Sep 66. At 1537H, Co. H, 2/26 relieved Companies B and D, 1/3 of the responsibility of the areas north of Provincial Route #1 to SONG CA DE and from grid line 93 west to grid line 87. Co. A displaced to 1/3 (rear) CP at 1625H and Co. E, 2/3 (Rein) relieved Co. A of the responsibility of the area north of SONG CA DE to LAAM site (AT 9491) and west of the coast line to grid line 90.

Enclosure (1)

(3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

1 September At 0200H, a Co. E patrol observed 1 VC upon entering a tree line in the vicinity of (AT 887584). Upon being challenged the VC ran and was taken under fire. Area searched with negative results. From 1830H - 1845H, Co. G monitored an oriental language on the Company Tactical Net. It is believed to be Chinese language by the VN interpreter who possesses some knowledge of Chinese.

2 September At 1210H, a 3d Recon Bn OP located at (AT 894-612) observed 4 VC at (AT 882618). Three of the four were armed. An arty mission was called. Results: 2 VC KIA (prob).

3 September At 1645H, Co. F OP observed with 20 power binoculars 1 boat with people with packs at (AT 834548). An arty mission was fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob).

4 September At 0500H, Co. G personnel received 1 incoming grenade at (AT 927608) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Fire was returned at suspected VC position and area checked with negative results. At 0700H, Co. G patrol apprehended 3 VN and 14x100 pound bags of rice in a civilian jeep at (AT 925609). The VN were taken to District Headquarters for interrogation.

5 September At 1700H, Co. F OP observed with 20 power binoculars, 6 VC with packs at (AT 821561). Arty mission was fired with good target coverage resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob) and 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1730H, Co. G patrol apprehended 1 VN, who was sent to District Headquarters for interrogation. At 0835H, CAC 22 patrol apprehended 1 VN as a ID card violator. The VN was sent to DAI LOC District Headquarters. At 1000H, CAC 22 Roadblock apprehended 1 VN male with 100 pounds of salt and 60 pounds of fish. The VN was forwarded to District Headquarters for interrogation.

6 September At 1255H, Co. F OP, using 20 power binoculars, observed unmanned raft with VC flag in vicinity (AT 847551). When the raft reached (AT 875566) it was destroyed by tank fire. At 1310H, Co. F OP, using 20 power binoculars, observed boat with 6 people and flying a VC flag at (AT 885556). Boat was sunk by tank fire and 1 body was observed floating in water. 1 VC KIA (conf). At 1530H, a Co. F patrol observed 3 VC with packs and rifles at (AT 894559). The patrol took the VC under fire as they attempted to cross the river and escape. When the boat reached the far bank, 2 VC jumped out carrying the body of the 3d VC with them. Boat was then sunk by the patrol. At 0800H, a 3d Recon Bn patrol observed 4 VC cutting brush at (AT 877605). Arty mission fired with unknown results.

7 September At 1730H, Co. F OP, observed with 20 power binoculars, 16 VC boarding a boat at (AT 812540). Arty mission was fired resulting in 5 VC WIA (prob).

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8 September At 0705H, Co. F OP observed 8 VC in two boats in vicinity (AT 846553). Arty mission fired with 2 VC observed crawling away. 2 VC WIA (Conf). At 0830H, Co. F OP observed 11 VC with packs at (AT 809540). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1110H, Co. G platoon stopped a VN vehicle for routine check. The vehicle contained 5 bags of salt. The driver is the same one who was apprehended for carrying 14x100 pound bags of rice in his vehicle on 4 Sep 66. The driver was taken to Bn. S-2 for interrogation. At 2140H, CAC 21 Marine on post observed 1 VC outside of the wire at (AT 923604). Hand illumination and small arms fired at the VC and the area checked with negative results.

9 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

10 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

11 September At 2225H, Co. G patrol received 4 rounds of carbine fire and 1 hand grenade while setting in ambush position at (AT 912-593). The patrol returned the fire and checked the area with negative results.

12 September At 0945H, Co. F OP observed 10 VC in vicinity of (AT 812540). Arty mission fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob) and 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1145H, Co. F OP observed 6 VC wearing packs in two boats with supplies at (AT 843548). Arty mission was fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob).

13 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

14 September At 1850H, Co. F OP observed 8 VC carrying packs at (AT 850551). Arty mission fired with unknown results.

15 September At 1150H, Co. F OP observed 8 man VC supply column at (AT 820561). Arty mission fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (conf) and 2 VC WIA (conf). At 1515 H, Co. H patrol found a partially buried 105mm dud at (AT 900576). The dud was blown in place by engineers.

16 September At 1915H, Co. F OP observed 12 VC in 2 boats (AT 846549). An arty mission was fired with negative results as the enemy moved from observation. At 0202H, CAC 21 sand bagged bunker (AT 924604) was destroyed by interior explosive charge. Charge estimated to be 30 pounds of TNT planted inside and electrically detonated 75 meters away causing 1 USMC WIA and 2 PF WIA. WIA med-evaced.

17 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

18 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

19 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

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20 September At 1540H, Co. F OP observed 5 boats filled with supplies at (AT 840550) and (AT 850855). Fire mission fired by tanks and arty resulted in 2 VC KIA (prob) and 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1830H, Co. F OP observed 5 armed VC at (AT 805541). Arty mission fired with unknown results due to limited observation.

21 September At 2000H, Co. G spotted figure by tactical wire (AT 926608). Area illuminated and small arms fired. Area searched with negative results.

22 September At 0420H, Co. G security at AN MY (3) challenged 2 figures on protective wire (AT 926608). Figures ran and small arms was fired with negative results. At 1020H, Co. G patrol (AT 944624) received 3 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 947621). Small arms fire returned and area checked with negative results. At 1130H, Co. G patrol received 15-20 rounds automatic carbine fire from (AT 939619). Fire was returned and area searched with negative results.

23 September At 2105H, Co. H PPB received 15 rounds of small arms fire from 4 VC at (AT 932632). Small arms and M-79 fire returned and area checked with negative results.

24 September At 1535H, Co. H patrol received small arms fire from (AT 942628). Small arms fire was returned with negative results. During return to PPB, patrol received small arms fire at 1605H from (AT 948632). 2 VCS were apprehended in the area and sent to District Headquarters for interrogation.

25 September At 1400H, Co. H patrol located shelters, fighting positions and buried box of medical supplies at (AT 933592). Positions destroyed, and medical supplies forwarded to Regimental S-2.

26 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

27 September At 1100H, Co. F patrol received sniper fire from unknown number of VC at (AT 885554). Small arms and 81mm mortar fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 1855H, Co. F OP, using 20 power bino culars, observed 30 VC in tree line (AT 842566). Arty mission fired resulting in 15 KIA (prob).

28 September At 0415H, Co. G patrol (AT 913591) received small arms fire from (AT 911591). Fire returned and area checked with negative results. At 0915 H, Co. G bridge security (AT 919598) received 1 round of sniper fire from (AT 919597). Area searched with negative results. At 0945H, VN boy reported the location of M-26 grenade to Co. G bridge security. Grenade blown in place (AT 919597).

29 September At 0606H, Co. F patrol sighted 2 boats with 5 VC (AT 914575). Patrol fired damaging the boats. At 2041H, Co. F OP sighted 2 VC in boat (AT 865568). Arty mission fired resulting in 2 VC WIA (prob).

Enclosure (1)

30 September Co. E (Rein) chopped to OPCON of 1/3 (Rear), 1/3 sector at 0900H. At 1615H, Co. F OP observed 3 VC with boat in the vicinity of (AT 876555). Arty mission fired resulting in 2 VC WIA (conf) and boat damaged. At 0755H, 7th Engineer Bn sweep team found a 30 pound shape charge mine at (AT 931622). The mine was blown in place.

(4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines

1 September At 0945H, Co. G patrol member tripped a M-26 grenade at (AT 904705). 1 USMC WIA requiring med-evac. At 1200H, Co. G patrol found a 60mm mortar round rigged as a mine at (AT 932678). Mine blown in place. At 1207H, Co. G patrol found a 60mm mortar round with a pressure type firing device buried under some rocks at (AT 928678). The mine was destroyed in place. At 1000H, Co. H patrol tripped a Chi-Com type mine in vicinity (AT 956677), resulting in 2 USMC WIA requiring Med-evac. At 1030H, Co. H patrol found a house that contained VC posters. A tunnel was also found leading from the house (AT 964668). The house and tunnel were both destroyed. At 1045H, Co. H patrol found and destroyed 2 punji pits at (AT 964669). Both pits were destroyed with one secondary explosion resulting from one of the pits. At 1137H, Co. H patrol located and destroyed 3 punji pits at (AT 956677).

2 September At 2043H, Co. E FO sighted suspected VC on hill (AT 883712). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 2125H, lights were seen on the same hill and again an arty mission was fired. The light was extinguished. At 0445H, Co. G ambush observed approx. 15 VC (AT 912683). The VC were taken under fire but contact was broken by the VC. A search of the area revealed 16 bamboo stakes and 5 trip wires. At 0945H, a Co. G security member at TUY LOAN Bridge purchased a bottle of soda from a VN girl at (AT 943707). The soda contained small pieces of glass. The girl was sent to District Headquarters. At 1540H, a Co. G patrol apprehended a VCS with no ID card and a unhealed stomach wound at (AT 917689). The VCS was taken to a VN hospital and IIT notified. At 1755H, a Co. C patrol activated a trip wire (AT 918678) which released a tied down tree. The tree threw a M-26 grenade into the air which exploded as it landed on the trail. 2 USMC were WIA requiring med-evac.

3 September At 1415H, Co. E patrol located and destroyed a cave at (AT 889712). At 1448H, Co. E patrol found a 81mm mortar round buried in the ground at (AT 925709). The mine was destroyed in place. At 0335H, CAC 31 found a Remington 1903 rifle with a 3 round clip. The location had been given District Headquarters by a VC female. Rifle and female sent to District Headquarters. At 0955H, a 2d Bn wire team detonated a M-26 grenade at (AT 943675). There were no casualties. At 1700H, H&S Co. wiremen traveling in a Mighty Mite and trailer in the vicinity of (AT 938688). The vehicle was completely destroyed by an electrically detonated charge buried in the road. 4 USMC were KIA and 4 USMC were WIA.

4 September At 1255H, Co. E OP sighted 7 VC at (AT 887717). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 2030H, Co. E (AT 905718) received approx. 7-8 rounds sniper fire from 200 meters west of their position. There were no casualties. At 1450H, found and destroyed a cave at (AT 928669). At 1615H, Co. F patrol apprehended 1 VCS at (AT 934666). The VCS had no ID card and had 1600 piastres in his possession. He was forwarded to IIT. At 2030H, Co. F position on Hill 41, received 20 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 943663). There were no casualties. Fire returned with unknown results.

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At 0745H, Co. H patrol apprehended 2 VCS with false ID cards. VCS sent to IIT. At 0900H, Co. H observed 7 boat crossing SONG YEN River in the vicinity (AT 964692). Patrol searched area with negative results. At 0900H, Co. H found and destroyed a cave at (AT 954683). At 1030H, Co. H found and destroyed 2x55 gal. drums of gasoline at (AT 966686). At 1145H, Co. H found 3 mines and 6 punji pits in the vicinity of (AT 961688). All were destroyed in place. At 2100H, CAC 31 sighted approx. 30 VC moving toward TUY LOAN (AT 950690). In the ensuing fire fight, 1 USMC was WIA and med-evaced. VC casualties unknown. At 2055H, Bn CP was probed by approx. 5-10 VC in the vicinity of (AT 952723). There were no USMC casualties. VC casualties unknown.

5 September At 0910H, Co. E patrol received small arms fire from 6-7 VC at (AT 895712). A reaction squad supported by tanks swept area and sighted VC fleeing toward BINH THAI (1) (AT 871709). Hamlet was searched with negative results. Propaganda leaflets, 1 Cave and 1 M-26 grenade was found and destroyed in place. There were no USMC casualties. At 1030H, Co. F patrol apprehended 3 female VCS at (AT 931654) for failure to produce ID cards. Females sent to IIT. At 1830H, Co. F security personnel in engineer truck were ambushed by unknown number of VC at (AT 940640). Fire was returned and the truck continued past the ambush site. There were no USMC casualties. At 1425H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed a 20mm round, at (AT 903693).

6 September At 1300H, a 10 year old VN boy reported the location (AT 953663) of a M-26 grenade. The grenade was destroyed in place. At 2100H, Co. F platoon CP (AT 953667) received 3 rounds of small arms fire. Poor visibility made it impossible to determine location of VC. There were no USMC casualties. At 1255H, Co. G patrol found 2 M-16 anti-personnel mines plus equipment for making homemade mines at (AT 887699). The cache was blown in place. At 0930H, 3d Marines comm jeep received 4 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 943688) and 5 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 944693). The vehicle continued with no hits or casualties.

7 September There was no enemy contact during this period.

8 September At 1815H, sniper team sighted 4 VC at (AT 883-716). Arty mission fired with good target coverage. VC casualties unknown. At 1230H, Co. F blew a closed gate leading to a hamlet at (AT 959677). When blown, a secondary explosion occurred. At 1410H, a Co. F patrol found and destroyed a Chi-Com grenade at (AT 955680). At 1445H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed a punji pit at (AT 955678). There was a secondary explosion. At 1500H, a Co. F patrol found and destroyed a punji pit at (AT 957674). A secondary explosion occurred. At 1810H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed a punji pit at (AT 960692). At 2120H, a Co. F platoon (AT 932667) received small arms fire from unknown location. There were no USMC casualties. At 1440H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed a 105mm dud at (AT 923697). At 2126H, Co. G patrol received 15 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 912687). Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results. At 1400H, Co. H patrol found a punji pit (AT 954686) and a cave (AT 954683). Both were destroyed. At 1448H, a Co. H patrol detonated an unknown type mine at (AT 954682). 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

En closure (1)

At 1400H, 2/26 wire team found a 81mm HE round rigged as a mine at (AT 967-732). The round was blown in place.

9 September At 1000H, Co. E patrol found and destroyed a cave at (AT 903709). At 0130H, Co. F position (AT 953666) received several rd of small arms fire from unknown position. There were no USMC casualties. At 0300H, Co. F ambush (AT 956662) sighted 3 VC with weapons. The ambush opened fire, and 1 VC was observed falling and being carried off by the other two. A search of the area failed to reestablish contact, but 2 female VC were apprehended and sent to ITT. At 0920H, 6x6 truck attached to 2/3 was hit by an electrically detonated mine at (AT 941641). 1 USMC was WIA. Area swept with negative results. At 1235H, Co. F patrol (AT 945637) received 10-12 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 946635). Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. No USMC casualties. At 1945H, CAC 32 received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from (AT 925727). 2 VC seen fleeing into woods were pursued by fire and area checked with negative results.

10 September At 1025H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed 1 106mm round at (AT 917706). At 2050H, Co. F platoon received 20 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 918689). Area illuminated and fire returned at estimated 10-15 VC. VC withdrew under fire with unknown casualties. No USMC casualties. At 2200H, CAC 33 received 20 rounds of automatic small arms fire from (AT 943680). Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. No USMC casualties. At 2205H, Co. F and Btry B received 5 rounds of mortar fire from vicinity (AT 914647). Arty fire returned, and all incoming fire ceased. No USMC casualties.

11 September At 1310H, CAC 33 received 10 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 945673). Area searched with negative results. At 2040H, Co. E LP received 12 rounds sniper fire from 3 VC at (AT 913709). Fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 2100H, Co. E platoon position received 20 rounds of small arms fire from 4 VC at (AT 918716). Fire returned with small arms and 60mm mortars. Results unknown. No USMC casualties. At 2105H, Co. E FO observed 5 VC at (AT 907709). Arty mission fired with unknown results.

12 September At 2145H, CAC 31 patrol observed approx. 60VC at (AT 947698). Arty fire mission fired with good target coverage. Area searched with negative results.

13 September At 0604H, Co. F patrol encountered approx. 6 VC at (AT 951663). 1 USMC was WIA in the ensuing fire fight. VC casualties unknown. At 1030H, 1 USMC was WIA when he stepped in punji pit at (AT 958657). Punji pit was destroyed. At 1530H, Co. F patrol received 3 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 950635) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results. At 0920H, Co. G patrol sustained 2 USMC WIA when patrol tripped M-26 grenade at (AT 915682). At 1315H, Co. G bridge defense (AT 945707) engaged in brief fire fight with 3 VC who attempted to sneak up on bridge. VC broke contact. There were no USMC casualties.

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Co. H (rein) conducted ROUGH RIDER North. The convot left NAM O Bridge at 0607H. OPCON assumed by 4th Marines at 0750H. The convoy arrived in PHU BAI at 0940H. There were no enemy contacts or significant incidents.

14 September At 1050H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed a M-26 grenade at (AT 935670). A secondary explosion resulted. At 1130H, 1 VC surrendered to ARVN soldiers with Co. F (AT 934663). VC led patrol to cave. Cave searched with negative results and then destroyed. VC was turned over to IIT. At 1400H, Co. F patrol apprehended 1 VCS with French and American medicine at (AT 934663). VCS sent to IIT. At 2050H, Co. G platoon received 15 rounds small arms fire from hamlet (AT 926687). Fire was returned including 1 LAAW causing a fire and 2 secondary explosions.

15 September At 1213H, Co. G patrol detonated a M-26 grenade at (AT 908704) resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. At 2055H, Co. G perimeter security received 1 incoming grenade. Small arms and 81mm mortars were fired with unknown results. There were no USMC casualties. Co. H continued to provide security for ROUGH RIDER North under OPCON of 4th Marines.

16 September At 2030H, a mine was electrically detonated behind a Co. F patrol. The patrol followed the electrical wire to an ammo box that contained VC propaganda leaflets. The ammo box was blown in place resulting in a secondary explosion.

17 September Co. H continued to provide security for ROUGH RIDER North under OPCON of 4th Marines.

18 September At 0445H, Co. F AN/TPS-21 detected movement in hut (AT 934662). WF rounds set hut afire and a search of the area produced 1 VN body estimated dead about 1 week, fresh blood traces and 10x7.62 cartridge cases. Search team received sniper fire from (AT 929665) and (AT 931662). There were no USMC casualties. At 1220H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed a 155mm dud found along the side of the road at (AT 908680). Co. H continued to provide security for ROUGH RIDER North under OPCON of 4th Marines.

19 September At 0930H, Co. F patrol received small arms fire from (AT 955677). Fire returned and area checked with negative results. At 1210H, Co. F patrol received sniper fire from (AT 955674), resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 1350H, Co. F patrol member firing M79 (AT 956678) received fragmentation wounds when M79 round was detonated by tree limb. At 1530H Co. F patrol received 5-10 rounds of small arms fire (AT 956678) resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 1640H, Co. F patrol received 2 USMC WIA when Arty fire mission 2 rounds hit tree top 150 meters short of target (AT 985679). WIA med-evaced.

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20 September At 1530H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed 1 punji pit at (AT 957655). A secondary explosion resulted. At 1530H, Co. F patrol detonated unknown type mine resulting in 1 USMC WIA (AT 952649). At 0810H, Co. G patrol, security for road sweep team, detonated a pressure type mine believed to be a M-26 grenade at (AT 944665) 1 USMC WIA. Company H continued to provide security for ROUGH RIDER North under OPCON of 4th Marines.

21 September Co. H conducted ROUGH RIDER North, returning to DA NANG at 1630H.

22 September At 1130H, Co. G patrol located and destroyed a M-26 grenade rigged as a mine at (AT 947713). At 2210H, Co. G CP sighted and took under fire 2 VC at (AT 923691). Area searched with negative contact.

23 September At 1930H, a 6x6 truck received 15 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 950718) resulting in no casualties or damage to the truck.

24 September At 0450H, Co. E ambush fired on a number of boats with 2-3 VC in each boat (AT 922708). 1 boat sunk. At 2030H, 2/26 CP perimeter (AT 952724) received automatic small arms fire from 3 VC at (AT 952727). Illumination and small arms fire resulted in 1 VC WIA (prob).

25 September Co. H conducted ROUGH RIDER North, departing NAM O Bridge at 1420H, arriving PHU BAI 1710H and returning to DA NANG at 1930H. There were no enemy contacts or significant incidents.

26 September At 0925H, Co. F patrol member stepped in punji pit at (AT 957656). Pit blown by demolition. At 1307H, Co. G patrol received sniper fire from (AT 897702). Fire was returned and a search of the area revealed blood traces. 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1318H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed 2 tunnels at (AT 894697). At 1410H, Co. H bridge security apprehended 1 VCS with stomach wound at (AT 946707). VCS med-evaced. At 2030H, Co. H bridge security received 5 grenades and small arms fire from (AT 942706). Fire returned and area searched with negative results. There were no USMC casualties.

27 September At 0650H, Co. G patrol detonated a M-26 grenade rigged as a mine at (AT 893700). 1 USMC WIA. Area searched with negative results.

28 September At 1630H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed 4 punji pits at (AT 926672).

29 September At 0115H, Co. E patrol received 2 hand grenades at (AT 899708) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Area searched with negative results. At 1130H, Co. F apprehended 1 VCS at (AT 965693). VCS sent to IIT. At 1415H, Co. F found and destroyed a cave at (AT 966695). At 1555H, Co. F patrol received sniper fire from estimated 5 VC from (AT 952692) and (AT 957685). 1 USMC was KIA and 1 USMC was WIA. Area searched with negative results.

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At 0620H, Co. H patrol received small arms fire from 2 VC in boat at (AT 960700). Fire returned resulting in 1 VC KIA (prob). At 0700H, Co. H found and destroyed 2 M-26 grenades rigged as mines at (AT 963687). At 0910H, CAC 31 found and destroyed a cave located at (AT 953687).

30 September At 1425H, 3d Motors 6x6 truck received small arms fire from sniper located at (AT 940685). There was no casualties or damage to the truck. At 0900H, Co. H was chopped to OPCON of 1/3 (rear), 1/3 sector.

Enclosure (1)

10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination.a. Significant Events.

(1) Battery W, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines departed NAM-O on 27 September 1966 for embarkation with BLT 1/9.

b. Artillery Units Providing Support.(1) Direct Support.

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 Battery A (Rein), 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 Battery W, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (1-27 Sep 1966).

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

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Elements of 1st 8" Howitzer Battery and 1st 155 Gun Battery

c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support.

USS COCHRANE (DDG-21)	2-3 Sep 1966
USS WALKER (DD-723)	30 Sep 1966

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

Observed	64
Unobserved	3
Groups of Fire	568
Harrassing and Interdiction	4083
Neutralization	28
Prep Fires	6
Registrations	9
Training	64
Total	4825

(2) Naval Gunfire Missions Fired.

Observed	13
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e. Ammunition Expended by Type.(1) Direct Support Artillery.

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM.</u>	<u>SMK</u>
105mm	4114	798	212	47
107mm	158	5		
Aggregate	5334			

(2) General Support Artillery.

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
155mm	1520	44
8"	1401	

(3) Naval Gunfire.

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
5"/38	74	20

(4) Tanks

90mm	439
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(5) Ontos

106mm	4207	HEPT
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f. Surveillance.

(1) Artillery fires in support of the 3d Marines during the month of September produced 9 VC KIA (conf), 65 VC KIA (prob), 28 VC WIA (prob), 4 secondary explosions and the damage or destruction of 12 boats.

(2) Tank fires supporting 3d Marines resulted in 10 VC KIA (conf), 11 VC KIA (prob) and 2 VC WIA (conf). Ontos fire accounted for 1 VC KIA (conf)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY11. LOGISTICS

A. Supply. In general, the overall evaluation of supply during this reporting period has been good. However, shortage of repair parts at the third echelon level has caused lengthy delays in getting motor transport and comm-elect items repaired and returned. Required action has been taken in areas where deficiencies exist.

(1) Appropriate action was taken by all units in accordance with CG, 3dMarDiv msgs 011247Z, 100710Z, 140740Z, 170510Z, 170918Z, 171020Z, 180745Z, 210145Z, 250820Z, and 281415Z concerning suspension, reclassification or release of class V.

(2) Construction materials for bunkers and fortifications, particularly concertina wire and lumber, are in short supply and are difficult to obtain from FLSG "A".

(3) All units with the exception of 2dBn, 26thMar received Critipak #7 during this reporting period. Critipaks were in good condition and contained very useful items.

(4) This Regiment is approximately 20% short on pneumatic mattresses, although sufficient quantities are on requisition to alleviate this shortage.

B. Maintenance.

(1) The average daily rate of vehicles on operational deadline for this reporting period was:

(a) M-274A1 (Mechanical mules)..... 5.6% (5 of 90)

(b) M-422A1 (Mighty-mites)..... 13.7% (10 of 75)

HqCo, 3dMar accounted for three (3) mites; 1stBn, 3dMar had two (2) mites deadlined; 2dBn, 3dMar had four (4) mites and four (4) mules; 2dBn, 26thMar accounted for one (1) mite and one (1) mule deadlined.

(2) Only minor shortages exist in 1st and 2d echelon repair parts. However at third echelon level a shortage of repair parts has caused lengthy delays in getting motor transport, comm-elect and ordnance items repaired and returned.

C. Cantonment and Camp Facilities:

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

HqCo, 3dMar.....One 60 KW (at FLSG for repairs) and one PU-239

1stBn, 3dMar.....One PU-482 and one PU-348

2dBn, 3dMar..... One PU-482 (at FLSG for repairs) and one PU-348

2dBn, 26thMar... One PU-482 and (one PU-239 at FLSG)

(2) 2dBn, 3dMar is presently operating camp with a PU-348 generator which is totally inadequate. With the establishment of their new cantonment, it was determined from a survey that forty-five (45) KWs are required for the electrical needs of the camp.

(3) The following camp cantonment projects were initiated/completed during September by the following units:

HqCo, 3dMar:

- (A) Put tin roof on 46 strongbacks
- (B) Improved 4 -- 2 man fighting holes
- (C) Constructed 4 new platforms for strongbacks
- (D) Improved officer's shower
- (E) Improved SNCO's shower
- (F) Constructed 16' x 38' tin roofed strongbacks
- (G) Improved roof and interior of EM Club

1stBn, 3dMar:

((A) On 12 September a w/r was submitted for construction of twelve (12) mess tables.

(B) On 18 September a request for four (4) eight seaters, six (6) four seaters and seven (7) two seaters was submitted.

(C) A company size bunker was completed during September.

2dBn, 3dMar:

(A) Cantonment approximately 94% completed.

(1) 120 of 128 buildings completed.

(2) 1 Building under construction.

(3) 7 Buildings have not been started.

(4) Those buildings completed include 115 strongbacks, chapel, 2 EM Clubs and 2 heads.

2dBn, 26thMar:

(A) Six (6) engineer assistance requests were submitted during the month of September.

## (B) Outstanding request:

(1) Request for five (5) fighting bunkers for La Chu relocation project.

(2) Request for construction of garbage and trash pits at each position in preparation for the monsoon.

(3) Construction of a grease drainage pit and cemented area for washing pots and pans within BNCP.

(4) Follow-up action has been taken on all outstanding engineer assistance requests.

(5) Monsoon preparation planning guidance was published to all subordinate units.

(6) All units were encouraged to expedite requests for road repairs and construction of roads to forward positions.

D. Fiscal.

(1) This regiment is presently employing forty-six (46) Vietnamese Nationals utilizing AIK funds.

(2) Request for 4th quarter calendar year 66 funds have been submitted by units.

E. Motor Transport.

(1) It is felt that the present assignment of twenty-two (22) 6x6 trucks on a daily basis is not adequate to support the Regiment. Two platoons (30) of trucks would definitely enable the Regiment to more effectively perform essential functions.

(2) During this reporting period, battalions received only five (5) trucks on a daily basis for household use. This made resupply and other essential runs difficult to accomplish.

(3) Motor Transport sections have been alerted to requisition sufficient spare parts based on last monsoon season's usage data.

(4) A total of fourteen (14) M-76 cargo carriers were requested for use during the monsoon as resupply vehicles as well as to move reaction forces.

(5) Regiment requested six (6) M-37 vehicles for use in 1stBn, 3dMar TAOR. These vehicles are to be used for road patrols and reaction forces. As directed by Cg 3dMarDiv msg 210010Z Sept 66.



(6) IAW CG, 3dMarDiv msg 250710Z August 66 units of Third Marines were directed to:

(A) Designate a roadmaster to monitor vehicular traffic with respective TAOR's.

(B) Exercise highway control in respective TAOR's.

(C) Insure that all drivers are thoroughly briefed on speed limits and road condition.

(D) Insure that all traffic violations are reported to unit commanders.

F. Embarkation.

(1) Units are short approximately 250 mount out boxes for which requisitions have been submitted. Unit cargo manifests are up to date, and still a shortage exists in red, yellow and white paint. Requisitions have been submitted for the required quantities of paint.

12. Air Defense. There were no significant incidents.

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13. Combat Air Support.

a. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided aircraft, both fixed and rotary wing, in support of medical evacuation, logistical supply, troop lift, aerial reconnaissance, administrative, psychological warfare and close air support missions.

b. A total of 115 missions were flown in support of the Regiment, excluding aerial reconnaissance mission support, provided by U.S. Army Aviation units.

c. A total of 61 tons of supplies were delivered by helicopter to areas normally inaccessible to vehicular traffic.

d. The following summary of air support to the Regiment, during the period 1-30 September 1966, excluded aerial observation and tactical bombing (TPQ-10) missions.

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
(1) Helicopter resupply	32
(2) Medical evacuation	63
(3) Administrative	5
(4) Helicopter reconnaissance	5
(5) Psychological warfare	4
(6) Operation BLUE SPRINGS	4
(7) Close air support	2

e. The reaction time of CAS and Med-evac aircraft was excellent.

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## 14. Medical and Dental Support.

a. Unit Surgeons.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines	LT J. A. KARNOUPAKIS MC USNR
	LT H. A. ACKLEY MC USNR
(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines	LT R. A. NIVALA MC USNR
(3) 2d Bn, 26th Marines	LT L. J. DAVIS MC USNR

b. Significant Events.

(1) BAS 1/3 Dr. Ackley reported aboard from 3d Medical Battalion.

(2) BAS 1/3. The BAS bunker was waterproofed, and painted inside, and an emergency room established in the bunker. A tent was erected next to the bunker for medical supplies and sanitation equipment.

(3) BAS 1/3 Distinguished visitors to the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital this month included Lt General Krulak, Lt General Walt, Major General Kyle, Brigadier General English, Mr. Martin Russ, author of "The Last Parallel", Major General McKay, and Lt. General Daly, Australia, Mr. Holt, President's Advisor on Civil Affairs, Bishop Kennedy, Episcopal Bishop of Hawaii, Bishop Lewis, Armed Forces Episcopal Bishop.

(4) BAS 1/3 Another building was constructed behind the Children's Hospital, by the Corpsmen, which will be used as a storeroom and washing area.

c. Medical Trends.

(1) Three positive cases of Malaria. This continues the trend of the past two months.

(2) Ten men were bitten by a dog in Bravo Company 1-3. They were treated with Rabies Vaccine.

(3) Two men were bitten by rats, and both were referred to the Rabies Control Board at Naval Support Activities Hospital, Da Nang, RVN.

(4) Great increase in cold syndromes.

(5) Fever, unknown origin, probably viral.

(6) Strep throat, acute, with tonsillitis.

d. Number of Battle Casualties Treated.

(1) HQ. CO, 3d Marines	0
(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines	6
(a) Shrapnel	6
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(3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines	1
(a) Shrapnel	1
(4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines	5
(a) Shrapnel	5

e. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated.

(1) Hq Co, 3d Marines	473
(a) Admissions to RAS	0
(b) Emergency Treatments	4
1 Lacerations	4
(c) Referrals to 3d Med Bn and NSA	66
(d) Cases of VD	3
1 Acquired in country	2
2 Acquired out of country	1
(e) Cases of significant diseases in area	0
(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines	890
(a) Emergency Treatments	
1 Lacerations	24
2 Foreign Body, Eye	16
(b) Patients admitted to RAS	18
1 Prevalent admission diagnosis - Gastroenteritis	
2 Total no. of patient days on ward-106	
(c) Referrals to other medical units.	
1 Co. C, 3d Medical Bn, 3d MarDiv	57
a Orthopedics	19
b Psychiatric	4
c Internal Medicine	4

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d Laboratory	27
e Dental	3
2 Station Hospital, NSA	18
a Dermatology	2
b Rabies Control Board	2
c Surgical	2
d EENT	4
e Orthopedic	2
f Laboratory	2
g Ophthalmology	3
h Neurological	1
3 7th Engineer Battalion	
a Dental	22
(d) Cases of Venereal Disease	18
1 Acquired in country	12
2 Acquired out of country	6
(3) <u>2d Bn, 3d Marines</u>	
(a) Admissions to BAS	4
(b) Emergency Treatment	8
1 Lacerations	8
(c) Referrals to 3d Med Bn, and NSA	76
(d) <u>Cases of significant diseases of area.</u>	
1 Malaria	4
(e) Cases of VD	
1 Acquired in country	3
2 Acquired out of country	1

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(4) <u>2d Bn, 26th Marines.</u>	674
(a) Admissions to BAS	11
(b) Emergency Treatment	
1 Lacerations	51
2 Trauma	29
(c) No. of consultations to 3d Med. Bn	41
(d) Cases of VD	5
1 Acquired in country	3
2 Acquired out of country	2

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation.

(1) A new shed has been built at the Regimental Mess Hall to store fruits and vegetables away from dry stores. This will reduce insect and rodent infestation.

(2) Rabies Control - All dogs over three months old were inoculated on 29 September. Pets over three months old not inoculated and tagged will be removed from Company and Battalion areas. No new pets accepted, unless inoculated and tagged.

(3) Malaria Prophylaxis administered weekly.

(4) Camp sanitation considered satisfactory.

(5) The use of mosquito repellent is in effect.

(6) All women working in the galley area were given skin tests, and stool specimens were taken. Ten stool specimens were positive for Hookworm, and one positive for Shigellosis. All VDRL's and Tine tests were negative. Patient with Shigellosis was removed from the galley area for ten days under treatment. All others were treated for Hookworm.

(7) Camp area was sprayed with Malathion by PMS, 3d Medical Bn.

(8) New screen has been put up around the galley.

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered.

(1) Number Treated:

(a) Hq Co, 3d Marines

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(b) 1st Bn, 3d Marines 14,896

(c) 2d Bn, 3d Marines 3046

(d) 2d Bn, 26th Marines 9982

(2) Referrals for corrective surgery

(a) 2d Bn, 3d Marines 1

(b) 2d Bn, 26th Marines 1

(3) Other events affecting civilian health.

(a) Schooling was conducted for three nurses at HOA KHANH Children's Hospital.

(b) A deworming treatment and vitamin-therapy is automatically started on all people seen.

(c) The village health workers at CAC 33 are being trained by our Corpsmen. The nurses (6) at the TUY LOAN Hospital are under direct supervision of our Corpsman assigned to that area. Medical and sanitation training program with visual training aids will be started in the near future in their language, for the village people at CAC 31.

h. Problem Areas.

(1) Medical items continuously in short supply are anti-biotics and assorted surgical instruments.

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15. Chaplain Support.a. Chaplains attached to 3d Marine Regiment.

(1)	LCDR Paul H. LIONBERGER	Lutheran	Regimental Chaplain
(2)	LT George R. WITT	Catholic	1st Bn, 3d Marines
(3)	LT Leonard L. AHRNSBRAX	Assembly of God	2d Bn., 3d Marines
(4)	LCDR Hebert W. BOLLES	Episcopal	2d Bn, 26th Marines

Supporting Chaplains.

(1)	LT R. L. REINER	Division Jewish Chaplain
(2)	LT W. D. BRUNER	7th Engineer Bn, Chaplain
(3)	LT R. F. WOOD	FLSG "A" Chaplain (L.D.S.)

b. Religious Activities. Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Lutheran and Latter Day Saint Services were held throughout the Regiment. There is complete Roman Catholic and Protestant coverage to every company in the Regiment each week. A total of 201 Divine Services were conducted with 3253 men in attendance. A number of Memorial Services were conducted.

c. Professional Counseling Interviews. The Chaplains of the Regiment conducted 147 professional counseling interviews.

d. Civic Action Activities. The Chaplains of the Regiment participated in civic action and MEDCAP programs of the battalions with reference to religious institutions and schools.

e. Facilities. The worship facilities within the Regiment are adequate 3d Marines CP has plans for a new chapel and the 2d Bn is completing construction of their new chapel.

f. Transportation. Vehicle transportation has been satisfactory for the chaplains within the Regiment.

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SUNDAY SERVICESNO.ATTENDANCE

LIONBERGER

10

128

WITT

18

1061

AHRNSBRAK

9

242

BOLLES

24

263

WEEKDAY SERVICES

LIONBERGER

38

502

WITT

45

325

AHRNSBRAK

11

219

BOLLES

46

513

TOTAL SERVICES

201

3253

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING INTERVIEWS

LIONBERGER

20

WITT

60

AHRNSBRAK

11

BOLLES

56

147

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16. Civil Affairs

A. General: During the month of September, the 3d Marines Civic Action Program continued to function smoothly and efficiently. A constant and successful effort is being made to ever broaden the Civic Action Program throughout the TAOR. Significant progress is noted at several locations in our two primary area of concern - Refugee and Public Health. Company corpsmen and Battalion MEDCAP Teams continued giving medical attention throughout the area and commodities were distributed as required. The Civic Action Program is being enthusiastically accepted by the Vietnamese people within the 3d Marines TAOR.

B. Unit Activities1. Headquarters Companya. Significant Activities

(1) The Company continued to furnish garbage for pig feed for the pig project that is in operation at present in Khanh Son Hamlet (AT950765). The pigs are growing rapidly and will soon be ready to breed.

(2) The Company distributed 25 bags of cement to Khanh Son Hamlet to build aprons on 3 wells.

b. Materials Distributed:

- (1) 25 bags cement
- (2) 144 candy bars

c. Special Civic Action Projects:

On 29 September, the day of the Children's Mid Autumn Festival a party was held for 144 children from Khanh Son Hamlet at the Company's EM Club. Cartoon movies were shown and afterwards, kool-aid, oranges, apples, ice cream, and cookies were served. Individual candy bars were handed out when the children passed through the gate on the way back to the hamlet.

d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program:

The attitude of the people of Khanh Son Hamlet towards the Marines in the area continues to be very friendly. They have demonstrated much genuine gratitude and appreciation for the many ways in which they receive assistance and advice.

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(2) 1st Battalion 3d Marinesa. Significant Activities

(1) Took Engineer from 7th Engineers out to St. Joseph's Orphanage (AT906764) to make a drawing and estimate of materials needed for the dining hall/classroom that is already under construction.

(2) Built Aid Station at (AT900796)

(3) Began painting village office at Hoa Thanh (AT907784)

(4) Started painting school at Hoa Vinh (AT900796)

b. Materials Distributed:

(1) 3 truck loads of scrap lumber

(2) 2000 pounds wheat

(3) 1000 bars soap

(4) 150 magazines

(5) 450 pounds clothing

(6) 300 wooden ammo boxes

(7) 10 55 gal. rubbish cans

c. Special Civic Action Projects

(1) Hoa Minh Refugee Hamlet (AT899773)

9 houses upon the site .

(a) Levelled and cleared  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land and built

(b) Constructed two shower units

(c) Aided people in completion of one well

(d) Pig pen under construction and near completion

(e) Eight houses and a dispensary are under construction

(2) Nam My Refugee Hamlet (AT900819)

(a) Repaired 10 houses

(b) Built one five place oriental type head

(c) Began construction on two pig pens

(3) Hoa Thanh Refugee Hamlet (AT907784)

(a) Began construction on pig pen

(b) Began construction on oriental type head.

d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program

There continues to be an increase in planned projects being completed, especially in the Refugee Hamlets, and particularly in the area of Public health - two areas of civic action we are emphasizing at present.

ENCLOSURE(1)

(3) 2nd Battalion 3d Marinesa. Significant Activities

(1) The Hamlets of An My/Phu Bac are presently constructing a hamlet school.

b. Materials Distributed

(1) During the period covered by this report a Total of 2932 persons received aid from the medical personnel throughout the Battalion TAOR. There were 206 bars of soap distributed to 1431 persons, 2400 pounds of food to 1625 persons. Also distributed were:

- (1) 200 pounds of clothing
- (2) 30 bags of cement
- (3) 19 metal culverts
- (4) 370 sheets of tin
- (5) 9 loads of lumber
- (6) 5 CARE Carpenter kits
- (7) 50 pounds of nails
- (8) 24 boxes of bubble bath

c. Special Civil Affairs Projects

(1) 4 September- The construction of the "New Life Hamlet" called Phu Trung, (AT919597), began with ground clearing and the distribution of tools and building materials. The procedure being followed is basically the same as reported last month for An My/Phu Bac. As of 27 September there are ten structures standing and three frames constructed out of a planned 104.

(2) 6 September- The "New Life Hamlet" of An My/Phu Bac was completed today. There are 90 structures standing. By 27 September 75 families have moved in. Other projects completed are the construction of roads leading into the hamlets, rebuilding of one well.

d. Apparent Results of the Civil Affairs Program:

The people of this district within the Battalion TAOR are most cooperative and friendly particularly the village of Loc Chanh. With the completion of the hamlets of An My/Phu Bac and when the hamlet of Phu Trung is completed they will house approximately one-half the people of Loc Chanh Refugee Camp.

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(4) 2nd Battalion 26 Marines

a. Significant Activities:

(1) Self help kits (5 woodworkin. Kits and 10 mason kits) were delivered to the District Chief to be given to the villagers at the refugee hamlet at An Tan. Soap was also available for distribution to the villagers.

(2) The construction of a dispensary was completed at CAC #33.

(3) Work has begun again on the school under construction at CAC #34.

(4) The people of Hoa Phu (AT922724) have utilized the facilities at CAC #32 during the past month to thresh and store their rice.

(5) 3rd Engineers are currently assisting the villagers of Hoa Loc in construction a new village school.

(6) District has initiated a request for rural health workers to staff the current medical facilities located in Hieu Duc District.

(7) The Commanding Officer of Echo Company has, on request of the hamlet chief of Phon Truc Dong, delivered 20 bags of cement for the construction of two wells.

b. Materials Distributed

1. 75 bags of cement
2. Unknown number of toys, games and candy
3. 1 truck load of scrap lumber
4. 5 wood orking kits
5. 10 mason kits
6. 10 gallons paint

c. Special Civic Action Projects:

(1) A public health and sanitation project is now being planned for Tay Loan. The project was the result of joint planning by the village chief the NCO C of CAC #32 and Alpha Company of the 7th Engineers. Plans were drafted on locations, building instructions and local materials needed. It is hoped that actual work will begin sometime within the next several weeks.

(2) On 29 September, toys, games and candy were delivered to District Headquarters to be distributed by the District Chief in connection with "Children's Day". The Battalion Commander, Chaplain and Surgeon were present, accompanied by the District Chief and his family during the "Children's Day Celebration".

d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program:

Within the past month it is evident that a more active interest has been shown by local leaders to participate in Civic Action Projects. It is believed that interest in participating in self help projects will increase as more lasting well planned projects are initiated by the people with materials provided locally, when possible, and guidance provided by our technical advisors.

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A. Statistical Report(a) Medical Assistance

(1) Female adults assisted.....	4340
(2) Male adults assisted.....	2413
(3) Children under 18 assisted.....	17085
(4) Total persons assisted.....	23838

(b) Construction Assistance

(1) Projects initiated.....	14
(2) Projects under construction.....	14
(3) Total projects completed.....	11

(c) Personal Assistance

(1) Pounds food distributed.....	1580
(2) Persons receiving food.....	1415
(3) Pounds clothing distributed.....	90
(4) Persons receiving clothing.....	125
(5) Bars soap distributed.....	5372
(6) Persons receiving soap.....	6514

(d) Evacuation Assistance

(1) Children under 18 evacuated Med...	1
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(e) Contact with local personnel

(1) Initial contacts.....	2
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PART III

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1. ✓ Daily Situation Reports, 01 - 30 September 1966.
  2. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay for Monsoon Season dated 1 September 1966.
  3. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay dated 5 September 1966.
  4. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay dated 12 September 1966.
  5. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay dated 19 September 1966.
  6. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay dated 26 September 1966.
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  8. ✓ Daily Frag Orders, 01 - 30 September 1966.
  9. ✓ Regimental Order 3435.1 (Countermeasures Against Mines and Booby Traps).
  10. ✓ Regimental Order 3400.3A (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense).
  11. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 010310Z ( Personnel Protective Measures).
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  13. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 010745Z ( Operation ALLEGHENY).
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  15. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 030510Z ( TPQ-10 Strikes).
  16. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 040350Z ( Highway/Road Control and Traffic Safety).
  17. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 040750Z ( Motion Pictures of Mines and Booby Traps).
  18. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 041230Z ( County Fair Operations).
  19. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 050310Z ( OPSTAT 002 as of 041500ZSEP66).
  20. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 050631Z ( Policy and Operational Guidance During VN Elections).
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26. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 150840Z (TPQ-10 Targets).
27. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 160630Z (Justification of Overages in Regimental Hq Co, and BN H&S Companies).
28. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 160645Z (Readdressal of COMUSMACV msg 081200Z Jul 66 Lessons Learned, Response to Mortar Attack).
29. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 170130Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 160050Z Temporary Change to COI).
30. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 180325Z (TPQ-10 Strikes).
31. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 200650Z (Planned County Fair Operations).
32. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 201505Z (Special Bombing Zone "T").
33. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 210230Z (TPQ-10 Targets).
34. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 210600Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 202200Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 192).
35. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 212250Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 211610Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 193).
36. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 220915Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 212205Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 196).
37. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 221115Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 220515Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 197).
38. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 221310Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 221130Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 198).
39. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 221325Z (TPQ-10 Strikes).
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49. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 250850Z (Readdressal of CO, 4th Marines msg 242225Z Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 208).
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REGIMENTAL ORDER 3435.1

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Countermeasures Against Mines and Booby Traps

Ref: (a) DivO P3120.3B  
(b) DivO 3435.1A  
(c) RegtO 3120.3B  
(d) CG 3dMarDiv 231151Z Jun66

Encl: (1) Mine Warfare DO'S and DON'T'S  
(2) Format for reporting Mine/Booby Trap Incidents

1. Purpose. To promulgate instructions for the employment of specific countermeasures to reduce the number of casualties inflicted by mines and booby traps.

2. Scope. This order implements the provisions of reference (a) for this regiment. It amplifies reference (b) and directs action to make this information available to the Marine engaged in countermine warfare in the field.

3. Definitions

a. A mine is an encased explosive or other material designed to destroy or damage vehicles, boats, or aircraft, or designed to wound, kill, or otherwise incapacitate personnel. It may be detonated by the action of the victim, by the passage of time, or by controlled means.

b. A booby trap is an explosive charge which is exploded when an unsuspecting person disturbs an apparently harmless object or performs a presumably safe act.

4. Background

a. This regiment sustains more casualties from the detonation of mines and booby traps than from any other enemy activity. To reduce these casualties the application of approved techniques of countermine warfare, both active and passive, must be continually stressed by commanders at all levels.

b. The development of measures to reduce the number of casualties inflicted by mines and booby traps requires a sustained effort by units making contact with these devices. Personnel involved in the reporting

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and analysis of VC mine warfare and the development of countermining warfare training programs must make continuing efforts to develop effective countermeasures and conduct training that will enable the Marine in the field to best combat this enemy tactic.

c. The total effort of the countermining warfare program within this regiment continues to be aimed at providing the individual involved in these type contacts with all available training, information, equipment and support which will enable him to avoid becoming a casualty from these devices.

## 5. Action

### a. Commanding Officers will:

(1) Insure that all officers and non-commissioned officers are instructed in the required action set forth herein, by reference (a), and by Section VIII of reference (b).

(2) Insure that all personnel involved in operations in areas where mines and booby traps are employed are properly instructed in countermining warfare. In this regard:

(a) Make maximum effort to ensure attendance by all personnel at Third Engineer Battalion Mine Warfare School.

(b) Conduct local training lectures and demonstrations weekly utilizing NCOs familiar with the local situation, and Third Engineer Battalion Mine Warfare School Contact Teams.

(c) Maintain current rosters of the state of training of personnel in countermining warfare.

(d) Conduct frequent inspections to insure that individuals at every level are aware of and are employing all approved countermining warfare procedures and techniques.

(3) Direct unit leaders operating outside of secure camp or billeting areas to maintain a minimum interval of 15 meters between personnel at all times.

(4) Initiate a program to determine the specific act or omission leading to each casualty inflicted by a mine or booby trap. The ultimate aim of this program will be to derive better procedures, techniques and training programs toward the reduction of mine and booby trap casualties.

(5) Insure that distribution of enclosure (1) is made down to squad leader level.

### b. Officers and SNCOs will:

(1) When the senior Marine in the area or location, enforce the

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action required by references (a) and (b) and this order, regardless of organization.

(2) Relieve on the scene any individual junior to them in rank who is in violation of these instructions. If the individual is from an organization other than that of the relieving senior, the circumstances of the relief will be reported to this headquarters and to the Commanding Officer of the individual concerned.

c. Individuals will:

(1) Familiarize themselves with the contents of enclosure (1) prior to entering areas in which mines and booby traps may be employed.

(2) Submit through proper channels the discovery of new or improved techniques and procedures for improving methods of countering enemy mines and booby traps.

6. Reports

a. In each case in which a mine or booby trap is discovered or detonated, a spot report will be submitted in accordance with reference (c). If casualties are sustained a statement of the distance of each casualty from the device will be included.

b. The daily SITREP will include a separate paragraph to report the information required by reference (d).

c. A Mine/Booby Trap Report (enclosure (2)) shall be submitted to this headquarters within three days of each incident that occurs. Copies of enclosure (2) will be reproduced locally.

7. Dissemination. Commanders are directed to insure dissemination of the contents of this order to each individual in this regiment.

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MINE WARFARE DO'S AND DONT'S

DO:

1. Keep a minimum of 15 meters distance between Marines whenever you're out of a secure camp area.
2. Use tracked vehicles - tanks, DVTs, or Ontos - not only to check out roads for mines, but also in advance of infantry to set off Anti-Personnel mines. If no tracked vehicles are available, cattle driven through a suspected paddy or field will serve the same purpose.
3. Keep a safe distance - at least 100 meters - from tracked vehicles.
4. Use supporting arms - artillery, 90mm tank fire (especially canister), flame tanks - to uncover or explode mine fields.
5. Know everything it's possible to know about VC mines. The indoctrination lecture you sleep through could cost you, or your buddy, your lives.
6. Heavily patrol and ambush roads susceptible to VC mining.
7. Employ tank searchlights and sniper teams along roads susceptible to VC mining.
8. Be particularly cautious in opening gates, or using an "easy" break in a hedgerow that by-passes a gate. Know that areas around temples and shrines are also favorite VC mining grounds.
9. Remember, if you're in a position of leadership, that you're responsible for the safety of your men. Make them keep spread out - 15 meters between men, at least.
10. Keep your flak-jacket (if you're wearing one) zipped and buttoned. An unbuttoned flak-jacket will not protect you as it should from a mine exploded to your front.
11. Destroy every cell of a used battery. An undestroyed battery can provide the VC with the basic, indispensable ingredient for a controlled mine.

DONT'S:

1. Don't bunch up anytime, under any conditions. Why make it easy for the VC?
2. Don't ride in, or on tracked vehicles. A VC mine will make little impression on a tracked vehicle - the impression it makes on you could be a scar which you might someday show your grandchildren.
3. Don't drive vehicles in the tracks of vehicles made hours or days before when you can possibly avoid it by using another route.

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4. Don't let the VC fool you. Recently a Marine on a sweep operation picked up and opened a suitcase which exploded, causing three casualties. Treat all objects as "suspicious" and give them wide berth until an engineer has inspected them to make sure they're not booby trapped.
  5. Don't get fooled into chasing a couple of VC that might well have drawn attention to themselves, then bugged out in a direction that would lead you into a minefield.
  6. Don't rush willy-nilly to the aid of mine casualties. The VC nearly always employ more than one mine in an area to take advantage of our tendency to move immediately to give aid. The minimum number of men to give aid should move in to aid the wounded, using the same route the wounded man took into the mined area. If you move carelessly you are liable to detonate a mine yourself, and end up killing the man you were trying to help, and possibly others as well.
  7. Don't forget that the VC have studied you carefully for the purpose of making you a casualty. For instance, a shade tree in an open area is frequently mined - the VC know you'll rest there if you're given the chance. The same approach applies to small rises in the ground surrounding a paddy. The VC know we prefer the higher ground, and will frequently emplace their mines there rather than in the paddy.
  8. Don't fall into patterns of movement on patrols. Vary your routes just as many times as the terrain allows. Walking through a paddy and getting your feet wet is far less painful than taking the only trail in the area that may well be mined. Beware the obvious routes into or out of an area.
  9. Don't forget that one of the best mine detectors ever created are your own eyes. Watch the movements of local Vietnamese. They know where the mines are, and avoid mined trails or areas. Watch for and know the trail markers VC use to warn their own people that the trail is mined.
- REMEMBER: No VC mine has your name on it. Every VC mine is marked "to whom it may concern", and mines concern every one of us. A moment's carelessness on your part may be regretted for the rest of your life. Be alert - stay alive.

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REGIMENTAL ORDER 3400.3A

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense

Ref: (a) MCO 3400.3A  
(b) DivO P3000.1D

1. Purpose. To issue training and readiness instructions for the conduct of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) operations.
2. Cancellation. Camp/RegtO 3400.3
3. General. Nuclear weapons are designed to produce mass casualties and extensive damage. Biological and Chemical Weapons are designed to produce mass casualties with a minimum of material damage. For this command to accomplish its mission, action must be taken to protect its personnel, equipment and facilities. Training and readiness measures must insure that appropriate defensive action and equipment will instinctively be employed to minimize the reduction in combat effectiveness resulting from an NBC attack.
4. Scope. Reference (a) sets forth policies concerning the assignment of personnel to NBC defense duties and the training and proficiency standards required of all Marines and units. Reference (b) establishes the criteria for NBC Defense in the 3d Marine Division. This order supports and amplifies references (a) and (b) and prescribes the procedures to be followed in this Regiment for NBC Defense.
5. Organization. NBC personnel will be assigned in accordance with current tables of organization, reference (a), and this order.

a. Regimental Organization

(1) The Regimental Assistant S-3 Officer is the Regimental NBC Officer. The Regimental NBC Officer will keep the Division NBC Officer advised of appointments made to teams within the Regiment. He will be the Officer in charge of the NBC Coordination Center. The NBC Coordination Center will be located in the 3d Marines Headquarters (S-3 Section). The Regimental NBC Officer will:

- (a) Keep the Regimental Commander advised of contaminated areas.
- (b) Report status of contaminated areas to Division NBC Coordination Center.

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(c) Direct and supervise Regimental monitoring and decontamination operations.

(2) The Regimental Monitor/Survey Team will be provided by the Headquarters Company and will be organized, equipped and trained as shown in paragraph 5b(3). This team will be designated in writing to the Regimental NBC Officer.

(3) The Regimental Decontamination Team will be provided by the Headquarters Company and will be organized and trained as shown in paragraph 5b(3). This team will be designated in writing to the Regimental NBC Officer.

#### b. Battalion Organization

(1) Battalions will appoint in writing a battalion NBC Officer. The Battalion NBC Officer will keep the Regimental NBC Officer advised of appointments made to teams within the battalion.

(2) Each battalion will maintain one medical shock team consisting of one (1) medical officer and ten (10) hospital corpsmen.

(3) Companies will be organized and equipped as follows:

(a) Each company will appoint in writing an NBC Officer.

(b) Each company will appoint in writing one primary and one alternate Monitor/Survey Team. Each team will consist of one Monitor (MCO), one radio operator/recorder and one driver.

1. Each Monitor/Survey Team will have one tactical dosimeter IM-143PD, one tactical survey instrument IM-174PD three, (3) M-17 protective masks and 30 standard marking signs for contaminated areas (See FM 21-40).

2. Each team will be trained and equipped to conduct radiological monitoring, biological sampling, and chemical detection. They will also be trained in the proper procedures for conducting aerial and ground surveys and working in contaminated areas.

(c) Each company will appoint in writing a decontamination team consisting of ten (10) men. This team will be trained in all aspects of decontamination, including the operation of a field type personnel decontamination station. The team will be familiar with all standard Marine decontaminants, the M18A1 Chemical Agent Detection Kit and the radiac set AN/PDR 27J.

#### 6. Staff Responsibilities

##### a. S-1

(1) Advise the commander when any unit is reported to be approaching a predetermined level of radiation dosage and may require rotation as radiation casualties.

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(2) Plan and supervise routine rotation of individuals and units which become radiation casualties.

b. S-2

(1) Maintain a current estimate of the NBC capability of the enemy.

(2) Disseminate information on enemy NBC materials.

c. S-3

(1) Insure that enemy NBC capabilities are considered in operation plans/orders.

(2) Prepare plans for the accomplishment of the mission in the event of mass evacuation of a subordinate unit or units.

(3) Supervise the activities of the NBC Officer.

d. S-4

(1) Supervise area damage control and mass evacuation.

(2) Recommend the establishment of decontamination stations in coordination with the NBC Officer.

(3) Estimate requirements for and make recommendation on the distribution of NBC supplies and equipment.

7. NBC Officers

a. The Regimental and Battalion NBC Officer will:

(1) Provide assistance to members of the executive and special staffs on NBC matters.

(2) Assist in preparing the troop safety plan.

(3) Prepare the initial assessment of damage resulting from enemy NBC attack.

(4) Establish a Regimental NBC Coordination Center/Battalion NBC Defense Center when required. These centers will perform the following specialized functions.

(a) Receive current wind data from 12th Marines.

(b) Disseminate NBC warning when the enemy has initiated employment of NBC weapons or when employment by friendly forces is imminent.

(c) Prepare and disseminate "Effective Wind Message" for the simplified fallout prediction system. See reference (b) for message format.

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(d) Prepare and disseminate Fallout Prediction Message. See reference (b) for message format.

(e) Collect, evaluate and disseminate NBC contamination information.

(f) Coordinate Unit NBC Surveys when required.

(g) Maintain current NBC contamination overlay for the situation map.

(h) Maintain a file of current capabilities of subordinate units to perform the mission of NBC monitoring, surveying, decontamination, and damage control.

8. Proficiency Standards and Training. Proficiency standards that must be achieved by each individual and unit are contained in reference (b).

a. Special NBC Trained Personnel

(1) Chemical Detection Teams

(a) Detect and identify chemical agents, employing the M18A1 detector kit and other available means.

(b) Report the location of any contaminated area to higher headquarters immediately.

(c) Mark contaminated areas utilizing the standard marking system as prescribed in FM 21-40.

(2) Radiological Survey Teams. Be prepared at all times to perform radiological survey, to include:

(a) Determination of areas of contamination.

(b) Determination of levels of contamination.

(c) Determination of areas where no contamination exists.

(d) Determination of the radiation level of specific objects, locations, or regions which are of special interest to the unit.

(e) Determination of the location of "hot spots".

(f) Marking the contaminated areas and material as required.

(g) Maintenance of radiological survey equipment.

(3) Decontamination Teams

(a) Perform necessary second echelon decontamination of unit supplies, equipment, and small critical areas as promptly as practicable after NBC attack.

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(b) Insure that all unit decontamination equipment is kept in serviceable condition at all times.

(c) Supervise decontamination of unit equipment and small areas when other than team personnel are performing the decontamination.

(d) Be capable of establishing a personnel decontamination station.

b. NBC Sentinels

(1) In the event of an imminent attack, remain constantly on the alert for any indication of the presence of NBC agents within the unit area.

(2) Give the alarm and awaken sleeping personnel in the event of an NBC attack.

(3) Report the specific location of contaminated area to higher headquarters immediately.

(4) In the event of NBC attack, continue normal sentry duties and keep mask on until the "All Clear" has been given or the area has been shown to be safe by the Monitor/Survey Team.

9. NBC Warning System

a. Imminent Attack. The enemy has initiated NBC warfare in another area and NBC attack in this area is expected. This information will be communicated to all subordinate units within this command through normal communication channels.

b. Actual Attack. The first individual detecting an attack will mask and give a vocal alarm, or rapidly strike a percussion alarm for a period of two (2) minutes. The vocal alarm for a chemical attack is GAS. In addition to sounding the alarm, the warning will be immediately communicated to higher, lower, and adjacent units through normal communication channels by flash message. Units downwind will have priority.

c. All Clear. Danger is past. The "ALL CLEAR" will be determined and announced by the unit commander. This phase of the alert will be announced through normal communication channels.

10. Procedures

a. Imminent Attack

(1) All personnel will make a final check of their NBC protective equipment.

(2) All personnel will maintain maximum dispersion and seek maximum cover, contingent upon the tactical situation.

(3) Once NBC Warfare has been initiated, all personnel will mask and

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put on ponchos without command or alarm whenever the following are placed directly on their position, or on adjacent positions:

(a) Artillery concentrations (including rockets and mortars; being alert for shells that burst with less than the normal explosion or that emit an unusual amount of vapor or smoke).

(b) Aircraft bombs.

(c) Aircraft spray.

(d) Enemy smoke.

(4) NBC teams will assemble at designated locations, prepared to perform their assigned duties.

b. Actual Attack

(1) Personnel will wear all protective equipment available to them.

(2) Personnel will seek cover in place, and restrict movement to a minimum.

(3) Higher, lower, and adjacent units will be notified of attacks by the most rapid means of communication. Priority will be given to units downwind.

(4) All personnel will remain masked until the "ALL CLEAR" is announced.

(5) Location of contaminated areas will be reported immediately.

c. All Clear

(1) All personnel will remain masked until unit detection devices show no gas present, at which time the responsible person will select three (3) men who will unmask for a period of five (5) minutes and then remask. If these men show no symptoms of minor G-agent poisoning, the entire unit will unmask upon order of the unit commander.

(2) Contaminated areas will be marked and their location reported immediately to higher, lower, and adjacent units.

(3) Status report of personnel and equipment will be submitted to this headquarters immediately.

(4) Subordinate units will submit DA Form 890 (Report of enemy use of CBR agents) to Regimental S-2 immediately.

11. Protection

a. Individual

(1) During NBC operations all personnel will have protective masks, ponchos and associated equipment readily available.

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(2) A stripe of detector crayon will be applied to the exterior surface of each person's helmet. This stripe will be one (1) inch wide and will extend along the center of the helmet from front to rear.

(3) Whenever the tactical situation permits, all personnel will prepare dug-in emplacements (fox holes, trenches, etc.) and improve them as time permits. When warning is received or radiac instruments indicate the beginning of fallout, all personnel will immediately enter and cover their dug-in emplacements with poncho, shelter-half, or other cover. (This type cover does not reduce the radiation hazard but it prevents radioactive material from entering the dug-in emplacements and can be thrown aside upon cessation of fallout).

(4) Personal hygiene will be emphasized throughout the unit.

(5) Contaminated rations and/or water will not be consumed until they have been checked and determined to be safe by medical personnel. In emergencies, where checks cannot be made by these personnel, decontamination will be performed as prescribed in FM 21-40.

#### b. Unit

(1) Protective shelters will be constructed according to need and time available. NBC sentinels will be posted outside the shelters, as required.

(2) Normal field clothing will be impregnated by use of the kit currently authorized for issue (Impregnating, Set Clothing, Field), as required, as an interim measure pending availability of protective clothing through normal channels.

(3) A stripe of detection crayon one (1) inch wide and six (6) inches long will be applied to the top of fender or other surface areas, visible to the operator of all vehicles. (Not over engine compartment).

#### c. Tactical Measures

(1) When the tactical situation permits all areas contaminated with NBC agents will be surveyed and marked by radiological monitor/survey teams using standard signs and symbols.

(2) Whenever the situation permits, supplies and equipment will be dispersed and maintained under cover.

(3) Contaminated areas will be avoided whenever the mission will permit.

(4) Routes will be reconnoitered by monitor/survey personnel prior to their being used, when feasible.

(5) Dusty or muddy routes will be avoided where possible.

#### 12. Decontamination

a. First and second echelon decontamination will be performed by company



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personnel to an extent sufficient to continue the mission.

b. Requests for third echelon decontamination will be submitted to Regimental S-4.

c. Supply, mess, and communication personnel will have a thorough understanding of, and will perform or supervise the decontamination of their respective types of equipment.

13. Supply

a. An inspection of all NBC supplies and equipment will be made periodically by the unit NBC Officer to insure that all authorized NBC supplies and equipment are on hand, in serviceable condition, and properly stored and maintained.

b. All NBC supplies and equipment available will be stored at the Battalion/Company supply point and issued when the situation demands.

c. Emergency requisitions for replacement of NBC supplies and equipment will be forwarded through normal channels by the most expeditious means available.

14. Warning and Reports. NBC Warning and Reports are contained in reference (b).

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PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE MEASURES

A. MY OPN 0 338-66

1. AT 000720H A 4 MAN SWEET TEAM IN THIS DIV WAS AMBUSHED BY AVC. THE TWO MARINES SWEEPING IN FRONT HAD LEFT THEIR WPNS ON A HILL WITH THE TWO REAR MEN. RESULTS: ONE MARINES KIA, ONE WIA, 4 M-14S LOST.

2. REF (A) DIRECTS THAT PERS OUTSIDE CPS BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES. CMDRS WILL INSURE THAT ALL PERS ARE AWARE OF THE NECESSITY FOR RETAINING WPNS IN THEIR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES WHILE ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF SECURE AREAS. THIS INCLUDES PERS NOT SPECIFICALLY ENGAGED IN CLOSE COMBAT OPNS SUCH AS MINE SWEEP TEAMS, WIRE TEAMS, RESUPPLY OPNS, CONSTRUCTION OF FORTIFICATIONS, AND CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS.

3. DO NOT GIVE THE ENEMY ODDS!

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SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN TWENTY SIX MARINES

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SUBJ: HIGHWAY/ROAD CONTROL AND TRAFFIC SAFETY  
REF: (A) CG 3DMARDIV 250710Z AUG 1966

1. IN ADDITION TO RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH IN REFERENCE (A),  
ADDEES ARE DIRECTED TO:

A. DESIGNATE A ROADMASTER TO MONITOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WITHIN  
RESPECTIVE TAOR.

B. EXERCISE HIGHWAY CONTROL IN RESPECTIVE TAOR.

C. INSURE THAT ALL DRIVERS ARE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON SPEED LIMITS  
AND ROAD CONDITIONS OVER ROUTES TO BE TRAVELED PRIOR TO THEIR  
DEPARTURE FROM MOTOR POOL.

D. INSURE THAT ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ARE REPORTED TO THE UNIT  
COMMANDERS.

2. THIS HQ WILL ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO BE POSTED ON EACH  
MAIN ROUTE ENTERING THE TAOR TO INCLUDE SPEED LIMITS AND OTHER TRAFFIC  
SAFETY INFORMATION.

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INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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CG THIRD MARDIV 030633Z . . . . "READDRESSED AS INDICATED AS ABOVE"  
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REF: CG THIRD MARDIV. . . . 030633Z. . . . MOTION PICTURES OF MINES  
AND BOOBY TRAPS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
COUNTY FAIR OPNS

A. MY 300700Z AUG 66 (SEP PLAN GUIDANCE).

1. REF (A) DIRECTS THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY FAIR OPNS  
DURING SEP.

2. SUBMIT SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDED DATES AND LOCALS TO  
THIS HQS (ATTN: S-3) NLT 061200H.

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OPSTAT 002 AS OF 041500Z SEP66  
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PART I  
CRPER C2/C1/UNK  
PEROF USMC (45/36) USN (3/4)  
PEREN USMC (1145/1016) USN (53/55)

PART II  
COMMT 1 OFF 9 SNCO AND 210 ENL PERS ROTATED CONUS.  
CHANGING CRPER FROM C1 TO C2 THIS DATE. IN ADDITION ONLY  
71 OUT OF 208 AUTH CPLS AND 47 OUT OF 99 AUTH SGTS  
ARE ON BOARD.

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TO: THIRD MARINES

INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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**SECRET****HAS BEEN SENT****POLICY AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE DURING GVN ELECTIONS**

- A. CG III MAF 260104Z AUG66
- B. CG THIRD MARDIV 031446Z SEP66
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV 040815Z SEP66

1. REF (A) THROUGH (C) PROVIDE BASIC POLICY AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE DURING GVN ELECTIONS AND WILL BE ADHERED TO BY CMDS AT ALL LEVELS.

2. FOLLOWING TASKS ASSIGNED EFFECTIVE FROM FOR THIS MSG:

A. FOR HQ CG: MAINTAIN SPARROW HAWK PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ANYWHERE IN DA NANG TAOR.

B. FOR 1ST BN: PROVIDE BN CMD GRP AND THREE RIFLE COMPANIES ON 12 HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO OPT PRAMIE PREPARED TO MOVE BY MOTOR CONVOY OR FIXED WING A/C TO OBJ AREA. DIRLAUTH CO FOURTH MARINES FOR ORIENTATION AND PLANNING. FROM FOREGOING FORCE PROVIDE CMD GRP AND 2 COMPANIES ON 8 HOUR ALERT FOR COMMITMENT AS DIRECTED.

3. FOR ALL: FOLLOWING POLICY EFF DURING STAND DOWN PERIOD 100600H TO 111900H SEP66.

A. NORMAL OPNS WILL CONTINUE IN NON-POPULATED AREAS IN WHICH IT WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED THAT MARINES ARE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE OR INTERFERE WITH ELECTIONS. SUCH OPNS TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR LOCAL SECURITY SURROUNDING AND FORWARD OF OCCUPIED POSITIONS.

B. ALL UNITS, EXCEPT CAGS, WILL RESTRICT ALL PERSONNEL TO WITHIN PRESENT BASE CAMPS EXCEPT FOR STRICTLY ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL TRIPS ONLY. ALL PERSONNEL PERFORMING SUCH ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL TRIPS WILL KEEP CLEAR OF POPULATED AREAS AND POLLING PLACES.

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C. ASCERTAIN SPECIFIC LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES WITHIN SECTOR AND PROVIDE OVERLAY TO THIS HQS ASAP.

D. STAND DOWN ANY OPS IMMEDIATE VIC POPULATED AREAS OR POLLING PLACES.

E. CACS WILL CONTINUE NORMAL MILITARY ORIENTED OPS AND SECURITY MEAS EXCEPT THOSE NEAR POLLING PLACES AND THOSE WHICH MAY BE CONSTRUED AS MARINES PROVIDING SECURITY FOR POLLING PLACES OR INFLUENCING OR INTERFERING WITH ELECTION PROCESSES.

F. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ARVN FORCES WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THIS HQS BY FASTEST MEANS. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED ON ORDER THIS HQS.

G. PLAN AND SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES TO REMAIN AT UNIT OPS DURING STAND DOWN PERIOD.

H. ENSURE SUFFICIENT RATIONS, WATER, BATTERIES, AND AMMO ON POSITION TO SUPPORT OPS. ANTICIPATE EMERGENCY RESUPPLY BY HELO ONLY DURING STAND DOWN.

4. NOTIFY THIS HQ IMMEDIATELY OF ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS OR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS THAT COULD DAMAGE OR COMPROMISE POLICY CONTAINED REF (A) THROUGH (B) AND HEREIN.

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INFO: CO FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES

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ALERT BN (-) FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO OPN FRANT

A. CG 3D MARDIV 040815Z SEP66  
B. CG 3D MARDIV 031446Z SEP66

1. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES PROVIDES BN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE COMPANIES ON 12 HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO OPN FRANT IAW REF (A).

2. FOREGOING FORCE INCLUDES BN CMD GRP AND 2 RIFLE COMPANIES ON 8 HOUR ALERT FOR COMMITMENT AS DIRECTED IAW REF (B).

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STARBOARD [6] AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE ZC [145533] AT  
[071300] TO LAISION WITH DISTRICT CHIEF.

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TO SECOND BN TWO SIX MARINES  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST BN THIRD MARINES  
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INFO SECOND BN 26TH MARINES

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CO 12TH MARINES MSG 121110Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
ABOVE.

REF:.....121110Z ....12TH MARINES HELD HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

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COUNTY FAIR OPN

1. COUNTY FAIR OPN SCHEDULED FOR 16 SEP AT DONG PHU 2() (AT-  
9462) CANCELLED. SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN ON 14SEP INDICATES ONLY  
14 INHABITANTS. NO KNOWN OR SUSPECTED VC ACTIVITY IN AREA.  
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150700Z SEPT 66

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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TQP-10 TARGETS

A. TELECON DIV FSC OF 15 SEP 66

1. THIS CONFIRMS TARGETS NOMINATED FOR STRIKE IN RESPONSE TO REF A.

2. STRIKE REQUESTED PRIOR TO 160600H. TARGETS CLEARED UNTIL 170600H.

(AT 806607) CAMPSITE  
(AT 808601) CAMPSITE  
(AT 805602) CAMPSITE  
(AT 815606) CAMPSITE  
(AT 825604) OP  
(AT 872702) BASE CAMP  
(AT 870690) ASSY AREA  
(AT 897680) ASSY AREA  
(AT 863665) OP

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(AT 885655) ASSY AREA

3. FUZE DELAY REQUESTED FOR ALL TARGETS.

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SECOND BN TWO SIX MARINES  
P 151406Z SEPT 66

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TO THIRD MAR  
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JUSTIFICATION OF OVERAGES IN REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANIES  
AND INF BN H&S COMPANIES

A. T/O M-1096

B. T/O M-1037

1. ADDEES SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFO TO THIS HQ (SC-7B) BY 181300H.

A. NUMBER OFFICERS/ENLISTED ON ROLLS REGT HQCO AS OF 15 SEP66.

B. NUMBER OFFICERS/ENLISTED ON ROLLS EACH BN H&amp;S CO AS OF 15 SEP66.

C. NUMBER OFFICERS/ENLISTED ASSIGNED TO BILLET IN EXCESS OF  
REQUIREMENTS LISTED REF A AND B, GROUPED BY TYPE BILLET. (CAM MAIN-  
TENANCE, S-5, SECURITY, MP, ETC). THIS INCLUDES AN NON-T/O ASSIGNMENT  
EVEN IF WITHIN TOTAL AUTH STRENGTH.

D. JUSTIFICATION OF BILLET PAR C IN NARRATIVE FORMAT. E.G. IF A NON-  
T/O PLATOON IS FORMED FOR SECURITY FOR AN AREA EXPLAIN WHY SECURITY IS  
NOT FURNISHED FROM T/O RESOURCES.

2. ABOVE INFO REQUIRED FOR MANPOWER UTILIZATION TEAM VISIT.

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O 160645Z SEPT 66

FM CO THIRD MARINES

INFO SECOND BN TWO SIX MARINES

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COMUSMACV MSG 081200Z JUL66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

REF:.....COMUSMACV....081200Z....HELD HIGHER CLASSIFICATION.

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O 170130Z SEPT 66

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TO THIRD MARINES

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CG THIRD MARINE MSG 160050Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
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**TPQ-10 STRIKES**

1. THE FOLLOWING TARGETS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TPQ-10 BOMBING  
BETWEEN 182000H AND 200600H.

AT 825609	CAMP SITE
AT 822608	CAMP SITE
AT 819607	CAMP SITE
AT 814605	CAMP SITE
AT 810604	CAMP SITE
AT 808604	CAMP SITE
AT 807607	CAMP SITE
AT 806609	CAMP SITE
AT 803613	CAMP SITE
AT 800612	CAMP SITE

2. REQUEST THAT 2000 LBS BOMBS BE USED WITH FUZE DELAY.  
3. NEAREST FRIENDLIES ARE 3000 METERS EAST.  
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PLANNED COUNTY FAIR OPNS

A. YOUR 190403Z SEPT 66

1. INFO FOR PLANNED CTY FAIR OPN IS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE  
PARA 2 OF REF A.

A. 3-20

B. 1ST BN, 3D MAR

C. AN DINH HAMLET

D. GS (AT 8883)

E. 200600H SEP 66

F. ONE DAY

G. C/1/3, HOA VANG DIST FOR, 1ST PLT, 522D RF CO  
(ATTACHED TO 1/3), CI/ITT TEAM, 3D MARDIV BAND OR DRUM/  
BUGLE CORPS AS AVAILABLE.

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SPECIAL BOMBING ZONE "T"

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 200811Z SEP66

1. CLEARANCE REQ IN REF (A) EXTENDED TO  
280900H SEP66.

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TPQ-10 TGTSA. CG THIRD MARDIV 201358Z SEP 66  
1. STRIKES CLEARED AS REQ IN REF A.  
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FOURTH MARINES 211610Z SEP 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

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A. CG 3D MARDIV 221044Z SEP66  
1. CLEARANCE REQ BY REF A GRANTED  
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PLANNED COUNTY FAIR OPNS

A. MY 200650Z SEP 66

B. YOUR 190403Z SEP66

C. YOUR 210305Z SEP 66

1. COUNTY FAIR OPN SCHEDULED BY REF A POSTPONED IN ORDER TO CONDUCT  
OPN IN AREA OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY.2. INFO FOR PLANNED COUNTY FAIR OPN IS SUBMITTED IN  
RESPONSE TO PARA 2 OF REF B AND PARA 4 OF REF C.

A. 3-20

B. 1ST BN 3D MARINES

C. KIM LIEN HAMLET

D. GS (AT 9285)

E. 240130H SEP66

F. FOUR DAYS

G. C1/3, HOA VANG DIS FORCES, HQS PLT AND 1ST PLT 522ND RF  
CO, C1/ITT TM, NATIONAL POLICE, ENGR DEMOTM, ENGR SWEEP TM,  
CULTURAL DRAMA TM, 3D MARDIV BAND & BUGLE  
CORPS AS AVAILABLE.

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CO FOURTH MARINES 222220Z SEP66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE  
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REF:.....222220Z....FOURTH MARINES...FIELD HIGHER CLASS  
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FOURTH MARINES MSG 230452Z SEP66 READDRESSED AS  
INDICATED ABOVE.

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INFO FIRST B\* THIRD MARINES

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CO FOURTH MARINES 231126Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
ABOVE

REF:.....231126Z.....FOURTH MARINES....HELD HIGHER CLASS  
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INFO FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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CO FOURTH MARINES 231613Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
ABOVE

REF:.....231613Z.....FOURTH MARINES.....HELD HIGHER CLASS  
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TOD: 24/0655H/SEPT 66/CCN#58/HHH/st

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FOURTH MARINES 232230Z READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

REF.....232230Z...FOURTH MAR....FIELD HIGHER CLASS  
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INFO FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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250015Z SEPT 66

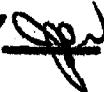
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REF:....241743Z....FOURTH MAR...HELD HIGHER CLASS  
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250850Z SEPT66

FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MARINES 242225Z SEP66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
ABOVE.

REF: . . . 242225Z . . . . FOURTH MAR. . . . HELD HIGHER CLAS.

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250900Z SEP66

FM: CO THIRD MARINES

INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MARINES 250510Z SEP66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
ABOVE.

REF: . . . . 250510Z . . . . FOURTH MAR. . . . HELD HIGHER CLASS

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251315Z SEPT 66

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INFO: FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MAR 251855Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

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REF: FOURTH MAR 251855Z: HELD OF HIGHER CLASS

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O 260145Z SEPT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST BN THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES  
THIRD ENGR BN

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S E C R E T

AG O 14-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE)

- A. REGT OPN O 335-66
- B. DAI LOC DIST HQ OPN O 708 211600Z SEP 66
- C. REGT OPN O 338-66
- D. REGT OPN O 329-66
- E. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 385-66
- F. MY 260700Z AUG 66

## 1. SITUATION.

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) DAI LOC DIST HQ PROVIDES ONE PF PLT TO ACT AS  
GUIDES.

(2) DAI LOC DIST HQ PROVIDES CIVILIAN REFUGEE WORKING  
PARTIES FOR RICE HARVESTING AND MOVEMENT OF RICE.

(3) 3RD ENGR BN PROVIDES ENGR MINE SWEEP AND  
DEMO SUPPORT.

MISSION. 3D MARINES CONDUCTS COMBINED OPNS DURING  
CUT IN SONG VU GIA VALLEY TO HARVEST RICE CROP AND DENY  
VC FOOD STUFFS.

## 3. EXECUTION.

## A. CONCEPT OF OPNS.

(1) REF (A) AND (B).

(2) PATROL BASES WILL BE ESTABLISHED VIC NONG LAM (2)  
(AT 833566) AND BUI DONG LAM FOOTHILLS (AT 862586) TO (AT -  
813575) TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR VN HARVESTING OPNS.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCT COMBINED OPNS IN  
SONG VU GIA VALLEY NORTH OF SONG VU GIA AND WEST FROM HILL  
65 (AT 878575) TO GL 81 TO PROVIDE HARVEST PROTECTION AND  
SECURITY OF VN HARVESTING OPNS DURING PERIOD 1 TO 5 OCT 66.

## C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF (C).

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(2) D-DAY 1 OCT 66 TENTATIVE.

(3) MAINTAIN RIFLE COMPANY (-) ALERT FORCE TO REINFORCE COMMITTED FORCES BY TANK/INF MOVEMENT FROM PRESENTLY OCCUPIED PSNS.

(4) BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW COMMITTED FORCES UPON COMPLETION OF HARVESTING OPNS, OR WITHIN TWO HOURS ON ORDER THIS HQ.

(5) SPECIAL SITREPS AND REPORTS IAW REF (E) AND (F).

(6) SPARROW HAWK AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IAW REF (D).

(7) UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME UPON APPROVAL; GOLDEN FLEECE I.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. REF (C).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMAND. CMD RELATIONSHIPS WITH RVNAF WILL BE ON A COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BASIS.

B. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. REF (C).

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
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GOLDEN FLEECE OPN

A. MY 260145Z SEP66

1. BN (-) GOLDEN FLEECE OPN WILL BE CONDUCTED VIC SONG VU GIA VALLEY 1-5 OCT 66 IAW MY FRAG O 14-66, REF (A) .

2. REQUEST ASSIGN UNCLASS CODE NAME: GOLDEN FLEECE I.

3. REQUEST PROVIDE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENGR MINE SWEEP SUPPORT FOR ROUTE 14 CLEARANCE FROM HILL 65 (AT 876573) TO VIC GL 81 PERIOD 1-5 OCT 66.

B. ENGR DEMO SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

C. AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR RESUPPLY, AERIAL OBSERVATION, AND MOVEMENT OF RICE WILL BE SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED.

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FM THIRD MARINES

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REF: FOURTH MAR 261020Z, HELD OF HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

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REF. FOURTH MARINES. 261621Z SEPT 66. HELD HIGHER CLASS

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O 270715Z SEP 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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COMMAND OPSTATS

AB. DIV O 03000.5

B. FMFPAC O P03000.5A

SECOND BN, 26TH MARINES

PART I

COMDR LCOL CUMMINGS J. M.

PART II

COMMT: LCOL CUMMINGS J. M. ASSUMED COMMAND OF 2D BN, 26TH MARINES  
ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1966.

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REF: FOURTH MARINES.....262210Z SEP 66.....HELD HIGHER CLASS

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REF: FOURTH MARINES.....270500Z SEP 66.....HELD HIGHER CLASS

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GOLDEN FLEECE OPN 3-1

A. MY 260150Z SEP 66

1. FOLLOWING SUPPORT REQS IN ADDITION TO REF A ARE REQUESTED  
FOR PERIOD 1-5 OCT 66.

A. HST

B. INSTALLATION OF 30 FT TACTICAL BRIDGE AT (AT 866573)  
CAPABLE OF TANK/ONTOS TRAF IN EVENT REIN FORCE IS REQUIRED.

C. TWO SCOUT DOG TMS.

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TPQ-10 STRIKES

A. YOUR 270558Z SEP 66

1. TGT NO 766 NOT CLEAR. ALL OTHER TGT'S REQ BY REF A  
CLEARED 280900H - 300900H SEP 66.

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TOD: 27/2317H/SEP66/CCN#03/VPT/

271341Z SEP66

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FOURTH MARINES MSG 271140Z SEPT66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED  
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FM CG THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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TPC-10 STRIKES

1. THE FOLLOWING STRIKES REQ 301800H SEP 59 010600H OCT.

COORD	ALT (MTRS)
A. 806642	750
B. 807641	740
C. 808643	740
D. 810644	720
E. 798642	760
F. 799639	780
G. 810603	900
H. 826604	820
I. 812602	870
J. 811604	800
K. 808604	790

2. A THROUGH F ARE SUSPECTED ORD MANUFACTURING CAVES/TUNNELS.

G THROUGH K TGTS ARE STORAGE CAVES/TUNNELS. ORD REQ D-3, D-4  
FZD.

3. REPORT SURVEILLANCE TO 3D MAR ON BUTTON BLUE (STARBOARD 14).

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220345Z SEPT 66

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INFO: FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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COM1 NOTE: FOURTH MARINES 271620Z SEPT 66 HELD HIGHER CLASS:

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220345Z SEP66

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FM CO THIRD MARINES

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280900Z SEPT 66

FM CO THIRD MARINES  
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FOURTH MARINES 280355Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

REF: ....280355Z...FOURTH MARINES...HELD HIGHER CLASS  
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FOURTH MARINES MSG 281120Z SEPT 66 READDRESSED AS  
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290045Z SEPT 66

FM CO THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MARINES 281600Z SEPT 66: READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE

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REF: (A).....281600Z SEPT 66....FOURTH MARINES

1. MESSAGE HELD HIGHER CLASS

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FM CO THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MARINES 282215Z SEPT 66: READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE  
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1. HELD HIGHER CLASS

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FOURTH MARINES MSG 290435Z SEP66 R ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE

REF:.....290435Z.....FOURTH MAR.....HELD HIGHER CLASS

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REF:....291105Z...FOURTH MARINES...HELD HIGHER CLASS

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
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R 291215Z SEPT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
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PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REPORT

A. FORCE ORDER 3410.1

1. THE WEEKLY PSY OP REPORT ESTABLISHED BY REF A. HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
2. DAILY PSY OP REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED COMMENCING 1201H 26 SEP 66.
3. THE FOLLOWING FORMAT WILL BE UTILIZED. TO INCLUDE APPLICABLE INFO:

A. UNIT CONDUCTING OP.

B. LOCATION OF OP. ( COORDINATES AND NAME).

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C. TYPE OP/ACTIVITY (COUNTY FAIR, CIVIC ACTION, ETC.).

D. PSY OP SUPPORT.

(1) AUDIO VISUAL

(A) UNITS EMPLOYED (244TH AV TEAM OTHER).

(B) TYPE & QUANTITY OF MATERIALS USED: I.E. TAPES, ENTERTAIN-

MENT, FILMS, PAMPHLETS, LEAFLETS, POSTERS, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES.

(C) SPEECHES NMADE (DISTRICT CHIEF ETC).

(D) QUY CHANGI (RALLIER) EMPLOYMENT.

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(E) THEMES EMPLOYED.

(F) HOURS OF BROADCAST. (INCLUDE USE OF ORAGANIC EQUIP).

(2) AIRCRAFT SUPPORT

(A) AIRCRAFT (NO. AND TYPE)..

(B) QUANTITY/TYPES/THEME OF LEAFLET USED.

(C) TYPE/THEME OF TAPE USED.

(D) HOURS OF BROADCAST.

(E) TARGET COORDINATES.

E. REMARKS

(1) EFFECTIVENESS.

(2) SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

4. THIS REPORT SUPERSEDES AND CANCELS ALL OTHER REPORTS ON SAME SUBJECT

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5. THE REPORTING PERIOD IS 1201H - 1201H AND REPORTS SHOULD ARRIVE THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 2000H THE DAY REPORTING PERIOD ENDS.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REPORT

A. CG 3D MARDIV 291215Z SEP 66

B. FORCE O 3410.1

1. IAW REF A. WEEKLY REPORT REQUIRED BY REF B IS CANCELLED.
2. DAILY REPORT, PERIOD FROM 1201H - 1200H WILL BE SUBMITTED
- THIS HQ NLT 1300 OF DAY REPORTING PERIOD ENDS.
3. DAILY REPORT INFORMATION AND FORMAT WILL CONFORM TO REF B.

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1 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
Subj: Task organization: correction of  
Ref: (a) CG 3d MarDiv ltr 30pns/JJS/das 5440.2 of 5 August 1966  
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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## TASK ORGANIZATION; CORRECTION OF

	USMC		USN		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	126	3580	9	177	3892
<u>Hq Co (DA NANG)</u>	21	252	1	6	280
<u>1st Bn, 3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	35	1143	3	58	1239
<u>2d Bn, 3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	32	874	2	60	968
<u>2d Bn, 26th Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	38	1311	3	53	1405

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1 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3 Trng)  
Subj: Crypto/Comm Security School  
Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv 290046Z Aug66

1. In accordance with reference (a), it is requested that TAD orders be furnished, to the subject course, for the below listed man:

2ndLt Edward G. FENNER 096656/2805

2. The above named officer has the following security clearances; Interim TOP SECRET, MAVCINTSUPPCEN Rpt of MAC Compl 25Feb66, Pending BI submitted 16Aug66, Crypto Access Authorized.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Main) FMF (Attn: G-3) (OPSTATS)  
Subj: Command OPSTATS  
Ref: (a) Divo 03000.5  
(b) FMFPacO P003000.5A

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

Hq Co, THIRD MARINES

PART I

COMDR	CAPT BYRNE W A
OPCON	THIRD MARRNG
ADCON	THIRD MARRNG
LOC	DA LANG RVN
ACTIV	CON
GRPER	C1
GRQRP	C2/C1/UNK
GRSUP	C1
GRING	C1
PEROF	USMC ( 17/21 ) USN ( 2/1 )
PERIN	USMC ( 195/252 ) USN ( 2/6 )

PART II

Commt. GRQRP rating of C2 is a result of a lack of spare parts for communication/electronics items of equipment. FLSO is unable to perform 3d Echelon Maintenance due to this shortage of spare parts.

FIRST Lt, THIRD MARINES

PART I

COMDR	LCOL DICKET R R
OPCON	THIRD MARRNG
ADCON	THIRD MARRNG
LOC	DA LANG RVN
ACTIV	CON

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ORPER C1  
 ORNLP C1  
 ORSUP C1  
 ORTNG C1  
 PEROP USMC (45/36) USN (3/3)  
 PEREN USMC (1145/1223) USN (63/55)

## PART II

Commt. GRSUP rating of C1 is based on percentage of overall supplies on hand. This battalion is currently short in certain combat essential items of individual equipment. These items are expected to be corrected by 2 September 1966.

## SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES

## PART I

COMMR LCOL GRANESIAN V  
 OPCOM THIRD MARREG  
 ADCOM THIRD MARREG  
 LOC DA NANG RVN  
 ACTIV COM  
 ORPER C3/C2/UNK  
 ORNLP C1  
 ORSUP C1  
 ORTNG C1  
 PEROP USMC (45/31) USN (3/2)  
 PEREN USMC (1145/846) USN (53/55)

## PART II

Commt. The ORPER rating of C3 is based on the Battalion having 69 percent authorized officer strength and 75 percent authorized enlisted strength. The Battalion has sufficient personnel in an adequate MOS spread to carry out its assigned combat mission. A C2 rating will be reached upon the receipt of 58 additional personnel. The estimated residual combat capability is 87 per cent that of a fully manned Infantry Battalion.

## SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES

## PART I

COMMR LCOL WILSON J J  
 OPCOM THIRD MARREG  
 ADCOM THIRD MARREG  
 LOC DA NANG RVN  
 ACTIV COM  
 ORPER C3/C2/UNK  
 ORNLP C1  
 ORSUP C1  
 ORTNG C2/C1/UNK  
 PEROP USMC (45/45) USN (3/3)  
 PEREN USMC (1145/1143) USN (53/53) 2

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PART II

Commt. CRPM rating of O3 and CRMG rating of O2 is based on shortages of skills, especially in E-4 and E-5 ranks in MOSs 0311, 0331, 0341 and 0351.

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

Subj: Transmittal of Overlay Locations of Voting Places During the  
Vietnamese Elections

Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv ltr 5/JBS/hfh 1742 of 31Aug66

Encl: (1) Subject Overlay

1. Enclosure (1) has been derived from information received from the  
Division Liaison Officer at HOI AN.

2. Verify location of polling places as announced by reference (a),  
enclosure (1) and local officials and report discrepancies to this  
headquarters.

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3300  
10 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: SC-7B)

Subj: MCO Leadership School

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 041330Z Sept 66

1. In accordance with reference (a), it is requested that TAD Orders be furnished, to the subject course, to the below listed men:

LCpl M. J. WESTPHAL 2158779/0311

Cpl M. GRANADO 1914745/2533

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1500  
11 September 1966

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

1. It is requested that this Regiment be assigned the below listed quotas per month for Communications School on Okinawa.

- a. Radio School - 2 per month
- b. Wire School - 1 per month
- c. Message Center School - 1 per month

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12 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) MAF (Attn: SC-7B)  
Subj: Vietnamese Language School Okinawa  
Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 080148Z Sept 66

1. In accordance with reference (a), it is requested that TAD Orders be furnished, to the subject course, to the below listed man:

PFC J. W. HART JR 2239759/0311

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14 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3 Trng)  
Subj: Use of MCA CAA Regional Forces Training Center Range; request for  
Ref: (a) DivO 11102.1

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following request is submitted.

- a. 3d Marines Sniper Platoon
- b. 10
- c. M-1D Rifle and Model 70 Winchester, Caliber .30
- d. Caliber .30 Ball
- e. 21 September 1966 0830H
- f. 25 September 1966 0830H
- g. 1200H
- h. Lieutenant FUOSS

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By direction

Copy to:  
Headquarters Company, Sniper Platoon

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
Subj: Arterial Routes and Critical Bridge Protection, Support Requirements

Ref: (a) CG 3d MarDiv 251245Z Aug 66  
(b) CG 3d Mar 011410Z Sept 66

1. Reference (a) tasks this regiment with security responsibility for LOC including Route 1 north from 3d Marines sector boundary to, and including, the L&N CO Bridge (AT 888958).
2. Initial support requirements to accomplish this task are six hardened 3/4 ton trucks for use as motorized patrols and the movement of reaction forces, as requested by reference (b).
3. The following support requirements are requested in order to accomplish the tasks assigned by reference (a).
  - a. One bridge/river patrol boat identical to experimental barge now assigned to this regiment.
  - b. Two boats capable of off-shore employment with a capacity to carry one rifle squad (reinf) each, for rapid movement of reaction force to protect railroad in areas inaccessible along overland routes.
  - c. Ten searchlights for night surveillance of routes and bridges.
  - d. Ten 20 power binoculars for surveillance of routes and bridges and other observation purposes.
  - e. Defoliation within maximum area 2000 meters west of National Route 1 to 1000 meters east of the railroad from (AT 940880) north to L&N CO Bridge (AT 888956).

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23 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: SC-7B)  
Subj: Field Radio Operators Course  
Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv 210740Z Sep66

1. In accordance with reference (a), it is requested that TAD orders be furnished, to the subject course, for the below listed men:

PFC Robert W. NICHOLS 2234735/0311

PFC James J. DEAGNLO 2254373/0311

2. The above listed men have CONFIDENTIAL clearances.

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27 September 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Main) FMF (Attn: SCL-39)  
Subj: Embarkation School  
Ref: (a) CO 3dMarDiv F30240Z Sep66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following personnel are nominated for the subject course for the dates listed.

<u>31 October 1966</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>AWD</u>
2dLt. W.M. VOSS 093806/0302	2/26	Aug 67
1stLt. W.M. CAVIN 2093352	1/3	Apr 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	1/3	May 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	2/3	May 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	2/3	Jun 67
<u>21 November 1966</u>		
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	2/3	Jun 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	1/3	Jun 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	1/3	Sep 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	2/3	Jun 67
1stLt. W.M. KHAZ 2186418	2/26	Aug 67

W. M. KHAZ  
By direction

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2ndLt, 3dMar  
2ndLt, 2dMar

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

Subj: Lessons Learned, August 1966

Ref: (a) 3dMarDiv O 3480.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a) the below listed lessons learned are submitted.

a. Item: VC Mine Warfare Tactics

Discussion: VC have fired at Marine patrols for the apparent purpose of channelizing them into areas previously mined or booby trapped. The fire is directed against the patrol from such a direction as to force use of a specific route to cover. This route, and the area of the cover, is often mined or booby trapped.

Recommendation: That patrols be trained to be alert for VC employment of this tactic, and when practicable to avoid use of routes and areas that could be used as traps.

b. Item: Countermining Warfare and New Troops

Discussion: As a result of a BLT rotation, a new battalion was deployed in a position in which the VC have consistently employed mines and booby traps. The battalion had not previously been in combat. Almost immediately the incidence of detection of mines and booby traps increased, with no increase in detection efforts or casualties. Apparently the training the battalion received, and the indoctrination it received in the VC techniques of mine warfare, enabled it to perform with excellent results in the demanding mission of countermining warfare. Troops habitually employed all techniques and devices taught in mine warfare courses, and exercised a more deliberate and cautious approach to mine and booby trap detection than is normally exercised in a unit which deals with these devices over an extended period of time.

Recommendation:

(a) That each individual in rifle companies and reconnaissance units attend a formal countermining warfare school either before or immediately after arriving in Vietnam.

(b) That countermining warfare training be presented within each unit on a continuing basis.

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(c) That strict countermine discipline be enforced to ensure that effectiveness in countermine warfare will not deteriorate as a result of prolonged exposure to this type activity.

(d) That commanders at all levels ensure strict compliance with approved countermine procedures and techniques during all operations.

c. Item: Medical Evacuation by Helicopter

Discussion: Medical evacuation of casualties by helicopter can be hazardous and difficult, particularly when a unit is deployed in a hostile or densely vegetated location. In many cases small unit leaders coordinate the evacuation. If the leader becomes a casualty some individual in the unit must be qualified to control and coordinate this operation. The unit must be provided with the minimum amount of equipment which will enable it to communicate with the aircraft at all times and use the approved procedures and techniques prescribed for medical evacuation by helicopter.

Recommendation:

(a) That all personnel be trained in standard procedures and techniques for helicopter evacuation of casualties.

(b) That units which may be deployed in areas from which helicopter evacuation of casualties must be controlled by the unit itself, regardless of size, be provided with equipment to effect the evacuation. This equipment should include smoke signals, pop-up flares, hand illumination grenades, at least two flashlights, and radio equipment capable of entering medevac nets.

(c) That small unit leaders be provided with a check list of helicopter evacuation information as follows:

- (1) MEDEVAC Helo this is (call sign).
- (2) (Type of signal) will be popped at your command.
- (3) Recommend you make approach from (compass direction) due to (enemy position or obstacles) to (compass direction) of zone.
- (4) Zone is secure, or (probable/possible) enemy fire to (compass direction) of zone.
- (5) Friendly troops are (compass direction) of zone.
- (6) Terrain of LZ is (description)
- (7) Number of casualties and type of wounds.

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(8) What info or action do you need from me?

d. Item: Precautions for Firing Illumination Projectiles

Discussion: In the counterinsurgency environment illumination is frequently required between adjacent units and to the rear of forward positions. The fall of the illumination projectile, after ejecting the flare, can inflict casualties in rear areas and among civilians.

Recommendations: That requirements for illumination in rear areas be accomplished by aircraft flare or searchlights whenever practicable.

e. Item: Vietnamese Civilians, Local Officials, and Popular Forces as Intelligence Sources

Discussion: Properly developed and maintained relationships with Vietnamese nationals provide an excellent source of intelligence on local VC activity. However, in areas in which the VC are suspected of intimidating the populace great care must be exercised to protect these sources.

Recommendation: That when the safety of individuals providing information is in jeopardy, solicitation and receipt of information, and payment of rewards, be conducted at private and secure locations mutually agreeable to each party.

f. The following lessons learned are the result of Operation ALLEGHENY, 19-26 August 1966.

(1) Item: Viet Cong Defensive Positions

Discussion: In all enemy living and training areas there were prepared defensive and ambush positions. These were usually located in the less dense undergrowth areas, but always well camouflaged by a heavy canopy. All defensive positions and ambushes were oriented down trails and stream beds or at right angles to them. In no instance were defenses or ambush sites encountered which faced uphill or upstream. In all cases, the assaulting units were directed to move parallel to trails and stream beds to a point above a suspected defensive position or ambush site and launch an attack downhill to the rear of the enemy forces. Although the use of this type of movement would take hours to accomplish, assaulting units always had the advantage of attacking downhill into the weakest point of the enemy's defenses.

Recommendation: When operating against well entrenched enemy forces in mountainous terrain avoid attacking up a draw or upstream. It is imperative that a unit out flank the defender and attack him from the rear or weakest point.

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(2) Item: Cross Country Movement in Mountainous Terrain

Discussion: The terrain was the greatest single limiting factor in Operation Allegheny. Ninety percent of the area consisted of dense jungle undergrowth with a 60-100 foot canopy and the other ten percent was elephant grass up to fifteen feet high. Movement through this terrain is slow and arduous, trails had to be hacked out and machetes were a must. Formations for any extended movement were restricted to that of a column. Companies travelled on line with platoons in column. In this way if one point element was taken under fire, there was another platoon abreast of it in the vicinity ready to react. It must be noted that it was of paramount importance to know exactly where other units were located to avoid firing into friendly troops. This was accomplished by assigning a compass azimuth along a direction of march in addition to maintaining constant radio contact. The point element must be at least fifty meters forward of the main body as it was always the first element to be engaged. On several moves because of the point being well forward the enemy sprung his ambush too soon allowing the main body to react and overrun his position. Due to the great number of automatic weapons employed by enemy forces, dispersion of troops is mandatory. Booby traps and mines were not encountered in this area, except on one occasion in a landing zone previously utilized by reconnaissance elements. Despite the lack of VC mining activities, dispersion of troops must be stressed at all times.

Recommendation: That troops move in column, avoid the easy approaches, keep the point well forward and keep troops dispersed. In the long run, the time and effort expended will save the lives of many Marines.

(3) Item: Reconnaissance by Fire

Discussion: On many occasions the use of reconnaissance by fire caused the enemy to give away his position prematurely. When moving through the dense and mountainous terrain it is usually impossible to detect the enemy positions until one is within a very few meters of his emplacement. Cantonment areas of thirty or more buildings could not be sighted from twenty meters away and if a unit waits until sighting an enemy force before firing, it will usually find itself pinned down by a large volume of automatic weapons fire from all directions, including fire from treetops. A heavy volume of fire delivered while on the move has a very discouraging effect upon the enemy since he never really knows what the attacking unit is firing at, and tends to become confused, reacting prematurely. The element of surprise becomes less important in view of the extreme difficulty encountered in moving large numbers of troops through dense terrain.

Recommendation: That reconnaissance by fire be constantly

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utilized by units moving through dense and mountainous terrain occupied by the enemy and should not wait for the enemy to fire first, or it may find itself subject to heavy casualties in lead element.

(4) Item: Close Air Support (Day)

Discussion: During the most of Operation Allegheny this Battalion operated in terrain with dense undergrowth and/or dense overhead canopy cover. Observation by the FAC on the ground was limited to twenty to thirty meters most of the time. When contact was made with the enemy they were usually in close proximity to friendly front lines. There was a need for close air support in the most precise sense of the word. The FAC, taking into consideration safety of the troops, poor visibility and communications, felt that fixed wing jet aircraft could not be used initially for close air support.

Recommendation:

(a) That when controlling close air support missions in this dense terrain, a UH-1E be requested to act as an offensive weapons platform as well as a TAC(A). The UH-1E can fly lower and slower, and remain on station longer than fixed-wing aircraft, thereby enhancing the chances of actually seeing the enemy. It can also place accurate small caliber fire in closer proximity to friendly troops without unduly endangering them.

(b) That fixed-wing aircraft be utilized once the enemy has broken contact and the separation between friendly and enemy units is such that heavy ordnance can be utilized to destroy the enemy with a heavy volume of fire with a safe allowance for deflection error at high airspeeds. It is also recommended that whenever possible 500 pound bombs be the minimum sized bomb requested because it appears to have a much better capability of blocking trails with debris so that napalm can be more effective.

(5) Item: Close Air Support (Night)

Discussion: Inability to distinguish friendly lines as well as inability to observe targets is greatly increased at night, and safety of troops is difficult to ensure using fixed-wing jet aircraft. The Air Force flare/gunship "Smokey" utilized itself or in coordination with UH-1E aircraft provided outstanding close air support during hours of darkness in this type terrain. This is due mainly to their capability of flying more slowly and also their increased time on station.

Recommendation: That close air support during the hours of darkness in overgrown or canopied terrain be accomplished by flare/gunship by itself or in coordination with UH-1E aircraft. This type of close

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air support proves most satisfactory from the point of view of troop safety, probability of gaining immediate fire superiority, maintaining fire superiority due to time on station, and destroying and/or demoralizing the enemy by a heavy volume of accurate fire.

(6) Item: Medical Evacuation

Discussion: It can be plainly stated that medical evacuation during this operation was very difficult and caused many problems. Adequate landing zones are extremely scarce in this type terrain. Once we pushed into the terrain covered with dense canopy we had two alternatives. One was to keep an element in the elephant grass to secure an adequate landing zone where a med evac helicopter could land, and carry our evacuees back to this position through extremely difficult terrain. This proved unsatisfactory since it took up to five hours to traverse only 500-600 meters of this terrain with litters. The other alternative was to cut a landing zone in the dense canopy and undergrowth suitable for evacuation by hoist from a hovering helicopter. This method was used with much success on numerous occasions although the inability to secure more than 200 meters around the zone resulted in a number of helicopters taking hits from enemy snipers outside the perimeter. Although both UH-34 and the UH-1E could pick up evacuees while hovering above terrain that averages 2400 MSL, the CH-46 proved to be the most suitable for this type pick-up because of its power and load capability. The Helicopter Support Team attached to the Battalion hand carried a large heavy Burroughs power saw for literally thousands of meters through mountainous terrain, only to find the equipment inoperable on reaching the proposed landing site.

Recommendation: That a Helicopter Support Team be attached to units in this type terrain. This team should be equipped with long handle axes and hand saws with which they can cut and clear an adequate zone to safely accommodate a hovering helicopter. The zone should provide as much cover from enemy snipers outside the perimeter as possible. All CH-46 aircraft used for medical evacuation, where they must hover, should be equipped with a litter so that thigh and stomach wounds as well as the dead do not have to be lifted by a horse collar.

(7) Item: Aerial Delivery

Discussion: Resupply in this terrain was another major problem. The need for resupply, at times, hampered our tactical scheme of maneuver. About 10% of the operation was conducted in areas where helicopters could land, and resupply went smoothly. The rest of the time necessity placed us in areas very difficult to resupply. The most satisfactory method of resupply was to lower or drop supplies from a hovering helicopter. Aerial delivery was poor to unsatisfactory because 50-100 meters meant possible loss of the supplies due to the dense canopy and undergrowth as well as

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a steep gradient of 40-60 meters vertically per 100 meters horizontally. One drop was 250 meters off target and it took one company a period of six hours to find and recover all the containers due to the steep terrain. Since tactics put us on the high ground, anything less than pinpoint accuracy is totally unsatisfactory in this method of delivery.

Recommendations: That commanders try to have their resupply points in a landing zone that will facilitate the landing of a helicopter since no other method seems to be completely satisfactory. When this cannot be accomplished due to the tactical situation, units should try to request resupply by lowering or dropping from a hovering helicopter from a partially cleared zone. Aerial resupply should be requested only as a last resort and pinpoint accuracy must be stressed.

(8) Item: Air-to-Ground Communications

Discussion: The AN/PRC 41 UHF radio is a delicate piece of communications equipment at best, and is very difficult to maintain in an "up" status in the damp surroundings of this dense type terrain. It is also the heaviest radio in the TACP. It is very difficult for FAC radio operators to maintain the pace set by Marines pursuing the enemy with this cumbersome man-packed radio. The limited capability of the FAC to observe targets and control fixed-wing aircraft in this type terrain also limits the capability of the UHF radio as a primary means of air-to-ground communications. The AN/PRC 25 FM radio proved invaluable as a piece of light, man-packed, rugged radio equipment. With an Ol-E or UH-1E acting as an intermediary between the ground FAC with FM and the fixed-wing with UHF, all fixed wing air strikes were successful. When the UH-1E aircraft were used as the primary weapons platform, the AN/PRC 25 proved invaluable because the radio operator could move much more easily through the undergrowth with the flexible tape antenna than could the AN/PRC 41 operator with the rigid AN/PRC 41 antenna.

Recommendations: That AIO/FAC teams operating in this type terrain be equipped with an AN/PRC 25 radio for each team to provide radio communications with each other under almost all conditions as well as direct communications with Ol-E, UH-1E and flare/gunships. Under these circumstances there will always be some type of air support at the disposal of the unit to which the AIO/FAC is attached.

(9) Item: Pyrotechnics

Discussion: The marking of landing zones in dense overhead canopy proved difficult at first, but utilization of proper pyrotechnics solved this problem readily.

Recommendation: That during daylight in dense canopy a parachute flare be used for initial contact with incoming aircraft because

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it stays up much longer than a star cluster. Once your general location has been established use colored smoke on a long pole to pinpoint your location. Colored smoke on a pole is also a good device to use when marking front lines for air strikes because it facilitates the smoke getting up through the canopy much more readily. As an experimental measure, meteorological balloons were requested but never received. These balloons on long strings using helium capsules for inflation, could be used for effectively marking front line positions during air strikes and helicopter landing zones as required, then withdrawn when not required. It is recommended that this tactic be used at the next opportunity in the 80-100 foot jungle canopy to determine effectiveness and ease of handling.

(10) Item: Medical Operations in Mountainous Terrain

Discussion: The need for I.V. fluids and more specifically the plasma expanders in traumatic war injuries with acute blood loss in the field, is well known. At the present, serum albumin is the best packaged, the easiest to carry and apparently the most obtainable volume expander available. Several incidents during Operation ALLEGHENY have convinced the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Battalion surgeon that dextran (at least two bottles) and the threadable plastic catheter intracaths should be part of the GP medical supplies. CASE I - A man struck by sniper fire in left upper femur with probable FX and increasing swelling of upper thigh. Pulse initially 130 with fast and shallow respirations. Dextran started with straight needle and a favorable clinical response gauged by lowering pulse, etc. was observed. On moving patient to landing zone which was approximately 200 meters down a 45 degree slope, the needle infiltrated and had to be restarted with loss of two to three minutes time. Patient survived. CASE II - A Marine received in BAS 20 minutes after suffering right shoulder and chest wounds in state of severe shock (i.e. no discernable pulse and collapse of peripheral vasculature). Patient was extremely restless and despite vigorous attempts to restrain his arm, two I.V.s infiltrated after successful entry. Patient died - acute blood loss and inadequate fluid therapy. Dextran has several advantages and disadvantages.

ADVANTAGES

- (a) 500 cc bottle will expand blood volume at least X 3.
- (b) Maximum effect occurs relatively rapidly.
- (c) The 0.9% NaCl with which it is in solution also exerts an osmotic effect.

DISADVANTAGES

- (a) Glass bottled; therefore breakable and heavy.

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(b) It may produce cross typing difficulties and there are reports of allergic manifestations.

(c) No self-contained I.V. set - more items to carry. Intracaths with plastic catheters have virtually all the advantages and none of the disadvantages, of cut-downs or straight needles.

- (1) Quick
- (2) Easy to start with minimal instruction
- (3) Once inserted, infiltration with resultant loss of fluid pathways minimized.
- (4) Easy to carry and sterile.
- (5) Self contained save for I.V. tubing.

Recommendation:

(a) The BAS assigned to CP (not company or platoon corpsman) to carry two bottles (total) dextrum plus the regular amount of serum albumin.

(b) An assortment of large (14g) and medium (17g) intracaths (2 ea) to be carried by BAS.

(c) Senior or higher grade corpsman to be instructed in their use.

(d) Inquiries into feasibility of lighter, non-breakable, self contained with tubing, packaging of dextrum should be made.

- (11) Item: Placement of BAS and General Considerations of Individual Troop Care and Hygiene

Discussion: The advent of the helicopter has radically changed the role of the BAS participating in flat country. However, in the mountainous terrain encountered in Operation Allegheny, the concept of rapid medical evacuation had, at times, to be altered due to several factors. These included inability to permanently secure landing zones, tall tree canopies and landing zones separated from the wounded by considerable distance and extremely difficult terrain. In this respect, the BAS assumed a relatively greater importance in the acute care of trauma cases. This necessitated its closer operation near the perimeter. Ideally the BAS should be located close to the landing zone or canopy clearing. It should be shielded as much as possible from snipers, helicopter down blast and elements. It should also have close contact with

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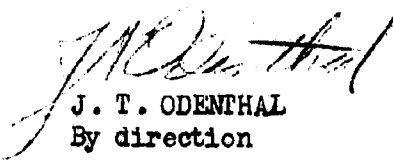
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the communications available to the CP group. If a choice must be made between communications and nearness to possible evacuation sites (landing zones), the 2/3 BAS would favor the former. This would facilitate deploying corpsmen and anticipating supplies needed for the wounded. Generally speaking, those two objectives present few problems. Once again problems of personnel hygiene and care including foot care and adequate supply of dry socks, foot powder, salt, insect repellant, halizone and malaria tabs cropped up. These items have repeatedly been stressed but need to be emphasized again. The faithful taking of the suppressive malaria tabs and the application of repellant is essential. There were reportedly two malaria cases diagnosed during the operation.

Recommendations:

- (a) BAS be kept close as possible CP communications and the perimeter, consistent with the safety of the wounded.
- (b) The favoring of communications over landing zone accessibility for reasons of men and supply deployment be stressed.
- (c) That reinstruction in personnel hygiene as discussed above be accomplished.
- (d) That sufficient (two weeks) malaria tabs to be carried by each platoon corpsman.

  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 26 August - 1 September 1966.

a. Operations Conducted.

- (1) CAC pltl1 provided security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (2) CAC pltl2 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes within sector.
- (3) CAC pltl3 - Stand down . . . for one week due to security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (4) CAC pltl4 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes within sector.
- (5) CAC pltl5 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes within sector.
- (6) CAC pltl6 conducted day and night patrols within sector, established ambushes at selected bridges along Route #5, provided daylight security for AN MY (3) Resettlement Project.
- (7) CAC pltl7 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes along Route #14 and in areas of likely VC mining activity, and established a river block/ambush on Song Vu Gia. Conducted sick call for the local populace with excellent results.
- (8) CAC pltl8 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes in assigned sector and in areas of likely VC mining activity. Continued construction of a dispensary within the defensive perimeter.
- (9) CAC pltl9 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes in assigned sector and in areas of likely VC mining activity. Completed construction of a threshing area within the defensive perimeter to be used by the local villagers during the rice harvest season.

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(10)CAC plt33 conducted daily patrols and night ambushes in assigned sector and in areas of likely VC mining activity. Construction of new living quarters is nearing completion.

(11)CAC plt34 conducted daily patrols and ambushes within sector, and 4 MEDCAP patrols.

b. Training Conducted.

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

- (a) Organized Athletics.....20 hours
- (b) Close Order Drill..... 4 hours
- (c) Scouting and Patrolling.....14 hours
- (d) M-1, Carbine, BAR and .45 pistol..... 7 hours
- (e) Mines and Booby Traps..... 1 hour
- (f) Compass and Map Reading..... 1 hour
- (g) Hand and Arm Signals..... 2 hours
- (h) Care and Clearing M-1..... 4 hours
- (i) Care and Clearing BAR..... 4 hours

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (a) Fam Fire of Individual Weapons..... 4 hours
- (b) Patrol and Ambush Techniques.....20 hours
- (c) Sick Call for Local Populace.....36 hours
- (d) Communications.....10 hours
- (e) First Aid.....20 hours
- (f) Language Classes.....12 hours

(3) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines

- (a) Language Classes..... 8 hours

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- (b) Field Fortifications.....80 hours
- (c) Patrols and Ambushes.....120 hours
- (d) FO Procedures.....10 hours
- (e) Map Reading.....12 hours
- (f) Radio Procedures.....10 hours

c. Problems Encountered.

(1) Shortage of carbine ammunition. PFs cannot fire carbines for familiarization due to unavailability of ammunition. Liaison with Australian advisors will be made to determine possible sources of supply.

(2) Shortage of interpreters. This problem is being reduced with language training.

d. Evaluation of Progress.

(1) Status of CACs

- (a) Total Number of CACs..... 3
- (b) Total Number of CAC Platoons.....11

(2) Future Plans. CAC platoons and locations pending activation (within 30 days).

DESIGNATION	LOCATION	UNIT RESPONSIBLE
B 16	(AT 925855)	1/3
B 23	(under study)	2/3
B 35	(AT 953692)	2/26

(3) CAC performance continues to improve with increased training, physical improvement and employment.

(4) The three Combined Action Companies of the regiment have not been redesignated in accordance with reference (b) pending receipt of response to reference (c).

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 2-8 September 1966.

a. Operations

- (1) CAC Plt 11 PF's provided security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (2) CAC Plt 12 Stand down for one week due to PF's security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (3) CAC Plt 13 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (4) CAC Plt 14 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (5) CAC Plt 15 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (6) CAC Plt 21 Conducted day and night security patrols along and to the east of the MSR (Route #5). Ambush sites were established at selected bridges and security was provided during daylight hours for resettlement center at AN MY (3).
- (7) CAC Plt 22 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes along the MSR (Route #14). A river block/ambush site was established on the SONG AI NGHIA South of AI NGHIA Bridge.
- (8) CAC Plt 31 Conducted day and night security patrols within assigned sector. On 4 September 66 2/26 patrol was taken under S/A fire in vic CAC 31 outpost. Outpost supported patrol with fire. Remaining CAC members arrived from CP and relieved ambushed patrol by fire. No VC casualties observed.

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- (9) CAC Plt 32 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes in assigned sector.
- (10) CAC Plt 33 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes in assigned sector.
- (11) CAC Plt 34 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes in assigned sector.

b. Other:

- (1) CAC Plt 31 Continuing work on construction of dispensary for VN civilian sick call. Work continuing on defense positions.
- (2) CAC Plt 32 Work on defense positions are continuing and nearly complete.
- (3) CAC Plt 33 Work nearing completion on CAC Plt living quarters.
- (4) CAC Plt 34 Work continuing on defensive positions.

c. Training Conducted.

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

- (a) Organized Athletics . . . . .14 hours
- (b) Indoctrination of New Personnel . . . . . 2 hours
- (c) Close Order Drill . . . . . 2 hours
- (d) Care and Cleaning of Weapons . . . . . .5 hours
- (e) Stoppages and Immediate Action of BAR  
and M-1 . . . . . 2 hours

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (a) Fan Fire of Individual Weapons . . . . . .2 hours
- (b) Patrol and Ambush Techniques . . . . . 30 hours
- (c) Communications . . . . . 6 hours
- (d) First Aid . . . . . .10 hours

(3) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines

- (a) Field Fortifications Application . . . . . 75 hours

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- (b) Patrol and Ambush Application . . . . . 168 hours
- (c) Language Classes . . . . . 6 hours
- (d) Radio Procedures . . . . . 4 hours
- (e) Sanitation and Hygiene . . . . . 4 hours

d. Problems Encountered.

- (1) Continued shortage of interpreters hampers closer coordination and training.
- (2) Lack of carbine and M-1 ammo continues to be a problem.

e. Evaluation of Progress.


- (1) Status of CACs:

- (a) Total number of CACs . . . . . 3
- (b) Total number of CAC Platoons . . . . . 11

- (2) Future Plans, CAC Platoons and locations pending activation (within 30 days).

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit Responsible</u>
B 16	(AT 925855)	1/3
B 23	(Under Study)	2/3
B 35	(AT 953692)	2/26

- (3) CAC performance continues to improve with increased training, physical improvement and employment.
- (4) The three Combined Action Companies of the regiment have not been redesignated in accordance with reference (b) pending receipt of response to reference (c).

  
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(c) CO 3dMar 270655Z Aug66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 9-15 September 1966.

a. Operations.

- (1) CAC Plt 11 stand down for one week due to PFs security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (2) CAC Plt 12 PFs provided night time security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (3) CAC Plt 13 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (4) CAC Plt 14 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (5) CAC Plt 15 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (6) CAC Plt 21 conducted day and night security patrols along and to the east of MSR (Route 5). Ambush sites were established at selected bridges. Security was provided during daylight hours for the Resettlement Center at AN MY (3).
- (7) CAC Plt 22 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes along the MSR (Route 14). A river block/ambush site was established on the Song Ai Nghia south of Ai Nghia Bridge.
- (8) CAC Plt 31 conducted day and night security patrols within assigned sector.
- (9) CAC Plt 32 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

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(10) CAC Plt 33 conducted day and night security patrols in assigned sector. On 8 Sep, 10 rounds of automatic S/A fire were received from (AT 948674). M-60 MG fire was returned with undetermined results. On 9 Sep, a patrol (AT 942679) received one grenade and ten rounds of S/A fire. Illumination was fired and patrol returned to village. Also on 9 Sep, a patrol was sent to investigate a VC flag (AT 943678) believed to be booby trapped. Flag not booby trapped; patrol secured. On 10 Sep, sniper fire received on perimeter from (AT 948675); fire returned and sniping ceased. Three VC were seen (AT 938682); two rounds of M-79 fired with negative results. On 11 Sep, ten rounds of automatic S/A fire were received from (AT 945673).

(11) CAC Plt 34 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

b. Other.

(1) Many VN polling places were located in or very near to CAC areas; however, no VC instigated incidents occurred nor were CAC Marines involved in any manner which indicated involvement with the elections.

(2) CAC Plt 31 held a meeting on 5 September at TUY IOAN (1) (AT 945697) with the village chief on a proposed sanitation project. Sites were approved for 3 shower units, 3 heads, 3 wells and a methane gas generator. Materials have been requested through GVN channels.

(3) CAC Plt 32 protected villagers using threshing machine and storing rice as desired.

(4) CAC Plt 34 is continuing work on defensive positions.

c. Training Conducted.

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

(a) Organized Athletics..... 7 hours

(b) Scouting and Patrolling..... 7 hours

(c) Care and Cleaning of Weapons..... 5 hours

(d) Indoctrination of New Personnel..... 6 hours

(e) Fam Firing of S/A..... 4 hours

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(f) 3.5" RL..... 1 hour

(g) Combat Patrolling..... 2 hours

(2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

(a) Patrols and Ambushes Techniques.....30 hours

(b) Rules of Engagement..... 2 hours

(c) Communications.....10 hours

(d) First Aid.....14 hours

(3) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines

(a) Forward Observer Procedures..... 2 hours

(b) M-14 Rifle..... 1 hour

(c) First Aid..... 2 hours

(d) Patrols and Ambushes Application.....26 hours

(e) M-60 Machine Gun..... 1 hour

d. Problems Encountered.

(1) Continued shortage of interpreters hampers closer coordination and training.

(2) Difficulty is experienced in conducting night and inclement weather operations due to the reluctance of PFs to operate at such times.

(3) The PFs from CAC Plt 33 were withdrawn by the HIEU DUC District Chief for several days after the election. Action taken by this headquarters has reestablished this unit.

e. Evaluation of Progress.

(1) Status of CACs

(a) Total number of CACs..... 3

(b) Total number of CAC Platoons.....11

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(2) Future Plans. CAC platoons pending activation.

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CAC 16	(AT 925855)	1/3
CAC 23	Under Study	2/3
CAC 35	(AT 953692)	2/26

(3) CAC performance continues to improve with increased training, physical improvement and employment.

  
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(c) CO 3dMar 270655Z Aug66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 16 - 22 September 1966.

a. Operations.

- (1) CAC Plt 11 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (2) CAC Plt 12 Stand down for one week due to PFs security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (3) CAC Plt 13 PFs provided nighttime security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (4) CAC Plt 14 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (5) CAC Plt 15 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector. An honor guard was provided for ceremonies in HOA TLON village.
- (6) CAC Plt 21 conducted day and night security patrols along and to the east of MSR (Route 5). Ambush sites were established at selected bridges. Security was provided during daylight hours for the Resettlement Center at AN MY (3).
- (7) CAC Plt 22 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes along the MSR (Route 14). A river block/ambush site was established on the Song Ai Nghia south of Ai Nghia Bridge.
- (8) CAC Plt 31 conducted day and night security patrols within assigned sector.
- (9) CAC Plt 32 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector. Security and storage for the rice harvest were provided.

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- (10) CAC Plt 33 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (11) CAC Plt 34 conducted day and night patrolling and ambushes within assigned sector. Two MEDCAP patrols were conducted.

b. Other.

- (1) CAC Plt 33 utilized special services athletic gear in conjunction with a barbeque, arranged for lumber and paint for the village school, and ordered school kits for all student children resulting in closer rapport between the unit and village.
- (2) CAC Plts 21 and 22 were placed under Operational Control of G and F Companies, 2/3, respectively to insure better control of patrol efforts.
- (3) CAC Plt 15 completed a "sick call" building.
- (4) CAC Plt 31 initiated daily English language classes through their interpreter.

c. Training Conducted.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines
  - (a) Organized athletics.....12 hours
  - (b) Scouting and Patrolling..... 7 hours
  - (c) Care & Cleaning of Weapons..... 5 hours
  - (d) Hand and Arm Signals..... 1 hour
  - (e) First Aid and Field Sanitation..... ½ hour
  - (f) Vietnamese Customs..... 2 hours
  - (g) Vietnamese/English..... 1 hour
  - (h) Radio Procedure..... 5 hours
  - (i) Fam Firing of S/A..... 2 hours

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## (2) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (a) Patrol and Ambush Techniques.....30 hours
- (b) Communications..... 7 hours
- (c) First Aid.....12 hours

## (3) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines

- (a) First Aid..... 2 hours
- (b) Demolitions..... 1 hour
- (c) M14 Rifle..... 2 hours
- (d) NCO Leadership..... 2 hours
- (e) Map and Compass..... 1 hour
- (f) Mortars..... 1 hour
- (g) Med Evac Procedures..... 1 hour

d. Problems Encountered.

- (1) Continued shortage of interpreters hampers closer coordination and training.
- (2) Larger number of PF personnel of CAC 11 attended 25 days of motivation training necessitating the cancellation of planned ambushes and patrols.

e. Evaluation of Progress.

## (1) Status of CACs

- (a) Total Number of CACs..... 3
- (b) Total Number of CAC Platoons....11

## (2) Future Plans. CAC platoons pending activation.

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT RESPONSIBLE</u>
CAC 16	(AT 922852)	1/3

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CAC 23	Under Study	2/3
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- (3) CAC performance continues to improve with increased training physical improvements and wider employment.

  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 25-2229 September 1966.

a. Operations.

(1) CAC Plt 11 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(2) CAC Plt 12 Provided night time security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(3) CAC Plt 13 stand down for one week due to PF's security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(4) CAC Plt 14 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(5) CAC Plt 15 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(6) CAC Plt 21 conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes along and to the east of MSR (Route #5). Participated in a combined sweep with USMC and RF in vic GS (AT 9462) and (AT 9562). Security was provided during daylight hours for the resettlement center at AN MY (9).

(7) CAC Plt 22 conducted day and night security along MSR (Route #14). Continued to establish a river block/ambush site along SONG VU GIA South of the AI NGHIA Bridge.

(8) CAC Plt 31 conducted day and night patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(9) CAC Plt 32 conducted day and night patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

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(10) CAC Plt 33 conducted day and night patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

(11) CAC Plt 34 conducted day and night patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

b. Other

(1) CAC Plt 31 NCOIC briefed III MAF Personnel on 23 September 1966 regarding public health on proposed village sanitation project for TUY LOAN. Clothing, soap and food distributed to needy persons. "C" Ration Carton "Sleeves" are collected from Rifle Companies and distributed to refugees for lining huts.

(2) CAC Plt 32 work continued on CP area. On 21 September 1966 Mr. HOIM special emissary of the President, news correspondents and TV reporters visited unit.

(3) CAC Plt 33 held sick call for villagers. Plans are being made to construct shower for villagers.

(4) CAC Plt 34 work started on barracks for Marines. A shower unit was constructed for the villagers use.

c. Training

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines

- (a) Organized athletics.....14 hours
- (b) Scout & patrolling.....14 hours
- (c) Care and cleaning weapons.....12 hours
- (d) Radio procedures (Marines).....6 hours
- (e) Language English-Vietnamese.....1 hour
- (f) Nomenclature of BAR, Carbine, SubMG and M-1.....6 hours
- (g) Defensive wire.....5 hours
- (h) Defensive Positions.....9 hours
- (i) M-60 MG.....2 hours
- (j) Claymore mine.....2 hours

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(2) 2d Bn, 3d Marines

- (a) Patrol and ambush technique.....20 hours
- (b) Communications.....3 hours
- (c) Weapon classes.....4 hours
- (d) Map and compass.....1 hour
- (e) First aid.....2 hours
- (f) Hygiene.....2 hours
- (g) Military appearance.....2 hours
- (h) Language.....6 hours

(3) 2d Bn, 26th Marines

- (a) Sanitation and hygiene.....1 hour
- (b) M-14 Rifle.....1 hour
- (c) NCO Leadership.....2 hours
- (d) Patrols and ambushes.....26 hours

d. Problems encountered

(1) Continued shortage of interpreters hampers closer coordination and training.

(2) CAC Plt 11 had one squad of PF's continuing training at HOA VANG District Headquarters requiring the cancellation of several patrols due to a shortage of PF personnel.

(3) The PF ammunition supply continues to be inadequate.

e. Evaluation of Progress

(1) Status of CACs

- (a) Total number of CACs.....3
- (b) Total number of CAC Plts.....11

(2) Future Plans, CAC platoons pending activation.

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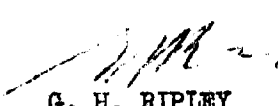
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<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT RESPONSIBLE</u>
CAC 16	(AT 922852)	1/3
CAC 23	Under study	2/3
CAC 35	(AT 953692)	2/26

(3) CAC performance continues to improve with increased training physical improvements and wider employment.

(4) The three Combined Action Companies of the Regiment have not been redesignated in accordance with reference (b) pending receipt of response to reference (c).

  
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Date: 13 September 1966Organization: 3d MarinesPeriod Covered: 10 Sept to 18 Sept 1966

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	MEDIA	THREAT
16 Sept	LOC VAR (AI 9194)	Possible VC Company in area listed	Air drop of leaflets: 951A (50,000) 244D-12-67 (212,000) SP-931 (10,000) SP-925 (56,000)	Chieu Hoi Family Happiness Govt benefits
16 Sept	LOC VAR (AI 8758) AI 91 (1) (AI 9260) AI 91 (AI 9057) AI 91 (2) (AI 9056)	Local populace of villages listed	Patrol Dist of leaflets: 47-65 (8000)  19-65 (2000)	Chieu Hoi casualties  XXXXXXXXX Report VC
17 Sept	LOC VAR (1) (AI 9568) AI 91 (1) (AI 9567) AI 91 (5) (AI 9666) AI 91 (2) (AI 9568)	Local & Main Force Guerrillas  Populace of areas indicated	Air Drop of leaflets: 137-66 (20,000) 34-65 (20,000)  Aired Serial Broadcasts: JASPA 12 JASPA 14 JASPA 16	Chieu Hoi  TAMC Assistance/ Friendship

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3d Marine Division Weekly Pay Ops Report

Date: 25 September 1966

Organization: 3d Marine RegimentPeriod Covered: 18 Sep to 25 Sep 1966

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	MEDIA	THEME
22 Sep	HIEU DUC Dist. from coord (ZC 1982) to (AT 8279) to (AT 8274) to (AT 8073) to (ZC 1773)	Possible VC Company and sapper unit	1. Leaflets: SP 931(100,000) SP 925(100,000) 244(D)-18-67 (100,000) 2. Tapes: JUSPAO #6 JUSPAO #12	Choi Hoi Medical Assistance
24 Sep	PO BAN/LA CHAU area: (AT 9568) (AT 9567) (AT 9666) (AT 9566) KHUONG MY (AT 9168) (AT 8970) TRON TRUC DONG (AT 9071)	VC infiltration and local Force Company	1. Leaflets: 244 56-65 (100,000) 244 23-65 (100,000) 244 62-65 (100,000) 2. Tapes: JUSPAO #11 JUSPAO #25	Choi Hoi
24 Sep	LAN PHUNG/ LOC PHUOC (AT 7955) (AT 8055) (AT 7956) (AT 8056)	VN local force Company and 2 VC Main Force Battalions	1. Leaflets: 244 62-65 244 23-65 244 137-66 2. Tapes: JUSPAO #6 JUSPAO #12	Choi Hoi

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