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4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), PMF  
o/o FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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From: OO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: OO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 010001H to 011600H <sup>September</sup> August 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Co A (-) patrol was delayed due to the lack of helicopters. The lift will commence at 011600H if the helicopters become available, otherwise the lift will have to be postponed until 020630H. Local night patrols had no enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Local night patrols had no enemy contact.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Remains in tactical bivouac behind 1st Bn, 7th Marines MIA. One platoon is attached to 1st Bn, 4th Marines for security of the LST dock.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A. Provided one squad as security for three observation posts on northern tip of peninsula, at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). Second platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068) and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact.
- (2) Company B. One local squad night patrol had no enemy contact. First platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island overnight to provide security along western approach to LST unloading ramp, and conducted continuous squad daylight patrolling vicinity (BT 5012). No enemy contact.
- (3) Company C. Maintained platoon checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge

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- (BT 49066). One local squad night patrol had no enemy contact.
- (4) Company D. Two local squad night patrols had no enemy contact.
- (5) H&S Company. Battalion scouts maintained observation post at (BT 523091) and provided personnel to three observation posts in Company A sector.
- (6) 1st Plat, Co 1, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (attached). Provided security vicinity LST unloading ramp.
- (7) 1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn. Platoon is in process of strong-backing 1/4 8-3 tent.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F conducted one squad size night patrol with no contact or sightings.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the GOPL.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. At 011350H H Co received one round ~~S/A~~ fire from (BT 535040). The round hit the railroad embankment at (BT 530033). Two VN were seen in the woods near by. A patrol was sent out to check the area. The patrol picked up fourteen VCS and sent them to the Regimental Collection Point.
- (5) H&S Co Scouts conducted one squad size night combat patrol with no contact or sightings. At 312030H the patrol was ordered back to its starting point to run the patrol in reverse due to the fact a PF ambush was reported on the patrol route, vicinity (BT 481035). At first light the patrol was in position to observe the PF ambush, but none was sighted.

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**C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.**

- (1) Company I occupies defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) Company K occupies defensive positions behind the 1st Bn, 7th Marines MIA.
- (3) Company L, two platoons from Company L occupy defensive positions around the airfield in conjunction with Company I. One platoon is attached to 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (4) Company M occupies defensive positions with two platoons. One Platoon is presently in defense at new Bn CP site (BT 530022).

**D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.**

Admissions 2, Discharges 3, Evac 13, Remaining 25.

**E. Co A, 1st AsFrac Bn.**

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Seventeen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Six LVT's deadlined OO maintenance.

**F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.**

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

**G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.**

- (1) First Platoon - Continues direct support of 1/4 with heavy section at 1st platoon D Co position and light section at A Co's position.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continues direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from position at 508047 at targets (BT 369010, 379010, 364018, 378016) from 2200 to 0100 hours. Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.
- (3) Third Platoon - Continues direct support of 3/3. Two tanks in the defensive perimeter of the CP area.

**H. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.**

Prisoner Collection Point 95%, LVTB-cross training 76%, reconstructing

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mortar shelters for company 15%, head walls and culverts on 3/3 road net 75%, water tank towers 95%. Distributed 27,065 gallons of potable water and approximately 16,000 gallons of raw water. Total: 43065 gallons of water. Conducted an engineer recon on perimeter defense line for possible 4.2 placements. Strongbacking tents for 1/4 100%. Helo pad for B Med. 12% completed.

I. Co B, 3d Recon Bn.

Co B's operation Chesterfield returned today with no significant VC sightings.

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- (1) 1 September. Company A (-) (rein) will land by helicopter 01600H in LZ (BT 402108) and conduct combat patrol at night patrol base at (BT 403078). Seven local squad night patrols will be conducted from rear MTR.
- (2) 2 September. Company A (-) (rein) will continue patrol to LZ (BT 415069) for return of one platoon to MTR on 2 September. Remaining platoon will continue patrol to be in blocking position (BT 432058) in morning of 3 September.
- (3) 3 September. Company B (rein) will land by helicopter in three landing sites at 030615H and conduct sweep towards Company A platoon blocking position. Upon completion of sweep one platoon of Company B will continue combat patrol on order. All other units will be picked up in LZ (BT 442057) for return to defensive positions.
- (4) 3 September patrols as shown below:

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
A-1	Sqd	032000H	032330H	(BT 522115)	(BT 522112)
B-1	Sqd	032330H	040200H	(BT 521091)	(BT 521089)
B-3	Sqd	032200H	040130H	(BT 526085)	(BT 525083)
C-1	Sqd	032400H	040230H	(BT 522108)	(BT 524106)
D-1	Sqd	032130H	032300H	(BT 514064)	(BT 513062)
D-2	Sqd	032000H	032330H	(BT 524077)	(BT 524076)
D-3	Sqd	032400H	040430H	(BT 521072)	(BT 519070)

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) On 1 September 1965, Company H will conduct one squad size night combat patrol. H&S Scouts will conduct one squad size night combat patrol. One platoon from Co H will relieve a platoon from Company L vicinity Hill 41.

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(2) On 2 September 1965, Company E conduct a Company (-) size day/night search and destroy operation to last four days. Company F will conduct one squad sized night/combat patrol. Company G will conduct one squad sized night combat patrol.

(3) Patrols of 3 September 1965.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
CO E	Co (-)	Day/Night Combat	021700H	060900H	(BT 487035)	(BT 449039)	
Co F	Sqd	Day/Night Combat	032015H	040615H	(BT 503042)	(BT 514049)	
Co G	Sqd	Day/Night Combat	032015H	040700H	(BT 489030)	(BT 487037)	(BT 492025)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) 1 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.
- (2) 2 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.
- (3) 3 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.

4. Civil Affairs.

The Civil Affairs Officers are at Da Nang attending a III MAF Civil Affairs meeting. Payment of remaining dams resulting from purchase of area on which airstrip is located being accomplished by representative of MACVJ-4 and Ly Tin District Official.

3d Bn, 12th Marines Mdd Cap team with Doctor and Dental Officers from B-Med assisted in treating 200 civilians at Ly Tin District Dispensary on 30 Aug. Many dental problems were encountered and treatment, including extraction was performed.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 020001 to 021600H <sup>September</sup> ~~August~~ 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines

Sniper fire was received by LVT park and platoon on Ky Hoa Island.  
Company A (-) (rein) conducted squad patrols west of TAOR, and  
apprehended five VCS.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Company F combat patrol to (BT 525011) and (BS 537983) in compliance  
with Division message, received on 1 September. Co C, 3d Tank Bn,  
conducted live indirect fire (H&I) from 020200H to 020500H. Twenty  
rounds were fired into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Remains in tactical bivouac behind 1st Bn, 7th Marines MLR. One  
platoon is attached to 1st Bn, 4th Marines for security of the LST dock.

2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A. Maintained platoon combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068).

Company (-) (rein) maintained night patrol base at (BT 406074) and  
ambushes at (BT 415081), (BT 413072), (BT 406068), and (BT 398078).

No enemy contact. Ambushes secured about 020800H and squad patrols  
were conducted during daylight hours from same patrol base. At  
020925H one patrol apprehended one male VCS with no I.D. card at  
(BT 407073).

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Same patrol received sniper fire at 020955H from vicinity (BT 401081). As patrol deployed enemy withdrew from contact. Sniper fire was again received from (BT 397087) at 021040H. Squad investigated area with negative results. At 021105H another squad patrol received fire from five individuals vicinity (BT 415083). Squad pursued and apprehended four VCS at (BT 413085) with no weapons. Fifth individual, presumably armed, escaped.

- (2) Company B. Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. First platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island overnight to provide security along western approach to LST unloading ramp, and conducted squad patrols vicinity (BT 5012). At 020300H platoon reported they had been receiving periodic sniper fire from sniper vicinity (BT 517119). Squad patrol in that area could not capture individual. More firing was reported at 020540H, but again sniper could not be located. Continuous squad patrolling was continued during daylight hours from patrol base vicinity (BT 509125).

- (3) Company C. Assumed responsibility for Company A sector, including observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128), and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. One incoming round of rifle fire was received from direction of splash point (BT 516116) at 020550H. Second platoon maintained checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). No enemy contact.

- (4) Company D. Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact.

- (5) H&S Company. Battalion scouts maintained observation post at (BT 523091) and provided personnel to three observation posts in Company A sector.

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- (6) 1st Plat, Company L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (attached). Provided security vicinity LST unloading ramp.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F is conducting a company daylight search and clear operation in compliance with frag order received from 4th Marines. At 012230H. The patrol reaction to Division Intelligence information, will search the area at (BT 525011) and (BS 537983).
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company H conducted one squad night ambush patrol with no contact or sightings.
- (5) H&S Scouts conducted one squad size night patrol with no contact or sightings.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I continues defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) Company K occupies defensive positions behind the 1st Bn, 7th Marines MLR.
- (3) Company L, two platoons from Company L occupy defensive positions around the airfield in conjunction with Company I. One platoon is attached to 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (4) Company M occupies defensive positions with two platoons, One platoon is presently in defense of the Bn C.P. site (BT 530022).

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(5) H&S Company - The motor transport section conducted a one day school for the company drivers.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 4, Discharge 7, Evac 1, Remaining 24.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Fifteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

(1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4 with light section at A Company's position and heavy section at 1st Platoon Co D position.

(2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. C-24 moved to outpost at (BT 506405) for augmentation of the defense. One tank fired 20 rds HE1 fires from a position at (BT 508047) at targets located at (BT 369010), (379010), (364018), (378016), expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP from 0200 to 0500H.

(3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3. C-32 and C-33 supplemented the C.P. perimeter defense.

G. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

H. Co B, 3d Ingr Bn.

Prisoner collection point 98%, LVTE-1 cross training 76%, reconstructing mortar shelters for company 20%, head walls and calverts on 3/3 road net 75%, water tank tower #1 - 100%, tower #2 -5%, shower towers #1,2, and 3 - 100%, helo pad for B Med 12%. Distributed 26,695 gallons of



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of potable water and approximately 15,000 gallons of raw water.

Total 41,695 gallons of water.

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- (1) 2 September. Eight local night squad patrols and night waterborne patrol will be conducted. Third platoon, Company D will relieve 1st Platoon, Company B on Ky Hea Island this afternoon and remain overnight. Company A (-) (rein) will continue to conduct squad daylight patrols from same patrol base, and move to new patrol base at dusk.
- (2) 3 September. Platoon of Company A will be in blocking position (BT 432058) prior to first light. Company B (rein) will land 030630H in three landing sites and sweep toward Company A blocking position. One platoon Company B will continue patrol on order, after all other units are lifted out.
- (3) 4 September. Second platoon, Company B will conduct daylight combat patrol from vicinity (BT 440055) to vicinity (BT 4607) for return by truck or helicopter.
- (4) Patrols 4 September.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOE</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-1	Sqd	042000H	042200H	(BT 522113)	(BT 523117)
A-2	Sqd	042200H	050200H	(BT 467069)	(BT 468067)
B-1	Sqd	042230H	050100H	(BT 523091)	(BT 523089)
B-2	Sqd	042200H	050030H	(BT 521097)	(BT 521095)
C-1	Sqd	042400H	050130H	(BT 524106)	(BT 523108)
C-2	Sqd	042000H	042300H	(BT 496068)	(BT 496068)
C-3	Sqd	042000H	042300H	(BT 521103)	(BT 521104)
D-1	Sqd	042000H	050130H	(BT 519060)	(BT 515059)
D-2	Sqd	042000H	050030H	(BT 530079)	(BT 529077)
D-3	Sqd	042400H	050400H	(BT 523072)	(BT 523069)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) On 2 September 1965, Company E will conduct a company (-) sized day/night search and destroy operation to last four days. Company F will

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conduct one squad sized night patrol. Company H, in lieu of Company G as reported yesterday, will conduct one squad sized night patrol.

- (2) On 3 September 1965, Company E will be on the search and destroy four day, day/night search and destroy operation. Company F will conduct a squad sized night combat patrol. Company G will conduct a squad sized night combat patrol.

- (3) Patrols of 4 September 1965.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co F	Sqd	Night/Combat Ambush	042030H	050700H	(BT 496037)	(BT 496037)	(BT 493028)
Co G	Sqd	Night/Combat Ambush	042030H	050700H	(BT 504029)	(BT 505030)	(BT 502015)
Co B	Plt	Day/Night Combat/Op	041300H	071300H	(BT 497996)	(BT 479999)	-----

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) 2 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.
- (2) 3 September - Company K and M will conduct training in Tank infantry tactics.
- (3) 4 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.

4. Civil Affairs.

The Civil Affairs Officers went to Da Nang on 30 August to attend a three day Civil Affairs conference. MED-CAP treated seventy-five people at Lonh-Phu (1) (BT 508042).

5. Misc.

Change in Co A plan: Both platoons will remain out tonight. Two platoon blocking positions will be established on 3 September, the original position and (BT 440060).

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Delta - 3 patrol on Ky Hsa Island (BT 517118). At 021130H the point was coming around a corner and saw a civilian who took off running. The patrol called for him to stop three times, they then shot and wounded him. The civilian is being taken to B - MED for treatment.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 031600H to 031600H <sup>September</sup> 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Company D received incoming carbine fire from two V0.  
Two - company search and destroy operation being  
conducted vicinity Ky Long Hamlet (BT 4304).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Company E continues on extended patrol with no enemy  
contact. Co C, 3d Tank Bn., conducted live indirect  
fire (H&I) from 030200H to 030500H. Twenty rounds  
were fired into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Remains in tactical bivouac. One platoon from Co K to  
observe effect of artillery on 2 September at (BS 534959).

2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A. Maintained platoon combat outpost at  
Hill 69 (BT 468068). Company (-) (rein) departed  
patrol base (BT 406074) at 021800H and moved to new  
patrol base at (BT 412072). Night ambushes were  
established at (BT 415080), (BT 409073), and (BT  
415069). Ambushes were secured at 030615H and  
company (-) (rein) commenced move down valley

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(BT 415070), reaching blocking positions at (BT 433057) and (BT 440040) by 030810H. Three VCS were sighted at 030810H vicinity (BT 427046), out of small arms range. Three more VCS, were sighted at 030820H vicinity (BT 452058). At 030925H a mine and punji stakes were found vicinity (BT 433057). ~~Company A~~ (rain) remained in blocking positions as Company B conducted search and destroy northward. Blocking position secured at 031400H; started moving to LZ for return to company position.

- (2) Company B. Three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 032100H company went to 100% alert when Company D received incoming rounds. Fifty per cent alert was resumed at 022130H. At 030615H company was heli-lifted to three platoon landing sites at (BT 413030), (BT 425024), and (BT 440040). Lift was completed at 030700H and platoons commenced move north towards Company A's blocking positions. First platoon found and destroyed small cache of rice, approximately 50 lbs, vicinity (BT 419033) at 030835 H. Second platoon, at (BT 433040) observed four VCS at (BT 452058) and four more at (BT 455049). Third platoon moved to covering positions at (BT 445045). First platoon conducted search of Ky Long Hamlet (BT 435053) at 031020H, while 2d platoon conducted search of Ky Long (2) Hamlet (BT 435045). At 031105H 1st Platoon located at (BT 429047) received small arms fire from vicinity (BT 428048). Fire was returned and platoon moved toward area of firing. Point encountered 3-5 VC at (BT 427047). VC threw two grenades, and platoon returned small arms fire, coordinated with 6-7 rounds 60mm mortar fire. One Marine was slightly wounded (non-evac) by VC grenade. Expended brass was subsequently found by point. Search of area continued for possible VC casualties. Third platoon moved into hamlet at (BT 445054) to conduct search. The company

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began moving to LZ at 031400H.

- (3) Company C. Maintained responsibility for Company A sector, including observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128), and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. Second platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) and conducted one squad night patrol. Negative contact.
- (4) Company D. Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 022100H noises were heard in front of 2d platoon's position at (BT 528079). Illumination grenade was thrown and two VC were sighted near defensive wire. VC dropped to the ground and fired approximately 15 rounds carbine fire toward former machine gun position. 81mm mortar illumination was utilized, and Marines returned fire on two VC fleeing west across paddy. Company was placed on 100% alert and area was checked out with unobserved results. Company returned to 50% alert at 022125H. Third platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island with patrol base at (BT 510129) to provide security along western approach to LST unloading ramp (BT 522122).
- (5) HES Company. 81mm mortar platoon provided eight men for night waterborne patrol, and maintained two sections at (BT 528077), one section at (BT 523073), and one section at Hill 69 outpost (BT 468068). Battalion scouts maintained observation post at (BT 523091) and provided personnel to three observation posts in Company A sector.
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Night waterborne patrol had no enemy contact.
- (7) 1st Plat, Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (attached). Provided security vicinity LST unloading ramp (BT 522122). No enemy contact.

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- (1) H&S Company Scouts occupying Company E's perimeter, reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company E is engaged in an extended Day/Night Combat Patrol along (Grid Line 02).
- (2) Company F reported spotting one man at 022100H at (BT 508053). Challenged, illuminated and fired one round. Undetermined results. At 030530H reported one man in front of tank in company F's area, vic (BT 508047). Man through one hand grenade. Tank fired several rounds .30 cal. in return. Undetermined results.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company H conducted one squad sized night combat patrol with no contact or sightings. Company H's platoon sized patrol reported incoming small arms fire from a cave at (BT 491001). They investigated with undetermined results.

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I continues defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) Company K dispatched one platoon to vicinity (BS 534959) to check effect of artillery fire delivered the night of 2 September 1965. The remainder of the

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company is being moved by LVT to vicinity OP#1, to act as a reaction force if needed. (BS 560996)

- (3) Company L two platoons Company L occupy defensive positions around the airfield in conjunction with company I. One platoon is attached to 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (4) Company M conducting Tank Infantry Tactics, but ready to lift out by helicopter on order if needed as reaction force.
- (5) H&S Company at 022345H, one M-26 Grenade was thrown into the 106 RR Platoon area at (BT 522023). No casualties were sustained. The area was illuminated and a patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative results.
- (6) Attachments artillery conducted prep fire from 031050H to 031100H on proposed LZ and adjacent areas. A heavy section of Ontos was dispatched to vicinity of OP #1 (BT 560996) to assist operation as needed.

D. 4th Marines.

Regimental C.P. security observed one man at 022300H in the laterite pit (BT 530086). The area was illuminated and the VCS fired at our security. Fire was returned and the man fled. A patrol searched the area with negative results. Their were no casualties.

E. Co B. 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 2, Discharges 3, Evac 0, Remaining 21.

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Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Eighteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Two LVT's deadlined Co O maintenance.

G. Co B. 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

H. Co C. 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon continued direct support of 1/4 with heavy section at 1st platoon. Company D. position and light section at A Company position.
- (2) Second Platoon continued direct support of 2/4. One tank fired H&I fires from position at (BT 508047) from 0200 to 0500 hrs at targets located at (BS 369010, 3779 010, 364018, 378016). Expended 12 rounds HE, and 8 rds WP. A grenade was thrown at this tank, 11 rds 30 cal. were fired at person who threw grenade. An immediate search was made with one tank and one squad in the area with unobserved results there were no USMC injuries.
- (3) Third Platoon continued direct support of 3/3. C-32 and C-33 supplemented the C.P. perimeter defense. Tank Infantry coordination instructions were held with Mike and Lima Companies.

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Prisoner Collection Point 98%, LVTH-1 cross training 78%, reconstructing mortar shelters for Company 20%, headwalls and culverts on 3/3 road net 75%, water tank tower #2 -100%, tower #3-25%, hole pad 25%, pot shack and galley repairs for Anfrac 90%, 1/4 strong backing 75%, tool room shelves 100%.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****B. Plans.****A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.**

- (1) 3 September. Upon completion of search and destroy operation, all units except one platoon will be heli-lifted back to defensive positions. Second platoon, Company B will remain in area and establish night defensive position vicinity (BT 440055). Platoon of Company C will depart splash point (BT 517117) at 031745H and land at (BT 498101), establish patrol base, and conduct continuous squad patrols and ambushes. Platoon will remain 2-3 days. Seven local squad night patrols will be conducted from rear MLR positions.
- (2) 4 September. Second platoon, Company B will conduct daylight combat patrol from vicinity (BT 440055) to vicinity (BT 4607) for return by truck or helicopter. Platoon of Company A will relieve 3d platoon, Company D on Ky Hoa Island at 041500H, establish patrol base, and conduct continuous patrolling south of grid line 13 to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp. Between hours of 1000 and 1400 all companies will man rear MLR positions with 50%. Squad patrols will be conducted to water's edge at 1100 and return at 1400.
- (3) 5 September. Platoon will remain on Ky Xuan Island. Local night patrolling will be conducted.

**(4) 5 September patrol:**

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	FOR	POD	POB 6
A-1	Sqd	052400H	060200H	521116	521114
A-2	Sqd	051400H	051830H	468069	468067
B-1	Sqd	052130H	052400H	521091	521089
B-3	Sqd	052400H	060330H	526089	525084
C-1	Sqd	052030H	052230H	522109	521108
C-3	Sqd	052300H	060130H	520105	520104
D-1	Sqd	052400H	060300H	515061	514060
D-2	Sqd	052000H	052400H	522073	520071

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CONFIDENTIALB. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) On 3 September 1965, Company E on a 4 day Day/Night search and destroy operation to last three more days. Company F will conduct on squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company H will conduct one night squad sized combat/ambush patrol.
- (2) On 4 September 1965. Company G will conduct two squad size night combat/ambush patrols. One platoon of Company H will relieve another platoon of Company H in the vicinity (BS 497995).

## (3) Patrols of 5 September:

Unit	Size	TYPE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co G	Sqd	Night Combat/ Ambush	052015H	060700H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	(BT 473033)
Co G	Sqd	Night Combat/	052015H	060700H	(BT 505044)	(BT 505044)	(BT 498033)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 3 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.
- (2) 4 September - Remain in tactical bivouac.
- (3) 5 September - Two companies to board shipping for RLT 7 operation.

4. Civil Affairs.

The Civil Affairs Officer went to DaNang on 30 August to attend a 3 day Civil Affairs conference. MED-CAP treated 75-100 people at Long Phu (2) (BT 510030).

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- A. A VN patrol junk was seen exchanging fire with two basket boats near (BT 5414). An LVT from 1/4 was dispatched at 031320H to area and picked up one VOS.
- B. At 031800 1st Plt Co C is to proceed by LVT to Ky Xuan Island, establish patrol base. They are to conduct continuous squad patrol ambush day and night. The patrol will last two to three days.
- C. Company A and B began retraction at 031900H. At 031525H Co A sustained two WIA's from a land mine, they were evacuated from (BT 438056). The retraction of Co A and B (-) was complete at 031630H.
- D. Gen Walt visited 4th Marines C.P. at 030930H. The General was briefed by CO 4th Marines on activities within the TAOR.

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 5 September 1965

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for Period 041000H to 051000H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Recks thrown into Company B positions. Men sighted in front of Company D positions. MAG-36 reported 3-5 persons in area. Platoons on Ky Huan Island and Ky Haa Island had no enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Company E is engaged in a four day patrol in the valley <sup>GRID LINE</sup> (BT 02).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

HLB Company (-), Company K and Company N departed by helicopter for the LPB-5 as the first phase of MLT-7 Operation PIRANIA commenced. Companies I and L remain in defensive positions around the airstrip, with Company L alerted to move to MIA position on order.

D. 4th Marines.

A composite Company is being formed from FLSU, MAG-36, and MAG-12. To strengthen the forces around the airfield.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A. Maintained platoon combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468069). Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Maintained observationpost at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). First platoon remained overnight on Ky Haa Island, conducting continuous squad patrols vicinity

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- (BT 5012), to provide security along western approach to LST unloading ramp (BT 522122). At 042314H 3d platoon departed defensive positions to conduct search of area to front of MAG-36 vicinity (BT 531118). Negative results.
- (2) Company B's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 042055H 3d platoon had rocks thrown into their positions vicinity (BT 529083). Movement was heard to the front. Marines illuminated with negative result. At 050014H rocks were thrown into positions in same area. Marines fired four rounds with unobserved results. Three rounds 81mm mortar illumination were expended with negative results.
- (3) Company C second platoon maintained checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. Two local squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 042050H squad patrol from 3d platoon apprehended six SDG with allegedly improper identification. One of the six was later determined to have improper identification. First platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island with patrol base vicinity (BT 487117), and conducted squad patrols and ambushes. No enemy contact. Commencing 050900H company range detail conducted live firing of small arms on range at (BT 527128).
- (4) Company D's three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 050120H 2d platoon sighted men in front of positions vicinity (BT 528077). Marines challenged and fired two rounds with unobserved results.
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm mortar platoon provided eight men to night waterborne patrol and maintained two sections at (BT 528097), one section at (BT 522073) and one section at Hill 69 outpost (BT 468068). 106mm recoilless rifle platoon maintained one section at (BT 521096), one section at (BT 517060), and one section at (BT 519058). One section remained in reserve in battalion



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OP. Battalion scouts maintained observation post at (BT 523091) and provided personnel to three Company A observation posts.

- (6) 3d Plat, Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines (attached) provided security vicinity LST unloading ramp (BT 522122).
- (7) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Night waterborne patrol had no enemy contact.
- (8) MAG-36. At 042135H 3-5 personnel were observed to front of positions vicinity (BT 528118). When marines challenged, carbine fire was received on positions, fire was returned no one injured. Three rounds 81mm mortar illumination were expended with negative results. MAG-36 personnel conducted sweep of beach commencing 050700H from (BT 529118) to (BT 534113). Negative results.
- (9) Ly Tin District Headquarters. At 042020 H Ly Tin reported two VC companies at (BT 414115) and one VC company at (BT 404115) and requested artillery. Observer was at RF outpost at Ong Bo Bridge (BT 430110). Missions were fired by 8-inch and 155mm howitzers. Total of 24 rounds were expended. Surveillance given this morning by Vietnamese informant was 10 VC killed and many VC wounded, this was not confirmed by body count. At 042235H another fire mission was requested and fired on VC platoon at (BT 434105).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E is located near (BT 418019). No enemy contact. The patrol ends tomorrow at 060900H.
- (2) H&S Company Scouts occupying Company E's position on the MLR reported strange noises at (BT 517041) 050447H. Challenged, illuminated with undetermined results. Scouts reported at 0402035H one round of incoming carbine fire at (BT 517035).
- (3) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the CPLR. Company F changed positions with Company G.

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- (4) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the M.L.R. Company G conducted two squad sized night ambushes patrols. Neither reported sightings or contact. Company G exchanged positions with Company F.
- (5) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the M.L.R.
- (6) Co G, 3d Tank Bn. conducted live, indirect fir (R&I) from 042000H to 050600H in GS (BT 4598).

CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I remains in airfield defense.
- (2) Company K departed for RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (3) Company L remains in airfield defense prepared to move to MLR positions on order.
- (4) Company M departed for RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (5) H&S Company preparing to move the CP to (BT 535075)
- (6) Attachments departed for RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 6, Discharges 3, Evac 16, Remaining 27.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Seventeen LVT's deadline for lack of spare parts. Seven LVT's deadline CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4 with heavy section at 1st Plat Company D and the light section at Company A position.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continues direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from position at (BT 508047) at targets (BS 457988, 460989, 463990, and 464990) Expended 1 round HE and 19 rounds WP. Time of firing was 042000H hours to 050600H .
- (3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3. Prepared vehicles for deep water fording; embarked aboard shipping for direct support of 3/3 on Operation PIRANHA.

CONFIDENTIAL2 Operations.H. Co B. 3d Eng Bn.

Prisoner Collection Point 98%  
 LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%  
 Water Tank Tower #4 100%  
 Water Tank Tower #5 10%  
 Water Tank Tower #6 10%  
 Water Tank Tower #7 10%  
 Moving 3/3 Strongback tents  
 for CP 30%

Reconstruction of Mortar Shelters 20%  
 Headwalls & Culverts on 3/3 Road Net 85%  
 Hole Pad 85%  
 Shower Point Tower 3/3 70%  
 Cutting fence post (Native Timber) 60%  
 Clearing 3/3 CP site 58%  
 Clearing trail to outpost 2/4 45%

Water Distribution: Potable 29420 gal. - Raw 15000 Gal. - Total 44420 Gal.

CONFIDENTIAL3 PlansA. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 5 September. First platoon, Company C will return from Ky Xuan Island by LVT's at 051600H. Eight squad night patrols will be conducted.
- (2) 6-7 September. At 061100H platoon of Company D will relieve 1st platoon, Company A on Ky Haa Island. Local night patrolling will be conducted on the peninsula.
- (3) 7 September: patrols.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-1	Sqd	072000H	072200H	(BT 522113)	(BT 523117)
A-2	Sqd	072200H	080200H	(BT 467069)	(BT 468067)
B-1	Sqd	072200H	080100H	(BT 523091)	(BT 523089)
B-2	Sqd	072200H	080030H	(BT 521097)	(BT 521095)
C-1	Sqd	072400H	080130H	(BT 524106)	(BT 523108)
C-3	Sqd	072200H	072300H	(BT 521103)	(BT 521104)
D-1	Sqd	072000H	080130H	(BT 519060)	(BT 515059)
D-2	Sqd	072000H	080030H	(BT 530079)	(BT 529077)
D-3	Sqd	072400H	080400H	(BT 523072)	(BT 523069)

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 5 September. Company G will conduct two squad sized night combat/ ambush patrols. Company E. is conducting an extended day/night search and clear operation.
- (2) 6 September. Company G will run two squad sized night combat/ ambush patrols.
- (3) 7 September patrols.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co G	Co (-)	Day/Combat	070730H-071600H	(BT 487036)	(BT 487036)		
Co H	Plat	Day/Night					
		Combat	071300H-101300H	(BT 479999)	(BT 497996)		
H&S Co	Plat	Day/Night					
		Combat	071600H-080800H	(BT 522020)	(BT 530003)	(BS 520981)	
Co G	Sqd	Night/Combat					
		Ambush	072030H-080730H	(BT 504031)	(BT 501040)	(BT 490025)	

CONFIDENTIAL3 PlansC. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) 5 September - Board ships for RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (2) 6 September - Participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA, L Company and one company from 3/4 will man the MLR.
- (3) 7 September - Participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA, L Company and one company from 3/4 will man the MLR.

4. Civil Affairs.

A. MED-CAP treated 150 persons in Tich-Tay (2) (BT 496051). CAD held English class at An Tan School (BT 0500065) Vietnam, American Association language books were distributed to approximately 20 students.

B. Mr Cam, village chief of Ky Ha village, the battalion CA officer, and the engineering officer of the ADC Command Group walked the boundary line of land to be purchased in Ky Ha Village. Line generally bisects peninsula from North to south. All land east of the line will be purchased by GVN.

5. Misc.

A. Company E patrol at 051445H saw and brought under fire two VC at (BT 425027).

Undetermined results.

B. 3d Plt, Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines was detached from 1st Bn, 4th Marines

C. Company L moved from airfield defense to the MLR vacated by 1/7 at 051620H.

D. Company **I** of 3d Bn, 4th Marines arrived Chu Lai at 051620H to assume defense of MLR vacated by 1/7.

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To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 051800H to 061800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

Rocks and grenade thrown into Company B positions. Local night patrols and platoon on Ky Hoa Island had no enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

Company E patrol ended at 060900H. Local patrols conducted with negative contact. Company F observed two men near defensive wire.

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

IES Company, Company K and Company M are aboard LPH-5 to participate in Operation PIRANHA.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A second platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068) and conducted one daylight squad patrol to (BT 4806). Platoon returned at 051815H with no enemy contact. Third platoon maintained observation post at (BT 526129), (BT 520228), and (BT 527128), and conducted one local squad night patrol to front of MAG-36 positions. First platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island, conducting continuous squad patrols vicinity (BT 5012), to deny enemy access along western approach to LST unloading ramp (BT 522122). No enemy contact. Platoon was relieved at 061100H by 1st platoon, Company D.
- (2) Company B's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 052130H movement was heard to front of lines vicinity (BT 530082). One illumination grenade was expended with negative results. At 052215H one grenade was thrown by VC toward positions at (BT 528086). Grenade landed in front of positions and failed to produce any casualties. At 060030H rocks were thrown at positions vicinity (BT 526085). Two rounds 81mm mortar illumination and five rounds 60mm mortar illumination were expended with negative results.
- (3) Company C maintained platoon outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). Two squad night patrols on peninsula had no enemy contact.
- (4) Company D's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. First platoon departed splash point (BT 518117) by LVT's at 061040H and relieved 1st platoon, Company A on Ky Hoa Island at 061100).
- (5) H&S Company 81mm mortar platoon maintained two sections at (BT 528097) one section at (BT 522073), and one section at Hill 69 outpost (BT 468068). 106mm recoilless rifle platoon maintained one section at (BT 521069).

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one section at (BT 517060), and one section at (BT 519058). One section remained in reserve in battalion CP. Battalion scouts maintained observation post at (BT 523091) and provided personnel to three Company A observation post.

- (6) 1st Klat, Co A, 1st AnTrac Bn provided LVT's for relief on Ky Hoa Island at 061100H.
- (7) Ly Tin District Headquarters at 052330H reported VO company at (BT 408108) and requested artillery fire mission. Observer was in vicinity of RF outpost at Ong Bo Bridge (BT 430110). No surveillance given at this time. At 060930H Ly Tin reported VO platoons at (BT 455080) and (BT 450075). No artillery has been fired because of proximity of target to populated areas, and inability of FO on Hill 69 (BT 468068) to observe. Platoon combat patrol will be conducted in that vicinity this afternoon.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E patrol ended at 060900H.
- (2) HES Company scouts reported no night activity from Company E's positions on the M.R. At 050705H Company E located at (BT 428028) called artillery fire on suspected VO ambush, vicinity (BT 430051). Results unknown.
- (3) At 060003H Company F observed two men near defensive wire vicinity (BT 522019). Area was checked, results undetermined. At 060149H Company F reported one round carbine fire vicinity (BT 495030). No action taken because direction of fire could not be determined.
- (4) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the M.R. Company G conducted two squad sized night ambush patrols. Neither had contact or sightings.
- (5) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the M.R.

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- (6) Co C, 3d Tank Bn, conducted live, indirect (H&I) fires from 060200H to 060600H in GS (BS 4698) and (BS 4798).

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) H&S Company (-), Company I and Company M are under OPCON RL7-7 for Operation PIRANIA.
- (2) Company I remains in Regimental Reserve. A composite unit consisting of Company I, detachment MAG-12, MAG-36, and FLSU defend the airfield.
- (3) Company L defends part of the MLR vacated by 1st Bn, 7th Marines.
- (4) Company I 3d Bn, 4th Marines defends part of the MLR vacated by 1st Bn, 7th Marines.
- (5) H&S Company moving OP to (BT 535075). At 052350H one M-26 grenade was thrown into the 106 RR Platoon area at (BT 522023). No casualties were sustained. The area was illuminated and a patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative results.

D. Co B. 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 2, Discharges 6, Evac 1, Remaining 11.

E. Co A. 1st Amphib Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Four LVT's in direct support of 1/7. Sixteen LVT's deadline for lack of spare parts. Six LVT's deadline OO maintenance.

F. Co B. 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 5th Marines.

G. Co C. 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First platoon. No change.
- (2) 2d platoon continued direct support of 2/4. One tank fired 20 rounds at targets (BS 457988, 460989, 463990, 464990). H&I fires from 0200H to 0600H. Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.

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(3) Third platoon: Four tanks on Operation PIRANIA with 3/3, one tank at Co OP for repairs.

H. Co B. 3d Barr Bn.

Prisoner Collection Point-98%  
 LVTR-d Cross Training-82%  
 Water Tank Tower #5-75%  
 Water Tank Tower #6-75%  
 Water Tank Tower #7-75%  
 Moving 3/3 Stronback tent F/OP-100%

Reconstruction of Morton Shelter-20%  
 Headwall and Culverts on 3/3 Road Net-100%  
 Halo Pad-100%  
 Shower Point Tower F/3/3-100%  
 Cutting Fence Post (Native Timber)-90%  
 Clearing 3/3 OP Site-100%

## Water Distributed

Potable	30,190 Gal
Raw	15,000 Gal
Total	45,190 Gal

I. Co B. 3d Recon Bn.

Operation Bel Air began at 060455H with the Company landing by LOR's over Lavender Beach (BT 445169). No contacts have been made at this time.

CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 6 September - First platoon, Company D will remain on Ky Hoa Island and conduct squad patrols vicinity (BT 5012). Third platoon, Company C will commence combat patrol at 061500H from truck dismount point (BT 470079) to night patrol base vicinity (BT 447064). Squad ambushes will be established. Eight squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
- (2) 7 September - Platoon of Company B will relieve 1st platoon, Company D on Ky Hoa Island at 070700H. Third platoon, Company C will continue combat patrol to pickup point (BT 479077) about 071400H. Platoon of Company D will conduct daylight combat patrol at 071000H, with sqd. of engineers to clear mines from dismount point to night patrol base (BT 415083).
- (3) 8 September - Platoon of Company D will patrol to pickup point at (BT 455075) for pickup at 081200H.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-1	2 Sqds	081900H	090600H	(BT 524114)	(BT 523113)
A-2	1 Sqd	082400H	090400H	(BT 467069)	(BT 469067)
B-1	2 Sqds	082000H	090630H	(BT 525092)	(BT 525090)
B-2	2 Sqds	081930H	090600H	(BT 520095)	(BT 520096)
B-3	2 Sqds	081900H	090630H	(BT 527083)	(BT 526081)
C-1	2 Sqds	081900H	090630H	(BT 523109)	(BT 524107)
C-3	2 Sqds	081930H	090600H	(BT 521104)	(BT 521103)
D-1	2 Sqds	081900H	090630H	(BT 517060)	(BT 515060)
D-2	2 Sqds	081900H	090630H	(BT 529075)	(BT 529073)
D-3	2 Sqds	081900H	090630H	(BT 526069)	(BT 526066)

With the exception of patrol A-2, move one squad to forward MLR and occupy platoon forward position at the time scheduled. One hour after the initial squad departs, move the second squad forward to occupy the platoon forward position. Depart forward MLR after 090530H.

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His Company provided 8 men for waterborne patrol security.

B. 3d Bn. 4th Marines.

(1) 6 September - Company " will run two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. 81mm Mortars will fire from proficiency at 061200H to 061400H in GS (BT 4702) and (BT 4502) at 061700H to 061900H they will fire into GS (BT 5000) and (BT 5001).

(2) 7 September - Company C will conduct a Company (-) sized day combat patrol and one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.

His Company will conduct one day/night platoon sized patrol.

(3) 6 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOP	TOR	POB	POB	AMBUSH
Co H	Co (-)	Day Combat	080700H	081700H	(BT 488038)	(BT 488038)	-----
Co G	Plt	Day/Night Combat	081300H	111300H	(BT 497000)	(BT 479999)	-----
Co L	Sqd	Night Ambush	082030H	090730H	(BT 516039)	(BT 516039)	(BT 513029) (BT 509036)
Co L	Sqd	Night Ambush	082100H	090700H	(BT 505030)	(BT 505030)	(BT 497013) (BT 496021)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.6 September

Unit	Size	TOP	TOR	POB	POB
I 3/4	Platoon	061400H	061700H	(BT 570022)	(BT 579033)
I 3/4	Squad	062300H	070100H	(BT 572023)	(BT 575026)
I 3/4	Squad	070500H	070500H	(BT 575077)	(BT 579032)

7 September participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA, conduct search and destroy operation on TRUNG PHAN Peninsula and patrol as indicated below:

Unit	Size	TOP	TOR	POB	POB
I 3/4	Platoon	070800H	071300H	(BT 574027)	(BT 579034)
I 3/4	Squad	072100H	072300H	(BT 571024)	(BT 575027)
I 3/4	Squad	080100H	080300H	(BT 575028)	(BT 578033)

8 September participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA and patrol as indicated below:

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Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR
I 3/4	Flat	080700H	081200H	(BT 569020)	(BT 575026)
I 3/4	Squad	082300H	090100H	(BT 569021)	(BT 574026)
I 3/4	Squad	090300H	090500H	(BT 575028)	(BT 578033)

4. Civil Affairs.

The Civil Affairs Officer met with the Ly Tin District Chief to discuss and coordinate the activities of Chu Lai Hamlet. The major point of discussion was the plan for the inauguration of Chu Lai Hamlet, 7 September.

5. Misc.

- A. Company I will conduct a patrol on Trung Phan peninsula at 070800H in grid squares (BT 6201) and (BT 6200). The patrol will end at 071530H.
- B. Company G patrol for 7 September will be postponed until 9 September.
- Company G will be Regimental Reserve effective 070500H.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 061800H to 071800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

Third platoon, Company C sustained four casualties on combat patrol from mine and booby trap, also found two VCK and possible VO mine factory. Second platoon, Company D, on combat patrol, received small arms fire from Hill 22.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

Local patrols conducted with no contact. One carbine round fired into Company E positions. No casualties. 81mm Mortars fired for proficiency (BT 4802), (BT 5000) and (BT 5001).

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1st Company (-), Company K and Company M are engaged in RL7-7 Operation PIRANHA. The former MLR positions of 1/7 are now being manned by Company L, 3/3 Company I 3/4. Company I 3/3 is engaged in a search and destroy operation on the Trung Phan Peninsula.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A one squad night patrol had no enemy contact. Maintained observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). Second platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068) and conducted one night squad patrol. No enemy contact.
- (2) Company B's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. First platoon heard blasts to their front (BT 522090) at 062020H. Two rounds 81 mm mortar illumination were fired and one squad was sent forward to investigate. Negative results. At 070725H 2nd platoon landed on K. Hoa Island (BT 5112) by LVTs, established patrol base, and commenced squad patrolling vicinity (BT 5012) to deny enemy access along western approach to LST unloading ramp (BT 522122).
- (3) Company C's First platoon conducted one squad night patrol, with no enemy contact. Second platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) and prohibited passage of southbound traffic along Highway #1 from 070830H to 071200H in conjunction with ceremony in Chu Lai Hamlet. Third platoon conducted combat patrol from truck dismount point (BT 470079) south along patrol route. At 061755H one WIA was sustained at (BT 450070) when patrol detonated homemade type grenade booby trap. WIA was held- evacuated and platoon continued along route, establishing night ambushes at 061915H at (BT 445064), (BT 451063), and (BT 447072). Ambushes secured at 070655H with no enemy contact. One male VCS with no ID card was apprehended at 070735H vicinity (BT 451059). At 070850H two casualties were sustained at (BT 451052) when Marine stepped on pressure type mine in mortar hole. One Marine was killed and another wounded. At 071025H platoon heard what sounded like .45 caliber weapons fire at (BT 455053) and sent squad to



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investigate. At (BT 451059) squad found two male VCK and what appeared to be a VC mine factory. Area was searched for weapons with negative results. At 070905H 3d platoon reported one man missing vicinity Hill 51, (BT 447064). Search is continuing for missing man. At 071200H one WIA was sustained by grenade type booby trap vicinity (BT 450053).

- (4) Company D three night squad patrols were conducted. At 062130H squad patrol from 2d platoon observed two groups of 4-5 people talking in hamlet vicinity (BT 525082). One group dispersed when they observed patrol. Patrol checked out same hamlet again at 062400H and found no curfew violators. First platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island conducting continuous squad patrols vicinity (BT 5012), and was relieved by 2d platoon, Company B at 070725H. At 070730H squad patrol was conducted along Highway #1 to An Tan Hamlet (BT 499067) and remained in position just north of Highway #1 to provide security during dedication ceremonies of Chu Lai "New Life" Hamlet. At 071000H 2d platoon commenced daylight combat patrol in western portion of TAOR, dismounting from trucks at (BT 453087) and patrolling along route westward. At 071115H platoon received automatic weapons fire from vicinity (BT 425088). Artillery fire mission was called, and enemy fire ceased. Platoon continued patrol at 071125H and at 071150H located an AP mine at (BT 432093) and disarmed it.
- (5) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AnTrac Bn, provided LWC for relief of platoon on Ky Hoa Island at 070725H.
- (6) 1st Plat, Co B 3d AT Bn., provided heavy section escort for truck convoy transporting 2d platoon, Company D to dismount point (BT 453087).
- (7) 1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn., provided engineer support teams to 3d platoon, Company C, and 2d platoon, Company D.
- (8) MAG-36. At 070430H approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire are

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expended on two small boats violating curfew vicinity (BT 537109). Results unknown.

- (9) Ly Tin District Headquarters. At 061840H Ly Tin reported surveillance, made by PF agent on artillery mission fired 052330H, as two VC killed, six VC wounded. Ly Tin also reported a VC platoon at (BT 403142) preparing to establish roadblock on Highway #1. Artillery was requested, but due to observer difficulties, only two rounds were fired with unobserved results. VC platoon was reported digging up highway at 062305H. PAT platoon daylight ambushes today are at (BT 484139), (BT 483142), and (BT 479143). PF platoon is being used, upon request of District Chief, to assist 2d platoon, Company C in blocking southbound traffic through OP #2 (BT 497066).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E conducted a four man search of the area immediately forward of their position via (BT 517039) at 062045H. Negative results.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company G conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Neither sightings nor contact on either one.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts operating AN/TPS-21 reported sighting at (BT 517039) at 062045H. Received incoming carbine fire, returned small arms fire. Company E investigated, firing small arms but with undetermined results. At 062144H, AN/TPS-21 operator reported a target 300 meters in front of the lines moving away, via (BT 517036).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I is conducting a search and destroy operation on the TRUNG PHAN

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Peninsula. The Company departed CP at 071002H and landed at 071100H with negative contact. 1/7 conducted local night patrols with no contact. One USMC KIA at (BT 626014) by enemy S/A fire at 071330H while on patrol. At 071515H the Regimental C.O. ordered the patrol to return to the MLR.

- (2) Company K participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (3) Company L occupies right position of 1/7 MLR. Conducted local night patrols with no contact.
- (4) Company M participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (5) H&S Company has moved CP to (BT 535075) and is engaged in improving the site.
- (6) Attachments participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (7) Company I 3/4 occupies left portion of 1/7 MLR. One platoon is providing security for a downed helicopter at (BT 605015).

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 1, Discharge 14, Evac 1, Remaining 3.

E. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Fifteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. 6 LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. To date four hours of instruction have been given on the .50 caliber machine gun. The classes include introduction, history, and general characteristics; disassembly and assembly, headspace and timing; nomenclature; and functioning. Currently four teams are being readied.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) Headquarters - Conducted 8 hrs of training with .50 caliber machine gun including both sky and cupola mounts. Instruction also included nomenclature functioning, assembly, disassembly, mounting, and immediate action.

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(2) First Platoon - Continued support of 1/4.

(3) Second Platoon - Continued support of 2/4. One tank position (BT 508047), fired 20 rds, 12 HE, M-71 8 WP H&I fires at targets located at (BS 457988, 460989, 463990, 464990), between 2400 and 0300. L tank assumed defensive position 200 meters behind Chu Lai Village and used search light off and on during hours of darkness. 1 tank moved to Bullfish II at 2130 to light area at request of returned 2200. At 070800 3 tanks assumed blocking positions around Chu Lai Village for ceremonies to be conducted between 1000-1400.

(4) Third Platoon - on Operation PIRANHA, in support of 3/3.

H. Co Bn, 3d Engr. Bn.

Prisoner Collection Point 98%  
 LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%  
 Water Tank Tower #5 100%  
 Water Tank Tower #6 100%  
 Water Tank Tower #7 100%  
 Shower Tank Tower 96%

Cutting Fence Posts (Native Timber) 100%  
 Water Point F/3/3 60%  
 Camp Grenada Strongback Site 63%  
 Infantry Support 50 Men  
 Daily Company Operation ----  
 Blasting to Outposts 25%

Water Distribution  
 Potable 32,425 gal  
 Raw 16,000 gal  
 TOTAL 48,425 gal

I. Co B, 3d Recon Bn.

Operation Bel Air continues with a moderate amount of civilian movement in the area. During this reporting period no weapons has been noted. Recon has been unable to conduct .50 caliber machine gun training due to their present operation.

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1. 7 September - Third platoon, Company C will continue combat patrol to truck pickup point vicinity (BT 479077) this afternoon. Second platoon, Company D will continue combat patrol tonight patrol base vicinity (BT 415083). Nine squad sized patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
2. 8 September - Second platoon, Company D will patrol to pickup point at (BT 455075) for pickup at 081200H. Platoon of Company A will depart splash point by LVT's at 080900H, land on Ky Xuan Island at (BT 489119), establish patrol base, and conduct squad saturation patrolling.
3. 9 September - Second platoon, Company B will be relieved by platoon of Company D on Ky Hoa Island at 091000H. Platoon of Company A will be returned from Ky Xuan Island by LVT's at 091100H.

4. 9 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOR	POD	POR
A-1	Sqd	092000H	092230H	(BT 524114)	(BT 523113)
A-2	Sqd	092200H	100210H	(BT 467069)	(BT 469067)
B-1	Sqd	092400H	100230H	(BT 525092)	(BT 525090)
B-2	Sqd	092130H	092330H	(BT 520095)	(BT 520096)
B-3	Sqd	092230H	100200H	(BT 527083)	(BT 526081)
C-1	Sqd	092300H	100130H	(BT 523109)	(BT 524107)
D-1	Sqd	092400H	100400H	(BT 517060)	(BT 515060)
D-3	Sqd	092000H	092330H	(BT 525069)	(BT 526066)

H&S Company provide 8 men for waterborne patrol security.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 7 September - Company G will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. H&S Company Scouts will conduct a platoon sized day/night combat/ambush patrol. Company H will send a platoon to relieve another platoon for Company H via (BT 495997).

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2. Company L will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

3. 9 September, Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
H&S Co Scouts	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	092045H	100700H	(BT 505030)	(BT 505030)	(BT 491025)
Co G	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	092100H	100700H	(BT 487036)	(BT 487036)	(BT 467032)
H&S Co Scouts	Sqd	Ambush	092100H	100700H	(BT 517043)	(BT 517043)	(BT 527040)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. 7 September - participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA and conduct a search and destroy operation on the Truoh Phan Peninsula. Patrols will be conducted as scheduled on SITREP 6 Sept.
2. 8 September - participated in RLT-7 Operation PIRAHAN and patrol as indicated SITREP 6 Sept.
3. 9 September - participate in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA and patrol as indicated below.

4. Patrols

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
I 3/4	Platoon	090700H	091300H	(BT 511030)	(BT 575035)
I 3/4	Squad	092100H	092300H	(BT 567024)	(BT 568024)
I 3/4	Squad	100100H	100300H	(BT 573031)	(BT 575034)
L 3/3	Squad	092305H	100100H	(BT 545019)	(BT 548018)
L 3/3	Squad	100305H	100600H	(BT 557018)	(BT 555017)

4. Civil Affairs.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

The Battalion Vivid Action Out-Patient Clinic treated 170 persons at Xuan Trung (BT 519091). Most of the patients were children suffering from skin sores and infections. Other common ailments were eye diseases, worms, and diarrhea. Civil affairs officer gave about two dozen

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kites from Project Handclasp supplies to Mr. Cam, Chief of Ky Ha Village, for distribution to children on 10 September, the Vietnamese Mid-Autumn Holiday. At 070900H the battalion commander and CA officer attended dedication ceremony of Chu Lai Hamlet, with village officials of Ky Ha.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

HEB-CAP treated 60 people in Tich-Tay (3) at sick call. Inauguration of Chu Lai Village started at 071000H.

5. Misc.

A. 071600H Company I sustained one USMC KIA near (BT 625022) while patrolling the Trung Phan peninsula

B. Summary.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>VC</u>
KIA	2	2
WIA	4	

Located possible mine factory.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 071800H to 081800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Company D, 2d platoon patrol vicinity (BT 415084) was without communications from 071857H to 080600H. Same platoon discovered and disarmed AP mine vicinity (BT 424077). Local night patrols and platoon (-) on Ky Hoa Island had no enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Local patrol conducted with no sightings or contact.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

H&S Co (-), Company K and Company M are engaged in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA. The former MLR positions of 1/7 are now being manned by L Company 3/3 and I Company 3/4. Local patrols conducted with no sightings or contact.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A maintained observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). Second platoon maintained combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068) and conducted one squad size night patrol with negative contact.
- (2) Company B's two squad size night patrols had no enemy contact. Second platoon continued saturation patrolling of Ky Hoa Island below Grid Line 13 as security for LST ramp. One man stepped on punji stake vicinity (BT 508124) and another man suffered a sprained ankle, both were



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evacuated at 080915H.

- (3) Company C's two squad size local night patrols had negative contact. Second platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). Men on perimeter heard noise, threw hand illumination which revealed two men who jumped into brush vicinity (BT 523105). Investigating squad was unable to locate the two men.
- (4) Company D's two local squad size night patrols had no enemy contact. Second platoon combat patrol established patrol base vicinity (BT 415084) and set two ambushes at (BT 417081) and (BT 413078). Communications were lost with this unit from 071857H to 080600H. Helo was dispatched at 072200H to gain communications to no avail. Communications was reestablished by the patrol keying out the hand set. At 080718H 2d platoon patrol found and disarmed one AP mine vicinity (BT 424077). Continued patrol to pickup point (BT 457085). Returned to company CP at 081115H.
- (5) H&S Company maintained defensive positions and patrolled MLR to apprehend VN vendors.
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AnTrac Bn. resupplied Company B platoon (-) on Ky Hoa Island.
- (7) 1st Plat, Co B, 3d AT Bn. provided heavy section escort for truck convoy transporting 2d platoon, Company D from pickup point (BT 457085) to Company D CP.
- (8) 1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn. provided mine detector team for second platoon, Company D patrol.
- (9) FLSJ requested illumination at (BT 535109). Suspected movement. Two rounds expended. Undetermined results.
- (10) Ly Tin District Headquarters report on fire mission fired 061700H,

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two VC wounded.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the OOPL.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.  
Company G conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with neither sightings nor contact.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts conducted a platoon day/night combat/ambush patrol with neither sightings nor contact.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I remains in airfield defense with a composite force from MAG-12, MAG-26 and FLSJ.
- (2) Company K participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (3) Company L occupies right portion of 1/7 MLR. Conducted two local squad size night patrols with negative results.
- (4) Company M participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (5) H&S Company has moved 3/3 CP to (BT 535075) and is engaged in improving the site.
- (6) Attachments participating in RLT-7 Operation PIRANHA.
- (7) Company I 3/4 occupies left portion of 1/7 MLR. Conducted one platoon and two squad size night patrols with negative contact.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 5, Discharges 8, Evac 7, Remaining 6.

E. Co A, 1st AuTrap Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Two LVTE-1's in direct support of 7th Marines on Operation PIRANHA. Seventeen LVT's deadlined for lack of

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spare parts. Six LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Two hours of instruction was given on the .50 caliber machine gun today. The subjects covered were care, use, and assembly of mounts, M3, M36, and M63; also care and cleaning of gun and mounts.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Remains in direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 hours to 2200 hours and from 0400 to 0600 hours at targets (BT 381057, 388076, 395091, 404113 and 407037). Expended 80 rounds HE M71.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continues direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 Hours to 2300 hours at targets (BT 364018, 378016, 370010 and 362018). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds W.P. Classes held on .50 Cal MG in accordance with CO msg 040552Z. 10 hours of instruction on nomenclature, functioning, disassembly, assembly, headspace, timing mounting and immediate action.
- (3) Third Platoon - Supports 3/3 on Operation PIRANHA.

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Prisoner Collection Point 100%  
 LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%  
 Shower Tank Tower 100%  
 Water Point "F", 3/3 80%  
 Repairing Tents 65%  
 Folding Blackboard F/ S-1 100%

Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 20%  
 Camp Granada Strongback Site 70%  
 Infantry Support 50 Men  
 Blasting to Outposts 25%  
 Bracing Well Casings 50%  
 Continuing Maintenance of existing Road Net ----  
 Clearing to outposts Catfish #1 60%

Water Distribution  
 Potable 28,330 gal  
 Raw 17,500 gal  
 TOTAL 45,830 gal

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Operation BEL-AIR continued with more than moderate activity in the area. The Company took two Garpans at (BT 444154) under fire at 071920H, the four people were armed, undetermined results. Three VC approached OF on river at 072300H and opened fire with two blasts of automatic fire from carbines. Fire was returned with undetermined results. Two attempts to infiltrate island failed due to heavy VC activity along the shore. An estimated fifty VC were in the area. One concentration was fired at twenty-four VC, rounds on target but results undetermined. The Company will retracted at 081700H by LCU.

CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 8 September - Company A will conduct saturation patrolling on Ky Xuan Island (BT 4809). Company B platoon (-) will continue patrolling on Ky Hoa Island until relieved by Company D 091000H.
2. 9 September - Company D patrol Ky Hoa Island south of Grid Line 13.
3. 10 September - Company C will relieve Company D platoon (-) on Ky Hoa Island. Company B will execute Operation Viceroy vice Company C.
4. 10 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	Layover
A-1-2	Sqd	102400H	110230H	(BT 522111)	(BT 522109)	
B-1	Sqd	102130H	102330H	(BT 522089)	(BT 522090)	
B-2	Sqd	102100H	102230H	(BT 520097)	(BT 520089)	
D-1	Sqd	102400H	110500H	(BT 515060)	(BT 516061)	1 1/2 hr
D-2	Sqd	102300H	110330H	(BT 528076)	(BT 529077)	1 hr
D-3	Sqd	102000H	110030H	(BT 520069)	(BT 519067)	1 hr

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 8 September - Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.
2. 9 September - Company H will conduct a day combat patrol. Company E will conduct one night combat ambush patrol. H&S Company Scouts will conduct two squad sized ambushes.
3. 10 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	Ambush
Co E	Co (-)	Night Combat	102030H	110700H	(BT 501034)	(BT 494035)	
H&S Co	Sqd	Night Combat/	102100H	110700H	(BT 505044)	(BT 505044)	(BT 497050)
		Ambush					(BT 495043)
Co H	Sqd	Night Combat	102045H	110700H	(BT 521020)	(BT 521020)	(BT 514005)
		Ambush					

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## 3. Plans.

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. 8 September - Company I will conduct two squad and one platoon size night patrols. Company L will conduct two squad size night patrols.
2. 9 September - Company I will conduct two squad and one platoon size night patrol. Company L will conduct two squad size night patrols. Company II, 3/4 to conduct a search and clear operation along the West bank of the Song Tra Bong River.
3. 10 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u> 465028
I 3/4	Platoon	100700H	101230H	(BT 572030)	(BT 565023)
I 3/4	Squad	102300H	110100H	(BT 573033)	(BT 575036)
I 3/4	Sqd	110300H	110500H	(BT 565024)	(BT 572030)
L 3/3	Sqd	102100H	102300H	(BT 547015)	(BT 555015)
L 3/3	Sqd	110105H	110300H	(BT 558017)	(BT 563016)

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- A. 4th Marines. Approximately 14 tons of Project Handclasp supplies were received at Chu Lai Enclave. Inventory prior to distribution scheduled for 9 September 1965.
- B. 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Battalion Civil Affairs Officer accompanied chief of Ky Ha Village, Mr Nguyen Cam, to Province Headquarters at Tam Ky for a meeting concerning the purchases of land for USMC on Ky Ha peninsula.
- C. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.  
Battalion MEDCAP team visited LONG PHU (1) (BT 507044) and Chu Lai (BT 507057) and treated 45 at the former and 60 at the latter. Upper respiratory infections, sores, and malnutrition, were the primary ailments.

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Situation Report for period 081600H to 091600H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Night waterborne patrol apprehended several boats. H&S Company and MAG-36 fired at suspected enemy movement. VC ambushed ARVN convoy on Highway #1.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Company H conducted live fire small arms training. At 090700H Company H departed on a company sized search and clear operation utilizing 60mm mortars and a MED-QAP team.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Company I, 3/1, conducted sweep of (BS 6001 and 6101). At 090625H four USMC WIA's on sweep from a boobytrap frag hand grenade. Reacting to report of 100 VC in the village of Trung An (2) (BT 580000) Company K and M were committed to a sweep operation at 091220H.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A's two squads on Ky Ha peninsula patrolled from rear MIA after dark to water's edge and returned after 090530H. No enemy contact. Maintained observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). Second platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068) and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. Third platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island, conducting squad sized combat



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patrols. At 082200H one squad patrol observed a small boat heading for shore vicinity (BT 490117). Patrol fired eight rounds across bow of boat. Boat turned back. At 082310H platoon was ordered to patrol to (BT 499098) to investigate fire directed at LVT waterborne patrol from that vicinity. Blinking lights had been reported at 082230H in same vicinity by Company C lookout. Platoon proceeded to area and completed thorough search of shoreline with negative results. Platoon was returned from island by LVTs at 09105H.

- (2) Company B's three squad patrols were conducted after dusk to forward MLR along water's edge. Squads remained in position until 090530H, and patrolled back to rear positions. No enemy contact. Second platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island, conducting saturation patrolling south of Grid Line 13 as security for LST ramp (BT 522122). Platoon was relieved at 090935H by platoon of Company D and returned to defensive positions on peninsula.
- (3) Company C maintained platoon checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). Four squads patrolled from rear MLR after dusk to water's edge, remained forward until 090530H, and returned to rear MLR. One small fishing boat was observed leaving shore vicinity (BT 511099) at 082135H. Vocal commands failed to return boat to shore, and warning shots were fired. Boat landed vicinity (BT 499098). Fire was received at 082305H by LVTs from that vicinity. At 090045H two more boats were observed at (BT 504104) and LVTs were ordered to proceed to that vicinity. At 090225H LVTs observed personnel violating curfew in Sam Linh (BT 504104). Squad patrol of Company C proceeded to hamlet and returned local nationals to their houses. One man attempted to flee but stopped when warning shot was fired. All personnel had proper identification

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and were allowed to return to their homes.

- (4) Company D's six squad patrols were conducted to forward MBR after dusk. Squads remained at water's edge and returned after 090530H. No enemy contact. Third platoon relieved 2d platoon, Company B at 090935H on Ky Hoa Island in security role for LST unloading ramp.
- (5) H&B Company, one section 106's reverted from position at (BT 521096) to general support in battalion OP. 81mm mortar platoon provided eight men for night waterborne patrol. Motorized patrol (0700H-1900H daily) was continued along MBR from battalion OP to splash point (BT 520117) to apprehend local vendors. Constabulary force was maintained during daylight hours in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094) to prevent unauthorized purchases and unfavorable Marine initiated incidents. At 090545H suspected movement was heard to front of battalion OP perimeter (BT 525092). Three rounds were fired with unobserved results.
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn., provided LVTs for night waterborne patrol and for transportation of platoons to and from Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands this morning. At 082305H waterborne patrol reported receiving small arms fire from Ky Xuan Island vicinity (BT 499098). Platoon on island was sent to investigate. At 082315H waterborne patrol began checking a harbor of sailboats vicinity (BT 495113). One local national was apprehended for lack of proper identification. At 090015H one boat was stopped in same area and was discovered to contain several .30 Cal and .45 cal cartridges. Male adult occupant was apprehended. At 0900045H LVTs were ordered to proceed to (BT 504104) to investigate two boats which personnel of Company C observed leaving shore. Two boats were stopped in that vicinity at 090120H and five local nationals were apprehended.

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(7) At 082120H rocks were thrown at MAC-36 positions vicinity (BT 526118).

At 090041H one round incoming was reported. Personnel in 3d platoon area vicinity (BT 529119) received periodic incoming fire until 090250H. MAC personnel returned with small arms fire and several grenades. Unobserved results.

(8) Ly Tin District Headquarters, at 081720H reported that an ARVN convoy at (BT 452087) was ambushed from southern side of highway by VC force of unknown size. ARVN troops deployed and engaged VC in firefight. Convoy got underway again at 081750H, and ARVN convoy commander called air strike at 081825H on (BT 449084). At 081825H Ly Tin reported that VC had thrown up a roadblock at (BT 441099) and had been stopping buses and detaining civilians. Three ARVN trucks were reported damaged as a result of the ambush. VNAF air strike was called on Hill 22 (BT 424091). VC dispersed.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

(1) Company B reported no night activity from their positions on the MR. Company B conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols with no sightings or contact.

(2) At 081830H, Company G apprehended 6 male Vietnamese between Bn CP and Company G vicinity (BT 517046). They were in a small circle and one man was drawing in the sand, when approached they attempted to disperse. At 082130H OF reported small arms fire from Company G's position on Route #1. Vehicle traveling South on Route #1 refused to stop at a road block. Sentry fired one round of cal .45 at vehicle. A second roadblock 80 meters farther south illuminated and attempted to stop vehicle. Vehicle increased speed and Company G fired across it's front and sides in an attempt to stop it. Vehicle turned left on MSR.

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and turned off lights. A physical search of this area was made by a searchlight tank. Results undetermined.

(4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the Hill.

(5) Co C, 3d Tank Bn fired 20 rounds HEI, indirect fire between 090200H and 090600H in GS (BS 4698) and (BS 4798).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) Company I remains in airfield defense with composite force from MAG-12, MAG-36, and F1GU.

(2) Company K remains in a ready posture vicinity of airfield. One squad departed CP at 091010H to accompany five (5) tanks to mouth of Song Tra Bong to cover withdrawal of Company I, 3/4. They landed by helicopter at 082240H from LPH-5 and are standing by to move as directed by CG III MAF.

(3) Company L occupies the <sup>off</sup> former Hill position of 1/7.

(4) Company M remains in a ready posture vicinity of airfield and is prepared to move by helicopter for search and destroy operation vic (BT 592000). They landed by helicopter at 082240H from LPH-5 and are standing by to move as directed by CG III MAF.

(5) H&S Company has occupied new CP at (BT 535075) and is engaged in improving site.

(6) Company I 3/4, at 090400H commenced a hammer and anvil operation in the villages to the West of the mouth of the Song Tra Bong River. At 090330H one (1) platoon moved out by foot to the road at Trung An (1) (BT 599003) and were positioned on the hill vic (BT 614009) at 090600H. At 090545H two (2) platoons, one Engineer Squad, one 81 squad and five Amtracs moved along the beach to the hammer position at (BT 614018). A search and destroy operation was initiated, 600 meters in, using the Song Tra Bong as a left limit, on down to the blocking positions at (BT 614009). Amtracs

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set in blocking positions in the river at (BT 618018) and (BT 617007) halting all sampans traffic. At 090615H one M-26 grenade was tripped resulting in the wounding of four Marines via coord (BT 614007). All were evacuated to B Hed. At 090015H small arm fire was received from vic coord (BT 619012). Artillery was called in with good effect on target and all firing stopped at 090945. At 091020H 1 Co 3/4 reported fifty-five VCS in custody. At 091135H the company returned to the MIA.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 3, Discharges 2, Evac 7, Remaining 20.

E. Co A, 1st AsTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Two LVTs-1's in direct support of 1/7. Eighteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Five LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the Marines. 2d platoon deployed to (BT 575010) as blocking position for assault on Trung An (2d day two companies of 3/34).

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

1. Headquarters Section - C-41, C-42, C-43-(Retriever) and F-11 on operation with Bendix and elements of Swain against VC position at (BT 5830004.)
2. First Platoon - Light section supports 1 3/4 to cover a retraction across the Song Tra Hong River at (BT 613020). Enemy contact unknown. Heavy section with C-6 in operation in vicinity (BT 5830004).
3. Second Platoon - Supports 2/4 in operation in vicinity (BT 5830004). M1 fires were conducted from 0200H to 0600H; twenty rounds were fired, 12 M1 and 8 WP.
4. Third Platoon - Expected to off load today at Chu Lai from Operation PINAHL.

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

LVTs-1 Cross Training 82%, Water Point for 3/3 98%, Repairing Tanks 100%, Brassing Well Casing 100% Clearing to outposts (CATFISI 1) 70%, R. fencing Company Lumber Yard 50%, 1/4 CP Maint 100%, Camp Grenada Strongback 100%.

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Reconstruct Mortar Shelters 80%, Infantry support 50 Men Blasting to Outposts 25%, Road net maintenance \_\_\_\_\_, Clearing to march out; out 85%, 2/4 Barber Shop 65%, 1/4 and Reg Water Point 85%, Culverts and Headwalls on 2/4 Road 65%. Water Distribution Potable 31,315 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 47,315 gal.

I. Co C 3d Recon Bn.

Message from 00 3d Mar Div, 0081300Z. Effective 090300H Company C, 3d Recon Bn, comes under 0900H 4th Marines for a period of about two days. The Company will make reconnaissance of bounded by Grid lines 96, 92, 51, and 57 from 091600H to 111200H.

J. Summary.

USMC VC  
KIA 0 C  
WIA 4 0  
Captured 61 VC's

CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) 9 September - Third platoon, Company D will remain on Ky Hoa Island.

Seven squad night patrols on peninsula and one squad patrol vicinity Hill 69 will be conducted. Night waterborne patrol will be conducted.

(2) 10 September - Platoon of Company C will relieve 3d platoon, Company D at 101400H. Local night patrolling will be conducted.

(3) 11 September - Company B (Main) will execute Operation VICTORY.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	Layover
A-1	Sqd	112100H	120030H	(BT 522111)	(BT 521113)	2 hrs.
A-2	Sqd	112330H	120500H	(BT 471068)	(BT 468068)	
B-1	Sqd	112330H	120100H	(BT 521089)	(BT 521092)	
B-2	Sqd	112400H	120130H	(BT 518095)	(BT 518097)	
B-3	Sqd	112330H	120100H	(BT 527084)	(BT 527085)	
C-1	Sqd	112230H	112400H	(BT 523107)	(BT 523108)	
D-1	Sqd	112000H	112300H	(BT 513060)	(BT 515062)	
D-2	Sqd	112400H	120330H	(BT 525076)	(BT 530079)	
D-3	Sqd	112300H	120230H	(BT 522069)	(BT 521071)	

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) 9 September - Company H will conduct a day combat patrol. Company E will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. H&S Company Scouts will conduct two squad sized ambushes.

(2) On 10 September - Company E will conduct a company sized night combat patrol. Company H will conduct a squad sized night combat ambush patrol. H&S Company Scouts will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.

(3) 11 September Patrol.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co H	Co (-)	Day Combat	110700H	111600H	(BT 489036)	(BT 489036)	
Co O	Plt	Day/Night	111300H	111300H	(BT 479999)	(BT 495995)	(BT 479020)
Co F	Sqd	Night Combat	112045H	120700H	(BT 489035)	(BT 499037)	(BT 489035)
		Ambush					(BT 483024)
H&S Co	Sqd	Night Comb	112100H	120700H	(BT 505030)	(BT 521020)	(BT 513030)
Scouts		Ambush					



CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

1. 9 September - Patrols as indicated in SITREP 8 September.
2. 10 September - Patrols as indicated in SITREP 9 September. Will conduct a BN (-), search and clear operation in (BT 6000).
3. 11 September - Patrols as indicated below

Unit	Ass	TOE	TOE	FOR	FOR
I 3/4	Plt	111100H	111700H	(BT 570021)	(BT 579032)
I 3/4	Sqd	112300H	120100H	(BT 572022)	(BT 575026)
I 3/4	Sqd	120300H	120500H	(BT 575025)	(BT 579031)
L 3/3	Sqd	112305H	120100H	(BT 546016)	(BT 549016)
L 3/3	Sqd	120305H	120600H	(BT 555016)	(BT 558016)

4. Civil Affairs.

- A. Med Cap treated 65 persons at Long Phu (1) (BT 512013) and 115 persons at Chu Lai (BT 508055). Civil Affairs Officer held English classes in An-Tan (BT 499000).

5. Misc.A. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

The village chief of Binh Sa came to Company L OF at 091120H with information on 100 VC in Trung An (2) via (BT 5850001). The VC were looking for PF's and were threatening to burn the village. At 091130H tanks and entes from Hq Co and 2/4 were deployed to (BT 557010) to act as a blocking force. At 091230H Company K and Company M were landed in via Trung An (1) and commenced to sweep toward the village. Two VCS were captured at 091450H, one had a weapon other was carrying hand grenades. These were later determined to be PFs. The operation ended at 091700H with negative results.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
TO: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 091800H to 101800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

1st Platoon Company C was sent on special mission to Ky Hoa Island in response to intelligence information.

B. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines.

No significant events occurred during the reporting period.

C. 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines.

Commenced movement by air to Da Nang at 1305H on order of CG, 3rd Marine Division.

I Company 3/4 will remain at Chu Lai overnight and assume the airfield defensive positions vacated by I Company 3/3.

2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A maintained observation posts at (BT 526129), (BT 520128), and (BT 527128). First platoon relieved 2d platoon at OP #1 on Hill 69 (BT 468068) at 101110H. Second platoon conducted one squad night patrol vicinity Hill 69, with no enemy contact. One squad night patrol on peninsula had no enemy contact. At 091900H one squad was sent to vicinity (BT 527122) to conduct thorough search for possible caves reported by MAG - 36. Negative results.

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- (2) Company B conducted three night squad patrols with no enemy contact. At 100240H two persons were seen moving across field vicinity (BT 528085). Marines challenged, and persons took off running across field. Marines fired two rounds with unobserved results.
- (3) Company C conducted one local squad night patrol with no enemy contact. Third platoon relieved 2d platoon on checkpoint/outpost (OP #2) at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) at 101030H. In response to intelligence gained from local informant source that approximately thirty VC were moving to small island at (BT 4712), 1st platoon was transported at 100500H from splash point (BT 519117) by LVTs to landing point at (BT 468125). No VC were sighted. All local nationals had proper identification. Platoon departed island at 100705H for return to splash point.
- (4) Company D conducted two squad night patrols with no enemy contact. Third Platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island, conducting saturation patrolling south of OL 13 as security for LST ramp (BT 522122).
- (5) H&S Company provided eight men for night waterborne patrol. Maintained same positions and continued motorized patrol along MSR to apprehend local vendors. Maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). At 092315H noises were heard outside battalion OP perimeter vicinity (BT 526091). Marines challenged twice, saw men get up and run, and fired one round with negative results. At 092355H two men were sighted in same vicinity and also ran when challenged. Marines fired four rounds with unobserved results. Four more rounds were expended at 100055H at suspected movement with negative results.

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- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn conducted night waterborne patrol with no enemy contact. Provided LVTs for transportation of 1st platoon, Company C to small island at (BT 4712).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Conducted one squad sized night/combat/ambush patrol. No contact or sighting.
- (2) Company F reported 10 rounds incoming carbine fire at 092040H from KY-PHU (2) vicinity (BT 474048). No casualties.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts conducted two squad sized ambushes. No contact or sighting.
- (6) Company G, 3d Tank Bn. fired 20 rounds indirect H&I fire in vic GS (BS 4698) and (BS 4798) from 100300H to 100600H.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Companies K and M participated in a search and clear operation boarded by grid line 57, grid line 00 and the Song Tra Dong river. At 100710H two chinese grenades were found at (BT 615015). At 101130H operation was aborted due to the Battalion being airlifted to Da Nang. Airlift commenced at 1305H.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 8, Discharges 2, Evac 1, Remaining 31.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Continues in general support of 4th Marines. 10 LVTP5's in direct support of 1/4. 2 LVTP5's in direct support of 2/4. 6 LVTP5's and 1 LVT (CMD) in direct support of 3/3. 2 LVTEL's direct support of 1/7.

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19 LVT's deadlined for spare parts. 4 LVT's deadlined CO maint.

F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First platoon continued in support of 1/4. C-11 and C-12 returned from support of I Company 3/4 at 1830H. No contact. Fired H&I fires from 2000H to 0600H at targets (BT 407037), (BT 404113), (BT 395091), (BT 388076) and (BT 381057). Twelve rounds WP and 28 rounds HE were expended.
- (2) Second Platoon continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 0300H to 0600H at targets (BS 433989), (BS 454989), (BS 455989), (BT 456989). 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP were expended.
- (3) Third platoon on operation PIRANHA.

G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

The following work is completed as follows:

LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%	Blasting to Outposts 50%
Water point for 3/3 100%	Clearing to Perch outpost 100%
Clearing to outpost (Catfish-1) 70%	2/4 Barber Shop 100%
Refencing Co. Lumber Yard 100%	1/4 & Reg Water Point 100%
Reconstruction Mortar Shelter 80%	Shower Tank Twoer Reg 100%
Clearing Gun positions Catfish-2 25%	Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 Road
Clearing Gun positions Catfish-3 5%	Net 80%
000 Regt Hdq 35%	Infantry Support 16 Men
	Road Net Maintenance -----
Water Distribution Potable 30,610 gal, Raw 17,000 gal, Total 47,610 gal.	

H. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in general support of 4th Marines.

I. Co C (Rein) (-), 1st Recon Bn.

Commenced operation "Gamecock" at 091837H helilifting into LZ (BS 565955). At 1931H arrived at harbor site (BS 555953). No contact. No patrols or ambushes were conducted during the night. At 100600H the Company departed their harbor site and moved to (BS 542933). From this position four recon patrols were sent out. At 101050H, one patrol made contact with two VC (BS 535940). One VC was killed and one escaped, possibly wounded. One

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rifle and cartridge belt were captured. As of 1530H three patrols have returned with one remaining out. No further Contact was made. The Company will be hoisted back on morning of 11 September.

CONFIDENTIAL3. PLANS.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 10 September. Platoon of Company C will relieve 3d platoon, Company D on Ky Hoa Island at 101400H. Six squad night patrols will be ~~conducted~~ conducted on the peninsula.
- (2) 11 September. Company B (-) (rein) will execute Operation VICEROY, landed by helicopter in LZ (BT 449058) at 110615H and combat patrolling to hamlet at (BT 445055) to destroy caves. One platoon will lift back to MLR from LZ (BT 443058) at 111700H. Remaining platoon will patrol to night patrol base (BT 437059).
- (3) 12 September. Platoon of Company B will continue patrol to night patrol base at (BT 405072). Platoon of Company A will relieve platoon of Company C on Ky Hoa Island at 121000H. Platoon of Company D will conduct combat patrol on Ky Xuan Island, departing splash point by LVTs at 120800H.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) On 10 September Company E will conduct a company sized night patrol. Company H will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company G will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.
- (2) On 11 September Company H will conduct a Company sized day combat patrol. Company G will send a platoon to relieve its other platoon vicinity hill #385. Company F will conduct a squad sized night combat ambush patrol.

(4) Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co G	Co (-)	Day Combat	120730H	121600H	487037	487037	
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat	122100H	130700H	514040	514040	517027 508038

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat	122100H	130700H	505030	509022	501027 505019

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

(1) Cancelled.

4. Civil Affairs.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

In recognition of Vietnamese Mid-Autumn Holiday (10 September), Project Handclasp supplies (dolls, books, etc.) and unserviceable special services equipment were given to Mr. Cam, Chief of Ky Ha village, for distribution to children. The battalion CA officer received a report that assistant village chief had encouraged sixteen men to submit false land claims, offering to make false deeds to submit to Vietnamese survey team. Village chief will conduct hearing of alleged misconduct and take appropriate action.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

MedCap went with Company H on Operation "HITTER" treating people along route. Treated approximately 200 people along route for ulcers, sores, colds, worms, and other minor illnesses.

5. Misc.

- (1) At 091900H afterglow - 3 received intelligence information concerning one main force VC Battalion located via (BT 390007), (BT 400025) and (BT 408037). TPQ-10 air strikes were scheduled.
- (2) At 100110H two or three rounds of M-41 were fired by an ADC unit sentry at suspected movement. Investigation proved negative.

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Situation Report for period 101800H to 111800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Company B (-) (rein) conducted combat patrol vicinity (BT 4405) with mission of blowing caves. The company returned by helicopter at 111405H.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Company E (-) patrol had no contact or sightings.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

The Battalion is under the OPCON 9th Marines.

D. 4th Marines.

Company G, 3/7 came under OPCON 4th Marines at 11. H. The company will become Regimental reserve and be placed in defense of the airfield.

Company I, 3/4, returned OPCON 3d Marines at 111130H, when the last lift departed Chu Lai.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A, first platoon maintained combat outpost on OPLA at Hill 62 (OP #1), located at (BT 468068). Second platoon manned defensive positions in company sector and observation posts at (BT 520128), (BT 520129), and (BT 527128), and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. Third platoon was in reserve status for the battalion.

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- (2) Company B's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Company (-) (rein) heli-lifted to LZ (BT 443058) following arty prep of zone. First helicopter touched down in zone at 110635H, and landing was completed at 110651H. Search of previous mine factory (BT 451059) and vicinity was conducted with negative results. Company (-) moved into hamlet at (BT 445054) at 110845H and found a series of recently dug tunnels. Tunnels were blown by attached engineers. The company began retraction at 111330H and the lift was completed at 111405H.
- (3) Company C maintained platoon checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). No enemy contact. First platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island vicinity (BT 5012), conducting saturation patrolling south of GI 13 to prohibit enemy fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). At 111045H small arms fire was heard vicinity (BT 509135). Squad was sent to area but had negative results.
- (4) Company D three squad night patrols had no enemy contact.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Quan Trung (BT 519094). 106mm recoilless rifle platoon reverted to general support.
- (6) 1st Plt, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn., night waterborne patrol had no enemy contact.
- (7) MAG-36 at 102320H suspected enemy movement was heard in front of positions vicinity (BT 533117). Marines illuminated, throw frag grenade, and fired .45's and M-16's with unobserved results.
- B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (1) Company A reported no night activity from their positions on the MIA. Company B conducted a Company (-) patrol with no contact or sighting.

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- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the OOP1.
- (3) Company G reported no activity from their positions on the MLR.  
Company G conducted a squad sized night patrol with no sighting or contact.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.  
Company H conducted a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with no sightings or contact.
- (5) Company C 3rd Tank Bn. conducted live, indirect H&I fire from 110300H to 110600H in GS (BT 4098) and (BT 4798). 20 rounds were fired.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

The last elements of the Battalion departed Chu Lai for Da Nang at 101800H. A small detachment remains at the new Battalion CP (BT 535075). Company I, 3/4, was relieved from 3/3 MLR at 101815H by elements of 3d Bn, 7th Marines. At this time Company I, 3/4, was designated Regimental reserve and took up positions around the airfield. At 110900H the first elements Company I, 3/4, departed Chu Lai for Hue Phu Bai and the remaining personnel departed at 111130H.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 3, Discharge 3, Evac 0, Remaining 34.

E. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Nineteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's deadlined OO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. One hour of instruction was held on the .50 caliber machine gun. The instruction was on care and cleaning of the .50 caliber machine gun.

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- (1) First Platoon - continued direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 hours to 0600 hours at targets (BT 381124) 388076, 395091, 404113, 407037). Expended 17 rounds WP and 23 rounds HE.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2200 to 0100 Hours at targets (BT 370010, 362018, 364019, 372017). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds W.F. Continued increased preventive maintenance to correct discrepancies, discovered in inspection 8 September.
- (3) Third Platoon - returned from operation PIRANHA at 110130 hours. Spent day reestablishing living area at Swain OP, 4 hours .50 cal. MG training conducted from 1300-1700 hours.

H. Co B, 3d Bn, In.

LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%	Blasting to outpost 60%
Clearing to outpost (Catfish 1) 80%	Oververts & Handalls on 2/4 Road Net 80%
Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 80%	Infantry Support 36 men
Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 2) 35%	Repair 3/3 Water Tower 50%
Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 3) 15%	Grading B Med. 75%
OC Tent H&I 50%	Grading 3/12 25%
Clearing Fields of Fire 40%	Leveling 2/4 BAS 25%
Road Net Maintenance -----	

Water Distribution Potable 25,860 gal, Raw 17,000 gal, Total 42,860 gal.

I. Co C, 1st Recon Bn.

The reconnaissance of the area bounded by grid lines (BT 96, 57, 92, 51) was completed with the extraction of Company C at 110820H. No significant events occurred during this reporting period. Company C returned to OPCON 7th Marines.

3. Plans.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 11 September - Company B (-) (rein) will be half-lifted back from LZ

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(BT 443053) at 111330H. First platoon, Company C will remain on Ky Hoa Island. Night squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula and one squad night patrol will be conducted vicinity Hill 69.

(2) 12 September - Plans are underway for two-company operation on island centered (BT 4215). One platoon will be maintained on Ky Hoa Island as security for LST ramp.

(3) 13 September - One platoon will remain on Ky Hoa Island. Local night patrolling will be conducted.

(4) 13 September Patrols:

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
C-1	Sqd	132300H	140100H	(BT 522108)	(BT 522109)
C-2	Sqd	132000H	152230H	(BT 497069)	(BT 497067)
B-1	Sqd	132000H	132200H	(BT 523087)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	122330H	140030H	(BT 520096)	(BT 520097)
B-3	Sqd	132400H	140230H	(BT 525034)	(BT 525085)
D-1	Sqd	132130H	132330H	(BT 513061)	(BT 516062)
D-2	Sqd	132030H	132330H	(BT 525074)	(BT 527075)
D-3	Sqd	132400H	140400H	(BT 520067)	(BT 520068)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) 11 September - Company H will conduct a company sized day combat patrol. Company G will send a platoon to relieve its other platoon via hill #385 (BT 4900). H&S Scouts will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

(2) 12 September - Company G will conduct a company sized night combat patrol. Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush Patrols.

(3) 13 September patrols:

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMUSE
Co H	(Squad)	Night Combat	132200H	140230H	(BT 509076)	(BT 509077)	(BT 508082)
Co F	Sqd	Night Combat	132040H	140630H	(BT 501031)	(BT 497037)	(BT 491025)
Co G	Sqd	Night Combat	132040H	140630H	(BT 501031)	(BT 497037)	(BT 491025)

CONFIDENTIALC. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

The battalion will remain in the Da Nang sector about four more days.

4. Civil Affairs.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Six posts are now manned jointly by SDC and USMC personnel for the purpose of effective curfew enforcement. Five posts are manned during hours 2000-0600 by personnel from Company A and Company B. Posts are at (BT 5151115), (BT 518102), (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525084). Post at (BT 532083) is manned jointly from 0500 to 2000.
- (2) USOM agricultural expert, accompanied by Ky Ha village chief, battalion CA officer, and MACV advisor to Ly Tin District, conducted survey of farm program in Ky Ha village.
- (3) The Battalion Civic Action Out-Patient Clinic treated 23 men, 68 women, and 72 children at An Hai (BT 515114) at 100900H. Most common problems were coughs, diarrhea, worms, and skin sores.
- (4) A number of dolls and childrens shower shoes were given to village chief for distribution at Mid-Autumn Festival. Battalion CA officer attended festival at An Hai School at 101700H. Villagers expressed great appreciation for toys and dolls.

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4th Marines (-) (Rein) 3d Marine Division (-) (-) P&D  
 c/o PFC, San Francisco 95001

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From: OC, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: OC, 3d Marine Division (P&D)

Situation Report for period 111800H to 121800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Two company combat patrol is being conducted on Hoa Xuan Island (BT 4215), with B Recon in position on peninsula vicinity (BT 4416). Twenty five WGS have been apprehended.

B. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines.

Outpost Perch I and II were turned over to 3/7 at 120801H as per Regt Operation Order 305-65.

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

Will remain in Da Nang sector approximately two more days.

D. 4th Marines.

Commenced to execute Division Operation Order 327-65 with change #1 at 120801H.

## 2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A first platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068).

One squad night patrol had no enemy contact.

- (2) Company B's three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Company (rein) landed at 120740H in LZ (BT 416156) and commenced combat patrol north in right portion of assigned zone of action. Four VCS were apprehended at 120830H at (BT 420158). At 120935H a military boat and unidentified flag were found at (BT 419159). Company continued to Phase Line Rose (BT 437150) at 121111H and waited for Company D to tie in of left flank. At 121210H both Company B and D were moving south toward Company C blocking position.

- (3) Company C, one squad night patrol had no enemy contact. Maintained platoon checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge. First platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island and patrolled during night to be in blocking position (BT 464141) at 120705H. One squad from 3d platoon patrolled vicinity (BT 509129) to prevent hostile fire directed toward LST ramp (BT 522122). Second platoon established patrol base at (BT 519095) at 120700H for continuous squad patrolling along Company B and Company D sectors of battalion MLR.

- (4) Company D's three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Company (rein) landed by helicopters in LZ (BT 416156) at 120705H and conducted combat patrol north in left portion of assigned zone of action. Numerous anti-helicopter punji stakes were destroyed vicinity (BT 4215). Company continued northeast and then southeast to Phase Line Rose (BT 432158) 107mm Howitzer platoon was attached. (BT 432158)
- (5) H&S Company provided Battalion CP security along 2d platoon Company B sector of MLR. The 106mm recoilless rifle

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## 2. Operations.

Platoon at 120500H and provided security for howtars near tip of peninsula vicinity (BT 472146).

- (6) Company B, 3d Recon Battalion (attached) landed in two LCM's at 120345H vicinity (BT 436179) and (BT 447167) and moved to positions (BT 430173), (BT 439168), and (BT 445158). Five rounds incoming were received at 120635H. Sampons were observed heading north at 120638H in river (BT 4116) but were beyond small arms range. Three positions were successively abandoned as two rifle companies continued past them on combat patrol. They moved parallel to the advancing infantry companies.

- (7) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. provided ten LVT's to transport 107mm Howtar Platoon and 106mm recoilless rifle platoon from splash point (BT 517117) to landing point (BT 472146) at 120650H. One LVT-E-1 was attached for leading LVT column and clearing suspected mines at (BT 472145). Five LVT's conducted waterborne patrol from (BT 472142) to (BT 462149) to stop boat traffic. Five remained with Howtar Platoon.

- (8) 1st Plat, Co B 3d Engr Bn. provided two squads in direct support of Company B and one squad in direct support of Company D commencing 120600H.

- (9) 107mm Howtar Platoon moved by LVT's from splash point (BT 517117) to landing point (BT 472146) and established firing positions vicinity (BT 470147).

Howtars were laid in and ready to fire at 120705H.

- (10) Twenty-five VCS were evacuated to 4th Marines Collection Point at 121235H.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.  
 (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.  
 (3) Company G at 112120H reported sighting two men in vicinity (BT 505043).

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E. Operations.

Challenged, illuminated and fired small arms. Investigated area, with undetermined results.

- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols with no contact or sightings. Company G, 3d TK Bn fired 20 rounds indirect H&I fire from 120600H to 120900H into grid squares (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).
- (6) Company E is Regimental Reserve. They will remain in present positions but be on a thirty minute standby.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) A small detachment remains at the Battalion CP (BT 535075).
- (2) The battalion is presently under OPCON 9th Marines at the Da Nang sector.
- (3) Company I, 3/7 remains in defense of the airfield with a composite force from MAG-12, MAG-36 and FLSU.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 5, Discharge 3, Evac 18, Remaining 43.

E. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Eighteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Three LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) Headquarters - Fired .50 caliber Machine guns, M60, M-14, M3A1, and .45 cal pistols at 1/4 range from 120800H - 121100H.
- (2) First platoon continued direct support of 1/4 with light section at Company A's position and heavy section at 1st plt. Company D position.
- (3) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4 with one tank at Company H position light section in the 2/4 C.P. and light section with Company G.

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2. Operations

(4) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3 at their new OP location.

Fired .50 caliber MGs M-60, M2A1, .45 cal pistols at the 1/4 range from

1300-1500. Yesterday at 1800-2100 held .50 cal M3 instruction.

G. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Two hours of instruction was held on range and safety regulations for the .50 caliber machine gun.

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%	Blasting toward Outposts 60%
Clearing Outposts (Catfish 1) 85%	Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 road
Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 80%	not 80%
COC Tent Rgt. Hdq 95%	Repair 3/3 Water Tower 100%
Clearing Fields of Fire 60%	Grading B Red 100%
Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 2) 55%	Grading 3/12 50%
Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 3) 20%	Leveling 2/4 HAS 100%
Repair Strongbacked Tents 3/3 -----	Infantry Support 44 men
Cutting bamboo posts 50%	Road not Maint -----
Water Distribution Potable 30,665 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 46,665 gal.	

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3. Plans:

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 12 September - Units will return from combat patrol on island (BT 4215) at 121630H by helicopters. Six squad night patrols and night waterborne patrol will be conducted. Platoon of Company A will relieve 1st platoon, Company C on Ky Hoa Island at 121800H.
- (2) 13-14 September - One platoon will be maintained on Ky Hoa Island. Local night patrolling will be conducted.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
O-1	Sqd	1142100H	150230H	(BT 522108)	(BT 522109)
B-1	Sqd	1142000H	1142200H	(BT 521090)	(BT 522089)
B-2	Sqd	1142230H	150030H	(BT 520099)	(BT 521098)
B-3	Sqd	1142100H	150300H	(BT 523084)	(BT 521083)
D-1	Sqd	1142100H	1142330H	(BT 517063)	(BT 514061)
D-2	Sqd	1142030H	1142100H	(BT 526075)	(BT 525072)
D-3	Sqd	1142100H	150400H	(BT 520069)	(BT 520066)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 12 September - Company G will conduct Company sized night combat patrol. Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.
- (2) 13 September - Company H will conduct a night combat patrol. Company F and Company G will each conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.
- (3) 14 September patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co F	CO (-)	Day Combat	1140700H	1141700H	(BT 487038)	(BT 487038)	-----
Co G	Plt	Day/Night Combat	1141300H	171300H	(BT 496995)	(BT 479999)	-----
H&S	Sqd	Night Combat	1142100H	150700H	(BT 505044)	(BT 505044)	(BT 518027)
Co H	Sqd	Night Combat	1142045H	150700H	(BT 495037)	(BT 488035)	(BT 489020)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Remain in Da Nang approximately two more days.

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A. 2d Bn, 1st Marines.

Med Cap treated 100 persons at Long-Phu (2) vicinity (BT 510030).

Village police chief distributed dolls to children. CAO held

English classes for officials of Ky-Lien village.

5. Notes:

- A. Five bunkers were located via (BT 447152) with evidence of present use. They were destroyed by Engineers.
- B. The only vehicle tracks noted on 1/4 operation were at (BT 438156). They appeared to be APC tracks about two weeks old.
- C. The retraction of 1/4 began at 121455H and all units were back by 121605H.
- D. There will be no Battalion size operations within the next seven days.

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From: 00, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: 00, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 121800H to 131800H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events:

A. 1st Bat 4th Marines:

**No significant events occurred during the reporting period.**

(1) 2nd Bat 4th Marines:

**No significant events occurred during the reporting period.**

B. 3rd Bat 4th Marines:

- (1) Remains in Da Nang area under OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) Company I, 3/7 remains in defense of the airfield with a composite force force from MAG-12, MAG-36 and FLSU.

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2. Operations.

**A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.**

- (1) Company A first platoon maintained combat outpost on OPLR at Hill 69 (OP #1), located at (BT 468068). Second platoon manned defensive positions in company sector and observation posts at (BT 520128), (BT 526129), and (BT 527128). Third platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island vicinity (BT 5012), conducting saturation patrolling south of OL 13 to prohibit enemy fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). At 130830H one round small arms fire was heard vicinity (BT 524111). Area was investigated with negative results.
- (2) Company B conducted two squad night patrols with no enemy contact.
- (3) Company C maintained a platoon checkpoint/outpost at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). No enemy contact. Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact.
- (4) Company D conducted two squad night patrols with no enemy contact.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary forces in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn conducted night waterborne patrol had no enemy contact.

**B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.**

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.
- (3) Company G conducted a company sized night combat patrol with no contact or sighting.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company H conducted two squad sized night combat patrols with no contact

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## 2. Operations.

(5) Company G, 3d Tank Bn fired 20 rounds of live, indirect H&I fire from 122100H to 130100H in vicinity (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

G. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) See paragraph C, Summary of Significant Events.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 3, Discharge 3, Evac 0, Remaining 38.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. 30 LVTP5's in direct support of 1/4. 2 LVTP5's in direct support of 2/4. 1 LVT (CMD) in direct support of 3/3. 17 LVT's deadlined ofr spare parts. 4 LVT's deadlined CO maint.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Two hours of FAM firing was held with the .50 caliber machine gun.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 - 2200 hrs at targets (BS 381124, 388076, 395091, 404113, 407037).
- (2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2400 - 0300 hrs at targets (BS 360901, 364018, 379010, 378016). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.
- (3) Third Platoon - Continues direct support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines (rear).

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

LVTP-1 Cross Training 82%  
 Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 85%  
 COC Tent Regt. Hdq. 100%  
 Clearing Outpost (Catfish 1) 90%  
 Clearing Fields of Fire 80%  
 Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 2) 75%  
 Clearing to Gun Positions (Catfish 3) 50%  
 Road Net Maint -----  
 Distribution Water Potable 44,455, Raw 17,000. Total 61,455 gal.

Repairing Strongback Tents 3/3 100%  
 Blasting to Outposts 100%  
 Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4  
 Road Net 80%  
 Grading 3/12 75%  
 Infantry Support, 44 men  
 Cutting Bamboo posts 65%

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## 3. Plans.

## A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 13 September - Eight squad size patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
2. 14-15 September - A platoon of Company B will relieve a platoon of Co A on Ky Hoa Island at 141000H. A platoon of Company C will conduct a combat patrol on Ky Xuan Island, departing splash point by LVT's at 141900H.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOP	REP	REP
A-1	Sqd	152000H	152245H	(BT 523112)	(BT 523115)
B-1	Sqd	152330H	160130H	(BT 523088)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	152300H	160100H	(BT 510095)	(BT 510097)
C-1	Sqd	152330H	160300H	(BT 517060)	(BT 514060)
C-2	Sqd	152400H	160330H	(BT 520076)	(BT 520075)
C-3	Sqd	152300H	152300H	(BT 521070)	(BT 520069)

## B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

## Plans and Intentions.

- A. On 13 September, Company H will conduct a night combat patrol. Company F and Company G will each conduct/ambush patrol.
- B. On 14 September, Company F will conduct a day combat patrol. Company G will relieve their platoon vicinity Hill 735 with a fresh platoon. Company H and H&S Company Scouts will each conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.

## C. Patrols of 15 September.

Unit	Size	Type	TOP	TOP	REP	REP	AMBUSH
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	152030H	160700H	(BT 487038)	(BT 487037)	(BT 487032)
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	152100H	160630H	(BT 510024)	(BT 510024)	(BT 511200) (BT 508018)

## C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. Remain in Da Nang approximately 48 hours more.

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A. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

(1) Provided tent for Buddhist workshop in Chu Lai Hamlet.

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- (1) Co B, 3d Recon Bn. Operation Tareyton has been temporarily postponed by Shove 3, until further notice.
- (2) Admiral McDONALD ONO arrived Chu Lai this noon for a two hour visit.
- (3) BOen KARCH will depart Chu Lai for Da Nang approximately 1800H. Time of return approximately 2130H.

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From: XO, 4th Marines (4) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (310)

Situation Report for period 131800H to 141600H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events:

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines:

Company D patrol received enemy fire. Platoon on Ky Hoa Island had no enemy contact.

B. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines:

No significant events.

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines:

No significant events.

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2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A first platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068).  
Second platoon manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during curfew hours. Third platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island vicinity (BT 5012), conducting continuous squad patrolling south of GL 13 to prevent hostile fire directed on LST ramp (BT 522122). No enemy contact. Platoon was relieved at 141000H by 3d platoon, Company B, and returned to defensive positions on peninsula. Platoon on Hill 69 test-fired .50 cal M03 at 140945H.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints during hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525084), and beach access point at (BT 532083) during hours 0500 - 2000. Three squad night patrols were conducted. One adult male was apprehended by patrol at 132110H vicinity (BT 519089) and sent to regimental collection point. Man was violating curfew and had no I.D. card. Third platoon departed splash point (BT 520117) and relieved 3d platoon, Company A on Ky Hoa Island at 141000H.
- (3) Company C third platoon maintained platoon outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) and conducted one squad night patrol. No enemy contact. One squad night patrol on peninsula had no enemy contact.
- (4) Company D's three squad night patrols were conducted with no contact. At 132215H one squad patrol received three rounds sniper fire from vicinity (BT 501064). Squad established ambush in same vicinity until 132245H. Area was then investigated with negative results.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) and provided personnel to OP Tango (BT 520128, 526129, 527128).

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## 2. Operations.

(6) Ly Tin District Headquarters. At 132335H Ly Tin requested artillery mission on VC platoon in firefight with RF platoon at (BT 440116). Request was denied because of inability of artillery to reach target without supercharge, and because of proximity of friendly troops to VC.

B. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.
- (2) Company F conducted one squad sized night combat patrol with no contact or sighting. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (3) Company G conducted one squad sized night combat patrol with no contact or sighting. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) Company C 3rd TK Bn fired 20 rounds of live, indirect H&I fire from 132100H to 140100H in vicinity (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3rd Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) The Battalion is due to return from Da Nang at 141700H.
- (2) Company I, 3/7 remains in defense of the airfield. They will remain in position until relieved by 3/3 on 15 September.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 1, Discharges 2, Evacs 0, Remaining 26,

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Sixteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co C, 3rd Tank Bn.

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2. Operations.

- (1) First Platoon - Continues direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 to 2200 hrs at targets (BT 381124), (BT 388076), (BT 395051), (BT 404113), (407037). Expended 40 rds HE and 10 rounds WP.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continues direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2200 to 0100 hrs at targets (BT 70010, 362018, 364019, 362017). Expended 12 rds HE and 8 rds WP.
- (3) Third Platoon - Continues direct support 3/3.

G. Co B, 3rd Ingr. Bn.

LVTE-1 Cross Training 82%  
Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 85%  
Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 1) 100%  
Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 2) 75%  
Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 3) 80%  
Clearing Fields of Fire 90%

Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 road net 85%  
Grading 3/12 100%  
Cutting bamboo posts 85%  
Infantry Support 24 men  
Road Net Maint -----

Water Distribution Potable 31,145 gal, Raw 19,000 gal, Total 50,145 gal.

H. Co B, 3rd AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

1. 14 September

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 14 September - Platoon of Company C will conduct combat patrol on Ky Xuan Island, departing splash point at 141500H. Third platoon, Company B will remain on Ky Hoa Island. Seven squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
2. 15-16 September - Platoon of Company C will remain on Ky Xuan Island until 160900H. Platoon of Company D will relieve 3d platoon, Company B on Ky Hoa Island at 161300H. Platoon of Company D will conduct combat patrol in western portion of TAOR commencing 150730H.
3. 16 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
A-1	Sqd	162100H	170100H	(BT 468068)	(BT 467069)
A-2	Sqd	162400H	170230H	(BT 522116)	(BT 521114)
C-2	Sqd	162400H	170230H	(BT 496067)	(BT 496067)
C-3	Sqd	162030H	162200H	(BT 520104)	(BT 521104)
B-1	Sqd	162000H	162130H	(BT 521090)	(BT 522089)
B-2	Sqd	162300H	170030H	(BT 520099)	(BT 520098)
B-3	Sqd	162330H	170200H	(BT 528086)	(BT 528084)
D-1	Sqd	162400H	170400H	(BT 518062)	(BT 515061)
D-3	Sqd	162000H	162330H	(BT 521072)	(BT 520071)

H&S Co provide 8 men waterborne patrol security.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 14 September - Company F will conduct a day combat patrol. Company G will relieve their platoon vicinity (BT 495002) with another platoon. Company H and H&S Company Scouts will each conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.
2. 15 September - Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat ambush patrols.
3. 16 September Patrols.

Plan:

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	162100H	170700H	(BT 510024)	(BT 510024)	(BT 518028)
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	162045H	170630H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	(BT 480027)

A Battalion (-) operation, PEARLY SHELLS III, will be conducted from 160730H to 161700H.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Execute portion Operation Order 305-65 that pertains to the Battalion.



A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

At 141000H Battalion CAO made liaison with Chief of Ky Ha Village. The Chief made suggestions concerning improvement of our security measures. Village Chief also recommended that we prohibit entry of all villagers into USMC areas. He has re-routed a trail vicinity (BT 521117) to keep villagers away from JST ramp.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

On 13 September MEDCAP team followed a Company sweep NE of Tich Tay (1) vicinity of (BT 491033), approximately 40 persons were treated.

A. The advance elements of Third Bn, Third Marines arrived Chu Lai at 141554H.

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From: CG, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **141800H to 151600H September 1965**

I. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

**Operation PEARLY SHELLS III has been postponed twenty-four hours.**

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

The last elements of the Battalion returned at 142050H to Chu Lai from Da Nang where the Battalion had been participating in Operations "Golden Fleece" and "Rice Straw."

D. 4th Marines.

MAG-12 personnel in composite airfield defense were returned to OPCON MAG-12 at 150800H.

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- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. First platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068).
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints during hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525084), and beach access point at (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Third platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island, conducting continuous squad patrolling south of GL 13 to prevent hostile fire towards LST ramp (BT 522122). No enemy contact.
- (3) Company C, first platoon manned company sector of MLR on peninsula and conducted one squad night patrol, with no enemy contact. Second platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island, conducting squad combat patrols from patrol base at (BT 488102). No enemy contact. Third platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066).
- (4) Company D's three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. First platoon commenced two-day combat patrol, departing OP #2 (BT 497066) at 150820H and patrolling west along assigned route. No enemy contact.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) and provided personnel to OP Tangp (BT 520128, 526129, 527128).

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR.

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- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company H conducted one squad sized night patrol with no contact or sighting.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts conducted one squad sized night patrol with no contact or sighting.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I maintains defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) Company K and Company L are administratively billeted in vicinity of the Battalion CP (BT 535075). They will exchange places with Company I and Company M on 19 September.
- (3) Company M moved into the airfield defense at 151300H.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 5, Discharges 2, Evac 0, Remaining 25.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Sixteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's deadlined 00 maintenance.

F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 to 2200 hours at targets (BT 381124) and (BT 407037). Expended 10 rounds HE.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 0300 - 0600 hours at targets (BT 374006, 366019, 378015,

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377008). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds W.P.

(3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3.

G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

LVTH-1 Cross Training 86%  
 Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 85%  
 Clearing Fields of Fire 90%  
 Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 2) 75%  
 Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 3) 50%  
 Blasting 2/4 road 75%  
 Culverts & Headfalls on 2/4 road net 85%  
 Cutting bamboo posts 100%  
 Repair roof on head 100%  
 Strongbacking tents 2/4 75%

Water distribution Potable 31,145 gal, Raw 17,000 gal, total 59,295 gal.

H. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

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A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 15 September first platoon, Company D will continue patrol to night patrol base at (BT 439072). Six squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
- (2) 16 September first platoon, Company D will patrol from (BT 439072) to LVT pickup point (BT 4509) at 161500H. Second platoon, Company C will return by LVT's from Ky Xuan Island at 160900H. First platoon, Company C will relieve 3d platoon, Company B on Ky Hoa Island at 161300H.
- (3) 17 September platoon of Company D will be transported by LVT's to Ky Xuan Island at 170930H to commence squad combat patrolling.
- (4) 17 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-2	Sqd	172400H	180200H	(BT 522116)	(BT 522114)
B-1	Sqd	172330H	180200H	(BT 521090)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	172030H	172300H	(BT 520099)	(BT 520097)
B-3	Sqd	172000H	172330H	(BT 527086)	(BT 527084)
D-1	Sqd	172100H	180030H	(BT 518062)	(BT 515061)
D-3	Sqd	172330H	180330H	(BT 522072)	(BT 521071)

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 15 September E Company will conduct two squad sized night patrols.
- (2) 16 September E Company will conduct two squad sized night patrols.
- (3) 17 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co E	Sqd	Night	172100H	180700H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	(BT 481032)
		Combat					
Co E	Sqd	Night	172100H	180700H	(BT 510024)	(BT 510024)	(BT 499012)
		Combat					

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 15 September maintained two companies in defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) 16 September same as 15 September.

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(3) Plans:

(3) 17 September same as 15 September.

#### 4. Civil Affairs.

##### A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

The battalion Civic Action Out-Patient Clinic treated 165 people at Xuch Trung (BT 519091). The most common ailments were skin sores and infections, diarrhea, worms, and muscular aches and pains. CAO accompanied recon party from LAAM Battery at 150915H to Ky Hoa Island to make liaison with Mr. Chuong, Village Chief of Ky Hoa. Recon party is attempting to find future site for LAAM Battery which will be agreeable to inhabitants of Ky Hoa.

#### 4. Misc. VIETNAMESE

- A. A man approached Company D wire (BT 527081) at 151215H. As Marines approached the man left but returned a few minutes later. Marines moved out to apprehend him and the man fired at them. Four Marines moved out to apprehend the man and received fire from automatic weapons. Four VCS were apprehended in the area without I.D. cards, no weapons were captured.
- B. Company B received one round of carbine of small caliber fire from (BT 522087) at 151245H. One S/A round was fired at the man as he ran away. A squad was dispatched but failed to find the man.
- C. Company D patrol #1 received sniper fire from (BT 446077) at 151440H. The fire was coming from an estimated six men with at least two automatic weapons. Fire was returned and squad sent to investigate.
- D. Company D patrol #1 called in artillery at (BT 447076) when they began receiving heavy fire.
- E. Squad sent to investigate firing had negative results.

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4th Marines (4) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (3rd), FMF  
 c/o HQ, San Francisco, 56601

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From: CG, 4th Marines (4) (Rein)  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FMF)

Situation Report for period **251000Z to 161600Z**

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**Platoon combat patrol west of GL 49 received enemy fire, Company D received sniper fire while manning the MIA.**

B. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

D. 4th Marines.

**Operation PEARLY SHELL III had been cancelled indefinitely.**

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A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. Conducted one squad size night patrol. No enemy contact. First platoon maintained combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068).
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints during hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525084), and beach access point at (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Third platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island overnight and conducted squad patrols throughout the night to prevent hostile fire directed towards LST ramp (BT 522122). No enemy contact. At 152145H B-3 patrol received sniper fire at (BT 528083). Returned fire, checked area. Negative results.
- (3) Company C second platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island, conducting squad size patrols from patrol base at (BT 488102). At 151935H approximately 25 tracer rounds were observed being fired from (BT 511104) toward Ky Xuan. At 152000H A-1 patrol went through this area with negative results. Platoon returned to MLR defensive positions from Ky Xuan by LVTs at 160945H. No enemy contact. Third platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066). First platoon relieved third platoon Company B on Ky Hoa Island at 161300H.
- (4) Company D third platoon received three rounds sniper fire at 151915H at (BT 527082). Fire was returned and area checked with negative results. Second platoon received 2 rounds sniper fire at 151935H at (BT 525080). Fire was returned, area checked with negative results. At 152200H second platoon observed a man running at (BT 524077). Marines attempted to apprehend with negative results. Three squad night patrols were conducted.

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D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 2, Discharges 2, Evac 15, Remaining 17.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Fifteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's deadlined OO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marine. Two hours of instruction on aerial gunnery was held with the .50 caliber machine gun.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

(1) First Platoon - Continues direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 Hours to 2300 hours at targets (BT 393097, 404082). Expended 6 rounds HE and 4 rounds WP.

(2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2100 to 2400 hours at targets (BT 374006, 366019, 378015, 377008). Expended 12 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of WP.

(3) Third Platoon - Continues direct support of 3/3.

H. Co E, 3d Engr. Bn.

LVTE-1 Cross Training 86%	Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 road not 85%
Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 85%	Strongbacking tents 2/4 75%
Clearing Fields of Fire 90%	Road net Maintenance -----
Clearing to outposts (Catfish 2) 75%	4th Marines OOG Tent 95%
Clearing to outposts (Catfish 3) 50%	Strongback 2 tents 3/3 25%
Blasting 2/4 Road 75%	Pick up Prefab Tents Frames 100%

Water distribution Potable 39,915 gal, Raw 18,000 gal, Total 57,915 gal.

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A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 16 September - Nine squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula. Waterborne patrol will also be conducted.
- (2) 17 September - Platoon of Company D will be transported by LVT's to Ky Xuan Island at 170930H to commence squad combat patrolling. First platoon, Company C will remain on Ky Hoa Island providing security for IST ramp. (BT 522122).
- (3) 18 September - At 181030H one platoon from Company C will relieve one platoon of Company C on Ky Hoa Island. Platoon from Company D will remain on Ky Xuan Island and continue squad combat patrolling.
- (4) 18 September Patrols

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-1	Sqd	182330H	190230H	(BT 467068)	(BT 469067)
A-2	Sqd	182000H	182230H	(BT 522116)	(BT 522114)
B-1	Sqd	182230H	190100H	(BT 521090)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	182145H	190015H	(BT 520099)	(BT 520097)
B-3	Sqd	182000H	182300H	(BT 527086)	(BT 527084)
C-2	Sqd	182030H	182300H	(BT 496067)	(BT 496067)
D-1	Sqd	182400H	190315H	(BT 518062)	(BT 515061)
D-3	Sqd	182245H	190200H	(BT 522072)	(BT 521071)

B. 2D Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 16 September - Company H will conduct a day combat patrol. Company G will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.
- (2) 17 September - Company G, <sup>AND COMPANY H</sup> will conduct a day combat patrol. Company E will conduct two squad size night patrols.
- (3) 18 September Patrols.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co F	Co (-)	Day Combat	180700H	181600H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	_____
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	182100H	190700H	(BT 495036)	(BT 495036)	(BT 483023)

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	182045H	190700H	(BT 510024)	(BT 510024)	(BT 509037)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 16 September - Maintain two companies in defensive positions around the air-field.
- (2) 17 September - Same as 16 September.
- (3) 18 September - Same as 16 September.

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A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

Members of Company A, 1st Battalion supervised and assisted local villagers as they rebuilt one bridge and repaired another one south of An Hai (BT 515114) on 15 September. Materials used to repair the bridges were provided by Marine units and by the villagers.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

CAO held conference with Ky Lien Village Chief. The discussion encompassed the employment of Vietnamese by the USMC in CHU-LAI; the need for CARE and CRS kits for carpentry, mid wives, sports and school supplies; food needed in the future; clothing needs; moving of the school at Hoa Van; and the disposition of VCS within the Regimental TAOR.

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1ST LT-USMC

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4th Marines (L) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (MCD), RVN  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, 96001

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From: CO, 4th Marines (L) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (MCD)

Situation Report for period **161800H to 171600H**

A. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**MAO-36 fired at persons probing their perimeter with negative results.**

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

**Company H patrol received sniper fire.**

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

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## 2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

1. Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. Conducted two squad night patrols. No enemy contact. First platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068). No enemy contact.
2. Company B manned SDC checkpoints during hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), (BT 525084), and beach access point at (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted three squad night patrols. No enemy contact. At 162225H heard 7-10 rounds in vicinity of MAG-36. Rounds were fired by MAG-36.
3. Company C, first platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island and conducted squad night patrols to prevent hostile fire directed toward LST ramp (BT 522122). Conducted two squad night patrols. No enemy contact. At 161830H C-1 sent a patrol to (BT 515123) to search for supplies. Found bundles of firewood. Third platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066).
4. Company D, at 162257H one trip flare set off at (BT 506068). Requested illumination. Negative results. At 162320H suspected enemy probe at (BT 517073). Requested illumination. Negative results. Conducted two squad night patrols. No enemy contact. Second platoon departed for Ky Xuan Island at 171005H by LVT to commence saturation patrolling.
5. H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) and provided personnel to OP Tango (BT 520128), (BT 526129), (BT 527128).
6. 1st Platoon, Co A, 1st AnTrac BN. Conducted waterborne patrol. At 170012H heard automatic weapons fire at (BT 495108).

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7. MAG-36, at 162210H observed person or object at (BT 525115). Challenged, received no reply, fired nine rounds. Checked area. Negative results. At 162220H observed person or object at (BT 532117). Challenged, received no reply. Fired ten rounds, checked area. Negative results. At 170030H observed four or five people at (BT 525115). Challenged and received no reply. Fired with undetermined results. At 162025H, (BT 520134), boat without light came within twenty-five yards of beach, light came on and boat retreated.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

1. Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the OPLR. Company E conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. No sighting or contact.
2. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
3. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company G conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. No contact or sighting.
4. Company H (-) patrol located (BT 454050) received S/A fire from (BT 455052) at 171110H. They continued to receive sporadic fire until 171130 when artillery fire landed on the target. The patrol captured three VCS at (BT 452044) and one VC at (BT 456042) between 171215H and 171310H. At 171320H the patrol sighted seven VC crossing an open field (BT 440049). Artillery was called in and the rounds landed on the target but no surveillance was made.

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5. At 162220H, 4.2 vicinity (BT 517046) received incoming grenade with no casualties. Illuminated area with undetermined results. H&B Company Scouts conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. No contact or sighting. Co C, 3d Tank Bn fired 20 rounds live, indirect (H&I) fire from 161600H to 161800H, and from 170400H to 170600H into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

1. Company I and Company M maintain defensive positions around the airfield and Class V dump.
2. Company K and Company L are administratively billeted in vicinity Battalion CP (BT 535075)

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 9, Discharges 3, Evac 0, Remaining 27.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Seventeen LVT'S deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT'S deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

1. First Platoon- Continued direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2130-2300 hours at targets (BT 38100570), (BT 40710376). Expended 8 rounds W.P. and 2 rounds HE. No enemy contact. Heavy section fired 50 cal MG in 2/4 area at 1300 with 2nd platoon.
2. Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. One tank used 18" searchlight intermittently during the night in the 2/4 CP area. No enemy contact.

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Fired H&I fires from 0400-0600 hours at targets (BT 367007) (BT 360018), (BT 370011), (BT 378015) and (BT 362017). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP. Fired 50 calibers in the 2/4 area from 1300-1500 hours.

## 3. Third Platoon - Remains in 3/3 OP.

H. Co B, 3d Bn, 2d Bn.

LVTE-1 Cross Training -100%, Reconstructing Mortar Shelters -90%, Clearing Fields of Fire -90%, Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 2) -75%, Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 3) - 50%, Blasting 2/4 Road -75%, Culverts and Headwalls on 2/4 road net-85%, Strongbacking tents 2/4-100%, Road net maintenance -----  
 4th Marines OC Tent -100%, Strongback Tents 3/3 (2) -50%, Decking Galley Passageway 3/3 -50%. Water Distribution Potable 18,210 gal, Raw 19000 gal,  
 Total 37,210 gal.

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**A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.**

- (1) 17 September - Second platoon, Company D will remain on Ky Xuan Island conducting squad combat patrols. First platoon, Company C will remain on Ky Hoa Island providing security for LST ramp (BT 522122). Six squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.
- (2) 18 September - At 181030H second platoon, Company C will relieve first platoon, Company C on Ky Hoa Island. Second platoon, Company D will remain on Ky Xuan Island and continue combat patrolling.
- (3) 19 September - Second platoon, Company C will remain on Ky Hoa Island and provide security for LST ramp (BT 522122). At 190800H one platoon, of Company D will relieve second platoon, Company D on Ky Xuan Island and continue combat patrolling.
- (4) 19 September Patrols.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOB</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>FOR</u>
A-2	Sqd	192030H	192300H	(BT 522116)	(BT 522114)
B-1	Sqd	192345H	200215H	(BT 521090)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	192300H	200115H	(BT 520015)	(BT 520097)
B-3	Sqd	192000H	192330H	(BT 527086)	(BT 527084)
D-1	Sqd	192400H	200445H	(BT 518062)	(BT 518061)
D-3	Sqd	192000H	200030H	(BT 522072)	(BT 522071)

**B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.**

- (1) 17 September - H&S Company Scouts will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Companies G and H conducting a company sized patrol each.
- (2) 18 September - Company F will conduct a company sized day combat patrol. Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company G will conduct a three day platoon size

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## (3) 19 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
H&S Co. Sqd	200	Day Combat	190900H	191530H	(BT509002)	(BT489037)	
H&S Co. Sqd	200	Night Combat	192030H	200630H	(BT495036)	(BT501036)	(BT491024)
H&S Co. Sqd	200	Night Combat	192100H	200630H	(BT510024)	(BT515040)	(BT514036)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 17 September - Maintain two companies in defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) 18 September - Same as 17 September.
- (3) 19 September - Companies K and L will exchange places with companies I and M.

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- A. 4th Marines. - Letter of thanks was received from Major NGHIA, Quang Tin Providence Chief, for USMC assistance in the inareguration of Chu Lai Hamlet on 7 September 1965. He was especially appreciative of the preformance of the Division Band.
- B. 1st Bn. 4th Marines. - Five bags (500 pounds) of bulgar and twenty-six boxes of vitamins were given to Mr. Voo, Chief of An Tay Hamlet (BT 518085). Mr. Voo distributed the bulgar and vitamins to twenty-six families in his hamlet who were relocated but have not been paid for their land. Battalion Commander met with Chief of Ly Tin District and the MACV advisor to Ly Tin District. Discussed current problems of land acquisition and plans for occupying Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands.
- C. 2d Bn. 4th Marines. - Mr. Huns from Chu Lai was taken to "B" Med where a previously applied cast was removed. CAO held English Classes in An Tan.

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1st Lt. USMC

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4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), 7th  
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From: 3d, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: 3d, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period

1. General Summary of Significant Events:

171800H to 181600H September 1965

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

The Boat Patrol was initiated. Company B had rocks thrown into their positions.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

No significant events.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marine Division.

No significant events.

D. 4th Marines.

Operation Pearly Shells III, by 2/4, is scheduled for 22 September.

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## 2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. Company A manned SIC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. One squad night patrol had no enemy contact. First platoon maintained combat outpost at Hill 69 (BT 468068). No enemy contact.
2. Company B manned SIC checkpoints during hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525084), and beach access point at (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Three squad night patrols had no enemy contact. At 172035H Company B had rocks thrown toward their positions vicinity (BT 528084). Flame mortar illumination was requested. Four rounds revealed a man moving to the front of their positions. Two rounds were fired with undetermined results.
3. Company C, first platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island, conducting continuous squad patrolling south of GL 13 to prevent hostile fire directed towards JST ramp (BT 522122). First platoon was relieved at 181000H at (BT 525125) by the second platoon. Third platoon maintained outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066).
4. Company D's two squad night patrols had no enemy contact. Second platoon remained overnight on Ky Hoa Island, conducting squad combat patrols from patrol base at (BT 468106). No enemy contact. Company commander made helicopter reconnaissance of Ky Hoa Island at 181130H for the purpose of planning future disposition of units.
5. H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Kuan Trung (BT 519094). A boat patrol utilizing a outboard motorboat, with a mounted 20 cal. machine gun, commenced operation at 172025H from splash point (BT 517117).

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## 2. Operations.

Boat patrol ceased at 172315H when water conditions became too hazardous, and was relieved by LVT patrol. Boat patrol departed again at 180935H to become familiarized with locations of sandbars in waterways. Patrol is manned by personnel from 10<sup>th</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> Platoons.

6. 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVT's for night waterborne patrol and relief of platoon on Ly Hoa Island at 181000H.

B. 3d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. Company K reported no night activity from their positions on the COP.
2. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MIA.
3. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MIA. At 181000H a Vietnamese male was seen pacing the distance between defensive positions. The man was approximately 60 meters forward of the positions. When the man was approached by marines he ran to a clump of bushes at (BT 512045) where he was met by another man with a carbine. The Marines fired four rounds MIA at the fleeing man but did not appear to have any hits. The two men disappeared into the village vicinity (BT 508044).
4. Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MIA.
5. Co G, 3d Bn. fired 80 rounds of live, indirect (H&I) fire from 172200H to 180100H in OB (BT 3600) (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn. 31 Marines.

1. Company I and Company K maintain defensive positions around the airfield and Class V dump.
2. Company E and Company L are administratively billeted in vicinity Battalion CP (BT 535075).

D. Co B, 3d National Bn.

Admissions 5, Discharges 2, Evac 9, Remaining 26.

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## 2. Operations:

E. Co A, 3d Airborne Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Sixteen LVT's declined for lack of spare parts. Four LVT's declined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

1. First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4 with heavy section at (BT 581074) and light section at the Company position. Fired H&I fires from 2130 to 2300 hours at targets (BT 38300760,) (BT 40710376). Expended 4 rounds WP and 6 rounds HE.

2. Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4 with light section in CP area and heavy section with Company G. Fired H&I fires from 2000-0100 hours at targets (BT 370010), (BT 374003), (BT 392017), (BT 378015). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.

3. Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3. Located in the CP area (BT 535075).

H. Co B, 3d Bn, 1st Div.

Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 90%, Clearing Fields of Fire 90%, Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 2) 75%, Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 3) 50%, Erecting 2/4 Road 75%, Culverts & Handrails on 2/4 road net 15%, Road net maintenance ——— Strongbacking tents for 3/3 75%, Backing Valley Passageway 2/3 75%, Strongbacking for 3/12 100%. Water Distribution Potable 29,760 Gallons, Raw 17,000 Gallons, Total 46,760 Gallons.

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Plans.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 18-20 September - Company C will maintain one platoon on Ky Hoa Island and Company D will maintain one platoon on Ky Xuan Island until the shift to the new TAOR. Tonight six squad patrols on the peninsula, one squad patrol vicinity Hill 69 (BT 468068), one squad patrol vicinity An Tan Bridge, and night LVT patrol will be conducted.

## (2) 20 September patrols.

Unit	Size	TOP	POB	POB	PERYOVER	LAYOVER
A-1	Sqd	202400H	210400H	(BT 521115)	(BT 521117)	3 hrs
A-3	Sqd	202200H	210330H	(BT 522113)	(BT 521114)	2½ hrs
C-3	Sqd	202300H	210400H	(BT 520109)	(BT 520104)	3½ hrs
B-1	Sqd	202330H	210500H	(BT 524088)	(BT 523089)	3 hrs
B-2	Sqd	202000H	210100H	(BT 522089)	(BT 522090)	2½ hrs
D-1	Sqd	202200H	210300H	(BT 518061)	(BT 514060)	2 hrs
D-2	Sqd	202400H	210500H	(BT 529079)	(BT 529079)	2½ hrs

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) 18 September - Company F will conduct a company sized patrol. Company F and H&S Company Scouts will each conduct a night combat/ambush patrol.
- (2) 19 September - H&S Company Scouts will conduct three squad sized combat patrols, two at night and one during the day.

## (3) 20 September patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOP	TOR	POB	POB	AMBUSH
Co G	Co	Day Combat Night	200700H	201730H	(BT 420019)	(BT 439040)	
H&S Co	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	202100H	210630H	(BT 488031)	(BT 488037)	(BT 484044) (BT 476037)
H&S Co	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	202130H	210730H	(BT 504044)	(BT 511050)	(BT 497051)
Co F	Sqd	Night Combat Ambush	202200H	210700H	(BT 509023)	(BT 501036)	(BT 493024)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 18 September - Maintain two companies in defensive positions around

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the airfield.

(2) 19 September - No change

(3) 20 September - No change

4. Civil Affairs.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

The Battalion Civic Action Out-Patient Clinic treated 140 people at An Hai Hamlet (BT 515114) on 17 September. The most common ailments were skin infections and sores, worms, diarrhea, and stomach pains.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

Med-Cap teams accompanied Company H and Company G on 17 September Operation. They treated approximately 170 persons. A Med-Cap team went to Chu-Lai vicinity (BT 506058) and treated 90 persons.

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From: CG, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FMF)

Situation Report for period **181600H to 191600H Sept 1965**

I. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

D. 4th Marines.

**Regimental Operation Order 305-65 will be executed on 20 September.**

**Operation Pearly Shells III has been cancelled.**

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## 2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A - Manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. Two squad night patrols were conducted. First platoon maintained combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068). No enemy contact.
- (2) Company B - Manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087), and (BT 525004) during the hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Three squad night patrols were conducted. At 190218H noises, were heard vicinity (BT 525088) and illumination fired. A man was seen; one WP grenade was thrown with unobserved results.
- (3) Company C - Second platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island conducting continuous patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). One squad night patrol was conducted. Third platoon maintained outpost checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066).
- (4) Company D - Second platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island conducting squad combat patrols from patrol base (BT 488106). Third platoon relieved second platoon at 191004H. Relief was effected by LVTs. Two squad night patrols were conducted.
- (5) H&S Company - Maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn - Provided LVTs for night water-borne patrol and relief of platoon on Ky Xuan Island.

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## 2. OPERATIONS.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported at 162130H heavy noises in front of Catfish I. Patrols were sent out and 3 illumination rounds fired, results undetermined.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F conducted a day company sized combat patrol with no sighting or contact. ~~A~~ Squad sized night combat patrol was conducted with no contact or sightings.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. A squad sized night combat/ambush patrol was conducted with no contact or sightings.
- (5) Company G, 3d Tank Battalion fired 20 rounds of live, indirect (H&I) fire from 190200H to 190500H in GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I and Company M maintain defensive positions around the airfield and Class V dump.
- (2) Company K and Company L are administratively billeted in vicinity Battalion CP (BT 535075).

D. Co B. 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 6, Discharges 2, Evac 0, Remaining 25.

E. Co A. 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. LVTs deadlined for lack of spare parts. LVTs deadlined CO maintenance.

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## ). Operations.

F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Remains in direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2100-2300 hrs at (BT 407103205, 38100570). Expended 6 rds HE and 4 rds WP. Light Section completed .50 caliber firing at 1/4 range between 1300 and 1530 hrs.
- (2) Second Platoon - Fired H&I fires from 0500 -0600 at targets (BT 370010, 374003, 362017, 378015). Expended 12 rds HE and 8 rds WP.
- (3) Third Platoon - Conducted reconnaissance of the stream bed of the Song An Tan river at (BT 495063). Found the river fordable for tanks at that point. Conducting a route reconnaissance with 3/3 Bn C.O. at 1330 of route to Hill 69.

G. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.

Reconstructing Mortar Shelters - 90%  
 Clearing Fields of Fire - 90%  
 Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 2) - 75%  
 Clearing to Outposts (Catfish 3) - 50%  
 Blasting 2/4 Road - 75%  
 Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 road net - 85%  
 Road net Maintenance - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Strongbacking tents (2) for 3/3 - 95%  
 Decking Galley Passageway 3/3 - 95%  
 Strongbacking for 1/4 - 30%

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	29,230 Gallons
Raw	17,000 Gallons
TOTAL	46,230 Gallons

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2. Operations.

H. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

I. Co B, 3d Recon Bn.

Operation Tareyton will be executed at 191800H. The patrol will last until 24 September.

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Plans.

**A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.**

- (1) 19-21 September Intentions. Preparation being made to establish company patrol bases on Ky Kuan and Ky Hoa Islands and to assume the new TAOR on order.

19 September six squad night patrols will be conducted on the peninsula.

**(2) 21 September Patrols.**

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
A-1	Sqd	212130H	212400H	(BT 521116)	(BT 521115)
A-2	Sqd	212400H	220200H	(BT 522108)	(BT 522107)
B-1	Sqd	212315H	220115H	(BT 522091)	(BT 522089)
B-2	Sqd	212000H	212215H	(BT 521098)	(BT 519096)
B-3	Sqd	212030H	212230H	(BT 526086)	(BT 525085)
D-2	Sqd	212345H	220315H	(BT 530078)	(BT 527077)

One hour after return of sqd patrols listed above a second sqd will depart patrolling the patrol routes indicated in reverse.

**B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.**

- (1) 19 September - Company H will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company F will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company H will relieve company E on the COPL.
- (2) 20 September - Company F will conduct a company sized day combat patrol. H&S Company will conduct two and company F will conduct one squad sized night patrol.

**(3) 21 September Patrols.**

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co G	Company	Day Combat	210700H	211600H	(BT441054)	(BT450047)	
Co F	Sqd	Night Combat					
		Ambush	212100H	220700H	(BT496037)	(BT504043)	
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat					
		Ambush	212030H	220730H	(BT510024)	(BT510025)	

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C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) 19 September - Maintain two companies in defensive positions around the airfield.
- (2) 20 September - No change.
- (3) 21 September - No change.

A. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

MED CAP Team accompanied Company F on their daylight patrol treating approximately 100 persons enroute.

4th Marine (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (-), FWD  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, 2060

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TO: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
FROM: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **191800H to 201600H September**

I. General Summary of Significant Events

A. 1st BN, 4th Marines.

Company B had rocks thrown into their positions and sighted one individual. Company D patrol observed a civil disturbance. Company A and Company C moved units in conjunction with assuming new TAOR. BN assumed new TAOR.

B. 2nd BN, 4th Marines.

Company F patrol received three rounds small arms fire.

C. 3d BN, 3d Marine

During the reporting period, the two (2) companies in local defense of the Chu Lai airfield moved to occupy outposts and to effect an MIA within the newly assigned TAOR. The two (2) companies administratively billeted near the Battalion CP moved into defensive positions and assumed the responsibility of protecting the airfield and the Class V storage area.

D. 4th Marines.

Regimental Operation Order 305-65 was executed.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. One squad night patrol was conducted. First platoon was relieved of combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068) in accordance with assuming new TAOR. Return to the MLR was initiated at 200700H. The return was effected by trucks. One patrol was conducted along the waters edge 200900H - 201100H.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Three squad night patrols were conducted. At 192305H received incoming rocks vicinity (BT 527086). Two M-26 grenades were thrown in return. Area was checked with negative results. At 200145H received incoming rocks vicinity (BT 529085) and threw six M-26 grenades in return. Area was illuminated, a man was seen and was fired at with unobserved results. At approximately 200630H the area was checked with negative results.
- (3) Company C second platoon was relieved by first platoon at 201033H by LVTs on Ky Hoa Island. First platoon will continue patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). Third platoon was relieved from its outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 467066) in accordance with assuming the new TAOR. The return to the MLR by trucks commenced at 201145H.
- (4) Company D third platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island continuing combat patrolling from patrol base (BT 488106). Two squad night patrols were conducted. At 192245H D-3 patrol heard bullhorn in Long Binh (BT 508071) followed by a shot. Confusion followed with people shouting

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and running about in the village. The patrol continued and two flares landed nearby. An ambush was established immediately at (BT 517072) with negative results. The reason for the disturbance was undetermined.

(5) H&S Company maintained a constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).

(6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LV's for resupply of platoon on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands. Conducted night waterborne patrol. No enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the COPL.

Company E will be relieved by Company H on the COPL.

(2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.

Company F conducted a squad sized night combat/ambush/patrol with no contact or sighting. Company F is conducting a day combat/ambush patrol. At 201105H they received three sniper rounds <sup>From</sup> (BT 422038).

The patrol will return to the MLR at 201730H. Two booby trapped grenades and punji sticks were found at the entrance to Ky Long (2) at (BT 431040). *Sniper fire 422038*

(3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.

Company G is maintaining a platoon on an extended day/night combat patrol in the western sector of the TAOR.

(4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.

Company H conducted one squad sized night/ambush patrol.

(5) Company G 3d TK Bn conducted indirect H&I fire from 192200H to 192300H

and from 200200H to 200300H firing 20 rounds into GS (BT 3601) and

(BT 3701). H&S Company Scouts are augmenting Company G's platoon size

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patrol in the western sector of the TAOR replacing those men injured in the helicopter crash during the lift out to (BS 495997) on 19 September.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I moved to occupy an OP on Hill 69 (BT 468068) and the bridge at (BT 498067). The remainder of the company is located at (BT 510060).
- (2) Company K moved to the airfield and occupied the positions vacated by Company I.
- (3) Company L moved one (1) platoon to the airfield and two (2) platoons to the vicinity of the Class V storage area.
- (4) Company M moved to establish an MLR between the two flanking battalions. The company is located vicinity (BT 506066).
- (5) Attachments - Remain direct support of the battalion and are administratively billeted in the vicinity of the Battalion CP.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 6, Discharges 2, Evac 0, Remaining 31.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Sixteen LVTs deadline for lack of spare parts, Four LVTs deadline for CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1/4. Fired H&I fires from 2100 - 2130 hrs at targets (BT 407017, 381057). Expended 6 rds HE and 4 rds WP.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2200 to 2300 hrs and 0200 to 0300 hrs at targets (BT 370010, 374003, 362017, 378015). Expended 12 rds HE and 8 rds WP.



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(3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3. Presently making a route and bridge recon of area around Hill 69 to find suitable route for tanks to the hill.

## H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Reconstructing Mortar Shelter 90%  
 Clearing Fields of Fire 90%  
 Clearing Outposts (Catfish 2) 75%  
 Clearing Outposts (Catfish 3) 50%  
 Blasting on 2/4 Road 75%  
 Constructing Demo School 35%

Culverts & Roadwalls on 2/4 Road 85%  
 Roadnet Maintenance -----  
 Strongbacking Tents 3/3 100%  
 Decking Galley Passageway 3/3 100%  
 Strongbacking Tents 1/4 35%  
 Infantry Support 3 men

Water distribution Potable 28,025 gal, Raw 18,000 gal, Total 46,025 gal.

## I. Co B, 3d Recon Bn.

The patrol landed by helicopter at 191805H. A harbour site was set up at 191850H near (BT 471002). No contact or sightings were made during the night and the patrol continued at 200700H. There have been no sightings or contact made to date on the patrol. The patrol stopped for the night at (BT 451990). Heavy rain and fog have reduced visibility to 100 yards. The patrol is presently a half day behind schedule.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

1. 20-22 September. Company C and Company D are preparing to establish company patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Island. On 20 September there will be seven squad night patrols on the peninsula with each patrol establishing an ambush along the patrol route.

## 2. 22 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR
A-1	Sqd	222000H	222300H	(BT 522108)	(BT 522107)
A-2	Sqd	222200H	222400H	(BT 521116)	(BT 521115)
B-1	Sqd	222000H	222300H	(BT 522090)	(BT 521088)
B-2	Sqd	222330H	230200H	(BT 524091)	(BT 522091)
B-3	Sqd	222400H	230330H	(BT 524088)	(BT 526087)
B-2	Sqd	222030H	230030H	(BT 530078)	(BT 527077)

One hour after return of sqd patrols listed above, a second sqd will depart patrolling the patrol route indicated in reverse.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

1. 20 September- Company E will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company F will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.

2. 21 September - Company G will conduct a Company sized day combat patrol. Company F and Company H will each conduct a night squad sized combat/ambush patrol.

## 3. 22 September Patrols

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co E	Sqd	Night	222100H	230700H	(BT510022)	(BT510022)	(BT501012)
		Combat/ambush					
Co F	Sqd	Night	222130H	230700H	(BT496036)	(BT500037)	(BT495029)
		Combat/ambush					
Co F	Sqd	Night	222100H	230630H	(BT488036)	(BT488036)	(BT469037)
		Combat/ambush					

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. 20 September - The battalion is in execution of Regimental Order 305-65.
2. 21 September - Continue to move to newly assigned areas and improve defensive positions.
3. 22 September - Continue to improve positions in newly assigned areas.

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- A. The 1st Battalion Civil Affairs Officer met with Mr. Cam, Chief of Ky Ha Village and discussed possible employment of local people within the battalion area.
- B. The Ly Tin District Advisor, Regimental Civil Affairs Officer and 1st Battalion Civil Affairs Officer accompanied USOM Agricultural advisor on a tour of Ky Ha Peninsula and Ky Hoa Island. Problems of fertility, productivity and land use for these areas were surveyed so that he might advise the local farmers.

- A. Company F patrol received sniper fire at 201500H from (BT 436053) near Ky Long (1). Fire was returned and the VC broke contact at 201519H. No casualties were taken on either side.

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1st Lt USMC

4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), FWD  
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From: CG, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **201000H to 211000H September 1965**

I. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**Company B received incoming grenades and sighted one individual.**

B. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

**Company C patrol received sniper fire.**

C. 2d Bn, 3d Marine Division.

**No significant events.**

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. Two squad night patrols were conducted. At 201922H first platoon completed its move from Hill 69 (BT 468068) to the MLR. At 211010H commenced continuous daylight squad patrolling on the peninsula.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Two squad night patrols were conducted. At 201943H an incoming grenade landed approximately one-hundred-forty feet from SDC post six (BT 525084). A reaction squad was sent to check the area. At approximately 201950H an incoming grenade was thrown at (BT 528085). A Marine heard a noise at (BT 527084). The area was illuminated, a man was seen and the marine threw a fragmentation grenade. Area checked by reaction squad with negative results. A five man ambush was set at (BT 527086) during the hours 202020H - 210200H with negative results.
- (3) Company C, first platoon conducted combat patrols on Ky Hoa Island to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). At 201845H third platoon completed its move from outpost/checkpoint at An Tan Bridge (BT 497066) to MLR. One squad night patrol was conducted. At 210800H commenced continuous daylight squad patrolling on the peninsula.
- (4) Company D, third platoon remained overnight on Ky Xuan Island conducting squad patrols. At 211114H first platoon relieved third platoon on Ky Xuan Island. One squad night patrol was conducted. A four man ambush was set at (BT 527079) between hours 201940H - 210200H with negative results. At 202245H Company D had suspected enemy movement at (BT 523078). Area was illuminated by 81mm mortars, nothing observed.

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- (5) I&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. provided LVTs for resupply of platoon on Ky Hoa Island and relief of platoon on Ky Xuan Island. Conducted night waterborne patrol. No enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E is the Battalion Reserve Company. Company E conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with no contact or sightings.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F conducted a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with no sightings or contact.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company sized patrol received sniper fire from  
Fire was from two carbines.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the OOPL.
- (5) Company C 3d TK Bn fired 20 rounds of indirect fire H&I from 202400H to 210300H in GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701). At 202005H 4.2 mortars reported receiving an incoming hand grenade at (BT 519043). One man injured by concussion. Illuminated with no results.

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I completed moving into the OP on Hill 69 (BT 468068) and the bridge at (BT 498067). The remainder of the company is located at (BT 510060).
- (2) Company K remains in airfield defense.
- (3) Company L remains in airfield defense.
- (4) Company M completed its move to the new MLR positions vic (BT 506066).

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 6, Discharges 2, Evac 23, Remaining 30.

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CONFIDENTIALE. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Seventeen LVTs deadlined for lack of spare parts. Four LVTs deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 90%	Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 Road Net 85%
Clearing Fields of Fire 90%	Road Maintenance -----
Clearing Outpost (Catfish 2) 75%	Strongbacking Tents 1/4 35%
Clearing Outpost (Catfish 3) 50%	Bamboo Strongback 100%
Blasting on 2/4 Road 75%	Constructing Demo School 16%

Water distribution Potable 29,810 gal, Raw 17,000 gal, Total 46,810 gal.

H. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

(1) First Platoon - Remains in direct support of 1/4.

(2) Second Platoon - Remains in direct support of 2/4. Fired 121 fires from 2400 to 0300 hrs at targets (BT 370010, 374003, 362017, 378015). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.

(3) Third Platoon - Remains in direct support of 3/3.

I. Co B, 3d Recon Bn.

The patrol had no contact or sightings during the reporting period. At 210835H the patrol was told to return. This is due to future commitment of Recon. Recon was returned to Regimental CP at 211525H.

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A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 21 September - Platoons will remain on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands and continue patrolling. There will be a total of twelve squad night patrols on the peninsula. Preparations being made for establishment of company patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands.
2. 22 September - Platoon of Ky Hoa Island is to be relieved at 21300H. Platoon remain on Ky Xuan Island and continue combat patrolling.
3. 23 September - Platoons on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands will remain there and continue patrolling.
4. 23 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOR	POB	POR
A-1	Sqd	232200H	240030H	(BT 526115)	(BT 526113)
B-1	Sqd	232000H	232200H	(BT 524104)	(BT 524103)
B-1	Sqd	232100H	232300H	(BT 526091)	(BT 527090)
B-2	Sqd	232400H	240200H	(BT 525095)	(BT 524093)
B-3	Sqd	232330H	240300H	(BT 528088)	(BT 529087)
D-2	Sqd	232030H	232330H	(BT 530080)	(BT 529078)

One hour after return of Sqd patrols listed above, a second Sqd will depart patrolling the patrol route indicated in reverse.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 21 September - Company B and Company F will each conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.
2. 22 September - Company B will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company F will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

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## 3. 23 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOP	TOR	POB	FOR	BT
Co F	Co	Day/Co	230700H	231600H	(BT 436030)	(BT 464039)	
Co G	Sqd	Night	232200H	270700H	(BT 505041)	(BT 504043)	(BT 495042)
		Combat/Ambush					
Co F	Sqd	Night	232100H	240700H	(BT 510024)	(BT 517041)	(BT 513029)
		Combat/Ambush					
HA300	Sqd	Night	232030H	240630H	(BT 496036)	(BT 487037)	(BT 481031)
		Combat/Ambush					

## C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

## 1. 21 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOR	POB	FOR
Co I	Plat	120700H	211730H	(BT 497067)	(BT 497067)

## 2. 22 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOR	POB	FOR
Co I	Plat	220700H	221647H	(BT 497067)	(BT 497067)

## 3. 23 September Patrols

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TOR	POB	FOR
Co I	Plat	230800H	231400H	(BT 481077)	(BT 480071)

1. CIVIL AFFAIRS

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

USOM and OVN fisheries experts met with fishermen of Ky Ha Village on 201500H and discussed mutual fishing problems in this area. Main point of discussion was fishermen's desire to buy boat motors. OVN representatives agreed to make motors available, but not for several months.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

GAO escorted the USOM Agriculture and Husbandry Team through Chu Lai Hamlet. Possible plans for a pig farm were discussed. MedCap treated 80 persons at Tie-Tay (III) (BT 504046) and

5. Misc. Chu Lai (BT 507057).

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From: CG, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **211800H to 221600H September**

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

**No significant events.**

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. Four squad night patrols were conducted.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during the hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Six squad night patrols were conducted. At 212112H a four man ambush was set at (BT 527086). Ambush was secured at 220100H. Conducted a one hour class on Mines and Booby traps at 220900H, seventy Marines attended.
- (3) Company C, first platoon conducted combat patrols on Ky Hoa Island to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 522122).
- (4) Company D, first platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island conducting saturation patrols on the Island. At 2 12103H requested illumination at (BT 517073) to observe area of suspected enemy movement. Observed nothing. Conducted two squad night patrols.
- (5) H&S Company, maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. provided LVTs for night waterborne patrol.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E in Battalion Reserve. One squad size night combat/ambush patrol was conducted.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. One squad size night combat/ambush patrol was conducted.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company size day combat patrol was conducted.

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- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions of the COPL.
- (5) Company C, 3d Tank Bn, fired 20 rounds of indirect H&I fires from 212100H to 212400 into Grid Squares (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I occupies Combat Outpost at OP on Hill 69 (BT 468068) and maintains defensive positions at bridge located vicinity (BT 498067). The remainder of the Company is located vicinity (BT 510060). At 221125H patrol from Company I received sniper fire vicinity (BT 453075). One Marine WIA (Slight wound). The patrol returned fire with no observed results.
- (2) Company K remains in airfield defense.
- (3) Company L remains in airfield defense.
- (4) Company M occupies MLR positions vicinity (BT 506066) and conducts patrols to cover the MLR.
- (5) Attachments remain in direct support of the battalion G&H are administratively billeted vicinity Battalion CP. At 211940H the liaison team at Ly Tin request artillery fire be delivered on a reported VC Company (-) that was located vicinity (BT 400110). At 211955H the mission was cleared and fired. At 212007H the mission was completed, with good effect reported on target. At 220858H the Ly Tin Liaison Officer reported that two (2) VC were killed as a result of the afore mentioned fire mission. These were not confirmed by body count.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 3, Discharges 2, Evac 0, Remaining 20.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Nineteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Two LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

CONFIDENTIALG. Co C. 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First platoon - moved heavy section to Company D's position. The light section remains in Company A's area.
  - (2) Second Platoon - Continued direct support of 2/4. Fired H&I fires from 2000 to 2200 hours at targets (BT 370010, 374003, 362017, 378015). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds WP.
  - (3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3. Heavy section reinforced with dozer tank and two antracs going to Hill 69 to support India Co.
- Antracs will accompany tanks to ford across Song An Tan river at (BT 495063).

H. Co B. 3d Engr. Bn.

Reconstructing Mortar Shelters 100%	Culverts & Headwalls on 2/4 Road Net -----
Clearing Fields of Fire 100%	Road Maintenance -----
Clearing Outposts (Catfish 2) 75%	Strongbacking Tent at 1/4 37%
Clearing Outposts (Catfish 3) 50%	Constructing Dams & Mine Warfare School 20%
Blasting 2/4 Road 100%	

Water distribution Potable 19,960 gal, Raw 15,000 gal, Total 34,960 gal.

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A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 22 September - Platoon on Ky Hoa Island is to be relieved at 221300H. Platoon on Ky Huan will remain there and continue patrolling.
2. 23 September - Company A conduct platoon (rein) three day combat patrol commencing 231800H on island centered (BT 4315). Platoon on Ky Huan and Ky Hoa Islands continue patrolling.
3. 24 September - Company C established company patrol base on Ky Hoa Island at (BT 512152) and continue patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 522122). Company B establish company (-) (rein) patrol base on Ky Huan Island and continue saturation patrolling.
4. 24 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	FOR	FOR
A-1	Sqd	242130H	242400H	(BT 521116)	(BT 521115)
A-2	Sqd	242400H	250200H	(BT 522108)	(BT 522107)
B-1	Sqd	242315H	250115H	(BT 522091)	(BT 522089)
B-2	Sqd	242000H	242215H	(BT 521098)	(BT 519096)
B-3	Sqd	242030H	242230H	(BT 526086)	(BT 525085)
D-2	Sqd	242315H	250315H	(BT 530078)	(BT 527077)

One hour after return of Squad patrols listed above, a second Squad will depart patrolling the patrol routes indicated in reverse.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 22 September - Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company F will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company E will send a platoon into the western sector of the TAOR for an extended day/night combat patrol.
2. 23 September - Company G will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company F will conduct a day combat patrol.



### 3. 24 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co G	Co	Night/ Combat	242045H	250730H	(BT 487036)	(BT 487036)	
Co H	Sqd	Night/ Combat/ambush	242100H	250630H	(BT 495037)	(BT 495037)	(BT 492028)
Co H	Sqd	Night/ Combat/ambush	242030H	250645H	(BT 510025)	(BT 510025)	(BT 507018)
Co F	Sqd	Day Combat	240700H	241500H	(BT 514017)	(BT 514017)	

### C. 31 Bn. 31 Marines.

1. 20 September - Company I conducted a platoon day combat patrol.
2. 23 September - Company L will conduct a platoon day combat patrol.
3. 24 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co I	Plt	240900H	241400H	(BT 498067)	(BT 498067)	(None)
Co M	Sqd	242000H	250400H	(BT 513060)	(BT 513060)	(None)
Co N	Sqd	242130H	250300H	(BT 513060)	(BT 513060)	(None)

A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. The Battalion Civil Action Out-Patient Clinic treated eighty-nine people, about half of the usual number, at Kuan Trung (BT 519091). The small turnout is believed due to the heavy rains that were falling. The most common ailments were headaches, stomach aches, diarrhea, sores, and worms.
2. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer met with Mr. CAM, Chief of Ky Ha Village, and discussed registration of local civilians and a standard price list for Ky Ha Village.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

TH Civil Affairs Detachment District Advisory Team Col FISHER, and members of the USOM team discussed plans for a pig farm and fish pond in Chu Lai Hamlet. Basic decisions were reached. MedCAP team treated 93 children and 43 adults at Chu Lai Hamlet.

5. Misc.

NONE

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Target CO<sub>2</sub> 44% Marine (L) (2015)  
 CO<sub>2</sub> 30 Marine Division (1990)

Duration Report for period 221800H to 231600H September 1965.

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*The 1980s: The New Deal*

Company D fired at one individual on the MLR. Company B had rocks and two grenades thrown at its position.

the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who are 65 years of age or older is projected to increase from 20 million to 35 million, and the number of people 75 years of age or older is projected to increase from 10 million to 15 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996). The number of people 85 years of age or older is projected to increase from 2 million to 4 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996). The number of people 90 years of age or older is projected to increase from 500,000 to 1 million (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996). The number of people 95 years of age or older is projected to increase from 100,000 to 200,000 (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996). The number of people 100 years of age or older is projected to increase from 10,000 to 20,000 (U.S. Census Bureau, 1996).

Company size combat patrol is being conducted.

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No significant events.

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CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. Conducted four squad night patrols. One squad remained at LST ramp (BT 521119), for security of that area. At 230900H a one hour class on on Mines and Booby Traps was conducted. At 231050H one squad departed for a daylight patrol on the peninsula.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted six squad night patrols. At 222005H a four man ambush was set at (BT 527086). Ambush was secured at 230200H. At 222100H vicinity (BT 525089) sentry heard noises and had rocks thrown at position. A man was seen and Marines fired two rounds with undetermined results. At 222105H Company B had two grenades thrown at their position (BT 527085). Area was illuminated but nothing was observed. At 230830H one squad patrol departed on a daylight patrol on the peninsula.
- (3) Company C at 221341H second platoon relieved first platoon on Ky Hoa Island. Continuous patrolling was conducted throughout the night to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (4) Company D, first platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island throughout the night conducting saturation patrolling on the island. At 230934H second platoon relieved the first platoon. At 221938H a man was seen at (BT 528078). Four M-79 rounds were fired, the area was checked with negative

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results. Conducted two squad night patrols. At 231040H Battalion Commander and Company Commander made reconnaissance Ky Xuan Island to determine positions of company (-) patrol base.

5. H&S Company maintained a constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sietra (BT 523091).
6. 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVT's for relief and resupply of platoons on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Conducted night waterborne patrol. LVT's were provided for logistic support of A Battery, 2d LA/M Bn.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

1. Company E is the Battalion reserve company.
2. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company F (-) conducting patrol. Patrol started three hours late due to nonavailability of Helicopters.
3. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
4. Company H at 222100H reported two men 500-600 meters away from Catfish II vicinity (BT 498042) during 81 Illumination. No action was taken. Company H conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.
5. At 222115H, Howters observed movement near Route #1 vicinity (BT 519044). Challenged, illuminated and fired on man. Results undetermined. Co C 3d Tk Bn fired 22 rounds of indirect (H&I) fire from 222200H to 230100H into GS (BT 3601)

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and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. Company I occupies a combat outpost (BT 468068) and maintains a bridge defense at (BT 498067). The remainder of the company is located vicinity (BT 510060).
2. Company K remains in airfield defense.
3. Company L remains in airfield defense. The company is also conducting one platoon sized patrol. The patrol has made contact with a PF platoon at (BT 453088) at 2310 OH. The PF reported 1 VC sqd in grid square (BT 4411) and 1 VC platoon at (BT 428093). Will attempt to make contact.
4. Company M. The company conducted three patrols during the night with negative contact.
5. Attachments. Presently, three gun tanks, and one blade tank are supporting the combat outpost in Hill 69 (BT 468068).

D. Co B. 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 7, Discharges 0, Evac 18, Remaining 16.

E. Co A. 1st AsTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Fifteen LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts. Two LVT's deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co C 3d Tank Bn.

1. Headquarters Platoon - A-42 with heavy section of 3d Platoon doing blade work preparing positions near Hill 69.
2. First Platoon - Heavy section had completed move to 3d Lt, Company D positions and is preparing firing positions.

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3. Second Platoon - Fired H&I fires from 2000 to 2300 at targets (BT 267007, 360018, 370011, 378015, 362017). Expended 12 HE rounds and 8 WP.
4. Third Platoon - Heavy section at Hill 69. Darkness forced 2 tanks to stay at An Tan Bridge before attempting the hill. One tank made it to the hill earlier last night, the remaining two made it this morning and are preparing positions.
- G. Co B, 3d AT Bn.  
Remains in General Support of the 5th Marines,
- H. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.  
Clearing Outpost (Catfish 2)-75%, Clearing Outpost (Catfish 3)-50%  
Clearing Minefield 2/4---, Building Mess Tables 3/3 50%. Strengthening Tents at 1/4 37%, Constructing Demo & Mine Warfare School 42%. Water Distribution Potable 27,140 Gallons, Raw 16,000 Gallons, Total 43,140 Gallons.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 23 September - Company A commences a three day combat patrol on island centered (BT 4315) at 231800H. Platoons on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands remain there and continue patrolling. Twelve squad night patrols to be conducted on the peninsula. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (2) 24 September - Company D continues preparing for establishment of company (-) (rein) patrol base on Ky Xuan Island. Company C continue preparing for establishment of company (rein) patrol base on Ky Hoa Island. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (3) 25 September - Company A continue combat patrol to (BT 437157) for helicopter pick-up at 251300H. Platoons on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands continue patrolling. Continue planning for establishment of company patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (4) 25 September patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR
A-1	Sqd	251930H	252230H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525114)
A-2	Sqd	252400H	260400H	(BT 523111)	(BT 521111)
B-2	Sqd	252200H	252400H	(BT 524090)	(BT 525092)
B-3	Sqd	252400H	260330H	(BT 530088)	(BT 527090)
D-2	Sqd	252300H	260200H	(BT 527080)	(BT 527076)

A-1, B-2, and D-2 send out second patrol to patrol the patrol route indicated 2 hours after the rerun of the first patrol.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company F is sending one platoon to occupy hill # 76 (BT 452038). Company G will conduct one squad sized night/ambush patrol. Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.



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(2) 24 September - Company G will conduct a night combat patrol.

Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

Company F will conduct a squad sized day combat patrol.

(3) 25 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co F	Co (-)	Night/Combat	252030H	260930H	(BT 489037)	(BT 389037)	-----
H&S Co	Plt	Ambush Day/Night	251300H	281300H	(BT 479999)	(BT 496995)	-----
Co G	Sqd	Combat Night /Combat	252100H	260630H	(BT 517039)	(BT 517039)	(BT 517027)
Co H	Sqd	Ambush Night/Combat	252100H	260700H	(BT 495037)	(BT 495037)	(BT 496043)
Co H	Sqd	Ambush Night/Combat	252115H	260700H	(BT 509025)	(BT 509025)	(BT 496025)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) 23 September - Company L is conducting a platoon day combat patrol.

(2) 24 September - Company I will conduct a platoon day combat patrol. Company N will conduct two squad night patrols.

(3) 25 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co L	Plat	250900H	251500H	(BT 465048)	(BT 465048)	-----
Co M	Sqd	250700H	251300H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	-----
Co N	Sqd	252100H	260300H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	-----
Co M	Sqd	252200H	260130H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	-----

4. Civil Affairs.

Engineers are attempting to alleviate the flooding of some homes and rice paddies of Long Phu (1) vicinity (BT 508042) caused by the road blocking off natural drainage. The engineers are cutting the road. Village Chief of Ky Lien furnished the Civil Affairs Officer with a list of qualified laborers, security cleared workers, needed

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From: CG, 4th Marines (L) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Observation Report for period 231800H to 241600H September 1965.

**1. General Summary of Significant Events**

A. 1st Platoon, 4th Marines

**Company D sighted one armed individual.**

**B. 2nd Platoon, 4th Marines**

**Started manning a new platoon sized combat outpost at (BT 451039) named Catfish IV. Relieved PF's in place, started clearing mines, and building landing zone suitable for two helicopters.**

**C. 3rd Platoon, 4th Marines**

**No significant events.**

CONFIDENTIAL2. Operations.

1. Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. One squad remained at LST ramp (BT 521119), for security of that area. Conducted two squad night patrols with no enemy contact. At 231815H first platoon debarked from LVT's on island centered (BT 4215) to conduct three day combat patrol. At 231938H the platoon was established at patrol base (BT 451150) and commenced squad night patrolling. At 240700H the combat patrol was continued along the patrol route. Daylight patrol on the Ky Ha peninsula departed at 241000H.
2. Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted five squad night patrols with one patrol setting in ambushes vicinity (BT 528088). Daylight patrol on Ky Ha peninsula departed at 240830H.
3. Company C, second platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island overnight and conducted continuous patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119). At 240853H third platoon relieved second platoon on the island. Conducted two squad night patrols on the peninsula with no enemy contact. At 241015H the Battalion Commander departed by LVT for Ky Hoa Island for inspection tour of patrol base on the island and to establish liaison with A Battery, 2d

LAAM Bn. Daylight patrol on Ky Ha peninsula returned 241150H.

4. Company D, second platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island and conducted saturation patrolling. At 240915H a man with a rifle was sighted at (BT 527079). A fire team investigated the area with negative results. An ambush was set at (BT 525074) from 232000H to 232358H with no enemy contact.
5. HQ Company maintained a constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
6. 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVT's for relief of platoon on Ky Hoa Island and landing of first platoon Co A.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

1. Company E is the Battalion reserve.
2. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F conducted a Company (-) sized patrol with no contact or sighting.
3. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Co G conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with no contact or sightings.
4. Company H reported at 232125H that the seismic intrusion device picked up movement vicinity (BT 492035). Fired illumination with negative results. At 230235H Company H reported rocks being thrown into positions (BT 492034). At 230340H Company H reported observing movement on road between outposts vicinity (BT 493035).

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Illuminated with negative results. Catfish II, (BT 495035) received 2 rounds incoming carbine fire from vicinity (BT 493035). Catfish III, (BT 487037), received 12 rounds incoming carbine fire from vicinity <sup>UNABLE TO DETERMINE V.C. LOCATION.</sup> (BT 493035). Company H conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols with no contact or sightings.

- (5) Howtars reported hearing movement vicinity (BT 518047). Illuminated with negative results. Co C 3rd TK Bn conducted indirect H&I fires from 232300H to 240200H, 20 rounds were fired into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one platoon-size night patrol with no contact or sightings.
- (2) Company K remains in airfield defense.
- (3) Company L remains in airfield defense.
- (4) Company M conducted five squad patrols during the reporting period with negative contact.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 5, Discharges 1, Evac 0, Remaining 23.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Eighteen LVTs deadlined for lack of spare parts. Three LVTs deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

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Clearing Outposts Catfish 2-75%	Extending Well Walls 3/3 100%
Clearing Outposts Catfish 3-50%	Strongback Tents at 1/4 40%
Clearing Minefield 2/4 33%	Demo & Mine Warfare School 59%
Building Mess Tables 3/3 100%	Culverts & Headwalls 2/4 Road -----

Water Distribution Potable 24,675 gal, Avg 16,000 gal, Total 40,675 gal.

H. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continues in direct support of 1/4.
- (2) Second Platoon - Fired H&I fires from 2300 - 0200 at targets (BT 37018, 372014, 374012, 378016). Expended 12 rounds HE and 8 rounds W.P.
- (3) Third Platoon - Heavy section on Hill 69 complex, light section at 3/3 CP. Heavy section preparing firing positions and continuing work on fire plan.

CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 24 September - Company D continue preparing for establishment of company (-) (rein) patrol base on Ky Xuan Island. Company C continue preparing for establishment of company (rein) patrol base on Ky Hoa Island. Company A, platoon (rein) continue combat patrol on island centered (BT 4215). Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (2) 25 September - Platoon (rein) continue combat patrol to (BT 437157) for helicopter pick-up at 251300H. Platoons on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands continue patrolling. Continue planning for establishment of company patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (3) 26 September - Platoon on Ky Hoa Island continue patrolling. Platoon on Ky Xuan Island to be relieved at 260800H. Companies C and D continue preparation for establishment of patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (4) 26 September patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>
A-1	Sqd	261900H	262300H	(BT 526112)	(BT 528111)
A-2	Sqd	262330H	270300H	(BT 526108)	(BT 525110)
B-1	Sqd	261930H	262230H	(BT 521088)	(BT 523092)
B-2	Sqd	262300H	270200H	(BT 525093)	(BT 521090)
B-3	Sqd	262400H	270230H	(BT 521087)	(BT 522087)
D-2	Sqd	262000H	262345H	(BT 526078)	(BT 525081)
D-2-A	Sqd	262400H	270400H	(BT 526078)	(BT 525081)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 24 September - Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambushes. Company F will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush. Company F is conducting a squad sized day combat patrol. Company G will conduct a Company (-) night combat patrol.

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(2) 25 September - Company E will conduct a Company (-) night combat patrol.

H&S Company Scouts will send a platoon to the western sector of the TACH to relieve the platoon from Company E. Company G will conduct one and Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

(3) 26 September patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co F	Co.	Day/Combat	260700H	261700H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	-----
Co G	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	262100H	270700H	(BT 503042)	(BT 514046)	(BT 513030)
Co H	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	262030H	270630H	(BT 510024)	(BT 510024)	(BT 502028)
Co H	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	262115H	270630H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	(BT 478031)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) 24 September - Company I conducted a platoon day combat patrol. Company M will conduct two squad night patrols.

(2) 25 September - Company L will conduct a platoon day combat patrol. Company M will conduct two squad night and one day patrol.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co I	Plat	252300H	260900H	(BT 512061)	(BT 472077)	-----

(3) 26 September -

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co M	Sqd	260830H	261300H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	-----
Co M	Sqd	261200H	261600H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	-----
Co M	Sqd	261900H	270200H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 518069)
Co M	Sqd	262100H	270030H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	-----
Co L	Sqd	260730H	261500H	(BT 440110)	(BT 470080)	-----
Co L	Sqd	262100H	270930H	(BT 510060)	(BT 470080)	-----

Civil Affairs.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.



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The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and The Battalion Psychological Warfare Officer attended a meeting with the people of Ky Ha Village and ~~545114~~ *HN 114 515114* representatives of the District and Province Governments at An Hai (BT 515114). The Assistant Chief and a civilian politician represented Quang Tin Province; the District Chief, Capt TICH, represented Ly Tin District. The meeting was held so the Assistant Province Chief could tell the people that the government was purchasing most of the land in Trung Toan Hamlet (BT 525122) and they will be required to move. The Assistant Province Chief held a two hour question and answer period with the villagers, during which answered their questions concerning the move. The Psychological Warfare Team from Provincoc Headquarters (composed of a band, singers, and entertainers) performed after the discussion, from 232000H to 232200H.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Engineers cut road at Long-Phu (1) (BT 508042) to release water flooding the area. MED OAF treated 75 people at Long-Phu (1) (BT 508042) and 90 people at Chu-Lai (BT 505058) Battalion Commander visited District Chief, Quan Tin, and discussed plans for training PFs to protect Chu-Lai Hamlet (BT 505058). Civil Affairs Officer requested more information from Ky Lien village chief about food and supplies needed for monsoon season.

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From: CG, 4th Marines (.) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **241000H to 251600H September 1965**

1. General Summary of Significant Events

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines

No VCS apprehended at (BT 523092). One VCS apprehended at (BT 426179).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines

No significant events.

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines

No significant events.

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- (1) Company A, first platoon, on island centered (BT 4215), conducted night patrols from patrol base (BT 438158). At 250830H one VCS was apprehended at (BT 426159). One squad remained at LST ramp (BT 521119) for security of that area. Four squad night patrols were conducted. At 251020H commenced daylight patrolling on KY HA Peninsula. First platoon was returned from combat patrol by helicopter at 251300H.
- (2) Company B manned SOC checkpoints at (BT 510097), (BT 520087) and during hours 0500-2000. Six squad night patrols were conducted. At 250830H commenced daylight patrolling on KY HA Peninsula.
- (3) Company C, third platoon remained on KY HOA Island overnight and conducted continuous patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (4) Company D, second platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island and conducted saturation patrolling. Third platoon relieved second platoon at 250905H. Two squad night patrols were conducted. An ambush was set at (BT 524077) from 241940H - 250130H.
- (5) HES Company maintained a constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091). HES Company picked up two VCS near Bn CP dump (BT 523098).
- (6) 1st Flat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn, provided LVTs for relief of platoon on Ky Xuan Island and for resupply of platoon on Ky Hoa Island. Provided logistic support of A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn. Conducted night waterborne patrol.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E is the Battalion reserve. A platoon is conducting both day and night combat patrolling in the western sector of the TACR.

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- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the H&R.  
Company F conducted one squad sized night ambush.
- (3) Company G reported hearing movement and defensive wire being cut at squad outpost (BT 906044). Illuminated with negative results, morning investigation found the wire intact. Company G conducted a Company (-) night combat patrol with no contact or sightings.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the OOTY.  
Company H conducted two squad sized night ambushes with no contact or sightings.
- (5) Co C 3d TB Bn fired 20 rounds indirect H&I fire from 242200H to 250100H into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701). H&S Company Scouts filled in Company G's defensive positions while Company G conducted a night patrol.

C. 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one night squad-size patrol with no contact.
- (2) Company K remains in airfield defense.
- (3) Company L remains in airfield defense.
- (4) Company M conducted five squad-size patrols with no contact.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 4, Discharges 1, Evac. 8, Remaining 21.

E. Co A, 1st AirTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Nineteen LVTs sidelined for lack of spare parts. Four LVTs sidelined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continues in direct support of 1/4.
- (2) Second Platoon - One tank illuminated with 18" searchlight at entrance to 2/4 CP. Fired H&I fires from 0200 to 0600 at targets (BT 363017, 370013,

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377011, 376015). Expended 12 HE and 8 WP.

- (3) Third Platoon - Heavy section at Hill 69. At 0200 some rocks were thrown at one of the tanks - area was illuminated, negative results. Continuing work on improving position. Light section at 3/3 CP.

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Clearing Outposts Catfish 2-75%	Demo & Mine Warfare School 80%
Clearing Outposts Catfish 3-50%	Road Maintenance ---
Clearing Minefields 2/4 33%	Strongback Tent G-3-12 100%
Culverts & Headwalls 2/4 road ---	Strongback Tents 1/4 60%
Strongback Galley K Co 3/3 99%	Strongback Tents 3/3 100%
Constructing Mail Room 3/3 331/3%	Constructing Water Point 3/3 100%

Water distribution Potable 31,086 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 47,086 gal.

3. Plans.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 25-27 September - Platoons on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands continue patrolling. Companies C and D continue preparation for establishment of company patrol bases on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119). On 25 September eight squad night patrols will be conducted on Ky Ha Peninsula.

- (2) 27 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>
A-1	Sqd	272030H	272300H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525110)
A-2	Sqd	272330H	280330H	(BT 526114)	(BT 522111)
B-1	Sqd	272400H	280200H	(BT 524089)	(BT 538088)
B-2	Sqd	272100H	272315H	(BT 525093)	(BT 524091)
B-3	Sqd	272400H	280215H	(BT 525087)	(BT 529087)
B-3-A	Sqd	280215H	280430H	(BT 525087)	(BT 529087)
D-2	Sqd	272000H	272400H	(BT 527078)	(BT 527076)
D-2-A	Sqd	280430H	280615H	(BT 527078)	(BT 527076)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 25 September - Company H will conduct two squad sized night ambushes at (BT 489039) & (BT 496037). Company E will conduct one squad sized night ambush at (BT 510025). Company E will relieve its platoon in the western sector of the TAOR with another platoon. Company F will send a platoon to

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Catfish IV (BT 455042) for 24 hours to conduct day/night combat patrolling in that vicinity.

- (2) On 26 September Company G will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol and Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

(3) 27 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co H (A)	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	272100H	270700H	(BT 488037)	(BT 494037)	(BT 478029)
Co H (b)	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	262030H	270630H	(BT 508025)	(BT 510023)	(BT 508009)
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	262100H	270600H	(BT 516039)	(BT 519042)	(BT 522038)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) 25 September - Company L will conduct a platoon day combat patrol, Company M will conduct two squad night and one day patrol, Co I will conduct one platoon size night patrol.

- (2) 26 September -, Company M will conduct two day and two night squad size patrols. Company L will conduct one day and one night squad size patrol.

(3) 27 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co I	Plat	272000H	280830H	(BT 510060)	(BT 470077)	=====
Co L	Sqd	270730H	271500H	(BT 450062)	(BT 470077)	=====
Co M	Sqd	271100H	271430H	(BT 513060)	(BT 513060)	=====
Co M	Sqd	272100H	280200H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 510065)
Co M	Sqd	272200H	280300H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 520060)

4. Civil Affairs.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

The Battalion Civic Action Out-Patient Clinic treated 161 people (26 men, 44 women, 91 children) at An Hai (BT 515114). The most common ailments were sores, worms, diarrhea, headaches, and stomach aches. The Province Survey Team

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returned to Ky Ha Village and is continuing its survey of land purchased by GVN.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

MED-CAP treated 54 persons at Long-Phu (2) (BT 510030). Joint USMC/FF roadblock established on Route #1 vicinity (BT 522043). Civil Affairs Officer conducted English classes in An-Tan (BT 499066). The Ky-Lien village chief Mr. CHAU, has been unavailable for two days due to a case of the Flu.

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From: CG, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division (MHC)

Situation Report for period 250000H to 261600H September 1965

**1. General Summary of Significant Events.****A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.**

4th Company fired on one armed individual. Company B had rocks thrown at their positions. FLSU and MAC-36 had enemy probes during the night.

**B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.**

Aggressive patrolling and ambushes were conducted with no contacts or sightings.

**C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.**

Aggressive patrolling was conducted to the limits of the TAOR with no contacts or sightings.

**D. 4th Marines.**

Planning continues on Operation Tanglewood.

**2. Operations.****A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.**

(1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. One squad remained at LST ramp (BT 521119), for security of that area. Conducted three squad night patrols. Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 260950H.

(2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525034) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 522083) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted three squad night patrols and set in five ambushes vicinity (BT 528000). Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 260830H. At 252345H rocks were thrown at position (BT 529089). One grenade

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was immediately thrown in return. The area was given a thorough search and nothing was found.

- (3) Company C, third platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island and conducted continuous patrolling to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119). At 260900H the first platoon relieved the third platoon on Ky Hoa Island and continued to conduct patrols. Final reconnaissance for position of company patrol base was made on 26 September.
- (4) Company D, third platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island and conducted saturation patrolling on the island. Conducted two squad night patrols on Ky Ha Peninsula. The company moved to Ky Xuan Island at 261300H to establish patrol base.
- (5) H&S Company, at 252345H sentries on post at (BT 525089) heard noises to the front of their position and illuminated with jeep lights. They saw a man, who appeared to be armed, dressed in black clothing running. The Marines fired small arms at the man <sup>as he</sup> and disappeared into the brush. As soon as the man disappeared, three rounds, which sounded like carbine shots, were heard in the same area but the exact position could not be determined. The area was thoroughly checked and nothing was found. A constabulary force was maintained in the Hamlets of An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amph Trac Bn. provided LVTs for relief of platoons on Ky Hoa Island. Conducted a night waterborne patrol.
- (7) FLEU sentries observed two individuals at (BT 537107) at 252220H. When challenged, the two individuals started to run and two rounds small arms were fired at them with negative results. At 252220H illumination was requested at (BT 537107) for observation of suspected movement. Illumination revealed nothing.

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- (8) MAN-36, at 252225H three individuals approached the line at (BT 528116). The sentries illuminated, after the approaching individuals did not halt when challenged, and the marines fired four shotgun rounds. The area was checked with negative results.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E is the Battalion reserve. Company E is maintaining a platoon in the western sector of the TAOR conducting day/night combat patrolling. Company E conducted a squad sized night ambush.
- (2) Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Company F operated a platoon around Catfish IV (BT 455042) conducting squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.
- (3) Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the OOPL. Company H conducted two squad sized night ambushes.
- (5) Company G 3d TB Bn fired 20 rounds indirect H&I fires from 252300H to 255800H and from 260200H to 260300H into GS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701). H&S Company Scouts reinforced Company F's positions on the MLR.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one night platoon-size patrol without contact. Maintained outpost on Hill 69 and An Tan Bridge.
- (2) Company K remained at airfield on 30 minute standby for deployment in conjunction with Co B, 3d Recon Bn operation in area of Hill 270.
- (3) Company J conducted one day platoon-size patrol without contact. Field fired 3.5, M-79, and S/A in vicinity of Hill 69.
- (4) Company M conducted three squad-size patrols without contact.
- (5) H&S Company - Twenty-four vendors were picked up along beach outside 1/3 Bn CP and were delivered to the Regimental Collection Point.

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Admissions 3, Discharges 2, Evac 0, Remaining 23.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Twenty LVs deadlined for lack of spare parts. Two LVs deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

(1) First Platoon - Continues in direct support of 1/4.

(2) Second Platoon - Fired M1 fires from 2300 - 2400 and 0900 - 0100 d (BT 368017, 370013, 372011, 376015), expended 6 HE and 4 WP. One flame tank fired at 261300H near 2/4 CP.

(3) Third Platoon - Heavy section is on Hill 69. Light section remains at 3/3 CP.

H. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Clearing Outposts Outfish 2	75%	Clearing Minefield 2/4	33%
Clearing Outposts Outfish 3	50%	Strongbacking Mess Tent	10%
Demo&Mine Warfare School	85%	Culverts & Headwalls 2/4 road	-----
Strongback tents G-2-4	100%	Constructing Mail "head 3/3	90%
Strongbacking tents 1/4	62%	Strongbacking Gallery K-3-3	100%
Strongbacking Gallery C Bury	30%		

Water distribution Potable 31,170 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 47,170 gal.

3. Plans.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) 26-28 September - Company C commences the movement of equipment and supplies to Ky Hoa Island for establishment of company (rein) patrol base. Company D commences the movement of equipment and troops to Ky Xuan Island for the establishment of company (-) (rein) patrol base on the island. Continuous patrolling will continue on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A provides one squad for security at LST ramp (BT 521119). On 26 September seven squad night patrols will be conducted on Ky Ho Peninsula.

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## (2) 28 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>
A-1	Sqd	282030H	282300H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525110)
A-2	Sqd	282330H	290330H	(BT 526111)	(BT 522111)
B-1	Sqd	282400H	290200H	(BT 524089)	(BT 523088)
B-2	Sqd	282100H	282315H	(BT 525093)	(BT 524098)
B-3	Sqd	282100H	290215H	(BT 525087)	(BT 529087)
D-2	Sqd	282600H	282100H	(BT 527078)	(BT 527076)

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) 26 September - Company F will send another platoon to Catfish IV (BT 451039)

to relieve the platoon patrolling from there. This platoon will conduct night combat/ambush patrols. Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company O will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrol.

(2) 27 September - Companies E, F, G, and H will switch positions within the TAOR. New CP location will be Company E (BT 496036), Company F (BT 517041), Company G (BT 510048), Company H (BT 517041). Company F will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company H will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

## (3) 28 September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co H	Plt	Day/Combat	281600H	281600H	(BT 455045)	(BT 455045)	-----
Co E	Sqd	Night/Combat Ambush	282100H	290700H	(BT 495036)	(BT 495036)	(BT 495037)
Co E	Sqd	Night/Combat Ambush	282100H	290700H	(BT 487037)	(BT 487037)	(BT 488039)
Co F	Sqd	Night/Combat	282130H	290700H	(BT 504030)	(BT 504030)	(BT 505030)

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) 26 September - Company K will conduct two day and two night squad size patrols. Company L will conduct one day and one night squad size patrol.

(2) 27 September - Company I will conduct one platoon night patrol. Company L

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will conduct one squad day patrol. Company M will conduct one day and two night squad size patrols.

## (3) 28 September Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOB	TOB	POB	POB	AMFUSH
Co I	Plat	282130H	290700H	(BT 513058)	(BT 498066)	-----
Co L	Plat	280700H	281500H	(BT 456085)	(BT 456085)	-----
Co M	Sqd	280000H	281330H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	-----
Co M	Sqd	281930H	290300H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	(BT 515068)
Co M	Sqd	282130H	290130H	(BT 513058)	(BT 513058)	(BT 520062)

4. Civil Affairs.A. 1st Bn 4th Marines.

The Province and District Survey Teams continued their survey of the land to be purchased by GVN in Ky Ha Village. On 25 September the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, company commanders, and platoon commanders of Company A and Company B met with the Ky Ha Village Chief and the chiefs of the five hamlets Trung Toan (BT 516102), An Hai (BT 515114), Xuan Trung (BT 519097), An Tay (BT 519089), Thanh Long (BT 525084). The meeting was held so the company commanders and platoon commanders could meet the hamlet chiefs and members of the village staff. Company A is responsible for Trung Toan and An Hai Hamlets, Company B for Xuan Trung, An Tay, and Thanh Long Hamlets. The company commanders will hold separate meetings with the hamlet chiefs on Monday, 27 September. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer met with Mr. Cam, Chief of Ky Ha Village, at 251500H to discuss employment of local civilians.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

MED-CAP treated 83 children and 18 adults at Tich-Tay (2) (BT 500050). Joint USMC/PF roadblock established on Route #1. Civil Affairs Officer delivered and put on loan to Long-Hu (1) a rice thresher with the understanding that if it was needed elsewhere or misused it will be retracted. Mr. So, the village chief complained that the Marines had destroyed with flamethrowers several

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acres of rice in his hamlet. He was told to get the names of the owners and he, (Civil Affairs Officer), would help them submit a claim against the government. Long-Vhu (1) will supply men and materials to help build 2/4 a church.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Sick call held during patrol of Company M by Senior companyman at Long Binh Village (BT 505071). Twenty-five locals were treated; the majority of which were children.

5. Disc.

A. Fourteen VC were seen at 261400H moving west from (RS 498983) by 2d Bn, 4th Marines. All of the VC were armed. Artillery fire was called in with good effect on target.

B. MajGen WALT visited 4th Marines CP at 261600H.

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4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF  
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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period **261000Z to 271000Z September 1965**

## 1. General Summary of Significant Events.

## A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

**Company F threw a grenade at one individual**

## B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Numerous contacts were made on the CPFL. Company F patrol made contact with and killed two VC. Started training of Popular Forces personnel to defend Chu Lai Base (BT 502056). Training program will last two weeks.

## C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

<sup>8</sup>  
Aggressive day and night combat patrols had no sightings or contact.

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1. Company A manned ~~800~~ checkpoints at (BT 510102) and (BT ~~510105~~) during hours of curfew. One squad remained at LAT ramp (BT 521119), for security of that area. Conducted two squad night patrols. Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 271006H.
2. Company B manned ~~800~~ checkpoints at (BT 519077), (BT 520087) and (BT 529084) during hours of curfew and beach soccer point (BT 532083) during hours 0900-2000. Conducted three squad size night patrols and set five ambushes in vicinity of (BT 520087). Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 270710H. At 270115H a man was observed in front of Company B's positions at (BT 529089). Man ran when he was challenged. One grenade was thrown and the man was observed to be knocked down. A search of the area, however, revealed nothing.
3. Company C, first platoon remained on Ky Ha Island. Continued patrolling was conducted to prevent hostile fire on LAT ramp (BT 521119).
4. Company D, third platoon remained on Ky <sup>Xuan</sup> Ha Island overnight and conducted saturation patrolling on the island. Two squad patrols were conducted on Ky Ha Peninsula without enemy contact. At 271006H elements of the first and second platoons of Company D commenced the move to Ky Xuan Island. The third platoon is to return to patrol base on Ky Ha Peninsula.
5. HQ Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519084). Battalion scouts maintained at Gioa (BT 523091).

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6. 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn, provided LVTS for relief of platoons on KI XIAM Island and resupply of the platoon on KI HOA Island. Provided LVTS for logistic support of A Battery, 2d LAM Bn. Night waterborne patrol had no enemy contact.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

1. Company B is the Battalion reserve company. Company E is moving to Company G's position.
2. Company F reported no night activity from their positions on the MLH. At 270645H Company F platoon sized patrol engaged VC at (BT 114045). Two VC were killed and their weapons and some documents were captured. One Marine was wounded in the leg by a small arms round. The VC appeared to be local guerrillas and one Marine reported seeing one of them in AN TAN (BT 199046) before. At 270745H Company F platoon patrol reported receiving small arms fire from KI 1030 (1) via (BT 137050). Artillery mission called, all rounds on target, 5 houses destroyed, and no bodies found. Company F is moving to Battalion reserve.
3. Company G reported no night activity from their positions on the MLH. Company G conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company G is moving to the 0021.
4. At 262155H Company H observed one man near Catfish II vicinity (BT 196038). Fired machine gun, results undetermined. At 262200H Company H received one incoming hand grenade vicinity (BT 196036). Results-one friendly KIA and one friendly WIA. Area illuminated with negative results. At 262240H Company H received 9 rounds of small arms fire on Catfish III from vicinity (BT 196037). At 270027H Company H reported seeing one man

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running with weapon vicinity (BT 488037). Fired 12 small arms rounds with undetermined results. At 270224H Company H fired small <sup>T</sup> <sub>A</sub> arms on 2 people at foot of Catfish II, vicinity (BT 477036) with undetermined results. One man was wearing a white band or carrying a white object. At 270243H Company H fired on one man SE of Catfish II vicinity (BT 498036). At 262220H Company H squad sized patrol opened fire on 1 VC vicinity (BT 503021). Area reached with undetermined results. Company H is moving to Company F's position.

5. Co G 3d Bn fired 20 rounds of indirect NAT fire from 262300H to 262400H and 270200H to 270300H into CS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701). WAS Company Scouts filled in Company F's lines.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one night platoon-size patrol with no contact. At approx <sup>262300H</sup> Co I platoon An Tan Bridge sighted a boat drifting down Song Trau River to the East. They challenged, threw illumination and fired on craft. No results were found the morning. This morning the, Liaison Officer at Ly Tin, indicated the VC made a Recon of An Tan Bridge during <sup>the</sup> night. The VC Recon was reported to have originated at (BT 440055) and proceeded to Southeast to Song Trau River. From there down the river to vic of the bridge. Liaison Officer gave no indication of VC casualties resulting from Marine fire.
- (2) Company X remains at the airfield on 30 minute alert for deployment in conjunction with Co H 3d Recon Bn operation in area of Hill 270. They ARE also preparing for possible mount out to Qui Nhon.
- (3) Company B is conducting one day platoon-size patrol. The Company is preparing for possible mount out to Qui Nhon.
- (4) Company H conducted two squad-size layout patrols without contact.
- (5) Co Btry fired mission at 26025H at (BT 420104). Target was <sup>A</sup> <sub>A</sub> VC Company.

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Islands. Company A will provide one squad for security of LST ramp (BT 521119). On 27 September eight squad night patrols will be conducted on Ky He Peninsula.

## (2) 28 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOB	TOH	POB	POR
A-1	Sqd	292100H	292230H	(BT 526112)	(BT 528109)
A-2	Sqd	292300H	200200H	(BT 526111)	(BT 523113)
A-2A	Sqd	292100H	300300H	(BT 526111)	(BT 523113)
B-1	Sqd	292200H	292315H	(BT 523088)	(BT 521089)
B-1A	Sqd	292100H	300100H	(BT 523088)	(BT 521089)
B-2	Sqd	292000H	292200H	(BT 521091)	(BT 521093)
B-3	Sqd	291930H	292300H	(BT 521089)	(BT 525090)
D-2	Sqd	292330H	300200H	(BT 527079)	(BT 526077)
D-2A	Sqd	292100H	300230H	(BT 527079)	(BT 526077)

## B. 2d Bn. 14th Marines.

(1) 27 September - Two squads from Company H will conduct night combat/ambush patrols. Company F will conduct a squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

(2) 28 September - Company E will relieve its platoon in the western sector of the MARI with another platoon. Company E will conduct a platoon sized day combat patrol. Company H will conduct two squad night ambushes. Company F will conduct one squad sized night ambush.

## (3) 29 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOB	TOH	POB	POR	AMBUSH
Co H	Plt	Day/Combat	290800H	291600H	(BT 195100H)	(BT 195100H)	
Co F	Sqd	Night/Ambush	292100H	300700H	(BT 196036)	(BT 196036)	(BT 197036)
Co F	Sqd	Night/Ambush	292100H	300700H	(BT 196036)	(BT 196036)	(BT 196036)
Co H	Sqd	Night/Ambush	292100H	300700H	(BT 506032)	(BT 506032)	(BT 508032)

## C. 3d Bn. 14th Marines.

(1) 27 September - Company I will conduct a platoon night combat patrol. Company L will conduct one day and two night squad size patrols.

(2) 28 September - Company I will conduct a platoon night combat patrol. Company H will conduct one day and two night combat patrols. Company D will run company L platoon patrol at 280700H.

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## (3) September Patrols.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT</u>
Co I	Plat(-)	292400H	300500H	(BT 468068)	(BT 470069)	
Co M	Plat	290900H	292130H	(BT 470077)	(BT 470077)	
Co M	Sqd	290730H	291200H	(BT 514060)	(BT 514060)	
Co M	Sqd	291100H	291600H	(BT 514060)	(BT 514060)	
Co M	Sqd	300200H	300400H	(BT 514060)	(BT 514060)	(BT 505070)

h. Civil Affairs.A. 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

The Province and District Survey Team continued the survey of the land in Ky Ha Village to be purchased by GVN for military use. An engineering officer from I Corps Headquarters, Lt VUU, joined the survey teams to supervise their activities.

B. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Sick call was held during a patrol of Company M by Senior Corporal at Long Binh Village (BT 505071). Forty-three (43) villagers were treated; the majority of which were children.

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	Patrols	Ambush	Contacts
(1) 1st Bn, 4th Marines	8	5	1
(2) 2d Bn, 4th Marines	5	3	8
(3) 3d Bn, 4th Marines	6	1	1
(4) Statistics			
One	USMC	KIA	
Two	USMC	WIA	
Two	VC	Killed	
Two	rifles captured		

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 271800H to 281600H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Five curfew violators were apprehended. Six ralliers were apprehended.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

An incoming grenade at (BT 496036) caused one USMC KIA and three USMC WIA's.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Aggressive day and night patrolling continues. Company M patrol received small arms fire.

D. 4th Marines.

Preparation continues for Operation TANGLEWOOD.

2. Operations.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. One squad remained at LST ramp (BT 521119), for security of that area. Conducted two squad size night patrols, one being joint USMC/SDC. Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 281100H.
- (2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532083) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted four squad size night patrols with negative results. Apprehended three curfew violators at 280415H near SDC post number three (BT 519097). Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 280900H.
- (3) Company C, first platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island. Continuous patrolling was conducted to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119).

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Thirty attended the Mine Warfare School presented by Company B, 3d Eng Bn. Second platoon relieved first platoon on Ky Hoa Island at 280005H. PG 3 SEC I

- (4) Company D, first platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island overnight and conducted saturation patrolling on the island. Two squad night patrols were conducted on Ky Ha Peninsula without enemy contact. A secondary mission of the company on Ky Xuan will be to defend the 2d LAAM Battalion.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained CP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. provided LVTs for relief of platoon on Ky Xuan Island. LVTs were also provided for movement of supplies and equipment for establishing of patrol bases on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands and for logistic support of A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn. Conducted night waterborne patrol. Five curfew violators were apprehended at 280118H at (BT 512118) and were turned in to the village security chief at An Hai Hamlet (BT 515114).
- (7) MAC-36 apprehended six civilian ralliers at 280725H in an unauthorized area vicinity (BT 528116). They were turned over to the village security chief at An Hai Hamlet (BT 515114).

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

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- (1) Company E reported at 272255H, rocks being thrown at bunker vic (BT 511047). Fired small arms and throw one hand grenade with undetermined results. Company E CP located at (BT 513047).
- (2) Company F is the Battalion reserve. Company F conducted one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol with no sightings or contact. Company F CP now located at (BT 519043).
- (3) Company G at 272137H, reported sighting one man to the rear of Catfish I, vic (BT 509032). Fired 3 or 4 bursts of automatic rifle fire with undetermined results. At 272235H Catfish II reported firing several small arms rounds at man spotted at base of hill, vic (BT 496037). At 280015H reported

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receiving incoming rocks via (BT 496037). At 280508H, Company G reported one incoming hand grenade at (BT 496036) resulting in one USMC KIA and three USMC WIAs. Company G's CP now located at (BT 496036).

- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MHL. Company H conducted two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols with no sightings or contact. Company H CP now located (BT 517041). Company H patrol received sporadic small arms fire from (BT 438045) at 281230H. The VC broke contact as Marines deployed on the VC.

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PEJ (5) At 271850H a Vietnamese man ran up to a 2/4 vehicle in An-Tan claiming two uniformed VN had stopped him for no reason at all. It appears that VN had dragged this man out of an RMK truck and clubbed him with a rifle butt. He escaped and approached 2/4 driver. 2/4 troops attempted to locate the two uniformed VN, but could not. Co C 3rd TK Bn fired 20 rounds of indirect H&I fire from 280200H to 280400 into OS (BT 3601) and (BT 3701).
- (6) Distributed VC safe conduct passes to patrols operating in TAOR. Also distributed several posters depicting success of operation Starlight and other small leaflets of pro-American propaganda. All printed in Vietnamese.

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C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one night layout patrol with no contact. At approximately 272207H OP #1 (BT 468068) reported a trip flare set off outside their lines. One hand grenade was expended. Three rds of 61mm Mortar illumination was fired with negative observation. At approximately 272230H Company I (BT 498067) roadblock at An Tan Bridge and Company H reported two bursts of automatic fire from area of Chu Lai Village (BT 508056). Unable to determine what was being fired off.

- (2) Company K remains on airfield and 30 minute alert for deployment in conjunction with Company B 3d Recon Bn Operation in area of Hill 270. Also preparing for possible mount out to Qui Nhon.

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- (3) Company L preparing for possible mount out to Qui Nhon. Remains in defense Chu Lai Airfield.
- (4) Company M conducted three squad-size patrols without contact. They conducted one platoon-size patrol which received six rounds small arms fire from (BT 423090) at 201138H. Pursued but lost contact.
- (5) Psychological Warfare Pamphlets were distributed to rifle companies with instructions to have patrols pass them out along patrol routes.

D. Co B, 3d Medical Bn.

Admissions 10, Discharges 3, Evac 10, Remaining 19.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Fifteen LVTs deadlined for lack of spare parts. Two LVTs deadlined CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Demo & Mine Warfare School Continues	Construction Movie Screen 3/3 100%
Strongbacking Pyramidal tent Regt 100%	Strongbacking Messhall 1/4 100%
Clearing Minefields 2/4 -----	Strongbacking BAS 3/3 90%
Clearing Minefields 1/4 100%	Culverts & Headwalls 2/4 Road 85%
Strongbacking Bailey C Btry 90%	Strongbacking Mess tent K Co 90%
Construction Mailroom 3/3 70%	
Water distribution Potable 26,460 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 42,460 gal.	

G. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

H. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) Headquarters Platoon - Headquarters sent C-41 and M51 Retriever to Song An Tan River at 20500H, accompanied by a platoon from India 3/3 and two AmTracs. Fording operations commenced at 0730 at (BT 491064) to the other side of the Song An Tan River at (BT 495063). The vehicles fording were C-42 and C-31 which had been at Hill 69. At approximately 0830 hrs the two fording tanks became stuck in the river. The M-51 broke a final drive and became inoperable. At approx 1000 hrs the two AmTracs became stuck. F-13 is at the CP augmenting the CP defense.

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✓ (2) First platoon - Heavy section at Company D position on the north end of the airstrip. Light section is at Company A position.

~~Company D~~ platoon - Heavy section at 2d Bn, 4th Marines CP. Light section at Catfish II. 18" searchlight was used for illumination on Catfish II.

(4) Third platoon - Light section remains on Hill 69. These tanks are being utilized to run over the lines on Hill 69 to detonate personnel mines. Light section at 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

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## 3. Plans.

## A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 28-30 September - Company C will continue to move troops and equipment for establishment of company (rein) patrol base vicinity (BT 52125) on KY HOA Island. Company D will continue to move equipment and troops to KY KHAN Island for establishment of company (-) (rein) patrol base vicinity (BT 487113). Continuous patrolling will continue on KY HOA and KY KHAN Islands. Company A will provide one squad for security at IST ramp (BT 521119). Twelve squad night patrols on KY HA Peninsula, and waterborne patrol will be conducted on 28 September.

## (2) 30 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	11 TOR	20 TOR	30 TOR	45 TOR
A-1	Sqd	301930H	302230H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525114)
A-1A	Sqd	302100H	010900H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525114)
A-2	Sqd	302300H	010900H	(BT 527111)	(BT 521111)
B-2	Sqd	302200H	302400H	(BT 524090)	(BT 525092)
B-2A	Sqd	302100H	010200H	(BT 524090)	(BT 525092)
B-3	Sqd	301930H	302200H	(BT 530088)	(BT 527090)
D-2	Sqd	302200H	302400H	(BT 527080)	(BT 527076)
D-2A	Sqd	302400H	010200H	(BT 527080)	(BT 527076)

## B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) 28 September - Company E will send a platoon to the western section of the TAOR to relieve its other platoon. Company H is conducting platoon sized day combat patrol. Company E will conduct one squad sized night combat/ambush patrol. Company F will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols.

- (2) 29 September - Company H will conduct a platoon sized day combat patrol. Company F will conduct two squad sized night combat/ambush patrols. Company H will conduct a night squad sized combat

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(3) 30 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOP	TGE	FOR	FOR	AMBUSH
Co F	Co	Day/Night Combat	302000H	041200H	(BT 496035)	(BT 461053)	_____
Co E	Sqd	Night/Ambush	302130H	010730H	(BT 511048)	(BT 511048)	(BT 496040)
Co H	Sqd	Night/Ambush	302100H	010700H	_____	_____	(BT 506032)
Co H	Sqd	Night/Ambush	302100H	010700H	_____	_____	(BT 510025)

9 C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) 28 September - Company I will conduct a platoon night combat patrol. Company <sup>M</sup> will conduct one day and two night combat patrols. Company M ran Company I platoon patrol at 280700H.
- (2) 29 September - Company I will conduct a platoon night patrol. Company M will conduct a platoon day patrol. Company M will conduct one sqd day and two sqd night patrols.

12 (3) 30 September Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOP	TGE	FOR	FOR	AMBUSH
Co I	Plat	300800H	301400H	(BT 463071)	(BT 468070)	
Co I	Sqd	300800H	010130H	(BT 468070)	(BT 463071)	(BT 463065)
Co M	Sqd	300800H	301800H	(BT 513057)	(BT 513057)	
Co M	Sqd	301900H	302730H	(BT 512058)	(BT 512058)	
Co M	Sqd	301930H	010200H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 500068)
Co M	Sqd	020045H	010700H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 506073)

11 4. Civil Affairs.

A. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

A joint USMC/PF roadblock was established on route #1 vicinity (BT 423041).

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Civil Affairs Officer delivered two VO bodies to District Chief for identification and burial. District Chief informed of MED-CAP schedule for the coming week and was invited to a banquet to be held for all the KY LIEN Village Officials and hamlet chiefs on 31 September. MED-CAP treated 63 children and 41 adults at AN TAN School, (BT 500064). Civil Affairs Officer taught English at AN TAN School (BT 500064). Civil Affairs Officer discussed plans for the building of 2/4's chapel with Mr. SO of LONG-THU (1). Mr. SO will have a material estimate by 31 September.

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Sick call held during a patrol of Co M by senior corpsman at LONG BINH Village (BT 505071). Forty-five villagers were treated; the majority of which were children.

5. Ming.A. 4th Marines

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Amphibies</u>
1st Bn, 4th Marines	6	0
2d Bn, 4th Marines	5	3
3d Bn, 3d Marines	5	2

Statistics

Two USMC KIA'S  
Five USMC MIA'S

B. Company H platoon patrol at 281405H received heavy small arms fire from (BT 438054) and (BT 438051). Fire was returned and arty was called in. The fire fight lasted until 281450H and resulted in one USMC KIA and two USMC MIA. No VO casualties were noted. Company F was committed to the area and will remain in the area until tomorrow. They will arty prep, KY LONG (1) (BT 436054) and then occupy it. Then they will move to KY LONG (2) (BT 440045) and occupy it tonight. On 29 September the company will move back and check ky Long (1) before returning to there positions.

C. A helicopter made an emergency landing near (BT 469058) at 281445H. The helicopter was within view of the outpost on hill 69 (BT 468069). The helicopter was able to fly out after minor repairs.

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A-1	Sgt	GS (BT 5211, 5111, 5010, 5110, 5210)
A-1-A	Sgt	<del>GS (BT 5211, 5111, 5010, 5110, 5210)</del> SAME
A-2	Sgt	GS (BT 5111, 5110, 5109, 5210)
B-2	Sgt	GS (BT 5209, 5109)
B-2-A	Sgt	<del>GS (BT 5209, 5109)</del> SAME
B-3	Sgt	GS (BT 5208, 5108)
D-2	Sgt	GS (BT 5207, 5107)
D-2-A	Sgt	<del>GS (BT 5207, 5107)</del> SAME
<del>RE-1 (BT 4504)</del>		
E	Sgt	GS (BT 5104, 5004, 4904, 4903)
H-1	Sgt	GS (BT 5003)
H-2	Sgt	GS (BT 5103)
I	Pvt	GS (BT 4607, 4507, 4407, 4406, 4506, 4606)
J	Sgt	GS (BT 4606)
M	Sgt	GS (BT 5106, 5007, 5006, 5105)
M-A	Sgt	GS (BT 5105, 5005, 5006, 4906)
M-B	Sgt	GS (BT 5106, 5006, 4906)
M-C	Sgt	GS (BT 5106, 5007, 5006)

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To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 281800H to 291600H September 1965

1. General Summary of Significant Events.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Aggressive patrolling continued during the reporting period; two VOS were picked up by the waterborne patrol.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

Battalion CP was visited by Gen. Van HYZEN, HQMC G-4. The General was briefed by the battalion staff.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Patrolling continued with no contacts or sightings.

D. 4th Marines.

Planning continues on Operation TANGLEWOOD.

2. Operations.

A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. One squad remained at the 1ST ramp (BT 521119) for security of that area. Conducted two squad size night patrols one being a joint USMC/SDC. Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 291005H.

(2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519077), (BT 520087) and (BT 520088) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 512083) 0500-2000. Conducted six squad size night patrols with negative results.

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At 281824H one shot was fired in vicinity of (BT 523083). It sounded as if it came from directly beneath a helicopter which was flying over at that time. Nothing was found on further investigation.

- (3) Company C, second platoon remained on Ky Hoa Island. Continuous patrolling was conducted to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119). One ambush was set at (BT 506128) with negative results. Continuing to move supplies and equipment for the establishment of a patrol base at (BT 512125).
- (4) Company D, first platoon remained on Ky Xuan Island overnight and conducted saturation patrolling on the island. Two squad size night patrols were conducted on Ky Ha Peninsula without enemy contact. Continuing to move supplies and equipment for the establishment of a patrol base at (BT 487113). First platoon, B Engrs departed at 290850H to aid in the construction of the patrol base.
- (5) H&S Company maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. provided LVTs for movement of supplies and equipment for establishment of patrol bases on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands, and for logistical support of A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn. Conducted night waterborne patrol and apprehended two VCS at (BT 504124) at approximately 282015H who were seen passing unknown items from one boat to another. Boat searched for items with negative results. VCS will be turned over to the Regimental Collection Point.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Platoon size patrol in western sector of the TAOR has had no contact or sightings.
- (2) Company F is the Battalion reserve. Company F, was committed at 281509H to aid patrol from Company H.

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The patrol received sniper fire at 281845 from (BT 444045) and small arms fire at 281945 from (BT 444048). In each case it was not possible to locate and attack the VC.

- (3) Company G reported an air burst between Perch III and Catfish I, (BT 505025) at 282355H. Later, at 290300H, 4th Marines reported that 3rd Bn 11 Marines was firing VT fuze at that time and ~~our~~<sup>the</sup> air burst was probably an erratic round.
- (4) Company H reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR. Patrol presently being conducted in the western sector of the TAOR.
- (5) The Psychological Warfare Officer had "safe conduct" passes, pro-American leaflets, and posters depicting the results of "Operation ~~Starlight~~<sup>STARLITE</sup>"; distributed in the pro VC villages on Ky-Long (1), (BT 436053) and Ky-Long (2). (BT 437046).
- (6) On 29 September a route recon was conducted between 2/4 GP and Catfish IV (BT 455042). The road would be acceptable for Ontos and 6X6 trucks if the bridges were repaired.

G. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I platoon lay-out patrol scheduled for 28 September was cancelled due to a large amount of PF activity on the patrol route.
- (2) Company K remains in defense of the airfield and Class V dump.
- (3) Company L continues to defend the airfield.
- (4) Company M is conducting one platoon size patrol. The patrol met a PF patrol who reported thirty VC in the vicinity of KHUONG THU village (BT 453075). The village was searched but no sign of the VC was found. Two squad patrols to be conducted tonight.
- (5) Psychological Warfare - Patrols from Company M are in the process of passing out pro-Vietnamese government pamphlets along the patrol route.

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Admissions <sup>4</sup>, Discharges <sup>3</sup>, Evac<sup>0</sup>, Remaining <sup>24</sup>.

E. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines. Nineteen LVTs deadlined for spare parts. Three LVTs deadlined for CO maintenance.

F. Co B, 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

Demo & Mines Warfare School - Continues	Culverts & Headwalls 2/4 Road 85%
Strongbacking Mess Tent K Co. 95%	Strongbacking Galley C Btry 90%
Constructing Mess tables 5%	Construction Mailroom 3/3 70%
Strongbacking GP TentD-1-4 100%	Strongbacking B&S 3/3 90%
Engr. Carpenter Shop Outting Lumber 100%	Demolition work 2/4 100%
Moving living quarters for AmTrac Cooks 100%	
Water Distribution Potable 25,420 gal, Raw 16,000 gal, Total 41,420 gal.	

H. Co C, 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) First Platoon - Continued direct support of 1st Bn, 4th Marines with heavy section at Company D position on north end of airstrip and light section at Company A position.
- (2) Second Platoon - Continues direct support of 2d Bn, 4th Marines. Heavy section in CP area one tank at Catfish 2 (C-24), one tank at Catfish 3 (C-21) during the hours of darkness.
- (3) Third Platoon - Continued direct support of 3/3 with light section at 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP and light section at Hill 69. Section at Hill 69 is being used to clear mines. Exploded one explosive charge estimated to have been 10 lbs TNT.

CONFIDENTIAL3. PLANS.A. 1st Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 29 September<sup>to</sup> 1 October. Company C will continue to move troops and equipment for establishment of company (rein) patrol base vicinity (BT 512125) on Ky Hoa Island. Company D continue to move equipment and troops to Ky Xuan Island for establishment of a company (-) (rein) patrol base vicinity (BT 487113). Continuous patrolling will continue on Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan Islands. Company A will provide one squad for security at 1ST ramp (BT 521119). Nine squad night patrols on Ky Ha Peninsula and waterborne patrols will be conducted on 29 September.

## 2. 1 October Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	LAYOVER
A-1	Sqd	012000H	012400H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525110)	
A-1A	Sqd	012400H	020400H	(BT 527111)	(BT 525110)	
B-1	Sqd	012300H	020030H	(BT 523089)	(BT 523082)	
B-2	Sqd	012000H	012200H	(BT 525093)	(BT 524091)	
B-2A	Sqd	012400H	020200H	(BT 525093)	(BT 524091)	
B-3	Sqd	012015H	012230H	(BT 525086)	(BT 526085)	
D-3	Sqd	011930H	012130H	(BT 525080)	(BT 526077)	
D-3A	Sqd	012230H	020030H	(BT 525080)	(BT 526077)	
D-3B	Sqd	012400H	020400H	(BT 525080)	(BT 526077)	2 Hrs.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

1. 29 September - Company E platoon continues patrolling in the western sector of the TAOR. Company F (-) (Rein) with two platoons Co H and one platoon PF's are clearing the villages of Ky-Long (1) and (2). There will be one night ambush in the vicinity of the COPL.
2. 30 September - Company F will start a four day search and clear operation in the western valley along Grid line (02). Company E will retract its platoon sized combat/ambush patrol. Company H will establish two night ambushes in the vicinity of the COPL.

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## 3. 10 October Patrols

UNIT	SIZE	TYPE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co E	Plt	Day/ Combat	010500H	011600H	(BT 451039)	(BT 451039)	
Co H	Sqd	Night/ Ambush	012100H	020700H			(BT 491036)
Co H	Sqd	Night/ Ambush	012100H	020700H			(BT 496039)
Co H	Sqd	Night/ Ambush	012100H	020700H			(BT 511025)

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

1. 29 September - Company M will conduct a platoon day patrol. Company M will conduct one squad day two squad night patrols.

2. 30 September - Company I will conduct one day platoon size and one night squad size patrol. Company M will conduct two day and two night squad size patrols.

## 3. 1 October Patrols.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co M	Sqd	010700H	011200H	(BT 515058)	(BT 515058)	
Co M	Plt	012000H	012400H	(BT 512060)	(BT 512060)	
Co M	Sqd	011200H	011700H	(BT 510060)	(BT 513058)	
Co M	Sqd	020100H	020530H	(BT 515058)	(BT 512059)	(BT 543069)
Co L	Plt	010600H	011500H	(BT 439109)	(BT 466073)	(BT 471069)
Co I	Sqd	012130H	020300H	(BT 466070)	(BT 466070)	

4. Civil Affairs.2d Bn. 4th Marines.

The joint USMC/PF roadblock of highway #1 was established at 290800H at (BT 522042). Training of PF's to defend Chu lai hamlet progressing well. MED-CAP treated 105 persons at Chu lai (BT 509054). The Civil Affairs Officer discussed future projects with both the Regimental and ADC Civil Affairs Officers.

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Fourty-four villagers in Long Binh Village (BT 505071) were treated by the senior corpsman on Company M's patrol.

1st Bn. 4th Marines.

(see Enclosure (1).)

5. Misc.1st Bn. 4th Marines.

Company D will defend Battery A, 2d LAAM Battalion on Ky Xuan Island and Company C will defend the IST ramp from Ky Hoa Island.

4th Marines.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>
1st Bn, 4th Marines	10	1
2d Bn, 4th Marines	2	3
3d Bn, 3d Marines	4	0

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1stBn, 4thMar(-)(Rein)  
Chu Lai, Vietnam  
290800H Sep65

Civil Affairs Report No. 31

Period Covered: 280800H Sep65 to 290800H Sep65

Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6757 III Series L701

## 1. Battalion Activities:

- a. The Province and District Survey Teams continued the survey of the land to be purchased in Ky Ha Village.
- b. Twenty-two civilians began work as laundry workers, barbers, and tailors for the Bn at 280800H. Two other men will be hired after their security check is completed. There were no incidents during the day, the men appear to be willing and steady workers.

## 2. Company "A"

- a. Marines of the Company played a volleyball game with the men of Sam Hai Hamlet at 281730H. About 100 villagers attended the game which was held at the Ky Ha Village Headquarters (BT 517112). Once again, the village chief expressed his hope that sports activities, with Marines and Vietnamese participating, would continue.
- b. A company corporalsman treated 25 children and one male adult for skin sores and infections while the game was in progress.

## 3. Company "B"

- a. Platoon Commander of Bravo-3 met with Mr. Ueo, chief of An Tay Hamlet (BT 518085), at 280800H. The Platoon Commander accompanied Mr. Ueo on a tour of the hamlet boundary, a three hour walk, so there would be no doubt of the hamlet limits. During the walk, Mr. Ueo suggested that Marines strengthen their positions because the present positions will probably be washed away during the rainy season.
- b. Bravo-1 accompanied the Bn Civic Action Out-Patient Clinic to Xuan Trung (BT 519091) at 280900H. The team treated seventy children for skin sores and infections, other ailments could not be treated because an interpreter was not available to assist the doctor.

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- c. Platoon Commander of Bravo-2 met with Mr. Tien, chief of Thanh Long Hamlet (BT 535066) at 281200H. Mr. Tien held a meeting of the people of the hamlet and explained that:
    - (1) The beach access point (BT 535063) is closed but would reopen at a later date.
    - (2) Anyone attempting to sell goods in Marine areas would be punished.
    - (3) Marines will work more closely with the people and hamlet leaders in the future; this was favorably received by the people.
  - d. Members of the SDC began accompanying the company's night patrols. The SDC will act as guides and enter private homes to inspect for violators of the curfew and for VC-connected strangers or visitors.
4. Company "C"
- a. Company Commander met with Mr. Cheung, Chief of Ky Hoa Village, at the company base camp (BT 511125). In regards to the base camp, the following was decided/accomplished:
    - (1) Boundary of camp marked with engineer tape so the people will not accidentally enter the camp. Also, five PFs will be assigned to the company to insure that villagers do not enter the camp.
    - (2) Trees cut in the camp will be returned to the villagers. Ten local men will cut the trees under supervision of Marines.
  - b. Company Commander met Tran Huy Nam, corpman of Bang Tuan Hamlet (BT 509121) at 281200H. Nam stated that he treated all illnesses in the hamlet.
  - c. The people of Ky Hoa have been friendly and cooperative at all times. There are no problems seen at this time regarding the pacification program.
5. Company "D"
- a. Company corpman held impromptu medical treatment at 281000H at the company base camp (BT 487109). The corpman treated 60 children, 10 male adult, and 23 female adults. The most common ailments were sores, infections, rashes, and worms.

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- b. The Company Commander met with Mr. Choung, chief of Ky Xuan Village, at 281500H at the base camp. Mr. Choung stated the following:
- (1) He will appoint hamlet chiefs on 29 September.
  - (2) The people need food. Although there appears to be an abundance of rice grown on the island, Mr. Choung says it is not enough to feed the entire population (about 5,000 people).
- c. The Company Commander agreed to assist Mr. Choung in reproducing psychological warfare leaflets for distribution to the people.

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From: CO, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)  
To: CO, 3d Marine Division (FWD)

Situation Report for period 291800H to 301600H September 1965.

1. General Summary of Significant Events.A. 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

No significant events took place.

B. 2d Bn, 4th Marines.

No significant events took place.

C. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

Making initial plans, based on receipt of Div OP Plan 337-65

2. Operations.A. 1st Bn 4th Marines.

(1) Company A manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 515102) and (BT 515115) during hours of curfew. One squad remained at the LST ramp (BT 521119) for security of that area. Conducted three squad size night patrols two being joint USMC/SDC. No enemy contact. Daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula commenced at 301105H.

(2) Company B manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525084) during hours of curfew and beach access point (BT 532063) during hours 0500-2000. Conducted four squad size night patrols with negative results. Commenced daylight patrolling on Ky Ha Peninsula at 300845H.

(3) Company C. The second platoon remained on Ky Ha Island until relieved by the third platoon at 301150H. Continuous patrolling was conducted to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119). There was no enemy contact. Continuing to move supplies and equipment for the establishment of a patrol base at (BT 512125).

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- (5) H&S Company. Maintained constabulary force in An Hai (BT 515114) and Xuan Trung (BT 519094). Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVTs for movement of supplies and equipment for establishment of patrol bases on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands, and for logistical support of A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn. Conducted night waterborne patrols with negative results.

B. 2d Bn. 4th Marines.

- (1) Company E. No night activity reported from the Companies positions on the MLR.
- (2) Company F. Company F is starting a four day search and clear operation in the western valley. They will harbor by day and conduct vigorous and aggressive combat patrolling by night.
- (3) Company G. At 292235H Company G reported firing small arms at an alleged man throwing rocks at defensive positions (BT 494038). At 292325H Company G fired 2 rounds at a man running down the road at (BT 495038). At 300501H Company G threw a hand grenade and fired small arms at suspected noises in the vicinity of (BT 505031).
- (4) Company H. No night activity reported.
- (5) H&S Company continued training the PF platoon, Co C 3rd TK Bn provided tank illumination on Outfish II as needed during the hours of darkness.

C. 3d Bn. 3d Marines.

- (1) Company I conducted one (1) night plat-size patrol w/o contact.
- (2) Company K remains on 30 minute contingency alert in connection with Co B 3d Recon Bn operation in vicinity of Hill 270 (BT 421048). Continue as airfield defense company and Regt Reserve.
- (3) Company L continues as part of airfield defense.
- (4) Company M conducting one (1) plat-size patrol. No contact as of this report. Also conducting one (1) sqd-size patrol to Long Binh Village (BT 505071) with medical team. Conducted two (2) sqd-size layout patrols w/o contact.

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Admissions 6, Discharges 1, Evacuations 8, Remaining 22.

E. Co A. 1st AmTrac Bn.

Continues in General Support of the 4th Marines. Twenty LVT's deadlined due to lack of spare parts. Two LVT's deadlined for Company Maintenance.

F. Co B. 3d AT Bn.

Remains in General Support of the 4th Marines.

G. Co B. 3d Engineer Bn.

Demo & Mine Warfare school - Cont	Strongback Mess tent K Co 100%
Strongback 2 GP tents 1/4 CP 15%	Strongback Galley G Btry 100%
Construct mess tables 10%	Construct Mail room 3/3 100%
Screen AmTrac head 100%	Strongback BAS 3/3 100%
Mess tables for K Co 100%	Calvert & Headwalls 2/4 road 90%
Construct Dutch door for S/3 90%	
Water distribution, Potable 34,660, Raw 16,000, total 50,660 gal.	

H. Co G. 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) Headquarters Platoon. Fall at 1st Battalion's C.P. to supplement night security.
- (2) First Platoon. Continue direct support of 1st Battalion with heavy section at Delta positions on north end of airfield and light section at A Company position.
- (3) Second Platoon. Continue direct support of 2d Battalion with light section at C.P. area and one tank at Catfish 2 and one at Catfish 3.
- (4) Third Platoon. Continue direct support of 3d Battalion with one section at the C.P. and one section at HILL 69.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. Plans.A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) 1-3 October Intentions. Company G will continue to move troops and equipment for establishment of Company (rein) patrol base vicinity (BT 512125) on Ky Ha Island. Company G will conduct patrols to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp (BT 521119). Company D will conduct saturation patrols on Ky Ha Island to prevent the infiltration of hostile forces and for the pacification of the area. Eight nine and twelve squad size night patrols on Ky Ha Peninsula and waterborne patrols will be conducted on 1 October. Company A will provide one squad for security of the LST ramp (BT 521119).

## (2) 2 October Patrols

Unit	Size	TOR	TOR	POB	POB
A-1	Sqd	022200H	030030H	(BT 525115)	(BT 524113)
A-2	Sqd	021930H	022300H	(BT 526111)	(BT 527110)
B-1	Sqd	022300H	030100H	(BT 525101)	(BT 525099)
B-2	Sqd	022100H	022400H	(BT 526084)	(BT 526083)
B-3	Sqd	022000H	022400H	(BT 525093)	(BT 525090)
D-3	Sqd	022400H	030330H	(BT 527080)	(BT 528078)

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) On 1 October Company E will send a platoon to the western sector of the TACH on a day/ambush patrol. Company H will provide 3 squad night ambushes.

## (2) 2 October Patrols.

Unit	Size	Type	TOR	TOR	POB	POB	AMBUSH
Co H	Plt	Night/ Day Combat Ambush	022100H	031100H	(BT 451015)	(BT 451013)	(BT 432039)
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	022130H	030700H	(BT 509025)	(BT 509025)	(BT 501017)
Co E	Sqd	Night Combat/Ambush	022200H	030700H	(BT 509025)	(BT 509025)	(BT 501017)

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1 October 1965 - Co I will conduct one sqd-size patrol .  
 Co M will conduct one plat-size patrol, three sqd-size  
 patrols one of which is a layout. Co L will conduct one  
 plat-size layout patrol.

2. October Patrols.

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POD	POB
Co I	Plt	022000H	030400H	(BT 465073)	(BT 468068)
Co L	Plt	020600H	021500H	(BT 446061)	(BT 466074)
Co M	Sqd	020530H	021030H	(BT 512058)	(BT 514058)
	<sup>m</sup> Sqd	021100H	021600H	(BT 516065)	(BT 514056)
	<sup>m</sup> Sqd	021930H	030200H	(BT 511058)	(BT 511058)
	<sup>m</sup> Sqd	030300H	030630H	(BT 514057)	(BT 512058)

4. Civil Affairs.A. 244<sup>th</sup> Bn, 4th Marines.

1. The daylight joint roadblock of highway one was established as usual at 0800. The Civil Affairs Officer continued his English instruction at An Tan School. Doctors GLYBURN and DAT met with the Civil Affairs Officer and laid more plans, for the Chu Lai pig farm. The following decisions were reached:
  1. Chu Lai Co-op will support the project.
  2. USOM will ship the necessary lime and cement.
  3. The Co-op will purchase the pigs and provide the bamboo;
  4. Marines of 2/4 will provide garbage to feed the pigs at 30VN pen 100 kilograms of garbage.

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(2) Company F on its four day patrol will distribute "safe conduct" passes and assorted pro-American leaflets along their patrol route.

(3) See attached Civil Affairs Report # 32.

B. 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) Treated 45 villagers in Long Binh Village (BT 505071) during patrol of Co M.

(2) Patrols of Co H and Co I in process of passing out pamphlets along patrol routes, pertaining to Psychological Warfare.

5. Miscellaneous.

A. 4th Marines received and initiated action on Division Operation Plan 337-65.

B. 1st platoon, Co B, 2d Recon Bn called in an airstrike at 301030H on VC located at (BT 415025) and (BT 415033). Thirty VC were flushed out as a result of the strike. Company F was committed to (BT 409030) as a strike force at 301135H.

At the end of this reporting period there has been no contact.

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Chu Lai, Vietnam  
300800H Sep65

Civil Affairs Report No. 32

Period Covered: 290800H Sep65 to 300800H Sep65

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## 1. Battalion Activities:

- a. The Province and District Survey teams continued the survey of the land to be purchased in Ky Ha Village.
- b. The USOM and Quang Tin Province agricultural teams returned to Ky Ha Village at 290800H. The teams met with about 100 farmers at the Ky Ha Village Headquarters (BT 517112) and explained the use of fertilizer. Some 25 of the farmers had used fertilizer before and they explained how fertilizer would increase the crop yield. After the meeting, 37 farmers ordered a total of 3,550 kilograms of fertilizer. When the fertilizer is delivered the farmers may either pay cash (at 425 piasters per 100 kilos), or pay within two months (at 475 piasters per 100 kilos). The Ky Ha Village Chief will continue to take orders for fertilizer and forward the orders to Province Headquarters at Tam Ky. The delivery date of the fertilizer is unknown at this time.
- c. An education team composed of one Marine officer and three Marine enlisted began teaching English at the Ky Ha Village School (BT 517112) at 291200H. Twenty-five adults, including five village schoolteachers, attended the first class. Future classes will be conducted by the team twice weekly, on Monday and Friday. The schoolteachers, using lesson plans prepared by the team, will conduct classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday of each week.

## 2. Company "A"

- a. Met with Mr. Think, Chief of Sam Hai Hamlet (BT 515114), at 291100H and coordinated the company's night patrols with those of the SDC (this will be daily coordination in the future). Also asked Mr. Think to have villagers return sandbags taken from company's positions (BT 517110) which he agreed to do.

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- b. Escorted Bn Medical Officer to home of village schoolmaster (BT 517110) at 291500H. The doctor treated the schoolmaster who has influenza.

3. Company "B"

- a. Made liaison with chiefs of Thanh Long Hamlet (BT 525086), An Tay Hamlet (BT 518085), and Xuan Trung Hamlet (BT 519091). Patrol bases, which will also serve as first-aid stations, were established in Thanh Long and Xuan Trung Hamlets.

4. Company "C"

- a. Made liaison with Mr. Mai, Chief of Thuan An (2) (BT 512154), and CO of "A" IAAM Battery at 290900H. Mr. Mai agreed to keep his people out of the battery's area.
- b. Talked with Mr. Thing, assistant commander of the 63 PFs on Ky Hoa. Mr. Thing agreed to notify the company of the locations of the PF ambushes set each night. Mr. Thing also stated that the villagers obey the curfew and should not cause problems at night.
- c. As previously agreed, five PFs reported to the company's base camp (BT 511125) at 0800 and kept the villagers out of the camp area throughout the day. Five PFs will report to the company each day to help control the local villagers.

5. Company "D"

- a. Company aid station began operation at the company base camp (BT 487103) at 290900H. Thirty people (3 females, 7 men, 23 children) were treated for skin sores and infections during the day.
- b. Met with Mr. Choung, chief of Ky Hoa Village, at the base camp at 291000H. Discussed appointment of seven hamlet chiefs but did not make a final decision.
- c. Attended meeting with Mr. Choung and about 250 villagers at (BT 491112) at 291200H. The discussion was general in nature; however, the people expressed their fear that Marines would not stay on Ky Xuan, then the V.C. will return and punish the people for having worked with Marines. Company Commander stated that he hoped the people would be able to defend themselves against the V.C. before he left the Island.

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- d. Mr. Cheung requested one typewriter and one AN/PRC 10 radio from Ly Tin District Headquarters for his use on Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa Islands.

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