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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 179 as of 021600H ^{November} October 1965

1. 4th MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	6		15
Squad		20	6	4		30
Platoon		1				1
Company						
Tot		21	15	10		46

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>OPN</u>	<u>Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
(BT 510105)	012230H	USMC/SDC	None	VCS - 3
(BT 515112)	012315H	Patrol	None	VCS - 1
(BT 487104)	020930H	USMC/SDC	None	VCS - 1
		Patrol		
		Patrol	None	VCS - 1

B. Company M (Rein), 3d Battalion, 3d Marines remains under operational control of the CG, 3d Marines Division.

OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The 1st Battalion continues to maintain MLR positions on KY HA Peninsula as well as patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands, centered (BT 505135) and (BT 490098) respectively. The SDC checkpoints/listening posts continue to be manned jointly during the hours of darkness.

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- (1) Company A continued to man defensive positions on the KY HA Peninsula and provide one reinforced rifle platoon for security of the LST ramp (BT 521119). Manned SDC checkpoints jointly at (BT 518102) and (BT 515-115) during the hours of curfew and conducted joint curfew enforcement patrols from these checkpoints. A daylight constabulary force was maintained in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). The Company apprehended four VCS and turned them over to the CHU LAI Collection Point.
- (2) Company B - Three joint SDC/USMC checkpoints were manned during the hours of curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525081) with patrols being conducted from these checkpoints to enforce curfew. A daylight constabulary force in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) and the beach access point (BT 532084) both continue to be manned.
- (3) Company C maintained a company patrol base on KY HOA Island at (BT 512125). The Third platoon manned MLR positions throughout the night physically tying in with 1st Platoon, Company K, 3/3 at (BT 516072).
- (4) Company D maintained and improved positions around the company patrol base on KY XUAN Island at (BT 487104) and continued aggressive day and night patrolling on the island. At 020930H a patrol from Company D apprehended one VCS at (BT 487104).
- (5) H&S Company - Battalion scouts maintained surveillance of seaward approaches with TPS-21 from Hill 44 (BT 511161) during hours of darkness and manned OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously. The 81mm mortar platoon provided four Marines as security for LVT waterborne patrol. One section of the 106mm recoilless rifle platoon continues in direct support of MAG-36 for employment as anti-bat weapons. The platoon also provided Marines to man defensive positions on the MLR. One 81mm mortar displaced

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to (BT 524091) at 012028H to provide two rounds per hour of illumination for left flank of MLR. Total of 22 rounds were expended.

- (6) 2d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn - LVT's were provided for resupply of company patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Island.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Four rounds of sniper fire were received in the 2d Battalion area. No casualties were sustained. One company continues to reinforce the COPL.

- (1) Company E remains as the Battalion Strike Force. One platoon was committed to reinforce the COPL in reaction to the intelligence reports of probable VC attacks. They were moved out to Catfish II, Catfish III, and Perch III at 311700H by LVTs.

- (2) Company F - No night activity was reported from their positions on the COPL.

- (3) Company G - Received three incoming small arms rounds at 011940H at (BT 505045). Illumination was fired, but nothing was seen.

- (4) Company H - Received one round of sniper fire on Catfish II (BT 496036) from the Northwest at 02025H.

- (5) H&S Company - The Battalion Scouts are reinforcing the CP defenses.

- (6) H&S Company 3d Tank Bn provided three tanks which were used to burn foliage in front of Company F's lines yesterday.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. A platoon from Company L was again alerted to act as a security force for downed helicopter (BT 1329). At 1414H the platoon departed. The rest of the company is standing by in the event they are needed.

- (1) Company I continued to man and improve positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and the MLR. During the reporting period one platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 69 and a squad size ambush patrol was conducted.

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- (2) Company K occupied positions on the MLR with two platoons and on the airfield perimeter with one platoon. Two squad size ambush patrols were conducted during the night along likely avenues of approach forward of the MLR to guard against VC infiltration.
- (3) Company L remains as the Regimental Reserve Company and manned defensive positions on the airfield perimeter. At 011855H the remaining elements of the company returned to the airfield after successfully providing area security for a disabled helicopter at (AT 914246), and area approximately 35 miles North West of CHULAI. The first and second platoons participated in this operation. Presently, another platoon is out assisting a downed helicopter Vicinity (BT 1329).
- (4) Company M. - Remains at DA NANG enclave under opcon of 3d Marines.
- (5) H&S Company - A provisional platoon continued to provide CP security, tying in with Company K along the Northern edge of the airfield perimeter. One section of 81mm Mortars and one section of 106 Recoilless Rifles are presently deployed at DA NANG with Company M. The Battalion Scouts manned a position on the airfield perimeter maintaining surveillance to the North along avenues of approach with TPS-21 during hours of darkness. The 81mm Mortar Platoon provided illumination on call to assist in the airfield defense.
- (6) 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion placed five Tanks at strategic positions around the airfield utilizing their searchlights to illuminate critical areas of possible VC infiltration.

D. Co C, 1st AmTrac Battalion

Company C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Sixteen LVTP5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines and two are in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVT (CMD) and two LVTP5's are in direct support of the 3d Bn,

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3d Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Nineteen LVTs are deadlined due to a lack of spare parts. Two LVTs are deadlined for company maintenance.

E. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion

- (1) Company Headquarters continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the Three Infantry Battalions. At 011300H, 1 C-41 was attached to the third platoon for use in the airfield perimeter.
- (2) First Platoon continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines with a light section at the Battalion CP and a light section at the Company A position.
- (3) Second Platoon continues in direct support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. A heavy section is located, during the hours of darkness, in the battalion CP. A light section remains in the sand flats at (BT 510047). During the daylight hours one tank goes to the flats so that a heavy section is located there. At approximately 011801H the tanks received one round incoming SA at (BT 510047). No fire was returned, the source of the firing was not determined. There were no casualties and no further enemy contact.
- (4) Third Platoon continues in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Four tanks reinforced by C-41 deployed around the airfield. At 020130H the TP3-21 picked up two rapidly moving figures going northeast from the Battery C area. Tanks pursued using the 18" searchlight but did not make contact.
- (5) Deadlined - C-21, C-34, C-13, C-32, 3 M54 trucks, 1 M38A1 truck, M3 Compressor.

F. Co B, 3d AT Battalion

Remains attached to the 4th Marines. The 1st Platoon is in direct support

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of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines; the 2d Platoon is in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines; the 3d Platoon remains in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

G. Co B, 3d Engr Battalion

The following strongbacking has been accomplished by Company B:

- (1) Seven tents for H&S Company, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines .
- (2) One tent for ADC

Work has also been completed on the tunnel at the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	34,865 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	52,865 Gallons

H. Command Post Locations

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT 533089)
- (2) Co B, 3d AT Bn (BT 533089)
- (3) Co C, 3d Tank Bn (BT 533089)
- (4) Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn(BT 559050)
- (5) Co B, 3d Engr Bn (BT 566052)
- (6) 3d Bn, 12th Marines(BT 551048)

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The LST ramp security will again be provided by one platoon. Constabulary forces and SDC checkpoints continue to be manned. The nightly LVT waterborne patrol will be conducted as well as continuous patrolling on KY HO and KY XUAN Islands.
- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Tomorrow Company E will move to Company G's position. Company F will become the Battalion Strike Force, and reinforce the COPL. In addition, Company H will move to Company F's position and Company G will assume the COPL positions.
- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Aggressive patrolling will be conducted throughout the area. The outposts on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge will continue to be manned. Defense of the airfield is continually being improved. Fields of fire, positions and illumination are the main considerations.
- D. ATTACHED UNITS. All task organized units will continue to remain in direct support of the battalions.
- E. PLANS BOXSCORE:

	<u>S&C Orgs</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sinner</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	6		15
Squad		22	8	3		33
Platoon		1				1
Company						
Total		23	17	9		49

SECRET4. CIVIL AFFAIRS A PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAREA. HEADQUARTERS, 4TH MARINES

- (1) An officer from each of the Staff sections attended the ceremony and celebration of the Vietnamese National Holiday at the "Junk Fleet Headquarters (BT 316116) on the morning of 1 November 1965. They also participated in presenting awards to the winners of the various contests which took place. The evening feast was attended by the Regimental S-1, S-3 and S-4.
- (2) The Regimental Executive Officer represented the command at a District dinner given in honor of the Vietnamese National Holiday at QUANG HAGO on the evening of 1 November 1965. The Executive Officer accompanied by the Regimental S-2 and the Artillery Liaison Officer also attended the following reception.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) The battalion participated in several events in conjunction with the Vietnamese National Holiday of 1 November. The day began with ceremonies at KY HA Village Headquarters in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). The ceremony was attended by all Hamlet Chiefs, the Battalion Commander, Company Commanders of Companies A and B and the Bn CAO. The Battalion Commander made a brief speech extending the good wishes of the Marines to the VN people on their holiday. Approximately 350 villagers attended.

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- (2) In the afternoon, the celebration continued, with Marines of Company A playing the villagers of KY HA in a volleyball game which the Marines won.
- (3) The Battalion Commander attended a celebration at 2d ARVN Division Headquarters at TAM KY which included a lunch.
- (4) The Battalion Executive Officer and the Battalion Operations Officer attended a feast at the Junk Fleet Headquarters (BT 516116).
- (5) In the evening films were shown for the villagers of KY HA by the battalion. Both Vietnamese (Huong Que short) and the American Film (The Greatest Show on Earth) were shown. Company A provided security for the showing and curfew was extended until 2300 in the village so the villagers could attend. MAG-36 and MAG-7 provided a generator and other equipment to aid in showing the films.
- (6) In the morning ceremonies were also held in the village of KY HOA at HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 509121). Company C representatives attended the ceremony and later in the day played volleyball and held a swimming meet with the villagers, taking second place in both.

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) The bulgar wheat (3000 lbs.) received from Regiment was delivered to the New CHU LAI Hamlet (BT 508055).
- (2) The Commanding Officer attended a dinner in QUANG NAGI the evening of 1 November 1965, in honor of the Vietnamese National Holiday.

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SECRETD. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

The Commanding Officer attended a dinner in QUANG NAGI the evening of 1 November 1965, in honor of the Vietnamese National Holiday.

E. Medical and Dental Treatment Recap

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	31 persons
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	Cancelled due to operational commitments
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	Cancelled due to operational commitments

5. At 1605H a platoon from Company C attempted to apprehend two VCS. The two men ran and were pursued by fire. Investigation of the area (BT 460144) resulted in one wounded VC, apparently by ^{the} earlier fire. (Note - this contact was not included in the boxscore).

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1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	9	6		15
Squad		19	5	3		27
Platoon		1				1
Company		21	11	2		34
Total		20	14	9		43

<u>Contacts</u> (BT 1329)	<u>DTG</u> 021630H	<u>OPN</u> Disabled Helo Security	<u>Friendly Losses</u> None	<u>Enemy Losses</u> VCS - 3
(BT 1329)	021730H	Disabled Helo Security	MIA-2	None

B. Company M (Rein), 3d Battalion, 3d Marines remains operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Company E and Company L are presently under operation control of the 7th Marines.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The 1st Battalion area was quiet during this period with no incidents or contacts reported. The normal constabulary forces, joint SDC/USMC checkpoints and patrols as well as aggressive patrolling continues.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	6	15
Squad	15			15
Total	15	9	6	30

- (1) Company A. Continues to man joint USMC/ SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. Joint patrols were conducted from these checkpoints to enforce curfew. The daylight constabulary force was maintained in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). Company A continued to provide security for the IST ramp (BT 521119) during the hours of darkness.
- (2) Company B. Joint USMC/SDC checkpoints continue to be manned at (BT 519097), (BT 520087) and (BT 525081) with curfew enforcement patrols being conducted from these checkpoints. The beach access point (BT 532084) was kept closed and the daylight constabulary force in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) continues.
- (3) Company C. Maintained and improved positions around the company patrol base on KY HOA Island (BT 512125). One fire team was provided for security as a wire laying team on 3 November while laying wire across the channel between KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands. The Third Platoon manned MTR positions throughout the night physically tying in with 1st Plat, Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines at (BT 516072). USMC/SDC checkpoint in HOA KY Hamlet (BT 478142) was manned throughout the night.
- (4) Company D. Maintained and improved positions around the patrol base at (BT 487104) on KY XUAN Island. Aggressive day and night patrolling was conducted from this patrol base. One fire team was

provided for HqCo wire team laying detail between KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands on 3 November.

- (5) H&S Company. Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously and maintained surveillance of seaward approaches with TFS-21 from Hill 44 (BT 511161) during the hours of darkness. The 81mm mortar platoon provided four Marines to accompany a PF platoon ambush on KY HA Peninsula. One 81mm mortar was displaced to (BT 524091) to provide illumination for the left flank of the MLR. A total of eighteen rounds of illumination were expended. One section of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon continued in direct support of MAG-36 for employment as anti-boat weapons. The platoon also provided four Marines for the waterborne patrol security. The Communications Platoon has one wire team laying wire across the channel between KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands.
- (6) 2d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac.Bn. Provided LWTs for night waterborne patrol and for resupply of patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands.

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E is under operational control of the 7th Marines. The MLR and COPL positions remained relatively quiet throughout the night.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	2	3	3	8

- (1) Company E. The company was dispatched yesterday afternoon to augment the 3d Bn, 7th Marines positions for about three days while the 7th Marines are engaged in offensive operations.

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- (2) Company F. At 021930H, five VN males constructed a fresh grave mound approximately twenty meters in front of the defensive wire at (BT 518039). Upon examination of the mound, two stakes were noted pointing at one of the defensive positions. The stakes were removed, trip flares were installed in the area and a claymore mine was set directly at the sight. Nothing unusual was observed for the remainder of the night. At 022010H, a squad was dispatched to investigate a report of twenty VN wearing black pajama located near (BT 528048), near the RMK fence. An interpreter, who was sent to question them, reported that the children said there were 23 more teenagers and children asleep in the brush southwest of the trash dump. Upon investigation an additional sixteen children, males and females, fifteen years of age or younger were found asleep approximately 300 - 500 meters southwest of the trash dump. All eighteen children were taken to the collection point by LWT.
- (3) Company G. No night activity was reported from their positions on the MLR?
- (4) Company H. Two rounds of 81mm HE and illumination were fired at a blinking penlight or match at (BT 495029) at 022035H. The rounds were on target.
- (5) K&S Company. The Scouts reinforced Company G's perimeter during the hours of darkness.
- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Company H remains under the operational control of the 3d Marines, Division. The Company is expected to return sometime today. A platoon from Company L returned from

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BT 1329).

They sustained two WIA's and apprehended three VCS.

- (1) Company I. Company I continued to man and improve positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and the MLR.
- (2) Company K. Two platoons of Company K occupied positions on the MLR while one platoon occupied positions on the airfield perimeter. Two squad size ambush patrols were conducted during the night along likely avenues of approach forward of the MLR to guard against VC infiltration. Two squad size ambush patrols scheduled for last night were cancelled due to PF ambushes in the same area.
- (3) Company L. Company L remained as the Regimental Reserve Company until 020600H. At that time the company took up positions on the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines MLR while the 7th Marines are conducting an operation. Yesterday, one platoon was sent to (BT 1329) to provide security for a downed helicopter. Upon landing, the platoon set up a perimeter around the helicopter and began receiving small arms fire. No casualties were sustained. Three VCS were apprehended when they were observed "watching" the platoon. They had no ID cards. At 022005H the platoon was returned to its position on the airfield. During lift off from the area of operation the helicopters were fired on by carbine and light automatic weapons resulting in two LARWIA's, while in the air. Upon landing, the VCS were sent to the Regimental Collection Point.
- (4) Company M. Remains at ^{the} NANG enclave.

- (5) H&S Company. A provisional platoon continued to provide Battalion CP security, tying in with Company K along the northern edge of the airfield perimeter. One section of 81mm Mortars and one section of 106mm Recoilless Rifles are presently deployed at DA NANG with Company M. Battalion Scouts manned a position on the airfield perimeter maintaining surveillance to the north along avenues of approach with a TFS-21 during hours of darkness. The 81mm Mortar Platoon provided illumination on call to assist in the airfield defense.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company C, 8d Tank Battalion placed five Tanks at strategic positions around the airfield to utilize their fire power, as well as employing their searchlights to illuminate likely areas of VC infiltration.
- D. Co A, 1st AMTRAC Bn. Company A remains attached to the 4th Marines. Twelve LVT5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Two LVT5's are in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVT (Comd) and five LVT5's are in direct support 3d Bn, 3d Marines. One LVT5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Nineteen LVTs deadlined for spare parts, and two for company maintenance.
- E. Co B, 3d AT Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines.
- (1) 1st Platoon. Remains in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
 - (2) 2d Platoon. Remains in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines.
 - (3) 3d Platoon. Remains in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines.
- (1) Company Headquarters. Continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the three

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Infantry Battalions. At 021800H, C-41 was attached to the third platoon for use in the airfield perimeter.

- (2) First Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines with a light section at the Battalion CP and a light section at Company A's position.
- (3) Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. A heavy section is located, during the hours of darkness, in the Battalion CP. A light section remains in the sand flats at (BT 510047). During the daylight hours one tank goes to the flats so that a heavy section is located there.
- (4) Third Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and were deployed around the airfield from 021800H to 030700H.
- (5) Deadlined. C-21, C-34, C-13, C-32, 3 M54 trucks, 1 M38A1, M3 Compressor.

G. Co B, 3d Engr Battalion. The following construction has been completed:

- (1) Strongbacking of eight tents for 3d Bn, 12th Marines.
- (2) Reinforced one messhall for H Battery, 3d Bn, 12th Marines.
- (3) One shower stand for 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	24,670 gallons
Raw	18,000 gallons
Total	42,670 gallons

H. Command Post Locations

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT 533089)
- (2) Co B, 3d AT Bn (BT 533089)

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- (3) Co C, 3d Tank Bn (BT 533089)
- (4) Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn (BT 559050)
- (5) Co B, 3d Engr Bn (BT 564058)
- (6) 3d Bn, 12th Marines (BT 551048)

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SECRET**3. PLANS SUMMARY**

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Constabulary forces, USMC/SDC checkpoints, IST ramp security and aggressive patrolling of KY HA Peninsula, KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands will continue.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	6	15
Squad	15			15
Total	15	9	6	30

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will remain under operational control of the 7th Marines for about ^athree day period. Company F will not move as scheduled (see Sit Rep # 179) but will remain on the left flank. Company H will move to the right flank instead of the left flank as scheduled. H&S Co will provide security for the civilians who will be removing graves in the area of RMK from 040800H to 041000H. Due to the absence of Company E no night patrols or ambushes will be conducted.

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Company I will remain under the operational control of the 7th Marines for about three days. The outposts at AN TAN Bridge, Hill 69 will continue to be manned.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	6	5	11
Platoon	1		1
Total	7	5	12

- D. ATTACHED UNITS. All task organized units will continue to remain in direct support of the infantry battalions.

E. PLANS BOXSCORE:

	<u>S&C Orgs</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	6		15

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	<u>S&C Guns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Amphibious</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad		23	5			28
Platoon		1				1
Company						
Total		24	14	6		44

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological WarfareA. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Marines are helping in plans for the defense of KY HOA Village Meeting house (BT 509123). Material for barbed wire obstacles has been ordered through LY TIN District Headquarters.
- (2) Contact Teams in KY XUAN Village, comprised of marines and villagers, contacted 103 families and took orders for fertilizer. During this activity they learned from the villagers that, TRAN KICH, a VC leader, was reported to be back on KY XUAN Island. Every effort will be made to locate and apprehend the individual.
- (3) The Battalion MEDCAP treated villagers in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091). Company corporation treated the villagers of KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).
- (4) DDT was sprayed in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) in order to prevent the spread of disease carrying insects.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

MEDCAP was conducted at the New CHU LAI Hamlet dispensary.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

A delegation from the Battalion will meet a delegation of the counter-part committee of LONG BIN Hamlet to arrange for an equitable distribution of the Civic Action supplies received from Regiment. The MEDCAP patrol treated villagers in LONG BIN (BT 506070) and AN TAN (BT 499066).

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SECRETD. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 180
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 80
- (3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines 84

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Due to Company E assisting the 7th Marines their patrol for 4 November will be assumed by Company H.
- B. Representative George W. GRIDER (D. Tenn) visited the 4th Marines CP today and was briefed on current operations.
- C. Company I found a partially decomposed body (BT 518062). The VC apparently died of wounds on the night of the airstrip attack.

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A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>SCC Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			19	6		15
Squad		28	4			22
Platoon		1				1
Company						
Total		29	13	6		48

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>OPN</u>	<u>Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
(BT 513105)	032133H	Ambush	None	VCS-1
(BT 508092)	030130H	Patrol	None	VCS-1

B. Company M (Rein), 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues to remain under the operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Company E and Company L remain under the operational control of the 7th Marines.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Two VCS were apprehended during this reporting period. The normal constabulary forces, joint USMC/SDC listening post/checkpoints and aggressive patrolling continue.

(1) Company A. Manned SDC checkpoints at (BT 513102) and (BT 515115) during the hours of curfew. Joint patrols were conducted from three checkpoints to enforce curfew. The daylight constabulary force was maintained in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). Company A continues to provide security

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for the 1st camp (BT 521119) during the hours of darkness. The First Platoon 1st Regimental Reserve and has been attached to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(2) Company B, Joint BSC/SOC checkpoints were manned at (BT 513097), (BT 520097) and (BT 525081) with curfew enforcement patrols being conducted from those checkpoints. The beach access point (BT 532084) was kept closed and the daylight constabulary force in KUAN TRUNG Marine (BT 520090) continues.

(3) Company C, maintained and improved positions around the company patrol base on KI HUA Island (BT 512125). The Third Platoon manned the MIA positions vicinity (BT 521094) and provided four Marines for security of the waterborne patrol. The Third Platoon also provided four Marines to accompany a PF platoon on embarks on KI HA Peninsula. At 1755H the PF platoon observed a boat vicinity (BT 513105) with three people in it. They broke ambush and ordered the boat to halt. The boat did not answer and continued on. A tracer round was fired over the boat as a warning with no results. At this time noises were heard in the bushes adjacent to them and the PF's opened fire. They also directed fire towards the boat. Approximately 100 rounds were expended. The boat was recovered but was found to be empty and covered with blood. A patrol from Company A joined 1st SOC and performed a house check to locate the wounded man. At 032133H the wounded man was found by the PF platoon in another boat directly outside of the village. The patrol from Company A joined and first aid was administered by a sergeant. It was found that the wounded individual was a boy of 14 years. He was taken to B Med

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for treatment. Investigation showed that the boy was the son of HUYNH ME, and that they were attempting to fish along the shore where the PF ambush was set. The third person was found to be HUYNH ME's daughter. The challenge went unanswered due to HUYNH ME being partially deaf.

- (4) Company D, Maintained and improved positions around their patrol base at (BT 437104) on KY XUAN Island. Aggressive day and night patrolling was conducted from this patrol base. One VCS was approached by a patrol vicinity (BT 508092). He was running from a boat. It is unknown whether the boat had just landed or not. He was turned over to the CHU LAI Collection Point.
- (5) IES Company. Battalion scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 529091) continuously and maintained surveillance of seaward approaches with TPL-21 from Hill 44 (BT 511161) during the hours of darkness. The 81mm mortar platoon displaced one mortar to (BT 524091) to provide illumination for the left flank of the HLR. A total of twenty-two rounds were expended. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon is no longer providing one section in direct support of HAT-36.
- (6) 3d Platoon, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVT's for the night inter-borne patrol and for resupply of patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands.

	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>ALPHA HIT</u>	<u>LIST POST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team		9	6	15
Squad	16			16
Total	16	9	6	31

<u>CONTACTS</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>OPN</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
(BT 513105) 032133H	Ambush		None	VCS-1
(BT 508092) 030130H	Patrol		None	VCS-1

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion area was very quiet last night with the exception of one incoming grenade in company F's position. No other incidents were reported for the remainder of the reporting period.

- (1) Company E. Continues to augment 3d Bn, 7th Marines positions while they are engaged in offensive operations.
- (2) Company F conducted three daylight squad size combat patrols with no contact or sightings. At 040700H Company F dispatched two squads to the HUK area to provide security for the civilians while they relocated graves from that area. At 040115H Company F received an incoming grenade which landed in the defensive wire vic (BT 522041). There were no casualties. Five grenades were thrown into the area from which the grenade was thrown, however when a search of the area was conducted there were no indications of any VC being hit.
- (3) Company G. Reported no night activity from their positions on the COPL.
- (4) Company H. Reported no night activity from their positions on the M.R.
- (5) HES Company. 7th Raiders were helilifted to Catfish IV at 041030H to conduct extensive night combat patrols for a period of three days.

	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Squad	7	7

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Companies M and L continue to remain under the operational control of the 3d Marine Division and the 7th Marine Regiment respectively.

- (1) Company I. Company I continued to man and improve positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and the M.R. During the reporting period one platoon size patrol to the North of Hill 69 and two squad size ambushes patrols to front of the M.R were conducted. A patrol from Company I discovered a

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dead Vietnamese male in the water of a rice paddy at (BT 518062). He was wearing black shorts and had a wound in his right leg which was bandaged. It was estimated that he had been dead approximately 5-6 days. It is surmised that this man was one of the VC who attacked the airfield 28 October 1965 and died of wounds trying to escape.

- (2) Company K. Two platoons of Company K occupied positions on the MLR while one platoon occupied positions on the airfield perimeter. Three squad size ambush patrols were conducted during the night along likely avenues of approach forward of the MLR to intercept possible attempts by the VC to infiltrate. One patrol was cancelled due to a PF ambush in the same area.
- (3) Company L. Company L continues to man positions on 1st Battalion, 7th Marines MLR during the 7th Marines operation BLACK FERRET.
- (4) Company M. Company M remains at the DA NANG enclave.
- (5) IES Company. A provisional platoon provided Battalion CP security, tying in with Company K along the northern edge of the airfield perimeter. A road-block along the MSR was established to check and control all traffic during the night. One section of 81mm Mortars and one section of 106mm Recoilless Rifles are presently deployed at DA NANG with Company M. Battalion Scouts manned a position on the airfield maintaining close and continuous surveillance to the north along avenues of approach with a TP8-21 during hours of darkness. The 81mm Mortar platoon provided illumination on call to assist in the airfield defense.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion deployed five Tanks at strategic positions around the airfield to utilize their fire power as well as employing their searchlights to illuminate likely areas of VC infiltration.

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	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>APPROPRIATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Squad	5	4	9
Platoon	1		1
Total	6	4	10

- D. Co A, 1st Amphib Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT (CMD) and ten LVTP5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Two LVTP5's are in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVT (CMD) and four LVTP5's are in indirect support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Nineteen LVTP's are deadlined for spare parts and four for Company maintenance.
- E. Co B, 3d AT Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines with the 1st Platoon in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines the 2d Platoon is direct support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines and the 3d Platoon in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Two Ontos are deadlined.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion. The Company Headquarters continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the three infantry Battalions. At 031800H, C-1 was attached to the 1st Platoon. This tank was used in the Company B, 1st Battalion area for illumination with the searchlight. C-2 was attached to the second platoon at 031800H. These vehicles are attached to replace those at Company Headquarters for maintenance services.
- (1) First Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines, with a light section at the Battalion CP and a light section at Company A's position.
 - (2) Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. A heavy section is located during the hours of darkness in the Battalion CP. A light section remains in the sand flats at (BT 510047). During the daylight hours one tank goes to the flats so that a heavy section is located there.

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(3) Third Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

They were deployed around the airfield from 031600H to 040700H.

(4) Recon. C-21, C-14, C-32, C-34, 3 M54 trucks, 1 M56A1 truck, M-3 Compressor.

G. Co B, 3d Engr. Battalion. The Company continues to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School. The following strongbacking has been completed:

- (1) Four tents for 155 Guns.
- (2) Three tents of the 3d Bn, 12th Marines.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	31,255 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	49,255 Gallons

H. Command Post Locations

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT 533089)
- (2) Co B, 3d AT Bn (BT 533089)
- (3) Co C, 3d Tank Bn (BT 533069)
- (4) Co A, 1st Amphib Bn (BT 559090)
- (5) Co B, 3d Engr Bn (BT 566092)
- (6) 3d Bn, 12th Marines (BT 551048)

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3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Continues to provide one platoon as Regimental reserve, attached to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. The Joint SDC/USMC posts and constabulary forces will also be continued. Patrols on KY HA Peninsula, KY HAG and KY XUAM Island will be conducted.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	6	15
Squad	16			16
Total	16	9	6	31

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will continue to augment the 3d Bn, 7th Marines. Squad sized day and night patrols will be conducted.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	6	3	3	12
Total	6	3	3	12

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Companies M and L remain under operational control of the 3d Marine Division and the 7th Marine Regiment respectively.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	6	5	11
Total	6	5	11

- D. ATTACHED UNITS. All task organized units will continue to remain in direct support of the infantry battalions.

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SECRETE. PLANS BOXSCORE:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Secret Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	6		15
Squad		28	8	3		39
Platoon						
Total		28	17	9		54

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological WarfareA. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) MEDCAP was held at the following locations: AN TAY Hamlet (BT 512085), THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086), XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091), and KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).
- (2) English language classes were held in AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 28 persons and in THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 528086) for 28 persons. Each of the five hamlet in KY HOA Village have made plans to hold English classes for 30 people. The contact team from Company D continued to take orders for fertilizer. 107 families were contacted and orders taken for 3670 kilograms for fertilizer. School supplies were distributed to 48 children of KY XUAN Village (BT 487103). The school supplies were provided by CARE.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Company F provided two rifle squads for security of a civilian grave relocation detail.
- (2) The MEDCAP team treated civilians in the New Chu Lai Dispensary.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (1) The MEDCAP patrol was cancelled due to ^{other} commitments.

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D. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	83
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	112
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	0

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) Company I sent a platoon size patrol to the area of Hill 100 (BT 4206) to investigate the existence of VC units in the area.
- (b) Three provisional platoons from MAC-36, FLSU and the LAAM Battalion as well as a platoon from 1st Battalion, 3d Marines were placed under opcon of the 3d Ba platoons are presently manning positions on the airfield perimeter until Company I returns.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 182 as of 051600H October 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&G</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout</u>	<u>Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				6	7			13
Squad			24	10	2			36
Platoon			1					1
Company	1							1
Total	1		25	16	9			51

CONTACTS DTG OPN FRIENDLY LOSSES ENEMY LOSSES - NONE

B. Company M (Rein) remains in DA NANG under the operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Company E and Company L are scheduled to return to operational control of the 4th Marines at 051400H and 051600H respectively.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. One platoon has been attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as a Regimental Reserve Unit. Security of the LST ramp, the constabulary force, Joint SMC/USMC patrols all continued without incident. In addition, aggressive day and night patrolling continues on KY HOA Island, KY XUAN Island and KY HA Peninsula.

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- (1) Company A. The daylight constabulary force in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned was were SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) jointly with the Self Defense Corps. Joint patrols were conducted from these checkpoints to enforce curfew. The First Platoon has been attached to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines as a Regimental Reserve. Security for the LST ramp (BT 521119) was provided by Company A throughout the night.
- (2) Company B. Joint USMC/SDC Listening Posts/Checkpoints were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 520097) and (BT 525081) with patrols to enforce the curfew conducted from these checkpoints. The daylight constabulary force in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned and the beach access point (BT 532084) was kept closed.
- (3) Company C. Positions around company patrol base on KY HOA Island at (BT 512125) were maintained and improved. Continuous patrolling was conducted from this patrol base to prevent hostile fire toward the LST ramp (BT 521119). The Third Platoon also manned MLR positions vicinity (BT 5209). The Third Platoon provided four Marines to accompany a PF ambush vicinity (BT 5109) during the night. On KY HOA Island, USMC/SDC Listening Post/Checkpoints were jointly manned at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140).
- (4) Company D. Maintained and improved positions around the company patrol base on KY XUAN Island at (BT 487104) from which aggressive day and night patrolling was conducted.

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- (5) H&S Company. The Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously. The 81mm Mortar Platoon displaced one mortar to (BT 524091) to provide illumination for the flank of the MTR. A total of six illumination rounds were expended during this period. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon and the Flame Section manned MTR positions on the left flank of the Battalion MTR during the hours of darkness.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphtrac Bn. Provided LNTs for the night waterborne patrol and for resupply of patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Listening Posts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Teams		6	7	13
Squad	15	5		20
Total	15	11	7	33

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. No contacts were made in the 2d Battalion area during this reporting period. Several possible light probes may have occurred in several areas. Marine fire foiled any attempts of a serious VC probe.

- (1) Company E remained attached to 7th Marines. The Company is scheduled to return at 051400H.
- (2) Company F reported at 050315H, hearing the noise makers on defensive wire rattling in the vicinity (BT 519039). Company F reacted swiftly by firing a burst of small arms fire and throwing one hand grenade. An immediate search of the area revealed no evidence of enemy activity.

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- (3) Company G. At 042315H reported seeing and hearing a man in vicinity of the defensive wire on Perch III at (BT 508022). The squad on Perch III threw a hand grenade and fired several rifle shots at the fleeing figure. A few minutes later, the sound of a man running down the hill toward Catfish I was heard. Once again he was taken under fire, but it was impossible to determine if a hit had been scored.
- (4) Company H. Reported no night activity from their positions on the MLR.
- (5) H&S Company. At approximately 042130H, Marines defending the perimeter at (BT 511042) reported one incoming carbine round. The area was illuminated but no movement was observed.

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Listening Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad		5	2	2	9
Platoon					
Company	1				1
Total	1	5	2	2	10

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. A reinforced platoon patrol was sent to the area west of Hill 100 (BT 4206) to investigate a reported VC unit in the area. The battalion continues to provide airfield security.

- (1) Company I. A reinforced platoon patrol was dispatched on short notice to the area West of Hill 100 (BT 4206), to investigate reports from LY TIN District Headquarters of a VC Company in that vicinity. A thorough search of the area revealed no sign of VC activity and the patrol returned just prior to dark. Company I remained at their assigned positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge and the combat outpost

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at Hill 69.

- (2) Company K. One platoon of Company K occupied a position on the northern portion of the airfield perimeter. The remainder of the company continued to be deployed along the MTR. Two squad sized ambush patrols were conducted in front of the MTR to intercept possible enemy infiltrators.
- (3) Company L. Company L continues to man positions on the 1st Bn, 7th Marines MTR during the 7th Marines operation BLACK FERRETT. The company is scheduled to return at 051600H.
- (4) Company M. Company M remained at the DA NANG Enclave.
- (5) H&S Company. A provisional platoon provided Battalion CP security. A road block was established to check and control all traffic on the MTR during the night. One section from both the 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon and the 81mm Mortar Platoon are presently attached to Company M at DA NANG. Battalion Scouts continued their nightly surveillance of the area to the west and north of the airfield with a TP3-21. The 81mm Mortar Platoon maintained a state of readiness to provide illumination for the airfield defense.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion deployed five tanks at critical approaches to the airfield to augment the perimeter defense.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	4	3	7
Platoon	1		1
Total	5	3	8

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- D. Co A, 1st AmTrac Battalion. Company A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT (CMD) and ten LVTP5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Two LVTP5's are in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVT (CMD) and four LVTP5's are in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Nineteen LVT's are deadlined for spare parts and four are deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Company B, 3d AT Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. The Platoons are in direct support of each infantry battalion. Two Ontos are deadlined.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. The Company Headquarters continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the three infantry battalions. Manned two defensive positions in the 4th Marines CP perimeter from 041830H to 050630H Nov 1965.
- (1) First Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, with a light section at the Battalion CP and a light section at Company A position.
 - (2) Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. A heavy section is located, during the hours of darkness, in the Battalion CP. A light section remains in the sand flats at (BT 510047). During the daylight hours one tank goes to the flats so that a heavy section is located there.
 - (3) Third Platoon. Continues in direct support of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Deployed on the airfield perimeter from 041845 to 050700H Nov. 18th search lights were used throughout the night.
 - (4) Deadlined: 0-41, 3 M-54 trucks, 1 M38A1 truck, M-3 Compressor.
- G. Co B, 3d Engr Battalion. The following construction was accomplished during this period:

- (1) Strongbacked two tents for 8" How.

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- (2) Strong backed one tent for the 4th Marines CP.
 (3) Strong backed two tents for 3d Bn, 12th Marines.

Water Distribution

Potable	24,640 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	42,640 Gallons

H. Command Post Locations

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| (1) 4th Marines CP | (BT 533089) |
| (2) Co B, 3d AT Bn | (BT 533089) |
| (3) Co C, 3d Tank Bn | (BT 533089) |
| (4) Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn | (BT 559050) |
| (5) Co B, 3d Engr Bn | (BT 566052) |
| (6) 3d Bn, 12th Marines | (BT 551048) |

3. PLANS SUMMARY

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary forces, USMC/SDC checkpoints/ listening post, and the beach access point will continue to be manned. In addition, continuous aggressive patrolling on the Islands of KY HOA and KY XUAN and the KY MA Peninsula will be conducted.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Listening Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	6	15
Squad	16			16
Total	16	9	6	31

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F is preparing for a company sized operation (see overlay). The Company will conduct a night march to the area in order to commence operations at 060630H. The other companies will continue to maintain positions on the MLR and COPL.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Listening Posts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	5	1	1	7

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The MLR, and airfield positions will continue to be manned. The outposts on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge will also be manned.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	3	3	6
Platoon	2		2
Total	5	3	8

- D. ATTACHED UNITS. All task organized units will continue to remain in direct support of the infantry battalions.

E. PLAN: BOXSCORE:

	<u>S&C Done</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	6	15
Squad		24	4	11	29
Platoon		2			2
Company					
Total		26	13	7	46

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare

A. Headquarters 4th Marines

- (1) The Regimental Civil Affairs/Psychological Warfare Officer made a liaison visit to District Headquarters at LY TIN (BT 4708). He met with the District National Police Chief and the ARVN advisor to the LY TIN Popular Forces and discussed transporting rice and the moving of graves.
- (2) A Civil Affairs/Psychological Warfare conference is scheduled for 1400 hours on 6 November 1965. Battalion Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare Officers will attend along with the USOM representative to the Marines, the Regimental S-4, and Surgeon.

SECRETB. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines(1) Civic Action

- (a) In conjunction with establishing the defenses for KY HOA Village Headquarters (BT 509121) an artillery concentration was registered and fields of fire are being cleared.
- (b) KY HOA Village has established five Self Defense Corps posts, one in each hamlet. A twenty-four hour "curfew" has been established for the villages west of grid line forty seven to include the following hamlets: BINH AN (1) and (2), DONG THANH (1) and (2), HOA XUAN (1) and (2), and PHU VNH; all contained B islands located around (BT 440150). Personnel from these hamlets are not allowed east of grid line forty seven without prior permission.
- (c) Assistance was provided in obtaining orders for 800 kilos of fertilizer from KY XUAN Village.
- (d) MEDCAP was held in the hamlets of TRUNG TOAN (BT 524125), XUAN TRUNG (BT 519091), AN TAY (BT 518085), and THANH LONG (BT 525086) and in the village of KY XUAN (BT 487103).

(2) Psychological Operations

- ~~(a) In conjunction with the planning of defenses for KY HOA Village Headquarters (BT 509121) and artillery concentration was registered and they have started clearing field of fire.~~
- ~~(b) KY HOA Village has established 5 SDC posts, one in each hamlet. A 24 hour curfew exists in the village west of grid line 47.~~
- ~~(c) Orders for 800 kilos of fertilizer was taken in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).~~
- ~~(d) Medical treatment was provided for 102 persons in the hamlets of TRUNG TOAN (BT 524125), XUAN TRUNG (BT 519091), AN TAY (BT 518085), and THANH LONG (BT 525086) by company corpemen.~~

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SECRETC. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines(1) Civic Action

- (a) MEDCAP program continues with 125 people being treated. On 4 Nov distributed clothes to KY LIEN Village. Visited Village Chief of KY LIEN and arranged to send 3 hair lip children and one cancerous eye case to Saigon for treatment. Parents will accompany children. MAG-12 will furnish aircraft.

(2) Psychological Operations

- (a) Leaflets directed at the civilian populace encouraging them to cooperate with the US Marines and ARVN troops were dropped from a Commanders Recon flight over the KY LONG Village area and by the helicopter flying the resupply mission to CFIV. Good coverage was afforded to the following villages: THANH MY TRUNG (2), KY PHU (1) and (2), KY SANH (1), KY LONG (1) and (2), and the unnamed village at (BT 445053). About 1500 leaflets were dropped in each village.

D. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines(1) Civic Action

- (a) The Battalion Chaplain in the capacity of the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, held a conference with the Hamlet Chief of LONG BINH (BT 507070) on food distribution. Seventy-two pounds of Salt to 200 people, 100 bars of soap to 100 people were distributed through the LONG BINH Counter-part Committee.
- (b) The MEDCAP patrol treated 80 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 507070).

(2) Psychological Operations

- (a) Plans are being formulated to distribute two posters in the TAOR. One deals with the advantages for the New Life Hamlet and the other deals with the

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interrelationship of the Viet Cong, North Vietnam and Red China.

E. MEUCAP Summary

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	189 persons
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	125 persons
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	80 persons

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 183 as of 061600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Owns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			7	8		15
Squad		20	10	1		31
Platoon		2				2
Company	1					1
Total	1	22	17	9		49

<u>CONTACTS</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>OPN</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
(BT 434054)	060829H	S&C	F 2/4 KIA - One (Slight)	Unknown KIA - 3 CHIGON Carbine - 1 Documents

B. Company M (Rein) remains under the operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Companies E and L returned to operational control of the 4th Marines from the 7th Marines at 051600H and 051700H respectively. Company F, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines is presently conducting a two day search and clear operation (FRAG ORDER 81-65) in KY LONG (1) vicinity (BT 436052).

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The battalion continues to conduct aggressive day and night patrols on the islands of KY HOA and

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KY XUAN as well as on KY HA Peninsula. In addition, continued occupancy of the USMC/SDC checkpoints/listening posts, constabulary forces and LST ramp security will be maintained.

- (1) Company A. Security for the LST ramp (BT 521119) was provided by Company A during the hours of darkness. The SDC checkpoints at (BT 518102) and (BT 515115) were manned jointly with Self Defense Corps personnel with curfew enforcement patrols, were conducted from these checkpoints. The daylight constabulary force in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. The First Platoon (rein) has been attached to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve.
- (2) Company B. The beach access point (BT 532084) was kept closed. Joint USMC/SDC checkpoints were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 520097) and (BT 525081). Joint patrols were conducted from these checkpoints to enforce curfew.
- (3) Company C. Positions were maintained and improved around the company patrol base on KY HOA Island (BT 512125) from which continuous patrolling was conducted to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp (BT 521119). The Third Platoon manned MLR positions vicinity (BT 5107). On KY HOA Island, USMC/SDC checkpoints were jointly manned at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) during the hours of darkness.
- (4) Company D. Conducted aggressive day and night patrolling on KY XUAN Island from patrol base at (BT 487104).

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- (5) H&S Company. The 81mm Mortar Platoon displaced one mortar to (BT 524091) to provide illumination for the left flank of the MLR. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon provided four Marines for the waterborne patrol and the Flame Section sent four Marines to accompany a PF ambush/patrol vicinity (BT 5110). The Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and for the waterborne patrol.
- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion area was quiet last night with no incidents reported. Company E is conducting a two day operation in the vicinity of KY LONG (1). Initial action was made this morning but none has been reported since.
- (1) Company E. After returning from operational control of the 7th Marines Company E assumed Company F's lines while Company F conducts a search and clear operation.
- (2) Company F. Commenced a search and clear operation at 060630H. Ten minutes later the company was receiving sniper fire (BT 439055). Ten rounds HE and four rounds WP (81mm) were fired as the company maneuvered. The snipers withdrew from contact. At 0700H the company located (BT 437048) again came under sniper fire from (BT 433043). Heavy automatic weapons fire was received (BT 434054) at 0829H. The company gained fire superiority and assaulted the enemy. Three VC were killed, one CHICOM carbine was captured along with many documents.

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Company F sustained one slight WIA.

- (3) Company G. No night activity was reported on the COPL.
- (4) Company H. Due to intelligence from LY TIN District Headquarters concerning possible VC infiltration to the airstrip an additional ambush was maintained at (BT 496056). No sightings were made.
- (5) H&S Company Scouts conducted day/light combat patrolling using Catfish #4 as a patrol base.

	<u>S&O Comp</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Lost Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad		4	1	1	6
Platoon					
Company	1				1
Total	1	4	1	1	7

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(BT 434054)

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OPN FRIENDLY LOSSES
S&C F 2/4 WIA - 1

ENEMY LOSSES
Unknown KIA - 3
CHICOM Carbine - 1
Documents

- C. 3d Battalion, 2nd Marine. As a result of intelligence from LY TIN District Headquarters of an attempt to infiltrate a six man demolition squad into the airfield additional ambushes were set up.

- (1) Company I. As a result of intelligence from LY TIN District Headquarters, Company I set up additional ambushes along the suspected routes of infiltrators. One ambush was set up at (BT 464063), another at (BT 495063). These ambushes were conducted between 052200H to 060600H at which time they returned and reported no indication of VC activity. Company

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I remained at their assigned positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge (BT 499068) and the combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068).

- (2) Company K. As a result of the intelligence before mentioned in section (1), Company K placed five squad size ~~members~~^{AMBUSHES} along two reported approach routes at (BT 514070), (BT 509062), (BT 509058), (BT 519065) and (BT 521060). The ambushes were in place by 052200H and returned at 060600H, reporting no indication of VC infiltration attempts. At the present time the company is deployed with one platoon on the airfield and two platoons on the MLR.
- (3) Company L. Company L returned from manning portions of 1st Bn, 7th Marines TACB during operation BLACK FERRET and occupied positions on the airfield perimeter.
- (4) Company M. Company M remained at the DA NANG Enclave.
- (5) H&S Company. H&S Company provided one provisional platoon for Bn CP security. A road block was manned to check and control all traffic on the MSR during the hours of darkness. One section of 81mm Mortars and one section of 106mm Recoilless Rifles are attached to Company M in DA NANG. The Battalion Scouts continued their nightly surveillance of the area to the west and north of the airfield with a TPS-21. The 81mm Mortar platoon fired illumination and H&I fires during the night to assist in the defense of the airfield.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company G, 1st Tank Battalion deployed five tanks at critical approaches to the airfield to augment the perimeter defense.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad		7		7
Platoon	2			2
Total	2	7	1	10

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- D. Co A, 1st Amphib Battalion. Company A remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. Presently, one LVT (CMD) and ten LVTP5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines; Two LVTP5's are in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines; One LVT (CMD) and four LVTP5's are in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. MAG-12 has one LVTP5 in direct support. The vehicle is utilized as a crash/rescue vehicle. Nineteen LVT's are deadlined for spare parts and five are deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Company B, 3d AT Battalion. Company B remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. Each infantry battalion has one platoon of Ontos in direct support. One Ontos is deadlined due to a faulty transmission.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion. Company C remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. The Company continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the three infantry battalions. Manned two positions in the perimeter of Headquarters 4th Marines from 051830H to 060130H Nov65.
- (1) First Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines, with a heavy section at the Battalion CP and a light section at Company A's position.
 - (2) Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines with a heavy section at (BT 510047) and a light section in the Battalion CP during the daylight hours. At night, a heavy section is located in the Battalion CP and a light section at (BT 510047). This platoon will fire observed direct fire into grid squares (BT 4721, 4801, 4800, 4700, 4800). Firing will commence at 061300H and continue until approximately 061500H. Firing is for crew training.
 - (3) Third Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. Deployed on the airfield perimeter from 051845H to 060700H Nov65. 19"

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searchlights were used throughout the night.

(4) De dined: C-41, 3 M54 trucks, 1 M33A1 truck, M-3 Compressor.

G. Company B, 3d Engr Battalion. The Engineers remain attached to the 4th Marine Regiment and continue to construct strongback tents for all units, operate the Mine Warfare School and distribute water. The following construction has been accomplished during this period:

- (1) Three tents strongbacked for 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (2) Two tents strongbacked for the Regimental Hq.
- (3) Rescreening two mesh lls for the 3d Bn, 24th Marines.
- (4) Briefing bleachers for 4th Marines COC.
- (5) Two tents for AmTracs at the splashpoint.
- (6) One head for AmTracs at the splashpoint.

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	26,240 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,240 Gallons

H. Command Post Locations

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT 533089)
 - (a) Co B, 3d AT Bn (BT 533089)
 - (b) Co C, 3d Tank Bn (BT 533089)
 - (c) Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn (BT 559050)
 - (d) Co B, 3d Engr Bn (BT 566052)
 - (e) 3d Bn, 12th Mar (BT 551048)
- (2) 1st Bn, 4th Marines (BT 524091)
 - (a) Company A CP (BT 527111)
 - (b) Company B CP (BT 524090)
 - (c) Company C CP (BT 512125)
 - (d) Company D CP (BT 487104)
- (3) 2d Bn, 4th Marines (BT 515042)
 - (a) Company E CP (BT 518042)
 - (b) Company F CP (BT 521041)
 - (c) Company G CP (BT 511049)
 - (d) Company H CP (BT 495034)

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SECRET4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare

A. Headquarters, 4th Marines. The Civil Affairs/Psychological Warfare Officer met with the battalion civil affairs/psychological warfare officers to discuss problems, procedures and plans.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) In KY HOA, a weekly meeting has been established for all Hamlet Chiefs, and Company Civil Affairs team each Saturday morning.
- (2) English class was held in AN TAY Hamlet (BT 513035) for twenty-five villagers. School supplies were handed out in the 2d Hamlet of KY HOA Village (BT 487103).
- (3) The BN MEDCAP team treated villagers in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). Company corpsmen treated villagers in the Hamlets of THANH LONG (BT 515036), AN TAY (BT 513035), QUAN TRUNG (BT 519091), and KY HOA Village (BT 487103).

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) MEDCAP program continues as planned.
- (2) The Buddha leader at CHU LAI was visited in order to make arrangements for transportation of a Buddha from DA NANG.

D. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (1) An attempt is being made to locate a Vietnamese child who is reported to have a harelip. When the child is located arrangements will be made to send the child to SAIGON for an operation.
- (2) A MEDCAP Patrol treated villagers in AN TAN Hamlet and LONG BINH Hamlet.

E. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 337 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 122 |
| (3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines | 76 |

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- (4) 3d Bn, 3d Marines (BT 535076)
 (a) Company I CP (BT 513058)
 (b) Company K CP (BT 514058)
 (c) Company L CP (BT 539059)
 (d) Company M CP (DA NANG)

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion continues to furnish one reinforced platoon to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve. LST ramp security, USMC/SOC listening posts/checkpoints and constabulary forces will be maintained. Continuous, aggressive patrolling will be conducted on KY HA Peninsula as well as KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	7	14
Squad	16			16
Total	16	7	7	30

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion will maintain their positions on the MDR and COPL. Company F will continue their search and clear operation in KY LANG (BT 436032) area.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad		4	1	1	7
Company	1				7

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The outposts at AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69 as well as the MDR and airfield positions will continue to be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	2	2	4

- D. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marine Regiment with the separate platoons in direct support of each infantry battalion.

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SECRET5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted an artillery procedure practice for Popular Forces platoon commanders was conducted from the hill mass to the West of Hill 69. The purpose of this exercise was to provide certain Popular Force platoon commanders, from LY TIN district, with an opportunity to become acquainted with the procedures and techniques involved in calling for and adjusting artillery fire. The exercise included a period of instructions, followed by a demonstration and concluding with a practical application period and a critique. Subsequent periods of this nature are being planned.
- B. Plans Summary Boxscore (deleted under plans summary, paragraph 3).

	<u>SGO Gns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			7	7	14
Squad		22	3	1	26
Platoon					
Company	1				1
Total	1	22	10	8	41

- C. At 1538H, received verbal orders from G-3 to send an additional company to DA NANG under the operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Company L will leave at 1630H.

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 186 as of 091600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		3	8	9		20
Squad		18	13			31
Platoon		1				1
Company		2	1	7		10
Total		22	21	9		52

B. Companies L and M remain under the operational control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. Company E search and clear operation was cancelled by the Regimental S-3 in compliance with verbal instructions received from Division that curtailed all movement more than 2000 meters forward of the MLR.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. One reinforced platoon is attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve. A squad accompanied the SDC on a house to house search of SAM LINH Hamlet (BT 512108) to apprehend twelve VC. They had negative results. The Battalion continues to maintain SDC/USMC listening posts/checkpoints, joint curfew patrols and constabulary forces.

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- (1) Company A. The First Platoon (Rein) which was attached to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve was relieved by the Second Platoon, Company B at 091100H. Security for the LST ramp (BT 521119) is continuous. During curfew, joint USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113). The constabulary force was maintained in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) during daylight hours. One squad accompanied the Self Defense Corps and the Village Chief in a house to house search in SAM LINH Hamlet (BT 512108) for VC as a result of a report that 12 VC had been through the hamlet on 8 November and gone to KY HOA Island (BT 5014) by boat.
- (2) Company B. The beach access point (BT 532084) is closed and is continuously manned to insure positive control. Joint USMC/SDC posts were manned during curfew at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084). Joint patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce the curfew. Six ambush sites were established and manned on the left flank of the MIN vicinity (BT 5107) during the night. Six stake outs were positioned at 090400H and remained until 090800H in AN TAY and THANH LONG to determine the source of A/W markings made of pine tree branches. The Second Platoon relieved the First Platoon, Company A as Regimental Reserve at 091100H.
- (3) Company C. Continuous patrolling was conducted from the patrol base located at (BT 512125) on KY HOA Island to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn.

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Joint COMC/SDC posts were manned during curfew at (BT 487142) and (BT 490140). The Third Platoon manned MIA positions vicinity (BT 522097), and two listening posts at (BT 514098) and (BT 512085) throughout the night. The Third Platoon was placed under operational control of Company B at 090000H to replace 2d Platoon, Company B attached to 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (4) Company D. Aggressive combat patrols of squad size were conducted continuously from patrol base on KY KUAN Island located at (BT 487104). At 091130H one male adult VCS was apprehended at (BT 483103). The VCS had no ID card and will be turned into the CHU LAI Collection Point.
- (5) H&S Company. The 81mm Mortar Platoon displaced one mortar to (BT 524091) to provide on call illumination for the left flank of the MIA. No 81mm mortar illumination was expended during this period. Four Marines were provided by the 81mm Mortar Platoon as security for the waterborne patrol. Battalion scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously and manned observation/stake out positions in the AN TAY Hamlet and THANH LONG Hamlet complex from 090400H to 090800H. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon provided one fire team to accompany the PF ambush (BT 5109).
- (6) 2d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Conducted a night waterborne patrol and resupplied patrol bases on KY HOA and KY KUAN Islands.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Post Posts</u>	<u>Uncheckposts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	2		9
FT/SBG/PF		1		7	8
Squad	13	2			15
Total	13	10	2	7	32

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F returned from a search and clear operation with no contact reported. The Battalion continues to man the COPL and MMR with patrols to the front and rear of their positions. The Scouts returned from a four day patrol in the vicinity of Catfish IV (BT 451039).

- (1) Company A. The company size operation cancelled by verbal instructions of Regimental S-3. They remain in the Battalion Strike Force position. Company E conducted six squad size night ambushes with no contact or sightings.
- (2) Company F. The company returned from their company size operation. They occupied their positions on the MMR with no night activity reported.
- (3) Company G. A daylight patrol forward of the COPL was cancelled by verbal instructions of the Regimental S-3. They reported no enemy activity in the reporting period.
- (4) Company H. Conducted one squad size ambush with no enemy contact or sightings. They reported no enemy activity during the reporting period.
- (5) H&B Company. The Scouts returned from their four days of operating in the vicinity of Catfish IV with no sightings or contacts.
- (6) The PF platoon has elements attached to and working with the Scouts.

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	<u>S&C</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		3		3
Squad		3	7	10
Platoon		1		1
Company				
Total		7	7	14

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Companies L and M remain in DA NANG for an unknown period of time under the operation control of the CG, 3d Marine Division. In reaction to intelligence reports of a VC attempt to infiltrate the airfield, ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach.

- (1) Company I. Company I continued to man and improve their positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge and the combat Outpost on Hill 69. Reacting to several reports of an impending attempt by VC demolition teams to infiltrate the airfield and to the bridge at AN TAN, ambushes were established along likely avenues of approach.
- (2) Company K. Two platoons of Company K occupied positions on the MLR while one platoon continued to man positions on the northern portion of the airfield perimeter defense. Aggressive patrolling action was conducted in their assigned area of responsibility.
- (3) Company L. Company L remains in the DA NANG area, duration of mission is still unknown.

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- (4) Company M. Company M remains in the DA NANG area, duration of the mission is still unknown.
- (5) Hqs Company. A provisional platoon provided Battalion C security, tying in with Company K along the northern edge of the airfield perimeter defense. A roadblock was manned to check and control all traffic on the MSR during hours of darkness. Battalion Scouts continued their surveillance of the area to the west and north of the airfield during hours of darkness with the TPS-21. The 81mm Mortar Platoon provided illumination on call to assist in the airfield defense.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion deployed five tanks at critical approaches to the airfield. to utilize their fire power and mobility as well as their searchlights to illuminate likely areas of VC infiltration.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	2	4	6
Total	2	4	6

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- D. Company A, 1st Airac Battalion. Company A remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. One LVT (QMB) and ten LVTP5's are in direct support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Two LVTP5's are in direct support of 2d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVT (QMB) and three LVTP5's are in direct support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Two LVTP5's are in direct support of the 7th Marines. Twenty-one LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of spare parts. Five LVTP5's deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Company B, 3d AT Battalion. Company B remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. Each infantry battalion has one platoon of Ontos in direct support. Two Ontos are deadlined due to a faulty transmission and a broken fuel pump.
- F. Company C, 3d Tank Battalion. Company C remains attached to the 4th Marine Regiment. The Company continues maintenance and logistical support of the tank platoons in direct support of the three infantry battalions. Marked two positions in the perimeter of Headquarters 4th Marines from 061030H to 090630H November 1965.
- (1) First Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines with a heavy section at the Battalion CP and a light section at Company A's position.
 - (2) Second Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, with a heavy section of tanks at (BT 510047) and a light section in the Battalion CP during the daylight hours. At night a heavy section is located in the Battalion CP and a light section at (BT 510047). 18" tank mounted searchlights were used extensively during the hours of darkness for illumination.
 - (3) Third Platoon. Continues in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 4th

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Sketches

Marines. Deployed on the airfield perimeter from 061500H to 090700H

Nov66. 18" searchlight were used through the night.

(4) Deadline: C-41, C-22, 3 M54 trucks, 1 M381 truck, 1 MP8 36 radio.

G. Company B, 3d Bn, 4th Battalion. The engineers remain attached to the 4th Marine Regiment and continue to construct strongback tents, for all units, operate the Mine Warfare School and distribute water. The following construction has been accomplished, during this period:

- (1) Continue to assist Seabees in laying 84th netting.
- (2) Construction of culverts in 2d Bn, 4th Marines road continues.
- (3) Completed strongbacking four tents for 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (4) Construction continues on mount-out houses for 3d Bn, 3d Marines.
- (5) Constructed signs for the MP platoon.

Water Distribution

Potable	25,165 Gallons
Raw	17,000 Gallons
Total	42,165 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The 1st Battalion will continue to man listening posts and checkpoints, LST ramp security and the constabulary forces. The 2d platoon Company B will remain attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as part of the Regimental Reserve. Aggressive patrolling will continue on KY IDA Island (BT 4013) and KY XUAN Island (BT 4810) as well as on KY ID Peninsula, (BT 4210).

	Patrols	Ambushes	Checkpoints	LP	Total
Fire Team		4		2	6
Platoon		1	7		8
Squad	16	3			19
Total	16	8	7	2	33

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- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will continue aggressive saturation patrolling and ambushes with the PT's. Company H will continue to ensure and improve the juncture between the 2d Battalion and the 3d Battalion positions. Companies F and G will continue to improve their defensive positions.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3		3
Squad	3	7	10
Total	6	7	13

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Companies L and M will remain in DA NANG for an undetermined period of time. The H&A and airfield positions will continue to be manned. Additional defenses against VC swimmer/dive teams are being installed at the AN TAN Bridge (BT 497067).

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	5	4	9
Total	5	4	9

- D. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines.

E. Patrol Resources

	<u>H&A</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		3	5	9	17
Squad		24	14		38
Platoon					
Company					
Total		27	19	9	55

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. Headquarters, 4th Marines.

- (1) The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer continues to work on aid for the families injured and homeless in the bombing accident at (BT 456075) on 7 November. Three cases of "C" Rations were given to the families yesterday. Clothing and blankets were distributed today.

SECRET**B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.**

- (1) The Battalion Commander met with the District Chief at LY TIN. Several items of interest to civil affairs were discussed. The District Chief announced that the refugee families in KY HOA Village (BT 509121) will be paid in November. He will investigate the absence of PF from KY XUAN Village (BT 487103) and the presence of civilian males of military age in KY HOA Village.
- (2) Initial arrangements were made to move graves from the new purchased area on the KY HA Peninsula. The first graves will be moved on the morning of 10 November from the vicinity of FLSU (BT 533098).
- (3) 194 people were treated with MEDCAP supplies in the Hamlets of SAM HAI (BT 515114), XUAN TRUNG (BT 519091), THANH LONG (BT 525086), HOA LONG (BT 503129) and in KY XUAN Village at the company CP (BT 487103) and Hamlet #3 (BT 481092). The Dr MEDCAP held treatment in SAM HAI HAMLET.
- (4) One hundred fifty leaflets obtained from LY TIN District Headquarters with the following translation are being distributed by Companies A and B in the KY HA Villages:

ATTENTION PEOPLE OF KY HA

Report strangers in your hamlet to local SDC or PF. The people of SAM HAI reported the presence of strangers in their hamlet to SDC on 1 November. The SDC apprehended the strangers and turned them over to the Marines. The people of SAM HAI have nothing to worry about from strangers or VC when they are reported to SDC or Marines. Congratulations to the people of SAM HAI and their strong SDC.

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) The Civil Affairs Officer visited the village chief of KY LIEN to insure that the four children are going to SAIGON tomorrow for treatment. Three hair lip and one cancerous eye case. Arrangements were also made to move

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graves in the RMK area. Date is to be set up this week since it is eager to begin work.

- (2) Medical attention continues on girl in AN TAN whose foot was caught in bike. She has a possible infection and is receiving shots twice daily. Doctor examines daily.

D. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) A patrol assisted the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer in obtaining statements from the villagers who were connected with the accidental bombing on 7 November 1966.
- (2) The MEDCAP patrol was cancelled due to operational commitments.

E. Record of MEDCAP and Dental Treatment

(1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines	194
(2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines	74
(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines	0

5. MISC

None.

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PATROL	UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR
MONK	A A	SQD	111800H	112100H
FLER	A	SQD	120130H	120430H
WASP	A	SQD	112100H	120100H
DEE	A	SQD	112200H	112400H
HORSE	B	SQD	111900H	112100H
COW	B	SQD	120230H	120400H
BUCK	B	SQD	120100H	120300H
	B	SQD	112100H	120930H
1A	C	SQD	111700H	120700H
1B	C	SQD	111800H	120600H
BANANA		SQD	111830H	112100H
LEMAN		SQD	112300H	120130H
ORANGE		SQD	112100H	112400H
LIME		SQD	120130H	120430H
AVOCADO		SQD	120130H	120430H
GRAPEFRUIT		SQD	120130H	120430H
LAVENDER	B	FT	111800H	120700H
AQUA	B	FT	111800H	120700H
W HITE	B	FT	111800H	120700H
SILVER	B	FT	111800H	120700H
3-CRISTAL	C	FT	111000H	120700H
3-ROBIN	C	FT	111800H	120700H

2D Bn, 4th Marines

H-B	H Co	Sqd	101930	110630
E-A	E Co	Sqd	101930	110630
E-B	E Co	Sqd	101930	110630
H-A	H Co	Sqd	110800	111300
F	F Co	Sqd	110800	111300
G	G Co	Sqd	110800	111300

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4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o Fpo San Francisco, 96601

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

4th Marines SitRep Number 187 as of 101600H November 1965

1. 4th Marines Highlights

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORE:

	<u>StC Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	5	10		20
Squad		19	11	4		34
Platoon		0	0	0	0	0
Company						
Total		24	16	14		54

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Opn</u>	<u>Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
(BT 519097)	091900	USMC/SDC Checkpoint	0	VOS - 1 (A PF deserter)

B. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues to operate with two rifle companies in DA NANG and two rifle companies manning the MLR and airstrip.

All three Battalions are preparing to execute Frag Order 17-65 on 11 November 1965.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. 1/4 continues to utilize coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts checkpoints. (The SDC is a local, unpaid, militia composed of civilians. They are not to be confused with PF's). LST ramp security continues as well as aggressive patrolling and ambushes.

(1) Company A. Continued security of LST ramp (BT 521119). Coordinated USMC/SDC post (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) were manned during curfew. The constabulary forces were manned during daylight hours in SAM HAI

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Hamlet (BT 515114).

- (2) Company B. Beach access point (BT 532084) is closed and was manned to insure positive control. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 519097), (BT 519089), and (BT 523084) were manned during curfew hours. SDC at the coordinated USMC/SDC post (BT 519097) apprehended a PF deserter at 091900H. He was sent to OHU LAI Collection Point. Coordinated patrols were run from these posts to enforce the curfew. Six ambush sites vicinity (BT 5107), left flank of MLR, were established and manned. Tied in physically with 3d Bn, 3d Marines (BT 516073). The 2d Platoon remained as Regimental Reserve.
- (3) Company C. Aggressive patrolling ~~from the patrolling~~ from the patrol base vicinity (BT 512125) on KY HOA Island was conducted to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAM Bn (BT 511158). Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned during curfew at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140). The Platoon remained under operational control of Company B.
- (4) Company D. Combat patrols of squad size were aggressively conducted from patrol base (BT 487104) on KY XUAN Island.
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for security of waterborne patrol. No 81mm rounds expended. Displaced one gun to vicinity (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination for the left flank. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon manned MLR positions vicinity (BT 522096). Battalion scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091), Flame Section provided four Marines for USMC/PF ambush vicinity (BT 515085).
- (6) 3d Flat, Co A, 1st AnTrac Bn. Provided logistical transportation in support of Company C and Company D. Conducted night waterborne patrol.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Checkpoints</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	5	5	7	17
Squad	12			12
Total	17	5	7	29

<u>Contact</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Opn</u>	<u>Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
(BT 519097) 091900H	USMC/SDC		0	VCS-1
	Checkpoint			

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The 2d Battalion continued aggressive patrolling and setting ambushes. No contacts or sightings were made. Almost all offensive activity is being conducted to defeat VC infiltration.

- (1) Company E. One of the six Company E squad ambushes placed in front of the MLR to intercept penetration attempts by the enemy reported that they, ^{while} ~~when~~ located at (BT 528040), fired six rounds at seven suspected VC at 100230H. The people ran and no further action was taken until 100630H when the squad moved forward to investigate the area. They then noted a group of 12 people moving toward AN TA N (BT 499066) in the vicinity of (BT 525040). In the midst of the group was a middle age woman with a superficial gunshot wound in the leg. She was taken immediately to BAS where she was diagnosed as "not serious" and sent to B-Med for some detailed examination. Company E manned the Battalion checkpoint/roadblock (BT 521043) with the local PF and National Police stopping all vehicles and pedestrian traffic in order to prevent the flow of contraband through the TAOR.
- (2) Company F. A report was received from Company F at (091950) saying that they had spotted two people at the base of the hill (BT 516038) and had fired 14 rounds of M-14 and thrown one hand grenade at them. Results were undetermined. Company F manned three squad stakeout positions between their positions and 3/7 in order to secure the open

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sandy area between the two units. They were located at (BT 523038), (BT 525037), & (BT 527033).

- (3) Company G. Three rounds of 81mm mortar illumination were fired at 091930H at (BT 503031) in support of Catfish I (BT 506032) since someone was throwing rocks into their positions. Nothing was spotted. Approximately five minutes later, when the rocks started coming in again, Company G threw three hand grenades at the same location. No results were noticed. At 100800H, Company G reported that their squad located on Catfish III (BT 487037) had apprehended three children who were attempting to trade assorted ammunition, 7.62, .45, and M-26 duds for G-rations. The children will be turned into the collection point as soon as transportation can be arranged. Company G patrolled the base of the outpost hills during daylight hours checking for new diggings, breaks in the wire, or any other indication of enemy activity designed to facilitate night penetrations.
- (4) Company H. Maintained three fire teams in grid squares (BT 5105) and (BT 5204) in order to restrict unauthorized traffic in the ROK dump area and provide security in the rear part of the TAOR. At night, a squad stakeout was maintained at (BT 512045), a possible avenue of approach, in order to prevent penetration attempts. In response to intelligence received concerning possible VC demolition teams infiltration routes, Company H located an ambush at (BT 494053) to intercept them. No contact was made during the night. At 101145H a patrol reported finding fresh blood on a trail (BT 500045). Following the trail to (BT 498048) and old booby trap (M-14⁴⁸ inside of bamboo) was found. The trap was returned to the 802.

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(5) H&S Company. The Raiders reinforced with one squad of LY TOI District PF's maintained perimeter positions to provide security for the Battalion OP area. The 81mm mortar platoon provided illumination during the hours of darkness at the request of the companies on the MLR and COPL to facilitate the locating of suspected enemy activity.

(4) One platoon of PF's are attached to 2/4 and are being used on combined patrols and the roadblock/checkpoint positions on highway one.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			3	3
Squad	2	7	4	13
Total	2	7	4	16

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The MLR, AN TAN Bridge (BT 497067), Hill 69 (BT 468068) and the airfield perimeter were manned as usual. In addition, squad size ambushes added additional security to the airfield perimeter.

(1) Company I. Continued to man their positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge (BT 497067) and the combat outpost on Hill 69 (BT 468068). Aggressive patrolling and ambush action was conducted in their assigned area of responsibility.

(2) Company K. Taking advantage of the cover of darkness, inclement weather and the terrain, a VC moved close to Company K's lines in the vicinity of (BT 515064) and threw one concussion type grenade which detonated harmlessly in a flooded rice paddy without injury to any Marine personnel. One round was fired which frightened the grenade thrower away. A fire team was quickly dispatched to search the area from which the grenade was thrown, but the individual had apparently hastily departed.

(3) Company L. Company L remains in the DA NANG area.

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- (4) Company H. Company H remains in DA NANG area.
- (5) H&S Company. A provisional platoon provided Battalion OP security, tying in with Company K along the Northern edge of the airfield perimeter. A roadblock was manned (BT 535075) to check and control all traffic on the MSR during hours of darkness. Battalion Scouts continued their nightly surveillance of the area west and north of the airfield during hours of darkness with a TP8-21. The 81mm Mortar platoon provided illumination on call to assist in the airfield defense.
- (6) Supporting Units. 3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion deployed five tanks at critical approaches to the airfield to utilize their fire power and mobility, as well as their searchlights to illuminate likely areas of VC infiltration.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	5	4	9

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- D. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 21 LVTs deadlined for lack of spare parts and five deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Remains attached to the 4th Marines with a platoon in direct support of each infantry battalion. The 18 inch searchlights were used extensively for illumination of the airfield. Two tanks are deadlined.
- F. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines with a platoon in direct support of each infantry battalion. Two ontos are deadlined.
- G. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.
- (1) Completed strongbacking three tents for 4th Marines CP
 - (2) Constructed garbage platforms for AmTrac.
 - (3) Constructed three sets of steps
 - (4) Completed construction of mount-out boxes for 3/3

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Potable	26,245 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,245 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY.

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion will continue to utilize coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints. Continuous patrolling will continue on KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. LST ramp security and the daylight constabulary forces will be maintained.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	7	12
Squad	17			17
Total	17	5	7	29

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Marines will set up a combined USMC/ PF roadblock on route #1 (BT 521043). Under cover of darkness five squad ambushes will be established forward of the MIR. Three squads will move out after dark to secure the open area between Company F and 3d Bn, 7th Marines.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3	5	4	12
Squad	2	5	4	11
Platoon		1		1
Total	5	6	4	15

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion is preparing for its move to DA NANG, Hill 69 (BT 468068) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497067) positions will be assumed by elements of 2/4. Airfield security will be assumed by the 7th Marines (See Regimental Frag Order 17-65).
- D. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines.

E. Patrol Boxscore:

	<u>S&C</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		3	15	11	29
Squad		19	5	4	28
Platoon			1		1
Company					
Total		22	11	11	44

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4. Civil Affairs and Psychological WarfareA. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Final schedules have been drawn up for two separate English language classes in KY HOA Village. The classes will meet in HOA TRUNG Hamlet (BT 490140) and HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 509121). About 40 villagers have signed up for classes.
- (2) Information was received from LY TIN District Headquarters that the refugees in KY HOA Village (BT 509121) will be paid relief money on 20 November 1965.
- (3) Company Corpomen treated villagers of KY XUAN Village at the Company D OP (BT 487104).

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) MEDCAP program continues treating people in the CHU LAI Dispensary. Evacuated one girl from CHU LAI dispensary to B-Med. Bn. Doctor examined and found the girl seriously ill. If the girl doesn't get to a hospital shortly she will die. Village chief of KY LIEN accompanied 3 hair lip children and one cancerous eye, ^{CASE} to Saigon. They will receive medical treatment paid for by 2/4 donations. Interpreter and medical Doctor accompanied.
- (2) The Battalion Psychological Warfare SOP is nearing completion and will be the basis for all future planning and activity.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (BT 499066)

- (1) The villagers of AN TAN (BT 499066) were treated by a MEDCAP patrol.
- (2) The villagers of ^{KHOUNG THO(U)} A (BT 455075) received food and clothing. Additional aid will be given to these people as it becomes available.

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D. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

- (1) 1/4 - 59
- (2) 2/4 - 30
- (3) 3/3 - 60

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) Received permission from G-3 to send patrols in excess of 2000 meters for targets of opportunity. Otherwise patrols will remain within 2000 meter limit.

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c/o FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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From: Commanding Officer

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 188 as of 111600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARY:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	0	8	15	7	0	19 20
Squad	0	16	7	4	0	27
Platoon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Company	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	24	12	11	0	45 47

B. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Companies L and M remain in DA NANG under the operational control of CG, 3d Marine Division. Preparations are still under way to execute Regimental Frag Order 17-65. Companies I and K will embark aboard ships on 12 November 1965.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion continues to maintain USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, joint curfew patrols and constabulary forces. One reinforced platoon is attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve.

(1) Company A. Continued security of LST ramp (BT 521119).

Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) were manned during curfew.

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- (2) Company B. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) were manned during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were run from these posts to enforce the curfew. Beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed and was manned to ensure positive control. Four ambush sites vicinity (BT 5107), left flank of MLR, were established and manned. Tied in physically with 3d Bn, 3d Marines vicinity (BT 516073). Second Platoon remained in Regimental Reserve.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 509121) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were run from these posts to enforce the curfew. Aggressive combat patrolling was conducted on KY HOA Island from a patrol base vicinity (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and provide tactical security for A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn (BT 514158). The 3d Platoon remained under operation control of Company B.
- (4) Company D. Aggressive combat patrols were conducted on KY XUAN Island from patrol base at (BT 487104).
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for coordinated USMC/PR ambushes (BT 513105) to (BT 514109). Displaced one gun to vicinity (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination for left flank. No 81mm rounds expended. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon provided four Marines for waterborne patrol. Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091).

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- (6) 3d Plnt, Co A, 1st Amph Bn. Conducted waterborne patrol to enforce curfew 2000H - 0600H. Provided logistical transportation in support of Company C and Company D.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Checkpoints</u>	<u>Total</u>
PT	1	4		5
PT/SDC/PP	4	1	7	12
S&D	11			11
S&D/SDC	2			2
Total	18	5	7	30

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion continues aggressive ambush activity to thwart all VC attempts to infiltrate the airfield. The Battalion is prepared to execute its portion of Frag Order 17-65. Company E is moving to the COML of the new TAOR. The new Company E CP is at (BT 468068).

- (1) Company E with attached PFs established the roadblock/checkpoint on Route #1 at (BT 521043) for the purpose of controlling vehicles and pedestrian traffic along Route #1. Special emphasis is placed on searching for contraband and VC attempting to move through the TAOR. In order to protect the units on the MLR against surprise attacks, Company E provided three squad ambushes forward of the MLR during the hours of darkness.
- (2) Company F took over responsibility for the roadblock at (BT 521043) at 101800H. The mission of the roadblock after dark is to enforce the curfew from 2000H to 0600H each night. Only authorized military traffic is permitted on Route #1 during these hours. All curfew violators apprehended by

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the roadblock are turned in to the Collection Point.

Company F in order to provide complete integration of the NLR between 3/7 and 2/4, moved three squads out to their ~~left~~ flank last night.

- (3) Company G maintained the security of the outpost line during daylight hours by patrolling the base of the outpost hill complex with a squad looking for any evidence of VC penetration or harrassing efforts.
- (4) Company H secured the rear area of the NLR by maintaining three fire teams in the area around RMK and the dump keeping a constant vigilance during daylight hours to guard against unauthorized civilian traffic. Still acting on the intelligence received some days ago concerning possible VC demolition teams infiltration routes, Company F provided one squad ambush in position to intercept any movement in the suspect area after dark. A stakeout was maintained by Company H consisting of one squad for the purpose of securing a likely approach into the NLR at the juncture of Company H and H&S Company.
- (5) At 102255H the H&S Company Raiders engaged in a squad ambush in the RMK area for the purpose of preventing infiltration into that area, picked up one VN woman and four children who were moving in violation of the curfew. They were turned into the Collection Point as curfew violators.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3	X	1	13
Squad	1	5	4	10
Total	4	5	4	13

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Extensive preparations are being made for the relief of lines and subsequent loading of the Battalion aboard ship. Company I was relieved on the COPL at 111200H by Company E.

- (1) Company I. Company I was relieved of it's positions on Hill 69, and AN TAN Bridge by 2d Bn, 4th Marines at 111200H. Company I still maintains one platoon on MLR. Extensive preparations are under way to move to DA NANG.
- (2) Company K. Two platoons of Company K occupied positions on the MLR while one platoon continued to man positions on the northern portion of the airfield perimeter defense. Aggressive patrolling action was conducted in their assigned area of responsibility. Extensive preparations are under way to move to DA NANG.
- (3) Company L. Company L remains in DA NANG.
- (4) Company M. Company M remains in DA NANG.
- (5) H&S Company. H&S Company is in the process of preparing to embark aboard ships for the move to DA NANG.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambush</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	2	2	4
Total	2	2	4

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- D. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 21 LVT's deadlined for lack of spare parts and five deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines with a platoon in direct support of each infantry battalion. The 18" searchlights were used extensively for illumination by the 2d Battalion and 3d Battalion. Two tanks are deadlined.
- F. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines with a platoon in direct support of each infantry battalion.
- G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Completed strongbacking four tents for 1st Battalion.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking two tents for Hqs 4th Marines.
 - (3) Completed garbage platform for AmTrac Mess Hall.
 - (4) Continue to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.

Water Distribution

Potable	27,345 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	45,345 Gallons

3. PLANE SUMMARY.

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion will continue to utilize coordinated UEMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints. Continuous patrolling will continue on KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. IST ramp security and the daylight constabulary forces will be maintained. The second platoon, Company B will remain attached to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as Regimental Reserve until the execution of Frag Order 17-65.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	1	5
PT/SDC/PT		1	7	8
Sqd	14	3		17
Sqd/SDC	1			1
Total	15	8	8	31

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- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Marines will set up a combined USMC/PF roadblock on Route #1 (BT 521049). The Battalion will execute their portion of Frag Order 17-65 on 12 November 1965.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				
Sqd	6	3		9
Total	6	3		9

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion will load Companies I and K on board ships on 12 November 1965 and HAS Company on 13 November 1965. Companies L and M will remain in DA NANG.

- D. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines with the exception of those in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

E. Patrol Boxscore:

	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			5	8	13
Squad		15	9	3	27
Platoon					
Company					
Total		15	14	11	40

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare.

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

(1) Civil Affairs:

- (a) The KY HA Village Chief, Security Chief and three Hamlet Chiefs attended the Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony and dinner at the Battalion CP. Village officials on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands attended ceremonies held by Companies C and D respectively.
- (b) English language class was held at SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) for 17 adults and HOA DONG H amlet (BT 509121) for 35 people.

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(c) Fertilizer was delivered to Village Headquarters in KY HA Village (BT 515114) by UGOM. The fertilizer will be sold beginning 12 November.

(2) Psychological Warfare: None.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

(1) Civil Affairs:

(a) The MEDCAP program treated 68 Vietnamese, 45 for external problems and 23 for internal problems. One Vietnamese woman and one Vietnamese woman and one Vietnamese boy were evacuated to B-Med for treatment of gun shot wounds in the legs.

(2) Psychological Operations: None.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Civil Affairs: None.

(2) Psychological Warfare: None.

D. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

(1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 0

(2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 68

(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines 0

5. Miscellaneous

A. The Marine Corps Birthday was observed at Hq, 4th Marines by a parade and cake cutting ceremony and a reading of the Commandant's Birthday message.

B. Each Battalion held a cake cutting ceremony and the Commandant's Birthday message was read. A stake dinner was had for all hands.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP Number 189 as of 121600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Orns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	5	8		20
Squad		19	6	4		29
Platoon						
Company						
Total		26	11	12		49

B. The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines is continuing preparations for movement to DA NANG according to Regimental Frag Order 17-65.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion continues to conduct aggressive patrolling in their area of responsibility. In addition, coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security and ambushes were manned.

(1) Company A. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 515102) and (BT 515113) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew. Continued security of LST ramp (BT 521119). The constabulary force in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during daylight hours.

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- (2) Company B. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce compliance with curfew. Beach access point (BT 523084) remained closed and was manned to ensure position control. Four ambush sites vicinity (BT 5107), left flank MIA, were established and manned. Second Platoon remained in Regimental Reserve.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 509121) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Aggressive squad combat patrols were conducted on KY HOA Island from patrol base vicinity (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and provide tactical security for A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn (BT 514158). Third Platoon remained under operational control of Company B.
- (4) Company D. Combat patrols were aggressively conducted on KY XUAN Island from patrol base at (BT 487104). Apprehended two curfew violators (BT 487107) at 112354H. They were checked by village chief, one was identified and released. The other is being held until proof of identity is confirmed.
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for coordinated USMC/PF ambush (BT 515109) to (BT 516115). Displaced one gun to (BT 524093) to provide on call fire for left flank. No 81mm mortar rounds fired. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon provided twelve Marines to occupy MIA position (BT 522096). Flares provided four Marines for waterborne patrol. Battalion scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091).

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- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AMTrac Bn. Conducted waterborne patrol to enforce curfew 2000H - 0600H. Provided logistical transportation in support of Company C and Company D.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Inst Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	4	5	8	17
Squad	17			17
Total	21	5	8	34

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Assumed new responsibility for Hill 69 (BT 468068) and the AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067) relieving the 3d Bn, 3d Marines of same.

- (1) Company E moved in to their new positions yesterday on Hill 69 and at AN TAN Bridge (BT 497067). They were prepared to hold the positions against any attempted enemy penetrations, but the night passed quietly. One platoon of Company E remained behind and was attached to Company F to help fill in their lines.
- (2) Company F. Reinforced by one platoon of Company E, remained in position on the left flank of the Battalion perimeter remaining alert against any possible enemy activity. Company F placed forward of the MLR, three squad size ambushes to protect the perimeter against surprise attack under the cover of darkness. Company F provided the three squad positions between themselves and 3/7 to fill in the gap.
- (3) Company G. Maintained tight security of the COPL during the daylight hours by constant patrolling of the base of Catfish Hill complex (BT 4903) and during the night by keeping a constant vigil against enemy movement.
- (4) Company H. In addition to securing the right flank of the

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Battalion's sector of the MLR, Company H guarded the rear area of the TAOR by staking out three fire teams around RMK during daylight hours. After dark, Company H set ambushes in two locations designed to intercept any possible infiltration attempts by VC demolition teams.

- (5) H&S Company Raiders. Maintained positions on the Battalion CP perimeter at night in order to allow the sections to prepare for the move. The Battalion Scouts manned the Battalion Commander's OP during darkness.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3			3
Squad		4	4	8
Total	3	4	4	11

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion is making final preparations for the movement to DA NANG. Company I's platoon on the airfield and Company K on the MLR will probably be relieved today. No night activity was reported in the Battalion's sector during their last night in CHU LAI.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	2	2	4

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- D. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. 22 LVT's are deadlined for lack of spare parts and four are deadlined for company maintenance.
- E. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Remains attached to the 4th Marines.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two Tanks are deadlined.
- G. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.
- (1) Completed strongbacking five tents for 4th Marines.
 - (2) Completed deck for 4th Marines Supply.
 - (3) Commenced building barbwire fence around airfield.

Water Distribution

Potable	28,475 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	46,475 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, security for the LST ramp and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will be continued. In addition, aggressive patrolling and ambushes will be conducted.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	4	4	7	15
Squad	14			14
Total	18	4	7	29

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The new positions taken over from the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines will continue to be assumed. The present Battalion positions will be organized for the new unit to take over with a minimum of trouble.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3			3
Squad		4	4	8
Total	3	4	4	11

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion continues to make final preparations for the movement to DA NANG.

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D. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines with the exception of those in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

E. Patrol Plan Boxscore

	<u>S&C Cons</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	4	7		18
Squad		14	4	4		22
Platoon						
Company						
Total		21	8	11		40

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare.

A. Headquarters, 4th Marines. The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer supplied ^{goods to} the three families who lost their homes and possessions on 7 November in KHUONG THO (1) Hamlet (BT 455075). The following goods were provided to afford temporary relief:

Rice -----	120 lbs	Clothing-----	18 sets
Salt -----	50 lbs	Soap-----	30 lbs
Soy Sauce-----	16,40Z bottles	Cottonseed Oil-----	30 qts
Fish Sauce-----	3 gal.		

In addition, each family received 500 \$ VN and the man who lost his wife received 1,000 \$ VN for her funeral. Materials to reconstruct their homes are being procured.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

(1) The Battalion GAO met with the Assistant Village Chief of KY HA Village (BT 515114). Final coordination for the sale of fertilizer was made.

The desire was expressed for a permanent graveyard. The site for the graveyard will be selected by the Village Officials. Registration of villagers by Hamlets is nearing completion. The Village Chief is signing the registration cards.

(2) English language class was held in HOA TRUNG Hamlet (BT 490140), 40 Villagers attended.

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- (3) Medical treatment with MEDCAP supplies was provided to villagers in KY XUAN V village (BT 487103), TRUNG TOAN Hamlet (BT 524125), AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) and XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091).

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) The CHU LAI MEDCAP program continues with treatment of the local people daily.
- (2) 200 bars of soap were distributed during the past week.
- (3) Clothing was distributed to 86 people in the CHU LAI area. It was noticed that all persons appeared enthused to receive American clothing.

D. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

- (1) Received a request from Catholics in LONG BINH (BT 505070) to help them set up a medical dispensary. This request was referred to Regiment.
- (2) Received 400 new life hamlet posters, 200 posters depicting the relationship between the Viet Cong, North Vietnam and Communist China, 3000 leaflets on Viet Cong defeats like the one they suffered at CHU LAI in August, and 5000 leaflets on peasants to inform USMC of VC location and equipment. These will be distributed during phase II of Operation BLUE MARLIN.

E. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

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| (1) 1st Bn, 4th Marines | 183 |
| (2) 2d Bn, 4th Marines | 69 |
| (3) 3d Bn, 3d Marines | 0 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) BGen J. M. PLATT assumed the Command of the ADC Command Group relieving BGen F. J. KARCH, on 11 Nov 1965.

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(2) At 1410H received message 120516Z (CG, 3d Mar Div) activating BLT 3/3 to report to CLF BLUE MARLIN for operational control.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>
WOLF	SQD	141800H	142200H
TIGER	SQD	142300H	150330H
RATTLER	SQD	142400H	150130H
DOG	SQD	141800H	142030H
SNAKE	SQD	142300H	150330H
CAT	SQD	142230H	142400H
SHEEP	SQD	150200H	150430H
C-1	SQD	141800H	150700H
C-1A	SQD-SDC	141800H	150700H
C-3	PLT (-)	141800H	150700H
GRAPEFRUIT	SQD	142200H	150030H
LEMON	SQD	150100H	150300H
TANGERINE	SQD	141900H	142130H
B-ORANGE	FT	141800H	150700H
B-BLACK	FT	141800H	150700H
B-GREEN	FT	141800H	150700H
B-RED	FT	141800H	150700H
C-3 FALCON	FT	141800H	150700H
C-3 EAGLE	FT	141800H	150700H

2d Battalion, 4th Marines

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>
M Co	SQD	121900H	130630H
F Co	SQD	121900H	130630H

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4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 190 as of 131600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOYScores:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	4	8		19
Squad		12	6	4		22
Platoon						
Company						
Total		19	10	12		41

B. The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines commenced loading aboard ship at 131200H for participation in Phase II Blue Marlin in accordance with Div O 349-65. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines is moving into their new TAOR in accordance w/Regimental Frag Order 17-65.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Coordinated USMC/SDO listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol actions were conducted by the Battalion. Units are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, and conduct civil affairs.

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- (1) Company A. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew restrictions. Continued to maintain security of LST ramp (BT 521119). The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during daylight hours.
- (2) Company B. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew restriction. Beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed and was maintained to ensure positive control. Four ambush sites vicinity (BT 5107) were established to prevent infiltration of the area during the hours of darkness. Second Platoon remained in Regimental Reserve.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 509121) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew restrictions. Aggressive squad combat patrols were conducted on KY HOA Island from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and provide tactical security for A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn (BT 514158). Third Platoon remained under operational control of Company B.

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- (4) Company D. Combat patrols were aggressively conducted on KY XUAN Island from patrol base at (BT 467104).
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for coordinated USMC/PF harbour site (BT 519097). 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon provided four Marines for LVT waterborne patrol. Battalion Scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Conducted waterborne patrol to enforce curfew 2000H - 0600H. Provided logistical transportation in support of Company C and Company D on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands respectively.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	4	4	1	9
Squad	12		7	19
Total	16	4	8	28

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Assumed positions in the new TAOR in accordance with Regimental Frag Order 17-65. Aggressive patrol and ^{AMBUSH} activity was conducted both to the front and rear of the MLR.

- (1) Company E. The Company continued to analyze and improve the defenses at their new locations on Hill 69 (BT 467066) and at AN TAN Bridge (BT 498066). They have one platoon at each position with an 81mm mortar section on Hill 69 and a 106mm RH section at the bridge. Company E's third platoon remains attached to Company F, but will move to Catfish IV (BT 453037) when the Battalion move is completed.

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- (2) Company F. The Company set ambushes forward of the MIR to provide interception and early warning of any VC attempts to penetrate the perimeter. One of these F-4, (BT 511025) saw an object move into their area at 122345H. They took immediate action by illuminating the area and firing 20 rounds of automatic rifle fire and then moved through the area looking for unusual activity. They found no sign of casualties and since their ambush was compromised, they moved to a new position. Company F moved three squads out on the flat, open area between their positions and 3/7 to offer security to the left flank and tie in by fire.
- (3) Company G. At 122030H, Catfish III illuminated suspected movement in their landing zone (BT 487039), at which time two men were seen. Three rounds of M-79 and several small arms rounds were fired. Nothing could be observed after the noise subsided but increased observation was maintained in the area. At 122130H, Catfish I reported detecting movement in their landing zone (BT 505031). Their immediate action was to illuminate the area and throw hand grenades at one man observed moving in the landing zone. A search of the area this morning was conducted but no sign of VC casualties were found.
- (4) Company H. The company maintained positions on the MIR and rear areas, by employing daylight fire team patrols in the RMK area to prevent random movement of unauthorized civilians and night squad patrols and ambushes to the front and right flank to intercept any units attempting to infiltrate through the area.

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- (5) H&S Company. Scouts reinforced Company H last night by filling in their lines, therefore allowing Company H to conduct more ambushes to their front and flank. Sixty mortars fired illumination at various times during the night.
- (6) PFs were utilized in conjunction with Company F's patrols, the companies Raider activity, and with the roadblock on Route #1. A short round fired by the 8" Howitzer Battery landed in THUNG MY TRUNG Village (BT 455033) at 121955H. Minor damage was reported by the squad sent from Catfish IV at 130700H to investigate the area.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambush</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3			3
Squad		4	4	8
Total	3	4	4	11

- C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion was released to OPCON CLF at 130800H. Positions were maintained on the MLR and the airfield until relieved.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambush</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad		2		2

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- D. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Co A continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. 22 LVT's are deadlined for lack of spare parts and four are deadlined for company maintenance. The 4th platoon is attached to BLT 3/3, plus six extra LVT's and one command LVT.
- E. Company B, 3d AT Bn. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. A quarterly maintenance check is being held on one Ontos. The 3d platoon is attached to BLT 3/3.
- F. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Remains attached to the 4th Marines. One tank is deadlined. The 1st platoon is attached to BLT 3/3.
- G. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn. The 3d platoon is attached to BLT 3/3.
- (1) Completed strengthening five tents for 4th Marine CP.
 - (2) Continued constructing barbed wire fence around the airfield.
 - (3) Continued to assist the Seabees in laying SATS netting.
 - (4) Constructed a security locker in the Butler building at the Regimental CP.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,245 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,245 Gallons

H. Command Post Locations

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT 533089)
 - (a) Co B, 3d AT Bn (BT 533089)
 - (b) Co C, 3d Tank Bn (BT 533089)
 - (c) Co A, 1st Amphib Bn (BT 559050)
 - (d) Co B, 3d Engr Bn (BT 566052)
 - (e) 3d Bn, 12th Marines (BT 551048)
- (2) 1st Bn, 4th Marines (BT 524091)
 - (a) Company A CP (BT 527111)
 - (b) Company B CP (BT 524090)
 - (c) Company C CP (BT 512125)
 - (d) Company D CP (BT 487104)
- (3) 2d Bn, 4th Marines (BT 535076)
 - (a) Company E CP (BT 468068)
 - (b) Company F CP (BT 512065)
 - (c) Company G CP (BT 522073)
 - (d) Company H CP (BT 535076)

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1. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive patrolling and ambushes will be conducted in addition to maintaining the constabulary force, security for the LST ramp and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Inst Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Teams		4	2	6
Squad	13		9	22
Total	13	4	11	28

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will move their 3d platoon to Catfish IV (BT 453039) and take full control of the new COPL. Companies F, G, and H will strengthen and improve the new KLA.

Patrol Plans: None

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines with the exception of those in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The attachment of task organized units became affective at 130800H.

D. Patrol Plans Reorganized

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Inst Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			4	9		13
Squad		13				13
Platoon						
Company						
Total		13	4	9		26

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Fertilizer sales were started in KY MA Village at the Village Headquarters (BT 515114). Approximately five tons were sold. The District Chief, USOM representatives, MACO representatives and the Battalion CAO were present.
- (2) Marines and villagers began repair of a bridge washed out by high tides at (BT 517111) in KY MA. The repairs will take two days.

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- (3) English classes were conducted in AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 50 people, XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 20 people, HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 309121) for 35 people and SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) for 37 people.
- (4) The Battalion Surgeon treated 123 villagers at MEDCAP held in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114). Company corporamen treated two children in KY XUAN (BT 437103), 22 in AN TAY (BT 518085) and 29 in XUAN TRUNG (BT 519091).

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Doctor Freeman answered an emergency call in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 497067) at 121745H to treat a small girl reported near death. It was not deemed necessary to evacuate her but further "at home" treatment will be administered.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 176 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 0 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. A short round fired from a 8" howitzer landed near (BT 455033) at 122005H. At 130700H a squad, a doctor and corporamen, and a shellrep team were sent to determine what damage was done and to administer medical aid if needed. The damages found were one broken rice jar, one house with a cracked beam, a man with a bump on his head and a woman with a superficial scratch on her neck.

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1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOYS' SCORES:

	<u>S&G Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	8		14
Squad		17				17
Platoon						
Company						
Total		17	6	8		31

- B. The readjustment of the MIA and Battalion TAGR continues. The 2d Battalion completed the move to their new TAGR. The operational control of the old 2d Battalion, 4th Marines TAGR was passed to 2d Battalion, 7th Marines at 131500H.

2. OPERATIONS

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Coordinated USMC/ADC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol actions were conducted by the Battalion. Units are maintained on KY KUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery 5, 2d LAM Bn., prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, and to conduct civil affairs.

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- (1) Company A. Coordinated USMC/SDC checkpoint at (BR 515115) was manned continuously and the checkpost at (BT 518102) was manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from the checkpost to ensure curfew. Provided security for the IST ramp (BT 521119). The constabulary force in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during daylight hours.
- (2) Company B. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) were manned during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed and was manned continuously to ensure positive control. Ambushes were manned on the left flank of the MLR to prevent infiltration.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 509121) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure curfew. Continuous patrolling was conducted on KY HCA Island from patrol base (BT 512125) to provide tactical security for A Battery, 2d LAM Bn, and to prevent hostile fire on IST ramp (BT 521119). The Third Platoon manned MLR positions vicinity (BT 5209) and provided security for the waterborne patrol.
- (4) Company D. Continuous aggressive patrolling was conducted on KY XUAN Island from patrol base (BT 487104). Three curfew violators were apprehended at (BT 487098) at 130005H. They will be turned in to the CHU LAI Collection Point.

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- (5) H&S Company. 106mm Recoilless Rifle ^{Platoon} provided four Marines to accompany a PF ambush along the waters edge from (BT 514083) to (BT 516089). The 81mm Mortar Platoon displaced one gun to (BT 524098) to provide on call fire for the left flank. Battalion scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Conducted waterborne patrol during curfew. Provided logistical support for Companies C and D.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	8	14
Squad	13	0		13
Total	13	6	8	27

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The battalion CP started displacing at 130900H and is still in the process of moving. Operational control of the old 2d Battalion, 4th Marines TACU was passed to 2d Battalion, 7th Marines at 131500H. At 131550H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines assumed control of the new TACU as indicated on the overlay submitted yesterday. 81mm mortars have two sections in direct support of Company E, one located on Catfish IV (BT ⁴⁵²⁰³⁶ 455035) and one on Hill 69 (BT 468068); one section in direct support of Company F; and one section in direct support of Company G. 106mm recoilless rifle platoon has one section in direct support of Company E on Hill 69.

- (1) Company E. The company, while maintaining their positions at AN TAN Bridge and on Hill #69, assumed operational control of a platoon of Company G already located on Catfish IV and

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turned over the platoon previously attached to Company F to the operational control of Company G. Company E as of 131423H assumed complete tactical control of Catfish IV, Hill 69, and AN TAN Bridge. They conducted local daylight patrolling to maintain security and at night relied on 81mm mortar illumination from either Catfish IV or Hill 69 for observation.

- (2) Company F. Company F was relieved in place at 131425H by Company H, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, commenced moving to their new segment of the MLR stretching from (BT 513054) to (BT 518066). At 131714H, Company F with one section of 81mm mortars was in place on the MLR and had assumed responsibility for its defense. They are tied in with 2d Battalion, 7th Marines on their left and Company G on their right. As soon as they had moved into position a large group of civilian Vietnamese gathered forward of their area apparently trying to find out if the new unit would accept vendors. They were summarily removed from the area by local security patrols. At 132038H Company F spotted in front of their positions at (BT 512058) two people moving toward AN TAN. When illumination was fired by their supporting 81mm mortars, the people ran into AN TAN.
- (3) Company G. After being relieved in place by Company E, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines at 131423H, Company G commenced moving to their new segment of the MLR which stretches from (BT 518066) to (BT 525076). By 131934H, Company G with one platoon of Company E attached and one section of 81mm mortars in direct support was in position and had taken tactical

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control of the area. As soon as it is practicable to do so, the Company C platoon will be retracted from Catfish IV and replaced by the Company E platoon now attached to Company G.

(4) Company H. The Company was relieved in place by Company F, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines at 131425H and reverted to Regimental Reserve Company. They physically moved to and will be located at (BT 535076) within the Battalion CP area.

(5) The tank platoon in direct support of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines moved a heavy section to Company G's position on the MRR, and a light section to Company F's position on the MRR. The anti-tank platoon in direct support of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines placed one light section in Company G's perimeter and one light section with Company F. The other vehicle will remain in reserve.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Squad	4		4

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. 19 LVT's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. One LVT (C-50) and 10 LVT(S)'s are attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. Five Ontos are attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. One Tank is deadlined. Five Tanks are attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- F. Co D, 3d Lnr Bn.
- (1) Completed strongbacking three tents for Comm Section, 4th Marines.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking one tent for HqCo Post Office.
 - (3) Completed prefabricating four heads for the 1st Battalion.
 - (4) Continued constructing concertina barrier around the airfield.
 - (5) Continued to assist the Seabees in laying SATS matting.
 - (6) Constructing road on KY H-A Island for A Battery, 2d LAAM Bn.

Water Distribution

Potable	28,965 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	46,965 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/500 listening posts/checkpoints will continue as well as aggressive patrols on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209) and the Islands of KY HGA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810).

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	9	13
Squad	11		1	12
Platoon		1		1
Total	11	5	10	26

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. All companies will turn to rebuilding their respective areas. They will evaluate fields of fire, night fire plans and positions.

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Particular emphasis is being placed on being tied in on both flanks with 2/7 and 1/4 respectively.

The Battalion CP will continue to move related equipment until all organic property has been displaced to the new location. The FSC is evaluating the location of 81 mortars for possible change to allow greater flexibility and better control. Two sections of 106mm recoilless rifles will move to the MLR, one each in support of Company F and Company G respectively.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				
Squad	4			4
Total	4			4

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Besxcorest

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			4	9		13
Squad		15		1		16
Platoon			1			1
Company						
Total		15	5	10		30

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) English classes were held in THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 20 villagers and in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 15 villagers.
- (2) Marines and villagers continued to gather materials for the schools in KY XUAN VILLAGE (BT 437103).
- (3) Work continued on repairs of a washed out bridge at (BT 517111) in KY HA Village. Both Marines and Vietnamese are involved in the project.
- (4) Medical treatment was provided by company D corpsmen for the people in KY XUAN Village (BT 437103).

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Due to the movement no civil affairs or Psychological Warfare was conducted.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 104 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 0 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) 20 Seismic Intrusion Detectors were received by the 4th Marines. A demonstration will be held after the 1600H Regimental briefing.
- (b) School attendance for the week is as follows:
 - (1) Land Mine Warfare - 50
 - (2) Language - 9
- (c) Catfish IV (BT 452038) will here after be referred to as "76" and Hill 69 (BT 468068), known as OP #1, is now known as "69".
- (d) One platoon from the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was dispatched at 1045H to assist a downed helicopter (BT 113328). They returned, without incident, at 1400H.
- (e) It was reported by Company D, at 1220H, that two VN women had been kidnapped from KY XUAN Island (BT 4810). One is the Mother-in-law of the assistant Village Chief. The other is a wash woman. The Village Chief is presently investigating the incident.

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 C/O FIC, San Francisco, 96601

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From: Commanding Officer

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 192 as of 151600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	6	9		16
Squad		13				13
Platoon						
Company						
Total		14	6	9		29

<u>Providence/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TRI (BT 519089)	151115H	Checkpoint	Co B - None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG TRI (BT 520090)	150910H	Patrol	Co B - None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG TRI (BT 520090)	150945H	Patrol	Co B - None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG TRI (BT 521095)	150555H	Patrol	Co C - None	Unk-1 VCS

B. The 2d Battalion continues to improve and align their defensive positions.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, 1st ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol

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action was conducted by the Battalion. Units are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were run from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew restrictions. Defense of the LST ramp (BT 521119) was continued.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) were manned during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew. The beach access point (BT 532084) was continuously manned to ensure positive control and compliance with present restrictions. Two male VCS were apprehended in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090), one at 150910H the other at 150945H. Both had two ID cards. They were sent to the CHU LAI Collection Pt.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 509121) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to ensure compliance with curfew restrictions. Continuous aggressive combat patrols were conducted on KY HOA Island from patrol base (BT 512125) to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn, and to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp (BT 521119).

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The Third Platoon manned MIA position vicinity (BT 5209), two OP/LPs at (BT 512086) and (BT 513090), and provided four Marines for coordinated USMC/PF ambush. The Third Platoon apprehended one VCS, DANG KIET, #119911, DOB-9-6-27, vicinity (BT 521095) at 150555H. Two persons were sighted but one escaped apprehension from the patrol quickly dispatched to capture them. Both were within the single strand wire barrier. The VCS were sent to the CHU LAI Collection Point.

- (4) Company D. Conducted aggressive patrols on KY XUAN from patrol base (BT 487104). One hour ambushes were established along each patrol route.
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for waterborne patrol. One gun is at (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination for the left flank. Battalion scouts man OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 3d Flat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for logistical support of Companies C and D on KY HOA and KY QUAN Islands respectively. LVTs were utilized for the waterborne patrol.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	6	9	16
Squad	12			12
Total	13	6	9	28

<u>Providence/Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG N'AI (BT 519089)	151115H	Checkpoint	Co B- None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG N'AI (BT 520090)	150910H	Patrol	Co B- None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG N'AI (BT 520090)	150945H	Patrol	Co B- None	Unk-1 VCS
QUANG N'AI (BT 521095)	150555H	Patrol	Co C- None	Unk-1 VCS

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion is concentrating on the improving their defensive positions on the COPL and the MLR. The H&S Company Raiders conducted a daylight patrol, accompanied by Lt. KHA, ARVN Liaison Officer. The mission was to make contact with the various Hamlet Chiefs in the area, and to arrange for MEDCAP team visits.

- (1) Company E. At 141930H, an emergency evacuation was requested for one man with high fever of undetermined origin. The evacuation was completed at 141955H. At 142000H, Company E reported seeing a flashing light at the base of 76 (BT543038). Upon illumination of the area no activity was observed.
- (2) Company F. The Company continued to improve positions, evaluate fields of fire and coordinate defenses with adjacent units. No night activity on the MLR was reported.
- (3) Company G. Company G continued clearing civilians from their immediate area.
- (4) Company H. The Company has been designated as Regimental Reserve and will remain on a 30 minute alert in a reaction posture. They are establishing defensive positions in the vicinity of the Battalion CP.

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Two sections are in direct support of Company E, one section in direct support of Company F, and one section in direct support of Company G. Two sections of 106mm recoilless rifles are located on the MLR, one section on 69 (BT 468068), and one section is in general support located in the Battalion CP.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				
Squad				
Platoon	1			1
Total	1			1

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT (GMD) and eighteen LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. One LVTP5 in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. All Ontos are operating.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C continues to remain attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are deadlined. All tanks have range cards made for fire support and illumination with the tank-mounted searchlights.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Constructing road on KY HOA Island to Btry A, 2d LAAM Bn.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking one tent for AT Company.
 - (4) Completed strongbacking three tents for the Tank Company.
 - (5) Completed building two heads for the 1st Battalion.
 - (6) Continued laying concertina wire around the airfield.
 - (7) Continue to assist the Seabees in laying SAMS matting.
 - (8) Constructing a steel cage for the 4th Marines Armory.

Water Distribution

Potable	28,375 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	46,375 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, L&T ramp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will continue as well as aggressive patrols on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209) and KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. Seismic Intrusion Detectors will be utilized along the MLR and on ambushes.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	7	12
Squad	11		2	13
Total	11	5	9	25

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will improve the outpost positions, while Companies F and G, located on the MLR, will continue to coordinate their defenses. They will concentrate on tying in their defenses with those of the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines and 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H will conduct a search and clear operation on 16 November.

	<u>S&G Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team					
Squad					
Platoon	1				1
Company	1				1
Total	2				2

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines. The units attached to the 2d Battalion are evaluating their new TAC and constructing defensive positions.

D. Patrol Plans Boxcores:

	<u>S&G Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			5	7		12
Squad		11		2		13
Platoon	1					1
Company	1					1
Total	2	11	5	9		27

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

a. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Clothing will be passed out to needy people in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).

The recipients were selected by the Village and Hamlet Chiefs.

- (2) Training of four health workers was conducted at Company D CP (BT 487103)

in KY XUAN Village.

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(3) Medical treatment with MEDCAP supplies was given to 189 people in KY HOA Village (BT 509121) and KY XOAN Village (BT 487104).

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

(1) Plans are being formulated for a MEDCAP schedule to be used throughout the Battalion's TAOR. Liaison is being made with hamlet chiefs in the immediate vicinity of the MLK to find out the needs of the various villages.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

(1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 189
(2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 0

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Captain RUS DILL arrived in CHU LAI at 141830H to begin training the Sniper Teams. He brought 26 WINCHESTER 70's W/8 power scopes. Training will begin at 160730H. The first day will be classroom instructions and the remaining three days, will be devoted to live firing.

B. Initial Report on SID, by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

(1) Received 20 SID on 13 November. They were distributed as follows:

Company A - 4
Company B - 14
Company C - 5
Company D - 6
H&S Company - 1

(2) Company C is using 5 on their perimeter. Company D is using 4 on their perimeter and 2 on ambushes. Other companies are holding instructions and testing the devices.

C. A woman in labor at AN TAN (BT 500065) was evacuated to B-Med at 151100H for surgery on the advice of the 2d Battalion Surgeon.

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By direction

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16 November 1965

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From: Commanding Officer

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

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			7	10		17
Squad		23	1			24
Platoon		2				2
Company	1					1
Total	1	25	8	10		44

- B. The Company H (-) patrol engaged in a fire-fight with an undetermined number of VC on Hill 22 (BT 425090). No casualties have been reported on either side. The SID was used for the first time by the 4th Marines. Company D detected movement with the SID at 160250H.

2. OPERATIONS

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action was conducted by the Battalion. Units are maintained on KY KUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs.

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- (1) Company A. The constabulary force in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) maintained a post during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Two squads remained at the LST ramp (BT 521119) throughout the night for security of that area.
- (2) Company C. The constabulary force in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) maintained a post during the daylight hours. During curfew, coordinated USMC/SDC posts were occupied at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084). Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 523084) remained closed and was guarded continuously.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 498142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted in vicinity of these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base on KY HOA Island (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LA/M Bn. Marines were provided for security of the waterborne patrol.
- (4) Company B. Continuous patrolling was conducted from the patrol base on KY HOA Island located at (BT 487104). Company B employed five SID's for perimeter security (BT 4810). The SID's were placed in loose sand about 100 meters outside the perimeter and 160 meters from control boxes. Movement was detected at 160250H. Illumination was fired but nothing was seen.

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Movement was again detected at 160320H by the adjoining SID on the perimeter. One 3.5 WP round and three M-79 rounds were fired into the area. A fire team was immediately sent to determine the results of the fire. A thorough search revealed nothing of value. Footprints found in the area could have been made at any time.

- (5) H&S Company. Battalion scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously. Four Marines accompanied the PF platoon on a patrol of the KY HA Peninsula throughout the night.
- (6) 3d Platoon, Co A, 1st Amphibian Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands. LVTs were used to conduct the night waterborne patrol.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	10	17
Squad	17	1		18
Total	17	8	10	35

3. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion continued to improve their defensive positions. Patrols are being conducted to seek out VC while familiarizing the units with the terrain. The Company H patrol engaged in a fire-fight with an undetermined number of VC on Hill 22 (BT 425090). A combat/Med CAP patrol is being run by the H&S Company Raiders.

- (1) Company E. The Company is responsible for the defense of AN TAN Bridge (BT 497064), Hill 69 (BT 468068), and Hill 76 (BT 453038).

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At 160900H a platoon from Company E was moved by helicopter to new positions on Hill 76. The platoon formerly on Hill 76, was returned to the operational control of Company G.

- (2) Company F. Company F, located on the MLR from (BT 513054) to (BT 518066), moved three squads to their front on daylight combat patrols to seek out and destroy VC, search out good ambush sites, assembly areas, and avenues of approach into their positions.
- (3) Company G. The Company is conducting three squad size daylight combat patrols forward of their part of the MLR to seek out and destroy VC, locate good ambush sites, find assembly areas suitable for an attacking force, and find the avenues of approach into their positions. Company G's located on the MLR from (BT 518066) to (BT 525076). One platoon of Company G was relieved on Hill 76 at 160900H by a platoon from Company E.
- (4) Company H. Company H (-) (+) commenced a two day search and clear operation at 160530H. At 160830H the company located at (BT 439081) received small arms fire and automatic fire from Hill 22 (BT 423091). An artillery mission was called, which resulted in good effects on target. An airstrike was subsequently run on three trenchelines at the base of Hill 22 vicinity (BT 423090). A platoon size combat patrol operating in the KY LONG area (BT 4305) has reported no contact thus far.
- (5) H&S Company Raiders with a MedCAP team are engaged in a daylight combat/MedCAP patrol to the front of the MLR.

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	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Dist Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team					
Squad		6			6
Platoon		2			2
Company	1				1
Total	1	8			9

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- C. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 22 LVTs and one LVT(L) are grounded for the lack of repair parts. One LVT(L) is in direct support of MAC-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines. All Ontos are operating.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are grounded at the present time. One platoon of tanks is in direct support of each Battalion.
- F. Co B, 3d Murr Bn The 2d platoon is attending the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Constructing road on KY HOA Island to Bury A, 2d LAM Bn.
 - (3) Completed strapping four tents for the 2d Battalion.
 - (4) Continued to assist the Seabees in laying SATS netting.
 - (5) Completed construction on a steel cage for the 4th Marines Armory.

Water Distribution

Potable	28,110 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	46,110 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, 1st resp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will continue, along with aggressive patrols on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5031) and KY KUAI (BT 4310) Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	10	15
Squad	18	1		19
Total	18	6	10	34

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire, and string tactical wire. Company E will maintain a checkpoint at the AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066) to prevent the flow of contraband and unauthorized personnel through the TAOR. Companies F and G will commence vigorous patrol activity, both night and day, to seek out and destroy VC while familiarizing themselves with the terrain in the new TAOR. Company H (-) will continue their two day patrol.

	<u>SEC Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				1	1
Squad		3	2		5
Platoon		1			1
Company	1				1
Total	1	4	2	1	8

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Domcoores:

	<u>SEC Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			5	11		16
Squad		21	3			24
Platoon		1				1
Company	1					1
Total	1	22	8	11		42

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Swings were installed as playground equipment at the school in THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086).
- (2) Company D ran three daylight patrols in conjunction with the PF in KY XUAN Village.

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- (3) English language classes were held in HOA DONG (BT 509121) and HOA TRUNG (BT 490110) Hamlets of KY HOA Village for 55 people. Classes were held in KY HA Village at XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 20 people, THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 28 people, AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 50 people, and SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) for 17 adults.
- (4) The male nurse in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) received four hours of instruction.
- (5) The Battalion Surgeon treated 135 villagers with MEDCAP supplies in KY HOA Village at the Village Clinic in HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129). Company commander treated a total of 184 people with MEDCAP supplies in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114), XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091), THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) and AN TAY Hamlet (BT 503129).

B. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) MEDCAP accompanied the Raiders on their daylight combat patrol treating people in LO G BACH Hamlet (BT 505070) and THANH THA (2) Hamlet (BT 523063). The results are unknown at this time.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 329 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 0 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Representative CORHAN of California visited the 4th Marines CP at 161230H.

Mr CORHAN was briefed by the Commanding Officer and his staff.

B. A Vietnamese woman from the village KHUONG QUANG (9) (BT 468079) was evacuated to D-Med for gun shot wounds in the arm and side. It is not known how she was wounded.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 194 as of 171600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER

	<u>Sec Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	6	10		17
Squad		21	5			26
Platoon		1				1
Company	1					1
Total	1	23	11	10		45

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 435078)	161844H	Patrol	Co H - 2 KIA 19 WIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 513059)	171045H	Patrol	Co F - None	Unit-1 VCS
QUANG TIN (BT 513105)	162104H	USMC/PF Patrol/Ambush	HAS Co - 1 WIA	None

B. At 161844H, while Company H(-) patrol was preparing night defensive positions in vicinity (BT 435078), a bounding type mine exploded inflicting two USMC KIAs and nineteen USMC WIAs. The Regiment received a message from the Division G-3 at 162145H which specified that we be prepared to execute Division Operation Plan 337-65. We were notified at 170930H by Division G-3 to place

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one company on a one hour alert to assist the 7th Marines in the execution of Division Operation Plan 330-65.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAE Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs. At 162204H one Marine was wounded by small arms fire vicinity (BT 513105) while on a coordinated USMC/PF ambush.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Two squads remained at the LST ramp (BT 521119) throughout the night for security of that area.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097) and (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed and was guarded continuously.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions.

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Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 511119) and to provide tactical security for A Battery, 3d LAAM Bn.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY HUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 457104).
- (5) H&S Company. Battalion Scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 510091) continuously. The Company provided one fire team to accompany the PF ambush on KY HA Peninsula. At 1600H, while established in the ambush, one of the Marines heard noises nearby (BT 513105) and went to investigate. As the Marine approached the area one Vietnamese male armed with a rifle jumped up and fired several rounds, slightly wounding the Marine. At this time a second Vietnamese stood up and the two ran off in a southeasterly direction. The Marine fired five M-14 rounds at the two men and then ran after them for approximately sixty-five meters but could not regain contact. Illumination was requested and a search of the area was made; however, the PF's discontinued searching when the illumination started. A total of five rounds of 105mm howitzer illumination were expended. One fire team was provided for security of the waterborne patrol.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol around KY XUAN Island from 2000H - 0600H.

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Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 511125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for A Battery, 2d LAAW Bn.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 437104).
- (5) H&S Company. Battalion Scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously. The Company provided one fire team to accompany the F&A on KY HA Peninsula. At 162200H, while established in the ambush, one of the Marines heard noises nearby (BT 513105) and went to investigate. As the Marine approached the area one Vietnamese male armed with a rifle jumped up and fired several rounds, slightly wounding the Marine. At this time a second Vietnamese stood up and the two ran off in a southeasterly direction. The Marine fired five M-16 rounds at the two men and then ran after them for approximately sixty-five meters but could not regain contact. Illumination was requested and a search of the area was made; however, the F's discontinued searching when the illumination started. A total of five rounds of 105mm howitzer illumination were expended. One fire team was provided for security of the waterborne patrol.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol around KY XUAN Island from 2000H ~ 0600H.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	6	10	17
Squad	18	1		19
Total	19	7	10	36

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 513105)	162200H	USMC/PF Patrol/Ambush	USMC 1 - KIA	Unk - None

b. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Defensive positions continue to be improved. While Company H (-) patrol was preparing defensive position in vicinity (BT 435078) a bounding type mine exploded at 161844H. The mine inflicted two USMC KIAs and nineteen USMC WIAs. The explosion was apparently set off by a corpsman preparing his defensive position on top of the hill.

- (1) Company M. The Company is responsible for the defense of AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066), Hill 69 (BT 468068), and Hill 76 (BT 453038). The checkpoint at the AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066) is being maintained to prevent the flow of contraband and unauthorized personnel through the TACR.
- (2) Company F. Company F, located on the MRR from (BT 512054) to (BT 512066), moved three squads to their front on daylight combat patrols to seek out and destroy VC, search out good ambush sites, assembly areas, and avenues of approach into their positions. Two squad sized night ambushes were conducted in vicinity of (BT 514071) and (BT 515073). One VCS was captured by Company F in vicinity (BT 513059) at 171045H.

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- C. Co A, 1st Artillery Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 22 LVTP5's and one LVTEL are deadlined for the lack of spare parts. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Company B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. The 2d platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the 3d platoon is in direct support of the 1st Battalion. Three tanks are presently deadlined.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn. The 2d platoon is attending the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Construction continues on road for Btry A, 2d LAAM Bn on KY HOA Island.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking four tents for the 2d Battalion.
 - (4) Landscaping for the new 2d Battalion CP.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,720 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,720 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, LST ramp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		7	10	17
Squad	12			12
Total	12	7	10	29

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. One Company will remain on a one hour reflex status to assist the 7th Marines in the execution of Division Operation Plan

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338-65. All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire and string tactical wire. Companies F and G will continue vigorous patrol activities, both night and day, to seek out and destroy the VC while familiarizing themselves with the terrain. Company E will maintain the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 459038) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066).

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				
Squad	6	4	6	16
Total	6	4	6	16

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxcores:

	<u>SAC Owns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			7	10		17
Squad		18	4	6		28
Platoon						
Company						
Total		18	11	16		45

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Clothing was passed out to 150 people in Hamlet No. 3 (BT 481092) KY XUAN Village. The Village Chief, Hamlet Chief and Company Commander of Company D participated in the distribution.
- (2) English language class was held for 11 people in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091), KY HA Village.
- (3) Medical treatment was provided for 187 people in KY HOA Village at the Village Medical Clinic (BT 503129) and for 100 people in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103) by company corpsmen. The Battalion Surgeon held treatment in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) in KY HA Village for 62 people.

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- (4) Company D is training 5 women health workers to help in their health program in KY XUAN Village.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) MedCAP accompanied the M&S Company Raiders on their daylight combat/MedCAP patrol, treating 150 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) and THANH TRA Hamlet (BT 525063).
- (2) Company H platoon patrol continued to distribute the two thousand leaflets 15-65 on their search and clear operation. The Psychological Warfare Officer is in DA NANG attending a two day school which started 17 November 1965.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 349
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 150

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. At 171500H Company H was attached to 3d Battalion, 7th Marines in anticipation of their executing Div Op Plan 338-65

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 195 as of 181600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	7	10		18
Squad		21	7			28
Platoon		1				1
Company	1					1
Total	1	23	14	10		48

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 486101)	180052H	Patrol	Co D - None	Unk-1 VCS

B. Company H was returned to 4th Marines operation control at 171800H.

Company H is the Regimental Reserve Company. Company D sighted four VC in and around their patrol base (BT 487104). The VC were taken under fire but no casualties were reported.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LET ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening

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posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action. Company D sighted four VC in and around their patrol base (BT 487104). The VC were taken under fire but no casualties were reported. One VC was captured at 180052H by a patrol from Company D at (BT 486101).

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The security at the LST ramp (BT 521119) was increased to a reinforced platoon. As a result of a report from the Village Chief of KY HA Village that three VC were coming into the village, a coordinated USMC/SDC patrol consisting of one platoon of Marines and sixteen SDC conducted a house to house search for VC in SAM HAI and TRUNG TUAN Hamlets (BT 5010) and (BT 5110). The SDC actually conducted the search as the Marine provided security. The coordinated search resulted in apprehension of six curfew violators.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed.

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- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Combat patrols were conducted from the patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. At 172125H one boat was observed approaching the shoreline at (BT 500127). As the boat came ashore the occupants were apprehended. The two adult males had proper identification and were turned over to the village chief as curfew violators.
- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 172040H two individuals were observed inside the patrol base perimeter. The area was illuminated and approximately fifteen rounds of S/A were fired as the individuals ran away. Under the light of hand held illumination, a fire team rapidly commenced a thorough search of the area but made no contact. During the illumination two other individuals were observed outside the perimeter and were taken under fire with the ensuing search again failing to make contact. During the initial illumination at 172040H a green star parachute flare was observed approximately 350 meters from the patrol base and a light observed in the same vicinity. At 172205H two men were observed running in the direction of the light. The area was illuminated and the individuals hit the deck as they were fired on by the Marines.

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The light was observed to be blinking and was immediately taken under fire by a 3.5" rocket which terminated the blinking light with a direct hit. A patrol was immediately dispatched to search the area but could find nothing. At 180052H a patrol went to (BT 486101) to question a man concerning his two VC sons. Since the man would not cooperate, he was apprehended and sent to the CHU LAI Collection Point.

- (5) H&S Company. The Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091). One fire team was provided to accompany the PF ambush at (BT 5108) and one fire team provided security to the waterborne patrol.
- (6) 3d Platoon, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during the night.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	7	10	18
Squad	15	3		18
Platoon	1			1
Total	17	10	10	37

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 486101)	180052H	Patrol	Co D - None	Unk - 1 VCS

- b. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H was returned to the operational control of the 4th Marines at 171800H. The Regimental Reserve is Company H. Aggressive patrol and ambush activity was conducted forward of the MLR with no enemy contact.

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- (1) Company E. Company E is responsible for the defense of AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067), Hill 69 (BT 468068) and Hill 76 (BT 453038). Company E maintains a checkpoint at AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067) with the mission to check all personnel and vehicular traffic for contraband and unidentifiable personnel. Company E has one squad size patrol which will patrol around the base of Hill 69 and the hill complex surrounding Hill 69.
- (2) Company F. Company F is located on the MIA from (BT 513054) to (BT 518066). Company F moved three squad sized daylight combat patrols forward of their positions on the MIA, to seek out and destroy VC, and search for possible avenues of approach, ambush sites, and assembly area for future patrols and ambushes. Company F also had two fire team size night ambushes.
- (3) Company G. Company G moved three daylight patrols forward of their position on the MIA, with the mission to seek out and destroy VC, search out possible ambush sites, assembly areas, and avenues of approach. Company G is located on the MIA from (BT 518066) to (BT 525076). They had two fire team size ambushes forward of their position on the MIA during the night.
- (4) Company H. Company H is the Regimental Reserve Company. They are standing by on 30 minutes reflex status. At 171500H they moved to 3d Battalion, 7th Marines TACN and prepared to assume Company I's position. At 171800H received message from 4th Marines that Company H would be returning to our position and resume the Regimental Reserve. They arrived at the 2d Battalion's CP at 172030H.

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(5) H&S Company will continue to improve on CP defensive positions.

(6) H&S Company Raiders provided security for a MedCAP team in

LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505071) this morning

	<u>3 C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team					
Squad		6	4	1	11
Platoon					
Company	1				1
Total	1	6	4	1	12

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- C. Co A, 1st AsTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAC-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. 22 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Three tanks are presently deadlined.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking two tents for the Tank Company.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking four tents for the AT Company.
 - (4) Completed strongbacking one tent for the 2d Battalion.
 - (5) Moving strongbacks at Company F, 2d Battalion.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,435 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,435 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	7	10	18
Squad	12	3		15
Total	13	10	10	33

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F (-) (Rein) will conduct a search and clear operation. Company E will maintain the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 469068).

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Mill 76 (BT 453038) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire and lay tactical wire. Companies F and G will conduct aggressive patrols and ambushes.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team					
Squad		3	4	3	10
Company	1				1
Total	1	3	4	3	11

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxscore:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	7	10		18
Squad		15	7	3		25
Platoon						
Company						
Total		16	14	13		43

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) English language classes were held in THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 25 people and HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 509121) for 20 people.
- (2) Three hours of medical instruction were held for the nurses in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).
- (3) Medical treatment with MedCAP supplies was provided for 52 people in TRUNG TOAN Hamlet (BT 524125), 33 in THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086), 15 in AN TAY Hamlet (BT 515085), 25 in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091), 4 in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103), and 178 in KY HOA Village (BT 512125).
- (4) The Psychological Warfare Officer is in DA NAM attending a two day school.

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) The Psychological Warfare Officer is in DA NANG attending a two day school.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 307
(2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 0

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. At 181440H Company C patrol with PPs spotted two boats at (BT 470143) with two Vietnamese in each boat. The PPs with the patrol said they were VC. At this time the patrol received carbine fire from the boats. The patrol immediately returned fire and appeared to hit one of the VC. The boats landed at (BT 468140) and the VC fled. The patrol regained contact at (BT 459156) and exchanged S/A fire which resulted in one USMC WIA (slight) at 181610H.

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By direction

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 196 as of 191600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORE:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Lost Post</u>	<u>Secret Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	13	9		23
Squad		16	4	2		22
Platoon	1					1
Company	2					2
Total	3	17	17	11		48

<u>Province/</u>	<u>Coordinated</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN		191225H	S&C Opn Co B - None		Unit - 9 VCS
(BT 455150)					

B. Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was exchanged with Company E, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines at 190900H. Company B engaged in a sporadic, running fire-fight with the VC. near (BT 427158) between 190835H and 191015H.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the IST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDO listening posts/checkpoints, IST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action.

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Company A was transferred to 2d Battalion, 7th Marines. Company E of 2d Battalion, 7th Marines is now Company A, 1st Bn, 4th Marines. Company B engaged in a sporadic, running fire-fight with VC near (BT 427158) between 190035H and 191015H.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Co-ordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 516102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) is maintained by a reinforced platoon. At 190900H, the Company commenced transfer to the 2d Bn, 7th Marines. Company E, 2d Bn, 7th Marines is effecting relief.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN THUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were maintained at (BT 519097), (BT 519069) and (BT 523084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed. At 190807H, the Company (-) (rein) commenced an operation on HOA XUAN Island (BT 4215). At 190835H in vicinity (BT 437161) they reported incoming S/A fire from (BT 427158). While investigating received more S/A fire from (BT 427158). Investigation had negative results. At 191015H, received four rounds S/A fire from (BT 427146).

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Returned four rounds of 60mm mortar and firing ceased. The area was checked with negative results. Nine VCS were captured during the sweep at about 191245H near (BT 455140).

- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on IST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. At 181440H, a squad size patrol sighted two boats, with two people in each, moving in a North-South direction vicinity (BT 470140). The SDC Chief, a Mr. DO, reported that the people in the boats were VC. Warning shots were fired by the patrol and several rounds of carbine fire were received from the boats. The patrol opened fire on the boats and two of the men jumped out. Two of the men did not get out and were assumed killed. Due to the fact that the boats were afloat in deep water the KIAs were not confirmed. At this time the patrol had a radio failure. A second squad patrol was sent out to make contact with the first. The first patrol, meanwhile, pursued the two VC to vicinity (BT 460144) but then lost contact. A search of the area had negative results. While returning, when they had reached the western edge of BINH AN (2) (BT 467143), the patrol was taken under fire by approximately 10 weapons from (BT 459147). There was one slight WIA. The patrol returned fire, but had to again start their return due to a shortage of ammunition.

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Received fire from two positions in vicinity (BT 465142). A check of the area had negative results. At 1545H, the two patrols joined vicinity (BT 465142). They redistributed ammunition and continued the patrol to the northwest. An old man without an identification card and two children were apprehended vicinity (BT 465143). When the patrol arrived at (BT 465144) it was taken under fire by an automatic rifle and 10 carbines. The fire was immediately returned. Four of the VC tried to escape in a sailboat and were fired on by the patrol. Two VC fell into the water, one fell in the boat, and one escaped by swimming away. Could not confirm the three killed due to deep water. Patrol engaged in heavy fire-fight for twenty minutes. One hut where a automatic weapon was positioned, vicinity (BT 465147) was destroyed by M-79 rounds. One killed unconfirmed. Helicopter support and extraction was requested. Two HU-1E's arrived at 16170 H. The target was marked by the helicopters after directions were given over the radio. The HU-1E's caused extensive damage to huts and trees vicinity (BT 460148). Due to the unfordable stream, which prevented pursuit, the two sound patrols returned to the Company CP by helicopter.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104).
- (5) H&S Company. Manned OP Sierra (BT 523091). Provided one fire team to accompany the PF ambushes at (BT 513103), (BT 512105) and (BT 516109) and one fire team for security of the waterborne patrol.

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- (6) 3d Plt, Co A, 1st Amphac Bn. provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during ourfew.
- (7) MAG-36 received 15 to 20 rounds of small arms fire at 190025H from (BT 527127). Illumination revealed two men running South. At 190305H they received 10 more small arms rounds from (BT 525129). Approximately 25 small arms rounds and four shot gun rounds were fired at the VC. A squad was quickly dispatched to search the area but were unable to make contact with the VC.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	9	9	19
Squad	12	4		16
Platoon				
Total	13	13	9	35

<u>Province/</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN		191245H	SAC Opns	Co B - None	Unit - 9 VCS
(BT 455150)					

B. 2d Battalion, 8th Marines. Aggressive patrol and ambush activity was conducted forward of the MIF with no enemy contact. Company E continued to maintain the COPL. The Regimental Reserve is Company H.

- (1) Company E. Company E is responsible for the defense of AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067), Hill 69 (BT 468068) and Hill 76 (BT 453038). Company E maintains two checkpoints at AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067) to check all personnel and vehicular traffic for contraband and unidentifiable personnel.

Company F has one ground rice patrol which will patrol around the base of the Hill complex surrounding Hill 67. Their mission is to check all suspicious areas around the base of the Hill and all trail networks coming into the Hill complex for any unusual signs of activity around their position.

- (2) Company E. Company E is located on the MLE from (BT 518054) to (BT 518066). Company E had three daylight patrols forward of their positions on the MLE. They will seek out and destroy VB, and search for possible ambush sites, assembly areas and avenues of approach into their positions. At 120530H two platoons with the Company Headquarters moved out on a search and clear operation just Northwest of the AN TUN bridge and Song AN TUN River.
- (3) Company D. Company D is located on the MLE from (BT 518066) to (BT 518078). They had four three teams rice ambushes forward of their positions on the MLE. At approximately 182305H, three trip mines were set off near the tactical wire but nothing unusual was sighted. The area was immediately checked with no indication of enemy activity being found.
- (4) Company H. Company H remains in positional Reserve. The first platoon is occupying a portion of Company F's lines while they are out on a daylight operation. The company (-) is standing by on 30 minutes reflex status for commitment by the 4th Marines.

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- (5) H&S Company will continue to improve the CP and living conditions. Work is continuous on improving the CP defensive positions.
- (6) H&S Company Raiders departed Company F's lines of the MIA at 182100H to move into their blocking positions for Company F's operation this morning. They returned to their positions at 191630H.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	4		4
Squad		4		2	6
Platoon	1				1
Company	1				1
Total	2	4	4	2	12

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- C. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. 22 LVT5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion. All Ontos are operating.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Four tanks are presently deadlined. Two hours of instruction were presented on the M-72 from 191300H to 191500H. Classes included controls and sighting instruments, ammunition, maintenance, inspections, and destruction.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.

- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
- (2) Constructing road on KY HOA Island for Btry A, 2d LAAM Bn.
- (3) Completed strongbacking two tents for the 2d Battalion.
- (4) Completed strongbacking two tents for Co B, 3d Recon Bn.
- (5) Completed strongbacking one mess tent for 4th Marines CP.
- (6) Completed strongbacks for Co F, 2d Battalion.
- (7) Clearing area for protective minefield for 1st Battalion.

Water Distribution

Potable	25,240 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	43,240 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XOAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, 1ST ramp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	9	10	20
Squad	15	5		20
Total	16	14	10	40

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- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will maintain the GOPL at Hill 69 (BT 448068), Hill 76 (BT 453038), and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire and lay tactical wire. A complete review and re-evaluation of the positions on the AN TAN Bridge is in progress at this time. Companies F and G will continue aggressive ambush and patrol activity.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4		4
Squad	7		2	9
Platoon	2			2
Total	9	4	2	15

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxscores:

	<u>S&G Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	13	10		24
Squad		22	5	2		29
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		25	18	12		55

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) A team of five health workers from Province arrived in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103). They are to remain in the village for 30 days working on malaria control.
- (2) Fertilizer sales commenced in KY XUAN Village. Approximately 3½ tons was sold.
- (3) A bulldozer accidentally covered some graves inside the fence in the 1st dock area (BT 521119). Initially the people were upset but they calmed down. At present there is no indication of serious repercussions from the incident.

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- (4) English language classes were held for 20 people in HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 509121) and for 25 people in THANH LING Hamlet (BT 525086).
- (5) During today's Company (-) operation (See Company B, above) two leaflets are being distributed, 500 describing the lonely life of a VC soldier and 60 describing the losses suffered by the VC during a battle at CHU LAI. Also administering MedCAP treatment as required.
- (6) MedCAP treatment was provided to 177 people in KY HOA Village (BT 503129) and 52 people in TRUNG TOAN Hamlet (BT 524125).

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) The MedCAP team treated 81 Vietnamese in LONG BINH (BT 505071) and AN TAN (BT 498067).
- (2) The Battalion Chaplain said Mass at LONG BINH Hamlet at the request of the Hamlet Chief. The people were very responsive to the Mass.
- (3) The Battalion Psychological Warfare Officer returned from DA NANG with information that will greatly improve the Psychological Warfare efforts.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 229
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 81

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (1) During the search and clear operation by Company B, nine VCS were apprehended, along with 250 lbs of rice near (BT 447150). At 191348H the Company burned 1000 punji stakes found at (BT 459150).

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 197 as of 201600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		1	19	11		31
Squad		20	3			23
Platoon		2				2
Company	1					1
Total	1	23	22	11		57

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 435089)	200745H	Accidental Discharge S&C Opns	Co H - 1 WIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 436108)	200950H	Helo Recon S&C Opns	C.O. - 2 KIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 432094)	201020H	S&C Opns	Co H - 1 KIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 430101)	201230H	S&C Opns	Co H - None	Unk - 1 KIA
QUANG TIN (BT 439080)	200714H	S&C Opns	Co H - None	Unk - 2 VCS

B. Company H conducted their search and clear operation near Hill 22 (BT 4209). The company captured 2 VCS at 200714H near (BT 439080). They began receiving small arms fire at 200720H from the vicinity of (BT 433089).

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Artillery neutralized the target. At 200745H helicopters strafed a trench line at (BT 435089). Two pools of blood were found at (BT 435088) during the sweep. A helicopter received .30 caliber automatic weapons fire at 200940H from (BT 424098). At 200950H the helicopter was downed at (BT 436108). The Commanding Officer of 2d Battalion was aboard the helicopter and was slightly wounded, in the incident. A Marine was wounded at 201020H near (BT 432094) from a rifle grenade. One VC was killed near (BT 430101) at 201230H.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. Reacting to intelligence reports the Battalion set four extra ambushes and ran an additional patrol in the vicinity of MAG-36. The PF ambush (BT 485114) on KY XUAN fired on three VC at 192000H. A check of the area revealed one M-26 grenade and a pool of blood.

(1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were maintained at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) was maintained with a platoon (-). Based on a report from 7th CIT of a VC installation in SAM HAI

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Hamlet vicinity (BT 509106) four additional ambushes were set on a line at (BT 513111), (BT 514110), and (BT 514109) and on a line from (BT 512105) to (BT 514107).

- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were maintained at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 532084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAMF Bn. A report was received from MAG-36 that a VN boy told one of their men that several VC would stay in TRUNG TOAN Hamlet (BT 525118) over night. In response to this at 192203H a squad joined with SDC at check-point number one vicinity (BT 515113). They then proceeded north and conducted a search of TRUNG TOAN Hamlet. The search revealed nothing unusual.
- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 587104). At 192000H, four PF's set an ambush vicinity (BT 485114). Immediately after setting in, they observed three VC walking down the road. The VC also observed them and one tried to give a whistle type signal. The PF opened fire and it was returned by the VC.

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After the shooting had stopped, the PF checked the area and found one M-26 grenade. A squad was immediately dispatched from the company patrol base to check the area. They were unable to gain contact with the VC. This morning a patrol was sent to check the area again and found a pool of blood and a package of food. In checking with the people of the area they found that there were three VC with five others trailing behind. The VC names are: LUONA HZOAN, HUYNH, NHO, VO TONG.

- (5) H&S Company. The Battalion Scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091). Provided one fire team to accompany the PF ambushes at (BT 519095) and (BT 520103), and one fire team for security of the waterborne patrol.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided L/Ts for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	1	15	10	26
Squad	14	3		17
Platoon	1			1
Company	38	13	10	44
Total	16	18	10	44

2d Battalion, 4th Marines. A platoon patrol from Company H moved from Hill 69 at first light to check the area of (BT 436055). Two separate messages, rated C-2, reported that two VC Companies were located in this area. Company H began their search and clear operation at 200630H near Hill 22 (BT 43209). They began receiving small arms fire at 200720H from vicinity of (BT 433089). Artillery neutralized the target. At 200745H helicopters strafed a trench line at (BT 435089). Two pools of blood were found at (BT 435089) during the sweep. The Battalion Commander was aboard a helicopter forced down at 200950H near (BT 436108) by enemy fire. He was wounded slightly in the arm and evacuated to B-Med, but was returned to duty. A marine was wounded by shrapnel from a rifle grenade at 201020H near (BT 432094). One VC was killed near (BT 430101) at 201230H. Company F is Regimental Reserve during the Company H search and clear operation.

- (1) Company E. In response to intelligence information received from 4th Marines stating that two companies of VC are located in the KY SANH (1) area (BT 4505), one platoon was dispatched on a daylight combat/recon patrol to investigate the report and, if possible, engage the VC. Company E will continue the established roadblock/checkpoint at AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). One interpreter, a fire team of Marines, and a detachment of National Police are controlling the flow of traffic at that point.

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- (2) Company F. Company F's located on the MLR from (BT 513054) to (BT 518066). They conducted two fire team ambushes last night forward of their positions to give advance warning of any attempted penetrations. Company F patrolled to their front with three squads, searching out possible assembly areas, avenues of approach, and ambush positions. Company F is on a four hour alert to be prepared to assume part of 7th Marines MLR should they be committed today.
- (3) Company G. Company G maintained two fire team ambushes forward of the MLR, placed in such a manner as to offer the best protection along likely avenues of approach. In the daylight hours, aggressive patrolling was maintained to the front by three squad size units.
- (4) Company H. Company H, using PFs in a blocking position as well as part of the sweeping force, conducted a company size search and clear operation in the LUONG NHON area (BT 4309). At 200705H the company received small arms fire from (BT 432089). An artillery mission was called and the fire was silenced at 200731H. One man accidentally shot himself in the ankle at 200745H. He was evacuated to B-Med. At 200745H helicopters strafed a trench line at (BT 435089). Two pools of blood were found at (BT 435088) during the sweep. The Battalion Commander was aboard a helicopter forced down at 200950H near (BT 436108) by enemy fire. He was wounded slightly in the arm and evacuated to B-Med, but was returned to duty.

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The helicopter was protected by a platoon from Company H until it was repaired. A Marine was wounded by shrapnel from a rifle grenade, at 201020H near (BT 432094). One VC was killed near (BT 430101) at 201230H. The company captured two VC at 200714H at (BT 439000). The company returned at 201620H.

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			4	1	5
Squad		6			6
Platoon		1			1
Company	1				1
Total	1	7	4	1	13

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 435089)	200745H	Accidental Discharge S&C Opns	Co H - 1 WIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 436108)	200950H	Helo Recon S&C Opns	CO 2/4 - 1 WIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 432094)	201020H	S&C Opns	Co H - 1 WIA	None
QUANG TIN (BT 430101)	201230H	S&C Opns	Co H - None	Unk - 1 KIA
QUANG TIN	200714H	S&C Opns	Co H - None	Unk - 2 VCS

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 14 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Three tanks are presently deadlined. The search light tank was utilized at 191340H on suspected movement at (BT 523087). The area was illuminated with negative results.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking two tents for the 2d Battalion.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking two tents for the 4th Marines CP.
 - (4) Completed strongbacking one tent for Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn.
 - (5) Completed strongbacking three tents for Co B, 3d Engr Bn.
 - (6) Constructing mailroom for the 2d Battalion.
 - (7) Constructed passageways between two tents for 2d Battalion.
 - (8) Cleared area for Regimental E.M. and Off. Clubs.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,425 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,425 Gallons

G. Command Post Locations

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| (1) 4th Marines CP | (BT 533089) |
| (a) Co B, 3d AT Bn | (BT 533089) |
| (b) Co C, 3d Tank Bn | (BT 533089) |
| (c) Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn | (BT 559050) |
| (d) Co B, 3d Engr Bn | (BT 566052) |
| (e) 3d Bn, 12th Marines | (BT 551048) |

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- (2) 1st Bn, 4th Marines (BT 524091)
 (a) Co A CP (BT 527111)
 (b) Co B CP (BT 524090)
 (c) Co C CP (BT 512125)
 (d) Co D CP (BT 487104)
- (3) 2d Bn, 4th Marines (BT 535076)
 (a) Co E CP (BT 468068)
 (b) Co F CP (BT 513061)
 (c) Co G CP (BT 520072)
 (d) Co H CP (BT 534075)

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary forces, IST ramp security, and coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		9	10	19
Squad	13	4		17
Total	13	13	10	36

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F will conduct a platoon patrol in the valley located in CS (BT 4506) and (BT 4507). Extensive day and night, combat/ambush patrols will be conducted by Companies F and G. Company H is the Regimental Reserve. Company E will maintain the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire and lay tactical wire.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	1	5
Squad	6			6
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	4	1	13

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

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D. Patrol Plans Boxscores:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Socut Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			13	11		24
Squad		19	4			23
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		21	17	11		49

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAREA. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) The Civil Affairs Officer and S-2 attended a meeting for the Villagers of TRUNG TOAN (BT 524125) and SAM HAI (BT 515114). The meeting was held in SAM HAI Hamlet. Items of discussion were villager-Marine relationships. The Marines also helped answer some of the villagers questions.
- (2) Company D distributed 360 bars of soap to approximately 700 people in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103). The soap was donated by the Marines of Company D and distributed through the Village and Hamlet Chiefs.
- (3) English language class was held for 15 adults in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114).
- (4) MedCAP treatment was provided for 35 people in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103). The treatments were administered by company corporals.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Treatment continues in AN TAN of girl whose foot was caught in ^dmotor bike. The three hair lip and one cancerous eye cases have returned from the SAIGON adventist hospital aboard MAG-12 aircraft. The three hair lip children were operated on successfully but the cancerous eye case was hopeless. The doctors wanted to remove the eye but the mother who accompanied ^{the} child did not let them. All were returned to KY LIEN Village and the local people gathered, including the hamlet chief of AN TAN to see the results; they were extremely pleased. Doctor will examine the patients tomorrow. A meeting was held with the chief and assistant chief

removing the graves in the RMV area.

Dental Treatment

Calicut, 4th Marines	35
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4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 198 as of 21 November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>3&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			10	10		20
Squad		24	1			25
Platoon		3				3
Company						
Total		27	11	10		48

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 449059)	211342H	Patrol	Co E - 1 WIA PF - 1 WIA	Unk - 3 VC KIA

B. 3d Battalion, 7th Marines assumed operational control of Company H at 210900H. Company H will defend a portion of the MLR while the 7th Marines execute Division Operation Plan 338-65. The third platoon of Company H was used in defense of HQ-36 helicopter pad during the night. An ammunition bunker at the LY TIN District Headquarters (BT 478075) caught fire at 211145H. The cause of the fire is unknown and no casualties resulted. Company E received three incoming grenades at 211342H from three VC at (BT 449059). One Marine and one PF were wounded. The three VC were killed.

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2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. One platoon from Company H assisted in the defense of MAG-36. They were returned to the 2d Battalion at 210700H. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The SID used by Company B near (BT 487104) detected movement at 210320H. Illumination was fired with nothing unusual seen. MAG-36 was hit by automatic weapons fire at 210105H from (BT 522128), (BT 526130) and (BT 523129). Artillery illumination was fired and a squad from Company A searched the area but could not make contact with the VC.

(1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) was continued with a platoon (-). A squad patrol was sent from the sand ramp to check the area near MAG-36. At 210105H MAG-36 was receiving fire from three different areas. The patrol found nothing.

(2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours.

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Coordinated USMC/SEC posts were maintained at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew restrictions. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew. The beach access point (BT 532084) remained closed.

- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SEC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAE Bn. First Platoon maintained MIA positions vicinity (BT 5209), two OP/LP at (BT 515086) and (BT 513090) and provided four Marines for waterborne patrol security.
- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 2100Z vicinity (BT 487104) a SID indicated movement. Illumination was fired but no one was seen.
- (5) H&S Company. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided four Marines for USMC/PF ambushes (BT 514093) to (BT 515098) from 1900H to 2300H. Scouts maintained OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmphBn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	9	15
Squad	18	1		19
Platoon				
Total	18	7	9	34

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H came under the OPCON of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines at 210900H. They will maintain a portion of the MIA while the 7th Marines execute Division Operation Plan 338-65. Company H received three incoming grenades at 211342H near (BT 449059). One Marine and one PF were wounded. Three VC were killed.

(1) Company E. Company E is conducting a platoon size day combat patrol in search of VC reported by the LY TIN Liaison Officer to be in the KY SANH (BT 4505) area. Company E concentrated on reconstructing the AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066) defenses. The positions are being reinforced and waterproofed as much as possible with limited material available for this purpose. Company E will continue the established roadblock/checkpoint at AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). One interpreter, a fire team of Marines and a detachment of National Police are controlling the flow of traffic at that point.

(2) Company F. Company F patrolled to their front last night with two fire team ambushes. They were located at points selected to offer the best possible chance of making contact with VC attempting to penetrate the MIA.

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Company F is conducting a platoon size combat patrol in the vicinity of the valley between KHUONG BHOA (2) (BT 425037) and KHUONG THO (1) (BT 425075) to seek out and destroy VC in the area. They departed at 210730H and returned at 211600H. In addition, Company F is patrolling to the front of the MLR with three squads. These squads are out to search and destroy VC as well as familiarize themselves with the terrain.

- (3) Company G. Company G protected their front last night by carefully locating two fire team ambushes along the best avenues of approach to their position. Three squads are operating in front of the MLR from Company G to seek out and destroy VC while looking for good ambush sights, assembly areas, and avenues of approach.
- (4) Company H. Company H provided one platoon to 1st BN last night to reinforce their lines near MAG-36 against an expected attack that did not materialize. Company H is filling lines for 3d BN, 7th Marines, while the 7th Marines execute Division Operation Plan 35B-65. They were attached to the 7th Marines at 210900H.
- (5) ReS Company leaders in conjunction with one RF platoon from I II District are patrolling between AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066) and I II District Headquarters (BT 474077). They are attempting to find VC and familiarize themselves with the hamlets in that area.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Amphibies</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	1	5
Squad	6			6
Platoon	3			3
Total	9	4	1	14

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 449059)	211342H	Patrol	Co E - 1 WIA PF - 1 WIA	Unk - 3 VC killed

LATE ENTRY. The Company E platoon patrol to the KY SANH area received three incoming hand grenades at 211342H near (BT 449059). The platoon commander and one PF were wounded. The three VC that threw the grenades were killed, by a 3.5 round while attempting to escape.

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle. 14 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. Five hours of training was conducted on the M-72 for 157 personnel.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Three tanks are presently deadlined. Two hours of classroom instruction was conducted on the M-72. Instructions covered marksmanship, technique of fire, and tactical employment.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking two CP tents for the 2d Battalion.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking two tents for Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
 - (4) Completed strongbacking one tent for Co A, 1st Amtrac Bn.
 - (5) Strongbacking two tents for 1st Battalion, 40% complete.
 - (6) Clearing area for minefield around MAG-12 airfield.
 - (7) Clearing area for minefield for 1st Battalion.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,240 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,240 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY.

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209) KY HOA (BT 5013) and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SBC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

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	<u>Partols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	9	15
Squad	17			17
Total	17	6	9	32

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will maintain, the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire, and lay tactical wire. The H&S Company Raiders will conduct a patrol with the PF's. Company E will conduct a platoon patrol in the KY SANH area (BT 4505) in search of two VC companies reported in the area two days ago.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		2	1	3
Squad	6			6
Platoon	3			3
Total	9	2	1	12

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

- D. Patrol Plans Boxscores.

	<u>S&G Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			8	10		18
Squad		23				23
Platoon		3				3
Company						
Total		26	8	10		44

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) English language classes were held for 35 students in HOA THUAN Hamlet (BT 512154) and 13 students in HOA TRUNG Hamlet (BT 490140). This was the first day of class in HOA THUAN.
- (2) A shower was installed by the KY HOA Village Health Clinic in HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129). The villagers built the platform and Marines installed the water storage tank.

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- (3) MedCAP treatment was provided for 126 people in HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129) and 52 people in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).
- (4) A film team from LY TIN District Headquarters presented a show in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103). In addition a few Marines acts were presented. Approximately 50 villagers attended.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) MedCAP treated 60 Vietnamese in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 498067).
- (2) Preparations are being made for a troop indoctrination program on Psychological Warfare and for operations in KY KHUONG, KY SANH and KY LIEN Villages.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 178
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 60

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Sniper School was completed on 20 November. The Battalions will have operational control of the Sniper Teams. It is expected that the Sniper Teams will be utilized in the near future.
- B. The 2d Battalion does not have SIDs at the present time. The Battalion just received the M-72 and as yet has not conducted any classes.
- C. 1st Battalion Training

	<u>SID</u>	<u>M-72 (LAAN)</u>
Co A (due to switch)	None	None
Co B	30 Min-25 Marines	30 Min-25 Marines
Co C	30 Min-25 Marines	1 Hour-19 Marines
Co D	2 Hours-150 Marines	2 Hours-150 Marines
H&S Co	Unk-10 Marines	None

- (1) 21% of the Battalion has been instructed on the M-72 and the SID.

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- (2) Plans. The SID will be used in detecting movement and in conjunction with claymore mines and ambushes. The M-72 will be used by the rocket sections when attached to platoon patrols. On smaller patrols one M-72 will be issued per fire team.

D. Schools Attendance

(1) Mine Warfare	90
(2) Vietnamese Language	7
(3) Sniper Rifle	10

- E. It is important to note the reaction of the PF's on KY XUAN Island the night of 19 November (SITREP 198). This is the first time any PF's have stood up to the VC on the island. Not to mention the fact there were only four PF's in the ambush.

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By direction

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22 November 1965

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 199 as of 221600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHT BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	8		17
Squad		23	3			26
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		25	3	8		45

B. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines. Company H defends a portion of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines MLN while the Battalion prepares to execute Division Operation Plan 338-65.

2. DETAILS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. At 220100H, MAG-36 fired three small arms rounds at suspected movement near (HT 525129). The area was immediately searched but nothing was found. The Battalion conducted coordinated UMG/SUC listening posts/checkpoints, IST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY AUN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAH Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LT ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare.

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- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 516102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) was continued with a platoon. Conducted squad night patrol in vicinity (BT 5210). A special squad patrol left the LST ramp (BT 521119) at 0425H to check out a cave that was found (BT 523124). Nothing unusual was observed.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) was opened. Strict compliance with fishing regulations will be enforced.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LA M Bn. First Platoon maintained positions vicinity (BT 525103).
- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104).

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- (5) H&S Company. One fire team was utilized for security of the waterborne patrol and one fire team for the coordinated ambush/FF ambush (BT 513085). Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091) continuously. One Black Porter is located at (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination to the Battalion's left flank.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AsTric Bn. Provided LWTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	7	12
Squad	17	3		20
Total	17	8	7	32

1. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines. The company defends a portion of the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines A&R while the Battalion prepares to execute Division operation Plan 338-65. All companies continue to improve their defensive positions.

- (1) Company D. Company D maintained a constant vigil from Hill 76, Hill 69, and AN TAN Bridge for VC movement in that portion of the TACR. The checkpoint/roadblock at AN TAN Bridge was maintained by the National Police and supported by Company D Marines. Company E will continue to improve the outpost positions by waterproofing as many bunkers as possible.

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- (2) Company F. The Company protected their positions from surprise attack by placing two fire team ambushes forward of the MIR. The ambushes forward of their segment of the MIR. The ambushes are located such that anyone attempting to move on the suspected route of the VC demolition teams will be intercepted. Company F is conducting three day combat squad size patrols to the front of the MIR to seek out and destroy local VC who may try to move in the daylight.
- (3) Company G. Company G established, under the cover of darkness, two ambushes to intercept any attempted movement by the VC, on the suspected VC demolition teams route into the airfield complex. They also can offer early warning to the MIR in the event of a large troop movement toward the positions. Company G is patrolling to their front with three squads. One platoon of Company G is patrolling in the northern sector of the TACR to seek out and destroy VC.
- (4) Company H. Company H is attached to 7th Marines during their execution of Division Operation Plan 338-65. Company H defends a portion of the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines MIR.
- (5) H&S Company Raiders are conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Hill 69 and the KY SANH Village complex (BT 4505) in response to intelligence received (C-2), on 19 November, that there are two companies of VC in that area.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Light Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	1	5
Squad	6			6
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	4	1	13

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 1st LVTP5's are declined for lack of repair parts. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion. All Ontos are presently running.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. One tank is presently declined. The second platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion. The third platoon is in direct support of the 1st Battalion. 16" searchlights were utilized by the 1st Battalion throughout the night.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking one tent for the 1st Battalion.
 - (3) Continued to strongback two tents for 4th Marines CP, 85% complete.
 - (4) Clearing area for minefield for 1st Battalion.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,640 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,640 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, LT ramp security and coordinated USMC/ODC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013), and KY KUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The 1st platoon, Company C maintains MLR positions vicinity (BT 525103).

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	7	12
Squad	16			16
Total	16	5	7	28

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- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire, and lay tactical wire. Company E will maintain the GOPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038) and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). Companies F and G will conduct aggressive ambush and patrol actions forward of the MLR.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		4	1	5
Squad	6			6
Total	6	4	1	11

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

- D. Patrol Plans Boxscores.

	<u>S&G Cons</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			9	8		17
Squad		22				22
Platoon						
Company						
Total		22	9	8		39

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer introduced the Officers of Company A to Mr. CAM, KY HA Village Chief, and his staff, including the Hamlet Chiefs of SAM HAI (BT 515114) and TRUNG TOAN (BT 514125). The meeting was held at Village Headquarters (BT 515114). Several items of interest were discussed, including arrangements to move graves from Company A's area and resumption of work on the washed out bridge at (BT 517111).
- (2) Six persons were treated by Company D corpsmen with MedCAP supplies in KY XU N Village (BT 487104).

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Treatment continues on the girl in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 498067) whose foot was caught in a motor bike.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 6 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 1 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. 1st Battalion SDC and PF Training. The Battalion has been conducting marksmanship training for PF and SDC personnel. The training for the SDC consists of marksmanship instruction and firing. The results have shown a great improvement in their marksmanship ability. The PFs are given a weeks instruction to include; care and cleaning of their weapons, windage and elevation, sight alignment and sight picture, and live firing. The PFs fire for record on their first and last day of training. The average improvement for the week is 60%. Twenty PFs have been trained on KY HA Peninsula, with another squad commencing training today. Twenty-six SDC have been trained on KY HOA Island; thirty PF will begin training today.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 100 as of 231600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>SAC Orgs</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>2nd Post</u>	<u>3rd Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			11	9			20
Squad		19	3				22
Platoon		2					2
Company							
Total		21	14	9			44

B. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines. Company H defends a portion of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines MIA while the Battalion prepares to execute Division Operational Plan 338-65. Company G is realigning their MIA positions to conform with the new coordinating point between Battalions at (BT 517071).

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Patrol bases are maintained on KI XUAN and KI NOA Islands to ^{protect} Battery A, 2d LAAS Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action.

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- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 516103) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) continued with one platoon.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew restrictions. The beach access point (BT 532084) was opened, which allowed local fishermen to launch and begin their fishing vessels. An USMC/SDC post at that site was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 487142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Coordinated patrols were conducted from the patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAM Bn. First Platoon manned positions in the vicinity of (BT 525103).
- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY SUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487142). One of the patrols captured one VCS vicinity (BT 487103) about 230415H.

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He had paddles for a boat and claimed to be a fisherman, however, he had no I.D. card. A check with the Village Chief the next morning revealed that the man was a member of the village and that they were in the process of getting an I.D. card for him.

- (6) 3d Platoon, Co A, 1st Amphibious Battalion. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew hours.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	7	12
Squad	13	3		16
Platoon				
Total	13	8	7	28

- b. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines during their execution of Division Operation Plan 338-65. Company H maintains a portion of the MIR in 3d Battalion, 7th Marines' TAOR. Company G is realigning their MIR positions to conform with the new coordinating point between Battalions at (BT 517071).

- (1) Company E. Company E reported no night activity from the outposts and the bridge at AN TAN. Company E is engaged in securing the KY SANH (BT 4505) area today by providing a platoon as part of a combined USMC/PP reinforced platoon size combat patrol to search out and destroy the VC known to operate in the area.

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Company E maintained two checkpoints one on either end of AN TAN Bridge in conjunction with the National Police and PPs. Any contraband or suspicious, unidentifiable persons will be turned over to the Chu Lai Collection Point for further investigation.

- (2) Company F. Company F ambushed forward of the MLR with three fire teams for the purpose of intercepting VC attempting to approach the MLR. Company F patrolled today with three squad size and one platoon size combat patrols. The three squads operated forward of the MLR, while the platoon, with the PPs and an interpreter attached, operated East of LY TIN District Headquarters in an attempt to seek out and destroy the VC in the KY KUONG Village area.
- (3) Company G. Company G last night provided three fire team ambushes forward of the MLR in order to prevent the VC from approaching the MLR positions under the cover of darkness. Three squads of Company G will patrol to the front to insure that no VC interfere with the realigning of Company G's MLR positions to conform with the new coordinating point at (BT 517071).
- (4) Company H. Company H remains attached to 3d Battalion, 7th Marines during the execution of Division Operation Plan 338-65.
- (5) M&S Company Raiders remained over night at District Headquarters after operating yesterday with the PPs. The raiders filled in some of Company E's positions while

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Company E conducts the combined patrol reported in paragraph (1).

- (6) PFs from IX TIR District operated with Company E and Company F platoon combat patrols. Two interpreters operated, one each with Company E and Company F. IWTs are engaged in supporting Company G's move today shifting the MLN to align with the new coordinating point.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	2	8
Squad	6			6
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	6	2	16

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. Four LVTP5's are presently at 1st AmTrac Bn awaiting return shipment from Operation BLUE MARLIN. 14 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAC-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle. The LVTP5 is being utilized because a normal crash/rescue vehicle can not travel in the sand adjacent to the airstrip.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. One tank is presently deadlined. The 2d platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the 3d platoon is in direct support of the 1st Battalion.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continues to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Completed strongbacking three tents for the 2d Battalion.
 - (3) Continued to strongback two tents for the 4th Marines CP, 90% complete.
 - (4) Repaired the messhall for the 2d Battalion.
 - (5) Clearing area for minefield for the 1st Battalion.
 - (6) Continued to clear the area around the MAC-12 airfield for a minefield.

Water Distribution

Potable	20,140 Gallons
Raw	16,000 Gallons
Total	36,140 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY BOA (BT 5013), and KY XIAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SOC listening post/checkpoints will be maintained. The 1st platoon, Company C maintains MIA positions vicinity (BT 525103).

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	9	14
Squad	15	5		20
Platoon				
Total	15	10	9	34

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Companies F & G will conduct aggressive ambush and patrol actions forward of the HLT. Company E will maintain the CPFL at HILL 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038), and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire, and lay tactical wire.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	2	8
Squad	6			6
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	6	2	16

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxscore.

	<u>SCG Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			11	11		22
Squad		21	5			26
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		23	16	11		50

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. Headquarters

- (1) The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer attended a meeting at LY TIN District Headquarters convened by the Deputy Province Chief to discuss the security at KY HA Village (BT 525086), KY HOA Village (BT 503129) and KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).

- (2) The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer made arrangements with LY TIN District Headquarters to deliver the body of a deceased female to

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her house in TAN KY District.

- (3) The Headquarters Company Executive Officer met with the Hamlet Chief of KY LIN (BT 502063) and five Vietnamese to discuss the possibility of hiring 20 Vietnamese to run a laundry which Headquarters Company plans on establishing.
- (4) The Regimental Psychological Warfare Officer provided 7th Marines with 20,000 leaflets written in English and Vietnamese requesting aid of the Vietnamese in locating VC and 5,000 surrender leaflets showing a VC with his hands in the air.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) English language classes were conducted in HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129), AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) and XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091). A total of 50 Vietnamese attended classes.
- (2) The Battalion Commander attended a meeting at LY TIN District Headquarters convened by the Deputy Province Chief of QUANG TIN to discuss the security of KY HA Village (BT 525086), KY HOA Village (BT 503129), and KY XUAN Village (BT 487103).
- (3) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was administered by company corpsmen in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103), AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) and XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091).
- (4) The beach access point for KY HA fishermen was opened (BT 532044).

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) MedCAP corpsmen treated people in AN TAN (BT 498065) at the school house.
- (2) The Battalion Surgeon administered a girl in AN TAN (BT 498065) who has been receiving treatment for her foot.
- (3) The stitches were removed from the three hair lip children who underwent surgery in SAIGON and returned to AN TAN (BT 498065) on 19 November 1965. They are progressing well.

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D. MedCAP Summary

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2d Battalion, 4th Marines 50

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

3/JLH/de
3480
24 November 1965

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 200 as of 241600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&G Odds</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			5	41		16
Squad		20	6			26
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		22	11	11		44

B. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines. Company H defends a portion of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines MIR while the Battalion executes Division Operation Plan 338-65.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare.

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HAG-36 reported four incidents during the night and MASS-2 reported one incident. The 1st platoon (-) Company C is in Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew. A coordinated patrol was conducted from the post at (BT 518102) to enforce curfew regulations. Security of the LBT ramp (BT 521119) was maintained by a platoon. Two rounds 61mm illumination were fired at 2048H and 2101H respectively vicinity (BT 526107) at the request of MASS-2. When second round went off Company A observed one man with rifle in tree line vicinity (BT 526107). At 2120H SDC Post #1 (BT 518102) reported a sick girl. The Doctor was sent to post #1 with an ambulance. The girl was evacuated to B-Med.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 532084) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations.

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Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. First Platoon maintained two LP/OP and the platoon (-) was in battalion reserve.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104).
- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security and one fire team for the coordinated USMC/PF ambush (BT 503105). Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.
- (7) MAG-36

- (a) At 231955H an OP fired six small arms rounds at suspected enemy movement near (BT 527129). Fired illumination but nothing was seen and the movement was still heard.
- (b) At 232130H two men were seen at (BT 524130), one M-26 grenade and hand illumination were expended. Sent two men to check out area but nothing was sighted.
- (c) At 240305H near (BT 528118) six rounds M-14 were fired and two flares at suspected enemy movement. The area was searched but nothing unusual was found.

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(d) At 210425H movement was heard to the front at (526129) threw one illumination, saw one man hit deck, fired 20-30 rounds M-60. A patrol sent out to check the area but found no trace of the individual.

(8) MASS-2 At 232045H observed one man vicinity (BT 526106).

Illumination referred to under Company A activities was then fired. MASS-2 fired two rounds at suspected movement (BT 525106) after the second round of illumination.

	<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	9	14
Squad	14			14
Platoon				
Total	14	5	9	28

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H remains attached to the 7th Marines during their execution of Division Operation Plan 338-465. Company H maintains a portion of the MIA in 3d Battalion, 7th Marines TACR. The Company G patrol was diverted from their mission to check a reported V^v roadblock at (BT 440099).

(1) Company E. Company E occupied the combined bridge/checkpoint during daylight hours with PF and National Police. All vehicles and personnel negotiating the bridge are inspected for contraband material and hidden VC. During curfew hours, the checkpoint becomes a roadblock and no traffic is permitted across the bridge without express permission of the Commanding Officer. Work continues on the outpost hills and AN TAN Bridge positions in order that they may better withstand the elements.

(2) Company F. Company F established

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- (2) Company F. Company F established ambushes to their front last night with three squad size units so as to provide advanced warning of a surprise attack and intercept smaller VC units enroute. The squads are patrolling along the forward edge of the MIA, and out to the front approximately 2,000 meters to prevent VC movement during daylight hours ~~AND TO~~ destroy any VC attempting to operate in daylight hours.
- (3) Company G. Company G maintained three squad ambushes on the best avenues of approach to their MIA positions with the mission of destroying any VC who should move into the killing zone and provide early warning of a force too large to engage. Three squads of Company G are patrolling to the front approximately 2,000 meters to seek out and destroy VC in the area. One platoon of Company G is engaged in a platoon size daylight patrol in conjunction with one squad of PPs and an interpreter in the KY KUONG Village area. Company G platoon patrol was diverted to (BT 440099) to investigate a possible VC roadblock at that location, reported LY TIN District Advisor. The patrol located at (BT 438091), received three small arms rounds from (BT 435091) at 241200H. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact.
- (4) Company H. Company H remained attached to 3d Bn, 7th Marines.
- (5) H&S Company. Raiders are again operating in the KY SANH area with PPs.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			2	2
Squad	6	6		12
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	6	2	16

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- C. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as crash/rescue vehicle. Four LVTP5's are still at the 1st Amphib Bn. awaiting return shipment from OPERATION BLUE MARLIN. 14 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of spare parts.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. One tank is presently deadlined. The second platoon continues in direct support of the 2d Battalion with five tanks at Company F's position. The third platoon continues in direct support of the 1st Battalion with a light section at Company A's position on Hill 51 and a heavy section in the Battalion CP.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continue to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) A cave, 80 feet long, was destroyed using one bangalore torpedo kit.
 - (3) Completed strongbacking two tents for 4th Marines Officer Mess.
 - (4) Repaired one strongback for 2d Battalion.
 - (5) Two doors built for 2d Battalion.
 - (6) Clearing trees for Co A, 20% completed.
 - (7) Clearing area for minefield around the MAG-12 airfield.
 - (8) Clearing area for minefield for the 1st Battalion.
 - (9) Cutting off drum tops for LAAM Bn, 30 completed.
 - (10) Welding bomb crates together for 1st Battalion, 60% completed.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,535 Gallons
Raw	16,000 Gallons
Total	42,535 Gallons

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3. PLANS SUMMARY

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SOC listening post/checkpoints will be maintained. The 1st platoon (-), Company C is in Battalion Reserve. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013), and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	13			13
Platoon				
Total	13	6	10	29

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will maintain the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038), and AN TAN Bridge (BT 497066). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions, clear fields of fire, and lay tactical wire. Company E (-) (Rein) with one platoon of Company F, one platoon of Company G, the Raider platoon, and the PF Company in LY THU District will conduct a search and destroy operation in the no name village area (BT 4405).

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				2	2
Squad		6	6		12
Company	1				1
Total	1	6	6	2	15

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will continue to remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxscores.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	12		18
Squad		19	6			25
Platoon						
Company	1					1
Total	1	19	12	12		44

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• CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) The KY HOA Village Corpseman (BT 503129) reported that he has been paid for the month of November and has been told that he will be paid monthly from now on. He assists in the MedCAP treatments in KY HOA.
- (2) English language classes were held in HOA THUAN Hamlet (BT 512154) for 21 people.
- (3) A merry-go-round was installed by Marines from Company B in the school yard in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091).
- (4) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was administered by company corpsemen in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) for 73 people, HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129) for 87 people, XUAN TRUNG (BT 519091) for 21 people, AN TAY Hamlet (BT 37 people and KY XUAN Village (BT 487103) for 113 people.
- (5) 4,000 leaflets being distributed in KY HOA, KY HA, KY XUAN Villages by SDC, PF platoon, and designated representatives of Village Chiefs. Leaflet has pictures of bridge under construction by Marines and Civilians and of the finished bridge. Leaflet translation:

The Vietnamese people cooperated closely with USMC in building this new bridge at Chu Lai.

This bridge was built by Vietnamese people and our friends, USMC. This is the first man who passed this bridge and a lot of people will use this bridge too.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

LONG BINH (BT 507071) MedCAP program continues with 110 people being treated. 60 were of external dressings and 50 for internal reasons. Soap was distributed to 25 children.

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C. MedCAP Summary

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4TH MARINES (-) (REIN) PATROL PLANS FOR 26NOV65

UNIT	SIZE	CODE NAME	TOD	TOR	LAYOVER
A	SQD/SDC	OLD CROWN	262000H	262300H	
A	SQD/SDC	LUCKY	262400H	270230H	
A	SQD	BLATZ	270230H	270530H	
B	SQD	YOUGHIEHENY	261400H	270300H	
B	SQD	SINNEMAHOING	270330H	270630H	
B	SQD	ALLEGHENY	262030H	262030H	
B	FT	BLACK	262030H	270100H	AMB
B	FT	GOLD	270100H	270630H	AMB
B	FT	PURPLE	270100H	270630H	AMB
B	FT	ORANGE	262030H	270100H	AMB
B	FT	WHITE	270100H	270630H	AMB
C	SQD/SDC	C-2-A	261800H	262400H	0300-0700
C	SQD/SDC	C-2-B	261800H	262400H	0030-0700
C	SQD	HILLTOP	261800H	270700H	1900-0600
C-1	SQD	CLAY	261800H	270700H	1900-0600
C-1	FT	PATTERSON	261800H	270700H	1900-0600
D	SQD	MINNESOTA	262230H	270200H	NST
D	SQD	MISSISSIPPI	261900H	262230H	NST
D	SQD	MICHIGAN	270200H	270530H	NST

1F	270800H	271030H
2F	270900H	271130H
3F	271000H	271230H
1G	271200H	271430H
2G	271300H	271530H
3G	271400H	271630H
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4th Marines (-) (Rein), 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
c/o FFO, San Francisco, 96601

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3480
25 November 1965

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 202 as of 251600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		16	12			28
Platoon						
Company						
Total		16	18	11		45

B. Company H was returned to the OPCON of 4th Marines and was back in their positions at 241800H.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted coordinated COMC/SEC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The Battalion conducted 34 small unit actions during the reporting period.

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thirteen squad patrols; six fire team and six squad size ambushes; and nine listening posts. Company D, on KY XUAN Island (BT 4810), had considerable movement around their patrol base during the night. The SID detected movement near the patrol base.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SAC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. One platoon provided security for the LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SAC posts were manned at (BT 519057), (BT 5190) and (BT 523084) during the hours of curfew. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SAC post at the beach access point (BT 532034) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SAC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. First Platoon manned MLR positions from (BT 520100) to (BT 529104) and two listening posts vicinity (BT 5100).

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(4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 242005H one round 81mm mortar illumination was fired vicinity (BT 477086) for a patrol with suspected movement to their front. The area was searched after the illumination but nothing unusual was found. At 2130H, near (BT 488103), the SID detected movement. A flare was set off but nothing was seen. Two small arms rounds were fired at suspected movement near (BT 488102) at 242215H. The area was checked but nothing unusual was found. At 242220H near (BT 488103) ten small arms rounds were fired at suspected movement. Two illumination grenades were thrown but nothing unusual sighted.

(5) AAS Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security and one fire team for the coordinated USMC/AR ambush (BT 503105). Battalion Scouts manned CP Sierra (BT 523091).

(6) 3d Platoon, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HON and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	9	15
Squad	13	6		19
Platoon				
Total	13	12	9	34

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company H was returned to the OPCON of the 4th Marines at 241800H.

(1) Company E. Company E maintained the combined bridge guard checkpoint during day light hours with AR and National Police.

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All vehicles and personnel negotiating the bridge are inspected for contraband material and hidden VC. During curfew hours the checkpoint becomes a roadblock and no traffic is permitted across the bridge without express permission of the Commanding Officer. Work continues on the outpost hills and the AN TAN Bridge positions in order that they may better withstand the elements. Company E (-) (Rain) remained on standby to execute a combined search and destroy operation in the village area vicinity of (BT 4405). However, the mission was changed and the operation was cancelled.

- (2) Company F. Company F ambushed to their front last night with three squad size units so as to provide advanced warning of a surprise attack and intercept smaller VC units in route. Company F was standing by to execute a two company operation in the vicinity of (BT 4309) until word was received at approximately 251030H which delayed the operation for 24 hours.
- (3) Company G. Company G maintained three squad ambushes in the best avenues of approach to their MLR positions with the mission of destroying any VC and provide early warning of large VC units. Three squads of Company G are patrolling to the front approximately 2,000 meters to seek out and destroy VC in the area. Company G was standing by to fill in Company F's lines should the planned operation have been executed today.

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- (4) Company H. Company H returned to the Regimental Reserve position last night, at approximately 241000H. They were standing by to participate in the operation mentioned in paragraph (12e.). They will recover from their last mission and prepare to move out tomorrow with Company F.
- (5) H&S Company. Raiders are standing by to participate in the two company operation postponed to tomorrow because of the weather.

	<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Ambush</u>	<u>Lost Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	5		2	2
Squad	6	6		9
Total	3	6	2	11

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle. Four LVT5's are still at the 1st AmTrac Bn awaiting return shipment from OPERATION BLUE MARLIN. 14 LVT5's are deadlined for lack of spare parts.
- D. Co B, 3d AF Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are presently deadlined. One platoon is in direct support of each Infantry Battalion.
- F. Co B, 3d Eng. Bn.

- (1) Completed cutting trees for Co A, 1st Battalion.
- (2) Completed building steps for sick bay at 1st Battalion.
- (3) Completed building table for headquarters, 1st Battalion.
- (4) Completed building table for officer's mess, 4th Marines CP.
- (5) Clearing area for minefield around the MAG-12 airfield.
- (6) Clearing area for minefield for the 1st Battalion.
- (7) Cutting tops off drums for LAAM Bn, 65% completed.
- (8) Welding bomb racks for light towers for MAG-3, 60% completed.

Water Distribution

Potable	26,615 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	44,615 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- a. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY MA Peninsula (BT 2209), KY MOA (BT 5013), and KY IAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, 1st ramp security and coordinated USMC/SDC listening post/checkpoints will be maintained.

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	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	17	5		22
Total	17	11	10	38

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will maintain the COPL at Hill 69 (BT 468068), Hill 76 (BT 453038), and AN ILL Bridge (BT 497066). Weather permitting the Battalion will launch a battalion (-) operation at 260800H in the area of (BT 4309). The mission is to locate and destroy a reported VC aid station. Elements of the operation are Companies F, H, H&S Company Raiders, snipers, flame thrower section and attached engineers. Normal patrols and ambushes will be employed forward of and on the ELR.

	<u>S&C</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				2	2
Squad		3	3	3	9
Bn (-)	1				1
Total	1	3	3	5	12

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Boxscores.

	<u>S&C</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	12	1	19
Squad		20	8	3		31
Platoon						
Company						
Bn (-)	1					1
Total	1	20	14	15	1	51

4. Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare

A. Headquarters Company

The Headquarters Company Executive Officer met with Mr. TAN, a cooperative leader in Chu Lai New Life Hamlet (BT 510055) and completed negotiations for twenty laundrymen. The Company Laundry will open on 26 November 1965.

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B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) English language classes were conducted in HON LONG Hamlet (BT 503129) for 24 students, HON LONG Hamlet (BT 509121) for 26 students, and THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 28 students.
- (2) Preparation of the defense of the Village Headquarters in Ky Hoa Village (BT 509121) continues. PF and Marines are working together with villagers, cutting fields of fire and installing barbed wire barriers.
- (3) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was administered by company corpsmen in KI HOA Village (BT 503129) for 125 people, KI XUAN Village (BT 487103) for 6 people, SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) for 61 people, AN THY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 11 people, XUAN PHUOI Hamlet (BT 519091) for 32 people and THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 17 people.
- (4) Continue to distribute leaflets described in SitRep #202.

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) Treatment continues on the girl in AN PHU (BT 499066). Skin grafts will be made in the near future.
- (2) Received 1 Corps leaflets 4-65, 14-65 and 22-65 for use in operations scheduled for 26 November 1965, weather permitting.

D. MedCAP Summary

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 203 as of 261600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSa. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORE:

	<u>Sec Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scouts Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	9		15
Squad		17	10			27
Platoon						
Company						
Bn (-)	1					1
Total	1	17	16	9		43

- b. The 2d Battalion jumped off on their Battalion (-) operation at 260900H. Due to the inclement weather the unit had to be moved by motor convoy to the area. They crossed the line of departure at 261137H.

2. OPERATIONS

- a. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/MC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes, and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY ABK and KY HOA Islands to protect Battery A, 2d LAAI Bn, to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare.

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The Battalion conducted 35 small unit actions: seventeen squad size patrols: six fire team ambushes and four squad size ambushes; eight fire team listening posts. The 1st Platoon, Company C is Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Security of the LSI ramp (BT 521119) was maintained by a platoon. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 532084) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. Fire Team ambushes were established to prevent infiltration and to give warning of a large scale attack.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations.

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Combat patrols were conducted from the patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. Fifth Platoon is in Battalion Reserve.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY KUEN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487124) to prevent VC movement or terrorist activities.
- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security and one fire team for the coordinated USMC/PF ambush (BT 513085). Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra. 81mm Mortar Platoon fired one illumination in support of the coordinated USMC/PF ambush (BT 513085). USMC/PF ambush reported suspected boat movement (BT 506055). One 81mm mortar is located at (BT 523091) to provide on call illumination for the Battalion's left flank.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amph Bn. Provided LRTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY KUEN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY KUEN Island during curfew hours.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	8	14
Squad	17	4		21
Total	17	10	8	35

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion (-) operation began at 260900H when they moved out in a motor convoy, due to the inclement weather.

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The Companies crossed the line of departure at 261137H. Company H encountered two VC at 261200H near (BT 425100) but the VC fled. Company H received small arms fire from (BT 425100) at 261305H. The VC broke contact after receiving a large volume of fire from the company. The objective was secured at 261530H. The Battalion conducted one Battalion (-) search and clear operation and several small unit actions during the reporting period: six squad ambushes and one listening post.

- (1) Company E. Company E maintained the combined bridge checkpoint during the daylight hours with PF and National Police. All vehicles and personnel negotiating the bridge are inspected for contraband material and hidden VC. During curfew hours, the checkpoint becomes a roadblock and no traffic is permitted across the bridge without express permission of the Commanding Officer. Work continues on the outposts and AN TAN Bridge positions in order that they may be better able to withstand the elements. Company E is standing by to pick up one platoon of Company G and reinforce the two company operation going today in the Northern sector of the TACH.
- (2) Company F. Company F ambushed to their front last night with three squad size units so as to provide advanced warning of a surprise attack and intercept smaller VC units enroute. Company F is executing, in conjunction with Company H, a two company search and destroy operation in the Northern sector of the TACH.

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The target is a reported VC aid station in the area of Hill 22, (BT 423091).

- (3) Company G. Company G maintained three squad ambushes in the best avenues of approach to their MLR positions with the mission of destroying any VC who should move into the killing zone and provide early warning of a force too large to engage. Company G is standing by to provide one platoon to Company H should they be called out to reinforce Companies F and H.
- (4) Company H. Company H is participating in the two company sweep to find a reported VC aid station in the Northern sector of the TAOA. It is anticipated the operation will last one day. The company encountered two VC near (BT 425100) at 261305H. The company returned with such a volume of fire that the VC immediately broke contact and fled.
- (5) H&S Company. Raiders are acting as CP security for the forward Command Group on the current operation. They are also prepared to be employed as a tactical platoon should another maneuvering element be required. Flames have attached one squad to each of the two companies and PPs are moving with the operation, both in the sweeping and blocking units. Snipers will also operate.
- (6) Ontos provided security for the column of trucks as the Battalion (-) moved out at 260900H. Trucks were provided by all Motor Transport units in the CHU LAI enclave this morning.

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	<u>S&C</u>	<u>Onns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team					1	1
Squad				6		6
Bn (-)	1					1
Total	1			6	1	8

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- C. Co A. 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVT5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle. Four LVT5's are at the 1st AmTrac Bn. awaiting return shipment from Operation BLUE MARLIN. 14 LVT5's are presently deadlined. One LVT (CMD) and 10 LVT5's were transferred to Co B on 24 November. They will support the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- D. Co B. 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion. All Ontos are presently running.
- E. Co C. 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. The second platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the third platoon is in direct support of the 1st Battalion. Two tanks are deadlined.
- F. Co B. 3d Sqr. Bn.
- (1) Continued to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Two squads were attached to the 2d Battalion for their search and clear operation.
 - (3) Building steps for the officers quarters 1st Battalion, 100%.
 - (4) Clearing area for minefield for the 1st Battalion.
 - (5) Digging site for a bunker for the 1st Battalion.
 - (6) Cutting tops off of drums for 2d Battalion, 100%.
 - (7) Welding barrels for the 2d Battalion, 30%.
 - (8) welding bomb racks for light towers for MAG-36, 100%.
 - (9) welding bomb racks for 1st Battalion, 100%.
 - (10) modified urinal for ADC, 100%.

Water Distribution

Potable	25,365 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	43,365 Gallons

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3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The constabulary force, IET ramp security and coordinated USMC/SDC listening post/checkpoints will be maintained. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY 404 (BT 5013), and KY ADAM (BT 4810) Islands.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	17	5		22
Total	17	11	10	38

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F will send a platoon size patrol to search out and destroy VC reported in the KI SANH (BT 4505) complex. Company D will conduct a platoon combat patrol to the West of LY TIN District Headquarters. Company A maintains the outpost line at Hill 69 (BT 45068), Hill 76 (BT 453038), and AN DAN Bridge (BT 497006). All Companies will continue to improve their defensive positions as well as conducting local patrols and ambushes.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	6	6		12
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	6	1	15

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Summary.

	<u>SDC Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11	17
Squad		23	11		34
Platoon		2			2
Company					
Total		25	17	11	53

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.A. Headquarters.

Headquarters Company Executive Officer arranged to have the laundry men

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transported to the laundry site where they finished setting up the laundry. The laundry did not open today due to inclement weather.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was administered by company corpsmen in AN THY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 17 people and in QUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 19 people.
- (2) English language classes were held in NON TRUNG Hamlet (BT 490140) for 36 students and in NON INHAM Hamlet (BT 512154) for 23 students.

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Treatment continues on the little girl in AN TAN. Skin grafts will be made in the near future.
- (2) 1 Cor's leaflet numbers, 4-65, 14-65, and 22-65 were distributed on the operation today with the hope of causing some VC to surrender peacefully and demoralize those who choose to continue to fight.

D. Record of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 36 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 1 |

There has been very little MedCAP work due to inclement weather.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (1) At 261429, Company B captured three VCs at (BT 421096). A Vietnamese woman was treated for an arm wound at (BT 425103). One wounded Vietnamese was treated at (BT 421096). The cause of the wounds is not known.

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<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Forces</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Forces</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 421096)	261425H	S&C Opn	Co C - None	Unk - 3 VC

After completing the sweep Company F received two small arms rounds from (BT 418098) at 261550H. Small arms and 60mm mortar fire was returned by the Marines which resulted in the VC breaking contact.

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4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 204 as of 271600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&G Cms</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			5	11		16
Squad		20	12			32
Platoon						
Company						
Total		20	17	11		48

B. Company E will execute Operation ~~Order~~ ²⁸ 89-65 on 28 November.

The search and clear operation will center on the village in grid square (BT 4405).

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 38 small unit actions; 17 squad patrols, six squad ambushes, five fire team ambushes, and ten listening posts. The 1st Platoon, Company C is Battalion Reserve. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, to prevent a VC build up on the islands, to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare, and to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Battalion.

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The battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/ checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action.

- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. Security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) is maintained by a Marine Platoon.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 53204) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. Fire team ambushes were established to prevent infiltration.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 487142) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Combat patrols were conducted from the patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAH Bn.

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First Platoon (-) is Battalion reserve with one squad setting an ambush at (BT 525094). At approximately 1640H one male, age 17, was killed while trying to go through C-1 squad ambush (BT 525094). Two males 14 and 10 were also apprehended at the same time. Backlash report has been submitted. No public indignation is expected. Three 81mm mortar illumination rounds were fired (BT 525093) in support of C-1 during investigation of the incident.

- (4) Company B. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). Fired hand illumination at 270035H, 270157H and 270546H vicinity (BT 487104) at suspected movement. Nothing unusual was observed during the illumination.
- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security. Battalion Scouts maintained ON Sierra (BT 523091). At 270425H Post #2 (BT 525088) reported that the SID indicated footsteps to their front and requested 81mm illumination. Illumination was fired but nothing unusual was observed.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		5	10	15
Squad	17	6		23
Total	17	11	10	38

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 10 small unit actions; six squad ambushes, three squad patrols, and one fire team checkpoint. Aggressive ambush and patrol action continued forward of the MLR.

- (1) Company B. Company B provided one fire team for security of the combined USMC/PF roadblock/checkpoint at the AN TAN Bridge. The National Police are searching all Vietnamese vehicles and persons crossing the bridge for contraband or VC attempting to infiltrate the TACR.
- (2) Company F. Company F secured the area to their front by establishing ambushes forward of the MLR. The ambushes were to intercept small groups of VC or give warning in case of a large scale attack.
- (3) Company G. Company G established three squad ambushes forward of the MLR during the night to intercept or thwart VC penetration or harassment attempts. Active patrolling up to 2000 meters are conducted during the day to halt ^{VC} movement and to check likely VC harbor sites.
- (4) Company H. The company maintains defensive positions in vicinity of the Battalion CP. Company H is the Regimental Reserve.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	3	6		9
Total	3	6	1	10

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- C. Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 14 LVIP's are deadlined for lack of spare parts. One LVIP is in direct support of FMG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Four LVIP's are at 1st Amphib Bn awaiting return shipment from OPERATION BLUE MARLIN.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are deadlined. A light section was utilized at the Company A position to provide illumination throughout the night with searchlights.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Began construction of bunkers at the bridge (BT 532082) for 2d Battalion, 15% completed.
 - (2) Completed building screen door and screening end of mess hall for the 1st Battalion.
 - (3) Completed building and installing a bread box in the 1st Battalion mess hall.
 - (4) Clearing area for the minefield for 1st Battalion.
 - (5) Digging site for a bunker for MAG-36, 50% completed.
 - (6) Welding barrels for the 2d Battalion, 30% completed.

Water Distribution

Potable	22,145 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	40,145 Gallons

G. Command Post Locations.

- (1) 4th Marines CP (BT533089)
 - (a) Co B, 3d AT Bn CP (BT533089)
 - (b) Co C, 3d Tank Bn CP (BT532088)
 - (c) Co A, 1st Amphib Bn CP (BT532082)
 - (d) Co B, 3d Engr Bn CP (BT532082)
- (e) 3d Bn, 12th Marines CP (BT531048)

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(2) <u>1st Bn. 4th Marines</u>	GP	(BT524091)
(a) Co A	GP	(BT527111)
(b) Co B	GP	(BT524090)
(c) Co C	GP	(BT512125)
(d) Co D	GP	(BT487104)
 (4) <u>2d Bn. 4th Marines</u>	 GP	 (BT534076)
(a) Co E	GP	(BT468068)
(b) Co F	GP	(BT513061)
(c) Co G	GP	(BT520072)
(d) Co H	GP	(BT534075)

3. Plan Summary

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013), and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/USC listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	16	6		22
Total	16	12	10	38

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will execute Operation Order 89-65 on 29 November. The plan remains the same except Company H will be the reserve vice Company F. Two Platoons of PF will also participate in the operation. Companies F and G will conduct aggressive ambush and patrol action forward of the MAM. Company E will maintain the AN TAN Bridge roadblock/checkpoint in conjunction with the PF's and National Police.

	<u>S&C OPMS</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				1	1
Squad		6	6		12
Company	1				1
Total	1	6	6	1	14

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

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D. Patrol Plans Summary

	<u>S&G Corps</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		22	12			34
Platoon						
Company	1					1
Total	1	22	18	11		52

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAREA. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) English language classes were held in HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 509121) for 23 students, HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 503129) for 18 students, AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 25 students and THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 23 students.
- (2) The Bn CAO talked to the mother of NGUYEN LAM, the 17 year old boy shot approximately 261840H (See Company C, above). She said that she had admonished the boy several times not to go into the military area, but he did not obey her. She understands the mission of the Marines and does not put any blame upon them for the boy's death. This is the general attitude of all the villagers.
- (3) The regular bi-weekly meeting of Marines and Village Officials of KY HA Village was held. The meeting was attended by the Bn XO, Company Commanders and Platoon Commanders of Companies A and B, the Bn S&2 and Bn CAO. The village Chief presided and all Hamlet Chiefs and the village staff were also present. The meeting was held at Village Headquarters in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114).
- (a) The Platoon Commanders of Company A were introduced to the Hamlet Chief, of SAM HAI and TRUNG TUAN (BT 524125), whom they will be working with.

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- (b) The Bn XO presented Mr. GAM, the Village Chief, with a letter from the BnCmdr expressing regret for the death of NGUYEN LAU.
- (c) Arrangements were made for the villagers to use the wet garbage from the mess hall to feed their hogs.
- (4) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was held for 6 persons in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 518085), 16 persons in KUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091), 137 persons on the SAM LINH Peninsula of SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 519114) and 87 persons in KY HOA Village (BT 503129).
- (5) LY TIN District film team will present a show in KY HA Village 272000H. Film was requested by Village Chief and the request was paralleled by this headquarters.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

- (1) MedCAP continues treating the little girl in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 499068).
- (2) Psychological Warfare leaflets as mentioned yesterday were distributed throughout the objective area. 4,000 leaflets were left in one half of QS (BT 4209), giving a coverage of one leaflet per 125 square meters.

C. Report of Medical and Dental Treatment.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 246
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 1

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Operation Order 89-65 for the 2d Battalion has been delayed 24 hours. It was originally scheduled for 28 November, but will now go on 29 November.

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4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 205 as of 281600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS AND SCORES:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>1st Post</u>	<u>Scout</u>	<u>Spinner</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11			17
Squad		22	14				36
Platoon							
Company							
Total		22	20	11			53

B. Company E will execute Operation Order 89-65 on 29 November 1965.

2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 40 small unit actions: 16 squad patrols; eight squad ambushes; four fire team ambushes; ten listening posts. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp; to prevent a VC build up on the islands, to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., and to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/300 listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action.

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- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. A platoon maintained security of the LST ramp (BT 521119).
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAT TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 532084) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations. A joint USMC/PF checkpoint was manned during daylight hours at (BT 518083). Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to prevent enemy movement. Fire team ambushes were established to prevent infiltration.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were maintained during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 24 LAAM Bn.

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First Platoon (-) was in Battalion Reserve with one squad setting an ambush (BT 525094). At 272235H a hand illumination grenade was thrown at suspected movement (BT 509125) but nothing unusual was observed.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 280150H two male curfew violators were apprehended at (BT 486108). They were looking for their water buffalo which had gotten loose. They were released after identification by village chief. At 272010H, 272130H and 272325H at (BT 487104) hand illumination was fired at suspected movement but nothing unusual was observed.
- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security and one fire team for a PI ambush. Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091). One 60mm mortar is located at (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination for the Battalion's left flank.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LMGs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Light Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	16	8		24
Total	16	14	10	40

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 13 small unit actions: six squad patrols; six squad ambushes; and one fire team listening post. Company E maintains the COPL at AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067), Hill 69 (BT 468068) and Hill (BT 453038). Aggressive patrols and ambushes were conducted forward of the MLR. Final preparations are being made for Operation Order 89-65.

(1) Company E. Company E maintained the checkpoint/road lock at AN TAN Bridge (BT 487067). After 2000, no traffic is permitted across the bridge without the Commanding Officer's permission. The platoon of Hill 76 was being relieved by a platoon of Company E. The checkpoint fire team at AN TAN Bridge will continue to provide security to the National Police and PPs actively engaged in searching all persons and vehicles crossing AN TAN Bridge for contraband or VC attempting infiltrate the TACR.

(2) Company F. Company F maintained positions on the MLR and moved three squads forward in ambush positions to engage any small VC units and harass and delay any units moving to the MLR, while providing early warning to the platoons on line. Three squads of Company F conducted combat day patrols forward of the MLR to seek out and destroy VC while searching for evidence of VC movement or activities in the vicinity of the MLR. One platoon of Company F is being helilifted to Hill 76.

(3) Company G. Company G secured their MLR positions with three squad ambushes approximately 300 meters forward of the MLR.

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Company G has three squad combat patrols forward of the MIA to seek out and destroy VB, search for likely ambush sites, assembly areas, and avenues of approach. One platoon moved to Hill 69 to participate in Operation 89-65 scheduled to jump off at 290200H.

- (4) Company H. Company H is Regimental Reserve. One platoon will assume a portion of Company F's MIA.
- (5) H&S Company. The Battalion Raiders were moving to Hill 69 with the Sniper team in preparation for Operation 89-65.
- (6) Two platoon of PFs under the command of Mr. GHOTO, PF Company Commander, KY SANH Village (BT 4505), are going USMC units on Hill 69 to participate in the combined Operation 89-65.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	6	6		12
Total	6	6	1	13

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. One LVP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle. Four LVP5's are at 1st AmTrac Bn awaiting return shipment from Operation HULL. 14 LVP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts.
- D. Co B, 3d AF Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are presently deadlined. The second platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the third platoon is in direct support of the 1st Battalion.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr Bn.
- (1) Continued to run the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Continue construction of bunkers at the bridge (BT 532082) for 2d Battalion, 20% completed.
 - (3) Completed two desks for 2d Battalion.
 - (4) Clearing and leveling the third and fourth areas for future tent sites for MAG-12.
 - (5) Continued excavating position for bunker for 1st Battalion, 50% completed.
 - (6) Hauling sand for MAG-12.
 - (7) Welding barrels for 2d Battalion, 35% completed.
 - (8) Digging drainage ditch for Engineers well area.

Water Distribution

Potable	23,140 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	41,140 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HWA (BT 5013), and KY XUAN

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(BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SBG listening posts/checkpoints will be maintained. Six snipers will be employed in vicinity of (BT 471141) between 290600H and 291800H.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	16	5		21
Total	16	11	10	37

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will execute Operation Order 22-55 on 29 November. Company E and two platoons of PFs will conduct a search and clear operation in the village centered (BT 443055). Company H (a) and one platoon of Company E will be the reserve force.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				1	1
Squad		6	6		12
Company	1				1
Total	1	6	6	1	14

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Summary.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		22	11			33
Platoon						
Company	1					1
Total	1	22	17	11		51

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) English classes were held for 38 students in HOA THUAN Hamlet (BT 512154) and for 25 students in HOA TRUNG Hamlet (BT 490100).
- (2) Plans have been completed for English language classes for the village staff and hamlet chiefs in KY XUAN Village (BT 467103). Classes start today.

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- (3) The Village Chief of KY KUAN provided GVN flags to the three schools in the village. Each hamlet will provide the police for the flags.
- (4) Emergency medical treatment was provided to three villagers from KY KUAN. They were injured by an explosion of unknown origin. Children threw an object, which may have been an illumination grenade dud, into fire. All three have been evacuated to the USOM Hospital in QUANG NAM.
- (5) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was administered by company corporals and village corporals to 123 persons in KY HA Village (BT 503129).
- (6) A film was shown at SAN NAM Market place at 271900H by LY TIN District Film Team. Approximately 300 people attended the showing. This type of production is being requested on a weekly basis by the KY HA Village Chief and a parallel request is being submitted by this headquarters.

D. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) MedCAP program continues in AN TAN Hamlet (BT 493065) with 35 Vietnamese being treated.

C. Recs of Medical and Dental Treatment.

- (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines 123
- (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines 35

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The 2d Battalion used sniper teams in conjunction with the Battalion (-) operation on 26 November. The snipers capabilities were limited due to extremely inclement weather, which resulted in poor visibility, which further led to fogging of the sniper scope.

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B. 1st Battalion Training.

	<u>SID</u>	<u>M-72 (Linn)</u>	<u>COMM</u>
Co A	30 Min - 30 Marines		1 Hour - 5 Marines
Co B			
Co C	1 Hour - 54 Marines	1 Hour - 54 Marines	
Co D	1 Hour - 53 Marines	1 Hour - 53 Marines	

on Sid
A one hour class for 107 Marines from throughout the Battalion was conducted.

C. 2d Battalion Training.

	<u>SID</u>	<u>M-72 (Linn)</u>
Battalion Scouts	2 Hours - 10 Marines	3 Hours - 20 Marines

D. Schools Attendance

- (1) Mine Warfare 90
- (2) Vietnamese Language 7

E. Co C, 3d Tank Battalion Training

- (1) Four hours M-72 (Linn)
- (2) Five hours communications
- (3) Two hours map reading
- (4) Six hours coordinated Tank Infantry training with Company F.
- (5) Three hours boresighting and zeroing.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 206 as of 291600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS

A. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		20	11			31
Platoon						
Company	1					1
Total	1	20	17	11		49

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 492097)	290140H	Patrol	Ce D - None	Unk-3 VC killed 1 BAR
QUANG TIN (BT 446057)	290835H	S&C Opns	Ce E - None	Unk-1 VC killed 2 Grenades
QUANG TIN (BT 446054)	290937H	S&C Opns	Ce E - None	Unk-1 VCS

B. A patrol from Company D killed three VC and captured a BAR at 290140H near (BT 504090). Company E conducted a search and clear operation centered at (BT 445054). One VC was killed and two grenades captured near (BT 466057). A VCS was captured by Company E near (BT 446054). The sweep was completed at 290930H.

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2. OPERATIONS

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 35 small unit actions: 14 squad patrols; five squad ambushes; four fire team ambushes; ten fire team listening posts. The Battalion conducted coordinated USMC/SDC listening posts/checkpoints, LST ramp security, ambushes and aggressive patrol action. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare, and to prevent use of the islands as a jumping off point for VC attacks and harrassing actions. Company D's patrol at 290140H heard what sounded like 10 to 15 people walking in a rice paddy near (BT 504090). The VC opened fire on the patrol. The patrol immediately returned approximately 10 to 15 small arms rounds which killed three VC. The remaining VC dispersed and contact was lost. The patrol also captured a BAR.

(1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was maintained during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. A platoon provided security for the LST ramp (BT 521119)

(2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was maintained during the daylight hours.

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Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 532084) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations. A joint USMC/PF checkpoint was manned during daylight hours at (BT 518083). Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MLR to ensure no enemy build up. Fire team ambushes were established to prevent infiltration. One Vietnamese male was apprehended vicinity (BT 519089) by LY TIN National Police. The captive reportedly comes from AN HAI and was picked up as a VCS. SDC held him until morning and then he was taken to AN HAI, there to be interrogated by Mr. CAM, KY HA Village Chief.

- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn. First Platoon (-) was in Battalion reserve with one squad setting an ambush (BT 525094). At 282015H PF Platoon Leader ICH reported that two VC platoons were in vicinity (BT 463145). One reinforced platoon with two squads of PF was sent to try to establish contact.

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At 282300H C-2 reached vicinity (BT 470140). They tried to cross the water but could not because of the high tide. The same force crossed at 291230H and are now searching the area.

(4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 282123H hand illumination thrown at suspected movement at (BT 487104) but nothing unusual was observed. At 290140H vicinity (BT 492097) a reinforced fire team patrol heard what sounded like 10 - 15 people walking in a westerly direction. The group of people fired on the patrol. The Marines immediately returned a heavy volume of fire silencing the VC weapons. The patrol aggressively moved to area where the fire originated and swiftly searched it. They found three VC KIA, a BAR and one loaded BAR magazine. At first light the patrol returned to the area and found one of the KIA, 5 BAR magazines with 113 rounds, 6 BAR magazine pouches on a belt, 1 SMG magazine with 33 rounds, 1 Chinese frag grenade, 1 hammock, one raincoat, and one battle dressing. Eight pools of blood were found in the same area and an additional pool was found at (BT 498102). At 290145H the patrol base received two rounds small arms fire from (BT 487104) returned with 10 rounds small arms fire. Fired one 81mm mortar illumination round but observed nothing unusual. At 290345H four rounds small arms were fired from (BT 487104) at two men in wood line. Nothing further was observed. At 290524H fired three rounds of 81mm mortar illumination vicinity (BT 487103).

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A man was seen in the tree line. A search of the area was made with negative results.

- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for waterborne patrol security and one fire team for PF ambush. Battalion Scouts manned OP Sierra (BT 523091).
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew.
- (7) MAG-36. At 290102H three fragmentation grenades were thrown (BT 533115) at suspected movement but nothing was found. At 290040H (BT 533115) fired three hand illumination and approximately 15 small arms rounds at suspected movement. A fire team checked out the area but nothing unusual was found.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	14	5		19
Total	14	11	10	35

<u>Province/</u> <u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 492097)	290140H	Patrol	Co D - None	Unk-3 VC killed 1 BAR

- E. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E began the sweep of the village centered at (BT 445054) at 290630H. One VC was killed at 290835H near (BT 446057) by small arms fire. Two grenades were recovered from the body. The sweep was completed by 290930H. One VCS was apprehended at 290937H near (BT 446054). The VCS was sent to the CHU LRI Collection Point.

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- (1) Company A, Company E (-) (Rein) with one platoon of Company G, Battalion Raiders, and one Company of PFA jumped off on Operation 09-65, from Hill 69 at approximately 290130H to cordon off and search out the village located at (BT 445054). At 290609H Company E reported that they were in position to begin the searching out of the aforementioned village at first light. At 290654H, shortly after moving out toward the village, one non-battle casualty was reported and a routine MedCAP requested. At 290720H a helicopter arrived and the injury, a lacerated cheek, was lifted out. At 290808H, Company E reported finding a VN woman at (BT 449055) who claims to have been injured during last night's artillery fire. At 290820H, she was evacuated to B-Med. At 290835H, Company E reported killing one VC armed with two hand grenades at (BT 446053) by small arms fire. At 290930H, the sweep was completed and Company E commenced movement back to Hill 69. At 290930H, they picked up one VCS at (BT 449055). Hill 69 reports a woman and small child tripped a booby trap at the base of the hill. The woman died before she could be evacuated and the local Vietnamese claimed the body. The baby, who is still alive, was evacuated to B-Med for emergency treatment.
- (2) Company F ambushed forward of their segment of the MLR with three squads located along the best avenues of approach to their positions. Three squad size patrols are moving in the immediate area forward of the MLR to search out and destroy VC while checking for evidence of VC activity and searching

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the area for possible ambush sites, avenues of approach, and any markers possibly left in position to guide VC units into the MLR.

- (3) Company G. Company G set ambushes along the best avenues of approach forward of the MLR during the night with three squads to prevent infiltration into their positions. Company G is patrolling with three squads the area forward of the MLR to search out and destroy VC, find any evidence of VC movements or activity, and check for possible avenues of approach.
- (4) Company H. Company H is the Regimental Reserve Company and is standing by to be committed should a reinforcing company be needed by a 4th Marines unit.
- (5) H&S Company. Raiders are operating with Company E on the current operation.
- (6) The KY SANH Village PF Company operated with Company A during their search and clear operation. 1st Radio Bn instructed Staff Officers, Company Officers, and radio operators on radio security this morning.

	<u>SIG Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team				1	1
Squad		6	6		12
Company	1				1
Total	1	6	6	1	14

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<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 446057)	290835H	S&C Opns	Co E - None	Unk - 1 VC killed 2 grenades
QUANG TIN (BT 446054)	290937H	S&C Opns	Co E - None	Unk - 1 VCS

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. Four LVT5's are at 1st AmTrac^{Bn.} awaiting return shipment from Operation BLUE BOMB. 14 LVT5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. One LVT5 is in direct support of MAG-12 for use as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion.
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion. Two tanks are presently deadlined.
- F. Co D, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continue to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Continue construction of bunkers at the bridge (BT 532082), for 2d Battalion, 23% completed.
 - (3) Built movie screen for 1st Battalion.
 - (4) Built two heads for future use.
 - (5) Continued hauling sand for MAG-12.
 - (6) Continued clearing and leveling area for future tents site for MAG-12 Class V (A) dump.

Water Distribution

Potable	23,150 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	41,150 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013), and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. The constabulary force, LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SDC listing posts/checkpoints will be maintained.

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Constabulary posts are maintained in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) and XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090).

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	15	5		20
Total	15	11	10	36

- B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company F will assume responsibility of the GOPL with positions on Hill 69 (BT 463068), Hill 76 (BT 453098), and AN TAN Bridge (BT 498067). Company E will become Regimental Reserve. Company H will occupy the former positions of Company F. All Companies will continue aggressive ambush and patrol action while familiarizing themselves with the terrain.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	3	6		9
Total	3	6	1	10

- C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Summary.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		18	11			29
Platoon						
Company						
Total		18	17	11		46

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) Sgt HANSEN, Company B, was given a farewell party by the residents of THANH LONG hamlet (BT 525086). The villagers were quite enthusiastic about the farewell and said they were very sorry to see him leave. Sgt HANSEN has been working in THANH LONG on Civil Affairs since June. The party included a dinner of selected local dishes.

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- (2) Company D has initiated a system of ID cards for the villagers of KY ANAN who work within their CP (BT 487103). The employees include a barber and laundry workers.
- (3) Six persons were treated with MedCAP supplies by Company corpsmen in KY ANAN.

B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) MedCAP treated 61 Vietnamese in AN Tan Hamlet (BT 499068).
- (2) Psychological warfare materials distributed to Mr. GAOLO, PF Company Commander of KY SANH Village were used by him on the operation and will be distributed up the Thung-Hy-Trung valley at likely points along Song Trau River. By dissemination through local Vietnamese, the surrender appeal leaflets will reach VC hands.

C. Recap of Medical and Dental Treatment.

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| (1) 1st Battalion, 4th Marines | 6 |
| (2) 2d Battalion, 4th Marines | 61 |

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. The Regimental S-3 held a briefing for the FMFPAC Engineering Officer, Colonel MORRIS, at 291150H.

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

4TH MARINES SITREP NUMBER 207 as of 301600H November 1965

1. 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTSA. HIGHLIGHTS BOXSCORES:

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Snipers</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			6	11		17
Squad		20	11			31
Platoon		1				1
Company						
Total		21	17	11		49

<u>Province/ Coordinates</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Unit/Enemy Losses</u>
QUANG TIN (BT 4712)	300725H	Patrol	Co G - None	Unk-24 VCS
QUANG TIN (BT 482117)	300857H	Patrol	Co D - None	Unk-7 VCS

2. OPERATIONS

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 39 small unit actions: one platoon patrol; seventeen squad patrols; six fire team and five squad ambushes and ten fire team listening post. Patrol bases are maintained on KY XUAN and KY HOA Islands to prevent hostile fire on the LST ramp, to protect Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn., to conduct civil affairs/psychological warfare, and to prevent use of the islands as jumping off points for VC attacks and harrassing actions.

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- (1) Company A. The constabulary post in SAM HAI Hamlet (BT 515114) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 518102) and (BT 515113) during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Security of the LST ramp (BT 521119) was maintained by one rifle platoon. Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MIA to prevent enemy build up.
- (2) Company B. The constabulary post in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090) was manned during the daylight hours. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts were manned at (BT 519097), (BT 519089) and (BT 523084) during curfew hours. Patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. A USMC/SDC post at the beach access point (BT 532084) was manned during the day to ensure strict compliance with fishing regulations. A joint USMC/FF checkpoint was manned during daylight hours at (BT 518083). Aggressive combat/security patrols were conducted forward of the MIA to preclude enemy build up. Fire team ambushes were established to prevent infiltration on the Battalion's left flank.
- (3) Company C. Coordinated USMC/SDC posts at (BT 478142) and (BT 490140) were manned during curfew hours. Coordinated patrols were conducted from these posts to enforce curfew regulations. Combat patrols were conducted from patrol base (BT 512125) to prevent hostile fire on LST ramp (BT 521119) and to provide tactical security for Battery A, 2d LAAM Bn.

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First Platoon (-) is the Battalion reserve with one squad setting in ambush (BT 525094). At 0355H small arms fire was reported (BT 4712) by several different units. Sent one platoon by IXT at 0646H to (BT 4712) to check out the area. However, nothing unusual was observed. At 0725H the platoon landed (BT 483125) and began sweep of island. By 0855H the platoon had picked up 24 male VCS of military age. One of the 24 did not have an ID card. VCS being held at (BT 475125) for interrogation by ITT.

- (4) Company D. Continuous patrolling of KY XUAN Island was conducted from the patrol base at (BT 487104). At 2100H SID (BT 484104) indicated foot movement. Four small arms rounds were fired and no further movement was indicated. At 2125H SID (BT 484104) again indicated foot movement. Sixteen more small arms rounds were fired. No movement was indicated on SID after these additional rounds were fired. A check out of the area revealed nothing unusual. At 2328H, 2355H, 0425H, 0450H, 0531H, 0540H hand illumination was thrown at (BT 484104) due to suspected movement, however, nothing unusual was observed. At 0644H a squad size unit was sent (BT 482117) to apprehend any VCS coming to KY XUAN from (BT 4712) in support of Company C platoon's sweep. By 0857H seven VCS males had been picked up (BT 482117). Three of the seven were caught swimming across channel to KY XUAN. VCS being held at (BT 484104) for interrogation by ITT.

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- (5) H&S Company. Provided one fire team for the waterborne patrol as security and one fire team with a PF ambush (BT 515095). 61mm Mortar Platoon displaced one mortar to vicinity (BT 524093) to provide on call illumination to the left flank of the Battalion. Scouts manned OP SIERRA (BT 523091). Three scouts, one scout sniper and one sniper were sent to (BT 472141). They were to observe the area of (BT 469140) for possible enemy movement. They were in position at 290250H, however, at 290800H the team was compromised.
- (6) 3d Plat, Co A, 1st Amphib Bn. Provided LVTs for resupply of the patrol bases on KY HOA and KY XUAN Islands and conducted a waterborne patrol adjacent to KY XUAN Island during curfew. Two LVTs sent to Company C to provide transportation to (BT 4712). See Company C's events.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Listening Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		6	10	16
Squad	17	5		22
Platoon	1			1
Total	18	11	10	39

- b. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. The Battalion conducted 10 small unit actions: Three squad patrols; six squad ambushes; one fire team listening post. Companies exchanged positions today as follows: Company E became Regimental Reserve, Company F manned the COPL; and Company H moved up to the MIA position vacated by Company F.

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- (1) Company E. Company E maintains, during the hours of darkness, a roadblock on the AN TAN Bridge stopping all traffic and reporting curfew violators to this Headquarters. At daybreak, the roadblock becomes a combined checkpoint with National Police and PPs. The Marines provide security while the PPs and the National Police stop and search all vehicles and persons crossing the bridge for contraband and stowaway VC or ARVN deserters. Company E reverted to Regimental Reserve, being relieved on the GOPL by Company F.
- (2) Company F. Company F provided three squad size ambushes forward of the MLR last night to secure their positions against surprise penetration and destroy any small VC units happening to close to their ambush sites. Today, Company F is moving to Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge and will assume responsibility for the defense of the two outpost hills and AN TAN Bridge.
- (3) Company G. Company G established three forward ambushes to intercept and destroy VC moving in the vicinity of the TAOR during the night. Three squad daylight combat patrols are covering the area in front of the MLR during the company switch to seek out and destroy VC and insure that there is no VC interference to the moving companies between the MLR and AN TAN Bridge.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	3	6		9
Total	3	6	1	10

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- C. Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn. Co A remains attached to the 4th Marines. 12 LVTP5's are deadlined for lack of repair parts. Four LVTP5's are at 1st AmTrac Bn awaiting return shipment from Operation BLUE MARLIN. One LVTP5 is in direct support of MAG-12 as a crash/rescue vehicle.
- D. Co B, 3d AT Bn. Co B remains attached to the 4th Marines, with one platoon in direct support of each Battalion. All Ontos are operating. Two hours of class was held on the M-72 (LAAW).
- E. Co C, 3d Tank Bn. Co C remains attached to the 4th Marines. Two tanks are presently deadlined.
- F. Co B, 3d Engr. Bn.
- (1) Continue to operate the 4th Marines Mine Warfare School.
 - (2) Continue construction of bunkers at the Bridge (BT 532082), for 2d Battalion, 28% completed.
 - (3) Completed four strongbacks for 2d Battalion.
 - (4) Continued clearing, leveling and hauling sand for future tent site for MAG-12 Class V (A) dump.

Water Distribution

Potable	25,245 Gallons
Raw	18,000 Gallons
Total	43,245 Gallons

3. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Constabulary posts are maintained in SAM Hoi Hamlet (BT 515114) and XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 520090). Aggressive ambush and patrol action will continue on KY HA Peninsula (BT 5209), KY HOA (BT 5013), and KY XUAN (BT 4810) Islands. LST ramp security and coordinated USMC/SOC listening post/checkpoints will be maintained.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>Last Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team	3	6	3	12
Squad	15	5		20
Total	18	11	3	32

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B. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Company E will act as Regimental Reserve standing by to move out in support of any 4th Marines unit requiring support. Company F will provide a fire team to the AN TAN Bridge checkpoint/roadblock as security for the National Police and ARVN operating there. At night, the Marines take complete control of Highway one at that point and enforce the curfew. Company G will maintain three squad ambushes after dark so as to destroy VC harassment and penetration attempts before they can get close to the MLR. Three squads will patrol 2,000 meters forward of the MLR seeking out and destroying VC moving in daylight. One platoon will patrol in the KY KUONG Village area looking for VC and making contact with villages as they move through the hamlets. Company H will patrol tonight with three ambush squads in the hopes of destroying VC moving toward the MLR at night. Daylight patrolling will consist of one platoon in the KY SANH area seeking out and destroying VC and three squad size combat patrols operating forward of the MLR to seek out and destroy VC while looking for good ambush sites for future use.

	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team			1	1
Squad	6	6		12
Platoon	2			2
Total	8	6	1	15

C. Attached Units. All task organized units will remain attached to the 4th Marines.

D. Patrol Plans Summary.

	<u>S&C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Post</u>	<u>Scout Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fire Team		3	6	11		20
Squad		21	11	1		33
Platoon		2				2
Company						
Total		26	17	12		55
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CIVIL AFFAIRS and PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.A. Headquarters, 4th Marines.

- (1) The Regimental CAO delivered two bags of cement and forty sheets of tin to LY TIN District Headquarters (BT 476077) to be forwarded to the families who lost their homes on 7 November 1965 in KHUONG THO (1) (BT 455075).
- (2) The Regimental CAO delivered 1,000 III MAF leaflets to LY TIN District Headquarters (BT 476077), 450 III MAF leaflets to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines and 50 to TAM KY Province Headquarters (BT 308222). The leaflets were of the LAAM Battalion missile firing danger zone and are to be distributed to the fishermen.

B. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) The Marines of Company D played a volleyball game with the villagers of KY XUAN (BT 487103). The Marines won the game. Approximately 200 spectators attended.
- (2) English language classes were held in XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 25 students, THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 17 students and HOA LONG Hamlet (BT 509121) for 21 students.
- (3) The Bn CAO met with Mr. CAM, KY HA Village Chief, and Mr. TRI, Village Security Chief, at Village Headquarters in SAN HAI Hamlet (BT 515114).
 - (a) The CAO told Mr. CAM of the upcoming practice for the LAAM Battery on KY HOA Island (BT 513158) from 1-23 December.
 - (b) The CAO and Mr. TRI went to see the man who owns the land where MAG-36 is preparing new positions (BT 526116). The man is willing to allow the positions to be constructed. He was only concerned about the graves he has in the area.

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- (4) Treatment with MedCAP supplies was held by the Bn Surgeon at HOA DONG Hamlet (BT 503129) for 53 persons and by company corpsmen in KY XUAN Village (BT 487103) for 5 persons, XUAN TRUNG Hamlet (BT 519091) for 25 persons, AN TAY Hamlet (BT 518085) for 15 persons and THANH LONG Hamlet (BT 525086) for 18 people.

C. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

- (1) H&S Company corpsmen held MedCAP in AN TAY Hamlet (BT 499068) and treated 71 persons.
- (2) Coordination is being made concerning the moving of 1,000 graves in the airfield defense and Battalion defense areas.
- (3) Mr. UNOTO, KY SANH Village (BT 4604) PF Company Commander spoke to the villagers of KY LONG (1) Hamlet (BT 437051) after the Hamlet had been swept. Some of the points covered were:
 - (a) The PF/USMC team is driving the VC to ultimate surrender.
 - (b) As long as they (the villagers) continue to harbor VC, the PF/USMC units will continue to come to their homes searching for them.
 - (c) The more they (the villagers) co-operate, the sooner the war against the VC can end.

D. MedCAP Summary.

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	116
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	71

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

add to 2d Battalion operations: Company H is taking over Co F's positions on the MRL.

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