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COMMAND DIARY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit Ninth Marines (-) (Rein)
2. Period Covered 1 August - 31 August 1965
3. Date of Submission 10 September 1965
4. Commanding Officers Colonel F. E. GARRETSON
1 August - 12 August
Colonel J. E. GORMAN
12 August - 31 August
5. Command Post Danang, RVN, coordinates (AT 996721)
6. Subordinate Units
Ninth Marines (-) (Rein) Col J. E. GORMAN
HqCo, 9th Marines Capt R. D. PROCTOR
1stBn, 9th Marines (Rein) LtCol V. E. LUDWIG
2ndBn, 9th Marines (Rein) LtCol G. R. SCHARNBERG
3rdBn, 9th Marines (Rein) LtCol R. J. TUNNEL Jr.
(OpCon 9th Marines 15-21 August 1965. OpCon III MAF
after 210800H August 1965.)
7. Average Daily Strength of the Ninth Marines During August
USMC Officers 119
USN Officers 9
USMC Enlisted 3642
USN Enlisted 116

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Background and Mission Assigned. The Ninth Marines landed in Danang on 6 July 1965 and was given the south portion of the Danang TAOR to defend. The Ninth Marine TAOR included the Danang Airbase. Gradually during the months of July and August the Ninth Marine TAOR was increased to include the Presquille de SON TRA, the TIEN SHA Peninsula, the Marble Mountain area, and the area to the south of Danang which is bounded by YEN and BAU XAU Rivers on the west, grid line (T 64) on the south and the South China Sea on the east. The Ninth Marines has not had exclusive control of this area because I Corps, the Danang Special Sector, and HOA VANG District forces all operate within this area.

Missions Assigned: Defend the DANANG Airbase perimeter and the assigned portion of the 3d Marine Division TAOR, and be prepared to conduct unilateral search and destroy operations. Maintain one company in a one hour reaction posture. Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout the assigned portion of the TAOR. Prepare to counterattack to restore the integrity of the airbase perimeter. Prepare to conduct combined operations with ARVN beyond the boundaries of the assigned portion of the Danang TAOR.

The Ninth Marines were relieved of the mission of defending the Danang Airbase perimeter when the 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines (the airbase defense battalion), came under operational control of III MAF at 210800H August 1965.

2. Terrain, Topography, and Weather. The area of operation is an alluvial coastal plain. DANANG, which is situated in the QUANG NAM Province, comprises the center of the area. The highest relief is the Presquille de SON TRA and MON KY Mountain to the northeast rising to 693 meters. The TOURANE River, which flows from south to north into the Bay of TOURANE, divides the city of DANANG in half. Tributaries of the TOURANE River (the CAU DO from the west, and the VINH DIEN from the south) trisect the southern portion of the area of operation. The South China Sea bounds the area to the east. The population density of DANANG ranks among the highest in VIETNAM. North-South traffic through the area is limited to two improved highways, to rivers, and to footpaths. East-west traffic is limited to rivers, trails, and unimproved roads built by Marine engineers.

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There are occasional low, gently rising hills in the area. There are many tall trees of varied species. These are found mostly in the city, on small hills, and in the villages. The secondary growth throughout the area is dense. The majority of the land not occupied by dwellings, grave sites, and other cultural objects, is cultivated rice fields which yield two crops a year.

The weather has not been a limiting factor to operations during this period. Towards the end of August, dry winds and occasional rainstorms typical of the monsoon increased. The average, daily, high temperature was in the low nineties, but ground temperatures are occasionally much higher in the rice fields and sandy areas where most of the Regiment's operations were conducted. The threat of heat prostration was ever present and a significant aspect of all operations plans.

3. Chronological Summary of Events

1 August - Company B, Provisional Airbase Defense Battalion, became effective and took over the northern sector of the Danang Airbase relieving Company B, 1st Battalion, which moved to new positions south of the Airbase at (BT 009723). Company G (-) relieved Company H during the afternoon and occupied positions around DUONG SON (1), (AT 997688). Company H moved to (AT 988720). At 010810H Company H spotted two men trying to move a heavy object from a paddy near DUONG SON (2), (AT 995682). Six men were sent to check this activity. When they were at (AT 995684) they were taken under automatic rifle fire from DUONG SON (2), (AT 995680), and sustained three casualties; one KIA and two WIA, one of whom was serious. As a result of this action airstrikes and artillery fire missions were conducted against known, enemy positions and assembly areas in DUONG SON (2), (AT 998680), CAM NE (1), (AT 998692), and CAM NE (2), (AT 989688). Air support dropped eight, five hundred pound bombs, delivered fifty-six Zuni rockets, and made strafing runs using 20mm and 40mm cannons on enemy positions at (AT 994678), (AT 991684), (AT 990683), (AT 987690) and (AT 995684). The Artillery expended eighteen rounds of white phosphorous and thirty-five rounds of high explosives on targets at (AT 986678), (AT 986692) and (AT 991685). Damage assessments could not be made because of limited observation of the target areas.

9th Marine Operation Order 324-65 was issued ordering the 2d Battalion to use two companies in a combined operation on 4 August to search and clear the area to the south and east of

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Marble Mountain at (BT 0770). Coordination was begun with the Danang Special Sector Headquarters and with the Hoa Vang District Headquarters for this operation. A verbal directive was received from the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, ordering the 9th Marines to support a 3d Marine operation by conducting a sweep of the CAM NE hamlet area, (AT 977689), on 3 August, employing one company. There was no enemy contact during the night.

2 August - There was no contact with the VC, and both the 1st and 2d Battalions held their positions.

3 August - Aggressive patrolling was kept up around the perimeter of the Danang Air base by the 1st Battalion but no VC were encountered. At 030350H Corporal MALONEY of Company A, PABD Battalion, was shot twice in the chest while standing guard at Post Ten of the airbase. He saw the muzzle flashes from his assailant's weapon and managed to get off two rounds of return fire before he fell. The 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, accompanied by the District Chief, Captain HOA, began a search of the area outside the airbase perimeter by Post Ten at first light. They joined the Redwood Alpha Two patrol which was already in the area and searched twenty houses in the vicinity of (AT 997735), including the house from where it was suspected the fire came. No weapons or ammunition were found during the search. The 1st Battalion, supported by the 2d Platoon, 1st Amtrac Battalion, and a Regional Force Platoon from Danang Special Sector, conducted a search and destroy operation in CAM NE (1) (AT 998692), and CAM NE (2), (AT 989688), as part of Phase Three in Sector B, of Operation 321A-65. Company D and the Regional Force Platoon mounted nine Amtracs at the assembly area at (AT 998707) and began moving up the CAU DO River at 030800H. Three Amtracs became stuck at (AT 978699). Two eventually worked free and one back-up Amtrac was brought forward from the assembly area. All the amtracs landed at (AT 970697) and moved south to the LOD. The nine Amtracs and infantry deployed on line at 031100H from (AT 972691) to (AT 971684). The 2d Platoon on the left began moving east through CAM NE (1) behind three LVTs. The 1st Platoon in the center moved east through CAM NE (2) behind two LVTs followed by the Company CP. On the right, the 3d Platoon moved forward behind four LVTs. The Company began receiving fire at the LOD. At 031110H, a Marine was wounded and an LVT crushed the house from which the fire was coming and killed the VC in the house by running over him. The LVT then evacuated the casualty to the landing zone. Proceeding on line, the Amtracs advanced in front of the infantry breaking down hedgerows, fences and buildings. They cleared booby-

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trapped areas and mined areas by running through them. The Amtracs evacuated two more casualties and one POW to the landing zone. At 031534H it was decided to withdraw Company D from the area. They had moved approximately six hundred meters from the LOD. The infantry boarded the Amtracs for the return trip to the assembly area and arrived there before 031800H. Four Marines were wounded during the operation. The enemy suffered fifteen killed, twenty wounded and five captured. The 2d Battalion undertook a civil affairs project of improving the school house in DUONG SON (1), (AT 998687). One hundred and eighty-seven civilians were treated at various places in the 9th Marine area with medical supplies supplied by the MedCap program.

4-5 August - Marble Mountain Clearing Operation. MCB-9, who were working on the new six hundred bed hospital and airfield at the Danang East Complex (BT 061728), had been receiving sniper fire which was interfering with their construction work. Security requirements cut down the number of men free to work. Therefore, the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, directed the 9th Marines to provide security for the Danang East Complex and MCB-9 tent camp. Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, in direct support of the 9th Marines, were assigned the task of providing this security. A section of tanks from Company B, 3d Tank Battalion, was put in direct support of Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, for this task. To further secure the area, the 2d Battalion was directed to conduct a clear and hold operation in the area south of Marble Mountain on 4 and 5 August. Early on the morning of 4 August, Companies E and H moved south in an armored column on the TIEN SHA peninsula crossing the LOD (BT 080704) at 040600H. Aircraft of the 1st Marine Air Wing were on station. Company E made a right column movement at (BT 102670) and crossed the rice paddies to TRA KHE (1), (BT 088673), with some difficulty. They moved through VIEM DONG (BT 095657) killing two VC who fired two bursts of automatic fire at them. They moved north of CAU HA (1), (BT 086666), and the infantry debarked from the LVTs of Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion, at (BT 073666). At 041005H they began sweeping TRA KHE (3) to the north and secured Objective B. Company E had secured Objective A at 040700H and had begun sweeping northwest in their zone of action through TRA KHE (1), (BT 088672) at 040900H. Company E continued sweeping northwest through TRA KHE (2), (BT 073681). An Amtrac hit an improvised land mine at (BT 070695). The track and roadwheel was damaged, but there were no casualties. Company H had secured Objective D at (BT 067697).

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Company H moved north from Objective A with the 2d Platoon reinforced with a squad of tanks and a squad of Ontos on the right. The 3d Platoon, reinforced with a squad of tanks and a squad of Ontos, was on the left. The 1st Platoon was in reserve and provided security for the Amtracs. The Company pushed forward toward Objective C. They moved through TRA LO (BT 083685) at 041200H and through TAN AN (BT 090690) at 041430H. They encountered the usual obstacles, punjies, man-traps, and trench lines; but there was no VC contact. At 041500H, Company H was moving into the south edge of AN TRA (BT 078698), when four men were wounded by a booby trap placed on a bamboo fence. By 041730H Objective C had been secured. The two companies remained on Objectives C and D for the night. There was no enemy contact during the night.

On 5 August, Phase Two of the clearing operation went into effect. At 050600H Company H mounted Amtracs and began moving west to clear the village of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035687). The 3d Platoon established blocking positions from (BT 040683) to (BT 034684). The 1st and 2d Platoons formed on line from (BT 035690) to (BT 039690) and began clearing to the south. The village of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 035687), was cleared by 051600H. No VC were found in the village. The villagers were cooperative and indicated the VC passed through the village daily. One hundred fifty reportedly left the village early that morning.

Meanwhile, Company E had moved north in an armored column from Objective D toward BINH KY (1), (BT 055698). When the column arrived at (BT 055696) the Company deployed with the 2d Platoon on the right and the 3d Platoon on the left. The 1st Platoon was in reserve. The Company continued to move to the north. A VC rice cache was found at (BT 068698). After clearing BINH KY (1), Company E consolidated at (BT 053703). At 051110H a patrol was sent to reconnoiter the river between KHUE DONG (1), (BT 055705), and BINH KY (1), (BT 055698). The patrol came under fire at the river. The LVTs swam the river and took up positions at (BT 049707) to cover the Company crossing the river. The tanks and Ontos could not ford the river and were left on the south bank in firing positions. The Company crossed the river in the Amtracs and began sweeping KHUE DONG (1), (BT 055705) from west to east. Fortifications were extensive throughout this area. The Company again consolidated, boarded Amtracs, and moved east to BINH KY (2), (BT 059699). Two platoons mounted in Amtracs broke through the bamboo fence around the perimeter of the hamlet, debarked, and continued to clear the hamlet on foot. The hamlet was fortified, but was deserted except for a few women and children. At 051900H, Company E consolidated for

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the night in platoon strong points at (BT 055690), (BT 065693) and (BT 079703). Company E sent out eight combat patrols during the night but didn't make enemy contact.

During this operation, the other elements of the Regiment remained in their defensive positions. There were no significant enemy encounters or enemy activity during this period.

6 August - The 1st Battalion moved one company to the area south of Marble Mountain to relieve Companies E and H of the 2. Battalion. Company B assumed control of the area southeast of the CAU DO River and east of the VINH DIEN River at 061600H, and established platoon strongpoints at (BT 071701), (BT 052688) and (BT 036667). The Company B CP was established at (BT 052688). Company E (-) moved to (AT 988732) to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at that location, and one platoon of Company E moved to (AT 998707) to provide security for the railroad bridge and water point there. Company H was made the Battalion reserve and moved to positions in an assembly area at (AT 988722). Company H was placed on a one hour reaction posture. Sixty civilians were treated by medical personnel of the Regiment on 6 August with MedCap supplies.

7 August - During the night of 6-7 August, Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, had teams working in CAM NE (2), (AT 985687), in direct support of the Ninth Marines. One of the teams shot four times NGUYEN VAN THANH. This VC soldier was carrying a sub-machine gun, four magazines, and two Chinese grenades. Before the prisoner died he told the team he was a member of the 1st Company, 16th Main Force Battalion. He said there were fifteen more VC in the village. At 071400H, one of the M-50 Ontos supporting Company B, 1st Battalion, struck a land mine near (BT 044690). No men were hurt, but the Ontos had a damaged track, road wheel, and torsion bar. The 2d Platoon, 594 Regional Force Company, reported that the ARVN had been informed of a VC ammo cache at (BT 029694). The cache was located and destroyed at 071500H. Plans were begun to conduct a combined operation to clear the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 980680) using two companies from the 2d Battalion supported by Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion.

08 August - Units of the Ninth Marines held their positions and aggressively patrolled their respective areas. The 1st Platoon, Company G, 2d Battalion, reported that at 081212H they received automatic weapon fire from the vicinity of (AT 989688). The 1st Platoon returned fire with small arms and 3.5" RR rounds. Three VC were spotted at the same

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coordinates. At 081225H, Company G fired three more rounds of rocket fire. A building was observed to be burning at (AT 989688) causing secondary explosions. At 081310H, tanks commenced firing and fired a total of eleven rounds at the burning building. The target was destroyed. There were no observed enemy casualties. Two squads from Company F, 2d Battalion, were sent to Red Beach 1 (BT 005786) to provide security for the FLSG pumping station there. Ninety-nine civilians were given medical treatment by the medical staff of the Ninth Marines under the continuing MedCap program.

09 August - The 1st Battalion began a course of instruction to qualify their personnel in the employment of the 60mm mortar. Mr. Robert Morse, the regional editor of the Far East edition of Life, and Mr. Peter Kemp of News of the World, visited Colonel F. E. GARRETSON at the Ninth Marines Headquarters. Eighty-eight civilians were treated under the continuing MedCap program.

10 August - At 092344H, Company G received one 81mm mortar round from CAM NE (1), (AT 990692). There were no friendly casualties. The 3d Tank Battalion was taken under mortar attack at the same time in their positions at (AT 976707). At 100005H, the 2d Battalion mortar platoon fired twenty-four rounds of WP and sixteen rounds of HE at (AT 992692). Results of the fire were undetermined but secondary explosions were observed. One hundred and ninety-five rounds of 105mm HE were expended by the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, on the same target. One hundred and fifty-eight civilians were treated under the MedCap program. At 101830H, a forward observer of 3d Tank Battalion reported one hundred VC troops in the vicinity of (AT 964675) who were wearing black shirts, covers and white trousers. Requests for artillery and air support were initiated. At 101842H, E Battery and L Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, began firing on the target at (AT 990681). A total of one hundred and ninety-nine rounds of 105mm and twenty-four rounds of 155mm were fired. The fire mission was ceased at 101901H. Immediately, two F4Bs from VNFA-531 commenced an airstrike at (AT 981675). The airstrike ended at 101924H. Four 250 lb bombs, five 500 lb bombs, and sixteen Zuni rockets were expended. The 3d Tank Battalion FO reported that the airstrike was on target. A damage assessment could not be made because ensuing darkness impeded the observation of the AO on station. HOA VANG District Headquarters later reported that an agent reported two VC were killed and twelve VC were wounded as a result of the artillery and airstrikes.

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11 August - In accordance with Ninth Marines Frag Order 10-65, the 1st Battalion continued to hold and defend its positions while the 2d Battalion began the clear and hold operation of DUONG SON (2), (AT 994678), and GIANG DON (BT 007677). DUONG SON (2) was cleared by Company G and GIANG DONG was cleared by Company H.

Company G proceeded south from DUONG SON (1) at 110500H moving on the east side of the railroad track. While moving to the objective, the point of the column received fire from DUONG SON (3), (AT 983623), and the rear of the column received fire from DUONG SON (2) at 110555H. The 1st Platoon moved south of the hamlet and established a blocking position on the east side of the hamlet. The 2d Platoon established blocking positions on the south and west sides of the hamlet by 110630H. At this time one man was wounded by a sniper at (AT 999673) and was evacuated by helicopter. At 110650H another man was wounded by a sniper. At 110700H the 3d Platoon began clearing the hamlet from west to the east. Two old men and twenty-three women were found in the village. The 3d Platoon destroyed the punji traps, trenches, and fighting positions in the hamlet. Defensive positions were established from (AT 993682) to (AT 988673) to (AT 998676). The villagers were very unfriendly. Ammunition and explosives were found in the haystacks in the hamlet.

Company H moved to their assembly area (BT 004688) at 110130H for the operation to clear GIANG DONG (BT 007678). By 110830H the 3d Platoon had established blocking positions to the south and east of the hamlet and the 1st and 2d Platoons began clearing the hamlet at 110840H. The blocking forces began receiving fire from DUONG SON (3), (BT 001674) at 110900H, and returned the fire. Two casualties were sustained near (BT 005674) at 110940H. They were evacuated by helicopter. Again at 111220H, fire was received from DUONG SON (3) and was returned. VC casualties were being removed from the battlefield by three other VC. One Marine was killed by VC who crawled through through the rice fields to within fifty meters of the Marine positions. The VC were driven off with small arms fire and grenades, leaving behind them a trail of blood and torn clothing, but no wounded. By 111400H, the hamlet was cleared and Company H began preparing defensive positions around the hamlet.

During the clearing of DUONG SON (2) and GIANG DONG, the Marines sustained one KIA and twelve WIA. One VC was killed and it is estimated another fourteen were wounded. One VCS was captured.

The Regiment continued to give medical aid at the Battalion aid stations and at aid stations set up at SON THEY (BT 070710), DUONG SON (1), (AT 998689), and at CAM NAM (BT 015705).

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During the night, elements of Company G had a grenade thrown into their positions at 111843H and sustained eight wounded. Only three of those required evacuation and those three were released from the BAS after being treated. Two more men were wounded by rifle fire at 112212H. Then five rounds of 60mm mortar fire was received. Company F came under small arms fire at 112214H which continued until 112259H. The fire was coming from CAM NE (2), (AT 985685). An HU-1E armed helicopter made a strafing run on the suspected enemy positions suppressing the fire. At 112316H, Company F observed seven people congregated at (AT 984698) and fired 3.5" rocket rounds and 40mm grenades at them. At 112316H, Company G received two more 60mm mortar rounds.

12 August - Company B, 1st Battalion, searched the hamlet of KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056705), and apprehended fifteen suspicious persons. Fourteen of these were men and one was a women. None had sufficient identification. These suspicious persons were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters. The Company B Headquarters and the 1st Platoon moved to (BT 054693). The 2d Platoon moved to (BT 043691) and the 3d Platoon moved to (BT 072700). The 2d Battalion received occasional small arms fire during the early morning hours. Company G at 120103H received fire in their positions, but there were no casualties. At 120630H, Company F received two rounds from DUONG SON (2), (AT 994680), and returned the fire with no known enemy casualties. During the day the 2d Battalion searched the hamlets of GIANG DONG (BT 007677) and DUONG SON (2), (AT 994678), which they had cleared and occupied the day before. The Regimental S-2 and a political action team from the HOA VANG District Headquarters assisted in the pacification of the villagers and in the search of the hamlets. Several hundred punji traps were destroyed around the perimeter of the hamlets. One main force VC uniform was found in GIANG DON and two guerrilla outfits were found in tunnels. One marine was wounded in the left leg in DUONG SON (2) at 121116H. The 1st and 2d Platoons of Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, supporting the Ninth Marines, moved into DUONG SON (3), (AT 993672). They found nothing unusual in the hamlet and established positions at (AT 996667).

Colonel J. E. GORMAN relieved Colonel F. E. GARRETSON. A change-of-command ceremony was held at 121700H followed by officer's call. The 3d Marine Division Band played for the change-of-command ceremony and the Commanding General, Major General L. W. WALT, attended. At 121720H, Company B, 1st Battalion, had one man wounded in the stomach and elbow when a sniper cut loose with a fifteen round bursts of automatic weapon fire from the vicinity of (BT 075693). The three companies of the 2d Battalion which were manning the front lines south of the CAU DO River bore the brunt of enemy activity as the VC kept up harrassing fire during the night. Company D, 3d Recon

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Battalion, received sniper fire at 121728H from (AT 987667). At 121730H they observed a VC carrying a weapon, dressed in white, running northwest at (AT 986667). Company F received small arms fire in their positions south of PHONG LE (1), (AT 993687), from near (AT 991692). They returned the fire expending two 40mm grenades and small arms, but they couldn't observe any enemy casualties. At 121835H, a man from 3d Engineer Battalion received cuts on his face from a secondary explosion in a cave he was clearing with a hand grenade. At 121850H, a man from Company F was wounded in the knee by small arms fire at (AT 992682).

13 August - All units of the Ninth Marines held their positions. The 2d Battalion occupied the following positions: Company H- (BT 002674) south to (BT 002678) southeast to (BT 010676) and north to (BT 010678): Company F - (AT 992698) to (AT 993695) was occupied by one squad from the 2d Platoon, the 1st Platoon and 2d Platoon (-) occupied from (AT 996694) to (AT 991680) and the 3d Platoon occupied positions from (BT 003686) to (AT 017690). Both Battalions continued to patrol aggressively and established ambushes in their areas of responsibility at night. Eighty-two civilians were given medical treatment by the medical staff of the Ninth Marines. At 131745H, a squad size local security patrol from Company B, 1st Battalion observed ten VC carrying arms running from the hamlet of XUAN TRA (BT 068685) and took them under fire. One of the VC was hit and was carried off by the others. Suspecting that an ambush was set, the squad maneuvered and swept the hamlet from another direction. During the sweep they apprehended two VCS who they took to HOA VANG District Headquarters. The three companies of the 2d Battalion which were on the front line south of the CAU DO River had several contacts with small groups of VC during the night. Most of the enemy activity was in the Company G sector. Artillery and mortar missions were fired at the targets and HU-1Bs, F4s and A4s flew close air support against the targets. No enemy casualties were observed during these missions. One round of 60mm mortar fire was received at (AT 990675) at 132350H. The location of the enemy gun position could not be determined but the pilot of one of the HU-1B helicopters observed a muzzle flash in CAM NE (3), (AT 967684).

14 August - The Battalions continued patrolling in their assigned TAORs. On the road near BINH THAI (AT 998713), the VC ambushed three Vietnamese around 142100H. Three VC fired a .45 caliber sub-machine gun, a .38 caliber automatic weapon, and threw one grenade from close range. The BINH THAI Village chief and another man were killed. One other was wounded. The 2d Battalion was again harrassed during the night by small groups of VC.

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15 August - At 150155H, the firing of a 106 RR at (AT 991677) caused the sympathetic detonation of a dud near the 106 RR rifle position. One Marine was wounded by fragments. At 150325H, Company G called an 81mm mortar mission on a sniper position at (AT 986672). Thirt-five rounds were expended and two VC casualties were observed.

Two VCS were apprehended by the 1st Battalion during a sweep of the hamlets of YUAN LAC (BT 077697) and DONG HAI (BT 076704). This was a combined operation with the 593 Regional Force Company (-). The VCS were evacuated to ITT.

Company D, 3d Recon Battalion, in direct support of the Ninth Marines, apprehended three VCS after being fired at from (BT 045743) while making a reconnaissance of the Tourane River.

A combat patrol from Company B, 1st Battalion, operating west of the CAU BIEN River encountered two VC near (BT 052688). When the VC attempted to escape, one was killed, and the other was captured and sent to ITT. ITT identified the captive as VC.

The 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines, arrived in Danang Harbor and began unloading at the Museum pier. They began moving to the Danang Airbase to relieve the 1st Battalion. Company M remained embarked as a working party while Companies I, K, and L manned positions with 1/9.

At 150923H, an Amtrac from Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion, which was in direct support of the Ninth Marines, struck a mine at (BT 064703). The mine was detonated by an electrical device. The Amtrac burned and three of the five crewmen were burned.

The 1st and 2d Battalions continued their MedCap programs giving medical aid to the villagers in their respective areas.

Company B, 1st Battalion, came under attack by an estimated fifty-three VC from 151910H to 152000H at (BT 037688) and (BT 041690). Two Marines were wounded. It was estimated that eleven VC were wounded or killed.

16 August - The 3d Battalion completed off-loading and assumed control of the defense of the Danang Airbase at 161615H in relief of the 1st Battalion. At 160730H, Company A began moving off the airbase and relieved Company E, 2d Battalion, of responsibility for the defense of the FLSC ammunition dump at (AT 986734) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). This relief was accomplished by 161200H. Company C departed the airbase at 160730 and moved to relieve Companies G and H in positions at GIANG DONG (BT 005675) and DUONG SON (2), (BT 995678).

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Companies E and G moved to the 2d Battalion CP and Company H moved to an assembly area west of DUONG SON (1), (AT 995685), in preparation for the clear and hold operation of YEN NE (2), (AT 987684).

The 3d Tank Battalion was engaged in a fire fight by an unknown number of VC near their base camp at (AT 982706) at 162330H. No marines were wounded. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, fired three missions in support of the 3d Tank Battalion. The target was enemy personnel at (AT 981699). Thirty 105mm HE and thirty-six WP and five illumination rounds were expended. The FO with the 3d Tank Battalion reported a probable six VC killed.

17 August - The Regimental S-2 and S-1 (Civil Affairs Officer) visited the Chief of Staff, I Corps (Colonel Thanh) to discuss the civil affairs aspect of the operation planned for 18 and 19 August. LtCol LANG and Major TRUNG of I Corps were present at the meeting along with Colonel St. CLAIR, a U.S. Army advisor.

At 172250H, approximately ten VC probed the airbase in the vicinity of posts 8 and 9. The VC had automatic weapons and grenades. When the Marines of 3d Battalion took the VC under fire, they split into two groups. One VC was killed but the body was not recovered. It was suspected that the VC might have penetrated the perimeter so a search was conducted. No enemy were found inside the perimeter. At 172310H approximately seven VC were seen in front of post #6 and were taken under fire. At daylight, two large pools of blood were found in this area. 81 mm mortar and a flare plane were used to illuminate the perimeter of the airbase during the fight. From 172400H until 180345H, automatic weapon fire was received from the southeast of the airbase. No Marine casualties were sustained during the engagement.

170600H - 201830H August CAM NE CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION

The Ninth Marines Frag Order 11-65 of 151800H August 1965 directed the 2d Battalion and supporting units to clear and hold the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 980689). The Operation had been planned for several weeks, but had been delayed because the Ninth Marines did not have enough forces to hold present positions and extend the front line through CAM NE. The operation was planned contingent upon the 3d Battalion's arrival in Danang and the relief of the 1st Battalion of the defense mission of the Danang Airbase. When this relief was accomplished on 16 August, the green light was given for the operation and 17 August was designated D-Day.

Intelligence estimates indicated enemy strengths in the

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CAM NE area to be one VC Local Force Company (minus) supported by elements of one company (minus) of Main Force Guerrillas. The 7th VC Battalion had several times been reported to be operating in the area just to the south and east of the CAM NE Complex.

Two previous search and destroy operations that had been conducted in this village during July and August had met determined resistance from the VC. The village was well fortified with bunkers, communicating trenches, and tunnels.

The Operation took place in three phases. During Phase One the 1st Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion of responsibility for security of the FLSC ammunition dump at (AT 988734) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707); and Company C, 1st Battalion relieved Companies G and H of defensive positions at GIANG DON (BT 005675) and DUONG SON (2), (BT 995678). (See above)

Phase Two began at 170605H August as Company H crossed the LOD and began clearing YEN NE (2), (AT 985683), and YEN NE (3), (AT 982679). Initial contact was made at 170650H as the Company received fire from YEN NE (4), (AT 976677). During the afternoon, the 3d Platoon in YEN NE (2) received small arms fire from CAM NE (2), (AT 986687), and CAM NE (6), (AT 976685). At 171810H, an artillery volley being fired at suspected VC positions at (AT 984692) was long and fell in Company H positions at (AT 983683). One Marine was killed and nine were wounded. By 172100H, both hamlets had been cleared and Company H established defensive positions around the two hamlets. One KIA was sustained during the afternoon from sniper fire. Prior to dawn on 18 August 1965, the three platoons of Company H established blocking positions on the north edges of LA BONG (3), (AT 965680), YEN NE (4), (AT 975681), and YEN NE (2), (AT 987684). Company H remained in these blocking positions until the end of the operation on 20 August 1965.

During the night of 17-18 August Company G moved by foot from an assembly area at (AT 992722) to (AT 971699) from where they moved by LCRs to blocking positions along the west bank of the Yen River from (AT 971698) to (AT 964678). The Company made the move without making contact with the enemy and was in position by daylight and had joined up with Company H on their right flank at LA BONG (3), (AT 964678). Company G remained in these blocking positions until 191500H August 1965.

At 172000H August 1965, Companies E and F moved to the LOD, (AT 994685) to (AT 997695). On the morning of 18 August 1965

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leaflets were dropped from a light aircraft over the objective area, and a psy-war team made a broadcast with loudspeakers from the air. The villagers were told to leave the hamlets and move to the civilian collection point at (AT 997692). During the day, one hundred two civilians came to the collection point and were given food and medical aid. Another fifty-four civilians who remained in the village were brought to the collection point on 19 August.

At 180830H, Company E on the right and Company F on the left crossed the LOD and began clearing CAM NE (1) and CAM NE (2). By 181700H Company E advanced to positions from (AT 983689) to (AT 981694) where they set up for the night, and Company F set up a perimeter in the vicinity of (AT 980688). There was no fighting during the night. At 190730H, the two companies continued clearing to the west. Two female VCS were apprehended in CAM NE (1) and were identified by the villagers as VC nurses. No VC were contacted; but numerous punji traps and other booby-traps were encountered. Eighteen Marines were wounded during the operation. Company E completed the sweep of CAM NE (1) at 191200H and passed through Company G to cross the YEN River to clear BO BAN (2), (AT 966697). At this time, Company G withdrew from their blocking positions and began clearing the west bank of the YEN River from (AT 960681) to (AT 996701). Upon completing this mission, Company G returned to the Battalion assembly area at (AT 998723). After Company E completed clearing BO BAN (2), the third Platoon set up defensive positions in BO BAN (2), while the 1st and 2d Platoons crossed back over the YEN River and established positions at (AT 968686). Company F completed clearing CAM NE (2) at 191500H and established defensive positions to the north and to the west of CAM NE (1) and (2).

By 201200H, Company E completed clearing BO BAN (1), (AT 957684), and established positions on the west bank of the YEN River from (AT 955689) to (AT 963688), and established positions on the east side of the YEN River from (AT 963688) to (AT 974687) where they tied into the right flank of Company F who had established positions from (AT 974687) southwest to (AT 985675) and then northwest to (AT 990677) in the vicinity of the railroad track. By 201200H, Company H had moved from their blocking positions and relieved Company C, 1st Battalion, in positions around DUONG SON (2), (AT 995677). (For details of the CAM NE Clearing Operation see the 2d Battalion, Ninth Marines, after action report 3-65.) In accordance with Ninth Marines Frag Order 15-65, an extensive civic action program was begun in the CAM NE Complex (AT 980690) on 19 August 1965.

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20 August - At 200201H Post #8 on the Danang Airbase received two bursts of automatic fire from a sniper. Company L spotted the sniper at (BT 005734), illuminated the area, and fired two 40mm grenades at him. They could not see if the sniper was hit. Company M searched DONG PHUOC (BT 003727) from 200530H until 200730H and took five VCS at (BT 003725) and (BT 007726). Company A, 1st Battalion, was relieved of responsibility for security of the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707) by a squad from Company G, 2d Battalion, at 201500H. When Company C was relieved by Company H, 2d Battalion, of their positions around DUONG SON (2), (AT 995677), the company moved to new positions at (BT 036687), (BT 024683) and (BT 005675) where they established platoon strong points. A FAC Team and the ALO from the 3d Battalion and the FAC Officer from the 1st Battalion left for CHU LAI to be replacements for Operation Starlight. These personnel returned to the Ninth Marines on 22 August 1965.

At 202210H the 2d Battalion 81mm mortar platoon located at (AT 997689) had a short fire fight. Under illumination, six VC were spotted at (AT 993692) and taken under fire. At the same time a patrol from Company F at (AT 986686) observed VC in a tree line at (AT 988687) who were firing at the 81mm mortars. The patrol hastily deployed and took the enemy under fire and threw grenades at them. The VC escaped. Three built-up, brick positions were found at (AT 986686) that had been recently constructed.

21 August - 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines, the Airbase defense battalion, went under operational control of III MAF effective 210800H. The 1st and 2d Battalions continued to consolidate their positions south of the CAU DO River.

The 2d Battalion Civil Affairs Officer accompanied NGA YEN LUONG, Chief of the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690), on his first visit to the village since the search and clear operation on 18-19 August. Mr. LUONG spent the morning encouraging the villagers to return to their homes, and by noon several hundred had done so. An old school house at (AT 981687) was selected as the site for the construction of a dispensary. It was planned to provide security for Mr. LUONG and his family when they moved back into the village on 23 August. Each of the Battalions continued to give medical aid to the civilians in their areas under the MedCap program.

At 211640H, Company F sustained one KIA from sniper fire at (AT 971680). By 211800H, Company F was receiving heavy sniper fire from (AT 974679); and when fire was returned, a series of explosive charges were set off. A platoon was sent to clear YEN NE (4), (AT 973678), where they were engaged in a fire fight

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with approximately one platoon of VC. The VC had 60mm mortars and fired four rounds at Company F positions. Company F put one mortar position out of action at (AT 968675) with small arms fire and 40mm grenades. They engaged six VC they saw at (AT 967673) and another three who were carrying a mortar and base plate at (AT 967672). They inflicted casualties on the VC but were unable to recover any bodies because they were receiving heavy small arms fire from covered positions. Company F sustained two WIA during the fight.

22 August - Units of the Ninth Marines maintained their positions and conducted seventeen combat patrols. Seven ambushes were established in the TAOR. There was no contact with enemy forces, however, eight armed VC were sighted just across the YEN River in the 3d Marines TAOR. The VC escaped before they could be engaged by either the Ninth Marines or the Third Marines. The Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines, directed that each line company on the front lines begin employing at least one scout-sniper team. These teams were to be Fire Teams and the sniper was to be an expert marksman. Infra-red sighting devices (sniperscopes) were to be used as available. A MedCap team visited CAM NE (6) (AT 975684), for the first time. Two VCS were captured.

23 August - Companies B and D, 1st Battalion, searched the hamlets TRUNG LUONG (BT 040723) and HAI AN (BT 050716). No enemy contact was made. The Battalions continued to patrol throughout their assigned areas. Three hundred and sixty-five civilians were treated for minor ailments by MedCap teams at stations in MIEU DONG (1), (BT 018678), CAM NE (3), (AT 961684); CAN NE (2), (AT 980686), and at DUONG SON (1) (AT 998688), and at the Battalion Aid Stations. One man was killed and two wounded from Company H by a booby-trap at (BT 004671).

24 August - Units of the Ninth Marines conducted fourteen combat patrols on this day. Five ambushes were established during the night of 23-24 August. A liaison Officer and an FO Team were sent out with the 4th Regiment, ARVN, on a search and destroy operation just to the south of the Ninth Marines TAOR. At the request of I Corps, Marine artillery support was made available and three missions were fired during the day. Company D, 1st Battalion, made a search of the hamlets CAM NAM (BT 013704) and PHONG LE (2), (BT 003703) but no contact was made with enemy forces. Forty-four persons were given medical assistance under the MedCap program.

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25 August - Colonel J. E. GORMAN, Commanding Officer of the Ninth Marines, gave a briefing for a party of Korean dignitaries including the Korean Ambassador and several Korean Generals. Thirteen VCS were apprehended by Company B, 1st Battalion, during a search of the hamlets HAI AN (1), (BT 055677), HAI AN (2), (BT 060682), and TRA KE (2), (BT 071680). The VCS were taken to the HOA VANG District Headquarters. Fifteen combat patrols were conducted on this day, and four ambushes were established during the night of 24-25 August. At 251440H a patrol from Company F, 2d Battalion, was taken under heavy small arms fire from snipers at (AT 967699). Company F sent a reserve force to relieve the patrol. Three WIA were sustained by the patrol and were evacuated by helicopter, but none of them were wounded seriously. At 252130H, a report was received from an ARVN unit located in the vicinity of Marble Mountain that there were indications that approximately sixty to one hundred VC would launch an attack against friendly positions in the Marble Mountain area, possibly MCB-9. A platoon from Company A was moved to (BT 067727) at 252400H to provide security for the Naval Construction Battalion.

26 August - Company A moved to positions from (BT 044687) to (BT 070703) and relieved Company B. Company B moved to the vicinity of THUY SON (BT 023731) and at 261545H began searching for a VC company reported to be in that area and preparing to attack Marine Corps units in the Marble Mountain area. Sniper fire was received during the night of 25-26 August at several places in the 2d Battalion TAOR but there were no Marine casualties. Seventeen combat patrols were conducted this day. Five ambushes were established during the night of 25-26 August. A party was held for five hundred children in the BINH THAI Village school yard. Juice and cookies were served and the Division Band played. The Regimental Commander attended as well as the 1st Battalion Commander. The party was much appreciated by the children and did much to improve civil relations. One hundred and forty civilians were given medical aid under the MedCap program this day.

27 August - Ten combat patrols were conducted by units of the Ninth Marines this day. Five ambushes were established during the night of 26-27 August, but there was no contact with enemy forces. All units maintained their positions. One hundred and ninety-five civilians were given medical assistance under the MedCap program. The Division band played for the men of Companies G and E in the PHONG LE BAC hamlet (AT 995710) and approximately one hundred civilians attended the performance.

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At 272025H there was a brief fire fight at the Company C command post near (BT 034686) when approximately ten VC fired at the Marines there. There were no Marine casualties. Three of the VC attackers were hit by the friendly fire and their bodies were dragged away by the attackers when they broke contact.

28 August - Company B, 1st Battalion, underwent training in firing the 60mm mortar at the HOA CAM Training Center. Nineteen patrols were conducted this day by units of the Ninth Marines. Seventy-seven civilians were given medical assistance this day. A supply of thread, zippers, buttons, soap, and children's books were distributed in the Ninth Marine TAOR. These supplies were made available by MedCap. I Corps placed the 593 RF Company, ARVN, under the operational control of the Ninth Marines as of 281800H. One PF Platoon from HOA VANG District Headquarters was attached to the 1st Battalion at 281800H for the period 281800H until 301700H August. The 593 RF Company took up blocking positions in the Marble Mountain area near (BT 075709) and were to remain there until 30 August.

29-30 August - Clear and Hold Operation of AN TRA (BT 085695) and TRA KE (BT 090670)

The 1st Battalion, supported by the 593 RF Company, ARVN, conducted a clear and hold operation in the hamlets of TRA KE (1), (BT 090670), TRA LO (BT 084682), AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085695), TAN AN (BT 090690), and TAN LUU (BT 077704) from 290620H until 301800H. Prior to the clearing operation beginning, a psy-war team in an aircraft dropped leaflets and broadcast in Vietnamese that the villagers should leave the villages for their own safety. They were told to go to the beach where they would be taken to the civilian collection point and given food and be given medical attention. Six hundred and seventy-six civilians came to the collection point and were fed and cared for during the operation. Six Marines were wounded and one killed during the operation. Twelve VC were killed and two weapons were captured. Eight VC were wounded and an additional ten VC were believed to have been wounded. Thirty-five VCS were apprehended. At the conclusion of the operation, Company D occupied positions in the vicinity of AN TRA (1) and (2), (BT 085696), and began patrolling that area. In support of this operation, Company H, 2d Battalion, cleared QUA GIANG (2), (BT 016665), and then set up a blocking position on the eastern edge of the hamlet at (BT 000660) at 301300H. The 2d Battalion suffered three WIA from sniper fire on 30 August.

31 August - Seventeen combat patrols were conducted by units of the Ninth Marines this day. Company G searched the hamlet of LA BONG (3), (AT 963677), and apprehended ten VCS. One Marine

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was killed and one wounded by sniper fire in the 2d Battalion this day. Another Marine from the 2d Battalion was wounded by a mine explosion. After receiving intelligence information that a VC 57mm recoilless rifle was located in CAM NE (1), (AT 987693), a platoon size patrol from Company F was sent into the village at 311330H. Mr. HON, the village chief of HOA CAMU village, accompanied the patrol. The weapon was not found and the patrol returned at 311630H. Five hundred and fifty-three civilians were treated at the MedCap stations and the Battalion Aid Stations in the Ninth Marine TAOR. At the end of the month of August the Ninth Marines occupied the following positions:

Regimental CP	(AT 995733)
1st Battalion CP	(BT 023723)
Company A MAN QUAN (2)	(BT 044686)-(AT 979699)
Company B Bn CP Security	(BT 023733)
Company C	(BT 017683)-(BT 034687)
Company D	
1st Plt	(BT 085697)
One Squad Security for hospital site	(BT 075713)
2d and 3d Plts	(BT 068708)
2d Battalion CP	(AT 994722)
Company E	
1st and 2d Plts FLSG Ammunition dump security	(AT 988733)
3d Plt RR bridge	(AT 998707)
Company F	(AT 977683)-(AT 988670)
Company G	(AT 962694)-(AT 972682)
Company H	(AT 991676)-(BT 009676)

4. Results of Action

a. Friendly Casualties (1 August-31 August 1965)

KIA	9
WIA	94
MIA	None
WIA dropped from rolls	33
WIA returned to duty	34

b. Enemy Casualties* (010900H August to 010600H Sept 1965)

VC killed	40
VC captured	15
VCS apprehended	149

*These casualty figures reflect only those casualties which were confirmed by body count. In all probability, there were many more enemy casualties that could not be confirmed by body count.

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TAB:

1. Ninth Marines Operation Order 324-65, 012315H August 1965.
2. Ninth Marines Frag Orders 7-65 through 29-65. *21 NIF*
3. CO, Ninth Marines ltr of 061638H August 1965 to OG, 3d MarDiv, Concept of Operation to clear and hold CAM NE Hamlet.
4. Civil Affairs Officer, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, ltr 17:JFS:mjp, 5815, of 19 August 1965, Possible Civil Projects for the village of CAM NE.
5. Weekly Operations Overlay Reports for the weeks ending 8 August, 15 August, 21 August, and 28 August.

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6. Situation Reports No. 23 through 54 for the period 1-31 August 1965.
7. Regimental S-1 Situation Reports for the period 1-31 August 1965. *(8 Aug NIF)*
8. Intelligence Summaries No. 23-53 for the period 1-31 August 1965. *(#26, 27, 29, 38 NIF)*

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9. S-1 Journal for 1-31 August 1965. *(15 Aug, 17 Aug NIF)*
10. S-2 Journal for 1-31 August 1965.
11. S-3 Journal for 1-31 August 1965. *16-RAVE NIF*
12. S-4 Journal for 1-31 August 1965,
13. 1st Battalion Command Diary for August 1965.
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OPERATION ORDER 324-65

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 (b) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 3214-65
 (c) 9th Marines Operation Order 3214-65

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Task Organization: No change.

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- (1) CTG 70.8 provides DD in direct support of 2/9.
- (2) 1st MAW will provide two aircraft for column cover initially during Phase I. On call CAS thereafter.
- (3) Two companies RVN assigned combined mission with 2/9 for clearing operation. One company to establish blocking position vicinity Marble Mountain (GC 075705). One company to operate in coordination with 2/9 to conduct clearing operation to north.
- (4) Company D, 3d Recon Battalion protects left (west) flank of clearing operation initially, prepared to protect South flank during Phase II.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines conducts combined operations with RVN forces at 040600H to clear and hold area south and east of Marble Mountain.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations

- (1) Maneuver. (Annex A. Operation Overlay) this operation will be conducted in three Phases as follows:

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c. 2d Battalion

- (1) Continue current mission.
- (2) Conduct combined operations commencing at 040600H in coordination with ARVN forces to clear the TIEN SHA peninsula and area 2KM west of SONG CAN BIEN river of VC with a minimum of 2 rifle companies (rein).
- (3) Be prepared to clear HOA PHONG village and MAN QUAN (1) hamlet of VC.
- (4) Be prepared to defend assigned sector.

d. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

Priority of fires 2/9.

e. Company C (-) (Rein), 3d TK Bn, FME

- (1) Direct support of 2/9.
- (2) Provide one section direct support company B, 3d Recon Battalion.

f. Company C (-) (Rein), 3d AT Bn

Direct support of 2/9.

g. Company B, 1st AmTrac Bn, FME

- (1) Direct support of 2/9.
- (2) Provide LVTE section direct support of 2/9.

h. Mine clearing Team, 3d Engineer Bn

Direct support of 2/9.

i. Regimental Reserve

1/9 - Be prepared to committ one company on one hour notice.

j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Reports - Reference (b).
- (2) Rules of Engagement - Reference (c).

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- (a) Phase I - Regiment conducts combined operations with RVN forces to clear the TIEN SHA peninsula and area 2000 meters west of the SONG CAN BIEN river. Two companies of 2/9 reinforced with tanks, LVTs and Ontos and in coordination with one company RVN force move rapidly down east coast of the TIEN SHA peninsula and seize Regimental objectives A and B. Elements of force establish blocking positions to cover clearing operations to north. Company D, 3d Recon Battalion protects regimental left (west) flank. One company RVN covers operations from Marble Mountain (GC 075705). 2/9 in coordination with RVN forces clears assigned sector to north, seizes Regimental objectives C and D, establishes defensive positions and is prepared to continue clearing operations to the west on order,
- (b) Phase II - 2/9 (rein) in coordination with RVN forces clears HOA PHONG village (GC 050715) and MAN QUAN (1) (GC 035683) and is prepared to establish defense in sector. Company D, 3d Recon Battalion protects south flank.
- (c) Phase III - 2/9 establishes defensive positions with one rifle company and patrols to the south.

(2) Fires

- (a) Artillery - Priority of fire to 2/9.
- (b) Air - Priority to 2/9. A column cover will be flown.
- (c) NGF One DD in direct support 2/9.

b. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

- (1) Continue defense DANANG AIR BASE.
- (2) Relieve 2/9 of responsibility of security for FLSG ammunition storage area (GC AT 978728) and railroad bridgehead (GC AT 998708) by 031200H. DIRTAUTH with 2/9 authorized.
- (3) On order provide one company in a one hour alert status.

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h. Mine clearing Team, 3d Engineer Bn

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- (3) DIRLAUTH with Danang Special Sector, HOA VANG District Headquarters and DS units.
- (4) Tracked vehicles move to assembly area vicinity LD by increments as coordinated with 2/9.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 9th Marines Admin Order 321A-65
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 321A-65

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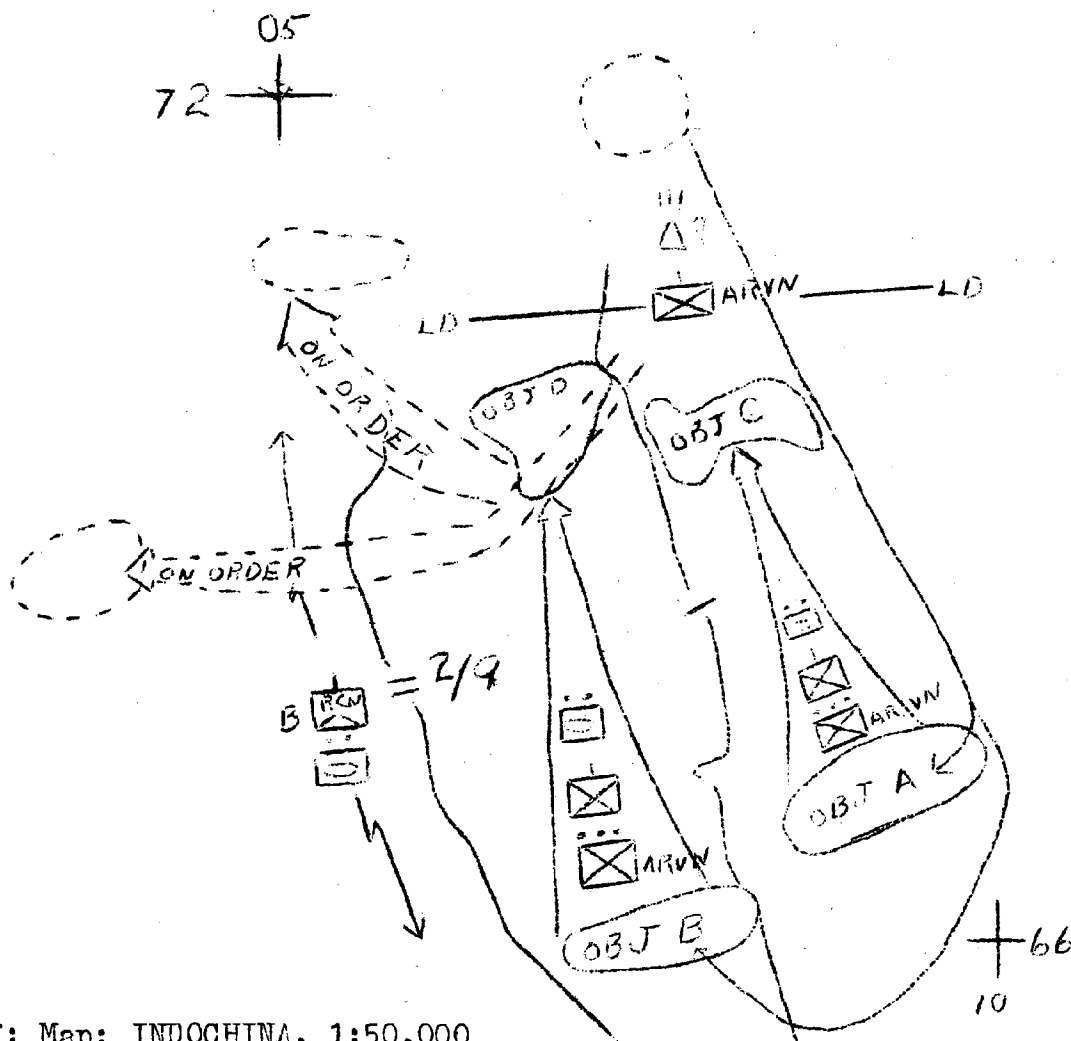
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FRAG ORDER 7-65

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 (b) CO 9th Mar Warning Order 011915H Aug 1965
 (c) MLP: Indochina, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, IV, 6659 II and III

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

- (1) There has been sporadic sniper fire and on occasion 60mm Mortar fire from Can Ne (1) and Can Ne (2) vicinity GC (AT 991690) since the arrival of Marine in the Dong Son (1) area GC (AT 995695).
- (2) See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces


- (1) 3d Marines. Conducts a Northerly search and destroy operation in southeastern portion of their TAOR on 2 and 3 August 1965.
- (2) 3d MLW. Provides smoke aircraft on station 0900 to 1030 to support operation. VA/VF aircraft on fifteen minute alert.
- (3) 3d Tank Bn. Provides FO and prepares to support operation by direct fire.
- (4) 3d Engineer Bn. Provides one mine detection team in support of operation.
- (5) Danang Special Sector. Provide one platoon of Regional Forces, ARVN for combined operation.

- 2. MISSION. 9th Marines extends occupation of south western TAOR in Phase III of Sector B. Search and destroy from Song Yen River eastward to vicinity GC (AT 990690),

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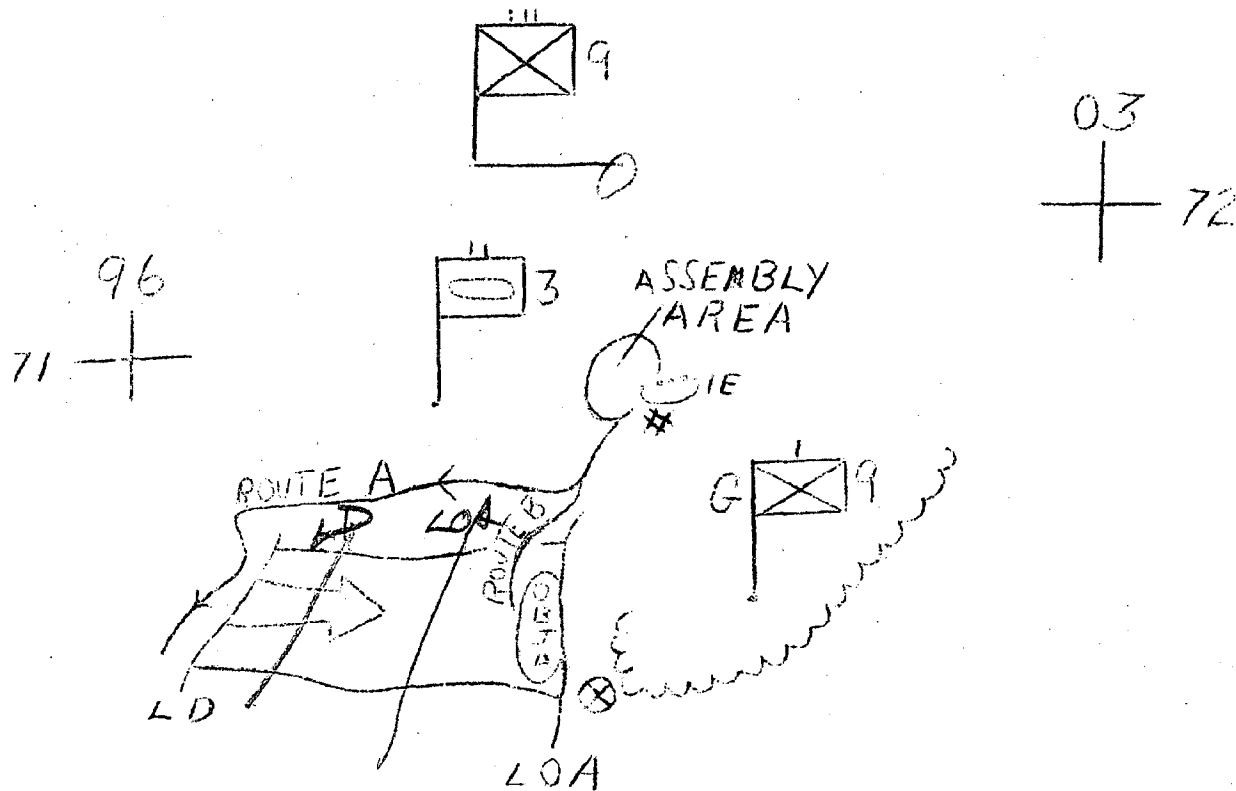
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9th Marines (-) (Rein)
 DANANG, RVN
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FRAG ORDER 9-65

Ref: (a) 9th Mar OpOrder 321A-65
 (b) 9th Mar OpOrder 324-65

Encl: (1) Overlay

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy. Current INTSUMS.b. Friendly

(1) Company 593 (-) RF ARVN defends original blocking position vicinity of Marble Mountain.

(2) MCB-9. Continues defense of CB perimeter.

(3) NAD. Continues operation of NAD camps, Danang East.

(4) 3d Marines. Continues operations in TAOR.

(5) Co D 3d Recon Bn

(1) Establishes recon platoon at Marble Mountain and Danang East.

(2) Surveillance mission for Cam Ne (1) and (2) vicinity (AT 990690) and Dong Son (2) vicinity (AT 993678).

2. MISSION. 9th Marines defends from GC (AT 990700) to GC (BT 079698) patrols, ambushes and prepares to conduct operations to secure Cam Ne (1) and (2) vicinity GC (AT 990690).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 9th Marines stabilizes front lines with one company from 1/9 in positions East of Song Vinh Dien River (029686). 2/9 develops West from this

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point along the lines of their defense in Duong Son (1) area. Prepares to occupy Cam Ne (1) and (2) with 2dBn and increase occupation within assigned TAOR.

b. 1stBn, 9th Marines

- (1) Maintain airfield defense until relieved by Provisional Air Base Defense Battalion.
- (2) Continue occupation and patrolling assigned areas of sector A.
- (3) With one company relieve elements of 2/9 currently occupying positions East from SONG VINH DIEN River vicinity 029686, by 061200H August. Establish strong points at Man Quan (1) vicinity (BT 032688), Vinh Ky (1) (BT 054998) and bridge area vicinity (BT 071701).
- (4) Maintain one company continuous one hour alert as quick reaction company with one hour reaction posture.
- (5) Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols in assigned sector.
- (6) Be prepared to enlarge area of occupation in assigned sector.

c. 2dBn, 9th Marines

- (1) Defend assigned sector upon completion of Phase II 9th Marines OpOrder 324-65 and until relieved by 1/9 on 061200H August 1965.
- (2) Assume responsibility for bridge and water point vicinity GC (998708) at 061200H.
- (3) Assume responsibility for security of FLSG ammunition dump vicinity (AT 986735) at 061200H August.
- (4) Conduct aggressive combat/reconnaissance patrols in assigned sector. Minimum of one daylight and one night patrol per company daily.
- (5) Prepare plans for occupation and defense of Cam Ne (1) and (2) vicinity (990690).

d. C&B (-) 1st AmTrac Bn

- (1) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.

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(2) One platoon Direct Support 1/9.

e. Co C (-) 3d AT Bn

(1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.

(2) One platoon Direct Support 1/9.

f. Co B (-) 3d TK Bn.

Direct Support 1/9.

g. 2d Bn, 12th Marines

a. Echo Battery direct support 2/9.

b. Delta Battery direct support 1/9.

h. Reserve. One company of 1/9.

i. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Co D 3d Recon Bn will begin surveillance 6 Aug 65.

(2) Relief of elements of 1/9 and 2/9 will be effected 061200H August.

(3) Rules of engagement apply.

(4) Patrol overlays will be submitted to Regimental S-3 48 hours in advance.

(5) EEI's.

(a) Where are VC emplacements, trenches, strong points and other defensive works located. ?

(b) What tactics are employed by VC forces in the area of operations. ?

(c) What is the estimated strength of VC forces encountered and what are the unit identification

(d) What types of weapons are employed by VC forces in the area of operation. ?

(e) What is the attitude of the people ?

(f) Are the village (hamlets) in the area fortified. ?

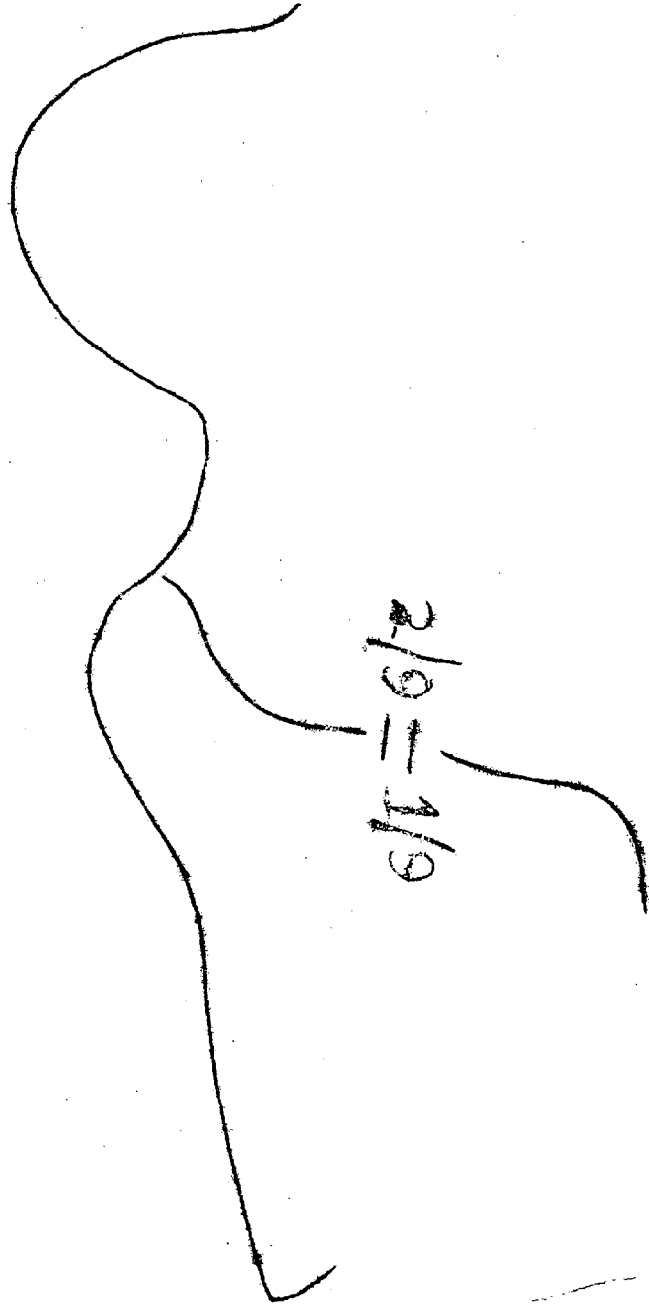
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DANANG, RVN
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FRAG ORDER 10-65

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(b) 9th Mar OpOrder 321A-65
(c) 9th Mar OpOrder 324-65
(d) 9th Mar Frag Order 9-65

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Current ISUMS

(2) Characteristics of the Area. Duong Son (2) has not been reconnoitered in detail, but indications are that this hamlet is heavily fortified and infested with punji traps, explosive type booby traps, including booby-trapped gates and entrances. Most houses appear to have shelters and tunnels. A Pagoda type temple which is reportedly used as a messing and resting place for the VC is located at coordinates (AT 995677). Anti-helicopter stakes 5 feet high have been observed at coordinates (AT 996679). A long trench partially covered with aluminum sheeting extends from coordinates (AT 999680) to (AT 999673). Another covered trench extends south from a bunker coordinates (AT 992675) to Duong Son (3). This trench is covered with sand over aluminum sheeting.

(3) Enemy strength and disposition. It is estimated that the enemy strength in the area is one VC Main Force Company supported by the equivalent of one company of Local Force Guerrillas. These units are armed with an assortment of small arms including automatic weapons, 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 57mm Recoilless Rifles, grenades and assorted explosives. Exact dispositions of these forces have not been determined, however platoon-sized units have been reported in Cam Ne (2) and Duong Son (2).

(4) Reinforcements. The 7th VC Battalion has several times been reported operating in the area south of Duong Son (2), however no exact location has been determined. The last reported location of this unit was on 28 July 65 at coordinates (AT 994608) to (BT 019607).

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b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1stBn 1st Corp ARVN. Occupies positions vicinity MIEU DONG (BT 015679).

(2) 591st company RF RVN continues to operate in direct support 2dBn, 9th Marines.

(3) Co D, 3d Recon Bn

(a) Continues security mission DANANG EAST with one platoon.

(b) Provides one platoon in direct support of 2dBn, 9th Marines.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines defends DANANG airbase perimeter, patrols aggressively within assigned TAOR and conducts clear and hold operations in DUONG SON (2) (AT 995678) and GIANG DONG (BT 007678).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Maneuver. (Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay) 9th Marines continues stabilization of front lines by clearing and holding of DUONG SON (2) and GIANG DONG.

(2) Fires

(a) Artillery fires on call.

(b) Close air support on strip alert. One OlB on station 110630H Remain On Station until relieved D-day.

b. 1stBn

(1) Continues airfield defense mission to include maintenance of six squad size reaction forces

(2) Conduct aggressive patrolling north and south of airfield within 9th Marines TAOR. Minimum of eight night patrols.

(3) Continue occupation and defense of sector ^{EAST} of SONG VINH river.

(4) Maintain one company on a continuous one hour alert status for employment as the Division Quick Reaction Company.

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c. 2dBn, 9th Marines

(1) Seize, clear and hold DUONG SON (2) (AT 995678) commencing H-Hour-D-Day.

(2) Be prepared to clear and hold GIANG DONG (BT 007678)

(3) Maintain responsibility for security of FLSG ammunition dump vicinity (AT 986735) with minimum of two platoons.

(4) Maintain security of Railroad bridge and Water Point (AT 998700).

d. Co B (-), 1st AmTrac Bn

(1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.

(2) One platoon direct support 1/9.

e. Co C (-) 3d AT Bn

(1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.

(2) One platoon direct support of 1/9.

(3) One platoon direct support of 2/9.

f. Co B (-) 3d TK Bn

(1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.

(2) One platoon direct support 1/9.

(3) One Section continues security mission Danang East.

(4) One Section (2 Guns, 1 Flame) direct support 2/9.

g. 2dBn, 12th Marines

(1) Echo Battery direct support 2/9.

(2) Delta Battery direct support 1/9.

h. Detachment 3d Engineer Bn

Direct Support 2/9.

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i. Regimental Reserve

Division reaction company from 1/9.

j. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Reports. Reference (b)

(2) Rules of Engagement. Reference (b)

(3) DIRLAUTH with Danang Special Sector, HOA VANG District Headquarters and Direct Support Units.

(4) H-Hour, D-Day to be announced.

(5) Contact Left to Right.

(6) EEI'S

(a) Where are VC emplacements, trenches, strong points and other defensive works located?

(b) Where are the entrances/exits of the tunnels located (AT 999680) to (AT 999673)?

(c) What tactics are employed by VC forces in the area of operations?

(d) What is the estimated strength of VC forces encountered and what are the unit identifications?

(e) What types of weapons are employed by VC forces in the area of operation?

(f) What is the attitude of the people?

(g) Are the villages (hamlets) in the area fortified?

4. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. In accordance with Annex D (Comm-Elec) to OpOrder 3214-65.

b. Initial contact with OLB Aircraft will be on VMO common (40.2).

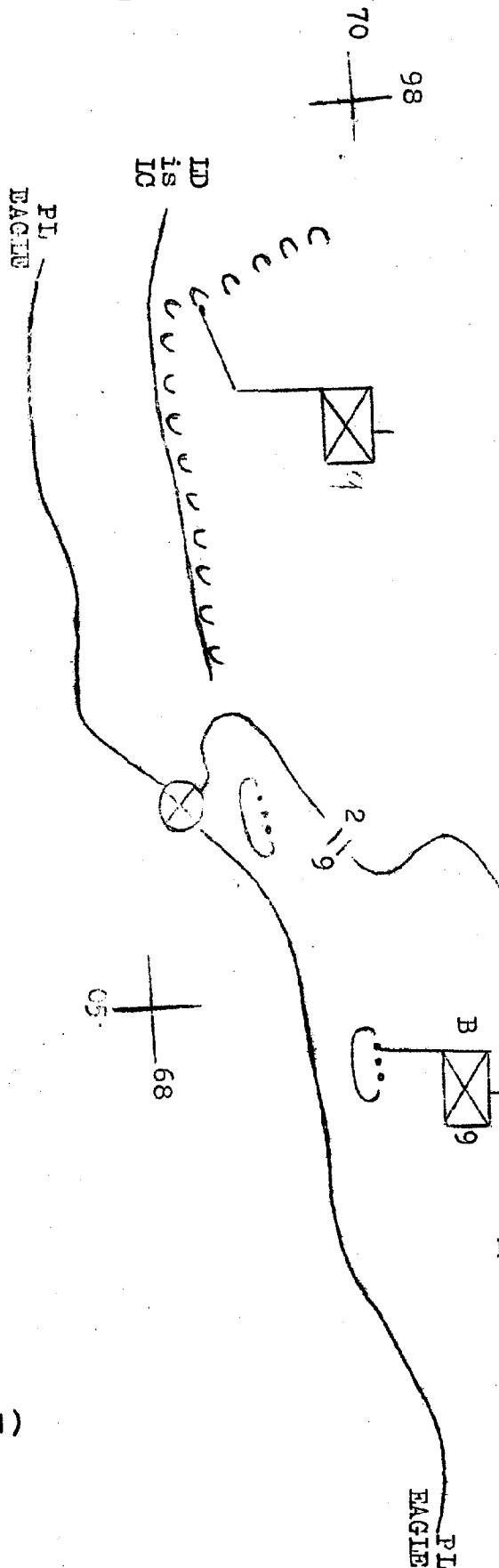
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c. 2/9 will direct observer to enter Division Air
Observer net D-177. Regimental Headquarters will monitor.


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(c) Map, Indo China, 1:50,000, Series I701, Sheets 6658 I, IV, 6659 II and III

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

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1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

(1) Current ISUMS

(2) Characteristics of the area of operations(a) Weather. (for period 16 through 26 August 1965).(1) Temperature

Maximum - 95 degrees

Minimum - 75 degrees

Mean - 85 degrees

(2) Winds

Nighttime: Southwesterly less than 4 knots.

Daytime : Easterly 5-15 knots.

(3) Cloud cover

Daytime : Scattered high clouds.

Late afternoon : Scattered buildup of clouds.

(4) Visibility. Ten miles.(5) Precipitation. Scattered thunderstorms with an average of 1/2 to 3/4 inches of precipitation.(b) Terrain. The area south of the Song Cau Do river, west of the railroad line running from coordinates (LT 999706) to (LT 990675), is a low, flat plain devoted almost entirely to wet rice paddies.

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Trafficability is difficult to impossible in this area for all vehicles. Vegetation in this area includes portions consisting of sparse, cultivated fields which do not hamper observation or movement, and other areas, usually surrounding hamlets and/or villages, where the vegetation is mostly dense foliage which restricts observation and movement.

(c) Hamlets and Villages

Cam Ne (1). Is ringed almost entirely by a trench system approximately 2.5 feet deep, bunkers and spider traps. No punji traps, mines or booby traps have been positively identified although it is likely such have been emplaced. The village appeared to be mostly deserted.

Cam Ne (2). Is ringed with a bamboo fence and a 2.5 foot deep trench line and appears heavily fortified. A single strand barbed wire fence has been observed across the open area vicinity coordinates (AT 989690).

No detailed reconnaissance has been made of the other hamlets in this area, but visual (ground/air) observation indicates that the hamlets are heavily fortified and infested with numerous punji traps, and ringed by trenches, and spider traps. Most houses appear to have shelters and tunnels.

- (3) Enemy strength and dispositions. It is estimated that the enemy strength in the area is one VC Local Force Company (minus) supported by elements of one company (minus) of Main Force Guerrillas. These units are armed with an assortment of small arms which are reported to include 16 automatic rifles, 4 81mm mortars, 4 60mm mortars, 6 57mm Recoilless Rifles, 8 LMG's, grenades, individual arms and assorted explosives. Exact dispositions of these forces have not been determined; however platoon-sized units have been reported in Cam Ne (2) and Yen Ne (2). The 7th VC Battalion has several times been reported operating in the areas south and east of this general locale, however no exact location has been determined. It is estimated that the VC are capable of reinforcing their

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forces in this area within four to six hours.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3d Marines. Occupies and defends northern and western sectors of 3d Division TAOR adjacent to 9th Marines.
- (2) 3dBn, 4th Regt, 1st Corps ARVN. Occupies positions vicinity MIEU DONG (BT 015679) as 1st Corps Reserve.
- (3) 594 Company (-) RF RVN. Continues to operate under CFCOM 2dBn, 9th Marines.
- (4) Company "D", 3d Recon Bn
 - (a) Continues security mission DANANG EAST with one platoon.
 - (b) Screens Southern Flank!

2. MISSION. 9th Marines defends DANANG airbase perimeter, patrols aggressively within assigned TAOR and conducts clear and hold operations in Cam Ne Village.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Maneuver. (Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay). 9th Marines continue stabilization of front lines by clearing and holding Cam Ne Village Complex (AT 990690). The clearing and holding operation will be conducted in three phases as follows:

Phase 1. 1st Battalion relieves 2d Battalion of responsibility for the FLSG Ammunition storage area (AT 998708) and railroad bridge (AT 998708), and assumes responsibility from the 2d Battalion for defensive sector vicinity of Duong Song (2) (AT 995677) and Giang Dong (BT 007677).

Phase 11. 2d Battalion moves two Rifle companies into blocking positions under

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cover of darkness. "B" company, 3d Recon Bn conducts night infiltration into screening position to south at first light. 9th Marines conducts a leaflet drop and airborne public address system announcement directing indigenous personnel to clear area to the east. LVTs enter SON CAU DO river and link-up with north and west blocking force. After clearance of displaced persons from area, 2d Battalion seizes, clears and holds the CAM NE Complex with two rifle companies reinforced with one company (-) of Regional Forces, RVN.

Phase III. 9th Marines consolidates defensive positions in CAM NE Complex, adjusts battalion defensive sectors, and patrols to the south. Company "D", 3d Recon Bn conducts search of SONG YEN River from (AT 965670) North to SONG CAU DO River.

(2) Fires

- (a) Artillery FIRES on call.
- (b) Close Air Support on strip alert.
- (c) Two HULB aircraft on station during daylight hours.

b. 1st Bn, 9th Marines

- (1) Maintain airfield defense until relieved by 3dBn, 9th Marines.
- (2) Continue patrolling of assigned area sector A (Reference a).
- (3) Relieve 2/9 of responsibility for security of bridge, Division Water Point and pontoon raft vicinity GC (AT 998708) by 161200H August 1965.
- (4) Relieve 2/9 of responsibility for security of FLSC ammunition dump vicinity (AT 986735) by 161200H August 1965.
- (5) Relieve elements of 2/9 in place vicinity of DUONG SON (2) (AT 995677) and GIANG DONG (BT 006777)

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with one rifle company (Rein) by 161200H August 1965.

- (6) Continue defense in vicinity of MAN QUAN (1) (BT 032688), BINH KY (1) (BT 054698) and Bridge area (BT 071701) with one rifle company (Rein).
- (7) Conduct aggressive combat patrols in assigned sector.
- (8) Maintain one company on continuous one hour alert as Division Quick Reaction Company

c. 2dBn, 9th Marines

- (1) Establish blocking positions North, West and South of CAM NE Complex with two Rifle Companies during evening of 17-18 August 1965. (Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay).
- (2) Seize, clear and hold CAM NE Complex (AT 990690) commencing 18 August 1965 after relocation of CAM NE displaced persons.
- (3) Be prepared to establish defense of CAM NE Complex and to patrol aggressively to south.

d. 3dBn, 9th Marines

- (1) Relieve 1stBn, 9th Marines of airfield defense responsibility as soon as possible when mutually agreed upon by CO's 1/9 and 3/9.
- (2) Release attached direct support units to parent organization.
- (3) Be prepared to come under OPCON 3d MAF on order.

e. Company "B", 1st AmTrac Bn

- (1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) Provide one platoon direct support 1/9.
- (3) Provide one platoon direct support 2/9.

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f. Company "C", 3d AT Bn

- (1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) One platoon direct support 1/9.
- (3) Company "C" (--) Direct Support 2/9.

g. Company "B", 3d TK Bn

- (1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) Provide one platoon in Direct Support 1/9.
- (3) Provide one Section for security FLSG Ammunition Dump (AF 925735).
- (4) One section continues security mission Danang East.
- (5) Be prepared to move one section across SONG CAU DO River in direct support 2/9.

h. 2dBrn, 12th Marines

- (1) Delta Battery Direct Support 1/9.
- (2) Echo Battery Direct Support 2/9.
- (3) Foxtrot Battery Direct Support 3/9.

i. Detachment 3d Engr Bn

- (1) One platoon Direct Support 2/9.
- (2) Two Mine Clearing and Demolition Teams Direct Support 1/9.

j. Regimental Reserve

Division Reaction Company from 1/9.

k. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Reports Reference (a).
- (2) Rules of Engagement Reference (a).

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(3) Contact Left to Right.

(4) EI's

- (a) Where are VC emplacements, trenches, strong points and other defensive works located?
- (b) Where are the entrances/exits of tunnels?
- (c) What tactics are employed by VC forces in the area of operations?
- (d) What is the estimated strength of VC forces encountered and what are the unit identification?
- (e) What types of weapons are employed by VC forces in the area of operation?
- (f) What is the attitude of the people?
- (g) Are the villages (hamlets) in the area fortified?
- (h) What are VC bugle, whistle, drum calls? Other VC signals?
- (i) What are VC trail signs? Other VC signs?

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Civil affairs plans to be issued separately.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- (a) See Annex D (Communication-Electronics) to Regimental Operation Order 321A-65.
- (b) Initial contact with OLB Aerial Observers will be on VMO common (40.2) or TAD #1. The Aerial Observer will be directed to come up on 2dBn, 9th Marines Tac Net (D-175).

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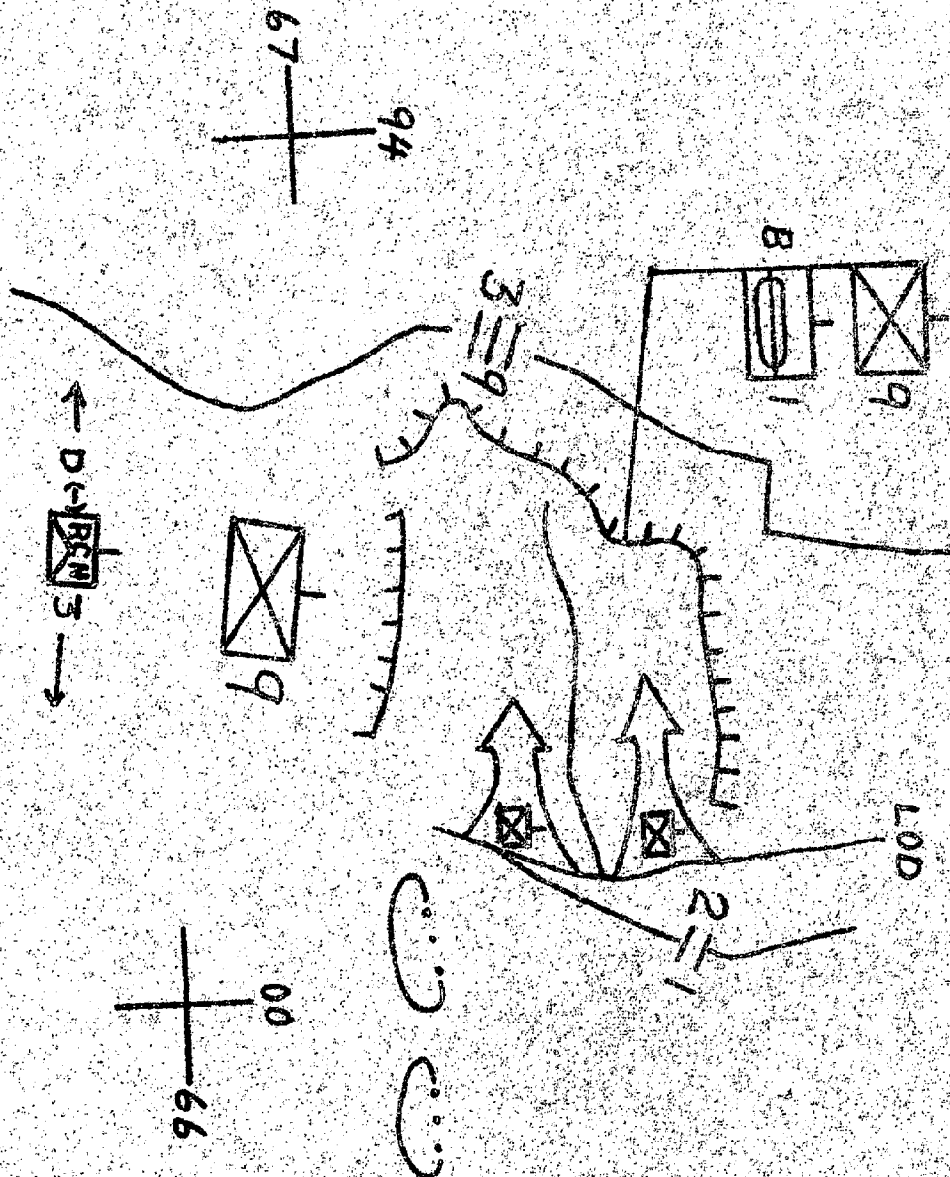
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1. 1/9 EXECUTE PLANNED SWEEP MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA. CONTINUE DEFENSE OR AIRFIELD AND ASSIGNED SECTOR. ASSIST DEBARKATION 3/9.
2. 2/9 CONSOLIDATE DEFENSES IN SECTOR.
3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. RIFLE COMPANIES CONDUCT ONE NIGHT PATROL, AMBUSH AND LP NIGHTLY. SUBMIT PATROL PLANS AND COORDINATES OR AMBUSH AND LP POSITIONS BY 0900 DAILY

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FRAG ORDER 13-65

1. ATTEMPTED PROBE OF AIRFIELD AND 9TH MARINES POSITIONS BEGAN 172255H. NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS AND RETURNED FIRE. ALL SECURE 180025H EXCEPT FOR SPORADIC FIRE 180025H. TWO VC KIA ON FENCE SOUTH OF AIR FIELD VICINITY POST 8.

2. 1ST BN

- CONTINUE DEFENSE AND AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING SOUTH OF AIRFIELD.
- MAINTAIN ONE HOUR REACTION COMPANY.
- CONTINUE RIVER PATROL REDWOOD DELTA 3 A

3. 2ND BN EXECUTE PHASE II OF MY FRAG ORDER 11-65.

4. 3RD BN CONTINUE DEFENSE OF AIRFIELD AND SECURITY PATROLS NORTH.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. CLOSE COORDINATION PATROLS WITH ADJACENT UNITS BEFORE EXECUTION.

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 CO "A" 3RD MT BN

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FRAG ORDER 14-65

1. 1ST BN

- A. CONTINUE DEFENSE OF SECTOR.
- B. CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING SOUTH OF AIRFIELD.
- C. CONTINUE RIVER PATROL REDWOOD DELTA 3 A.
- D. BE PREPARED TO COMMIT DIVISION REACTION COMPANY ON ONE HOUR NOTICE

2. 2ND BN

- A. DEFEND PRESENT POSITIONS IN SECTOR.
- B. BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION OF CAM NE COMPLEX FIRST LIGHT 19 AUGUST 1965.

3. 3RD BN. CONTINUE DEFENSE OF AIRFIELD AND CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF FOUR NIGHT PATROLS NORTH OF AIRFIELD.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. EACH RIFLE COMPANY LOCATED SOUTH OF SON CAU DO RIVER WILL CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF ONE COMBAT PATROL, ONE AMBUSH AND ONE LISTENING POST.

B. REPORT LOCATION OF LP'S, AMBUSHES AND COMBAT PATROLS NO LATER THAN 1600 DAILY FOR COMPANIES IN CONTACT AND 0900 FOR COMPANIES NORTH OF SON CAU DO RIVER.

C. RVN POLICE ARE CONDUCTING SWEEPS IN REGIMENTAL TAOR DURING PERIOD 190500 TO 190700H AUGUST. OVERLAYS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY.

D. NO FIRE LINE 2ND BN SECTOR NORTH OF EAST-WEST GRID LINE SIXTY-SEVEN (67).

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 DANANG, RVN
 191100H AUGUST 1965

FRAG ORDER 15-65

Ref: (a) 9th Mar OpOrder 321A-65
 (b) 9th Mar FRAG ORDER 14-65
 (c) RO 3100.1
 (d) Map, Indo China, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658I, IV and 6659 II, III

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

(1) Current ISUMS

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3d Marines. Occupies and defends northern and western sectors of 3d Division TAOR adjacent to 9th Marines. Currently occupies AT 958692 with platoon strength. Present plans are to tie in with 9th Marines at La Chau (3) AT 952677 when directed by CO 3d Marines.

(2) Company "D" 3d Recon Bn

(a) Direct support 9th Marines.

(b) Continues security mission DANANG EAST.

(c) Continues security mission RED BEACH.

(d) Plans Operation SNATCH.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines defends DANANG airbase perimeter, patrols aggressively within assigned TAOR. Consolidates defensive positions and conducts extensive civic actions within CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation. (Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay)

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b. 1stBn, 9th Marines

WHEN DIRECTED

- (a) Assume responsibility and develop defense assigned sector (Enclosure (1)).
- (b) Continued responsibility for FLSC ammunition dump (AT 989731).
- (c) Maintain one company on continuous one hour alert.
- (d) Continue combat patrols in sector and security patrols South of airfield.

c. 2dBn, 9th Marines

WHEN DIRECTED

- (a) Assume responsibility and develop defense of assigned sector. (Enclosure (1)).
- (b) When directed relieve 1/9 of responsibility of Railroad Bridge (AT 998707).
- (c) Conduct aggressive patrols North and South of SONG CAU DO River in assigned sector.
- (d) When directed maintain one company on continuous one hour alert as 3d Division reaction company.
- (e) Conduct intensive civic action program within CAM NE Complex.

d. 3dBn, 9th Marines

- (1) Defend airbase perimeter.
- (2) Conduct aggressive combat and security patrols within assigned sector. (Enclosure (1)).

e. Company "C" 3d AT Bn

- (a) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (b) Provide one platoon direct support 1/9.
- (c) Provide one platoon direct support 2/9.

f. Company "B" 3d Tank Bn

- (a) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.

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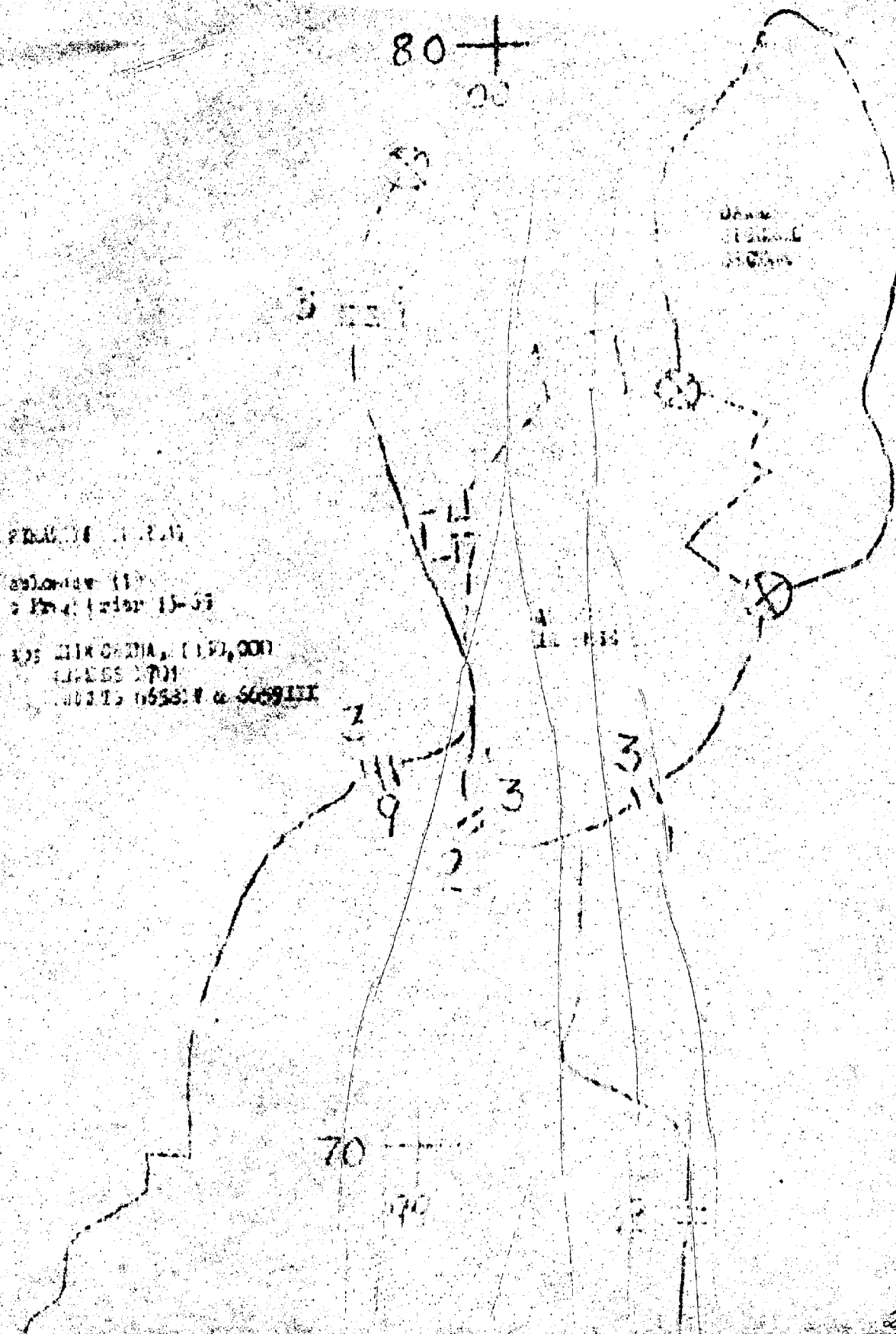
- (b) Continue one platoon direct support 1/9.
- (c) Continue one section for security FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 980726).
- (d) Continue one section security mission DANANG EAST.
- (e) Continue provide one section direct support 3/9.
- (f) When directed provide one section direct support 2/9.
- g. 2dBn, 12th Marines
 - (1) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.
 - (2) Delta Battery direct support 1/9.
 - (3) Echo Battery direct support 2/9.
- h. Regimental Reserve. Division Reaction Company.
- i. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Reports in accordance with reference (a).
 - (2) Rules of engagement apply.
 - (3) Contact left to right.
 - (4) Patrols in accordance with reference (a).

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FRAG ORDER 16-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 15-65

1. BOUNDARY SHIFTS INDICATED ENCLOSURE (1) TO RSF (A) TO BE
 EFFECTIVE 201200H AUGUST 1965.

2. 1ST BN

- a. DEFEND AND PATROL IN SECTOR.
- b. PREPARE PLANS TO:
 - (1) CLEAR AREA SW GRID 70 NORTH TO SON VIEH DIEM (RIVER).
 - (2) CLEAR AREA VICINITY HA AP (BT 030712) NE TO SON CAU DO (RIVER).
 - (3) CLEAR TIEB SHA PENINSULA FROM TAN AN (BT 090690) TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

3. 2ND BN

- a. CONSOLIDATE DEFENSE IN SECTOR.
- b. PREPARE TO ACCOMPLISH DAYLIGHT LINK UP WITH 3RD MARINES.

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c. PREPARE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR YLSC AMMUNITION DUMP
(AT 989731) WHEN DIRECTED.

4. 3RD BN CONTINUE DEFENSE AIRBASE PERIMETER AND AGGRESSIVE
PATROLLING IN SECTOR

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FRAG ORDER 17-65

REF: (A) 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 15-65

ENCL: (1) OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

1. 1ST BATTALION

(A) CONSOLIDATE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN SECTOR, PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

(B) ASSIST "B" COMPANY, 1ST AMTRAC BN TO EFFECT AN LVT CROSSING OF SONG VINH DIEN RIVER VICINITY GS (BT 0368).

2. 2D BATTALION

(A) CONSOLIDATE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN SECTOR. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

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3. 3D BATTALION

(A) CONTINUE DEFENSE OF AIRFIELD AND PATROLS TO NORTH.

4. COMPANY "B", 1ST AMTRAC BN

(A) PLATOON (-) RELEASED FROM DIRECT SUPPORT 2/9 EFFECTIVE 210800H AUGUST 1965.

(B) TWO LVT'S OPCON DIRECT SUPPORT 2/9 EFFECTIVE 210800H AUGUST 1965.

(C) EFFECT A RIVER CROSSING OF SONG VINH DIEN RIVER VICINITY OF GS (BT 0368)

WITH ASSISTANCE OF 1/9.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(A) ENCLOSURE (1) OPERATIONS OVERLAY.

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FRAG ORDER 18-65

REF: (A) 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 17-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES. COMPANY "D", 3D RECON BN CONDUCTS OPERATION
"SNATCH" IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TAOR.

2. 1ST BATTALION

A. CONDUCT SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS SOUTH OF SONG CAU DO RIVER
AND NORTH OF GRID LINE 70 IN 1/9 SECTOR COMMENCING 221900H AUGUST 1965.

B. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

C. DIVISION QUICK REACTION COMPANY (DELTA) RELIEVED BY COMPANY
FROM 2/9 EFFECTIVE 221200H AUGUST 1965.

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3. 2D BATTALION

A. CONSOLIDATE DEFENSES IN SECTOR.

B. CONDUCT COMBAT PATROL TO AMTRAC VICINITY (AT 973662).

C. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS. CONCENTRATE ON AREA NORTH OF RAILWAY BRIDGE (AT 997707) ON HIGHWAY ONE IN SECTOR.

D. EFFECTIVE 221200H AUGUST 1965 MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS QUICK REACTION ON ONE HOUR ALERT. REPORT DESIGNATION AND HELICOPTER PICKUP POINT.

4. 3D BATTALION. OPCON III MAF ADMIN 9TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 210800H AUGUST 1965.

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FRAG ORDER 19-65

REF: (A) 9TH MARINES FRAG ORDER 18-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES.

A. 7THLT CO. F. RVN. MOVES TO (BT 031719) UNTIL COMPLETION OF 1/9 CLEARING OPERATION.

B. COMPANY "D", 3D BCCON. PREPARES PLANS FOR RIVER SEARCH SOME 1EN RIVER COMMENCING 24 AUG. 65.

2. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES.

A. CONTINUE CLEAR OPERATIONS NORTH OF EAST-WEST GRID LINE 70 IN SECTOR.

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(1) COMPANY "D" CLEARS TRUNG LUONG COMPLEX VICINITY (BT 040715).

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ESTABLISH BASE VICINITY (BT 030710).

(X) COMPANY "B" CLEANS HAI AN COMPLEX GRID SQUARE (BT 0371).

B. ESTABLISH SCOUT SNIPER TEAM FOR EACH FRONT LINE COMPANY.

UTILIZE EXPERT RIFLE MEN WITH MISSION TO SNIPER.

C. PATROL AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

3. 2ND BN. 9TH MARINES

A. CONDUCT COMBAT PATROL TO AN TRACH (S) VICINITY (AT 973443).

B. ESTABLISH SCOUT-SNIPER TEAM FOR EACH FRONT LINE COMPANY.

UTILIZE EXPERT RIFLEMEN WITH MISSION TO SNIPER.

C. MAINTAIN GOLF COMPANY IN ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS. ESTABLISH AND MARK HELICOPTER PICKUP POINT (SAND PIPER B) VICINITY (AT 963721).

D. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

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FRAG ORDER 20-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. 4TH RVN ~~ARMED~~ REGIMENT CONDUCTS SWEEP ACROSS 9TH MARINES FRONT DURING PERIOD 24-25 AUGUST 1965.

B. 11TH RANGER BN AND 3DEN, 4TH BGT (RVN) LOCATED VICINITY OF MIEU DONG (BT 017680).

C. COMPANY "D", 3D RECON BN CONDUCTS A RIVER SEARCH FROM (AT 957682) NORTH TO (AT 969699) THEN EAST TO (AT 998707) ON 24 AUGUST 1965 TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF ~~TO DETERMINE~~

2. 1STEN, 9TH MARINES

A. COMPLETE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION FROM HIGHWAY #1 WEST THROUGH CAN NAM-

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B. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

3. 2DEM, 9TH MARINES

A. CONTINUES CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM IN CAM NE COMPLEX.

B. PATROL, AMBUSH AND ESTABLISH LISTENING POSTS.

C. MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ONE HOUR ALERT.

D. BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATION OF 4TH REG RVN-~~XXXX~~ RGT.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PATROL OVERLAYS IS 0900 ON DAY PRIOR TO PATROL.

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1. FRIENDLY FORCES

- A. 11TH RANGER BN CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH OF 2/9 SECTOR COMMENCING 260630H AUGUST 1965. LOD IS EAST-WEST GRID LINE 63. AREA BOUNDED BY RAILROAD ON EAST AND SONG YEN RIVER ON WEST. LOA IS EAST-WEST GRID LINE 67.
- B. TWO REGIONAL FORCE ARVN PLATOONS BLOCKS EASTERN FLANK WITH SECTION OF AT3.
- C. ONE REGIONAL FORCE RVN COMPANY BLOCKS ON SONG YEN RIVER WITH ONE PLATOON LVTS.

2. 1st BATTALION

- A. PROVIDES BLOCKING FORCE IN PRESENT POSITIONS FOR RVN OPERATION.

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B. PROVIDE GUIDES FOR RVN FORCES DURING ENTRY AND EXIT THROUGH FRONT LINE POSITIONS.

3. 2D BATTALION

- A. COORDINATE RELIEF BY 3/9 OF PATROL RESPONSIBILITIES SOUTH OF AIRFIELD.
B. BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA IN RELIEF OF COMPANY "D" 3D RECON BATTALION.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. YELLOW SMOKE WILL BE USED TO MARK FRIENDLY FRONT LINES.

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"C" CO, 3D AT BN

FRAG ORDER 23-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 22-65

1. ENEMY FORCES. MAIN FORCE PLATOON AND TWO GUERRILLA PLATOONS ARE PERMANENTLY ACTIVE IN AREA SOUTH OF MIEU DONG IN AREA (BT 016675) TO (AT 990642) TO (AT 995625) TO (BT 637630).

2. FRIENDLY FORCES.

A. RVN CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA WITH 11TH RANGER BN, 594TH RF COMPANY, 1/2/4 RECON TEAM. SUPPORTED BY FIRES FROM BATTERY B, HOA CAM TRAINING CENTER. SEARCH IS FROM SOUTH TO NORTH FROM EAST WEST GRID LINE 62 BOUNDED ON WEST AND NORTH BY SONG BAU XAU RIVER AND ON THE EAST BY ROUTE #1. ONE DAY OPERATION COMMENCING 270600H AUGUST 1965.

B. "D" COMPANY, 3D RECON BN

A. RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RED BEACH ONE.

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B. CONDUCT OPERATION SNATCH 271500H AUGUST 1965.

3. 1STEN, 9TH MARINES. NO CHANGE.

4. 2DEN, 9TH MARINES

A. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENGINEER BASE CAMP VICINITY DUONG SONN(1) (AT 996689).

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

~~A. PATROLLING FORWARD OF PRESENT FRONT LINES IS CANCELLED PENDING COMPLETION~~
OF THE RVN OPERATION.

~~B.~~ YELLOW OR GREEN SMOKE WILL BE USED TO INDICATE FRIENDLY FRONT LINES.

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FRAG ORDER 24-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 23-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. ONE REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY OPCON 9TH MARINES. 281800H.
 DESIGNATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

B. ONE POPULAR FORCE PLATOON ATTACHED TO 1/9 FOR OPERATIONS.
 FOR PERIOD 281800H AUGUST TO 301700H AUGUST.

C. "D" COMPANY 3D RECON BN. DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1STBN, 9TH
 MARINES.

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A. RELIEVED OF AMMO DUMP SECURITY BY 2/9 EFFECTIVE 281200H.

B. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE HOUR DIVISION REACTION COMPANY, EFFECTIVE 281200H. REPORT DESIGNATION AND HELICOPTER PICKUP POINT.

C. COMMENCING H-HOUR 29 AUGUST 1/9 CONDUCTS TWO DAY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION SOUTH TO NORTH. SOUTHERN BOUNDARY IS EAST-WEST GRID LINE 47. NORTHERN BOUNDARY MARBLE MOUNTAIN BT 083717 TO BT 072701. EASTERN BOUNDARY IS SOUTH CHINA SEA. WESTERN BOUNDARY SONG CAN BIEN RIVER.

D. ATTACHMENT TWO PLATOONS REGIONAL FORCES EFFECTIVE 281800H.

E. ATTACH TO ONE PLATOON POPULAR FORCES FOR PERIOD 281800H TO 301700H.

3. 2DNBN, 9TH MARINES

A. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FLSG AMMO DUMP EFFECTIVE 281200H AUGUST.

B. ONE PLATOON REGIONAL FORCES ATTACHED 28 AUGUST 1965.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. THERE IS A DAWN AND DUSK OE PATROL FOR 9TH MARINES AT 0630 AND 1830. THE OE CHECKS INTO REGIMENTAL

TAC FOR INSTRUCTIONS. UNITS WITH OBSERVATION REQUEST SHOULD CONTACT REGIMENT PRIOR TO THESE TIMES.

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FRAG ORDER 25-65

A. FRAG ORDER 24-65

1. FIRENLY FORCES

A. 593D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY REMAINING IN ELKHOOD POSITION
 MOUNTAIN (BT 075709) FOR 1/9 OPERATION 25-26 AUGUST 1965.
 B. ONE PLATOON 789TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY ATTACHED TO 1/9 FOR

281600H TO 301700H AUGUST 1965.

C. COMPANY D THIRD RECON BN

A. DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9

B. ESTABLISH RECON TEAMS VICINITY OF MIEN INGB (BT 0800) TO
 SCREEN SOUTHERN FLANK OF 1/9 OPERATION.

2. FIRST BN NINTH MARINES

A. H - HOUR EXECUTE SEARCH AND CLEAR MABLE MOUNTAIN AREA TO
 SOUTHERN LIMIT OF NINTH MARINES TACR.

B. MAINTAIN DIVISION QUICK REACTION COMPANY ON S.E. HOLD ALERT.

3. SECOND BN NINTH MARINES. NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 26-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 25-65

1. THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION CONDUCTED 29 AUGUST BY 1/9 RESULTED IN FOLLOWING BOX SCORE.

1/9		RECON
VC KIA	12	2
VC WIA	8	0
VC	7	3
VC	8	1
VC WEPS	1 9MM FRENCH PISTOL	1 '03 RIFLE
FRIENDLY WIA	6 (1 NON EVAC)	0

2. FRIENDLY FORCES. 3D ENGINEER BN. THREE MINE DETECTION AND CLEARING TEAMS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/9.

3. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

A. CONSOLIDATE DEFENSES ASSIGNED SECTOR.

B. CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

4. 2ND BN 9TH MARINES. NO CHANGE.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REPORT FULL INFORMATION ON UTILIZATION AND RESULTS OF SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS.

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A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 25-65

ENCLOSURE (1) OPERATION OVERLAY (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

1. SITUATION

A. REPORTED VC COMPANY VICINITY QUA GIANG (1) (GS BT 0166)

B. ONE SQUAD PE'S VICINITY RADIO TOWER (BT 021674)

2. MISSION. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN GS (BT 0166)

3. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES, CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OF QUA GIANG (1)

FROM EAST-WEST GRID LINE 66 NORTH TO SONG BAU XAU RIVER (BT 017675).

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4. 2ND BN 9TH MARINES. A ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION ALONG SONG BAU XAU RIVER

FROM EAST-WEST GRID LINE 66 TO GRID LINE 67.

B. MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS DIVISION REACTION FORCE ON ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS

UNTIL RELIEVED BY 179.

5. C COMPANY 3D AT BN. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIGHT SECTION AT'S FOR 179.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1ST AND 2D BATTALION FOR THE

OPERATION IS SONG BAU XAU RIVER FROM EAST-WEST GRID LINES 66 AND 67.

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INFO OF 3RD MARDIV

3RD MARINES

ZEN/2ND BN 12TH MARINES

"D" CO 4TH RECON BN

ZEN/"D" CO 3RD TANK BN

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FRAG ORDER 28-65

A. FRAG ORDER 27-65

1. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES. MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS DIVISION REACTION IN ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS EFFECTIVE 301800H RELIEVING 2/9.

2. 2ND BN 9TH MARINES. RELIEVED OF REQUIREMENT FOR REACTION COMPANY BY 1/9 EFFECTIVE 301800H AUGUST.

3. "D" CO 1ST AMTRAC BN. AUTHORIZED DIRECT LIAISON TO ESTABLISH MAINTENANCE SITE FOR

ALL DIRECT SUPPORT OPCON TRACKED VEHICLES IN DANANG EAST AREA.

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FRAG ORDER 29-65

A. FRAG ORDER 28-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. 593D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY WILL COMPLETE DISPLACEMENT FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN 1 SEPTEMBER 1965 TO AREA OUTSIDE 9TH MARINES TAOR.

B. 594TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY WILL REPLACE 1 SEPTEMBER 1965 TO AREA OUTSIDE 9TH MARINES TAOR.

C. 592D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY COMES UNDER OPCON 9TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 010800 SEPTEMBER 1965.

D. D COMPANY, 3D RECON BN RELIEVED OF SECURITY MISSION DANANG EAST EFFECTIVE 311200H.

E. 3D ENGR BN. ONE ONE MINE CLEARING DETECTION TEAM DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9. FOR PATROL NO. 2.

2. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

A. AT H-HOUR EXECUTE 1/9 PATROL ORDER NO. 2. PATROL IN REAR AREAS OF ASSIGNED SECTOR TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY POSSIBLE VC MORTAR POSITIONS AND VC INFILTRATORS.

B. MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS DIVISION REACTION COMPANY IN ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS.

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C. 592D COMPANY (-) REGIONAL FORCES, RVN OPCON 1/9 EFFECTIVE 011000 SEPTEMBER 1965.

D. RELEASE PLATOON OF REGIONAL FORCES PRESENTLY OPCON UPON REPORTING OF 592D COMPANY (-).

E. UPON COMPLETION PATROL INDICATED IN PATROL ORDER NO. 2 RELEASE MINE CLEARING AND DETECTION TEAM ASSIGNED DIRECT SUPPORT MISSION.

F. ASSUME SECURITY MISSION DANANG EAST EFFECTIVE 311200H.

3. 2DBN, 9TH MARINES. A. SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY VC LOCATED IN LA CHAU (3)

(AT 956678).

B. PLATOON 592 COMPANY (-) REGIONAL FORCES, RVN OPCON 2/9 EFFECTIVE 011000 SEPTEMBER 1965.

C. RELEASE PLTOON OF REGIONAL FORCES PRESENTLY OPCON UPON REPORTING OF PLTOON 592D COMPANY (-).

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9th Marines (-) (Rein)
 DANANG, RVN
 051638H AUGUST 1965

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (G-3)
 Subj: Concept of Operation to clear and hold CAM NE Hamlet
 in HOA THAI Village (AT 990690)

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

1. The following concept of operation for the clearing and holding of CAM NE Hamlet in HOA THAI Village is submitted for approval.

2. Concept of Operation

a. Maneuver. Enclosure (1) Operation Overlay

(1) This operation will be conducted in three phases:

(a) Phase I. 9th Marines secures Duong Son (2) (AT 994678) and Duong Son (3) (AT 993067) with two reinforced rifle companies of 2d Bn, 9th Marines. Protects landing zones BOG and CAT and establishes blocking positions to the East. One Regional Force ARVN company in coordination with one company (-) of LVT's establishes patrols on SONG CAU DO and SONG YEN rivers to assist in evacuation of displaced persons and prevent VCS escape. 1st Bn, 3d Marines operating under the operational control of the CG, 9th Marines, conducts helicopter landing in landing zones BOG (AT 971671) and CAT (AT 985671) and clears area to north in zone of action to phase line APPLE. 3d Recon Bn (-) screens SONG YEN river (AT 960655) to AT 960685) and protects left flank.

(b) Phase II. 9th Marines conducts a leaflet drop and airborne public announcement directing civilians to vacate the area and proceed north to the river. Following this, 9th Marines clears CAM NE hamlet with 1st Bn (-) 3d Marines and 2d Bn (-) 9th Marines abreast. 3d Recon Bn continues to protect western flank and conducts search mission along SONG YEN River.

(c) Phase III. 9th Marines establishes defensive positions in CAM NE hamlet with one reinforced rifle company, consolidates positions, and patrols to the south. 1st Bn (-) 3d Marines released from OPCON 9th Marines and returns across river in LVT's.

(2) This operation is planned for the period 10-11 August 1965.

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(3) Maximum use will be made of Civil Affairs Teams and IF units to assist in population control.

b. Fires

(1) Artillery fires on call.

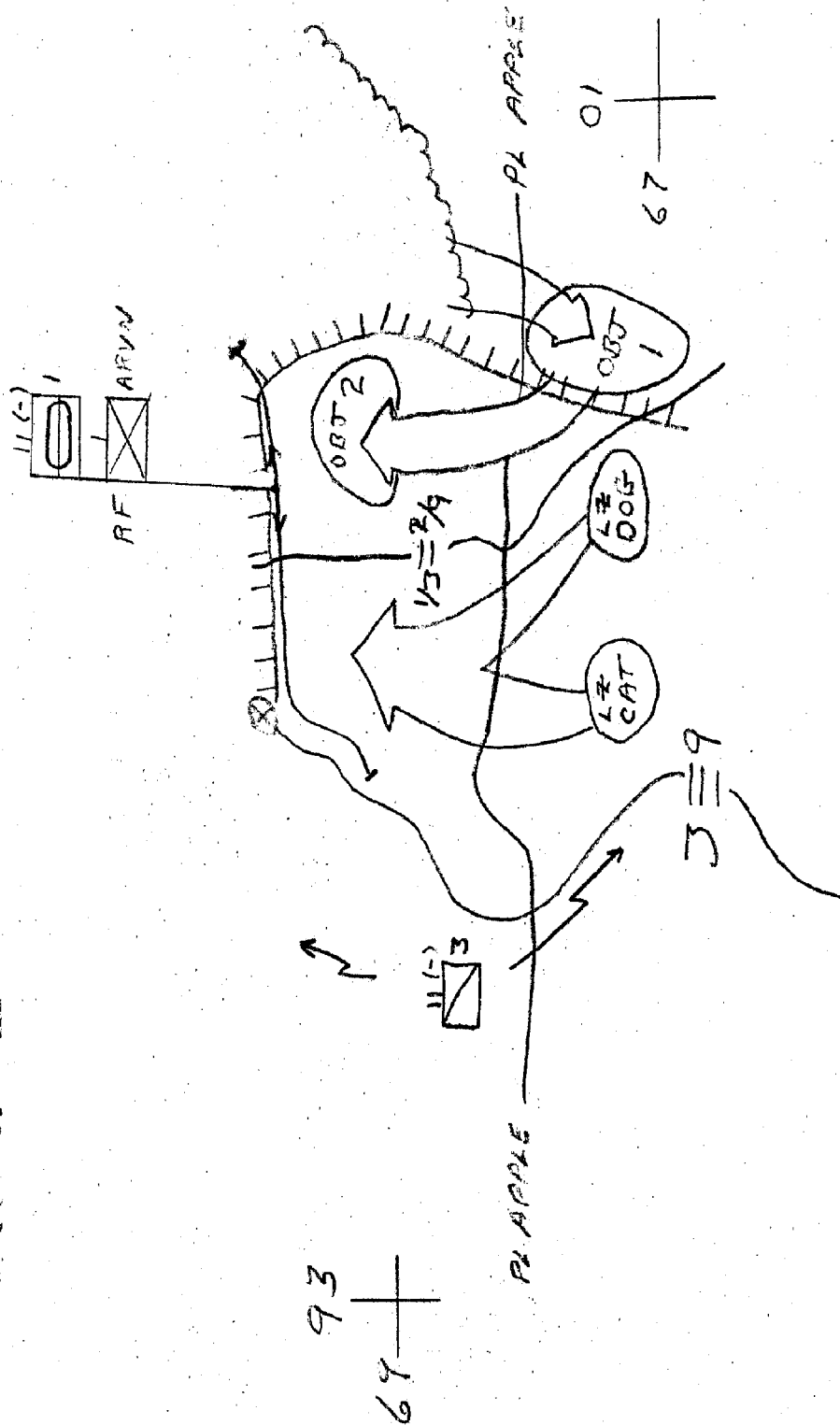
(2) Close Air Support on Strip Alert.

P. E. GARRETTSON

9th Marine, Aug 65

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 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

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 19 August 1965

From: Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines
 To: Regimental Civil Affairs Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Possible Civil Projects for the villages of Cam Ne

1. Roads and Highways The first step that must be taken before other large scale projects (such as home construction) can be undertaken is the building of a good road into the area of hard ground. The strip that is now being used for this purpose needs much improvement and is presently used by only tracked vehicles. This road should be well filled to weather the coming rains and bridges should be strong enough to facilitate heavy vehicles.
2. Home Construction After the road has been built the next step would be reconstruction of homes. Here, I believe a lot can be accomplished with a few materials. (i. e. lumber and corrugated tin (for roofing). If these supplies are furnished villagers could do most of the actual building themselves and I would recommend that any assistance they are given be in a supervisory category.
3. Food Supplies At present there is no great demand for food supplies, but here is an item that will always be appreciated and in later months (during the monsoon season) will perhaps become vital. At present there is a large supply of food in Saigon and certain items are expected here before long.
4. Medical Aid Medical aid has begun and will continue. Here, as soon as a road into the area is completed, the amount of aid can be increase and steps can be taken toward teaching sanitation and cleanliness.
5. All projects should be organized and controlled through the village and district chiefs. Also, some type of control should be exercised to insure complete dispersion of materials.

J. F. SMATHERS

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3d Marine Division, FMF
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8 Aug 1965

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From: CO, Ninth Marines
To: CG, Third MarDiv

Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Reporting Period 011200H to
071200H August 1965

Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Overlay of Ninth Marines Positions
(2) Overlay of Enemy Contact
(3) Fire Support Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are hereby submitted. A Battalion (-) operation is planned to search and clear GAM NE (1) and (2), but the scheme of maneuver has not been determined.

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HEAD-QUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division, FMF
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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Reporting Period 071200H
141200H August 1965

Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Overlay of Ninth Marines Positions
(2) Overlay of Enemy Contact

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

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9th Marines
3d Marine Division, FMF
APO, San Francisco, 96601

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Reporting Period 141600H
211600H August 1965

Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Overlay of Ninth Marines Positions
(2) Overlay of Enemy Contact
(3) Foot Notes to Overlay of Enemy Contact

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through
(3) are hereby submitted.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

FOOT NOTES TO ENEMY CONTACT OVERLAY (ENCLOSURE (2))

1st Battalion

1. 150941H An LVT from "B" Co, 1st AmTrac Bn hit a mine, resulting in three WIA's.
2. 151947H One WIA, "B" Co 1/9, as a result of sniper fire from coordinates (BT 043688).
3. 151947H One WIA, "B" Co, 3d Tank Bn, as a result of small arms fire from coordinates (BT 055694). Fire was returned for approximately fifteen minutes. Mortar and tank fire was also brought in on the enemy. Estimated 11 VC casualties.
4. 170230H One WIA, "B" Co 1/9 as a result of booby trapped gfenade.
5. 191547H One WIA, "B" Co 1/9 as a result of punji trap.
6. 162330H "A" company patrol received sniper fire at the Phong Le Bridge from a point 200 meters to the North. They returned the fire and silenced the enemy fire.
7. 202145H "B" Co patrol/ambush made contact with four VC and fired 10-15 rounds. VC returned fire and broke contact. Estimated one VC WIA.

2d Battalion

8. 142320H "G" Co's TPS-21 had good contact on 6-8 people. 106 fired, movement ceased. Results unknown.
9. 142345H "G" Co's TPS-21 had good contact on 5-6 people, fired 106 RR. Movement ceased. Results unknown.
10. 150155H "G" Co's received one mortar round coordinates (AT 991677). Received one WIA as a result.
11. 150155H "G" Co observed three people visually. Fired two major rounds of 106 RR, direct hit. No bodies recovered.
12. 150325H FBCC requested 81mm fire mission (WP) on coordinates (AT 986672). Enemy sniper position.

Good Coverage obtained. Estimated two VC KIA's. VC observed running prior to rounds hitting their position. No further movement following the explosion.

13. 162146H Received six rounds sniper fire from coordinates (AT 989691). Fired one M-79 round. No movement after firing. Reported one possible KIA and one possible WIA.
14. 171212H Received five rounds small arms fire in Company "H" position from a house at coordinates (AT 983687). Fired 3.5" round into house. No further fire.
15. 171617H "H" Co received one friendly KIA from sniper fire from coordinates (AT 985687).
16. 180900H "F" Co had two WIA's as a result of mine at coordinates (AT 993687).
17. 180936H "F" Co had three WIA's as a result of a mined gate at coordinates (AT 990688).
18. 181150H "E" Co had one WIA from punji stakes. Coordinates (AT 987691).
19. 181305H "E" Co had one WIA from stepping in punji trap. Coordinates (AT 987691). One WIA from punji stake at coordinates (AT 987693). One WIA from sniper fire coordinates (AT 986694).
20. 181323H "F" Co, three WIA's from a booby trapped fence at coordinates (AT 983687).
21. 181340H "F" Co one WIA from a booby trapped gate at coordinates (AT 986694).
22. 191610H "H" Co fired one 3.5" rocket at house coordinates (AT 972680) where sniper fire was coming from. House destroyed and small arms ammo was heard exploding while the house burned.
23. 201305H "E" Co received two WIA's from fragments of a booby trap. Coordinates (AT 963688).

3d Battalion

24. 172255H In the vicinity of Post 18, eight to ten VC attempted penetration of the wire. They were taken under fire however they broke into two

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ENCLOSURE (3)

groups and evaded. Estimated one KIA (enemy).

25. 170310W In the vicinity of Post 76, approximately two VC were taken under fire fifty meters to the front. No enemy casualties reported.

* Notes 16 through 23 were the result of the CAM NE Operation which is outlined on the overlay.

**There will be a two company operation beginning 22 August 1965. The "D" company concept of operation is to execute sweep and clear operations South of the CONG CAN DO River and North of grid line 70 in 1/9's T10R. "B" Company's concept of operations is to search and sweep the complex of KHUE PONG (1) and HAT AN to the North. LUT's will patrol and block for companies "D" and "B".

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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division, FMF
FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Reporting Period 211600H to 281600H
August 1965

Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1

Encl: (1) Overlay of Ninth Marines Positions
(2) Overlay of Enemy Contact
(3) Foot notes to overlay of enemy forces

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are hereby submitted.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

FOOTNOTES TO ENEMY CONTACT OVERLAY

1st Battalion

1. 232025H At coordinates (BT 043688) Redwood Bravo 2 received 15-20 rounds of small arms fire from an automatic weapon. Fire came from Ba Tung (BT 043693). The patrol returned the small arms fire and one 90mm Cannister round. There were no casualties reported on either side.
2. 242010H At coordinates (BT 023690) Company "C" received three incoming fragmentation grenades. There were no casualties. The area was searched but nothing was found.
3. 242125H At coordinates (AT 985735) Redwood Alpha 2 received small arms fire at the ammunition dump. Three possible VC fired from the vicinity of the trash dump. Fire was returned but there were no confirmed casualties.
4. 251640H At coordinates (BT 042679) patrol Redwood Charlie 3A received 20 rounds of sniper fire from three VC. The VC were pursued however they dispersed and escaped.
5. 261900H At coordinates (BT 045678) Redwood Alpha 1 received 15 rounds of semi-automatic sniper fire from 200 meters east of their position. Fire was returned with small arms and 90mm rounds. Enemy fire ceased with no confirmed casualties.
6. 261925H At coordinates (BT 077698) Redwood Alpha 2 received eight rounds of small arms sniper fire. Fire was returned and the sniper fire ceased. There were no confirmed enemy casualties.
7. 270255H At coordinates (BT 033687) patrol Redwood Charlie 3A was fired upon by five VC. They returned the fire and requested illumination but the enemy broke contact and faded into the brush.
8. 271010H At coordinates (BT 085668) Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, received one WIA as a result of sniper fire. The casualty was evacuated by helicopter.

9. 271812H At coordinates (BT 052692) Redwood Alpha 1 ambush opened fire on three VC armed with 2 BARs. The ambush fired 40-50 rounds and received 4-5 rounds in return. One VC appeared to be wounded as they broke contact and retreated east.
10. 271812H At coordinates (BT 027690) Company "C" received approximately 100-150 rounds of small arms fire from automatic weapons. Ten to fifteen VC were observed. As fire was returned the VC broke contact and retreated. The VC were pursued by fire and three were observed being dragged away.

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2d Battalion

11. 211640H At coordinates (AT 971680) "F" Company received one KIA as a result of sniper fire coming from vicinity of coordinates (AT 970678).
12. 211900H Company "F" received heavy sniper fire from coordinates (AT 974679). As a result of this activity "F" Company sent a platoon out to sweep the area. Many VC were taken under fire by small arms, M-79's and 3.5" rocket launchers. The platoon from "F" Company received incoming 60mm mortar fire and spotted what they thought to be an 81mm mortar. Both mortar positions were believed destroyed and 3 VC's were estimated to have been killed. "F" Company received two WIA's.
13. 282030H Company "E" reported that one of its patrols fired on 8 VC who were armed and moving across the river at coordinates (AT 960683). The VC did not return fire but fled to the West. No VC casualties were reported.
14. 241130H Delta Recon was proceeding down the SONG YEN River when they were taken under fire by VC's on both sides of the river. Two WIA's resulted "E" Company sent a reaction force but then was no further activity.
15. 251030H Company "E" reported one WIA as a result of small arms fire from (AT 958682). They returned fire with negative results.
16. 251535H An "F" Company patrol reported three WIA's at (AT 966668) as a result of receiving heavy sniper fire from an estimated 20-25 firing position located from (AT 969670) to (AT 971669). They returned the fire with small arms fire, M-60, M-79 and 3.5" rocket fire. Seven VC WIA's was the estimate. Later reports from the villagers indicated that several were killed and many more than seven injured.

17. 270830H As "G" Company relieved "E" Company in position they received two MIA's. This occurred at coordinates (AT 968684) and (AT 974675) as a result of sniper fire.

** There are no major operations planned for the forth coming week.