

9<sup>th</sup> Marenes  
Weekly Operations  
Overlay Report,  
Sep 1965

Encl #6

HEADQUARTERS  
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3d Marine Division, AFM  
APO, San Francisco, 96601

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division  
Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report; Period of 240000Z August 1965  
to 041600Z September 1965  
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Encl: (1) Operation Overlay with Appendix (1) (Foot Notes to the  
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Appendix (1) (Footnotes to Operations Overlay) to Enclosure (1)  
Operation Overlay

1. 282145H Company "F" at (AT 985684) received fifteen rounds of small arms fire from YEN NE 4, (AT 981679). They returned fire with one 3.5" RR round and small arms fire. The enemy fire ceased. There were no casualties.
2. 290320H Company "G" patrol #1 received small arms fire from LA BONG (2), (AT 967667). They returned fire with 40mm grenades and an M-60 MG silencing the enemy fire.
3. 291200H Company "C" sustained two WIA's near (BT 050690) from small arms fire while on patrol.
4. 291730H Company "G" received two WIA's from small arms fire from (AT 958685). A squad was sent to attack the sniper. The buildings were fired on by 3.5" RR and one of these burned. The sniper was not found.
5. 292015H Company "H" patrol was taken under fire at (BT 001666) from three different directions. They received 40mm grenades and semi-automatic rifle fire. The patrol could not locate the enemy positions and withdrew.
6. 300300H Company "A" sustained one KIA and one WIA at (BT 072700) when the VC threw two Chinese type hand grenades into the building in which they were sleeping. A search was made and two more Chinese type hand grenades were found about one hundred feet from the building and one energa grenade was found imbedded in the side of the building.
7. 300750H Company "G" sustained one WIA at (AT 958679) from sniper fire coming from the pagoda at (AT 961676).
8. 310800H Company "G" received a heavy volume of sniper fire from (AT 958678). A squad was deployed to attack and destroy the sniper. While the squad was approaching the sniper's position one man was wounded by a personnel mine. The sniper was not located.
9. 310850H The 2d platoon, Company "A" received eight rounds of sniper fire at (BT 071701). They returned the fire and the enemy broke contact. The patrol then searched the area and found one enemy cartridge belt, two Chinese type hand grenades and three magazines filled with 9mm ammunition which had fresh blood stains on them. There were no friendly casualties.
10. 311225H Company "G" sustained two WIA's from a sniper round at (AT 963677). The sniper was near (AT 961676) in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3).

11. 011535H Company "G" sustained two MIA's from a sniper round at (AT 962679) while carrying the KIA (see footnote 10) back to the company CP for evacuation. The wounds were not serious.
12. 010730-010840 Company "A", 3d Platoon received fifteen rounds of sniper fire at (LT 03670), (LT 03680) and (LT 075675). The platoon returned the fire and pursued the enemy. One Marine was wounded. Miscellaneous papers and documents were captured.
13. 011045H The 1st platoon, Company "G" while conducting a search and clear operation in LA SHAB (3), (957677) received several rounds of small arms fire from (AT 957675). At (LT 955677) one man of the platoon stepped on an M16 anti-personnel mine which exploded and caused a symmetrical detonation of three frag grenades he was carrying in a pouch. Four Marines were killed and thirteen were wounded.
14. 011826H During airstrikes being flown by F4U's, four VC fled from (AT 967675) to the east and were cut down by a machine gun from Company "G"'s left flank. All four VC were observed falling, but no bodies were recovered.
15. 020500H Seven VC armed with one automatic weapon and semi-automatic weapons probed the 3d platoon, Company "G" lines at (LT 034687). Fire was returned with undetermined results.
16. 020115H At (LT 045685) a sentry of 1st platoon, Company "A" armed with a sniper scope, fired on a VC at one hundred meters. The VC fell, but when the area was searched no body was found.
17. 020520H Company "G" sustained one MIA from small arms fire at (AT 971561). The fire came from (AT 976660).
18. 020900H A patrol from Company "G" sustained two MIA's when a man set off a booby trapped explosive device at (LT 033098).
19. 022040H The Seafood Alpha Two patrol (Company "A") in an ambush located at (LT 041689) fired on a group of VC killing one and wounding two. Four prisoners were taken and miscellaneous papers, candles, pencils and one Chinese type hand grenade were captured. Four other VC escaped one of which is believed to have been wounded. There were no friendly casualties.
20. 030050H Patrol One, Company "G" received small arms fire from (AT 970675) and sustained one MIA at (AT 967666).



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## Appendix (1) Footnotes to Operation Overlay

1st Battalion

1. 041610H "C" Company patrol was fired on from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043678). The fire was returned and the area swept and one confirmed VC was picked up.
2. 050150H "C" Company received two rounds of small arms fire and one frag grenade in their position. The fire was returned with negative results.
3. 051048H At coordinates (BT 042673) Company "C" patrol received heavy sniper fire and one round from a 3.5" rocket. Fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. The patrol suffered one MIA.
4. 061000H At coordinates (BT 044675) to (BT 038673) an LVT patrol from "C" Company surprised 10-15 VC. The VC fled as they were pursued by the patrol. There was one friendly MIA and two enemy MIA along with one VC KIA. Three VC were captured.
5. 060500H to 061855H Company "A" conducted asweep in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075665). The sweep resulted in eight VC killed, twenty-one VC wounded and fifty-three VCS apprehended. There were five friendly MIA's.
6. 070930H Company "C" encountered sniper fire from coordinates (BT 028672). Two fire teams were dispatched and killed one man running along the bank of the river.
7. 081055H At coordinates (BT 085688) a platoon from Company "A" received sniper fire from their direct front as they were proceeding north. Three tanks and two rifle squads were sent forward. The enemy ceased fire and withdrew. There was one Marine MIA.
8. 081100H A platoon from "A" Company encountered automatic small arms fire from a hut located at coordinates (BT 084692). They assaulted the enemy position with two rifle squads and three tanks. The VC withdrew. There was one Marine MIA.
9. 081645H to 081800H A platoon from "D" Company received small arms fire from four directions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057707). Two squads were sent to clear the area. The VC ceased fire and withdrew. The platoon suffered three MIA's.
10. 091045H At coordinates (BT 067667) a platoon from Company "A" received sniper fire from both flanks and the front. One squad returned the fire killing one VC. Three Marines were wounded.

11. 111120H Company "A" reported sustaining three MIA's as a result of a booby trapped gate in the vicinity of (BT 080680).
12. 111000H A patrol from "B" Company was sent out to investigate the presence of fifteen men in a rice paddy. As the patrol approached the men fled and were told to halt. When they refused the patrol opened fire downing five of them. The patrol then came under small arms fire and could not retrieve the bodies.

#### 2d Battalion

13. 041715H "F" Company received one MIA at coordinates (AT 978678) as a result of small arms fire. The fire came from YEN NE (4), (AT 977677).
14. 050750H "F" Company received two MIA's at coordinates (AT 997645) from small arms fire. The fire came from an unknown location.
15. 060410H "E" Company received one MIA as a result of fragments from two grenades thrown from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980680). The Marines followed up with small arms fire but there were no other positive results reported.
16. 061120H "G" Company reported that one of their patrols received small arms fire from YEN NE (4), (AT 974677) and spotted eleven VC carrying weapons running south towards LA BONG (1) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976674). They pursued physically and by fire and reported finding one VC dead at coordinates (AT 976675).
17. 061500H "G" Company patrol reported having a fire fight with an estimated VC squad at LA BONG (1), (AT 969667). The enemy disappeared without further contact and the Marines sustained one MIA.
18. 061645H "G" Company patrol reported being in a fire fight with approximately ten VC at LA BONG (2), (AT 969664) resulting in three Marine MIA's. There were no enemy casualties reported.
19. 072210H "F" Company received six 60mm mortar rounds within their positions stretching from (AT 995641) to (AT 999641). The rounds were fired from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001636). There was one Marine MIA.
20. 081830H "F" Company received one MIA from a pressure detonated AP mine at coordinates (AT 987644).
21. 090630H "B" Company while conducting a sweep of LA BONG (3), (AT 962677) began receiving small arms fire from LA CHAU (3), (AT 963670). Four VC armed with rifles were observed in this location. As a result of this action two Marines were wounded. At 090640, an

artillery mission was called in on the VC positions and two VC attempted to run from a tree line as a fire for effect mission landed. One of the VC was blown into the air by two 105 rounds and the other was cut down by machine gun and small arms fire.

22. 100230H A 4 man patrol from "H" Company observed one VC on a trail in DUNG SON (1), (AT 998688). The VC opened fire wounding one Marine as the other Marine killed the VC.
23. 110740H "F" Company received two MIA's as a result of frag wounds. At 110900H, they received one MIA from small arms fire and at 110930H, "F" Company received another MIA and one KIA as a result of small arms fire. All the casualties took place in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974662).

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24. 102105H One man was KIA in the vicinity of (AT 969619) by what was believed to be an artillery shell buried in the ground and booby trapped.
25. 110540H A mine exploded in the Battalion CP area at (AT 973620). The mine was a 155mm round which was buried in the ground and booby trapped. Two men were killed, including the Battalion Commander and two were wounded.
26. 111419H Company "L" received two MIA's as a result of pungee stakes.

\* During the coming week the Ninth Marines plan to conduct a sweep and clear and hold operation southward to Phase Line Orange.

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## Appendix (1) Foot Notes to Operation Overlay

1st Battalion

1. 111120H At coordinates (BT 084684) Company "A" suffered three KIA's as they attempted to open a booty-trapped gate.
2. 111440H At coordinates (BT 104665) a patrol from Company "D" received sniper fire from the beach area in the vicinity of (AT 908667). Fire was returned but there were no reported VC casualties. One Marine was wounded.
3. 121500H At coordinates (BT 091673) the 3d platoon, Company "A" captured one VC who was identified as such by the ARVN personnel attached to the platoon.
4. 120221H At coordinates (BT 091670) Company "A" suffered one KIA and seven KIA's as a result of incoming mortar fire. The mortars were fired from a point due south of Company "A"'s position and at an unknown distance.
5. 121415H At coordinates (BT 083677) the 1st platoon of Company "B" jumped three VC while on patrol. The patrol opened fire and killed one VC while wounding another and capturing a third. One Russian type rifle was taken from the prisoner.
6. 131646H At coordinates (BT 090691), (BT 082691) and (BT 083681) Company "A" captured twenty five VCs.
7. 151920H At coordinates (BT 048702) 1st platoon, Company "C" received semi-automatic weapons fire from the west along with three rounds of what is believed to have been 60mm mortars. Fire was returned and enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.
8. 161330H At coordinates (BT 048660) a patrol from Company "D" received small arms fire from what they believed to be one VC. Fire was returned and the VC was wounded but escaped.
9. 161455H At coordinates (BT 065670) Company "C" reported that an LVT struck an AP mine. Casualties sustained were one KIA and three KIA's. At approximately 161520H an explosion occurred injuring three Marines who were deployed as a security element approximately 25 meters from the disabled LVT.

10. 171205H At coordinates (BT 090622) a Company "B" patrol sighted three VC. They were taken under fire and all three VC were killed. One 7.62mm rifle, one sub-machine and one grenade were taken from the bodies.
11. 180715H At coordinates (BT 067661) four Marines from Company "D" engaged approximately five VC in a fire fight. As a result, one Marine was wounded and two VC's killed. One weapon was captured.

2d Battalion

12. 110730H From 110730H until 111200H, a Company "F" patrol was involved in a firefight with an estimated VC platoon in the vicinity of LE SON (1) and (2). The patrol was hit by small arms and automatic weapons fire and by five 60mm mortar rounds at (AT 974657). Friendly casualties consisted of one KIA and four WIA's. Fire was returned on LE SON (1) and (2) with 81mm mortars, ontos and other arms. Ontos silenced five positions at (AT 973657) from which heavy fire was being received. At 110830H, a VC armed with a sub-machinegun was spotted at (AT 983664) and was finally killed after a 300 yard chase.
13. 120015H A Company "F" patrol in CAM NE (1), (AT 985693) captured a VC armed with two hand grenades and .30 caliber ammo. While leaving with the prisoner a VC attempted to fire from about four meters away and was killed by small arms fire. Another VC with an automatic weapon was killed by the point of the patrol. An estimated 8-10 VC took the patrol under fire with small arms and grenades. The patrol leader withdrew without casualties and returned with his prisoner to Company "F" CP.
14. 121720H Company "E" patrol flushed two VC from an abandoned house at (BT 003677), one of the two was armed with an automatic weapon. The armed VC fled east and was fired on by the patrol. A VC body was later found in a tunnel at (BT 003678) and identified as one of the men who had initially run.
15. 122355H A Company "E" ambush at (BT 004673) observed an armed VC and opened fire. The VC ran toward a treeline before being killed. The team that was ordered to recover the body was taken under small arms and automatic weapons fire and had two grenades thrown at them. A firefight developed in which



one Marine was WIA and an estimated ten VC positions were taken under fire with no confirmed hits. The VC body was found to have been dragged off after the firefight.

16. 130137H A fragmentation grenade was thrown into Company "F"'s position (AT 985684) causing one WIA.
17. 130950H Company "B" reported one Marine (3d Engineer Bn) KIA who had been shot by four VC at (AT 976654).
18. 140350H Company "B" reported one WIA from one round small arms fire at (AT 979659). Location of VC firing could not be established.
19. 140740H Company "B" received two WIA's as a result of pungee stakes at (AT 972659).
20. 141557H Company "B" had one Ontos hit a land mine at (AT 990863). The Ontos was overturned causing one KIA and four WIA's.
21. 142350H Company "F" patrol received one WIA at (AT 974690) during a firefight with three VC's.
22. 151338H Company "E" patrol was pinned down by automatic weapons fire from (AT 992650). 81mm mortars were fired against an estimated VC platoon at that position. The 2d platoon, Company "E" was sent as a reaction force in support of the patrol and encountered the VC at (AT 993652). The reaction force laid down a heavy volume of fire and swept south through the village; the VC broke contact and fled. Seven VCs were apprehended at TAN HANH (AT 996653). Villagers stated that two VC were killed in TAN HANH (AT 997654) and carried off by the VC at first contact. No bodies were found. One Marine with the Company "E" patrol was WIA. At 151415H an Ontos in support of the reaction force struck a mine at (AT 996654). One Marine was WIA. Company "E" units completed sweep without further contact at 151900H. A 3d Marine was WIA as a result of a pungee stake in the hand.
23. 151420H Company "G" reported that one dead VC was found at (AT 996664) as a result of small arms fire delivered by a fire team against two VC at 142200H. Blood at the scene indicated 2d VC was wounded.
24. 151543H Company "E" discovered one VC KIA at (AT 993655) which was reported by the villagers.
25. 170100H Company "B" ambush returned to the Company CP and reported that they made contact and killed two VC at IE SON (AT 979649). The bodies were recovered by the villagers.

- \* During the period 21 September through 25 September the 2d Battalion will assume the responsibilities, mission and location of the 3d Battalion on the airfield. The 3d Battalion will assume the present mission and TACR of the 2d Battalion. Assumption of new responsibilities will be effective when directed by the Commanding Officer 9th Marines on 24 September 1965.

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## Appendix (1) (Foot Notes to Operation Overlay)

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1. 200909H At coordinates (BT 064652) a Company "D" scout sniper team observed four armed VC approaching their position. The VC were warned by a Vietnamese woman of the team's position and as the VC fled, the team opened fire wounding two of them.
2. 201445H At coordinates (BT 068650) one man from Company "D" patrol was wounded by sniper fire. A search was made of the area with negative results.
3. 210800H A Company "B" patrol observed three armed VC running southwest at coordinates (BT 072680) and took them under fire killing all three. Two Chinese carbines and one Thompson sub-machine gun were picked up.
4. 220600H A patrol from Company "B" received machine gun fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050640) to (BT 055639). A search was made of the area and 10-12 men were observed disappearing into the treeline bordering the river at coordinates (BT 055639). Seven males were observed in a small boat crossing the river. The patrol called several times to halt and then fired. This is believed to have resulted in the wounding of one man. A fire team borrowed a small boat, crossed the river, and found one body on the beach. NO weapons or other material were found.
5. 230630H A fire team from Company "B" observed eight VC running from a hut at coordinates (BT 039652). The patrol took the VC under fire killing three of them. Three grenades and a cartridge belt were recovered.
6. 240940H At coordinates (BT 099664) a Company "B" patrol captured 18 VCS, five of which were wounded. The Village Chief identified three of the suspects and they were released. The remaining 15 were divided into two groups with seven going to Jon Yang District and eight to 3d IRT.
7. 241339H At coordinates (BT 072680) a booby trap explosion wounded four Marines.
8. 250743H At coordinates (BT 040650) a Company "E" ambush spotted one VC crossing river heading south. The Marines killed the VC and recovered an M-1 rifle.

2d Battalion (181800H to 240906H)

9. 181340H Company "G" received one MIA at (AT 963674) as a result of small arms fire from (AT 967674).

10. 201058H Company "F" made contact with an estimated VC squad at (BT 013657). In the ensuing fire fight one VC was killed and his body recovered with an M-1 carbine, one Chi-Com grenade and one M-26 fragmentation grenade. Company "F" pursued the VC unit toward the southwest where the VC crossed the Song Hau Lau. A second VC was shot and killed on the west bank of the river. Company "F" pursued across the river, but was unable to make further contact.

3d Battalion (240906H to 251800H)

11. 241253H A Company "I" patrol was fired upon by two VC at coordinates (BT 004648). There was one Marine MIA.

12. 262135H A Company "K" patrol was fired upon by an estimated ten VC armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons. The patrol also set off a booby-trapped grenade at (AT 969654). There was one Marine MIA.

\* Effective 250906H the 2d Battalion assumed the responsibilities, mission and location of the 3d Battalion on the Airfield. The 3d Battalion assumed the mission and T/O of the 2d Battalion.

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Encl: (1) Summary of Civil Affairs Activities in Cam Ne Hamlet  
(2) Summary of material assistance and distribution of same  
(3) Summary of 9th Marines Civil Affairs Activities  
1. Enclosures (1) through (3) are respectfully submitted.

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SUMMARY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES  
IN CAM NE HAMLET

1. Initial liaison was effected and subsequently maintained with the following:

- (a) III MAF
- (b) 3dMarDiv
- (c) I Corps
- (d) Hoa Vang District

2. On 18 August 1965 a leaflet drop and airborne broadcast preceded a tactical operation. Villagers evacuated to a Civilian Collecting Point where they received food, shelter and medical assistance as required. The operation was joined by CA Teams, Hoa Vang District Police, 3dMarDiv CIT and ITT, and I Corps Medical Teams, at the Collection Point. Prior to returning to their respective homes they were addressed by the Regimental Commander, who expressed the Marine Corps' intent to bring peace to the area and provide continuing security, and medical assistance.

3. Two medical aid stations were established to provide assistance on a continuing daily basis:

- (a) Duong Son (1)
- (b) Cam Ne (2)

4. 9th Marines assumed responsibility for the safety of the P.A.T. team and village chief.

5. Mr. LUONG, chief of Hoa Thai Village, returned to Cam Ne after an extended exile. He set up his office at the site of 2/9 Medical Aid Station in Cam Ne (6) where Marine Security provides for his safety.

6. "Operation Hand Clasp" furnished 100 dolls for distribution to the children. This distribution was controlled by Mr. LUONG.

7. A 76 man Popular Forces Peoples Action team joined the Marines in the Cam Ne/Duong Son Complex. Their duties include distribution of GVN political information and assessment of damages resultant of tactical operations.

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Enclosure (1)

8. FMFPAC Civil Affairs Officer, Major F. CLARK, visited Cam Ne/Yen Ne Complex on 1 September 1965 and received briefing by CO, 2/9.
9. On 2 September 1965, ABC and UPI photographers spent the day in Cam Ne/Yen Ne Complex gathering civil affairs topics and pictures. CO, 2/9 provided escorts and briefing.
10. 4 September 1965, 113 civilians filed claims with Mr. LUONG for damages to their property.
11. 500 lbs of clothing, received through "Operation Hand Clasp" was distributed by Mr. LUONG.
12. Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated in Cam Ne (6). One platoon provided security while Marines furnished cookies, candies, and toys for the children. Mr. LUONG addressed the gathering after which the children joined in fun and games. CO, 2/9 and 2/9 Civil Affairs Officer were introduced and welcomed.
13. Posters, printed by the Army Psy Warfare Department to describe the Marines success at Chu Lai, were placed in Hoa Thai Village, Cam Ne (6).
14. The road adjacent to the railroad leading into Duong Son (1) and (2) was greatly improved by Engineers and provides easy access to Cam Ne.
15. English classes were scheduled through Mr. MUI, the Chief of Hoa Chau, Lt. T. M. BELDON will instruct two days each week for one hour in the school near Duong Son (1).
16. Arrangements were made for the nearby harvested rice to be collected and stored by Hoa Vang District to preclude VC taxation. Villagers appeared pleased.
17. On 17 September 1965 an Army PsyWar team showed movies in Cam Ne (6). Lectures were given afterwards by Popular Forces Peoples Action Teams.
18. The Medical Assistance Teams have treated 75-80 civilians each day in the Cam Ne/Yen Ne Complex.
19. Soap, vitamins, clothing, childrens books and toys have been distributed throughout the occupation of Cam Ne by Marines.



20. The CO, 2/9 made several concerted efforts to coordinate the establishment of a market place within Cam Ne. Although cooperation and interest were forthcoming initially, no steps have been taken as yet by the village or district chief to promote this project.

21. Current proposals of the District Chief as discussed with the Provincial Chief call for the relocation of all villagers in Cam Ne to a New Life Hamlet to be constructed in Yen Ne (1) and (2). This proposal includes the destruction of existing dwellings and natural growth of Cam Ne so as to deny usage by VC.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE  
AND DISTRIBUTION OF SAME

1. Clothing, toys, foodstuffs and MEDCAP items received from the 3dMarDiv CA Office have been distributed by 9th Marines CA Officers and Medical Assistance Teams to deserving persons of the following villages/hamlets:

- (a) Tan Luu (076704)
- (b) Thuy Son (077708)
- (c) Nui Kim Son (068707)
- (d) An Tra (077695)
- (e) Binh Ky (1) (054698)
- (f) Khai Tay (048685)
- (g) Cam Ne/Yen Ne Complex
- (h) Duong Son (1) and (2)
- (i) An Trach (966664)
- (j) Binh Thai (011722)
- (k) Hoa Vang (013728)
- (l) Thuan-Tay (994716)
- (m) Binh Hoa (027729)
- (n) Phong Bac (993706)
- (o) Nghia Hoa (018723)
- (p) Cam Hoa (2) (977703)
- (q) Yen Bac (984703)
- (r) Phong Le (1) (994698)
- (s) Bn Aid Stations (Bn CP)

2. Clothing, foodstuffs, and toys:

- (a) 4 barrells (55 gal.) of assorted clothing.
- (b) 3 bags (5 lb) mending material

- (c) 40 rolls heavy duty thread.
- (d) 150 rolls yarn.
- (e) 4 pr. knitting needles.
- (f) 1 box (1' x 2') brushes & combs (hair).
- (g) 2 barrells (25 gal.) buttons.
- (h) 20 boxes ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 1') hair pins.
- (i) 2 barrels (25 gal) canned goods.
- (j) 5000 lbs wheat.
- (k) 3000 lbs corn meal.
- (l) 120 gals. cooking oil.
- (m) 255 dolls.
- (n) 24 basketballs.
- (o) 22 soccer balls.
- (p) 600 childrens books.

3. MED CAP items:

(a) Alcohol, 5 gallons	2 DR
(b) Benzalkonium Chloride Tincture	144 PG
(c) Gamma Benzene Hexachloride	288 TU
(d) Hydrocortisone Ointment	264 TU
(e) Hydrogen Peroxide	72 BT
(f) Nitrofurazone Ointment, 1 lb	72 JR
(g) Soap Surgical (Assorted Sizes)	75,000 CK
(h) Undecylenic Acid Ointment	576 TU
(i) Aspirin Tablets, 1000's	72 BT
(j) Sodium Salicylate Tablets, 1000's	12 BT
(k) Dibucaine Ointment	144 TU
(l) Theophylline, Ephedrine HCL Tablets, 1000's	4 BT

(m) Brown Mixture Tablets, 1000's	50 GN
(n) Chlorpheniramine Tablets, 1000's	36 BT
(o) Oxyte tetracycline-Polymixin Sulfate, 10's	50 PG
(p) Polymyxin B Sulfate, Neomycin Sulfate, 5cc	36 PG
(q) Diarrhea Tablets, 1000's	32 CN
(r) Sodium Bicarbonate Tablets, 1000's	12 BT
(s) Vitamin Tablets, 100's	2000 BT
(t) Acetyl Sulfisoxazole Oral Susp	48 BT
(u) Piperazine Tartrate Tablets, 1000's	24 CN
(v) Oxytetracycline For Oral Susp	36 BT
(w) Oxytetracycline HCL Tablets, 100's	252 BT
(x) Procaine Penicillin 1,500,000 Units	2700 BT
(y) Water for Injection, 12's	132 BX
(z) Erythromycin Tablets, 100's	72 BT
(aa) Bandage Gauze 2", 12's	108 BX
(bb) Cotton Purified 1 LB	60 RL
(cc) Adhesive Plaster, 12"X10"	12 RL
(dd) Gauze 4X4", 200's	280 PG
(ee) Gauze 2X2", 100's	240 PG
(ff) Band-aids, 100's	576 PG
(gg) Syringes, Hypodermic 2½cc, 100's	70 PG
(hh) Applicator, Wood, 100's	24 PG
(ii) Tongue Depressors, 100's	12 PG
(jj) Soap, hand (assorted sizes)	1 Jeep Trailer load of assorted sized boxes

(kk) Soap, hand 24's

48 BX

(ll) Vitamins, 1000's

23 BX

(mm) Powder, foot

96 CN

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## SUMMARY OF 9TH MARINES CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

1. Initial liaison has been effected and subsequently maintained with:

- (a) III MAF
- (b) 3dMarDiv
- (c) I Corps
- (d) Hoa Vang District
- (e) Separate Village Chiefs

2. Medical Aid Stations have been established throughout the TAOR for treatment of civilians.

3. Medical Assistance Teams have actively patrolled the Rgt area, rendering medical aid and instruction in sanitation and personal hygiene. Inspection teams have assisted in the establishment of sanitary waste disposal, insect control, and water purification.

4. Populated areas occupied by Marines have grown economically through the establishment of laundry services, barber shops, concession, and souvenir stands. Prices have been stabilized in accordance with III MAF directives.

5. Villagers have been assisted in registering claims for property damage resultant of tactical operations.

6. Bridges and roads have been steadily improved and in some cases built for the first time.

7. In several instances funds have been raised by 9th Marines to repair private dwellings, damaged during operations or movement through the area.

8. English classes are being taught by 9th Marines personnel for the many interested Vietnamese.

9. Loud speakers have been effectively employed to encourage innocent villagers to temporarily relocate prior to a tactical operation.

10. Civilian Collection Points have been established where civilians receive protection, food, shelter, and medical assistance while tactical operations are being conducted in the vicinity of their homes.

11. The employment of Peoples Action Teams, District Police, Popular Forces and Regional Forces has been exploited for its assistance in the Civil Affairs program.

12. Army PsyWar teams have shown movies, distributed GVN political information and lectured villagers on the governmental structure and programs of 9th Marines Civil Affairs.

13. Rice farmers have been provided security and transportation while harvesting their crops. This assistance is manifested in "Operation Golden Fleece".

14. The Vietnamese Mid-Autumn Festival was jointly celebrated and assisted by Marines in at least six villages. As children by the hundreds gathered for fun and games, candy, cookies, toys and entertainment were provided by 9th Marines.

15. 9th Marines Chaplains have conducted services in several churches for the first time since the VC had forced the local priests from the village.

16. Continuous liaison has been maintained between 9th Marines and local village and District Chiefs through timely visits, luncheons, discussions and briefings.

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Enclosure (3)

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3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rtn), MAF  
 PFC, San Francisco 96601

2/200/106  
 2800  
 1 September 1965

FILE

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), MAF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #54, Period ending 010600H September 1965
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

b. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA BANG Airbase and south of the SOUK CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, with one reinforced squad with the Naval Construction Battalion for security of the hospital site at coordinates (BT 675713).

a. During the period 310645H - 310650H, the dawn patrol provided aerial observation of that portion of the battalion's TAOR running east and west along Gridline (68) from the coast to the western boundary at (BT 013680). No indication of enemy activity or unusual circumstances were reported.

b. At 311050H, a Company A patrol reported receiving eight rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 069693). A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The patrol proceeded to the suspected position and found two defensive hand grenades (stick-type), and a cartridge belt containing three magazines of 9mm ammunition. The cartridge belt and magazine extractions were heavily covered with fresh blood.

c. At 311120H, Company A reported the apprehension of three VNN in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069693). The suspects were forwarded to 1LT for investigation.

d. At 311315H, Company D reported receiving twenty to thirty rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 061670). The enemy position was located at a range of approximately 500 meters on the east side of the body of water situated in that area. A heavy volume of small arms fire and four 90mm HE rounds were directed against the enemy position. The tank commander reported that he observed two rounds of 90mm HE impact directly on target and two TD were tossed by the force of the explosion. The reports

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added that no attempt was made to recover the bodies because it would have required that a unit be dispatched to the area on the other side of the body of water and security would be marginal.

e. At 311630H, the battalion S-2 reported that the Chief of HOA HAI village contacted the battalion S-2 to report that comments of the villagers indicated thirty or more VC were killed during the search and destroy operation conducted 29 August in the Marble Mountain area. The village chief stated that the operation resulted in pro-government sentiments among the villagers and evident confidence in the ability of USMC forces to provide future security in the area. The report added that the village chief requested that the battalion provide security for the villagers when they harvest the rice crop beginning ten days hence, so as to deny the rice to the VC. The village chief stated that the practice in the past was for the villagers to place a portion of their crop in an open field for the VC to retrieve as a tax, and therefore avoid VC reprisals. (S-2 comment: Regardless of the accuracy of the reported thirty VC KIA's - which is not an improbable total for the operation referred to - the fact that the village chief accepts this figure is, in itself, important. HOA HAI village has a population of over 3000, and has been considered VC controlled territory. If the villagers are now willing to risk possible VC reprisals by refusing to pay the usual rice tax, it would indicate a confidence and firmness heretofore lacking in this locality).

f. At 311820H, the battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of three VCS in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077697). The VCS were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 010110H, an FO attached to Company J reported observing thirty to forty VC in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081689). Twenty four 105mm HE artillery rounds were fired into the area. The FO reported that the rounds landed on target with good effect. A small secondary explosion was observed after the first round impacted in the target area. Assessment of damage could not be made due to darkness. No additional information is available at this time.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAC.

g. At 310831H, a Company G patrol reported receiving sniper fire from the direction of LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 958678). One Marine was WIA and required helicopter evacuation. Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the sniper fire ceased. The patrol continued its reconnaissance of the area and at 311102H, reported that one of the patrol members was WIA as a result of a mine detonated at coordinates (AT 955678). The initial report indicated that the Marine WIA had his left leg severed below the knee. The Marine was evacuated by helicopter. (S-2 comment: See Intelligence Summary #46 for previous report of a suspected minefield in this area). At 311150H, the patrol apprehended eleven suspicious persons in the vicinity of

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LA BONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 963678). As a result of the initial interrogation conducted by Company G, six suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters and five suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. The patrol was de-briefed at 311222H, and reported that the villagers in LA BONG (3) hamlet stated that several VC were in the village and had departed upon the approach of the patrol. The villagers reported that the VC were armed with one 60mm mortar, an undisclosed number of machine guns, and small arms, and wore green uniforms similar to those worn by ARVN troops. The patrol reported that the villagers appeared hostile and that their veracity is questionable. No additional information is available at this time.

b. At 311255H, Company G reported that a scout-sniper team operating in the vicinity of LA BONG (3) hamlet (AT 963677), received small arms sniper fire which resulted in one Marine KIA. The fire was believed to have come from LA CHAU (3) hamlet, (AT 961676), on the opposite shore of the SCUNG YEN (river) from LA BONG (3) hamlet. A platoon dispatched to cover the withdrawal of the scout-sniper team received two WIA's when a booby trap was detonated at coordinates (AT 962678).

c. At 311340H, Company G reported that an ambush force positioned in the area to the west of LA CHAU (3) hamlet fired on a VC armed with a rifle. The report adds that the ambush force believed that the VC was hit, but a search of the area for the body was unproductive.

d. At 311920H, Company G reported apprehending two suspicious persons in the vicinity of AI TRACH and LA LONG (3) hamlets. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

e. At 010005H, the battalion S-2 reported that the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9369) was carefully searched for a reported 57mm RR with negative results. (No additional information available at this time).

f. At 010025H, Company E reported observing an object maneuvering at high altitude in a generally north to south direction over the Regimental TAOR. The otherwise unidentified object appeared to have a blinking green light and a constant white light. The report added that the object was observed to modify its speed and direction at various times during the twenty minute period it operated in this area. No additional information is available at this time.

g. At 010328H, a Company G patrol reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated five automatic weapons and seven rifles from the direction of LA BONG (2) hamlet. The patrol directed small arms fire against the enemy positions, broke contact, and returned to Company G position at 010420H. No Marine casualties were reported but the patrol stated three wounded villagers requested medical assistance. (S-2 comment: The three villagers were evacuated by helicopter at 011000H. However, one villager died of wounds prior to evacuation). No additional information is available at this time.

(3) Special reports. At 311250H, the G-2 relayed a report from the 3rd Marines that the HIEU DUC District Chief stated that one hard-core VC platoon

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armed with six fixed directional fragmentation mines (claymore type) is now in HUUU BUC District (specific location not known), with the mission of instructing local forces in mine usage. The report added that the VC intend to utilize the mines within DA NANG city.

a. At 312000H, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one VC company plus one hundred guerrillas are located in the vicinity of Bird Square (AT 8287), northwest of NM YAM, with the mission of destroying the bridge located at coordinates (AT 928842) and attacking the SSBC Fuel Tank Farm located at coordinates (AT 936864). HOA VANG District Headquarters further reported that seven VCs were killed and ten were wounded during the operations conducted 29 August in the vicinity of QUA GIANG hamlet, coordinates (BT 0166). (G-2 comment: At 292015H, Company F reported that a reinforced squad had made contact with enemy forces in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016669). The squad directed M-79 fire against the enemy positions but reported that enemy casualties were doubtful. (See Intelligence Summary #52). On 27 August, Company H reported observing six to eight mortar rounds impacting in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006666). The source of these mortar rounds could not be determined. (See Intelligence Summary #50). The specific cause of the VC casualties referred to in this HOA VANG District Headquarters report is therefore unclear.)

(b) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	74
VC Apprehended	19
VCs Apprehended	162

c. Destroyed and captured enemy material.

- \* 2 - Grenades, defensive, fragmentation (stick-type).
- \* 1 - Bolt, cartridge with 3 magazines of 9mm ammunition

\* See paragraph 2.b.(1)b. this summary.

d. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report.

*Mr. Buck*  
 For J. A. BUCK  
 By direction

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G-2	(4)	S-3	(1)
3dMar	(1)	S-2	(3)
1/9	(1)	1st ForRecnCo	(1)
2/9	(2)	CC	(1)
3/9	(1)		
3d Trk Bn	(1)		
3d AT Bn	(1)		
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob  
3800  
2 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #55, Period ending 020600H September 1965
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) General Summary of Events. (S-2 comment: The incidence of small unit contacts and sniper attacks experienced by the front line units during this reporting period suggests a concerted and intensive effort by the VC to probe the disposition and strengths of USMC forces in this area. An escalation in forces involved and a modification of tactics employed by the VC in this Regiment's TAOR therefore becomes a definite possibility for the immediate future).

(2) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airfield and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR.

a. At 011223H, Company D reported observing two groups of Vietnamese running in the direction of Company D positions, coordinates (BT 068713). The group in the rear was armed and small arms fire impacted in the Company CP area. The fire was returned and four of the intruders were hit. The Marine fire resulted in a complete cessation of movement and the remaining Vietnamese were quickly apprehended. An immediate inquiry revealed that the first group of Vietnamese was comprised of woodcutters who had been engaged in allegedly illegal cutting of timber in a near-by restricted area. The second, or rearward group, was comprised of ARVN personnel (Nung minority tribesmen) stationed in the area. The ARVN force, although not in uniform, was engaged in pursuing the woodcutters and the small arms fire received by Company D was directed against the fleeing woodcutters. The report stated that three of the woodcutters were dead, and one ARVN was wounded; presumably all casualties were the result of Company D's fire. No Marine casualties were reported. No additional information is available at this time.

b. At 011345H, a Company A patrol reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 075678).

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One Marine was WIA. Small arms fire was directed against the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. One Vietnamese male was apprehended in the area and evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 020100H, Company A reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 043688) and (BT 052688). Mortar illumination was requested and a heavy volume of small arms fire and three 90mm HE rounds were delivered against the suspected enemy positions. The enemy fire ceased with no reported casualties.

d. At 020115H, Company A reported observing a VC in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045685). A rifle equipped with a sniper scope was employed and the VC was seen to fall as if hit by the rifle fire, but no body recovery could be accomplished.

(3) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR.

a. At 011015H, Company H reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of DUONG SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 996662). A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the firing ceased. A squad dispatched to the hamlet to investigate reported negative results.

b. At 011645H, a Company G platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in LA CHAU (3) hamlet, received several rounds of small arms fire, from the direction of coordinates (AT 957675). No casualties were reported as the result of this fire. The platoon progressed to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955677) when a series of detonations caused four KIAs and fourteen WIAs (One WIA later died of wounds). Engineers attached to the platoon stated that the detonations may have been the result of a combination of explosive charges actuated by a booby-trapped grenade (S-2 comment: There is no physical evidence presently available to support or refute this opinion. Additional information is being sought by the battalion). Armed HU-1Es were requested and during the period 1710H-1815H delivered fire on suspected positions at coordinates (AT 957675), (AT 956677), (AT 963677), and (AT 967675). Enemy small arms fire remained heavy, and interfered with helicopter evacuation of Marine casualties. At 011826H, Company G reported observing four VC fleeing east towards YEN NE (4) hamlet. Machine gun fire was directed against the VC and Company G reported all four VC were hit. At 011815H, a total of fifty six 105mm HE rounds were delivered in the area coordinates (AT 963678) and (AT 966673). A Company G patrol dispatched into this area after the termination of the artillery mission reported no enemy contact or signs of VC casualties.

c. At 012148H, Company E reported that Marines positioned in the vicinity of the railroad bridge received approximately twenty rounds of automatic small arms fire from the direction coordinates (AT 997702) and (BT 000702). M-79 fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

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d. At 012140H, Company F reported that a grenade was thrown towards Company F positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981687). No casualties were reported.

(4) Special Report. At 011720H, the HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one VC commando platoon (also described as a 'suicide' platoon), is enroute from Binh SON hamlet (AT 960640) to AN TRACH (2) hamlet (AT 967665). The report stated this platoon is armed with sub-machine guns, mines (type not indicated) and portable, camouflaged foxhole covers. The report added that the mission of this platoon is to attack USMC installations in the HOA CAM Training Center area and possibly the HOA VANG District Headquarters. (HOA VANG District Headquarters rated this report as B-2).

(5) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	74
VC Apprehended	19
VCS Apprehended	162

G. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

- 1 - Tunnel, Vicinity (BT 066695), approximately 25<sup>0</sup> in length.  
(Destroyed by demolitions)

*Ward*  
FOR J. L. HUCK  
By direction

COPY TO:

G-2	(4)
3dMar	(1)
1/9	(1)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(1)
3d InfBn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
2/12	(1)
S-3	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS  
 9th Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
 FPO, San Francisco 96601

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2/JAB/feb  
 3800  
 4 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #99, Period ending 040600H September 1965
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA ENGL Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, with one reinforced squad situated at coordinates (BT 087692) in the vicinity of Marble Mountain.

a. At 030900H, a Company D patrol reported the detonation of a mine (or booby-trap) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081669), which resulted in two Marines WIA. The report described the mine as of the "home-made" type, contained in a "C" ration can, and rigged with a trip-wire detonator. The two Marine WIAs required helicopter evacuation.

b. At 031010H, Company D reported that 81mm mortar fire was directed against a suspected VC observation post at coordinates (BT 087692), with good effect. The rounds impacted in the target area and one man, equipped with binoculars, was observed fleeing from the position. No additional information is available at this time.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company provided security for the PLSC ammunition dump.

a. At 030650H, a Company G patrol reported receiving automatic weapons fire from the direction of LA BONG (2) hamlet coordinates (BT 270675), which resulted in one Marine WIA. The patrol returned the fire, and the enemy broke contact. The patrol entered LA BONG (2) hamlet and searched the locality, but reported negative results.

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b. At 030745H, Company H reported finding one 105mm artillery round at coordinates (AT 995679). BOD was requested to disarm and remove the shell. No further information is available at this time.

c. At 031310, the battalion S-2 reported that, what appeared to be a 60mm mortar round was received in close proximity to a USMC LVT immobilized at coordinates (AT 968673). A shell report was submitted but was inconclusive, as the point of impact was in a shallow body of water and no fragments were recovered.

d. At 031345H, Company F reported finding a pool of blood in the vicinity of the schoolhouse in YEN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975686). The report adds that villagers in the area relate observing two wounded VC dragging off a third VC who appeared dead.

e. At 031730H, the battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese male, later identified as one NGUYEN UU, contacted the battalion Civil Affairs Officer, and offered information about the VC. The report continued that UU stated that three days ago he had returned to his home in YEN NE (2) hamlet after an absence of four months, during which time he was a laborer with a VC unit in the DONG SON mountain area. UU was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 032020H, a Company E patrol reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (BT 022678). Immediately upon the explosion of the booby trap, the patrol received small arms and automatic weapons fire from the direction of MIEU DONG (2) hamlet. A squad was dispatched to assist the patrol, but the enemy broke contact. The report adds that one Marine was WIA as the result of the booby trap detonating.

(3) Special Reports. (Late entry). At 021930H, the HOA VANG District Police Chief reported a VC guerrilla company was establishing ambush positions along the trail extending from the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet coordinates (BT 012674) to NHON THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 008680). The report added that fifteen VC, armed with normal arms, were displacing to a position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008680). No additional information was available at this time.

a. At 031550H, G-2 provided a translation of a document made available by the HOA VANG District Headquarters which stated a guerrilla platoon previously located at THANG RUNG village has moved to the HA THANH DONG trail, coordinates (BT 010670) to (BT 007660). The report stated that the mission of this platoon is to attack the USMC unit at QUA GIANG. The report added that the VC have been informed that the Marines make frequent use of the trail and plan to attack the Marines when they are enroute. (G-2 rates this report as G-3).

b. At 032210H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that two VC Main Force companies located at MIEU DUC were organizing

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numerous elements which will deploy independently and go into hiding in the vicinity of DUYON SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960660), and LE SON (2) hamlet coordinates (AT 970650). The report stated that the mission of these elements was not known and added that they possess 60mm mortars. (G-2 rated this report as B-2).

(4) VC casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	74
VC Apprehended	19
VCS Apprehended	162

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report.

*J. A. BUCK*  
 J. A. BUCK  
 By direction

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G-2	(4)
3dMar	(1)
1/9	(1)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(1)
3d TnkBn	(1)
3d AT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
2/12	(1)
S-3	(1)
S-2	(3)
1st ForReconCo	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob  
3800  
5 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #58, Period ending 050600H September 1965

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeastern portion of the Regimental TAOR, with one reinforced squad positioned at Mon Ky Mountain, coordinates (BT 063853) and one reinforced squad positioned at coordinates (BT 061728) providing security for MCB-9 at the hospital construction site.

a. At 041115H, Company D reported that a scout-sniper team operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072696) received automatic weapons fire. The fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 041610H, a Company C patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of KHAT TAY (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 043678). The enemy fire ceased without reported casualties. The report added that a Vietnamese male was apprehended in the area, who, when interrogated in the field, readily admitted that he was a weapons carrier for the Viet Cong. The suspect did not have arms in his possession when apprehended. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 041805H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that Viet Cong battalion TA-27 (S-2 comment: This battalion designation is not presently included in O/B listings) is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062638) to (BT 080658). The report stated this battalion was in the area awaiting the harvesting of the rice crop to collect rice taxes. The report added that this battalion was previously located in the vicinity of THANH QUIT (2) and (3), coordinates (BT 051634). The battalion is reported to be armed with three 60mm mortars, one 81mm mortar, two 57mm Recoilless Rifles, twenty automatic rifles, and consists of approximately 250 men. The Battalion Commander is reported to be one HUYNH LAN SON, who is from the SAIGON area. (S-2 comment: At 041915H, HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report

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concerning this battalion, with an additional designation of "CLV/C" giving its present location as THANH THUY. With this important exception, the two reports are identical. This discrepancy in reported locations is being investigated).

d. At 041820H, the AO dusk patrol conducted an aerial reconnaissance of the TAOR and reported no enemy activity or unusual circumstances.

e. At 042100H, Company A reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 065697). Small arms and M-79 fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 050150H, Company C reported receiving one grenade thrown in the company positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035689). Two rounds of small arms fire was also received and the enemy withdrew when the area was illuminated. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company continued to provide security for the FLSC Ammunition Dump (AT 988733), the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

a. During the period 040830H-040900H, the AO dawn patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR and reported that a bunker was in the process of construction at coordinates (AT 950660) and that a bunker was located at coordinates (AT 009671). The AO also reported observing many people traveling north (S-2 comment: No significance is attached to this latter special observation).

b. At 041715H, Company F reported receiving two rounds of small arms sniper fire in their lines from the direction of YEN NE (4) hamlet (AT 977677). One Marine was WIA and one ARVN was WIA. The location of the enemy position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned.

c. At 042030H, Company E reported receiving a grenade thrown in their positions in the third platoon area. The infiltrators set off trip flares but withdrew from the area without being fired upon. Shortly afterwards, small arms fire was received from the vicinity of the pagoda located in DUONG SON (3) hamlet, (AT 997671). Artillery illumination was provided, and small arms and M-79 fire was directed at the suspected enemy positions. The enemy fire ceased and a patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Report. At 042141H, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported one Viet Cong squad operating in the vicinity of HOA LOI village positioned one anti-tank mine (further identification not provided) in each of the following locations: (AT 968670), (AT 974670), (AT 970666) and (AT 976664). The report adds that the purpose of this mining operation is to sabotage tank and LVT move-

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ments in this area. (HOA VANG rated this report as B-2).

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	74
VC Apprehended	19
VCS Apprehended	152

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob  
3800  
6 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #59, Period ending 060600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with one reinforced squad on Mon Ky Mountain, coordinates (BT 062853) and a reinforced squad at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728).

a. At 051040H, a Company C patrol reported receiving small arms sniper fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042673). One Marine was WIA. Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and about five Viet Cong were observed fleeing the area. The report added that one Viet Cong was observed carrying what appeared to be a 3.5 inch rocket launcher. No enemy casualties were reported.

b. At 052235H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073693). The suspects were detained in Company A positions awaiting transportation to HOA VANG District Headquarters during daylight hours.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company continued to provide security for the FLSG Ammunition Dump, coordinates (AT 988733), the railroad bridge and water point, coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 050750H, Company F reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of HA DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 997645). The fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. Two Marines were WIA and required evacuation. No Viet Cong casualties were reported.

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6. At 051300H, Company 1 reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 008646). The enemy position could not be located, and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

7. At 051700H, Company 1 reported observing the Vietnamese nation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987639), who appeared to be maintaining observation of Company 1 positions. The observers were beyond small arms range and permeable to fire. No casualties were reported. After a period of observation, the Vietnamese disappeared and were presumed to have dispersed.

8. At 051700H, Company 1 reported observing the Vietnamese nation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987639). The enemy seemed to be the same as the one reported at 051300H, and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported. Patrols operating in the vicinity were alerted.

9. At 051800H, Company 1 reported receiving three rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 987639). The enemy position could not be located, and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

10. At 051900H, Company 2 reported receiving sporadic small arms sniper fire at several points along their perimeter. 8-79 fire was directed at suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

11. At 052230H, the security element at the railroad bridge reported that the land line connecting the company positions to the south of the SONG CAN DO (river) had been deliberately cut or damaged in the center of the bridge by persons unknown. No additional information is available at this time.

12. At 060250H, Company F reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 931687). The report stated that the fire was delivered by an estimated four automatic weapons. The report added that a grenade was detonated in the vicinity of the company positions but the source of the grenade was unclear. Illumination was requested and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported. No additional information is available at this time.

13. At 060320H, Company E reported receiving two grenades in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980680). Small arms fire was directed in the direction from which the grenades came, but there was no report of enemy casualties. One Marine was WIA as a result of the grenade attack.

(3) Special Reports. At 051715H, the HQA VANG District Chief of Police relayed a report concerning movement of Viet Cong units in the area.

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The report stated the one Viet Cong company commanded by one DUNG, displaced from the vicinity of the south bank of the SONG LA THO (river), coordinates (AT 995615) and proceeded by a route which included the hamlets of QUANG DONG (2), LA THO BAC (2), and PHONG LUC (3), to PHONG HO hamlet, coordinates (BT 060627). The report added that the mission of this company is to support Viet Cong units awaiting receipt of the rice tax at harvest time. (S-2 comment: See Intelligence Summaries #54 and #58 for additional information regarding Viet Cong efforts to collect rice tax in this locality. When operating away from base areas, the Viet Cong are dependent on the local population for food supplies, and the denial of this supply, now obtained by persuasion and coercion, severely restricts Viet Cong activities). The report added that a seven man sapper team commanded by one HOI, and equipped with three mines, is located at TAN-HANH hamlet, coordinates (BT 015654). According to this report, the mission of this sapper team is to mine in the vicinity of (BT 030650) to (BT 020670), or in the vicinity of (BT 010670) to (BT 002662). The HOA VANG Chief of Police rated this report as B-1. No additional information is available.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	74
VCC	19
VCC (WIA)	
VCS	162

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No reportD. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/feb  
3800  
7 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: C-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #60, Period ending 070600H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad remained on MON KY mountain at coordinates (BT 062853). One reinforced squad provided security for LCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728).

a. During the period 060640H-060705H, the AO dawn patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR with special emphasis on the areas, coordinates (BT 008646) and (BT 018650). The AO reported observing no indication of enemy activity or unusual circumstances.

b. At 061030H, a platoon of Company A, operating in the area of the east bank of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084674), reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire. Three Marines were WIA. The enemy fire was returned and one VC was believed wounded. The enemy broke contact.

c. At 061000H, a Company C patrol reported making contact with an estimated ten to fifteen VC in the vicinity of THI AN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 038673). The Viet Cong were brought under heavy small arms fire and were dispersed. The patrol continued the pursuit utilizing LVTs. The report added that one Viet Cong was KIA, (body examined) and it is estimated that two Viet Cong were WIA, but the bodies were not recovered. Three Viet Cong were captured and evacuated to IPT for investigation. One Marine was WIA.

d. At 061330H, Company A reported making contact with a Viet Cong unit (size not specified) in the vicinity of TRA LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 078676). In the ensuing fire-fight, two Marines were WIA, and four Viet Cong were killed. Thirty Viet Cong suspects were apprehended in the area and

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evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 061500H, Company A reported receiving small arms sniper fire in the vicinity of TRA LO hamlet, coordinates (078673). One Marine was WIA and evacuated by helicopter. Fifteen Viet Cong suspects were apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation. No additional information is available.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and waterpoint (AT 998707).

a. At 061101H, Company G reported apprehending a male Vietnamese in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970684). The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation when an examination revealed his identification card to be invalid.

b. At 061123H, a Company G patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of YEN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974677). An estimated eleven Viet Cong were observed displacing to positions in the vicinity of LA BONG (1) hamlet (AT 974674). Small arms fire was directed against the enemy positions, and the displacing Viet Cong were pursued by the patrol. The enemy fire ceased and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. At 061150H, Company G reported finding the body of a Vietnamese male in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976675). The report added that a cartridge belt, pack, one CHICOM defensive grenade (stick-type), and 7.62mm ammunition (quantity not indicated) was found on the body. The indications are that the body is that of a Viet Cong killed in a recent engagement in that locality.

d. At 061350H, a Company E patrol reported finding an explosive charge, consisting of several 20mm shells and additional explosives (not specified), in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992676). The report adds that the booby-trap was detonated in place. No casualties were reported.

e. At 061435H, a Company G patrol reported receiving four rounds of small arms sniper fire from the direction of LA BONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968668). Small arms automatic fire and M-79 fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 061500H, a Company G patrol reported contacting a Viet Cong squad in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) hamlet, (AT 968667). One Marine was WIA in the ensuing fire-fight. (S-2 comment: Marine WIA was later reported DOW). The enemy broke contact with no reported casualties.

g. At 061645H, a Company G patrol reported contacting an estimated ten Viet Cong in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) hamlet. The report noted that barbed wire emplacements as well as the enemy fire restricted the patrol's

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movement against the enemy positions. The enemy broke contact after three Marines were WIA. (S-2 comment: One Marine WIA was DOW upon arrival at C and C). No report of Viet Cong casualties was received.

h. At 061726H, a Company G platoon size patrol reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms automatic fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 975685). Artillery fire and HU-1E support was requested. A total of twenty nine 105mm artillery rounds were delivered on the target and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

i. At 062035H, a Company F listening post located at coordinates (AT 984638) reported observing an estimated twenty five armed Viet Cong moving east from THAI GAM (2) hamlet. The report added that the listening post delivered small arms fire against the Viet Cong group but could not evaluate results. A later report by a Company F patrol operating in this area indicated that a pool of blood was found, indicating the Viet Cong group received casualties. No additional information is available at this time.

j. At 070210H, a Company E patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 029693). The report stated that small arms and M-79 fire was directed against the suspected positions, and that the fire ceased when a red star cluster pyrotechnic was fired. The report added that the patrol leader suspected that the opposing unit was ARVN. (S-2 comment: This report is being investigated and additional information will be provided when available).

(3) 3rd ReconBn. At 061000H, Company D reported observing approximately fifteen Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063663). At 061042H, the company reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 077681). No casualties were reported. These reports were relayed to 9th Marine elements operating in the area.

(4) Special Reports. At 061930H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong Battalion has displaced from VIEM MINH, vicinity of coordinates (BT 086655) to GAM SA hamlet, DIEN BAN district, in the vicinity of HOA LOI and HOA THAI villages. The report stated that the battalion commander is one HUYNH LAN SON. The report added that the Viet Cong notified the villagers in the area that each family will be required to provide one person equipped with baskets to assist in gathering rice. (This report was rated B-3). (S-2 comment: Previous reports of this battalion's location were contradictory, indicating areas extending from THANH THUY to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062638). This report provides an additional location for this battalion's presence in this area.

CONFIDENTIAL(5) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	80
VC Captured	22
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	207

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel.

- 1 - Grenade, defensive, fragmentation (stick-type).
- \* Ammunition, 7.62mm (Quantity Unknown)
- \* 1 - Pack, type Unknown, contents Unknown

\* Above items picked up by Shove-6 actual.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report

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1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/feb  
3800  
8 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #61, Period ending 080600H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728). One reinforced squad remained on MON KY mountain at coordinates (BT 062853).

a. During the period 070640H-070710H, the AO dawn patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR with special emphasis on the areas, coordinates (AT 9666) (AT 9964) and (BT 0268). The AO reported no indications of enemy activity. Sightings of movement of civilians, river traffic, and similar observations were relayed to Marine units operating in the area.

b. At 071020H, Company C reported receiving several rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028672). A Company C element searching for the enemy position flushed a Vietnamese male who attempted to flee. The suspect was shot when he ignored warnings to halt. Examination of the body indicated the suspect was not armed. No additional information is presently available.

c. During the period 071805H-071820H, the AO dusk patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR and reported observing no indications of enemy activity or unusual occurrences.

d. At 071925H, the battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company A search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084674), at 061030H. This later report indicates three Viet Cong were killed and eight Viet Cong suspects apprehended during this engagement (S-2 comment: See 061030H entry, Intelligence Summary #60). The report added that

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the bodies of the three Viet Cong KIAs were examined but not retrieved because of the rapid movement of the Marine units engaged.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the TAOR. One company provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and waterpoint (AT 998787).

a. At 071210H, Company E reported the apprehension of two suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992077). The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 071040H, the battalion S-2 reported that the Police Chief of PHONG LE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 994694), was shot and killed while in the hamlet at approximately 071000H. The assassins are believed to be Viet Cong, and were observed by villagers fleeing in the direction of CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 992686). No additional information is available at this time.

c. At 071100H, Company G reported that the Hamlet Chief of YEN NE (4), coordinates (AT 974677) contacted Company G to request permission to bury villagers (numbers not stated) killed during the fighting in the vicinity of YEN NE (4) hamlet, 6 September. (S-2 comment: See 061123H and 061726H entries on Intelligence Summary #60). The report added that the Hamlet Chief stated three Viet Cong were killed and two Viet Cong were wounded during the 6 September fighting in YEN NE (4). According to the Chief, approximately twelve Viet Cong carried the bodies away. No additional information is available at this time.

d. At 071615H, G-2 relayed a report from I Corps which stated that a Viet Cong platoon had hidden underneath a building at coordinates (BT 003646) supposedly destroyed by Marines during an operation on 6 September. The report included a description of the building and Company F dispatched a patrol to investigate for possible tunnelling or caves, with negative results.

e. At 072300H, Company F reported receiving six 60mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995641). Two Marines were WIA. No additional information is available at this time.

(3) Special Reports. At 071715H, the HOA VANG District Police Headquarters reported that a Viet Cong battalion, identified as "TA-27", commanded by one HONG, and augmented by a unit (size not indicated) of 105mm artillery, commanded by one NAM and one HIEM, are located at THANH TRUONG and THANH THUY. (S-2 comment: This Battalion has been previously reported to be located in widely separated areas. On 4 September, the Chief of HOA HAI Village reported the battalion's location as (BT 062638) to (BT 080658). On this same date, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported it to be located at THANH THUY. On 6 September, G-2 relayed a report from an agent which indicated that this battalion is located in the vicinity of HOA LOI and HOA THAI villages. Elements of this battalion are probably operating at all the locations indicated, and are responsible for

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this spate of conflicting reports. However, the number of reports does lend credibility to the existence of Viet Cong battalion TA-27 in this Regiment's TACR). The HOA VANG Police Chief also reported a Viet Cong sapper team, commanded by one THAI HOI, has moved in three mines (type not specified) to HA THANH Street (TRANG NHUT Street) and to TAN HANH, HOA PHUOC hamlet. (S-2 comment: These locations are unclear and are being researched). The report added that the mission of the sapper team is to protect Viet Cong units who are in the locality to collect the rice tax.


a. At 072229H, C-2 relayed a report from agents that seventeen Viet Cong were killed on 6 September by Marine units operating in the vicinity of LA BONG (1) and (2), coordinates (AT 970670). The report added that the Viet Cong KIAs included the Viet Cong Chief of HOA LOI village. This report is rated A-1.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	100
VC Captured	22
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	215

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report.

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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2/JAB/rob  
3800  
9 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #62, Period ending 090600R September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728). One reinforced squad remained on MON KY mountain at coordinates (BT 062853).

a. During the period 080625H-080705H, the AO dawn patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR with special emphasis on the area south of HA DONG hamlet (AT 995644), to (AT 995610) for possible mortar emplacements (S-2 comment: See 072300H entry, Intelligence Summary #61, for an account of mortar firing in this locality). The AO also reconnoitered sites for foot crossings and fords across the SONG YEN (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979677). The AO reported locating several sites which appeared suitable for river crossings, but reported negative results on locating possible mortar positions. While checking small craft traffic on the SONG YEN (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963689), the AO reported receiving small arms automatic fire from CAM NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 970696). No casualties or damage was reported.

b. At 081154H, Company A reported receiving small arms automatic and rifle fire from the direction of (BT 085688). One Marine was WIA. The fire was returned and the enemy attempted to disengage. Three tanks and two infantry squads pursued the enemy but the enemy broke contact with no reported Viet Cong casualties. The report added that one civilian was wounded during this engagement and required medical evacuation.

c. At 081810H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, received small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 057710). One Marine and one ARVN soldier were wounded. Small arms fire was directed against the enemy positions and the report

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stated that two Viet Cong were observed falling when hit. The enemy broke contact and a rifle squad was dispatched to search the vacated positions, with negative results.

d. At 090105H, a Company C listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 054690) reported observing three Viet Cong in the vicinity of the listening post. The report added that the listening post fired small arms when the infiltrators came in close proximity to the position. Three 81mm mortar illuminating rounds were fired and the Viet Cong withdrew. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and waterpoint (AT 998787).

a. At 081331H, Company F reported one Marine was wounded when a mine was detonated at coordinates (AT 987664). The mine was described as an anti-personnel mine but more specific identification was not available. Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 081610H, the Battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of a Vietnamese female in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983681) when she was observed with a belt of 7.62 small arms ammunition in her possession. Upon evacuation to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation, the suspect is reported to have revealed the names of four Viet Cong operating in this locality. No additional information is available at this time.

c. At 081610H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending a Vietnamese male, age 13 years, in the vicinity of YEN NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 989662). The suspect was observed fleeing a building from which small arms fire had been received. He was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. A search was conducted within the building for a weapon, with negative results.

d. During the period 081730H to 081750H, the AO dusk patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR and reported observing no indications of enemy activity or unusual circumstances.

(3) Special Reports. At 081230H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong platoon was hidden in a dugout in the vicinity of HA TAY hamlet, (BT 004647), since 5 September and were unable to displace due to USMC activity in the area. The report added that the Viet Cong platoon's location was in the vicinity of the house of one Mrs GUU QUYEN. The report was relayed to the 1st Battalion for action. (S-2 comment: At 081537H, HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed an identical report from an agent regarding this situation. At 071615H, a similar report was relayed by G-2 from I Corps, which was investigated with negative results. Additional information will be provided when available).

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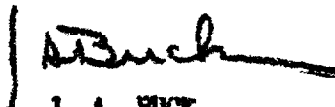
CONFIDENTIAL(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	100
VC Captured	22
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	215

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material.

- 1 - Envelope containing two notebooks with caligraphic notations.  
(Chinese characters)

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report.

  
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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/fob  
3800  
10 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #63, Period ending 100600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn. 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728). One reinforced squad remained on MON KY mountain at coordinates (BT 062853).

a. At 091435H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from a local village chief that Viet Cong units (size not indicated) are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083680), (BT 083670), and (BT 070674). The report added that a CP group is located at coordinates (BT 095658).

b. In response to indications and reports that a Viet Cong Battalion may have displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083670) and (BT 084680) for the purpose of pillaging the rice crop, (S-2 comment: See Special Report, entry 091105H, of this summary) at 091600H, the battalion initiated an operation in this locality to counter this threat. At 091635H, Company "A" reported discovering a large quantity of rice at coordinates (BT 078695).

c. At 091700H, Company D reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the direction of TRA KHE (2) hamlet, which resulted in one Marine KIA. Sporadic sniper fire was received by several units and return fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions.

d. At 091710H, Company A reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081665). At 1715H, approximately eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were received, which, combined with the small arms fire, resulted in three Marines KIA and eight Marines WIA. Contact with the enemy was maintained and several separate engagements occurred which resulted in

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additional Marine casualties which required helicopter evacuation. The report concluded with a recap of casualties which showed a total of three Marines KIA, and twelve Marines WIA. Viet Cong losses include: two KIA (body count), a probable twenty two WIA (figure based on after-action debriefings of Marine personnel involved), and seven Viet Cong suspects apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation. Additional information is being compiled and will be forwarded when available.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy defensive positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998787).

a. During the period 090630H-090710H, the AO dawn patrol reconnoitered portions of the TAOR with special emphasis on the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0161), traffic volume on the SONG YEN (river), and the rice fields throughout the TAOR. The AO reported observing several small scattered groups working in the fields. This information was relayed to Marine units in the vicinity for investigation. No other unusual circumstances or enemy activity was reported.

b. At 090630H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of LA BONG (3) hamlet, reported receiving small arms fire from the west bank of the SONG YEN, in the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) hamlet coordinates (AT 963670). One Marine was WIA, and the report added that one civilian was wounded. At 090640H, artillery fire was directed against the enemy positions and at least one Viet Cong was observed hit and presumed killed. One Viet Cong was also reported presumed killed by machine gun fire which caught him in the open. The report added that recovery of the Viet Cong bodies was not attempted, due to the river (SONG YEN) which separated the Viet Cong positions from the USMC positions.

c. At 091025H, Company E reported that eighteen male suspects were apprehended during its operations in the vicinity of LA BONG (3) and YEN NE (4) hamlets. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 100230H, a Company H patrol reported making contact with one Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998688). The report stated that small arms fire was exchanged, resulting in one Marine WIA and one Viet Cong KIA. The body of the Viet Cong, his weapon and equipment (including GHICOM 7.62mm submachine gun, type 50) was recovered and evacuated.

(3) Special Reports. At 091105H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that a Viet Cong battalion, identified as the 105th Main Force battalion, and commanded by one NAM, plus one Viet Cong Main Force company of the 5th Inter-zone, have displaced from DIN BAN district to the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083670) and (BT 084680). According to this report, the mission of these Viet Cong units was to attack friendly troops operating in that area. HOA VANG rated this report as B-1. (S-2 comment: See entries

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2.B.(1)b.,c. and d. of this Intelligence Summary for subsequent actions as the result of this report).

a. At 092010H, HOA GAM Training Center relayed a report from an agent (ARVN Sergeant, operating out of HOA GAM Training Center S-2), that, on 8-9 September, a Viet Cong regiment displaced to BA NA, vicinity of (AT 848717) to (AT 865705). The report added that the battalion commander is one PHAM DINH HUYEN. The strength of the battalion is eight hundred men, and the report added that they are wearing grey uniforms with bamboo hats covered with leaves. The report does not specify weapons or equipment. HOA GAM rates this report as C-3.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	105
VC Captured	22
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	222

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material:

- 1 - submachine gun (probably CHICOM K-50)
- 1 - cartridge belt
- 1 - envelope containing VC propaganda leaflets and documents
- 1 - VC propaganda sign
- Carbine ammunition, 9mm (quantity unknown)

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. Following fortifications destroyed in vicinity YEN NE (4) and LA BONG (3):

- 75 - Tunnel entrances
- 26 - Gates
- 40 - feet of trenchline
- 11 - bunkers
- 5 - boobytraps

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/feb  
3800  
11 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #64, Period ending 110600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOE. One reinforced squad provided security for MCE-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728). One reinforced squad remained on MON KI mountain at coordinates (BT 062853).

a. At 101702H, the battalion S-2 reported that the chief of HOA LAN village stated that the Viet Cong battalion which had engaged the 1st Battalion on 9 September had displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0366) and (BT 0367). According to the chief, the battalion had received many casualties. The report added that the areas into which the Viet Cong battalion had displaced contained no friendly (anti-Viet Cong) villagers. (S-2 comment: As the result of this report and other indications of probable Viet Cong presence, a total of one hundred ninety nine 105mm HE rounds were fired into this area during the period 092240H to 092315H. Damage assessment has not yet been made. Further information will be provided when available.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOE, and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

a. At 100830H, the battalion S-2 reported that the Viet Cong killed at 100230H, in Duong Son (1) hamlet (S-2 comment: reported in Intelligence Summary #63) was identified by a local police chief as one NGO TUYEN, a resident of HOA CHAU village, and a Viet Cong squad leader.

b. At 101000H, the battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of a Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (2) hamlet. According to the report, the suspect was identified as one NGUYEN THE, and hamlet police authori-

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ties stated that he was known to be a Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 101600H, Company F reported the apprehension of a Vietnamese male, identified as one LUCNG KY, in CAM NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 987692). The report stated that the suspect was identified by villagers in YEN NE (2) hamlet as a Viet Cong Platoon Commander. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 101600H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending a Vietnamese male in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996685). The suspect was discovered lurking in the brush and maintaining observation of USMC positions. The suspect, identified as one ONG VAN THUONG, was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 101810H, Company G reported receiving small arms fire from the vicinity of CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972687). The location of the enemy position could not be discerned. The enemy fire ceased with no reported casualties.

f. At 102340H, a squad from Company F providing security at the school house in CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 982688), reported receiving four grenades in their position. Small arms and M-79 fire was directed against suspected enemy positions and the enemy broke contact. At 110020H, the squad reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of CAM NE (6) hamlet. No casualties were reported as a result of these actions.

(3) 3rdBn, 3rdMg. Placed under OPCON of the 9th Marines and at 101515H commenced deployment by helicopter to positions in the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR.

a. At 102115H, it was reported that one Marine was killed when a dud artillery round (initially described as possibly a 155mm HE round) detonated. No additional information is available at this time.

b. The battalion reported receiving sporadic sniper fire during the night with no reported casualties.

c. At 110555H, it was reported that a mine detonation killed two and wounded two Marines. No additional information is available at this time.

(4) Special Reports. At 100906H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG Special Sector that the Viet Cong have positioned Claymore and AT mines at the DA LA BONG bridge, coordinates (AT 978675) - ONG KA CHUONG gate, coordinates (AT 978677) - ONG KA TRUC gate, coordinates (AT 974680) - BEN THUI, coordinates (AT 977671). HOA VANG rated this report as B-2. (S-2 comment: This section rates this report as C-4.).

CONFIDENTIAL(5) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	105
VC Captured	22
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	225

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report.D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following Viet Cong fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar:

10	- tunnel entrances
13	- bunkers
2	- spider traps
1	- gate

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAN/66  
3800  
12 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #65, Period ending 120600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. The battalion continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for AOB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the Battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 110735H, Company A reported receiving approximately ten rounds of small arms automatic fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087679). The enemy position could not be discerned and a patrol was dispatched to search the area, with negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 111000H, a Company B patrol reported observing approximately fifteen Vietnamese males in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084695). The report stated that when the patrol approached the Vietnamese attempted to flee. When the Vietnamese refused to respond to repeated orders to halt, the patrol commenced firing. The report stated that five of the fleeing group were observed falling as if struck by the patrol's fire, but the area in which they fell was covered by enemy small arms fire and no bodies were recovered.

c. At 111120H, Company A reported sustaining three Marines KIA as a result of a booby trapped gate in the vicinity of (BT 080630).

d. At 111120H, Company C reported that one Marine was KIA as the result of a gun shot wound received in an exchange of fire with an unspecified number of Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108660). No additional information is available at this time. Company C also reported that two Marines were wounded by the detonation of a booby trap in the vicinity of coordinates

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(BT 994684). The three wounded Marines required medical evacuation.

a. At 120017H, Company A reported observing approximately ten persons moving across the front of the company's positions in the vicinity of (SP 095665) at an estimated range of 100 yards. Thirteen 81mm mortar rounds were fired at the intruders. The report continued that shortly afterward, five 81mm mortar rounds were reported received in the Company A positions, resulting in one Marine KIA and eight Marine WIA's.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONI GAN DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR, and provided security for the FLAL ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 120730H, a platoon-size Company F patrol reported making contact with an estimated platoon of Viet Cong in the vicinity of LE SON (1), LE SON (2) and AN TRACH (1) hamlets. The patrol received a heavy volume of small arms fire and five 60mm mortar rounds, resulting in one Marine KIA and four Marines WIA. 81mm mortar and 106mm Recoilless Rifle fire was directed against the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. The report added that the patrol continued and at 120830H, made contact with one armed Viet Cong in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983664). The Viet Cong attempted to flee and was killed by small arms fire. The report added that the Viet Cong's weapon was not recovered and it is believed he discarded it in his flight. The patrol reported apprehending one rifle Viet Cong suspect and one suspicious male and one suspicious female in the vicinity of LE SON (1) hamlet.

b. At 120845H, Company F reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of YEN NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 982678). The initial interrogation of the suspect, conducted by a Popular Force Warrant Officer at the site of the capture, indicated that he is probably a Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to IRT for investigation.

c. At 122200H, a Company H security squad positioned in DUONG SON (1) hamlet reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 994688). The fire was not returned due to the presence of friendly patrols in the area. No casualties were reported. No additional information is available.

d. At 120015H, a Company F patrol reported apprehending an armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of CAM NE (1) hamlet. The patrol then made contact with an estimated ten Viet Cong, and in the resultant fire fight, two Viet Cong were killed. No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: Company F dispatched a combat patrol to CAM NE (1) to continue the search for Viet Cong in the area. At the termination of this reporting period, the combat patrol had not returned to Company F positions and no reports of progress had been received.

(3) 2ndBn, 3rdMar. Continued to occupy positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR in the vicinity of Hill 55, coordinates (AT 969619).

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a. At 110605H, the battalion reported the detonation of an artillery shell within the CP area coordinates (AT 973620), resulting in two Marines KIA and two Marines WIA. The report attributed the explosion to a dud 155mm artillery shell which was rigged as a booby trap.

b. At 110835H, the battalion reported the discovery of a mine field at coordinates (AT 966613). The report did not include the type of mines or the extent of the field. An engineer unit was dispatched to the area to assist in clearing the mine field. No additional information is available at this time.

c. At 112100H, the battalion S-2 reported the results of a Company K patrol conducted during the period 111330H to 111911H. The report stated that the patrol received sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972636). In the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970644) the patrol made contact with a Viet Cong unit which included a 60mm mortar crew. Two Viet Cong were killed (body count) and an additional eight were probably killed. Two Marines were WIA. The report added that the remaining members of the Viet Cong mortar crew were observed fleeing with one 60mm mortar tube. As the Company K patrol withdrew to the company positions it received small arms fire from a building in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966629). The patrol returned the fire and the building began to burn. An explosion occurred in the interior of the building and the enemy fire ceased. No additional information is available at this time.

(4) 3rd Recon En. At 120040H, Company D reported observing seven armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of the beach, coordinates (BT 129631). The report added that Viet Cong were moving northward.

(5) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	110
VC Captured	23
VC Captured (WIA)	
VC Suspects	227

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report received during this reporting period.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following Viet Cong fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar during the reporting period:

2 - Booby trapped gates

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/lob  
3800  
13 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #66, Period ending 130600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 120945H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong Battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0965) and (BT 1065). The report added that the mission of this battalion is to attack USMC positions and to provide protection to the Viet Cong laborers attempting to harvest the rice crop in this locality. The collecting agency rates the source of this report as B-2. (S-2 comment: A patrol was dispatched to this area and extensive aerial observation was maintained, with negative results).

b. At 121435H, a Company B patrol reported making contact with three Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083677). When challenged, the Viet Cong attempted to flee. The report added that one Viet Cong retrieved a rifle hidden nearby but was shot and killed (body was examined) before he could fire. The patrol wounded one Viet Cong and he was captured and evacuated for investigation. A rifle, identified as a CHICOM copy of the Russian Mossin-Nagant Model 53, was also captured. The third Viet Cong escaped capture.

(2) 2ndBn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

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a. At 120800H, Company F reported the results of the combat patrol dispatched to CAH NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 989692), as the result of the Company F patrol action in that locality at 120015H, previously reported on Intelligence Summary #65. The report stated that the combat patrol entered CAH NE (1) hamlet and found the body of a Vietnamese male. The body had been stripped of weapon and identification but is presumed to be that of one of the two Viet Cong previously reported killed during the 120015H patrol action. The body of the second Viet Cong was not discovered. The report added that at 120640H the combat patrol apprehended one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003663), and at 120700H apprehended an additional two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001662). The Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 121220H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a People's Action Team operating in this locality that thirty Viet Cong were located in CAH NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974687). A Company F patrol dispatched to the hamlet reported apprehending two suspicious persons, but did not make contact with the reported Viet Cong unit. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 121545H, a Company E patrol reported making contact with two Viet Cong (one armed with a submachine gun) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003677). The two Viet Cong fled, but one was later discovered hiding in a hole in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003678). The Viet Cong refused to surrender and was killed (body examined). Upon removal of the body from the hole it was found that this Viet Cong was not armed.

d. At 122100H, the battalion S-2 reported the apprehension of a civilian, one RENE RAYMOND, who was observed loitering at the intersection of Highway #1 and the turn-off into the 9th Marines area. Upon investigation at HOA VANG District Headquarters, it appeared that the man, a French national resident of DA NANG, may have been attempting to conduct black-market activities. The man was evacuated to CID, but CID declined to take action. The man was released at 122230H at point of apprehension.

e. At 122355H, a Company E element in ambush position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004673) reported making contact with an armed Viet Cong who was killed (body examined) when he attempted to flee. When attempting to retrieve the Viet Cong body, the Marine unit received small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong positions. The fire was returned and the Viet Cong broke contact. During the firefight the Viet Cong gained possession of the body of the dead Viet Cong. One Marine was WIA in this engagement.

f. At 130137H, Company F reported receiving a grenade in the company position, resulting in one Marine WIA. No additional information is available at this time.

(3) 3rdBn, 3rdMar. Continued to occupy positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR in the vicinity of Hill 55, coordinates (AT 969 619).

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a. At 120826H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects who were hiding in a tunnel in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963629). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 120905H, a Company M patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957648). No casualties were reported.

c. At 121115H, a Company L patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983626), resulting in one Marine WIA. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter. No additional information is available at this time.

(4) 3rd Recon Bn. At 120630H, a Company D patrol reported observing twenty eight small boats hurriedly putting out to sea in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 135625). The report added that the boats were running without lights and were headed due east, in the direction of the off-shore islands.

(5) Special Reports. At 122247H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Main Force Viet Cong Battalion, identified as the TA-27, commanded by one HUYNH LAM SON, arrived in the vicinity of THANH THUY (1) and (2) hamlets, coordinates (BT 070630) on 30 August. The report added that the mission of this battalion is to attack USMC positions in the Marble Mountain area and to provide protection to the Viet Cong guerrilla forces attempting to harvest the rice crop. (S-2 comment: This report is but the latest of many such reports locating Viet Cong Battalion TA-27 in the vicinity of the Marble Mountain area. The engagement with Viet Cong forces in this locality reported in Intelligence Summary #63 was as a result of a previous report. The numerous reports and indications tend to confirm Viet Cong battalion TA-27's presence in this area. There are indications however, that this battalion is under-strength (200-250 men) and contains a relatively high percentage of laborers, which would belie its Main Force designation).

(6) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	113
VC Captured	23
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	245

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by Company B, 1st Bn, 9th Mar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083677).

1 - Rifle, Model 53 (Identified as a copy of the Russian Mossin-Nagant)

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D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during this reporting period.



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3d AT Bn	(1)
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (3rd), FIF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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3800  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FIF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #67, Period ending 140600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn. 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for HGB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on LON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. As part of Operation "Rice Straw", Companies A and D conducted a clearing operation in the rice fields in the area south of Marble Mountain. The Battalion S-2 reported that approximately four hundred civilians were directed to the civilian collection point at coordinates (BT 072698) where they were screened by local Vietnamese authorities. A total of twenty six Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to ITT for further investigation.

b. At 131000H, Company D reported detonating a booby trapped grenade or mine in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077672), resulting in two Marines WIA. The wounded were evacuated by LVT. No additional information is available regarding this incident.

c. At 132015H, Company A reported receiving small arms fire in the second and third platoon's positions, vicinity of coordinates (BT 092669). Small arms fire and three M-79 rounds were delivered against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(2) 2ndBn. 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR.

a. At 130950H, Company H reported a Marine WIA at coordinates (AT 976654). The Marine, an engineer attached to Company H, received gunshot wounds and died before he could be evacuated.

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The report added that the circumstances of his death have not yet been determined but it is presumed that he was killed in an unreported encounter with Viet Cong sometime during the period 130700H, (the time Company H began its operation), and 130950H.

b. At 140350H, Company H reported receiving sniper fire at coordinates (AT 979659), resulting in one Marine WIA. The location from which the fire was received could not be determined and the fire was not repeated. The wounded Marine required helicopter evacuation.

(3) 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar. Continued to occupy positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR in the vicinity of Hill 55, coordinates (AT 96619).

a. At 130728H, a Company M patrol reported contacting a Viet Cong unit (size not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958627). The patrol maintained contact with the Viet Cong and in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957623) received small arms sniper fire, resulting in one Marine WIA. There was no report of Viet Cong casualties.

b. At 130805H, Company M reported receiving small arms sniper fire emanating from outside the TAOR, from the direction of coordinates (AT 953627). No casualties were reported.

c. At 131235H, a Company L patrol reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the direction of QUANG DONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995625). Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. One Marine was WIA and required helicopter evacuation. At 131500H, this patrol reported contacting an undetermined number of Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 993675). In the resulting fire fight, two Viet Cong were killed (body count), and one Viet Cong probably KIA but not confirmed. No additional USMC casualties were reported.

d. At 131200H, a Company I patrol reported discovering a jar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965635) which contained medicine and fishing line. In the same area they discovered two MS 39 cartridge cases which had recently been fired. The report added that anti-U.S. propaganda leaflets were found scattered throughout the area.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

K/A	115
VC Captured	23
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	271

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by Company H during a sweep of YEN NE (1):

100 - Rounds, 7.62mm (U.S.)  
1 - Grenade, WP (U.S.)

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The following equipment was captured by 3rdBn, 3rdMar in its operation during this reporting period in the southwestern portion of the TACR.

- 2 - Shells, shotgun (16 gauge), U.S. manufacture (Western)
- 50 (Approx) - Cartridges, Rifle, 7.62mm (Believed to be of CHICOM manufacture) with white tips (significance unknown).
- 1 - Packet, containing books and documents, Vietnamese language.
- 1 - 10' cord, electrical (heavy-duty insulation).
- 1 - Packet, medicine (with Chinese markings)

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by Company H, 2ndBn, 9thMar during a sweep of YEN ME (1):

- 23 - Tunnels (Each 6 to 10 feet)
- 1 - Gate (booby trapped)
- 1 - 5 gallon can (booby trapped)

  
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150600H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), F&F (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #68, Period ending 150600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation:

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for LCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on KON MY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071704). Companies A and D engaged in aggressive patrolling as part of operation Golden Fleece.

a. At 141545H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, previously reported positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0161), has displaced to (BT 0564). The report stated that this battalion displaced on the night of 12 September. The report continued that the area in which the Battalion is now located is populated entirely by Viet Cong sympathizers. The report added that the battalion S-2 rated this report as B-2. (S-2 comment: The Order of Battle maintained by this section credits as 'probable' the presence of a Viet Cong battalion designated as the 7th Battalion, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0161). The reported displacement of the 7th Battalion to new positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0564) may have been caused by the presence of the 3rdBn, 3rd Marines which occupied positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969619) since 10 September and whose aggressive patrolling of the area may have constituted a threat to the 7th Battalion in this locality. This section rates this report as B-3).

b. At 141547H, the Battalion S-2 provided a late report of the apprehension of a Viet Cong suspect by Company D at 132400H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031671). The suspect was detained in Company D's forward position until daylight when he was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 142100H, Company A reported the apprehension of a Viet Cong suspect at the Leper colony, coordinates (BT 099666). The report did not indicate

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the circumstances of the suspect's apprehension, but did add the Battalion S-2's comment that ARVN personnel in the area have indicated that the Leper colony is being used as a refuge for other suspects. Additional information will be provided when available.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR.

a. At 141000H, Company G reported apprehending a Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 972667). The suspect was forwarded to ITT for investigation.

b. At 141645H, Company E reported that an ONTOS, proceeding to the west in the vicinity of YAN NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 990663), detonated a mine, resulting in one Marine KIA, four Marines WIA, and extensive damage to the vehicle. The report stated that, as yet, no determination has been made of the type of mine employed, but the absence of metal fragments and the presence of pieces of large-diameter bamboo segments indicated that the mine may have been of the 'home-made' variety. The report added that the Company E Commander, one of those wounded in the explosion, believed it to have been electrically detonated. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 141710H, Company G reported apprehending a Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960657). The report stated that the suspect was identified by villagers in the area as a Viet Cong tax collector and sentry. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 142010H, Company H reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 974652). Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

e. At 142020H, Company F reported that two Marines from the squad positioned at CAM NE (6), and a civilian reporter representing a New York publication, were wounded by the detonation of a booby-trapped defensive grenade at coordinates (AT 980686). The report stated that the grenade was rigged with a trip-wire but that it has not been ascertained whether the Viet Cong or USMC placed it in position. (S-2 comment: The Marine squad which sustained these injuries arrived in CAM NE (6) at approximately 141400H and was relatively unfamiliar with the area. Additional information will be provided when available).

f. At 142220H, Company H reported receiving an estimated thirteen rounds of small arms fire from the direction of LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973653). The location of the enemy position could not be discerned and the fire ceased without being returned. No casualties were reported.

g. At 142350H, a Company F patrol reported making contact with a Viet Cong unit in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974690). In the ensuing

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fire fight, one Marine was WIA. The enemy broke contact but the patrol later reported observing twelve people moving rapidly into CAM NE (1) hamlet.

(3) 3rdBn, 3rdMar. At 140850H, the battalion commenced moving north from the positions it had maintained in the vicinity of Hill 55 in the south-west portion of the Regimental TAOR. At 141330H, the battalion arrived at the entrucking point, coordinates (AT 998700), and was transported to DA NANG Airbase, from where it was airlifted to the CHU LAI area. OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines passed to the 4th Marines at 142200H.

a. At 141020H, Company M reported one Marine WIA as the result of a booby trap detonating at coordinates (AT 968648).

(4) Special Reports. At 140945H, G-2 relayed a report from an aerial observer that the coast road in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 109652) to (BT 105658) has been scored by twenty one cuts (ditches), each approximately four feet in width.

a. At 141758H, the 'dusk patrol' AO reported observing a group of people in the vicinity of DUONG SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 991668), engaged in what appeared to be the digging of a grave (or graves). The report added that when the AO reduced altitude to investigate more closely, he received small arms fire. The report stated that no casualties were received and that the aircraft was not damaged.

(5) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	115
VC Captured	23
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	275

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report received during this reporting period.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar during the reporting period:

Company E: 19 - Holes and bunkers  
65 - Feet total trench line  
10 - Gates

Company G: 3 - Bunkers  
3 - Caves  
1 - Booby trap

  
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160600H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #69, Period ending 160600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 150915H, a Company A patrol reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of automatic weapons sniper fire in the vicinity of AN NONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 083672). Small arms and M-79 fire was directed against the enemy position and the enemy broke contact and fled to the south. The report added that the sniper escaped but the patrol apprehended a Viet Cong suspect in the area, who was evacuated to ITT for investigation. No casualties were reported.

b. At 151206H, a Company A patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of DONG AP hamlet, coordinates (BT 088676). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 152145H, Company C reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire and observing three explosions in the vicinity of Company C positions, coordinates (BT 048702). The report stated that the origin of the explosions was not determined, but that they may have been 60mm mortar detonations. The report added that small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042704) and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported. No additional information is available at this time.

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(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 151338H, a Company E squad size patrol reported receiving automatic weapons fire from an estimated Viet Cong platoon firing from the direction of coordinates (AT 992650). The patrol requested assistance and 81mm mortar fire was directed against the Viet Cong positions. The Second Platoon, Company E, was dispatched to assist the patrol and made contact with the Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993652). A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed against the Viet Cong positions and the enemy broke contact, with the reaction platoon in pursuit. Seven Viet Cong suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of TAN HANH hamlet (AT 996653) and evacuated to ITT. The report added that villagers in TAN HANH hamlet stated that two Viet Cong were killed in the initial contact and evacuated by the Viet Cong. One Marine was WIA as the result of this engagement.

b. At 151415H, an ONTOS in support of the reaction force detonated a mine (type not indicated) at coordinates (AT 996654). One Marine was WIA. The ONTOS was disabled and was retrieved.

c. At 151420H, Company G reported finding the body of a male Vietnamese at coordinates (AT 996664). Along with the body was found a pack and two ARVN-type uniforms. The Battalion S-2 commented that the dead man was probably a Viet Cong killed in a USMC patrol action reported occurring in this area on 14 September, in which two Viet Cong were contacted and fired upon.

d. At 150030H, Company G reported the apprehension of a Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (AT 961658) as he attempted to pass through USMC positions in the vicinity of AN TRACH (1). During initial interrogation at the site by ARVN personnel, the suspect admitted knowledge of a hidden tunnel in the area which he stated was occupied by four Viet Cong. The suspect led the Marines to the location of the tunnel which was found unoccupied and destroyed by demolitions. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 151620H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company G that two fresh graves were discovered in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 967659). The report stated that the graves were marked by a Viet Cong flag. The report added that local villagers stated that in the graves were interred Viet Cong who were killed in recent fighting in LA BONG (1) and (2) hamlets.

f. At 151603H, a Company E platoon reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of LE SON (2) coordinates (AT 975649). The platoon observed six Viet Cong and directed small arms fire against the enemy positions. The Viet Cong broke contact and was pursued from LE SON to THAI CAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978644). The patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation. No casualties were reported.

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g. At 152130H, Company H reported receiving approximately twenty five rounds of small arms fire and one explosion tentatively identified as a 3.5 inch rocket detonation from the direction of LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975652). The enemy position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

h. At 152130H, a Company E patrol reported comprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009673). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

(3) Special Reports. At 151048H, G-2 relayed a report from the QUANG TIN Province Military Security Service that it is suspected that the Viet Cong are spreading poison on trails and in areas where friendly units may establish ambush sites. The report stated that there have been reports of villagers becoming blind after spending several hours in these areas. The report continued that the 4th Marines had requested that the Liaison Officer at BINH SON bring in some of these cases so that a medical examination could be conducted. The report added that G-2 would provide additional information regarding this report when it became available. G-2 rated this report as F-6.

a. At 151930H, the Regimental S-2 received a report from the HOA VANG District Chief that Viet Cong Battalion TA-27 made contact with USMC forces in the vicinity of Marble Mountain during the night of 12 September (S-2 comment: The only reported contact with Viet Cong in the Marble Mountain area during the night of 12 September was a patrol engagement which resulted in one Viet Cong KIA and one Viet Cong WIA (captured). The total Viet Cong force reported in this action was three men). The HOA VANG District Chief's report included a statement that one company size group of Viet Cong sick and wounded from the TA-27 Battalion displaced to the vicinity of DAI LOC. The report continued that the battalion (-) is active in CAN HAI village, MIEU NHON District (North HOI AN), and HOA LAN, HOA HAI village, HOA VANG district.

b. The report also stated that the ARVN 11th Ranger Battalion inflicted 28 KIAs and 36 WIAs on Viet Cong forces in the vicinity of KY MINH village, DIEM BAN District, during the night of 5 September.

c. The report added that the Viet Cong Economic Cadre for QUANG NAM Province have indicated that it has become very difficult to collect taxes and sell bonds in the Province, especially in DIEM BAN and HOA VANG Districts, because of USMC operations in these localities which interdict the Viet Cong lines of communications. The report stated that, as a result, the Viet Cong have been able to collect only 10% of the rice they anticipated, and the Viet Cong now hope to obtain money from the population instead of rice in the area south of Marble Mountain.

d. The report further stated that approximately one thousand Viet Cong laborers have been assembled, under guard, in the vicinity of NUI SON GA Mountain (approximately 10 miles Southwest of DA NANG), awaiting orders to displace to the plains area to collect the rice for the Viet Cong. According to the report, the Viet Cong lack rice and plan to get the rice from the Montagnards

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to feed the laborers. The proposed daily ration for the Viet Cong laborers is to be a small evaporated or condensed milk can (approximately 13 ounces) of rice. The report added that I Corps Commander has given orders to have the VNAF bomb the Viet Cong assembly areas in the NUI SON GA Mountain area. (S-2 comment: The dependency of the Viet Cong on local tax revenues and especially on rice levies to support their operations in the lowlands is well established. This report, if true, heralds increased Viet Cong difficulties in the future, as the stocks of food presently available to them diminishes. The heightened Viet Cong pressures on the local populace for additional food contributions could serve to alienate those Vietnamese who heretofore were sympathetic to the Viet Cong cause. The full effects of the combined ARVN/USMC efforts to deny the rice harvest to the Viet Cong may not become evident until two or three months hence when food supplies become even more critical. One result of these pressures might be to cause the Viet Cong to initiate a large scale military attack in the plains areas to secure vital food supplies and to counteract the adverse propaganda generated by the inability of the Viet Cong to carry out their boasts to garner the rice harvest for their own use. If such an attack were to be decided upon, tactical considerations would dictate that it occur during the current monsoon season in this locality and before the debilitating effects of an inadequate food supply could be felt. This section rates this over-all report as C-3).

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	115
VC Captured	23
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	287

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of NHON THO (1) hamlet:

- 1 - Pack, canvas, containing two ARVN-type uniforms

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar during the reporting period:

- 1 - Hidden tunnel, approximately 8' in length

  
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~~170600H~~ SEP 1965  
172400H

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #70, Period ending 170600H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1.) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 160900H, a Company C patrol reported receiving small arms sniper fire from the direction of HAI AN hamlet, coordinates (BT 057711). The enemy positions could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

b. At 161000H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a local village chief that approximately twenty Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of TRA KHE (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 0768) during the night of 15 September. The report stated that this group was equipped with mines and the mission of this group is to mine the roads utilized by USMC units in the area. The report added that the local villagers requested that the Viet Cong delay their mining operations until after the completion of the rice harvest, and that the Viet Cong have hidden the mines in tunnels and caves awaiting the end of the harvest. The report also stated that the village chief and local Pz authorities have agreed to lead USMC units to the location of the mines and assist in their destruction. The Battalion S-2 comments that a clearing operation will be conducted without delay. This report is rated B-2.

c. At 161640H, Company C reported that two Marines on security duty in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066712) wounded a Viet Cong suspect

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when he failed to heed their warnings to halt when they attempted to apprehend him. The wounded suspect was evacuated to an ARVN hospital for treatment and subsequent investigation.

d. At 161753H, Company C reported the detonation of a mine by an LVT in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065670), resulting in one Marine KIA and three Marines WIA. The report noted that the casualties were Marines from the First Amtrac Bn. The report continued that after the evacuation of these casualties, a security unit deployed to protect the disabled LVT suffered four Marines WIA when they received ~~three~~ rounds of mortar fire. ~~One round was~~ tentatively identified as 81mm Mortar HE ammunition. Three of the wounded Marines were from Company B, 2ndBn, 9thMar. The other Marine was from the 1st Amtrac Bn. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 161910H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent that one Viet Cong Battalion is located at THANH THUY villages, DIEN BAN district, coordinates (BT 065620) and (BT 020630). The report stated that this battalion is designated H-50, and is commanded by one NGUYEN TRAI. The report added that the strength of this battalion is three hundred men armed with mortars, machine guns, and small arms weapons. The report noted that this battalion intended to attack USMC units in HOA LAN village. (The battalion S-2 rated this report as B-2).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 162110H, a Company E squad positioned in an ambush position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003658) reported receiving two rounds of small arms sniper fire. The fire was not repeated and the enemy position could not be discerned. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. At 160920H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong Company, commanded by one NGUYEN VAN THIEN, is displacing from coordinates (AT 973657) to (AT 974663) and (AT 975663). The report stated that the mission of this company is to engage USMC units operating in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) and AN TRACH (1) hamlets. The report included a comment attributed to SCIC that this company may be a Local Force Company number 100 of HOA VANG and that the commanding officer was previously reported as commanding company size units in PHU MY and PHU TAN villages. The report added a comment attributed to SIA that this company could be Local Force Company Q-16, AKA 100, H-41, and H-56 of HOA VANG. (This report is unrated).

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	115	*NOTE: VC Captured verified by reports
* VC Captured	28	from ITT. (See attached sheet).
VC Captured (WIA)	1	
VC Suspects	288	

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- C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. No report received during this reporting period.
- D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during this reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #71, Period ending 172400H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 171137H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of BO LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 094663) reported receiving small arms sniper fire. Small arms fire was delivered against the enemy position and three Viet Cong were observed fleeing the area. The patrol reported that they continued the pursuit of the fleeing Viet Cong and several times brought fire to bear on the Viet Cong in open positions. The report continued that the Viet Cong escaped capture and the USMC unit resumed its patrol route.

b. At 171210H, this Company B patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (BT 094663), which was the area in which the patrol made contact with the Viet Cong at 171137H. The patrol reported that an examination of the area revealed three separate pools of blood and what appeared to be fragments of flesh and bone. No bodies were found and no Marine casualties were reported. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 171205H, a Company B patrol reported making contact with a Viet Cong unit in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090662). In the ensuing fire-fight, three Viet Cong were killed, (body count). No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that one CHICOM Mossin-Nagant carbine, Model 53, caliber 7.62mm, one CHICOM submachine gun, K5C, caliber 7.62mm, six fragmentation

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grenades, (no additional identification provided), one cartridge belt, medicine, and assorted medicinal supplies, were captured and turned in to Regimental S-2 for examination. (S-2 comment: To be turned in to C-2).

d. At 171230H, a Company B patrol reported discovering a tunnel at coordinates (BT 075678). The report added that the tunnel, approximately twenty feet in length, was searched with negative results, and then destroyed by use of demolitions.

e. At 172000H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from an agent that a Viet Cong Battalion, presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0564), plans to displace 181800H, to new positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084705). The report added that this battalion would prepare to carry out any of the following missions: (1) Attack and destroy the bridge in the vicinity of Marble Mountain and the bridges spanning the SONG CAU CO, (2) attack 1/9 Command Post, (3) attack Delta Battery, 2/12, (4) attack the DA NANG Airbase. The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-6.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 170030H, a Company H fireteam size patrol reported making contact with two Viet Cong in the vicinity of LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 979649). In the ensuing fire-fight both Viet Cong were killed (bodies examined at distance of less than twenty feet). The report added that the bodies, weapons, and equipment were not recovered as approximately twenty villagers emerged from LE SON (2) hamlet and retrieved the bodies before the patrol could react. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 170900H, Company F reported that an ARVN unit operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964676) in support of operation Golden Fleece, received small arms fire from an estimated twelve Viet Cong, resulting in one ARVN WIA. No Viet Cong casualties were reported.

c. At 171800H, a Marine from H and S Company reported apprehending a Vietnamese male approximately ten years old, who was observed constructing a punji-trap along a trail running parallel to Highway 1A, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002722). The youth was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

(3) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	120
VC Captured	28
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	290



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C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090662):

- 4 - Ammunition magazines, 7.62mm
- 3 - Cartridge belts
- 1 - Rifle, Model 53 (Identified as a copy of the Russian Mossin-Nagant)
- 1 - Submachine gun (probably CHICOM K50)
- 2 - Notebooks, small (Vietnamese language)
- 1 - Packet Documents, captured in vicinity (BT 035665) (Vietnamese language)
- 36 - Rounds of ammunition, 7.62mm, Type 53
- 1 - Identification card

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075678):

- 1 - Tunnel, approximately twenty feet long, (destroyed by demolitions)

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3800  
182400H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #72, Period ending 182400H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NAM Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOE, and provided security for HCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleeces with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 180550H, a Company D patrol returning from an ambush position reported receiving small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064661). The patrol reported observing an estimated five Viet Cong and delivering a heavy volume of small arms fire on the enemy position. The report added that the enemy broke contact and the Marine unit resumed its patrol route. One Marine was reported WIA as a result of this engagement.

b. At 180328H, Company D reported discovering the bodies of two Viet Cong, at the location of the Company D patrol action of 180550H. The report stated that the Viet Cong appeared to have died of multiple gunshot wounds presumably incurred during the cited patrol action. The report added that one CHICOM Mosin-Nagant carbine, Model 53, caliber 7.62mm, two cartridge belts, four magazines, and one fragmentation grenade, (not otherwise identified) was found with the bodies and retrieved by the patrol.

c. At 181305H, a Company D patrol reported observing five armed Viet Cong moving south from coordinates (BT 058663). The patrol reported taking the Viet Cong under fire, with negative results.

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(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 181140H, HOA VANG District Headquarters notified the 2nd Battalion that a Regional Force company, operating in the vicinity of CAM NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 964684), was receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the direction of LA BONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965679). In response to this notification, a Company G patrol was dispatched to the area, and at 181155H reported making contact with five Viet Cong in the vicinity of LA BONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 963675). A Company G platoon was dispatched to clear LA BONG (3) and NO NAME village, coordinates (AT 967676). At 181320H, this platoon reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the direction of the west bank of the SONG YEN, coordinates (AT 961677). One Marine was reported WIA. The 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, from whose TAOR the fire was being delivered, was requested to provide support. An estimated twenty Viet Cong were observed in the vicinity of BO BAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 966699), and artillery fire was delivered on the enemy positions. At 181620H, elements of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assisting in the clearing of LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 957680) reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire, resulting in several Marine casualties. An air strike was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. At 181730H, a Company G patrol re-entered LA BONG (3) hamlet, and reported negative contact with the Viet Cong. In the course of this engagement, five Vietnamese civilians were wounded, and required medical evacuation. The preliminary report indicated that four casualties were as the result of Vietnamese Regional Force fire in the vicinity of CAM NE (3) hamlet, and one casualty was as the result of Viet Cong small arms fire. Additional information regarding this action, including enemy casualties, will be forwarded to G-2 when available.

(3) Special Report. At 181715H, G-2 reported that a Viet Cong platoon, armed with automatic weapons, is located in the vicinity of LA BONG (3) and CAM NE (3) hamlets, coordinates (AT 958680). G-2 provided no information regarding the source of this report nor rated its contents.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	125
VC Captured	28
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	290

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064661):

- 1 - Carbine, Model 53 (Identified as a copy of the Russian Mossin-Nagant)
- 4 - Magazines, straight — for an automatic weapon
- 2 - Cartridge belts

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1 - Grenade, fragmentation (stick-type)

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during this reporting period.

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3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 966012/JAB/fab  
3800

202400H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #74, Period ending 202400H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA Area Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at coordinates (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice fields.

a. At 200310H, a Company D patrol, positioned in ambush at coordinates (BT 044660), reported hearing voices in front of the ambush unit's positions, and directed small arms fire against the suspected area. One male Vietnamese was wounded and apprehended. The suspect was evacuated to the ARVN hospital for treatment and investigation. The report added that no weapons or military equipment was recovered.

b. At 200958H, a Company D scout-sniper team located at coordinates (BT 064652), reported observing four armed Viet Cong approaching their position, but, before the team could commence firing, a Vietnamese woman disclosed their position to the Viet Cong who turned and fled. The USMC team pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and reported hitting two with rifle fire. Blood traces were found and the Viet Cong escaped capture. No USMC casualties were reported. The Vietnamese woman who warned the Viet Cong was apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 201600H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HAI HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong have promised the local villagers that they will destroy the bridge located at (BT 071700) or fire mortars against USMC units located north of Marble Mountain, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071710). The report added that the Viet Cong stated these activities will take

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place within ten days. The Battalion S-2 commented that the Village Chief is considered a very reliable source of information.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the KLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 200630H, Company E reported that the villagers in QUA GIANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017665), stated that approximately ten days ago, two hundred fifty Viet Cong, armed with a 57mm Recoilless Rifle and mortars, were located in QUA GIANG. The battalion S-2 commented that the reliability of this report was unknown.

b. At 201105H, Company G reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969655). The report added that the suspects were discovered hiding in a house, and one suspect had in his possession a military-type pack (haversack). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 201058H, a Company E patrol reported contacting an estimated Viet Cong squad in the vicinity of NHON THO (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 013657). In the ensuing firefight, one Viet Cong was killed (body count). One U. S. caliber .30 carbine (M-1), one CHICOM defensive grenade (stick-type), one M-26 defensive (fragmentation) grenade, and one whistle were captured. The report continued that, at 201245H, while pursuing the fleeing Viet Cong unit, the Company E squad patrol killed a Viet Cong in the vicinity of the SONG BAN XAU, coordinates (BT 007649). The report added that the body was not recovered as the Viet Cong had succeeded in crossing the river and were able to retrieve the dead Viet Cong before the USMC patrol could effect a river crossing. The report noted that no USMC casualties were reported.

d. At 201520H, Company E reported apprehending three Viet Cong sus in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 016665) and NHON THO (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 015656). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 201950H, Company H reported receiving four rounds of small arms fire from the direction of TAN HAHN hamlet, coordinates (BT 004655). M-79 fire was directed against the suspected positions, and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. At 200905H, the Sub-Sector Advisor, HOA VANG District Headquarters, provided additional information about the killing of a HOA THAI Village policeman in PHONG BAC (1) hamlet on 19 September. (S-2 comment: See 191530H entry, Intelligence Summary #73). Major JACKSON reported that a local agent was at the scene and stated that he observed four men, armed with two CHICOM K-50 sub-machine guns, one U. S. THOMPSON sub-machine gun, and one U. S. caliber .30 carbine running into a dense bamboo thicket at coordinates (AT 978703), immediately after the time the killing occurred. The Sub-Sector

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Advisor added that the agent suspects this location (CAM HOA (2) hamlet) is a Viet Cong area. The report continued that Major JACKSON will recommend to the HQ THAI Village Chief that this area be cleared of possible Viet Cong intruders.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	123
VC Captured	28
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	297

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of NHOM THO (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 013657):

- 1 - U. S. caliber .30 carbines (M-1)
- 1 - CHICOM grenade, defensive (stick-type)
- 1 - Grenade, M-26, defensive (fragmentation)
- 1 - Whistle

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056712) and (BT 053710):

- 1 - Tunnel, vicinity (BT 056712), approximately 7-8' in length
- 1 - Tunnel, vicinity (BT 053710), approximately 7-8' in length

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3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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3800  
212000H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #75, Period ending 212000H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA HAU Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on HON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 081728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 210910H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of TRA KHA hamlet, coordinates (BT 072680), reported making contact with three armed Viet Cong. In the ensuing firefight, the three Viet Cong were killed (body count). The report added that one U. S. THOMPSON sub-machine gun, caliber .45, two CHICOM MOSSIN-NAGANT M-53, caliber 7.62 carbines, grenades, and items of individual equipment were recovered from the Viet Cong bodies. (S-2 comment: See paragraph 2.c, this summary for complete list). No USMC casualties were reported.

b. At 211200H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HQ THAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong Main Force Battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0767) (BT 0867) (BT 0766) and (BT 0866). The report continued that a second Viet Cong Main Force Battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9965) (BT 0065) (AT 9964) and (BT 0064). The report stated that these two battalions were previously located in DIEN BAN Province. The report added that a Viet Cong company is located at (BT 0366), a Viet Cong guerrilla company is located at (BT 0367) and a Viet Cong Main Force company, commanded by one NGUYEN THANH TAN, is located in the THANH THUY area. The report concluded with a warning that a Viet Cong squad would be displacing to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078704) during the night of 21 September. The Battalion S-2 commented that this report is rated B-2. (S-2 comment: This report provides a current, and total, recapitulation of Viet Cong units opera-

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ting in this locality, as viewed by the source, the Chief of HOA THAI Village, and should not be construed to be a report of recent influx of new Viet Cong units into this area).

c. At 211315H, a Company B patrol reported locating a tunnel in the vicinity of BO LO hamlet, coordinates (BT 091669). The report added that an ARVN-type jacket containing Vietnamese language documents was discovered in the tunnel. The tunnel was destroyed with demolitions and the jacket and documents forwarded to Regiment for processing.

d. At 211445H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending a Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090665). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 211530H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the Chief of HOA HAI Village that eight Viet Cong killed in the this area since 17 September were HOA HAI villagers who had joined a Main Force Viet Cong unit. (S-2 comment: In respect to this Main Force designation, USMC units making contact recently with the Viet Cong in the Marble Mountain area report a noticeable increase in the percentage of Viet Cong armed with small arms. A high percentage of small arms-equipped personnel is characteristic of Main Force units, and tends to lend credence to this report).

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 210750H, Company G reported the discovery of the body of a Vietnamese male in the SONG YEN, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959683). The report stated that the body was dressed in a black pajama-like garment which had a blue 'National Liberation Front' insignia on the sleeve. The report added that the body was probably that of a Viet Cong who was fired upon by a patrol operating in this area at approximately 210200H.

b. At 211030H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a People's Action Team from HOA VANG District Headquarters, operating in the vicinity of the CAM NE (6), received small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong. The report stated that the PAT deployed to engage the Viet Cong and detonated a booby-trapped grenade, resulting in one PAT member KIA, and two WIA. No Viet Cong casualties were reported. At 211051H, an ARVN Popular Force platoon providing security for the harvesters in this same area reported that the Viet Cong had fired at the field workers. Company G and Company F dispatched a reaction force to search the area, but reported negative results.

c. At 211404H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a mine (type not indicated) was detonated at coordinates (AT 967685) resulting in two civilians killed and two wounded. No additional information is available at this time.

CONFIDENTIAL(3) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	126
VC Captured	28
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	298

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of TRA KHA hamlet, coordinates (BT 072680):

- 1 - Thompson sub-machine gun w/three magazines
- 2 - 7.62mm Rifles (Russian copy of Mossin-Nagant, Model 53)
- 3 - U. S. fragmentation grenades
- 1 - U. S. illumination grenade
- 1 - U. S. trip-flare
- 1 - CHICOM fragmentation grenade
- 3 - Cartridge belts
- 1 - Knife
- 2 - Flashlights
- 1 - Poncho
- Pictures and assorted papers

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091669):

- 1 - Tunnel (destroyed with demolitions)

The following fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of LA BONG (2) and (3) on 20 September 1965:

- 160 - Foxholes filled
- 7 - Caves blown and filled
- 25 - Tunnels blown and filled
- NOTE: 80 houses were also checked

The following fortifications were destroyed by 2ndBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of CAM NE (3), NO NAME Village and YEN NE (4) on 21 Sep 65:

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| 128 - Holes were covered | 90 - Tunnels were covered   |
| 3 - Gates were blown     | 19 - Bunkers were destroyed |

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3800  
222400H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #76, Period ending 222400H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleese with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 221125H, Company B reported that approximately 2½ tons of rice, collected at DONG AP hamlet, coordinates (BT 087671), was transported by Company B to HOA LONG Village headquarters, where it was turned over to the custody of village authorities. This rice cache was reported to USMC by the HOA HAI Village Chief on 21 September, who stated he was apprehensive that the rice would be confiscated by the Viet Cong if adequate security was not provided.

b. At 221447H, a Company D patrol reported receiving automatic small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 050640). The report stated that the patrol returned the fire and contact was broken. The enemy fled, pursued by the patrol, and were observed attempting to cross the SONG VINH DIEN in a small boat, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055639). The report continued that, when the occupants of the boat ignored warnings to halt, the patrol opened fire. The boat succeeded in reaching the far shore but one Viet Cong was killed. When the patrol arrived on the far shore it found the body of a Vietnamese male, approximately 18 years old, dead of gunshot wounds. The report added that the patrol continued the search, but made negative contact, and no weapons, equipment or other material were found. No marine casualties were reported.

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c. At 221330H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a local village authority that the Viet Cong units located in QUANG NAM province will attack an unspecified USMC installation in HOA VANG District and also attack the MCB-9 camp at MY THI hamlet, coordinates (BT 056740), on 23 September. The report added that 23 September is commemorated by the Viet Cong as Southern Resistance Day. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as C-3.

(2) 2ndBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 222040H, Company H reported receiving approximately twelve rounds of small arms fire at coordinates (AT 991656). The report added that 81mm mortar illumination was utilized to locate the enemy position and small arms fire was directed against the suspected position. The enemy fire ceased with no USMC casualties.

(3) Special Report. At 221835H, G-2 reported that on 21 September, 150 Viet Cong, armed with 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars, and automatic weapons, were located at coordinates (AT 990635). The report continued that, on 22 September, this Viet Cong unit displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006607). G-2 did not rate this report.

(4) Viet Cong casualties since 10 July 1965:

KIA	127
VC Captured	28
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects	298

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report received during this reporting period.

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during this reporting period.

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242400H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #78, Period ending 242400H September 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(7) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA WANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON AY mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 241130H, a Company B patrol, engaged in a search for rice caches, reported apprehending eight Viet Cong suspects in the Leprosarium located at coordinates (BT 099664). The HOA HAI Village Chief, who was accompanying the patrol on its mission of looking for unauthorized rice caches, recommended the apprehension of the suspects when they could not provide adequate identification or explanations for their presence in the Leprosarium. An examination of the suspects revealed that five of them had recently received minor wounds; three appeared to have sustained punji stake punctures of the foot, and two had minor flesh wounds, similar to that caused by metal fragments. According to the report, the five wounded suspects provided no information as to the origin of their injuries. The report added that the HOA HAI Village Chief requested that an additional seven persons found in the Leprosarium be transported to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation of minor errors discovered in their identification documents. The eight Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 241110H, Company A reported that four marines were WIA as the result of a grenade detonation in the vicinity of TRA KHE hamlet, coordinates (BT 072680). According to the report, a grenade, (type not yet determined), was affixed to a fence running along the road, with trip wires

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positioned so as to detonate the grenade when a vehicle or personnel were to pass by on the road. The report added that engineers who investigated the explosion discovered an additional grenade (tentatively identified as a concussion grenade - no further identification provided) positioned in the same location. The second grenade was destroyed in place by the Engineers. Additional information will be provided when available.

(2) 2nd Bn, 9th Mar. Completed its move to the DA NANG Airbase this morning. OPCON of the Battalion passed to III MAF at 240906H.

a. At 240052H, Company F reported that the security element positioned at the Railroad Bridge, coordinates (AT 998707), reported observing three men in the rice fields in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000706). The report stated that the area was illuminated by 81mm mortar illumination rounds, and small arms were fired at the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong withdrew without returning the fire and contact was broken. No marine casualties were reported. At 240105H, the security element at the bridge reported again observing personnel in the same area. The area was illuminated and automatic weapons fire was directed against the suspected location of the enemy, with negative results.

(3) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Relieved the 2nd Battalion, occupying the positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR, and assumed responsibility for the security of the FLAG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

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(Insert in proper sequence)

At 241125H, a Company K patrol reported receiving sniper fire from an estimated two Viet Cong who were located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007649). The report stated that at least one VC was armed with an automatic weapon. The patrol returned the fire and the enemy broke contact. One Marine was reported MIA.

many of the more salient positions. The full extent of the trenchline and positions destroyed was not indicated. ~~One Marine was reported MIA.~~ Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 241925H, Company K reported receiving eight rounds of sniper fire from the vicinity of TAN HANH hamlet, coordinates (AT 992658). 81mm mortar illumination rounds were fired to illuminate the area, and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

c. At 242150H, a Company M patrol reported receiving two rounds of what was tentatively identified as 81mm mortar fire, and small arms fire from an estimated two automatic weapons and eight semi-automatic weapons.

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The patrol requested 81mm mortar illumination and directed small arms fire against the suspected enemy positions. The enemy fire ceased without any reported marine casualties. Additional information will be provided when available.

(4) Viet Cong casualties for this reporting period:

KIA	0
VC Captured	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0
VC Suspects	8

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar on 23Sep65:

- 2 - Grenades (Type not identified) destroyed in place at 230830H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 039651). (See paragraph B.(1)a., Intelligence Summary #77).
- 1 - Packet containing personal items (toothbrush, sweater, brown clothing etc.) and a large quantity of notebooks, printed matter, and documents (Vietnamese language). Initial examination of the documents etc. indicated that this material was of VC origin. (See paragraph B.(1)a., Intelligence Summary #77).

The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar on 24Sep65:

- 1 - Grenade (tentatively identified as a concussion grenade - no further identification provided), destroyed in place

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. 3rd Battalion reported destroying positions and trenchlines in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973646) and (AT 977642). (See entry 2.(3)a. of this summary). Specific details as to number of positions and length of trenchline destroyed will be provided when available.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMP (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #79, Period ending 252400H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Flesse with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 250430H, a Company D patrol reported receiving several rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041651). The patrol returned the fire and the enemy broke contact. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area and evacuated to IIT for investigation. No casualties were reported.

b. At 250715H, a Company B patrol reported observing eight armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094656). The report stated that the patrol directed small arms fire against the enemy position and observed two Viet Cong hit by the friendly fire. The Viet Cong, including the two believed wounded, withdrew from the area, pursued by the patrol. The report continued that the Viet Cong eluded capture but the patrol apprehended thirteen Viet Cong Suspects in the area. The report added that one of the Viet Cong Suspects was wounded by the patrol when he sprang from a hiding place upon the approach of the patrol and was shot in the arm at an approximate range of ten feet. The Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation. No marine casualties were reported.

c. At 250753H, Company D reported that an attached tank detonated what was tentatively identified as a booby-trapped 105mm artillery shell at

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coordinates (BT 061648). The report stated that the tank sustained no damage and continued on its way without delay. The report added that a cursory examination conducted later at the site of the explosion revealed a crater whose dimensions and configuration indicated that the device was a 105mm artillery shell detonated in a static position. No marine casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 250302H, a Company D patrol reported observing one armed Viet Cong attempting to cross the SONG VINH DIEN at coordinates (BT 040650). The patrol opened fire and the Viet Cong was killed (body count). One U.S. rifle, caliber .30, M-1, one CHICOM fragmentation grenade (stick-type), and one cartridge belt, were recovered from the body and evacuated to Regiment for examination. No marine casualties were reported.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707).

a. At 250320H, a Company K patrol reported making contact with an estimated two Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985656). The report stated that the patrol received approximately twenty-five rounds of small arms fire from at least one automatic weapon. The patrol reported that the fire was returned and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported as the result of this action. At 250615H, the patrol reported receiving one round of small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994642). The fire was not repeated and the enemy position could not be discerned.

b. At 251040H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 973664). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 251400H, a Company K patrol reported receiving an estimated ten rounds of small arms fire from the direction of HA TAY hamlet, coordinates (BT 003642). The report stated that the patrol returned fire and the enemy broke contact. No marine casualties were reported.

d. At 251800H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from marines providing security at the CAM NE (6) school house (AT 981687), that local villagers stated that two Viet Cong were killed on 24 September as the result of an exchange of fire with the USMC unit positioned in that area. No additional information is available at this time.

e. At 251840H, Company K reported receiving approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire from within LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973655). One marine was WIA and required evacuation. The report added that three Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the area and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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f. At 252130H, a Company K patrol reported observing four persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973655). The patrol first challenged, then fired small arms, when the unidentified persons ignored the challenge and attempted to flee. The report stated the four escaped capture. No casualties were reported as the result of this action.

g. At 252210H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company K pertaining to a patrol conducted 251400H to 251815H. According to the report, the patrol made repeated contact with three armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974662) to (AT 972658). The report stated that the patrol exchanged fire with the Viet Cong and believed to have wounded one Viet Cong. The report added that the Viet Cong eluded capture. No marine casualties were reported. Complete details of this patrol will be provided by the patrol report to be compiled later.

(3) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	131
VC Captured	0	26
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	19	337

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040650):

- 1 - U.S. rifle, caliber .30, M-1
- 1 - Grenade, fragmentation (stick-type)
- 1 - Cartridge belt

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972660) to (AT 974662):

- 10 - Foxholes
- 10 - Tunnels (Length of each tunnel - approximately 20-25 feet)

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #81, Period ending 272400H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- (1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBr, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA HANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOH, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on HON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 270945H, a Company D patrol, with three tanks attached, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065630), where a tank received what was believed to be one 57mm Recoilless round yesterday, reported receiving small arms fire and two fragmentation grenades from a distance of approximately 75 meters. The report stated that this initial attack was followed by a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire directed against the patrol's position. The report added that the patrol returned the fire and observed that the Viet Cong occupied bunker-type positions. The patrol estimated the enemy strength to be approximately 2 Viet Cong. The report continued that the patrol withdrew to the Company Command Post to pick up a Artillery Forward Observer and additional tank support. At 271245H, 30 105mm HE rounds were directed at enemy positions at coordinates (BT 064628). The report stated that the artillery fire was on target, and a bunker, believed to have contained a 57mm Recoilless Rifle and five Viet Cong, was destroyed. The report added that a secondary explosion occurred within the bunker, which may indicate that the bunker was also utilized for ammunition storage. No marine casualties were reported. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in a trench in the vicinity of this engagement and evacuated to IIT for investigation.

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b. At 271025H, Company B reported that an ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 048678) made contact with three Viet Cong. The three Viet Cong were killed, (body count) and one U.S. illumination grenade, equipment and papers were recovered. The report continued that a Vietnamese youth eleven years old was apprehended in the area and evacuated to ITT when interrogation in the field indicated he had knowledge of Viet Cong activities. The report added that the boy stated that nine Viet Cong operated in KHAI TAN Village, three of which were killed by USMC this morning. The boy added that the remaining six Viet Cong had displaced to THI AN Village. This information was relayed to USMC units in this area. No marine casualties were reported as a result of this engagement.

c. At 271100H, the Battalion S-2 reported that four Viet Cong Suspects, apprehended by a Company D patrol on 26 September and retained in the forward areas during the night, were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 271100H, a Company B patrol reported locating anti-helicopter stakes at coordinates (BT 104636), (BT 103642) and (BT 097637). The report continued that the Company B Commander suspects that the Viet Cong have infiltrated into DONG AP Village, coordinates (BT 068673) and have forced the villagers to position mines or booby traps in that area. The report added that the Company Commander's suspicions were primarily based on the patrol report that the villagers were acting unnaturally, and that two detonations were heard in the vicinity of the villages, indicating that the villagers may have been tampering with artillery duds. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 271143H, Company B reported that a patrol apprehended two Viet Cong Suspects at 270945H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060658), and one Viet Cong Suspect at 271100H at coordinates (BT 069676). The three Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 271900H, Company D reported apprehending a female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 061660). The report added that the woman was found in the possession of approximately 300 expended caliber .30 and 7.62mm cartridges. After initial interrogation of the woman in the field, she was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 271900H, Company B reported apprehending eleven Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063625) while conducting a sweep of the area. The report added that Company D received approximately 32 rounds of sniper fire during the conduct of the sweeping operation. No marine casualties were reported. The Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Reg. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. (Late report on 26 September activity). At 262115H, the Company L security squad positioned at the school house in CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 980687), reported receiving approximately 150 rounds of automatic weapons fire from a westerly direction. The report stated that the squad returned the fire and one Viet Cong was observed struck by the marine fire. The report added that the Viet Cong body was not recovered by the marines due to the volume of the Viet Cong fire. 81mm mortars were utilized to illuminate the area and the squad reported observing the Viet Cong dragging the body away. No marine casualties were reported as the result of this action.

b. During the period 262240H through 262315H, the USMC squad at the CAM NE (2) school house reported receiving a total of approximately 400 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from enemy positions to the northeast, north, and northwest. The squad reported returning the fire, and one 3.5 inch HE rocket round was fired into a building from which automatic weapons fire was being received. The building was reported destroyed, and the Viet Cong occupants presumed killed. The report continued that a USMC directional mine (claymore) was detonated and one Viet Cong was observed knocked into a hole. The report added that two 40mm (M-79) rounds were fired into the hole and the Viet Cong was presumed killed, although the body was not recovered. One marine was reported WIA in this engagement.

c. At 270230H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961678) reported observing a boat (estimated length 15 feet) moving north on the SONG XEN (river). The report added that the patrol lost contact before effective action could be initiated.

d. At 270600H, Company I reported that the body of a marine was found approximately 50 yards from his foxhole, at coordinates (AT 992664). According to the report, the marine was apparently killed by a booby trap, possibly a grenade. The report continued that the marine was believed to have been killed at approximately 270410H, when the noise of an artillery mission might have masked the sound of the detonation of the grenade. The report added that the absence of the marine was noticed at 270410H, and a search was conducted, but his body escaped notice until the arrival of daylight. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 270800H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA THAI Village Chief that a Viet Cong platoon had positioned themselves in underground tunnels located approximately 100 meters from the school house in CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 981687). The report continued that a platoon was dispatched to investigate, but made no contact with the enemy. The report added that the patrol did discover documents at that location, which were suspected of being of Viet Cong origin. The documents were evacuated to Regimental S-2, who forwarded them to G-2 for evaluation.

f. At 271100H, Company M reported that a Vietnamese male child (further identification including age not indicated) turned in a M-26 grenade to a Company M marine. The report added that the grenade was destroyed in place. Additional information will be provided when available.

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g. At 271515H, a Company I patrol reported receiving 15 rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 026654). The report added that the patrol returned the fire and the enemy broke contact. The patrol pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but the enemy eluded capture. No casualties were reported as the result of this action.

h. At 271920H, Company M reported that an estimated 50 rounds of small arms fire was received in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975664) and (AT 973663). The report stated that the fire was from 3 or 4 Viet Cong, armed with at least one automatic weapon and two semi-automatic weapons. The report added that approximately 250 rounds of small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy broke contact. A patrol was dispatched to pursue the Viet Cong, but reported negative results. No casualties were reported as a result of this action.

i. At 271930H, Company K reported receiving approximately 30 rounds of automatic rifle and carbine fire in the Company positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992662). The report stated that the fire was not returned because a friendly patrol was operating in the area. The patrol attempted to engage the enemy but failed to make contact. No casualties were reported as a result of this action.

j. At 272000H, Company K reported receiving five rounds of what was believed to be carbine fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 004659). The report added that eight rounds of small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

k. At 272115H, the Company L security unit positioned at the railroad bridge reported observing two red and green star clusters fired in the area. Questioning of friendly units failed to disclose the origin of the pyrotechnics.

l. At 272040H, Company K reported receiving two rounds of small arms sniper fire from the direction of (BT 004659). The report stated that illumination was provided and one Viet Cong was observed. The report continued that one round was fired and the Viet Cong was observed falling as if hit. The area was searched but the body was not located. No marine casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. At 271015H, Division FSCC relayed a report that the Viet Cong have cratered a hole in the Highway No. 1 roadway at coordinates (BT 033640). The report continued that the hole is approximately 15 feet in depth, and 6 feet in diameter. The report added that it appeared that the hole did not completely obstruct the highway, and vehicular traffic was able to detour around the hole.

a. At 272400H, G-2 relayed a report from an Aerial Observer that, at 271545H, approximately 200 personnel, with banners, were observed moving in a westerly direction at coordinates (AT 998553), 200 personnel were observed

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stationary in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011565), and 250 personnel were observed moving east along the trail, coordinates (AT 992553). The report added that tomorrow (28 September) is a Viet Cong holiday. No additional information was provided.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	3	134
VC Captured	0	28
VC Captured (VIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	21	372

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043678). (See paragraph 2.B.(1)b. this Intelligence Summary.)

- 1 - U.S. illumination grenade
- 2 - Belts, cartridge
- 1 - Flashlight
- 1 - Pouch
- 1 - Cigarette lighter
- 1 - Utility cover
- Assorted notebooks with Vietnamese writing

The following equipment was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963688). (See paragraph 2.B.(2)f. this Intelligence Summary.)

- 1 - Grenade, M-24

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 100 - meters of covered trench (Vicinity(AT 967648) to (AT 967671))
- 20 - Shelters, covered
- 5 - Foxholes
- 3 - Gates (booby trapped)
- 23 - Holes, covered (Vicinity (AT 977648) to (AT 978643))
- 180 - Feet of covered trenches
- 7 - Man traps
- 17 - Foot traps with steel punji stakes
- 75 - Bamboo anti-helicopter stakes were removed (Vicinity (AT 977648))
- 1 - Tunnel, Approximately 15' in length (covered) (Vicinity (AT 977687))

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #82, Period ending 282400H September 1965.
2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 280430H, a Company D ambush element positioned in the vicinity of THI AN village, coordinates (BT 033675), reported contacting three Viet Cong. The Marines opened fire, killing two Viet Cong (body count), and capturing one Viet Cong. The report stated that one cartridge belt, and one CHICOM stick-type fragmentation grenade, was recovered from the bodies. No Marine casualties were reported. The report continued that enroute back to the Command Post, the ambush unit apprehended two suspects who were hiding in a house in close proximity to the ambush site. The Viet Cong and the two Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. The Battalion S-2 commented that the Company D ambush element was one of three such units positioned in the vicinity of THI AN village, in response to information provided by a Vietnamese youth who was apprehended 27 September, (see 271025H entry, Intelligence Summary #81).

b. At 280900H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 688697). The report stated that the suspect, who was found hiding in a hole, refused to emerge when directed by the patrol. The suspect sustained a slight wound in his arm when a patrol member was forced to prod him with a bayonet to extract him from the hole. The report added that a second Vietnamese male, found inside the house, was also apprehended, but was

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released when the HOA HAI Village Chief identified him. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 280830H, a Company B patrol, operating in the vicinity of HA QUANG village, coordinates (BT 103649), reported making contact with four Viet Cong, armed with at least one rifle and grenades. The report stated that when the patrol directed small arms fire against these four Viet Cong, fire was received from an additional two Viet Cong who appeared approximately 300 meters to the south of the patrol's position. In the ensuing fire-fight, three Viet Cong were killed, (body count), and two additional Viet Cong were believed wounded. The report added that a weapon, tentatively identified as a CHICOM Model 53, caliber 7.62mm carbine, was captured. Two Marines were WIA.

d. At 281125H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069642) made contact with two armed Viet Cong. The patrol and Viet Cong exchanged fire, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Viet Cong fled and were pursued by the patrol, but in the vicinity of the SONG VIEN DIEM (river), coordinates (BT 053645), the patrol lost contact. The report added that the patrol continued to receive sporadic sniper fire from the direction of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059643), but the enemy position could not be discerned. No casualties were reported.

e. At 281648H, 3d Platoon Company B reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of the platoon Command Post, coordinates (BT 072672). The suspects were apprehended shortly after the Command Post and an attached LWT had received several rounds of sniper fire. The Viet Cong suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. No casualties were reported.

f. At 281735H, the Battalion S-3 reported that two helicopters resupplying Company A received small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 055715). The report stated that one helicopter sustained damage and made an emergency landing at DA NANG Airbase. The report added that a platoon was dispatched to search out the reported location of the sniper, but made negative contact. No additional information is available.

g. At 281500H, Company C reported that three wounded civilians, one woman and two children, were carried to the USMC position at the bridge, coordinates (BT 075710), by an unspecified number of Vietnamese. The report stated that the Vietnamese requested that the wounded be provided medical attention, and helicopter evacuation to an ARVN hospital was arranged. The Battalion S-3 commented that there were several possibilities as to the origin of the injuries. Firstly, for the past three days, Company B has heard explosions in the area south of MIEU DONG complex, coordinates (BT 0268). It is possible that the Viet Cong may be forcing the villagers to recover dud artillery shells in that area. Secondly, the Viet Cong may be firing 81mm mortar rounds into the area at the same time friendly H and I fires are in progress, so as to cause the villagers to attribute the damage and injuries caused by the 81mm mortar to the USMC artillery fires which were directed against military targets far to the south. Thirdly, the injuries may have been accidental, as the result of the villagers themselves tampering with dud artillery shells; and, fourth,

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the injuries could have been sustained in an area where USMC H and I fires have been directed, such as in the vicinity of CAM SA village, coordinates (BT 095640). No additional information is available at this time.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOB and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DON (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 270005H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974675), reported receiving approximately twenty five rounds of small arms fire from the patrol's right and left flanks simultaneously. The report stated that the patrol returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report added that eight to ten Viet Cong, armed with at least one automatic weapon as well as rifles, were engaged. No casualties were reported.

b. At 280045H, a Company L patrol preparing to move into a pre-planned ambush position at coordinates (AT 987708), made contact with an estimated twenty five Viet Cong. The report stated that the point element of the patrol received fire from the Viet Cong, and the patrol returned the fire with small arms. The report added that the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

c. At 280130H, Company L reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of sniper fire from at least two Viet Cong, from the direction of coordinates (AT 987680). 81mm mortar illumination was utilized, and two rounds of 81mm HE and small arms fire was directed against the enemy position, and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 280135H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033658) reported receiving approximately ten rounds of small arms sniper fire from an estimated three Viet Cong in an adjacent treeline. The report stated that the patrol returned the fire and one Viet Cong was observed hit. The report continued that the Viet Cong were observed dragging off the body of the casualty as they withdrew from their positions. The report added that the patrol pursued the Viet Cong but lost contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 280710H, Company M reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 975665). The suspect was observed urging the other villagers not to talk with the Marines, and an examination revealed she lacked sufficient identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 280910H, Company K reported that a ten year old Vietnamese youth was apprehended for suspicion of stealing two grenades from a foxhole

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of a sleeping Marine. The youth was evacuated to ITT for investigation. No additional information is available.

g. At 280945H, Company L reported apprehending a Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 014685). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation when a spot check revealed he lacked a valid identification card.

h. At 281445H, the Company L security element at the bridge, coordinates (AT 995705), reported observing two Vietnamese males in a ten foot long wooden boat who appeared to be trying to evade a Marine patrol searching the area. The report stated that the suspects were ducking in and out of the tree-line on the banks of the SONG CAU DO (river). The report continued that after the suspects were apprehended, an ARVN sentry at the bridge stated he observed them throw a carbine and white bag into the river just prior to apprehension. The report added that several attempts were made to retrieve the weapon and bag, with negative results. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

i. At 281210H, a Company M four-man scout-sniper team reconnoitering the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet for possible sites to employ a sniper scope, reported they received fire from an estimated twenty Viet Cong deployed in positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965647), (AT 969649), and (AT 974647). The report stated that a squad dispatched to provide security for the scout sniper team also received fire and was unable to suppress the enemy fire. The report continued that a platoon was dispatched to assist the beleaguered Marines, and engaged the Viet Cong continuously for approximately one hour. Three Marines were WIA. The report stated that the Marines were ordered to break contact so as to allow the employment of 81mm mortar fires. Thirty nine rounds of 81mm mortar HE were fired on the Viet Cong positions and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that a subsequent search of the area revealed traces of blood in a building located at coordinates (AT 975646). The report added that during the engagement, one Viet Cong was killed when he was shot and fell approximately thirty feet from his post in a tree. At least three other Viet Cong were believed wounded, but no bodies were recovered.

j. At 281940H, Company L reported that ARVN security personnel stationed at the south end of the bridge, coordinates (AT 998706), fired at a group of six to eight persons who they observed approaching the bridge from the south. The report stated that the ARVN personnel, and members of the Company L bridge security squad, were then taken under fire by an estimated thirty Viet Cong, deployed approximately 150-200 meters to the east, south and west of the south end of the bridge. The report continued that the Marine and ARVN personnel returned the fire with small arms, 3.5 inch rockets and 60mm mortar fire. The fire-fight continued for approximately five minutes before the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that several bodies were observed approximately 200 meters from the south end of the bridge, and a search party was dispatched to investigate. The report stated that before the bodies could be examined, the search party received a heavy volume of small arms fire, forcing withdrawal. Subsequent attempts to penetrate the Viet Cong positions were also

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repulsed by the volume of Viet Cong fire. Sporadic firing was still in progress at the termination of this reporting period. No Marine casualties were reported.

k. At 282145H, Company L reported observing what appeared to be a Viet Cong dragging a possible Viet Cong casualty in the vicinity of the CAM NE school house, coordinates (AT 982687). The report continued that when Marines were dispatched to intercept the two Viet Cong, they received small arms fire, and the Viet Cong eluded capture. The enemy fire ceased, and no further contact was made. No casualties were reported.

(3) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	6	140
VC Captured	1	29
VC Captured (MIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	12	384

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of (BT 103649):

- 1 - CHIGOM Messin-Nagant M55 7.62mm carbine
- 1 - CHIGOM fragmentation grenade (BT 033675)
- 1 - Cartridge belt (BT 033675)
- 1 - Pencho
- 2 - Identification cards
- Assorted papers

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following positions were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Tunnel (Approximately 48' in length)(AT 993673-AT 995672)
- 1 - Bunker (Vicinity coordinates (AT 977688))
- 6 - Spider holes (Vicinity coordinates (AT 977688))

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292400H SEP 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #83, Period ending 292400H September 1965.
2. Summary of Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No Change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA LANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708). The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece with aggressive patrolling and the maintenance of security elements at locations to protect the elements of the population harvesting the rice crop.

a. At 290930H, Company D reported apprehending three VCS at coordinates (BT 062648). The report stated that one of the suspects was apprehended observing engineers engaged in replacing safety wires in trip flares. The other two suspects were apprehended because of their unexplained presence in an area which was the site of sniper firing on 28 September. The three suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 291605H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of VIEH DONG coordinates (BT 097659), reported locating several bush traps and nail punji in the area, which appeared to be freshly installed. The report added that the punji and bush traps were destroyed.

(2) 3rd Bn. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 908733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. At 290035H, Company K reported receiving one round of small arms sniper fire coordinates (AT 974654). The report stated that the fire came from the direction of coordinates (AT 974656). The report added that approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire were directed against the suspected enemy position and the sniper fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

b. At 290700H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of AN TRACH-LE SON, coordinates (AT 968650), reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 969648). The report stated that small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The patrol reported that the area was searched with negative results.

c. At 290840H, this patrol reported discovering a cache containing an estimated 700 pounds of rice at coordinates (AT 969645). The report continued that, while destroying the rice by fire, the patrol detonated a booby trap, which wounded one Marine. The report stated that the booby trap was probably a grenade positioned in the rice to explode when disturbed. No additional information is available regarding this incident.

d. At 291000H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending three VCS in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 023643). The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 291130H, the patrol reported receiving one round of sniper fire at coordinates (AT 969649). The enemy location could not be determined, and the fire was not repeated.

f. At 291145H, the patrol reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from VC positioned in five buildings located at coordinates (AT 969649). The report stated that two additional squads were dispatched to reinforce the patrol, and the reinforcements were taken under fire by an estimated eight VC positioned in LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975645). A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed against the enemy position, and the VC withdrew to a position at coordinates (AT 967637). The report continued that 3.5 inch rocket fire and 81mm mortar HE was then directed against the VC positions. The report added that four VC were killed (body count) and several more probably killed or wounded. The VC withdrew and the patrol was unable to regain contact.

g. At 291145H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000700), reported receiving an estimated ten rounds of small arms fire from the direction of PHONG LE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 9969). The report stated that when searching the area for the VC, the patrol discovered six vials of medicine.

h. At 291350H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of LA THU BAC (1) hamlet, reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from the railroad embankment, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995630). One Marine was KIA, and two Marines WIA.

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The report stated that an AO operating in the Regimental TAOR was requested to assist, and reported observing twelve VC at coordinates (AT 994630). The report continued that the AO directed sixty rounds of 105mm HE on the target, and reported that the VC group had sustained casualties and were dispersed. The report stated that reinforcements were dispatched to assist the patrol and at 291625H, an air strike was directed against enemy positions at coordinates (AT 993630). The report continued that the target area was well covered and four buildings from which small arms fire had been received were extensively damaged and burning. The report added that, at 291735H, an additional twelve rounds of 105mm HE were directed against the target. The report stated that the VC fire ceased and the Marines swept the area with negative contact.

1. At 292115H, a Company L patrol reported receiving six rounds of small arms fire from two VC at a range of twenty yards at coordinates (AT 981687). The report stated that the patrol returned the fire with approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire and two fragmentation grenades and the VC broke contact. No casualties were reported.

3. Special Reports. At 291905H, HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an agent (further identification not provided), that a VC guerilla platoon, commanded by one NGUYEN CHAT, and armed with one automatic rifle, seven sub-machine guns, one K-50, and normal arms is reorganizing in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971658), and LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 977675). HOA VANG District Headquarters rated this report as C-3.

A. At 292150H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent (further identification not provided) that one U.S. military man (further identification not provided) was captured by a VC company at DUC KY (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978616). The report continued that two VC companies are located at coordinates (BT 065630), and one VC company is located at coordinates (BT 115635). G-2 rated this report as D-1.

4. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	4	144
VC Captured	0	29
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	6	390

5. Destroyed and captured enemy material.

6 - Vials of medicine

6. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - Tunnel (Approximately 41' in length) (Vic AT 977687)

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- 1 -Tunnel (approximately 50' in length)(vic AT 968649)
  - 1 -Spider Hole, coordinates (AT 968649)
- Several punji and bush traps

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)

1. Intelligence Summary #85, Period ending 012400H October 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on AON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708)

a. At 010215H, Company D reported that the AN/TPS-21 in position at the water point, coordinates (BT 701071) made contact with three targets at a range of one hundred yards, moving down the right side of the road toward the water point. The report stated that 81mm mortar illumination was requested, and three men were observed moving into the treeline approximately 360 meters from the bridge at an azimuth of 146 degrees. The report added that eleven rounds of small arms fire was directed at the men, with no observed casualties.

b. At 010730H, Company B reported that a 2d Platoon ambush element, positioned at coordinates (BT 118634), observed an undetermined number of armed Viet Cong displacing out of HA BANG village. The report stated that the ambush element directed small arms fire against the Viet Cong resulting in four Viet Cong KIA. (body count). One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the village and evacuated to ITT for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported as the result of this action.

The report continued that a Company B patrol operating in the area was dispatched to assist in this engagement and made contact with an estimated two Viet Cong companies positioned in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 1163) and (BT 1064). The report stated that one of the Viet Cong companies was believed to be a "hard corps" (main force) unit, as the members were equipped with helmets (type not indicated), cartridge belts, and packs. The report stated that this company was armed with four or five automatic

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weapons in addition to normal arms (rifles and carbines). The report added that the other Viet Cong unit was believed to have been composed of local guerrilla forces. The report stated that, in the ensuing firefight, at least three Viet Cong were observed hit, and were probably wounded although they escaped capture. One Marine was WIA and required evacuation. The report added that the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew, with the Marines pursuing by fire. (See paragraph 2.C. for list of enemy equipment destroyed or captured as the result of this engagement).

c. At 011400H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of KHAI TAY (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 048671) reported killing one Viet Cong, (body count) and apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the patrol attempted to interrogate the Viet Cong who was observed digging a hole, but the man attempted to flee. The report continued that the patrol shot the fleeing man when he ignored warnings to halt. The report added that a five gallon water can was discovered in the hole the dead Viet Cong was excavating. (See paragraph 2.C. for a list of material contained in the water can). The report added that the Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended by the patrol in the same area and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 011410H, a Company C patrol reported detonating a booby trapped fragmentation grenade positioned on a gate at coordinates (BT 054644), resulting in three Marines WIA.

e. At 012100H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that one Viet Cong Main Force Company and one guerrilla company, previously reported as located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0366) and (BT 0367), and one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, previously reported located in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0564), (See 211240H entry, Summary #75), have, in the preceding two days, displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 1165) and (BT 1163). The report added that the mission of these Viet Cong units was not known. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as B-3.

f. The Battalion S-2 also reported that twenty guerrillas displaced to the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0768), at dusk on 30 September. This report stated that the guerrilla unit was armed with sixteen rifles and four K-50 submachine guns. The report added that this Viet Cong group notified the villagers that people living in areas north of grid line 67 must sell their rice and pay the Viet Cong taxes in money. This report was rated B-2. (S-2 comment: To exact payment of Viet Cong taxes in cash in lieu of the customary levy of rice is a logical result of the combined USMC/ARVN operations designed to effect stringent control of rice shipments. It is one indication that the operations have not been without some measure of success.)

The Battalion S-2 also reported that a Main Force platoon, augmented by approximately forty local guerrillas, have displaced to the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0471) and (BT 0571). The report continued with the exception of one 60mm mortar which this unit is known to possess, that, the number and types of other weapons with which they are armed is not known. This report is rated as B-2.

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(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TACR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man check-point on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 010100H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of VIEM TAY (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 033646), reported making contact with an estimated six Viet Cong armed with three automatic weapons and three rifles. The report stated that, as the patrol deployed to engage this Viet Cong force, it received fire from an additional four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 034640). The report continued that the patrol returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that a hasty search of the area was conducted which failed to indicate enemy casualties. The report added that, prior to the enemy withdrawal, drums were heard, which ceased as the enemy withdrew. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 010230H, a Company M patrol reported receiving approximately ten rounds of fire from an estimated two semi-automatic and one automatic weapons from the direction of (AT 962654). The report stated that the patrol did not return the fire and no casualties were sustained.

c. At 010940H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962647), reported observing three rounds of sniper fire fired at a helicopter from inside the hamlet. No casualties or damage to the helicopter was reported.

d. At 011225H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 982683). The report stated that the suspect attracted the attention of the patrol by his extreme nervousness and an examination revealed he lacked an identification card. The report added that the suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 011230H, Company K reported apprehending a Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 963647). The report stated that the suspect was discovered observing USMC operations in the area from a concealed position in a trench. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

f. At 011415H, the Battalion S-2 reported that the CO, 3rd Battalion, and a reconnaissance party of fourteen men operating in the vicinity of the railroad bridge, coordinates (AT 991642), detonated a mine on the railroad embankment on the north side of the bridge. The report stated that the Battalion CO was KIA. The report continued that, as a covering force was withdrawing from the south side of the bridge, another mine was detonated, resulting in another Marine KIA. The report stated that sniper fire was then received from the east and west side of the railroad bridge, which was suppressed by the fires of a HU-1E, directed to the site to assist. The report added that it was estimated that the mines

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were more than one pound of TNT in size, and were detonated by a mechanical (pressure type) fuze assembly.

g. At 012030H, Company I reported receiving an estimated sixty rounds of small arms fire from three automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 018657), (BT 018658) and (BT 015653). The report stated that machine gun and 3.5 inch rocket fire was directed against the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 012227H, the 3rd Battalion Command Post (rear) reported receiving one fragmentation grenade and three rounds of small arms (carbine) fire from an estimated two Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 911722). The report stated that the fire was returned and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

i. At 012241H, the Company L squad providing security at the school house, coordinates (AT 981687), reported receiving approximately twenty five rounds of small arms fire. The report stated that illumination was provided and the Marines returned the fire, and the enemy fire ceased. The report added that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if hit, but his body was not recovered. No Marine casualties were reported.

(3) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	5	149
VC Captured	0	30
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	4	399

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 118634):

- 1 - Chinese 7.62mm carbine
- 3 - CHICOM fragmentation grenades (one was constructed of clay)
- 1 - Cartridge belt
- 1 - Poncho

The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018671):

- 1 - Cartridge belt with canteen
- 3 - Shirts and trousers (grey and black in color)
- 1 - Poncho (ARVN)
- Comm wire
- Medical supplies
- Assorted papers, pictures and two notebooks

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D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 1st Bn, 9th Mar in the vicinity of coord. 12000 (BT 654644):

1 - Gate (booby trapped)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION. Within the 9th Marines BAOB we have access to a number of agencies from which information of military intelligence value can be derived. To maximize the effectiveness of our information gathering and intelligence processing efforts, it is essential that all personnel concerned are aware of and employ as appropriate the following agencies:

1. Company S-2 Advisor  
III AF S-2  
2nd Infantry S-2  
9th Marines S-2  
MOA WFO District Liaison  
1. Company INTELM  
III AF INTELM  
9th Marines INTELM  
USMA units  
ARVN/US/TF units

Aerial Observers (Aircraft)  
Aerial Observer Mission Reports  
IIC Prisoner Interrogation Reports  
SOA VAO District Police Chief  
Village and Hamlet Chiefs  
Observation Posts  
Hospitalization (from enemy villages)

INTERPRETING. Help is on the way. The Regiment currently has 8 qualified and 12 interpreter sergeants. This entirely inadequate number is used on a rotating basis at each battalion as required. Accordingly we must shift interpretations.

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between battalions for maximum effectiveness until such time as additional interpreters are provided from Division resources. A note of caution -- the interpreters are sergeants and should be accorded the same privileges as our own Marine sergeants. Additionally, only ARVN military commanders can grant leave to these interpreters. Instructions concerning leave and other information regarding interpreters are contained in CG, 3d MarDiv ltr 2/CTW/rjs of 3Sep65.

SPAR's. Special Agent Reports are considered especially reliable by the III MAF and 3d Marine Division G-2 Sections. Accordingly these reports will be given appropriate value when received. Normally these reports will be furnished to the Regiment from higher echelons.

USE OF AIR OBSERVERS. Division Air Observers in O-1, HU-1E and H-34 aircraft are available on a scheduled and emergency basis. Currently the dawn and dusk patrols are scheduled beginning at 0630 and 1700 respectively. The aircraft for these missions will be contacted on the DAO (Division Air Observation) Net. The Regiment will monitor the DAO net and request missions as appropriate. Each Battalion will enter the DAO Net at 0630 and 1700 daily and request at least two missions per flight unless priorities dictate otherwise. In no case will the air observer be requested to orbit and not be given a mission. Aircraft availability and the number of commitments require that effective use be made of our air observation facilities. In order to accomplish this, battalions should determine, in advance, the missions they wish the air observers to accomplish. Spot missions are necessary as required; however, to preclude "boring holes in the sky", pre-planned missions should be available. Emergency requests for aerial observation will normally be requested from the Regimental Headquarters which in turn will contact the Division Air Officer. Aircraft are usually available for emergency aerial observation missions on 15-minute notice, but such emergency requests must be justifiable.

RADIO AND TELEPHONE SECURITY. U. S. communications monitoring agencies in the area report flagrant security violations by USMC units within the Hus-Phu Bai and Da Nang enclaves. Enough information has been obtained through monitoring of our communications facilities to derive near complete order of battle, disclose our plans, locate our command posts and otherwise disclose classified military information to the enemy. It is absolutely imperative that every Marine practice the strictest communications security. A possible incentive for lax personnel is the fact that violators will be reported and subject to disciplinary action. A useful technique is to attach a card to each radio and telephone warning the user not to discuss classified information.

PHYSICAL SECURITY AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. Although it has become obvious that the Viet Cong use civilians extensively to obtain information of friendly dispositions and movements, it is equally obvious that marines are assisting the enemy in their purpose by allowing civilians to congregate in close proximity to installations, positions, vehicles and personnel. The inherent danger of allowing such practices to continue is clear. Most Vietnamese children because of their small stature appear younger than they are. Marines who allow harmless children to approach may in fact be under the observation of or be the target of 13-15 year old VC reporters or terrorists. In a recently reported incident in the Da Nang area a 15 year old terrorist accidentally blew himself apart when a grenade



he attempted to throw into a passing Marine Corps vehicle detonated in his hands. The implications are clear - keep the civilians at a distance. In this connection the HOA VANG District Chief has stated that civilians are prohibited from approaching closer than 300 meters from military installations and positions unless on authorized business.

PQNs. Recently actions have occurred during which captured VC and VCS have been treated contrary to the Rules of Land Warfare (FM 27-10) and instructions contained in FM 19-40 (Handling Prisoners of War). Force Bulletin 1060 of 31 August 1965 clearly sets forth policy guidance for the treatment of captured personnel. It is essential that all Marines be indoctrinated in the proper procedures for the handling of captured personnel in order to prevent embarrassment to the Corps and the creation of potential propaganda themes for the enemy.

SOUVENIR WEAPONS. The retention of Viet Cong weapons by Marines who capture them is recognized as a morale factor and an incentive for other Marines to exert the greatest possible effort against the enemy. Present regulations pertaining to the retention of captured weapons as souvenirs are contained in Force Order 3801.1 of 20 July 1965 and MACV Directive 210-5. The Force Order will shortly be revised. Current verbal instructions from the 3d Marine Division G-2 permit the rapid return to the capturing battalion of captured weapons (with the exception of U. S. manufactured weapons and weapons capable of discharging more than one round with a single continuous pull of the trigger i.e. K-50 Chicom Sub-machinegun). In effect, this means that the Regimental S-2, upon receiving a properly tagged, captured weapon, will take it to the 3d Marine Division G-2 Section for logging and return it to the capturing battalion armory for safe-keeping until the individual Marine who captured the weapon is transferred out of the RVN.

PIASTERS FOR REWARDS. The III MAF G-2 has recently made available 5,000 Piasters to the 9th Marines for use as rewards in obtaining information of military value from civilians. The Rules of the Game are simple --

The \$'s are to be made available down to the Platoon Leader level and may be disbursed in small amounts (20-50\$'s) as an immediate reward for valuable information given by civilians.

Piasters are a suitable reward for such information as disclosure of pending VC ambushes, locations and actual detection of a mine or booby trap, location and capture of a wounded Viet Cong, location and capture of a weapon or munitions cache.

Rewards will not be used for the following purposes -- payments to hamlet, village or district officials, retrieval of individual Viet Cong weapons, establishment of an informer network.

It is essential that the Piasters made available are expended for the purposes intended in order to justify obtaining additional monies. All Marines directly concerned are encouraged to make every effort to expend the funds available prior to 24 September. Battalion S-2's will maintain a record of monies expended

setting forth date, amount, unit and information obtained. Use these Piasters wisely -- the information they buy may save marine lives.

SURVEILLANCE DEVICES. Three types of electronic surveillance devices are currently available to the Regiment. They are the Special Type Ground Portable Radar (AN/TPS-21), the Seismic Intrusion Device (SID-150) and the Weapon Sight Infra-red (Sniperscope). These equipments lend themselves well to operations in the counterinsurgency atmosphere. The potential uses of these devices are limited only by the ingenuity and initiative of the user. Two recognized problems however, have been the extended periods of non-availability due to a shortage of repair parts and the limited availability of trained operators. Concerning the first problem area, parts are becoming available at the Electronics Repair Section, FLSG for the repair of those devices which are turned in as unserviceable. As for the lack of trained personnel, it is incumbent upon each battalion to train operators ~~from~~ within their own resources in order to maintain the capability to effectively employ the surveillance devices in support of our operations. These devices are not a panacea, but when properly and imaginatively used can materially assist the commander in the accomplishment of his mission.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION. Although the Regimental S-2 has published EEI's through the media of Frag Orders and the Intelligence Annex to Regimental Operation Orders, to date none of the questions posed by the EEI's have been answered by the battalions. The importance of frequent review of the announced EEI's and the prompt reporting of answers to them is obvious. We do ourselves a disservice by dragging our feet in this matter. Battalion Intelligence Officers are encouraged to closely monitor unit operations in order to promptly and accurately respond to announced EEI's.

NEW DA NANG AND VICINITY PROTOTYPE MAP 1:25,000. Each battalion has recently been issued 33 copies of this new map sheet. The first of a series of sheets which will provide coverage for each enclave, the prototype map combines desirable features of both an aerial photograph and a topographic map. Production of the adjacent sheet to the east (SON THUY AP 6659 II) has been requested and will be furnished when available. In the meanwhile, units whose areas of operations are included within the currently available sheet are requested to use it as applicable in amplification of the 1:50,000 map sheets. No supporting arms missions are to be conducted on the basis of the prototype map until further notice.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE  
PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS (6)

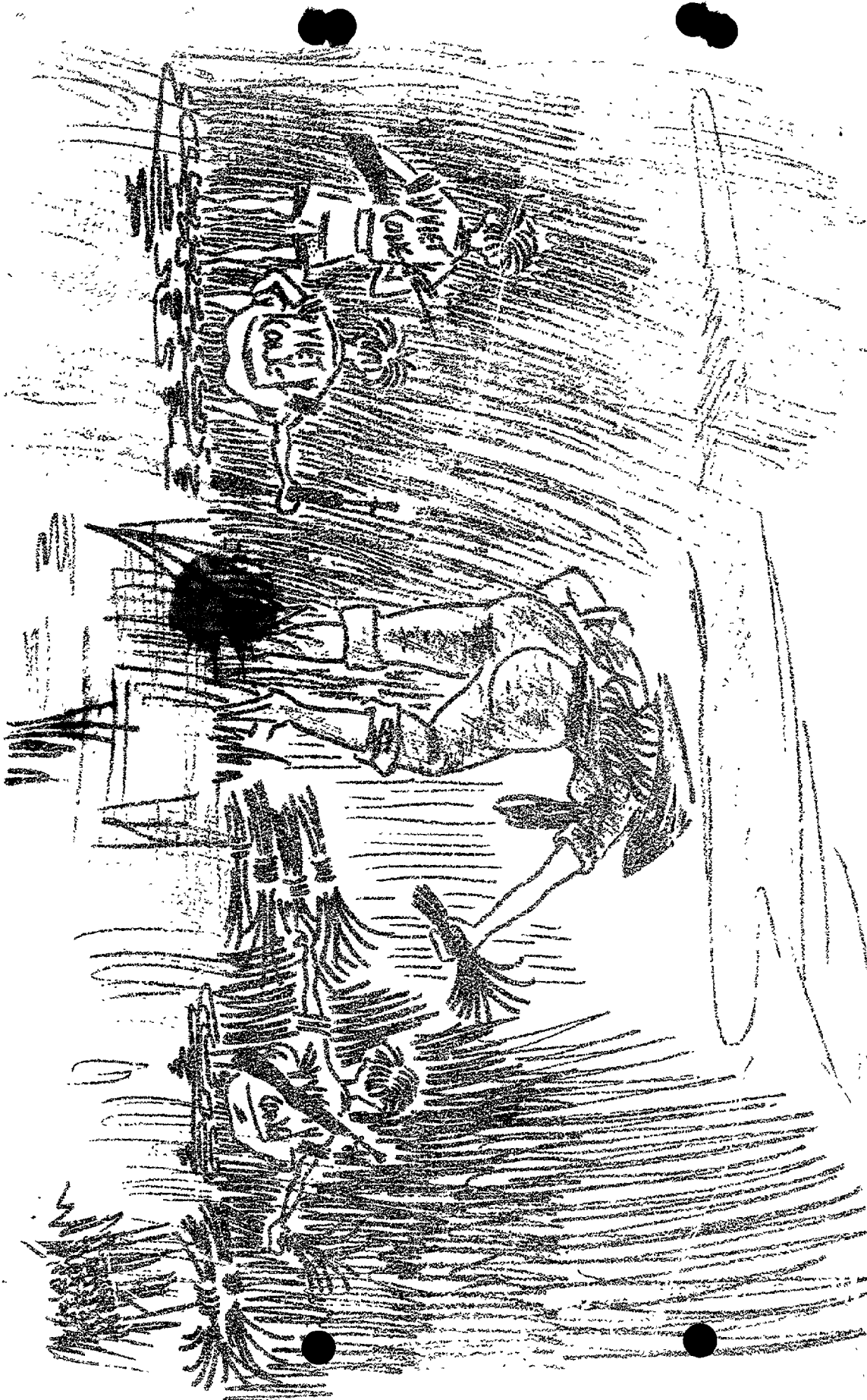
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**CÁC THÔN XÓM CỦA CÁC BẠN ĐANG HOÀN TOÀN BỊ BAO VÂY BỞI CÁC LỰC-LƯỢNG VIỆT-NAM VÀ HOA-KỲ SẮP SỬA TIẾN QUÂN ĐỂ TIÊU-DIỆT NHỮNG TÊN VIỆT-CỘNG ĐANG ÁP-BỨC VÀ LÀM NGUY-HẠI CÁC BẠN VÀ GIA-ĐÌNH CÁC BẠN. ĐỂ BẢO-VỆ CHO CÁC BẠN KHỎI NGUY-HIỂM TRONG CUỘC HÀNH-QUÂN NÀY, CHÚNG TÔI KÊU GỌI CÁC BẠN MAU LÀM THEO CÁC CHỈ-THỊ DO PHI-CƠ PHÒNG-THANH. CHÚNG TÔI SẼ CUNG CẤP THỰC-PHẨM VÀ THUỐC-MEN TRONG THỜI-GIAN CUỘC HÀNH-QUÂN DIỄN-TIẾN, CHO NHỮNG NGƯỜI MUỐN CHÚNG TÔI GIÚP ĐỠ. ĐỂ BẢO TOÀN SINH-MANG CỦA CHÍNH CÁC BẠN, XIN CÁC BẠN HỢP-TÁC VỚI CHÚNG TÔI. CẦN PHẢI HÀNH-ĐỘNG NGAY VÌ CUỘC HÀNH-QUÂN SẼ KHAI DIỄN TRONG CHỐC LÁT.**

TAB-10

HỘI CÁC NÔNG DÂN Ở MIỀN NAM! CÁC BẠN MAU THỨC TỈNH! BOM V.C HÈM NHẤT KHÔNG CÓ QUÂN ĐỘI CHÁNH-THỨC. CHẶNG SỰ LÃ BỌN CÚ ỐP CÓ VỠ TRÁI, CHUYỀN CƯỚP CÒM GAO CỦA ĐÀN BÀ YẾU ĐUỐI VÀ CỦA TRẺ CON DẠI KHỦ.

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A letter from a Viet Cong soldier who surrendered at CHU LAI during operation STARLIGHT. He writes to his brothers about the horrors of the war and tells them not to join the Viet Cong

Trần Ngã  
Hôm thư 6005  
Trường Giang

Kính gửi Mẹ

Bà Nguyễn - Thị - Lành  
ấp Bình Hòa  
Xã Bình Thái

Nam Phần

Thưa Mẹ,

Chúng con bị tấn công ở Chu Lai ngày 18-8. Chúng dùng trực thăng và tấn công để đổ bộ bao vây chúng con. Mấy bạn con cố gắng thoát bằng thuyền nhưng đều bị tiêu diệt. Máy bay và trọng pháo bắn quá trời. Không làm sao mà chống cự nổi. Dưới bộ binh tiến thật nhanh với một hỏa lực khủng khiếp.

Con may mắn dưới một hố sâu nên thoát chết. Chúng con bị đói khát và kiệt lực. Bốn ngày không một hạt cơm và ba ngày không ngủ. Mẹ khuyên tại con còn đứng để chờ bọn Việt Cộng dụ dỗ chiến đấu lâu lâu. Mặt trời sau này sẽ vô cùng khủng khiếp. Ở Chu Lai chỉ trong hai ngày đầu mà đã có 600 bạn đồng ngũ bị tử trận. Chúng con tin rằng chính phủ miền Nam sẽ chiến thắng trong giai này.

Con của Mẹ  
Trần Ngã

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE VIET CONG TODAY?  
HOW MANY BARE CON CO THAY V.C. KHÔNG?

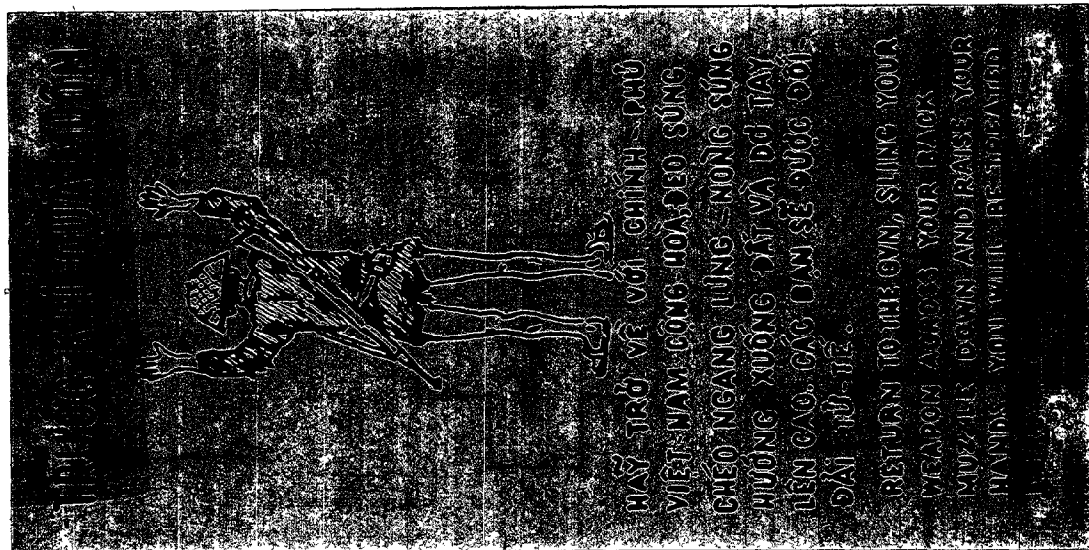
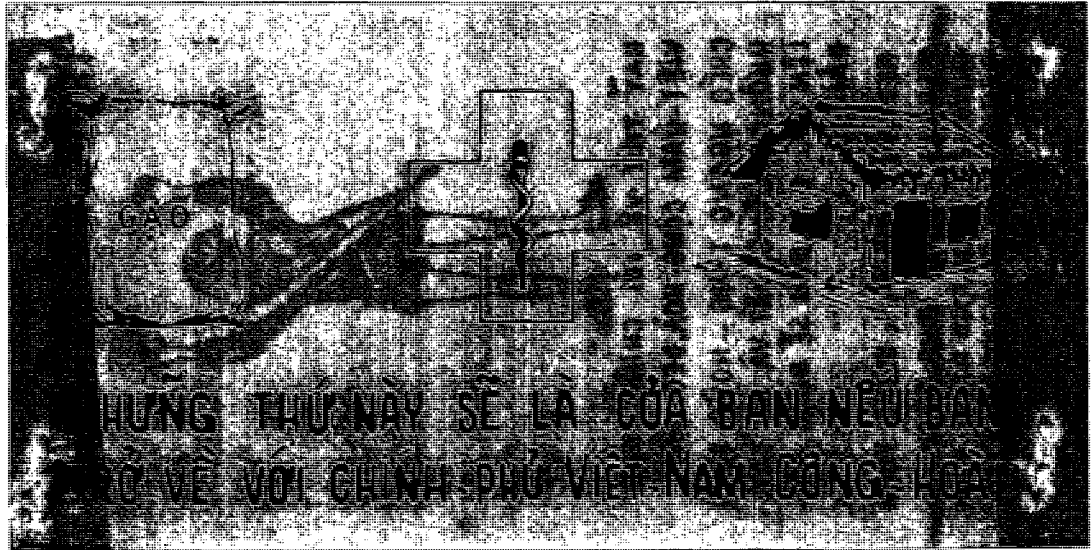
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LĂNG VIỆT - CÔNG.

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CỐ AN - NINH THÔN - XÓM.

CÁC BẠN NÀY CHỈ MẶT NHỮNG  
TÊN VIỆT - CÔNG TÀN ÁC ĐANG CÒN LẶN  
QUẤT TRONG LĂNG MẠC CÁC BẠN.

VIỆT CÔNG Ở ĐÂU?  
WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

VIỆT CÔNG CÓ BAO NHIÊU NGƯỜI? 10, 25...  
HOW MANY MEN? 10, 25, 50, 100, 150, 200?



If you surrender you will be treated fairly and given aid.



This leaflet is dropped before an operation to tell the civilians to move to the civilian collection point for their own safety.

## DEAR COUNTRYMEN,

Having encountered several heavy defeats everywhere, as a consequence the VC in SVN are now resorting to sabotaging our rear areas with the view of saving in some extent their lost prestige.

In order to protect our people's lives and properties from being damaged by the Communist rebels, the Government of Vietnam has proclaimed a Curfew Order in several areas.

Dear Countrymen,

During the curfew hours, **do not leave your home**, except for emergency cases such as bringing someone to hospital or maternity, or reporting to the government authorities.

**If you must go out in the curfew hours, you must bring along a lamp and must stop at any challenge of the security personnel. Do not get panic stricken or you may be suspected as a dishonest person and be in danger.**

**If you don't have any business, do not loiter near the military structures, mostly the stations of the friendly armies, for you may be misunderstood, especially because of difference of languages.**

The purpose of the arrival of the friendly troops is to assist us to fight against the communist aggressors likewise the purpose of the curfew is to protect your lives and properties against the blood thirsty VC.

Please understand and strictly observe the above instructions and don't listen to the distorting propaganda of the VC.

## ĐỒNG BẢO THÂN MẾN!

Bọn Phiến Cộng miền Nam bị thất bại nặng nề trên khắp mặt trận, nên chúng tìm cách phá hoại, gây rối hậu phương của ta, để vớt vát một phần nào uy tín đã mất.

Nhằm mục đích bảo vệ sanh mạng cùng tài sản của Đồng Bảo khỏi bị bọn Phiến Cộng làm tổn hại, nên Chính Phủ VNCH đã ban hành lệnh GIỚI NGHIÊM tại nhiều nơi.

Đồng bảo thân mến!

Trong giờ giới nghiêm, **Đồng Bảo đừng đi ra ngoài đường**, trừ trường hợp cấp bách như đau ốm nặng hay sanh đẻ, hoặc phải liên lạc với nhà chức trách.

**Nếu bắt buộc phải đi ngoài đường trong giờ giới nghiêm ban đêm, Đồng Bảo phải mang theo đèn đuốc, và phải dừng lại khi nhân viên an ninh xét hỏi, chứ có hoảng hốt chạy trốn có thể bị nghi là kẻ gian và sẽ bị tai hại.**

**Nếu không có việc gì cần thiết, Đồng Bảo cũng đừng đến gần những cơ sở quân sự, nhất là chỗ đồn trú của quân đội nước bạn vì ngôn ngữ hai đồng sẽ có sự hiểu lầm tai hại.**

Quân đội nước bạn đến đây để giúp đỡ chúng ta chống lại bọn Cộng Sản xâm lược, cũng như **Giới Nghiêm ban ra là để bảo vệ tánh mạng và tài sản của Đồng Bảo**, chống bọn khủng bố khát máu Việt Cộng.

Vậy Đồng Bảo hãy thông cảm triệt để tuân theo các lời chỉ dẫn trên và đừng nghe lượn điệu tuyên truyền xuyên tạc của Việt Cộng.

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE COVERING 9th MARINES OPERATION  
GOLDEN FLEECE

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PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES, VOL. 21, NO. 266, 24 Sept. 65

# Happier Harvest For Viet Villagers Laid to Marines

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO)—In answer to a plea from Vietnamese villagers some 12 miles southeast of Da Nang, Marine infantrymen of the 1st Bn., 9th Marines, extended their protec-

tion to ward off threats of a Viet Cong attack.

According to Lt. Col. Verle E. Ludwig, of Fallbrook, Cal., battalion commander, the VC threatened to attack the villagers should they start harvesting their rice crops.

The operation, named Golden Fleece by the Marines, started two weeks ago. Last week, however, a battalion of VC were reported to be operating in the area south of Marble Mountain.

On a Saturday, A and D Cos. moved forward to strong points further south to deny this area to the VC, thus protecting the rice there.

Marines of A Co., commanded by Capt. Robert J. Driver Jr. of Flint, Mich., reinforced with a platoon from C Co., rode piggy-back atop M-48 tanks and LVTP5 amphibian tractors which were followed by the Marine Corps' tank-killing Ontos.

The armored column moved into the area near Tra Khe, close to the coast, and search-and-clear operations started as part of the company set up its perimeter around its new position.

Light casualties were inflicted when a booby trap exploded as Marines went through a gate to one of the villages. The wounded were evacuated by Marine UH-30D helicopters a few minutes later.

Several amtracs then returned to pick up D Co., which in turn moved into an area on the opposite side of the Cam Biep River.

Lt. M. J. Harris, of Kyoga, Australia, a member of the New Wales Light Infantry, was exchange officer commanding D Co.

His company's job was to probe and patrol the area to see if the VC were still there. They were. Harris led his men into Khai Tay as the VC took the Marine infantrymen under fire. During the firefight that followed the VC fled.

A hysterical Vietnamese woman who refused to leave the village carried her baby out after the fire fight. Navy Hospitalman R. F. Guthrie, Cheyenne, Wyo., one of D Co. hospital corpsmen, attended to a minor wound on the baby's neck.

As the 21-year-old "doc" aided the woman 2d Lt. Woodson E. Bennett, of Salem, Ore., platoon commander, B Co., 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn., held the baby in his arms, trying to console it as if it were his own.

A short while later a Marine helicopter arrived to evacuate the mother and her child to a nearby field hospital.

Nearby a squad of Marines defending a small fort reported killing five VC during a firefight.

According to a village chief who reported the location of the VC battalion, the VC's mission was to get the rice from this area.

Their attempt was foiled by Marines of the 1st Bn., 9th Marines and its supporting units. It was nearly dusk but the villagers still reaped their "Golden Fleece."

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