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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Period 1 September to 30 September 1965

1. Organizational Data

a. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

b. Location. The Ninth Marines command post is located at coordinates (AT 994723), DANANG, QUANG NAM Province, RVN. The 1st and 3d Battalions, Ninth Marines, occupy front line positions south of the DANANG Airbase in the south east sector of the DANANG TAOR. The 2d Battalion, which is under operational control of III MAF, occupies the perimeter of the DANANG Airbase.

c. Period Covered. 1 September through 30 September 1965.

d. Commanding Officer, Staff and Principle Subordinates.

CO Ninth Marines	Colonel J. E. GORMAN
Executive Officer	LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL
S-1	Captain J. A. MARTIN
S-2	Major J. A. BUCK
S-3	Major JOSHUA W. DORSEY III
S-4	Major R. L. GOODALL
Supply Officer	Captain C. A. RECKEWELL
Communications Officer	Major M. E. IRONS
Chaplain	Lieutenant (USN) R. C. OSBORN
Medical Officer	Lieutenant (USN) T. I. BIDDLE
CO Headquarters Company	Captain R. D. PROCTOR
CO 1st Battalion	LtCol V. E. LUDWIG
CO 2d Battalion	

1-2 September 1965  
2-30 September 1965

LtCol C. R. SCHARNBERG  
LtCol J. P. PENHURST

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60 3d Battalion

LtCol R. J. TUNNELL

60 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

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11-14 September 1965e. Average Daily Strength During the Month.

USMC Officers	147
USMC Enlisted	3,111
USN Officers	10
USN Enlisted	148

2. Significant Events.a. Personnel.(1) Regimental Strength Figures.

	<u>1 September</u>	<u>30 September</u>
USMC Officers	139	137
USMC Enlisted	3,133	2,970
USN Officers	12	10
USN Enlisted	162	157

(2) USMC Casualties.

WIA	107
KIA	14
MIA	0
Non-battle casualties	44
Number hospitalized	100
Number returned to duty	39

(3) The net loss of personnel during September for the Regiment was a total of one hundred seventy-two. It is paramount to the accomplishment of the Regiment's mission that replacements be on a more timely basis, particularly the replacement of officers.

(4) Presently, only the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines is using the embossing system. All other units subordinate to the 9th Marines will be able to start using the embossing system when the supplies that are now on order are received.

b. Administration. Correspondence is used for all administrative communications where possible, thereby keeping the wire communication system free for operational communications.

## c. Intelligence.

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## (1) Viet Cong Strengths, Disposition and Tactics.

(a) Information derived from formalized intelligence sources, both U.S. and GVN, local official and civilian reports, after action reports, patrol debriefings, ITT prisoner interrogation reports, and other sources indicate that the Viet Cong forces operating in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period consisted of the following:

Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded by	Weapons	Validity
23rd BN	:400	: (AT 980615): LE LUYEN		: Unknown	: Confirmed
H-50 BN	:300	: (BT 010630): NGUYEN TRAI		: 81mm mortars 60mm mortars LMG's	: Probable
105th BN	:300-400	: (BT 080684): NAN		: 2-81mm mortars 2-60mm mortars 4 LMG's	: Possible
TA-27 BN	:250	: (BT 062638): HUYNH LAM SON		: 1-81mm mortar 3-60mm mortar 2-57mm RR	: Possible
7th BN (MF)	:300	: (AT 9850) : NGUYEN GHU		: 1-81mm mortar 1-60mm mortar 1-57mm RR 2 LMG's	: Possible
DIEN BAN H-40 (LF) Company	:120	: (AT 9965) : THAN AN NAM		: 1-81mm mortar 1-60mm mortar 18 SMG's 1-57mm RR 3 LMG's	: Confirmed

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanded by</u>	<u>Weapons</u>	<u>Validity</u>
HOA HIEN H-41 (LF) (Q-16 LF)	:150	:(AT 9868)	:NGUYEN DOA	: 2-60mm mortars: Probable 7 AR's 1 LMG 30 SMG's	
DIA LOC H-42 Company	: 70	:(BT 0254)	:THAM PHUNG SON	: 81mm mortars: Probable 60mm mortars	
1 MF Company	: Unknown	:(BT 084680)	: Unknown	: Unknown	: Probable (B-1 report of displacement from DIEN BAN District on 10 Sep to (BT 084680)
343rd Company	: Unknown	:(AT 980657)	: Unknown	: 1-57mm RR 81mm mortars: 60mm mortars	: Possible
DUY XUYEN H-52 Company (LF)	:100	:(AT 9946)	:NGUYEN HUU TUONG	: Unknown	: Possible
D-61 Company (LF)	:100	:(AT 940556)	:PHAN ANH MAM	: 1-81mm mortar 1-60mm mortar 1-57mm RR 32 LMG's	: Possible

The total Viet Cong strengths (less local guerrilla forces) believed to have been operation in the 9th Marines TAOR during this reporting period included elements of two battalions (700 men), four separate companies (350 men) and several "special mission" units (100 men), for a total enemy strength of 1150 men.

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Of the above units, one battalion and several Viet Cong company/"special mission" units were reported to have moved into the 9th Marines T AOR to support the Viet Cong rice gathering operations. During the same period, an estimated total of three hundred fifty feild workers were brought into this area as Viet Cong laborers to assist in the rice harvest; but this group was believed to be primarily levies and to constitute no noteworthy addition to Viet Cong military strength.

Additionally, local guerrilla forces, organized in irregular units up to company strength (60-120), were operating in various locations. In some hamlets the Viet Cong force consists of little more than a "cell" of four or five local sympathizers, while in other Viet Cong dominated hamlets, the local Viet Cong force is estimated to consist of a well integrated, directed unit of full company strength (120 men) and equipped with a fair assortment of automatic and crew-served weapons. An approximate total of six hundred local Viet Cong (guerrillas and political activists) were estimated to have been operating in the 9th Marines T AOR. This force provided the regular (Main Force) Viet Cong units with exceptional protective surveillance, provided information of USMC operations, strengths and disposition, constituted a ready source of replacements to the Viet Cong ranks, and provided secure areas which magnified the difficulties in locating and restricting Viet Cong movements.

(b) Characteristic of insurgent tactics, the Viet Cong operations were primarily the "hit and run" type, usually initiated during periods of restricted visibility, whereby, the Viet Cong tried to gain a momentary advantage in fire-power, inflict maximum casualties, and withdraw from the scene of action as rapidly as possible. Following well established insurgency patterns, the Main Force, Viet Cong units did not consistently operate in one locality or from an established and defended local base area. Rather, they varied their area of operations with considerable frequency. This tactic generated reports from local inhabitants and local governmental sources of considerable more Viet Cong forces operating in the 9th Marines T AOR than is accepted as probable.

(c) Mining and sniping were the two predominate types of enemy actions against friendly forces during September. A total of thirty incidents of mining and booby-trapping by the Viet Cong were reported to have happened in the 9th Marines T AOR. The effectiveness of this type of operation is indicated by the number of casualties. Thirteen

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Marines were killed and forty-two sustained wounds as a result of mines and booby-traps during the period 1 September through 30 September. In addition, Viet Cong mines damaged or destroyed three tactical vehicles, two Ontos, and an amphibious tractor. Forty-two incidents of sniping were reported by units of the 9th Marines during this period.

(d) During September, the Viet Cong directed a campaign of subversion and terrorism against the people in general, and more particularly, against village and hamlet authorities. There were several reports of Viet Cong political teams, accompanied by armed Viet Cong terrorists, visiting hamlets and isolated communities, where they delivered propaganda addresses and distributed subversive literature. The attendance of the villagers at these meetings was assured by threats of violence and reprisals. On 19 September, a HOA THAI Village policemen was killed in a daylight incident by a Viet Cong assassination team in PHUONG BAC (1) Hamlet (AT 995707).

(2) Viet Cong Casualties.

(a) During September, the 9th Marines inflicted the following casualties on the Viet Cong in operations within the 9th Marines TAO:

KIA (body count)	72
VC Captured	11
VC Captured (WIA)	1
VC Suspects Apprehended	244

It is accepted that the Viet Cong hold an almost fanatical compulsion to deny the bodies of their dead and wounded to their adversaries, so it is quite probable that the above figures reflect only a portion of the casualties actually sustained by the Viet Cong. Intelligence reports also indicate that the Viet Cong experienced a severe shortage of medicine and often medical supplies during this period which would tend to further increase the number of Viet Cong dead of wounds as the result of our operations.

(b) This reporting period also showed a material increase in the number of Viet Cong weapons captured. A total of eleven weapons were reported captured; the large majority of which were CHICOM MOSSIN-NAGANT Model 53, 7.62mm carbines. Of significance is that these carbines all exhibited identical arsenal markings and date of manufacture (1960). In addition, the components of each weapon, ie:

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stock, receiver, trigger assembly, bolt, etc, were all stamped with the same serial number, indicating that substitution of worn parts had, as yet, not been necessary. The weapons captured showed little field usage or wear. It is likely that these weapons were but recently introduced into this locality. A noticeable increase in reports of Viet Cong armed with shoulder weapons during this period also bears out the conclusion that an influx of well-armed regular Viet Cong forces into this TAOR has occurred.

(3) Sources of Intelligence.

(a) The primary source of information of military intelligence value was the units in contact with the Viet Cong. Contact reports, patrol reports, after-action reports, and observations by front-line troops constituted the major, and mos reliable, source of information.

(b) In addition, periodic and special reports provided by MACV, I Corps, III MAF G-2, 3d MARDIV G-2, QUANG NAM Special Sector and other regular intelligence sources, were received and utilized. Local GVN authorities and officials, especially the HOA VANG District Chief and District Police Chief, also contributed much worthwhile information.

(c) Also, several local sources were utilized and developed by this Regiment. A most productive source of information proved to be the Chief of HOA HAI Village. His frequent, almost daily reports, constituted a major source of information of the Viet Cong strengths, disposition, and plans in the eastern portion of the Regimental TAOR. Of particular note was the exceptionally high percentage of his reports which proved to be substantially correct. The major portion of credit for the development of this intelligence source goes to the 1st Battalion S-2 who cultivated the Village Chief's cooperation and maintained an effective liaison with him.

(d) After an initial spotty performance during the beginning of this reporting period, ITT prisoner interrogation reports developed into a timely and usable source of information of Viet Cong procedures, locations, personalities and morale, and the impact and influence of Viet Cong and friendly operations on the local civilian population. ITT translation facilities, which provided rapid translation of captured enemy documents, also provided a worthwhile service.

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(e) Aerial photography was extensively utilized in operational planning to locate Viet Cong positions and prepared obstacles, to assist in terrain analysis, and to assess damage. Of especial note was the photo strips prepared by the III MAF API Section for use in planning operations in this TAOR. However, the current T/O for an infantry regiment does not provide imagery interpreters on the regimental and battalion levels, and the absence of such qualified personnel inhibited full utilization of this form of intelligence. Strip photos, while adequate, were not as readily usable as prepared mosaics. Hand held aerial photos provided by the Division Aerial Observation Section provided another useful source of visual intelligence.

(4) Significant Events.

Operation Golden Fleece (See Operations)

(a) (See the 9th Marines Intelligence Summary <sup>#54</sup> dated 1 September 1965) The 1st Battalion S-2 reported that the HOA HAI Village Chief indicated to him that the villagers told him thirty or more Viet Cong were killed during the search and destroy operation conducted 29 August by the 1st Battalion 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. Also, the village chief requested that the battalion provide security for the villagers when they harvested the rice beginning on 10 September 1965, so as to deny the rice to the Viet Cong. The village chief related that the practice in the past was for the villagers to place a portion of the rice in an open field for the Viet Cong to retrieve as a tax, and thereby avoid Viet Cong reprisals. This report ultimately resulted in the 9th Marines Operation Golden Fleece to give protection to the villagers while they harvested the rice. This operation has continued into October due to the lateness of the start of the monsoon which brings seasonal rains to this area and marks the end of the Fall harvest. Reports during September have indicated that the Viet Cong have only collected ten per cent of their rice quota in this area.

(5) Electronic Surveillance Devices. During September, the Regiment employed the following electronic surveillance devices as indicated:

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	<u>AN/TPS-21</u>	<u>SID-150</u>	<u>Infra-Red Sighting Device</u>
Headquarters Company	2	0	6
1st Battalion	2	2	16
2nd Battalion	2	1	16
3rd Battalion	2	0	15

Maintenance difficulties, especially the lack of repair parts, inhibited the full utilization of these devices. The situation was improved during the later portion of September, and the last fourteen days of the month reflected increased utilization. An additional problem was the shortage of trained operators, which was materially relieved by the establishment of a local training course for operators.

(6) Psychological Warfare.

(a) Psychological warfare operations were frequent and diverse during this reporting period. Among the psywar activities conducted were leaflet drops, poster and leaflet handouts, helicopter loudspeaker broadcasts, I Corps Psywar Detachment Audio Team presentations, HOA VANG District Propaganda Section presentations, face to face persuasion by patrol leaders through interpreters, erection and maintenance of a bulletin board at the MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017678), check point and the emplacement of banners proclaiming Vietnamese-American friendship and cooperation at selected points along Highway 1 and 1A south of Danang.

(b) Statistical information regarding psywar activities within the 9th Marines TAOR are set forth below:

Leaflets dropped	120,000
Leaflets handed out	2,500
Posters posted	1,000
Aerial loudspeaker broadcasts	6
Audio Team presentations	11
Propaganda section presentations	14
Face to face persuasion during patrols	20
Bulletin board erected	1
Friendship banners emplaced	6

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(c) The most significant of the psywar operations conducted were the helicopter loudspeaker broadcasts which immediately prior to the initiation of an operation, advised the inhabitants of a surrounded area to move to a designated civilian collection point in order to minimize casualties to the villagers and assist the friendly forces in their mission. Response in every case was significant with up to four hundred sixty-two villagers responding to instructions in one large hamlet area. In each instance villagers were screened by local authorities and provided with food, medical aid and temporary shelter for as long as they wished during the conduct of the operation.

(d) During September a discernable improvement in the extent of cooperation of the villagers with the Marines was noted. Their change was attributed in large measure to the continual presence of the Marines and the promise of greater security and stability. This indicates a degree of success from face to face persuasion during the patrols conducted during this period.

d. Operations.

(1) Operation RICE-STRAW. (See the 9th Marines Operation Order 325-65, 051600H September 1965)

(a) On 5 September 1965, the 9th Marines were already operating south of the CAU DO River in two zones with the 1st Battalion on the left and the 2d Battalion on the right. Under Operation RICE-STRAW the 9th Marines were to move south extending their control to the KY LAM River by 25 December 1965. The immediate objective, Phase Line Orange, was to be secured by 25 September 1965.

(b) Company "C", 1st Battalion, reinforced with five Amtracs, three tanks and two Ontos, conducted a search and destroy operation in the area of KHAI TAY (3), (BT 048639), which began at 070630H and was concluded at 071210H September 1965. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #61 and 9th Marines Frag Order 33-65)

(c) Company "A", 1st Battalion, reinforced with two platoons from Company "C", tanks, Ontos, and Amtracs, conducted a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CA HA (2) Hamlet (BT 083670) from 091600H to 092300H. A Viet Cong Battalion had been reported in this area preparing to lay mines. (See 9th Marines Situation Reports #63 and #64 for details of this operation.

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(d) The 2d Battalion cleared the Hamlets of YEN NE (4), (AT 975677), LA BONG (3), (AT 963677), and QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003688), on 9 and 10 September 1965. (See 9th Marines Situation Reports #63 and #64 for details)

(e) The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, came under operational control of the 9th Marines on 10 September for a period of five days. On 10 September the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, established a blocking position on Hill 55 at (AT 969619) in support of an ARVN operation being conducted to the south of the Regimental TAOR. For four days the 3d Battalion conducted aggressive patrols in the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR, and on 14 September the battalion conducted a search and destroy operation to the north clearing the area between Hill 55 and Phaze Line Orange in the 2d Battalion's zone. (See 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 64-68)

(f) On 12 September 1965 the 2d Battalion cleared and established defensive positions in LE SON (1), (AT 980660), and YEN NE (1), (AT 987664), which are hamlets on Phase Line Orange.

(g) Companies "A" and "D" conducted a search and destroy operation in the area south of Marble Mountain clearing the rice fields in that area on 13 September 1965.

(h) On 14 September, the 2d Battalion established positions from (AT 959658) to (AT 967661) and established a river check point at (AT 959658) on Phaze Line Orange. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #68)

(i) The 1st Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation near TRA KHE (2) Hamlet (BT 075680) on 17 September 1965. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #72)

(j) On 19 September, the 2d Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1) Hamlet (BT 005660), MIEU DONG (1) Hamlet (BT 017679). A clear and hold operation was conducted in the hamlets of NHON THO (2), (BT 017656), and BO MUNG (2), (BT 021652). (See 9th Marines Situation Report #73)

(k) The 1st Platoon, Company "C", 1st Battalion, conducted a search and destroy operation in KHUE DONG (1) Hamlet (BT 056707) and HAI AN Hamlet (BT 055713) from 200800H to 201300H September 1965. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #74)

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(1) During the period from 21-24 September, the 2d Battalion moved to the Danang Airbase to become the Airbase Defense Battalion and the 3d Battalion moved forward to relieve the 2d Battalion on position. Operational control of the 2d Battalion passed to III MAF at 240900H. (See 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 75-78)

(m) The 1st Battalion (-), reinforced by Company "3d Recon Battalion, and Company "B" (-), 3d Tank Battalion, conducted a search and destroy operation east of the VINH DIEN River and south of grid line (T65) from 230635H to 231545H. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #79)

(o) During the period 19-21 September 1965, the 2d Battalion conducted a search and destroy operation along the YEN River from Phaze Line Orange north to the vicinity of (AT 965690) and conducted searches in the hamlets QUA GIANG (1), (BT 017665), and NHON THO (2), (BT 017656). (See 9th Marines Situation Reports Numbers 73-75)

(p) On 26 September 1965, the 3d Battalion searched LE SON (2) Hamlet (AT 978650) and CAM NE (3) Hamlet (AT 965686) (See 9th Marines Situation Report #80)

(q) On 27 September, the 3d Battalion conducted a search of CAM NE (2) Hamlet (AT 980688). (See 9th Marines Situation Report #81)

(r) On 30 September, the 3d Battalion began Operation MUSKRAT, a five day operation to search the YEN River for tunnels and hiding places. (See 9th Marines Situation Report #84)

(2) Operation GOLDEN FLEECE. (See 9th Marines Frag Order 36-65 and the 9th Marines Intelligence Summary #54 dated 1 September 1965)

(a) U.S. and RVN military intelligence sources and local governmental authorities indicated that the Viet Cong would make a major effort to gain a sizeable portion of the rice harvested in the 9th Marine TAOR. The Viet Cong wanted the rice for their own use and wanted to deny it to the local governmental agencies in order to increase the problems with the refugees in this area.

(b) An adequate supply of rice is essential to the sustenance of the Viet Cong through the winter months and is essential to their capability for future operations. The

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disastrous floods of November 1964 ruined some of the food stocks of the Viet Cong and made it imperative they acquire this year's harvest. The Viet Cong obtain their rice by taxation, purchase, and by confiscating it. Intelligence reports early in the month of September indicated a discernable influx into the 9th Marines TAOR of Viet Cong regular forces as well as Viet Cong controlled and directed harvest workers. The increased number of contacts with enemy forces by Marine patrols early in September bore out the validity of these reports.

(c) On 8 September 1965, the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines, directed the forward two battalions to provide aid and security for the rice harvest within the 9th Marines TAOR. The 1st Battalion had already begun using patrols to aid the HOA HAI Village Chief in his harvest and called these Golden Fleece patrols. Golden Fleece was adopted as the Regimental Operation code name. Operation GOLDEN FLEECE was conducted as an additional mission to Operation RICE-STRAW.

(d) Patrols and ambushes were used extensively during September to protect harvesters in the fields. Amtracs were used to carry the rice to secure hamlets where Marines provided security for the comman storage areas. When Viet Cong rice caches were located, combat patrols were dispatched to either recover the caches or to destroy them. A curfew was imposed on civilians in the area to prevent harvesting at night. When suspicious persons were observed working in the paddies, Marine patrols would clear the fields and the suspicious persons would be taken to the village chiefs to be identified.

(e) Operation GOLDEN FLEECE was considered a great success. Because of the late monsoon this year and the protection afforded by the Marines, the local government was able to harvest much more rice than usual, while it is believed the Viet Cong have only gathered ten percent of their quota for this area. Over fifty-five tons of rice were harvested in the 3d Battalion's zone by refugees from the HOA CAM Training Center working under HOA VANG District Headquarters. This area, which includes the CAM NE Complex (AT 990680), was usually not harvested because it was controlled by the Viet Cong before the Marines secured it. The total amount of rice harvested in the 1st Battalion's zone will not be known until the village chiefs make their reports to HOA VANG District Headquarters during the second week of October.

e. Close Combat. For narrative summaries of close combat see the following documents included in this report:

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- (1) 9th Marines Situation Reports numbers 55-85.
- (2) The 1st Battalion Command Chronology for September.
- (3) The 2d Battalion Command Chronology for September.
- (4) The 3d Battalion Command Chronology for September.

f. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination.

(1) The Fire Support Coordination Centers at Regiment and Battalion levels operated in their normal capacity. Artillery and naval gunfire support was limited during this period due to the fact that control of fires within the 9th Marines TAOR is a combined consideration of the 3d Marine Division and I Corps. Harrassing and interdicting fires were used extensively. Preparation fires were used in conjunction with helicopter assaults.

(2) For a narrative summary of fire support for operations and close combat see the following documents included with this report:

- (a) 9th Marines Situation Reports numbers 55-85.
- (b) The 1st Battalion Command Chronology for September.
- (c) The 2d Battalion Command Chronology for September.
- (d) The 3d Battalion Command Chronology for September.

g. Combat Air Support.

(1) Six close air support missions were accomplished during this period. For details see the following documents included in this report:

- (a) 9th Marines Situation Reports numbers 55-85.
- (b) The 1st Battalion Command Diary for September.
- (c) The 2d Battalion Command Diary for September.
- (d) The 3d Battalion Command Diary for September.

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(2) Helicopters were used extensively during September for resupply, reconnaissance and heliborne assault missions.

h. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare.

(1) The use of chemical agents was restricted during September. The 3d Battalion employed a commercial type smoke generator to flush caves and tunnels during Operation MUSKRAT. Smokepot HC was the chemical agent used.

i. Training

(1) Training for the 9th Marines during September was limited by heavy operational commitments.

(2) For a summary of training accomplished see the following documents included with this report:

(a) The 1st Battalion Command Chronology for September.

(b) The 2d Battalion Command Chronology for September.

(c) The 3d Battalion Command Chronology for September.

j. Command and Control.

(1) The 9th Marines were under the command and control of the 3d Marine Division throughout September.

(2) Subordinate units under command and control of the 9th Marines were:

1st Battalion, 9th Marines	1-30 September
2d Battalion, 9th Marines	1-24 September
3d Battalion, 9th Marines	24-30 September
3d Battalion, 3d Marines	10-14 September

(3) The following units were under operational control of III MAF while the Airbase Defense Battalion:

2d Battalion, 9th Marines	24-30 September
3d Battalion, 9th Marines	1-24 September

(4) The following units were in direct support and under operational control of the 9th Marines:

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Company B (-); 3d Tank Battalion	1-30 September
Company C (-); 3d AT Battalion	1-30 September
Company B (-); 1st Amtrac Battalion	1-30 September
Company A, 1st MT Battalion	1-30 September

(5) The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, were in direct support of the 9th Marines during September.

k. Communications-Electronics.

(1) Satisfactory communications have been maintained throughout the September period with the exception of the platoon and squad levels where the AN/PRC-6 is employed. The AN/PRC-6 has proven to be extremely limited in dense foliage and has caused more reliance upon the AN/PRC-10. Frequent use has been made of the artillery conduct-of-fire net and the tank companies and anti-tank companies command nets as alternate means of infantry communications. At this point a trade off of AN/PRC-6's for AN/PRC-10's would be welcomed by the front line battalions.

(2) There are some aspects of the 9th Marines communications operations that depart slightly from present doctrine:

(a) Wire is used extensively between unit command posts versus radio relay. The terrain in most instances will support the use of the AN/TRC-27 radio relay equipment, but logistics problems have made this equipment take on a secondary role to wire.

(b) Radio relay has as yet to be completely exploited as few high frequency sets have been employed other than TAR and NGF circuits.

(3) No new equipment or techniques have been employed this period.

1. Logistics.

(1) No supply problems were encountered during September that effected the accomplishment of the 9th Marines mission. Problems were experienced in the resupply of batteries and parts to repair communications equipment and motor vehicles. There has been a shortage of tentage and lumber.

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(2) Cantonment Program. Construction of the 9th Marines cantonment was scheduled to begin on 29 September 1965; but was delayed because of a shortage of lumber. However, with assistance from the Division Clubs Officer in obtaining materiel, personnel of the Headquarters Company constructed an enlisted club and a SNCO club that are now in operation. These clubs serve all the 9th Marines.

(3) Highlights.

(a) The displacement of the 1st Battalion CP from (BT 023723) to (BT 068715) was begun on 3 September and completed on 19 September. The Regimental S-4 assisted the 1st Battalion S-4. The move was made over the MSR using M35 trucks. A fork lift was provided by the 3d Marine Division at the request of the Regimental S-4. It was necessary to use barges provided by the 3d Engineer Battalion and two LCU's from the Naval Component Command because the bridge at (BT 038762) spanning the TOURANE River was being repaired. Coordination was made with the Division PMO prior to the displacement and no major traffic problems were caused in the city of DANANG. The 1st Battalion received priority over all other traffic moving across the river.

(b) On 10 September 1965, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, were lifted from CHU LAI to the DANANG Airbase by KC-130 aircraft and came under operational control of the 9th Marines for a five day period. From the airbase they were heli-lifted in CH-34's south of the MLR in the 2d Battalion's zone to positions in the vicinity of (AT 9661). The rapidity of movement and secrecy of planning precluded the coordination of logistical requirements prior to their arrival. The Regimental S-4 sent a liaison team to the LZ an hour after the lead elements of the battalion had landed and effected coordination on all logists matters with the battalion commander and his S-4. On 12 September, the Regiment coordinated the heli-lift of two 4.2" mortars, twenty men, and 6.4 tons of ammunition to their positions. During the five day operation, all classes of supplies were provided by the 9th Marines and the resupply was coordinated by the Regimental S-4 and Air Liaison Officer. 35.5 tons of supplies were heli-lifted to the 3d Battalion. Every effort was made to replace Class II, Type 1, end items, through the Regimental communications section by giving them replacements, and then repairing the damaged equipment and then returning it to the unit, normally within fourteen hours. On 15 September the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, returned to an

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assembly area at (AT 999698) where they were given fresh food and water. It took eight trucks one hour and a half to carry the battalion to the DANANG Airbase.

m. Medical and Dental Support.

(1) Routine medical and dental support has been available on a continuing basis from the 3d Medical Battalion. Helicopter evacuation of casualties directly to 3d Medical Battalion has eliminated the traditional function of the Battalion Aid Stations. The aid stations have functioned as dispensaries. There have been no medical problems which have effected the accomplishment of the 9th Marines mission.

(2) Preventive Medicine. There were no outbreaks of communicable diseases. No major sanitation problems were reported. All personnel of the 9th Marines are in a prophylactic immunization program.

(3) MedCap. The medical officers and hospital corpsmen operate aid stations for the civilian populace under the civil affairs program. The Majority of treatment is for ulcerations, skin disorders, dermatitis, lacerations, and vitamin deficiency. (See the Civil Affairs portion of this report for details).

n. Chaplain Support.

(1) The Regimental Chaplain's primary responsibility is providing religious and moral guidance to the men of this command. In addition, he offers his services to those commands in the area not having a chaplain attached. To this end he conducts Sunday worship services, evening prayers and weekly Bible study classes. He offers counsel to men with personal or marital problems.

Each of the three battalions of the 9th Marines has a chaplain attached. There are Protestant chaplains in the 1st and 3d Battalions, and there is a Catholic chaplain in the 2d Battalion. The Regimental Chaplain visits the three battalions on occasion, and supervises the religious coverage. When any unit is without Protestant coverage, the Regimental chaplain provides it.

(2) During September, the Regimental chaplain conducted nine worship services with a total attendance of two hundred sixteen. Memorial services were held for nine men.

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The chaplain counseled twenty men who had serious problems.

(3) Funds. The chapel offering for September totaled \$83.84. These funds were deposited in a central chapel fund from which the individual chaplain may draw for approved usage. During the month \$100.00 was given from the fund to the Danang Orphanage, and \$17.00 was expended for sandals for the children of BINH THAI Hamlet (BT 013720).

(4) Library. The Regimental chaplain maintains a book exchange for the men of the camp. About two hundred fifty books have been given outright, and there are about three hundred books on the shelf for exchange. Each evening a reading and writing tent is set up where books, magazines and writing paper is available for the men.

(5) The Regimental chaplain accompanies the medical staff when they conduct sick call in the BINH THAI Hamlet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Approximately one hundred people are treated on each visit.

o. Civil Affairs. A detailed narrative summary of civil affairs for the month of September is enclosed as a document to this report. See also the 9th Marines S-1 Situation reports for September which are included with this report.

### 3. Documents.

a. The following documents are submitted with the original copy of the 9th Marines Command Chronology for September 1965.

(1) 9th Marines Operation Order 325-65, 51600H September 1965.

(2) 9th Marines Operation Plan 326-65, 121300H September 1965.

(3) Commanding Officer, 9th Marines, ltr of 29 September 1965, "Responsibility for Security of the Rear Area."

✓(4) 9th Marines Frag Orders 30-65 through 45-65. (#32 NIF)

✓(5) 9th Marines Situation Reports for September, numbers 55 through 85. (#56 NIF)

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✓ (6) 9th Marines Weekly Operations Overlay Reports for the weeks ending 5 September, 12 September, 18 September and 25 September.

✓ (7) Summary of the 9th Marines Civil Affairs Activities.

✓ (8) 9th Marines Intelligence Summaries for September, numbers 54-65 through 85-65. ~~56, 73, 77, 80, 84 NIF~~

✓ (9) Issue Number 1, 20 September 1965, The Crystal Ball, a newsletter published by the S-2 of the 9th Marines.

✓ (10) Psychological Warfare Propaganda Pamphlets used during September. (6)

✓ (11) News Articles Covering 9th Marines Operations and Activities. (Opn GOLDEN FLEECE)

✓ (12) S-1 Staff Journals for September. (2 Sep 65 NIF)

    (12a) S-1 Situation Reports (Rpts dtd 9, 10, 18 & 21 Sep 65 NIF)

✓ (13) S-2 Staff Journals for September. ~~(29 Sep NIF)~~

✓ (14) S-3 Staff Journals for September.

✓ (15) S-4 Staff Journals for September.

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## OPERATION ORDER 325-65

Ref: (a) Map: Indo Chine 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6658 1, 1V 6659 11 and 111  
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 329-65  
 (c) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65  
 (d) 9th MarOpOrder 321A-65  
 (e) RO 3100.1

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Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence)
- b. Friendly Forces
  - (1) RVN Armed Forces control and defend HOI AN (BT 1756) DIEN BAN (BT 6658) DAI LOC (BT 9158).
  - (2) RVN Armed Forces provide security to Route 1 between the SONG CAU DO (River) and SONG KY LAM (River).
  - (3) 2d Bn, 12th Marines. Direct Support 9th Marines.
  - (4) 3d Recon Bn (-)
    - (a) General Support 3d Marine Division.
    - (b) Conducts directed reconnaissance of routes, zones and areas in depth to gain intelligence information.
    - (c) When directed establishes early warning and observation/listening posts on critical terrain, overlooking avenues of approach into division TAOR.
    - (d) "D" Company direct support 9th Marines. Conducts assigned reconnaissance missions.
  - (5) 3d Engineer Bn. General Support of 3d Marine Division.

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- c. Attachments. 592d Company, Regional Forces, RVN attached 9th Marines.
- 2. MISSION. 9th Marines will advance in zone to Phase Line ORANGE, destroy enemy forces enroute, liberate populace from VC control and be prepared to extend control to the SONG KY LAM (River) to dominate and intercept water communications.
- 3. EXECUTION
  - a. Concept of Operation
    - (1) Annex C (Concept of Operation)
    - (2) Annex D (Operation Overlay)
  - b. 1st Battalion
    - (1) Extend present clear and hold operation south to EAST WEST GRID LINE 66 by 121800H September 1965.
    - (2) Destroy enemy enroute.
    - (3) Liberate populace from VC control and protect rice crop.
    - (4) Establish control point and river block on SONG VINH DIEN (River) vicinity of (BT 034655).
    - (5) On order advance in zone to Phase Line ORANGE,
    - (6) When directed extend control to Phase Lines PURPLE, BROWN and GREEN.
  - c. 2d Battalion
    - (1) When directed about 13 September 1965, extend clear and hold operation in eastern portion of assigned sector to Phase Line ORANGE (East of North South Grid Line 98).
    - (2) When directed about 18 September 1965 complete extension of clear and hold operation south to Phase Line ORANGE.

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- (3) Destroy enemy enroute.
- (4) Liberate populace from VC control and protect the rice crop.
- (5) Establish control point and river block on SONG YEN (River) vicinity of (AT 959658).
- (6) On order be prepared to execute Phases III and IV of Annex C (Concept of Operation).
- (7) When directed be prepared to assume mission of 3rd Battalion 9th Marines in defense of Danang Airbase.
- (8) Defend FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 992734).
- (9) Defend Railroad Bridge (AT 998707).
- (10) Maintain two squads as Regimental Reserve.

d. 3rd Battalion.

- (1) Defend Danang Airbase.
- (2) Be prepared to assume mission of 2/9.

e. "B" Co(-) 1st Amtrac Bn.

- (1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) One Platoon direct support 1/9.
- (3) One Platoon direct support 2/9.

f. "B" Co 3rd Tnk Bn.

- (1) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) Company (-) direct support 1/9.
- (3) When directed one platoon direct support 2/9.

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g. "C" Co 3rd AT Bn.

- (1) Direct support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) Co (-) direct support 2/9.
- (3) One platoon direct support 1/9.

h. "A" Co 9th MT BN

- (1) Direct Support OPCON 9th Marines.
- (2) One platoon Direct Support 1/9.
- (3) One platoon Direct Support 2/9.
- (4) One platoon Direct Support 3/9.

i. Regimental Reserve

- (1) Two Squads 2/9.
- (2) Division Quick Reaction Company.

j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Annex D (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Emphasis on Civil Affairs (Annex E) and Civil Action projects during extension of control.
- (3) Contact RIGHT to LEFT.
- (4) During periods of inclement weather patrols, ambushes and listening posts will be increased.
- (5) Patrol routes, ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams will be planned in a manner to preclude establishment of patterns.

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(6) Reports in accordance with reference (e).

(7) Unclassified Code Name for operation is RICE-STRAW.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Logistical support will be via the normal logistical and supply channels. Logistical requirements beyond the capabilities of the Battalions will be referred to the Regimental S-4. Prescribed loads will be as directed by the Battalion Commanders.
- b. Annex E (Civil Affairs) to be issued separately.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex G with change 1 and 2 to 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65 and AnnexD to 9th Marines OpOrder 321A-65.

##### b. Communications-Electronics

(1) Axis of communication - Route #1.

(2) Telephone communication to displaced Battalion CP's will be by radio (AN/TRC-27).

(a) Channel 1 will be OW.

(b) Channels 2 and 3 will be common user.

(c) Channels 4 and 5 will be S-3 and FSCC HOT respectively.

(d) Channel 6 will be comm cen TT.

(e) Channels 7 and 8 will be for Arty Bn to Firing Btry.

##### (3) Aerial Observers

(a) Dawn and dusk patrols will check in on DAO Net. In event of interference Regt TAC Net will be used with missions being passed on appropriate TAC Net by Regt FSCC.

(b) DAO Net will be guarded by each Bn whenever AO's are in their sector of operation.

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c. Command Posts

(1) 3d MarDiv	No change
(2) 9th Marines	(AT 997723)
(3) 1/9	Present (BT 022730) Proposed (BT 067710)
(4) 2/9	Present (AT 997722) Proposed (BT 017780)
(5) 3/9	(BT 003746)
(6) Report changes as they occur.	

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ANNEXES:

- ✓A - Task Organization
- ✓B - Intelligence
- ✓C - Concept of Operation
- ✓D - Operation Overlay
- E - Civil Affairs (To be issued separately)
- ✓Z - Distribution

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(b) 3dMarDiv OpOrder 329-65

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 325-65

Ref: (a) 3dMarDiv OpOrder 329-65  
 (b) MAPS: AMS Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, 6658 IV, 6659 II, and 6659 III.  
 (c) 3dMarDiv Order 3800.1E (Intel SOP)  
 (d) Force Bulletin 1060 dated 31 August 1965; subj: Treatment of Captured Personnel.

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Composition and Strength. Enemy strength in proximity of the area of operations is estimated to be approximately 1200, armed with rifles, automatic weapons including 18 LMGs, 6-10 82mm mortars, 12 60mm mortars, and 8 57mm Recoilless Rifles. Elements of three Viet Cong battalions have been identified; the 16th Battalion operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0065); the 7th Battalion operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0061), and a battalion (tentatively identified as the 23rd) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9665). In addition local force guerrilla units up to company strength (60-130) can be used to supplement and reinforce, as required. A fourth Viet Cong Battalion, identified as TA-27, and believed to be a Main Force unit is reported to be operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0663). (This report lacks verification and additional information will be published as available).

b. Recent and Present Activities. Viet Cong actions in the area have recently indicated an acceleration in the tempo of their operations with numerous small unit probes of front line and outpost positions, frequent sniper activity, and several ambushes of patrols. In addition, there has been a marked increase in the use of mines and booby-traps, with several reports of bold placement of mines and booby-traps within areas generally considered under our control and constant scrutiny. There has been an increase in Viet Cong psywar operations, with emphasis on subversion in the rural areas and terrorist activities against local government officials. There have been frequent reports of Viet Cong propaganda teams, usually armed, visiting hamlets and isolated communities in the area, conducting propaganda meetings and distributing subversive material. Propaganda leaflets (printed and handwritten), in English and addressed to U.S. Forces, have recently made an appearance in this locality.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

a. Determine location of Viet Cong emplacements, trenches, strong points and other defensive works.

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- b. Determine location of tunnel entrances and exits.
- c. Determine tactics employed by Viet Cong forces in area of operation.
- d. Determine if the enemy will defend in strength; if so what strength and where?
- e. Determine the strength and dispositions of Viet Cong forces, and unit designations.
- f. Determine what weapons are employed.
- g. Determine the attitude of the people.
- h. Determine whether the villages (hamlets) are fortified.
- i. Determine what bugle, whistle, drum and other audible signals are used.
- j. Determine the method used for marking Viet Cong trails.
- k. Determine location of stream and river fords, and foot, vehicular, and tracked vehicle crossings.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS. As directed by CO NINTH MARINES.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, AND CAPTURED MATERIEL.

- a. See references (c) and (d).

5. MAPS, CHARTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- a. Reference (b) is designated as the standard map for this operation.
- b. Aerial photography will be provided as required.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. Reference (c) applies.
- b. Codes for the effective challenges and passwords will be disseminated by this headquarters on a weekly basis to cover seven 24 hour periods from 1201H to 1200H.
- c. The Viet Cong can be expected to employ seemingly harmless civilians, including women and children to observe and report the activities of our units. Consequently, all indigenous personnel in the area will be closely controlled, and loitering and undue interest in USMC operations will be viewed with suspicion and reported.

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- d. Report type and content of anti-U.S. propaganda.
- e. A listing of known Viet Cong personalities for this area will be issued.

7. REPORTS.

- a. Standard intelligence reports will be submitted to this headquarters daily for the period 0600H-0600H. Reports will be submitted so as to arrive NLT 0630H daily.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Study of the Area of Operations
- 2 - Listing of Known Viet Cong Personalities (To be issued)
- 3 - Trafficability Study (To be issued)

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Ref: (a) MAPS: AMS Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, 6658 IV, 6659 II, and  
 6659 III.  
 (b) Climatic Study for the Month of September, dated 1 September  
 1965, published by Det 14, 30th Weather Squadron (USAF).

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1. General. The area of this operation extends from the line of our present positions (generally forward of the SONG CAU DO) to a line extending from the vicinity of the AN TRACH hamlet complex on the west coordinates (AT 960658), along the trail running generally due east across National Highway #1 to the SONG VINH DIEN, continuing in a south-easterly direction along the trace of the SONG VINH DIEN to the junction with the SONG THANH QUIT, and continuing generally east to the coast in the vicinity of HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 102669). The SONG YEN delineates the western boundary and the South China Sea provides the eastern boundary. National Route #1 parallels the coast about 4 miles inland and connects the major population centers.

2. Weather. (For period 5 through 30 September 1965).

a. Temperature

Mean maximum - 88 degrees  
 Mean minimum - 75 degrees  
 Daily average - 82 degrees

b. Winds

Nighttime: Northerly, 9 knots. (Mean speed - 4 knots).  
 Daytime : (Same as above).

c. Cloud cover

Nighttime - Buildup of Cumulus clouds varying with occurrences of showers and thundershowers.  
 Daytime - Early morning patches of dense stratus with Cumulus clouds becoming more numerous until the sky is almost covered with clouds by 1300 LST or shortly thereafter.

d. Visibility

Less than 5 miles - 3.4%  
 Less than 1 mile - 0.3%

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Primarily in the form of showers and thundershowers, occurring most often during the afternoon and early evening. Rainfall for the period:

Maximum	- 46.3 inches
Minimum	- 3.0 inches
Mean	- 15.7 inches

3. Terrain. The area of operations is a low, flat plain largely devoted to wet rice paddies. Trafficability is difficult to impossible in much of this area for all vehicles. The terrain near the shore is generally unfavorable for off-road movement due to extensive sand dunes. Vegetation in the area of operation includes localities consisting of sparse, cultivated fields which do not hamper observation or movement, and other areas, usually surrounding hamlets and/or villages, where dense foliage restricts observation and movement. Many of the sandy areas near the beaches contain numerous dome-shaped graves and swelling dunes which provide covered and partially concealed routes of approach in areas which are generally devoid of foliage and open in appearance.
4. Roads. Route #1, a main hard-surfaced road, traverses the area of operation generally from north to south about four miles inland. There are few secondary roads in the area, and the trails are generally unsuited for other than 1/4 ton combat vehicles. (Trafficability studies to be issued).
5. Politics, Sociology, and Economics. The area of operations is situated in HOA VANG district of QUANG NAM province. Within this district are several cantons, which, in turn, are each composed of several villages. The villages are made up of hamlets, which may be from a hundred yards to several miles apart. To the majority of the Vietnamese in this area, "the government" is the administrative group which runs his village. The village government is administered by a council who elect their president to act as village representative in dealings with superior government authorities. Family and village life is strongly centered on Buddhism/Animism although a substantial portion of the populace are Catholics. The inhabitants of the area of operations are predominately ethnic Vietnamese. The economy of the area rests on an agricultural base, with about 90% of the population involved in agricultural pursuits.

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TABS:

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 B - Sunrise and Sunset Times

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TAB A (Tide Tables for this Region, Period 5-30 SEPT) to Appendix 1 (Study of the Area of Operations) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 325-65

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOW</u>
SEP 5	0516	4.4	1442	2.2
SEP 6	0625	4.4	1532	2.0
SEP 7	0735	4.4	1608	2.0
SEP 8	0835	4.5	1638	2.0
SEP 9	0926	4.6	1703	2.0
SEP 10	1011	4.6	1723	2.2
SEP 11	0022	3.0	0248	2.9
	1052	4.5	1741	2.2
SEP 12	0022	3.2	0351	2.9
	1132	4.4	1758	2.3
SEP 13	0033	3.3	0445	2.7
	1212	4.2	1813	2.6
SEP 14	0048	3.8	0541	2.6
	1255	4.0	1824	2.7
SEP 15	0107	3.8	0639	2.5
	1343	3.7	1831	2.9
SEP 16	0131	4.0	0745	2.4
	1444	3.4	1829	3.0
SEP 17	0202	4.2	0903	2.4
	1625	3.1	1753	3.0
SEP 18	0240	4.4	1039	2.3
SEP 19	0331	4.6	1219	2.0
SEP 20	0437	4.7	1340	1.9
SEP 21	0556	4.8	1441	1.7
SEP 22	0718	4.8	1528	1.7
SEP 23	0831	4.8	1608	1.8
	2352	3.1	—	—
SEP 24	0948	4.8	0112	3.0
	2334	3.1	1640	2.0
SEP 25	1035	4.6	0250	2.8
	2342	3.4	1707	2.2
SEP 26	1130	4.4	0401	2.6
	—	—	1730	2.4
SEP 27	2400	3.6	0505	2.3
	1224	4.1	1746	2.7
SEP 28	0023	3.8	0606	2.3
	1319	3.7	1756	2.9
SEP 29	0049	4.1	0709	2.2
	1421	3.3	1654	3.0

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOW</u>
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	1549	3.1	1724	3.0

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TAB B (Sunrise and Sunset Times) to Appendix 1 (Study of the Area of Operations) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 325-65

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>
SEP 5	0634	1857
SEP 6	0634	1856
SEP 7	0635	1856
SEP 8	0635	1855
SEP 9	0635	1854
SEP 10	0635	1853
SEP 11	0635	1852
SEP 12	0635	1851
SEP 13	0635	1850
SEP 14	0635	1850
SEP 15	0636	1849
SEP 16	0636	1848
SEP 17	0636	1847
SEP 18	0636	1847
SEP 19	0636	1846
SEP 20	0636	1845
SEP 21	0636	1844
SEP 22	0636	1844
SEP 23	0636	1843
SEP 24	0636	1842
SEP 25	0636	1841
SEP 26	0636	1841
SEP 27	0636	1840
SEP 28	0636	1839
SEP 29	0637	1838
SEP 30	0637	1837

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## Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 325-65

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1. Mission: 9th Marines extends clear and hold operation south to phase line ORANGE by 1 November 1965. Is prepared to continue advance within TAOR to phase line PURPLE by 1 November 1965; phase line BROWN 1 December 1965 and phase line GREEN prior to 25 December 1965.

2. Concept

a. Manuever - The clear and hold operation south to phase line ORANGE will be conducted in four phases as follows:

Phase I - 1st Battalion extends clear and hold operation to present limit of TAOR within sector by 13 September 1965. Control of sector is maintained by use of Tank-Infantry-LVT task forces establishing mobile strong points and aggressive patrol activity. 2d Battalion continues aggressive patrolling throughout assigned sector.

Phase II - 1st Battalion continues to patrol aggressively throughout assigned sector. 2d Battalion extends clear and hold operations in eastern portion of assigned sector to phase line ORANGE. Operational area to be bounded on west by north south grid line 98. On order about 18 September 2d Battalion completes extension to phase line ORANGE in assigned sector in coordination with 3d Marines operation to phase line RANGE within 3d Marines TAOR.

Phase III - 1st Battalion extends clear and hold operation initiated in phase I to phase line ORANGE by 25 September 1965. 2d Battalion continues aggressive patrolling throughout sector.

Phase IV - 9th Marines consolidates positions, adjusts units as necessary, and prepares to continue extension of control in zone to phase lines PURPLE, BROWN and GREEN.

b. Fires

Phase I- Priority of air, artillery and NGF to 1/9. Daily registration to be conducted 360 degrees around strong points.

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Phase II - Priority of air, artillery and NGF  
to 2/9.

Phase III - Priority of fire to 1/9.

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## OPERATION PLAN 326-65

Ref: (a) MAP: INDOCHINA 1:50,000 SERIES L701 SHEETS 6658 I & IV, 6659 II & III

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Current ISUMS.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Battery 2/12 Direct Support.

(2) One Section of Tanks, "B" Company, 3d Tank Battalion to Division Reaction Company.

(3) One Section of Ontos, "C" Company, 3d AT Battalion to Division Reaction Company.

c. Assumptions

(1) That the enemy will effect penetration XRAY in the area of the Hoa Cam Training Camp.

(2) That the enemy strength in penetration XRAY is one company.

(3) That the enemy penetration occurs during the hours of darkness.

(4) That the Division Reaction Company is available.

2. MISSION. The Division Reaction Company (Rein) counter-attacks penetration XRAY and destroys enemy therein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

(i) Maneuver

(a) 9th Marines destroy enemy in penetration XRAY by counterattacking with the Division Reaction Company reinforced by one section of tanks and one section of Ontos, to secure the high ground in the vicinity of (AT 974716) using the RVN

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Regional Forces located at Hoa Cam to support the attack from positions held.

(b) See Annex A Operation Overlay.

(2) Supporting Fires

(a) Division Reaction Company (Rein) will be supported by fires from one battery of artillery from the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

(b) Preplanned concentration to contain enemy penetration XRAY will be in accordance with Annex A.

b. Division Reaction Company

Direct Support: One section tanks, "B" Company, 3rd Tank Battalion, one section mortars, "C" Company, 3rd AT Battalion, effective on execution of this plan. On order, seize objective 1, high ground (AT 974716).

(1) Destroy VC in penetration.

c. RVN Regional Forces Hoa Cam. Continue defense in assigned area and support the attack of the Division Reaction Company.

d. 1st Battalion. Continue defense in assigned area.

e. 3rd Battalion. Continue defense in assigned area.

f. Battery 2/12 (As designated)

(1) Direct Support with priority of fires to support the Division Reaction Company.

(2) See Annex B Fire Support Plan.

g. "B" Company, 3rd Tank Bn. Continue defense from present positions.

h. "C" Company, 3rd AT Tank Bn. Continue defense from present positions.

i. Regimental Reserve: Regimental Headquarters Company.

(1) Be prepared to assemble on one hour notice at (AT 997725).

(2) Maintain present blocking positions.

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j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Essential elements of the counterattack. See Annex A Opération Overlay.
- (2) Employment of supporting fires. See Annex B Fire Support Plan.
- (3) Close coordination must be effected between Tanks, Ontos, Division Reaction Company and Hoa Cam Training Camp.
- (4) This plan is effective immediately for planning and is effective for execution on order of the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Basic allowance to all elements of the Division Reaction Company (Rein) prior to moving to the line of departure.
- b. One meal of C Rations and two full canteens in the possession of all troops prior to initiation of counterattack.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Make use of all normal means of communications.
- b. Ninth Marines command post. No change.

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ANNEXES:

A - Operation Overlay  
B - Fire Support Plan  
C - Distribution

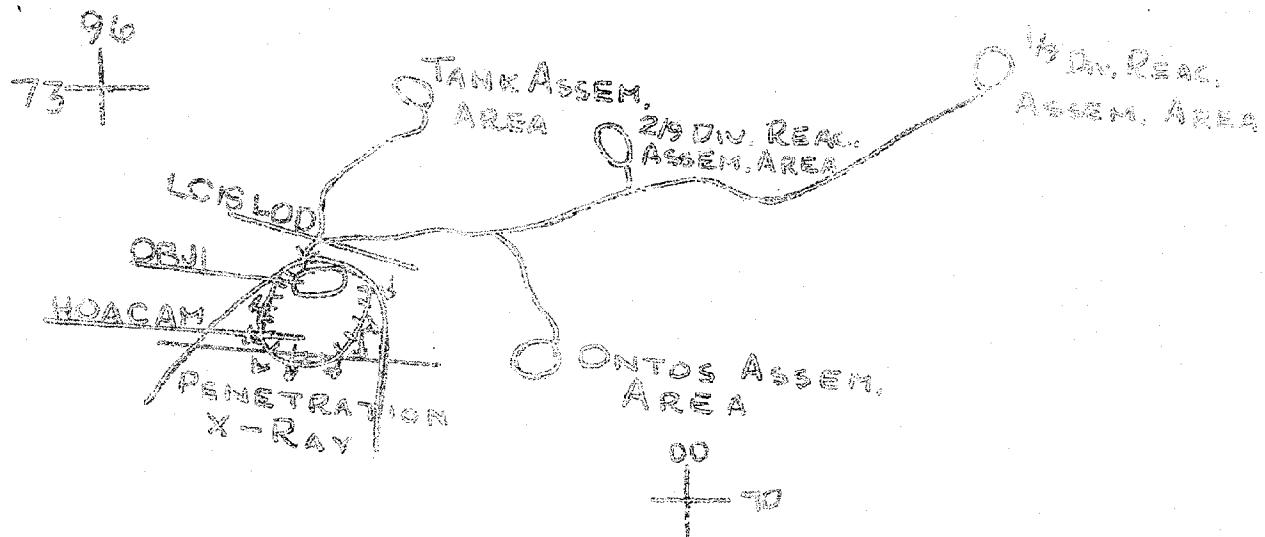
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 CO, 2DBn, 9th Marines  
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Subj: Rear Area Security and Patrol Responsibility

Ref: (a) MAP, INDOCHINA 1:50,000 Series L701 Sheets 6658 I & IV, 6659 II & III  
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65  
 (c) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 329-65  
 (d) 9th Mar OpOrder 325-65

Encl: (1) Overlay of Rear Area Security and Patrol Responsibility

1. Purpose: To designate areas of security and patrol responsibility within the rear area of the Ninth Marines TAOR.

2. The area indicated in enclosure (1) is hereby subdivided into four areas of responsibility represented by Roman Numerals I through IV.

3. Responsibility for security and patrol activity within the rear area is as follows:

a. Area I - Hoa Cam Training Camp

b. Area II - CO 3d Tank Bn. Security and patrol activities of the 1st AmTrac bn, the 3d AT Bn, and the 3d Motor Transport Bn, within this area will be coordinated by the CO of the 3d Tank Bn.

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c. Area II - CO 2dBn, 12th Marines. Security and patrol activities of the 9th Motor Transport Bn, within this area will be coordinated by the CO of 2dBn, 12th Marines.

d. Area IV - 9th Marines.

4. Unit commanders will be responsible for establishing the necessary outposts, listening posts, ambushes and patrols within assigned areas.

5. Close coordination must be effected with adjacent units, particularly with regard to ambushes and patrols. This coordination will be accomplished through the 9th Marines Regimental Headquarters. Overlays of all ambushes, listening posts and patrols will be submitted to the S-3 9th Marines forty-eight hours in advance of the scheduled event for the period 1800-1800.

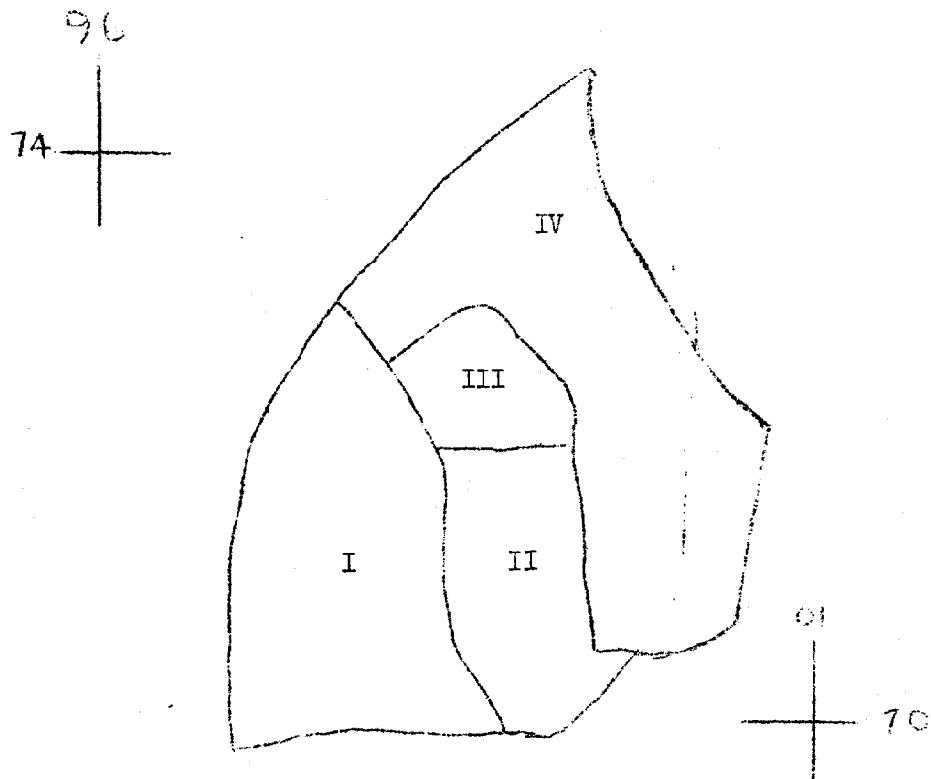
6. Rules of engagement apply - reference (b).

7. CO Hoa Cam Training Camp has agreed to the areas of security and patrol responsibility as indicated in enclosure (1).

  
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"B" CO FIRST AMTRAC BN \* "A" CO NINTH ME BN \* THIRD BN NINTH MARINES

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FRAG ORDER 33-65

A. FRAG ORDER 23-45

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. NAVAL ADVISORY DETACHMENT. RVN FORCES UNDER NAD OFFUPY AREAS ON  
BEACH LINE AND 500 METERS WEST FRUM (BT 715) TO (BT 734) AND  
FROM (PT 745) TU (750).B. 11TH RANGER BN, RVN. STAGES VICINITY OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN ON  
030000H SEPTEMBER 1965. COMMENCING 040500H SEPTEMBER 1965,  
CONDUCTS A SWEEP BELOW MARBLE MOUNTAIN. FORCES MOVE DOWN BEACH  
LINE FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO LOO AT EAST WEST GRID LINE 45 AND  
COMMENCE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO NORTH. TWO COMPANIES  
ON EAST OF SONG CAN BIEN RIVER AND ONE WEST. LIMIT OF ADVANCE  
WILL BE EAST WEST GRID LINE 482, FRUM 041430H TO 041520H 11TH  
RANGER BN WILL BE VISITED BY MR. RICHARD T. NIXON.

C. "D" COMPANY, 3D RECON BATTALION

(1) NIGHT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1965 ESTABLISHES PATROL BASE  
VICINITY OF (AT 970700).(2) AT 040700H CONDUCT RIVER SEARCH OF SONG YEN RIVER FRUM  
DAWN AT (AT 953457) NORTH TO SONG CAU DO RIVER.D. 3D MARINES. ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY ON WESTERN EDGE OF TAOR  
TU NEW BOUNDARY OF 9TH MARINES WHICH IS WESTERN SIDE OF SONG YEN  
RIVER LIER OF 500 METERS WEST OF RIVER. MAINTAINS ONE PRC-19 RADIU  
CONTACT WITH WESTERN ELEMENTS OF 9TH MARINES ON 9  
239 FREQUENCY CALL SIGN PARKGREEN GOLF.

E. VNAF/USAF MAINTAIN A JOINT RADAR SITE AT MONKEY MOUNTAIN. SECURITY PROVIDED BY 2D INFANTRY DIVISION (ARVN) UNTIL RELIEVED BY 1/9 EFFECTIVE 031400H SEPTEMBER.

(2) 1ST BATTALION

A. RICHARD T. NIXON DEMONSTRATION

- (1) PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCE 4 SEPTEMBER 1965.
- (2) COORDINATE WITH 11TH RANGER BATTALION RVN.
- (3) MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT WITH ADVISORS.

B. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF JOINT RADAR SITE MONKEY MOUNTAIN EFFECTIVE 031400H.

C. CONTINUE REDWOOD BRAVU 2 PATROL.

D. EFFECT CHANGE OF BOUNDARY WITH 2/9 EFFECTIVE 031400H.

E. COORDINATE WITH NAU TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH AREA AGREEMENTS.

3. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

A. COMPLY WITH WESTERN BOUNDARY CHANGE EFFECTIVE 031400H

B. ONE PRC-10 RADIO WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH 3/1/1 ON FREQUENCY 0-267 WITH 3D MARINES ON WESTERN FLANK. RADIO CALL SIGN PILSNER BRAVU.

C. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FROM 1/9 FOR AREA ON EASTERN FLANK DUE TO BOUNDARY CHANGE EFFECTIVE 031400H.

D. ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO ASSIST DELTA COMPANY, 3D RECON BATTALION ON SONG YEN RIVER.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) 9TH MARINES TAUR WESTERN BOUNDARY CHANGES FROM 500 METERS WEST OF SONG YEN RIVER TO WESTERN BANK OF SONG YEN RIVER EFFECTIVE 031400H SEPTEMBER 65.

(2) BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/9 AND 2/9 CHANGES EFFECTIVE 031400H TO A LINE WEST FROM (BT 097722) TO (BT 094710) EAST TO (BT 020710) SOUTH TO (BT 020610) EAST TO (BT 030591) AND THEN SOUTH ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE SONG VINH DIEN RIVER.

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A. FRAG ORDER 31-45

B. FRAG ORDER 30-45

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

- A. 11TH RANGER BN RVN
  - (1) CONDUCTS OPERATION REFERENCE B 040500Z TO 081100Z.
  - (2) LIMIT OF ADVANCE IS 1/9 FRONT LINES.
- B. RVN FORCES CONDUCT OPERATION REF A.
- C. D CO THIRD RECON BN. CONDUCTS RIVER SEARCH REF B COMMENCE 080700Z.

2. FIRST BN NINTH MARINES

- A. CONTINUE MAXIMUM COOPERATION WITH 11TH RANGER BN RVN IN OPERATION REFERENCE B.
- B. MAINTAIN BRIDGE SECURITY AT BT 072721 DURING CONSTRUCTION AND UNTIL RELIEVED.

3. SECOND BN NINTH MARINES

- A. REPORT PLANS IN SUPPORT OF RVN OPERATION REFERENCE A.
- B. D CO THIRD TANK BN

PROVIDE W2ND PLT (-) IN DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9

5. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- A. COORDINATION POINT BETWEEN 1/9 - 2/9 BOUNDARY IS BT 027687
- B. PREPARE PLANS FOR USE CLAYMORE MINES. REPORT INTENDED LOCATION, TIME AND PURPOSE FOR APPROVAL THISNARS.

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FRAG ORDER 33-65

A. 3RD MARDIV OPOORDER 331-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

- A. RVN FORCES CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO SOUTH (REFERENCE A).
- B. RVN FORCES PLAN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 060000H TO 101600H SOUTH OF EAST WEST GRID LINE 07 AND WEST OF (BT070670) TO (BT 090635) IN 1ST BN 9TH MARINES SECTOR.
- C. D CO 3RD RECON BN CONDUCTS ROAD AND BRIDGE RECON. AT 070800H MOVES SOUTH ON ROUTE 1 TO JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 14 (BT 056589). WEST ON ROUTE 14 TO JUNCTION WITH RAILROAD (AT 992577) DISEMPARK AND RECON NORTH ALONG RAILROAD TO RAILROAD BRIDGE (AT 998705). ETA (AT 991641) 071500H.

2. 1ST BN

- A. CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 070630H IN GS (BT0466) AND (BT 0467) WITH LVT'S, TANKS AND ONTOS.
- B. COORDINATES WITH RVN FORCES AND 3RD DIV LNO TO PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCE FOR OPERATION PARAGRAPH 1B ABOVE.
- C. MAINTAINS ONE COMPANY DIVISION REACTION ON ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS.

3. 2ND BN

- A. MAINTAINS BLOCKING POSITION FOR RVN OPERATION (REFERENCE A).
- B. BE PREPARED TO ASSIST D CO 3RD RECON BN.
- C. CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN SECTOR.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. FRONT LINE PLATOONS WILL ESTABLISH, REPORT AND MARK LANDING ZONES. NUMBERS WILL BE FROM WEST TO EAST.  
2ND BN = NO 1 THROUGH 12  
1ST BN = NO 13 THROUGH 24
- B. RECENT GRENADE EXPLOSIONS IN POSITIONS AT NIGHT INDICATE A NEED FOR COMMANDERS TO MOVE FFL'S FORWARD FIFTY PACES AFTER DARK.

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 FRAG ORDER 34-65

- A. FRAG ORDER 34-65
- 1. FRIENDLY FORCES
- A. RVN OPERATION SOUTH OF 1/3 SECTOR 6-10 SEPTEMBER (REF A)  
     16 POSTPONED.
- 2. 1ST BN
- A. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 080030H IN 86 (BT 64-66)  
     AND (BT 64-67) WITH TANKS, LSTS AND ON TOS.
- B. MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY DIVISION REACTION ON ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS.
- 3. 2ND BN
- WHEN DIRECTED APPROX 001200H WITHDRAW BLOCKING FORCE VICINITY  
     HA DONG (AT 995695).
- 4. COMMAND
- A. 3/9 CHANGED CP LOCATION TO (BT 681747).
- B. D 1/9 ESTABLISHED OP'S AT (BT 675716) AND (BT 669765).
- C. B COMPANY 3RD TANK BN CHANGED CP TO (BT 685716).
- 5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
- A. CURFEW IN HOA VANG DISTRICT IS 2200 TO 0500. EXCEPTION:  
     ROUTE 1 IN 1/3 SECTOR FROM TEXTILE FACTORY OVER CAM LE BAO  
     BRIDGE. FOR THIS AREA ONLY, CURFEW BEGINS 2215.
- B. ANYONE HARVESTING RICE AT NIGHT WILL BE CONSIDERED VC.
- C. CONSIDER USE OF GRENADES WHEN VC ARE SUSPECTED USING  
     PADDIES OR MARSHES FOR HIDING WHILE BREATHING THROUGH TUBES.

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TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS. 88 SECOND BN SOUTH MARINES

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV--THIRD MARINES--2D BN 12TH MARINES  
D CO THIRD RECON BN--B CO THIRD TANK BN--C CO THIRD AT BN  
B CO FIRST AMTRAC BN--THIRD BN NINTH MARINES

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ENRAG ORDER 36-65

A. THIRD MARCH 1968 OP ORDER 332-65

### 3. ENEMY FORCES

A. GENERAL MOVEMENT INTO 9TH MARINES TAOR TO CONFISCATE RICE.  
ESTIMATED VC BATTALION ARMED WITH 81'S AND RECOILLESS RIFLE  
LOCATED IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF 1/9 SECTOR.

## 2. SITUATION.

A. D CO THIRD RECON BN. MISSION 09 AND 10 SEPTEMBER SOUTH OF 1/3  
SECTOR CANCELLED.  
B. 1/9. CONTINUES OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE.  
C. 2/9. CONTINUES PHASE II OF SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION QUA 01 AND  
(29 (BT 024668)).

3. 1ST BN. REFERENCE (A) INCLUDES RESPONSIBILITY OF WATER POINT ON MONKEY MOUNTAIN IN SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY.

#### 4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- A. UNCLASSIFIED NAME FOR AID AND SECURITY FOR RICE HARVEST IS OPERATION "GOLDEN FLEECE".
- B. RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, TO VIETNAMESE IN DENYING RICE HARVEST TO VIET CONG.

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FRAG UNDER 37-65

A. 30 JIV OF ORDER 1229-65  
 B. 3TH MAR OF ORDER 1225-65

ENCL (1) OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) RVN FORCES. CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SHIFT JR 374 MARINES FAUX. (SEE ENCLURE (1))

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## PAGE TWO KUMFUAD CONFIDENTIAL

(A) 11TH RANGER BN. CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY SOUTH OF TAU and WEST OF RAILROAD.

(B) 1ST BN, 3D REGIMENT ARVN. CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH OF TAU EAST OF RAILROAD.

(C) 40A VANS POPULAR FORCES. CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION NORTH OF 1/3 RVN AND SOUTH OF NIEU DONG (1) (BT #17575).

(D) 3D MARINES.

(A) CONTINUES MISSION WEST OF 3D MARINES TAU.

(B) MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH 2/3 VIA 1/1.

(C) J COMPANY, 3D RECON BN. CONDUCTS BEACH AND AREA RECONNAISSANCE IN VICINITY OF GS (BT 1362) ON NIGHT OF 11 SEPTEMBER. EMBARKS LOU AT DANANG, ENEMY BY LCR AT (BT 145515).

2. MISSION. 3D MARINES CONTINUES OPERATION RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE AND SUPPORTS RVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH OF TAU DURING PERIOD 11 TO 14 SEPTEMBER 1965.

## 3. EXECUTION

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

(2) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS DIVISION REACTION COMPANY IN ONE HOUR ALERT STATUS.

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B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

(2) OCCUPY PHASE LINE ORANGE BY 141800H SEPTEMBER 1965.

(3) RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TWO SQUADS/REGIMENTAL RESERVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) OCCUPY POSITIONS VICINITY GS (BT 9551).

(2) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLS ANDAMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

(3) BE PREPARED TO ASSIST RVN FORCES ADJACENT TO SECTOR.

D. REGIMENTAL RESERVE. DIVISION REACTION COMPANY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. PATROLS ANDAMBUSHES WILL BE IN DEPTH ON ALL ROUTES OF APPROACH.

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3D MAR - 3D BN 9TH MAR

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FRAG ORDER 38-45

A. FRAG ORDER 37-45

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) 594TH CO, PF, RVN, PROTECTS VILLAGERS IN SECTOR 1  
DURING RICE HARVEST.(2) RVN FORCES CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH  
OF TAOR (REFERENCE A).

(3) 2D MARINES

A. CONTINUES MISSION WEST OF 9TH MARINES TAOR.

B. MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH 2/9 VIA 1/1.

2. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUES RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

3. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

(2) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY AS DIVISION REACTION COMPANY IN ONE HOUR  
ALERT STATUS.

4. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) WHEN DIRECTED 14 SEPTEMBER CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY  
OPERATION IN SECTOR NORTH FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TO EAST WEST  
GRID LINE 65.(2) RETAIN CONTROL OF LANDING ZONE UNTIL LOGISTICAL HELILIFT  
COMPLETE.

(3) RUMBLE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM GRID LINE 65 IS RAILROAD.

(4) RELEASE WHISKEY BATTERY FOR HELILIFT 14 SEPT 65.

(5) RELEASE OTHER ATTACHED ELEMENTS UPON ARRIVAL THIS UP.

(6) NORMAL OPERATIONAL REPORTS REQUIRED.

5. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS. DUCK REACTION SLINGS WILL NOT BE USED BY  
9TH MARINES. WEAPONS WILL BE CARRIED AT REGULATION SLING ARMS OR AT  
PORT ARMS.

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FRAG ORDER 39-65

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A. FRAG ORDER 38-65  
 B. DIV ORDER 005500.1 (SECRET)

## 1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. 3RD MARINES

- (1) OCCUPIES POSITIONS WEST OF 9TH MARINES TAOR.
- (2) OCCUPIES HILL 22 AND DUYEN SON (2) VICINITY OF (AT 96066W).
- B. 3DBN, 3D MARINES. OPCON TO 4TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 142200H SEP 65.
- C. "M" COMPANY, 3DBN, 4TH MARINES. OPCON TO 3D MARINES EFFECTIVE 141600H SEP 65.
- D. PLATOON WHISKEY BATTERY 1/12. OPCON FROM 9TH MARINES TO 12TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 141200H SEP 65.

## 2. 1STBN

- A. CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.
- B. PROVIDE HARBOR SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A FROM 16 TO 30 SEP 65.

C. TWO DOG TEAMS ATTACHED FOR PERIOD 15 TO 30 SEP 65.

## 3. 2DBN

- 1. CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.
- 2. RELIEVED FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIVISION REACTION COMPANY.
- 3. TWO DOG TEAMS ATTACHED FOR PERIOD 15 TO 30 SEP 65.

## 4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. COORDINATING POINT BETWEEN 1/1 THIRD MARINES AND 2/9 1ST BN VICINITY OF (AT 959658).

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 KUMFUAN/QG CU THIRD RECON BN  
 ZEN/3 CU THIRD TANK BN  
 ZEN/C CU THIRD AT BN  
 ZEN/B CU FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 KUMFUAN/THIRD MARINES  
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FRAG ORDER 40-65

A. FRAG ORDER 39-65

B. 9TH MAR MSG 151105Z SEP 65

C. CG MSG 151039Z SEP 65 (SECRET)

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. RVN PF AND RF FORCES CONTINUE PROTECTION OF RICE HARVEST IN TAOK. CURRENTLY HARVESTING IN EASTERN PORTION OF 2/9 SECTOR.

B. THIRD MARINES OCCUPIES DUYEN SON (2) (AT 950660) AND HILL 41 (AT 934554).

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2. 1ST BN

A. CONTINUES OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW.

B. BN RESERVE DESIGNATED REGIMENTAL RESERVE. DO NOT COMMIT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF 9TH MARINES.

3. 2D BN

A. CONTINUES OPERATIONS GOLDEN FLEECE AND RICE STRAW.

B. PLAN FOR RELIEF OF 3/9 ON AIRFIELD COMMENCING 21 SEP 65.

4. 3D BN

A. CONTINUES DEFENSE DANANG AIRBASE.

B. PLAN FOR RELIEF OF 2/9 COMMENCING 21 SEP 65 AND ASSUMPTION OF 2/9 MISSION AND TAUR.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS. IN ADDITION TO PATROL REQUIREMENTS OF REFERENCE B, BATTALIONS WILL INSURE POSTING OF ONE SCOUT/SNIPER TEAM PER FRONT LINE COMPANY NIGHTLY. TEAMS WILL BE POSTED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS AND CONTINUE SNIPING MISSION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. POSITIONS AND RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED DAILY UTILIZING SPOT REPORTS.

B. RELIEF OF 3/9 BY 2/9

(1) REFERENCE (C) APPROVES RELIEF OF 3/9 AS AIRFIELD DEFENSE.

BY 2/9. 3/9 WILL ASSUME MISSION AND TAUR OF 2/9.

(2) COMMENCE 21 SEPTEMBER 65 TO BE COMPLETED 22 SEPTEMBER 65.

(3) SUBMIT PLANS FOR APPROVAL THIS HQRS BY 180000 24 SEP 65.

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FRAG ORDER 41-65

A. 9TH MAR UPDATER 325-65

B. FRAG ORDER 48-65

1. TASK ORGANIZATION. SAME AS ANNEX A OF REFERENCE (A) EXCEPT  
FOLLOWING "2D BN 9TH MARINES" INSERT 3D BN 9TH MARINES L1CUL TINELPLT, 592D CU, RF, RVN  
LN FM, 1 CORPS, ARVN  
INTERPRETER FM, III MAF  
? DOG TMS (TO BE DETACHED)  
31 SEP 1965  
EFFECTIVE 24 SEP 1965

2. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) RVN PF AND RF FORCES. CONTINUE PROTECTION OF RICE  
HARVEST IN 9TH MARINES TAOR. CP OF RVN FORCES CURRENTLY  
MIEN DUNG (1), (BT 015589).

(2) 3D MARINES

A. OCCUPIES DUYEN SON (2). (AT 950500) AND HILL 41  
(AT 934664).

B. MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH 2/9 ON 1/1 TAC NET.

(3) "D" COMPANY, 3D RECON BN

(1) DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES.

(2) CONDUCTS RIVER RECON OF SOUTH VINH DIEN RIVER ON  
NIGHT 20 SEP 65. TRUCKS TO (BT 037647). MOVE  
OVERLAND TO (BT 032647). RECON SOUTH WITH SWIMMERS  
TO (BT 054648). RETURN SAME ROUTE BEFORE DAYLITE.

(3) DIRECT SUPPORT 1ST BN FOR RIVER SEARCH 23 SEP 65.

3. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

A. CONTINUE RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

B. PREPARE PLANS FOR SEARCH OF YIHTEN RIVER NORTH FROM  
EAST WEST GRID LINE 55 TO GRID LINE 59. D-DAY 23 SEP 65.C. MAINTAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DANANG HARBOUR SECURITY UNTIL  
RELIEVED BY 3D MARINES 010800H OCT 65.D. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REACTION FORCE FOR "D" COMPANY, 3D  
RECON BN DURING MISSION 20 SEP 65.

4. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

A. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DANANG AIRBASE RELIEVING 3/9  
24 SEP 65.B. UNDER OPCON III MAF EHEN DIRECTED 24 SEP 65. REMAIN ADMIN  
CONTROL 9TH MARINES.

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C. PROVIDE ONE PLATOON OPCON 1/9 FOR RIVER SEARCH 23 SEP 65.

5. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

A. UPON RELIEF BY 2/9, ASSUME FOLLOWING MISSION:

- (1) ESTABLISH DEFENSE IN DEPTH SOUTH TO PHASE LINE ORANGE.
- (2) INSURE AREA CLEAR OF VC BY AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING, ROAD BLOCKS, AMBUSHES AND LISTENING POSTS.
- (3) LIBERATE POPULACE FROM VC CONTROL.
- (4) CONTINUE OPERATION GOLDEN FLEET.
- (5) ESTABLISH CONTROL POINT AND RIVER BLOCK ON SUNG YEN VICINITY OF (AT 959653).
- (6) BE PREPARED WHEN DIRECTED TO EXTEND AREA OF CONTROL (PHASE IV ANNEX C OF REFERENCE A) UTILIZING STRONG POINTS AND PATROL BASES.
- (7) DEFEND PLSG ASP (AT 999734).
- (8) DEFEND RAILROAD BRIDGE (AT 990747).
- (9) MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT WITH 3D MARINE ELEMENTS TO WEST.
- (10) MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH RVN UNITS IN TAUR.

## 6. "B" COMPANY (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN

## A. DIRECT SUPPORT OPCON 9TH MARINES

B. COMPANY (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9.

C. PROVIDE MINIMUM OF 5 LVFS DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9 EFFECTIVE 24 SEP 65.

## 7. "B" COMPANY 3D TANK BN

A. DIRECT SUPPORT OPCON 9TH MARINES.

B. COMPANY (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9.

C. ONE PLATOON DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9 EFFECTIVE 24 SEP 65.

## 8. "C" COMPANY, 3D AT BN

A. DIRECT SUPPORT OPCON 9TH MARINES.

B. ONE PLATOON DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9.

C. COMPANY (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9 EFFECTIVE 24 SEP 65.

## 9. "A" COMPANY 9TH MT BN

A. DIRECT SUPPORT OPCON 9TH MARINES.

B. PROVIDE PLATOON (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 1/9.

C. PROVIDE PLATOON (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 2/9.

D. PROVIDE PLATOON (-) DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9.

## 10. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. RELIEF OF 3/9 BY 2/9 21-24 SEP 65.

(1) DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED 1/9, 2/9, III AR.

(2) RELIEF COMMENCING 210800H SEP 65.

(3) RELIEF COMPLETED WHEN CO 2/9 ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIRFIELD DEFENSE PRIOR TO 240800H SEP 65.

(4) REPORT ELEMENTS AS DISPLACED AND WHEN IN POSITION  
TIMES AND COORDINATES.

(5) INSURE CONTINUITY IN PATROL RESPONSIBILITY DURING RELIEF.

(6) 2D BN WILL RETAIN PRESENT RF RVN PNT.

(7) 2/9 LIAISON OFFICER TO REGIMENT TO BE RELIEVED 240800H  
SEP BY LIAISON OFFICER FROM 3/9.

## B. DOG TEAMS

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(1) FURNISHED BY III MAF ON SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC MISSIONS AND DEFINITE TIME PERIOD.  
(2) DOGS WILL NOT BE SEPARATED FROM HANDLERS.  
(3) COMPLETE REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED DAILY ON PERFORMANCE, CONDITION AND EVALUATION OF DOG TEAMS.

C. ENGINEER SUPPORT

A. GENERAL SUPPORT 3D MAR DIV.  
B. REQUESTS COVER SPECIFIC TIMES, OPERATIONS AND UNIT ASSIGNMENT.  
C. REVIEW NEEDS DAILY AND ADJUST REQUIREMENTS AS NECESSARY.

D. SUBMIT REQUESTS VIA REGIMENTAL S-3.  
E. DEMOLITION SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY REQUESTING UNIT.  
D. HELICOPTER UTILIZATION

(A) TWO HELICOPTERS (H-34'S) ARE AVAILABLE THIS REGIMENT FROM 1200-1800 DAILY.  
(B) REQUESTS FOR HELICOPTERS WILL BE MADE TO REGIMENTAL ALW PRIOR TO 1100 DAILY ON DAY OF LIFT.  
(C) ALL OTHER REQUESTS WILL BE EMERGENCY BASIS.  
(D) TWO HU-1E'S ARE ON 30 MINUTE STRIP ALERT.  
(E) SIX H-34'S ON 30 MINUTE STRIP ALERT.

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FRAG ORDER 42-65

A. FRAG ORDER 41-65

B. CG, 3D MARDIV MSG 190000Z

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. RVN FORCES. CP FOR RVN FORCES IN 9TH MARINES TAOR IS MIER DUNG (1), (BT 014533).

B. 3D RECON BN (REF B)

(1) GENERAL SUPPORT TO MARDIV.

(2) REQUESTS FOR RECON SUPPORT WILL BE MADE THROUGH REGIMENTAL S-3 TO S-3 3D MARDIV.

(3) "C" COMPANY, 3D RECON BN

(A) GENERAL SUPPORT TO MARDIV EFFECTIVE 201200H SEP 65.

(B) CONDUCTS RIVER RECON, REFERENCE (A). NIGHT OF 20 SEP 65.

(C) CONDUCTS AREA RECON OF AN BN (1). (BT 194513)

212400H TO 220000H SEP 65. ENTRY BY LCR.

2. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

A. RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOCAL SECURITY OF HOSPITAL SITE, DANANG EAST.

B. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE RESERVE FORCE FOR "C" COMPANY, 3D RECON BN DURING OPERATIONS 21 AND 22 SEP 65.

C. CONTINUES OPERATIONS RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

D. BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH VEHICLE SEARCH AND CONTROL POINT ON CAM LE BAC BRIDGE, COAST HIGHWAY VICINITY (BT 079695) AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE (BT 072702).

3. 2DBN, 9TH MARINES

A. BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH VEHICLE SEARCH AND CONTROL POINT ON RAILROAD BRIDGE (AT 998707) AND MIEU DONG BRIDGE (BT 017675).

B. CONTINUES OPERATIONS RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.

C. CONTINUES PREPARATIONS FOR RELIEF OF 3/9.

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## 4. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

A. PLT 522D COMPANY RF, RVN ATTACHED EFFECTIVE UPON REPORTING  
22 SEP 65.

B. CONTINUES PREPARATION FOR RELIEF OF 2/9.

C. PREPARE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATROL SOUTH OF  
AIRFIELD TO SONG CAU DO EFFECTIVE 030600H SEP 65.

## 5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. BATTALION COMMANDERS HAVE AUTHORITY TO FIRE 81MM MORTAR  
WITHIN ASSIGNED TASK, AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION  
OF SUCH FIRE.

B. EFFECTIVE 030600H 111 MAF ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AREA  
NORTH AND WEST OF SONG CAU DO AND BOUNDED ON THE  
WEST BY PRESENT 2/9 BOUNDARY.

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FRAG ORDER 43-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 42-65

B. 9TH MAR MSG 151155Z SEP

C. OPERATION OVERLAY TO FRAG ORDER 43-65 (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) RVN FORCES. NO RICE HARVEST WILL BE CONDUCTED 23SEP65.

(2) D CO 3D RECON BN. PROVIDES ONE PLATOON DIRECT

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SUPPORT FOR 1/9 OPERATION 23SEP65.

2. 1ST BN
  - A. 230630H SEP CONDUCTS A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OF SONG VINH DIEN RIVER FROM GRID LINE (BT 65) NORTH TO (GT 59).
  - B. CONTINUES RICE STRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE.
3. 2ND BN. ESTABLISH CONTROL POINT AT MIEU DONG (1), (BT 007570) IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL POLICE APPROX 231200H.
4. 3D BN
  - A. ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATROL SOUTH OF AIRFIELD TO SONG CAU DO WITHIN PREVIOUS SECTOR OF 1/9. EFFECTIVE 230600H SEP 65.
  - B. PLATOON 5920 COMPANY, RF, RVN WILL BE ATTACHED 23SEP65.
5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
  - A. 9TH MARINES TAOR EXTENDED SOUTH TO VICINITY PHASE LINE PURPLE. OPERATION OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY.
  - B. PATROL REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO REFERENCE (B) ARE:
    - (1) ONE NIGHT PATROL PER RIFLE PLATOON.
    - (2) ON DAYLIGHT PATROL PER RIFLE COMPANY.
  - C. CONTROL POINTS
    - (1) CONTROL POINTS ARE ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT THE MOVEMENT OF CONTRABAND SOUTHWARD FROM DANANG INTO AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT CONTROL IS TENUOUS.
    - (2) PERSONNEL AT CONTROL POINTS WILL ASSIST NATIONAL POLICE IN FOLLOWING TASKS:
      - (A) EXAMINATION OF ID CARDS.
      - (B) THOROUGH SEARCH OF VEHICLES AND BAGGAGE.
      - (C) DETENTION OF PERSONS WHO ARE TRANSPORTING CONTRABAND LISTEN BELOW OR WHO HAVE IMPROPER ID
      - (D) SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND LISTED BELOW.
      - (E) PERSONS AND CONTRABAND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO NATIONAL POLICE.
      - (F) USMC PERSONNEL WILL NOT CONDUCT PHYSICAL SEARCH OF VIETNAMESE.
      - (G) SUSPICIOUS CASES WILL BE REFERRED TO NATIONAL POLICE.
      - (H) CONTRABAND INCLUDES FOLLOWING ITEMS:
        - RICE AND OTHER FOOD GRAINS
        - FUEL OF ANY SORT
        - COOKING OIL
        - SALT
        - MEDICAL SUPPLIES (ANY TYPE)
        - BATTERIES
        - CANNED GOODS
        - STATIONARY SUPPLIES
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FRAG ORDER 44-65

A. NINTH MARINE FRAG ORDER 43-65

BM CG MSG 241424Z

## 1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. RVN FORCES CONTINUE OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE

(1) RICE HARVST 270700 IN GS BT0299 AND BT0270. ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVER.

(2) 593D RF RVN PROTECTS HARVESTERS

(3) 591ST RF RVN LOCATED AT BT 042722 NITE OF 26 AND 27 SEP

(4) RICE HARVEST 280700 ( SECTOR II ) IN GS AT9867 WITH TWO COMPANIES RVN.

(1) 2 PLTS AT 988682

(2) 2 PLTS AT 988668

(3) 1 PLT AT 978667

(4) 1 PLT AT 977676

(5) RICE HARVEST 290700 (SECTOR III) LA BCNG (1) AND (2) ( AT970670 ) AND YEN N (4) (AT970679).

B. THIRD MAW. CONDUCTS A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION BY AIRCRAFT ON SONG YEN AND SONG VINH DIEN RIVERS BETWEEN EAST/WEST GRID LINES 63 AND 70. FLARE AND TACTICAL AIR WILL BE USED. TIME FRAMES: 272200 TO 272300, AND 280200 TO 280300.

## 2. FIRST BN

A. CONTINUES OPERATION RICESTRAW AND GOLDEN FLEECE

B. CONDUCTS MARTIN CLEMENTS PATROL 270700H TO 291900H. FROM BT067714 TO BT045689 AND FROM BT059694 TO BT046715. COMBINATION OF LVT AND FOOT PATROL.

## 3. THIRD BN

A. CONTINUES OPERATIONS RICESTRAW AND GOLDENFLEECE

B. MAINTAINS CONTINOUS RADIO CONTACT WITH THIRD MARINES VIA RADIO

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FREQUENCY 33-2 A/1/1 THIRD MARINES CALL SIGN PIGEON ALPHI

## A. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. BNS WILL INSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE 60MM MORTAR TRAINING PROGRAM. REPORTS OF TRAINING TO BE INCLUDED IN 1800 DAILY SITREP.

(1) REP. B. GIVES DISTRIBUTION OF 60MM MORTARS AS TWO PER COMPANY WITH THIRD AND NINTH MARINES PRIORITY.

(2) 5A RDS PER WEAPON PRACTICE. AMMO AUTHORIZED.

(3) HE AMMO AVAILABLE SOON.

B. BNS CAUTIONED IN USE OF TRACKED VEHICLES SO AS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO CROPS, ROADS, Dikes, ETC. DAMAGE IS JUSTIFIED ONLY WHEN TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATES.

C. NO USMC TACTICAL VEHICLES WILL BE USED TO HAUL RICE.

D. AIRCRAFT FOR RIVER SEARCH NITE OF 27 SEP WILL NOT FLY 1/2 AND 3/2 ON TAD NR 2 AND NR 3.

E. SEVERAL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN REPORTED TURNING OVER FRAG GRENADES TO MARINES OF THIS COMMAND. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE FUSE MECHANISM OF THESE GRENADES COULD BE DISPERSED WITH TO REMOVE THE DELAY MECHANISM. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE POSSIBLE USE OF CHILDREN BY VC. SIMILAR INCIDENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED THIS COMMAND IMMEDIATELY. SUCH GRENADES SHOULD BE TREATED AS IEDS.

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FRAG ORDER 45-65

A. FRAG ORDER 44-65

B. 9TH MAR MSG 151155Z SEP 65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES

A. NO RIVE HARVEST 29 SEP 65.

B. "D" CO, 3D RECON BATTALION PROVIDES ONE PLATOON DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9 FOR OPERATION MUSKRAT COMMENCING 30 SEPTEMBER 65.

C. 3D ENGINEER BATTALION PROVIDES TWO MINE CLEARING DETECTION TEAMS DIRECT SUPPORT 3/9 FOR OPERATION MUSKRAT DURING PERIOD

30 SEP - 4 OCT 1965.

2. 1STBN. PLATOON (-) 502D COMPANY RF, RVN ATTACHED TO 1/9.

3. 2DBN. ONE SQUAD 502D COMPANY, RF ATTACHED TO 2/9.

4. 3D BN.

A. 502D COMPANY (-) RF RVN ATTACHED TO 3/9.

B. TWO DOG TEAMS ATTACHED TO 3/9.

C. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ALONG SONG YEN RIVER

30 SEP - 4 OCT 65 IN COORDINATION WITH 3D MARINES. SEARCH

NORTH FROM DAN VICINITY (AT 950655) TO (AT 970600). SEARCH

WILL INCLUDE AREA 100 METERS OUT FROM RIVER. UNCLASSIFIED

NAME FOR OPERATION MUSKRAT.

D. PREPARE PLANS FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OF LE SON (3), (AT 975647) TO BE CONDUCTED 30 SEP 65.

E. CONDUCT PLATOON SEARCH OPERATION GS (0166) AND (0165)

29 SEP 65.

F. AUTHORIZED MAXIMUM AMBUSHES IN LIEU OF PATROLS REQUIRED BY  
REFERENCE B.G. RELIEVED OF REQUIREMENT REFERENCE A TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS  
RADIO CONTACT WITH 3D MARINES.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. TACTICAL VEHICLES MAY BE UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORT OF 2000  
HARVEST IN SPECIFIC INSTANCES APPROVED BY REGIMENTAL COMMANDEUR.

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

SITREP No. 55

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 010001H to 012400H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to defend in their assigned TAOR south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Fifteen patrols were conducted in this area in the last twenty-four hours. Five ambushes and twelve listening posts were established last night. Seven scout-sniper teams were employed. A platoon from "G" Company made a sweep of the hamlet of LA CHAU (3) (AT 956678), beginning at 011400H. There were no Marine casualties today. There was no VCS captured today.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airfield and south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols, established three ambushes and nine listening posts. Three scout-sniper teams were employed last night.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Eight patrols, two ambushes, and three listening posts were sent out during this period. A patrol from Company "G" was taken under fire by VC snipers in LA BONG (2), (AT 967667). A fire fight ensued. Three Vietnamese civilians were wounded during the fight and two later died. All were evacuated to C&C. One platoon from "G" Company departed at 011400H to sweep LA CHAU (3), (AT 956678).

4. Activitiesa. Operations~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River, with one reinforced squad remaining at the hospital site at (BT 075713) with MCB-9. One tunnel was located and destroyed in the vicinity of (BT 042692).

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from the vicinity of the hamlet of M'N (UIN) (2), (BT 044686) to (BT 079699) and patrols extensively in this area. At 010036H the 2d platoon of Company "A", located at (BT 055698), received ten rounds of small arms fire from an estimated distance of seven hundred fifty meters from the vicinity of (BT 075698). The rounds fell short of the platoon's position. The snipers were out of small arms fire range. At 010115H an artillery FO with Company "A" requested to fire a mission on an estimated forty VC who were beating drums at (BT 081689). Fourteen rounds of 105mm HE were fired and fell on the target but the damage was unpreserved due to darkness. The FO reported small secondary explosions after the fire mission and after one adjustment round. At 311900H the 1st platoon of Company "A" spotted two VC crossing a rice paddy in front of their position at (BT 044693). The platoon fired on the VC and lost contact. The 1st platoon also destroyed a tunnel in this area.

(b) Company "B" remains in the vicinity of the Battalion CP at (BT 023733) and has the responsibility of CP security and patrolling the area between the Battalion CP and the CAU DO River.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 017683) to (BT 034687) and patrols extensively in this area.

(d) The 2d and 3d platoons of Company "D" continue to occupy positions in the vicinity of (BT 068708) with the Company CP while the 1st platoon (Rein) remains in the vicinity of (BT 085697). One reinforced squad continues to provide security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at (BT 075713).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Companies "F", "G" and "H" occupy front line positions while Company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

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(a) Company "E" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One reinforced platoon also provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Patrol activities are conducted in the assigned sector.

(b) Company "F" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678). One squad continues to provide security for the medical station located at (AT 980686). At 312200H two VC snipers crawled to within thirty meters of Company "F" front line positions at (AT 977683). The snipers fired a few rounds into Company "F" positions and then ran to CAM NE (1), (AT 975684). Company "F" did not return fire due to the location of friendly troops in their vicinity. There were no USMC casualties.

(c) Company "G" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 962674) to (AT 972682). At 011400H Company "G" dispatched one platoon on a search and destroy mission of LA CHAU (3), (AT 956678). At 011420H the platoon conducting the sweep received four rounds of sniper fire from (AT 955683) while moving to LA CHAU (3).

(d) Company "D" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 009676).

**b. Patrols**

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" conducted three patrols during the last twenty-four hours. At 311830H Redwood Alpha Homer 7 left the IP (BT 074701) and moved southwest along the trail in that vicinity to (BT 068698). Then this patrol moved southeast to the vicinity of (BT 075686) and north along the western banks of the CAN BIEN River, back to the IP. Today Company "A" conducted two additional patrols in the area forward of their positions. The first patrol was a squad reinforced with 81mm mortar support, tanks and LVT's. This patrol departed at 010630H, covered area in grid squares (BT 0466) and (BT 0467) and returned to the IP at 011600H. The second patrol was a squad also reinforced by 81mm mortar support, tanks, and LVT's. This patrol departed at 010630H, covered the area included in grid squares (BT 0766) and (BT 0768) and returned at 011500H. Neither patrol had enemy contact.

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(b) Company "B" dispatched one patrol today. This patrol designated Redwood Bravo Homer 10, departed the IP (BT 023733) at 011230H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of HOA MY (BT 024737) HOA KHUE (BT 024745), TRUNG TAY (BT 029745) and BINH HOA (BT 025731) and returned to the IP at 011500H without enemy contact. A platoon size extended patrol departed the 1st Battalion CP today at 011324H in LVT's. This patrol will make contact with all of the front line positions and return to the Battalion CP on 3 September 1965.

(c) Company "C" conducted two patrols during the subject period. Redwood Charlie 2B departed the IP (BT 022686) at 010200H. This patrol covered the area in and around the hamlets of LIEM LAC (1), (BT 025685), LIEM LAC (2), (BT 028698) and CO MAN (BT 028691), and returned to the IP at 010500H without enemy contact. This morning at 010700H Company "C" dispatched a patrol designated Redwood Charlie 3A. This patrol crossed the IP located at (BT 035689) and moved south covering the area in and around the hamlet of AN LUU (BT 035676) and returned to the IP at 011200H without enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" conducted one patrol during the reporting period. Redwood Delta Homer 1 departed the IP (BT 035696) at 010300H, moved south to the hamlet of TAN AN (BT 092688) and then moved north along the beach and returned to the IP at 010500H. This patrol had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out eight combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two patrols last night and one today. At 311800H a patrol was sent from (AT 975724) south to CAM HOA (2), (AT 977703). This patrol returned at 010450H without making contact. Another patrol was sent from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 002725). This patrol departed at 010305H and returned at 010650H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 983737) northeast to (AT 997744) and then south to (AT 999735). From here the patrol covered the area south of the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 983728) and then returned. The patrol departed at 010920H and returned at 011130H without making contact.

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(b) Company "F" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol departed from (AT 989680) and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 985665) and returned. The patrol departed at 312330H and returned at 010805H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was sent from (AT 977683) north through CAM NE (6), (AT 975686). The patrol then moved along the northern edge of CAM NE (1), (AT 987694) from west to east. The patrol returned by moving through CAM NE (2), (AT 987687) from east to west. The patrol departed at 010800H and returned at 011300H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "G" sent out one patrol last night. This patrol departed from (AT 967685) at 312215H. At 010328H this patrol was taken under fire at (AT 966675) by approximately five automatic weapons and seven rifles. The fire came from LA BCNG (2), (AT 967668). During the action, the patrol discovered three Vietnamese Civilians had been wounded as a result of the VC firing. The patrol administered first aid but did not attempt to evacuate them since the patrol was heavily engaged. The patrol withdrew and returned to their front line positions, arriving at 010420H. At first light the wounded civilians were evacuated. One boy and one girl was dead. The other casualty, a woman, was in serious condition. There were no USMC casualties.

(d) Company "H" sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) and moved south to (AT 995660). This patrol departed at 312230H and returned at 010420H. No contact was made. Today at 010456H a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south to YEN NE (1), (AT 989663). From here the patrol moved east to (BT 002665). At 010947H the patrol received small arms fire at (AT 996662) from DUONG SON (3), (AT 994670). The patrol returned fire. There were no USMC casualties. The patrol returned at 011115H.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes last night.

(a) Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 074685) which stayed in position from 312000H to 312300H with no enemy contact.

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(b) Company "C" established two ambushes last night. One ambush site was at (BT 038680). This ambush remained in position from 312000H to 010300H. Another ambush was established at (BT 022684) between the hours of 312200H and 010100H. Neither of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two ambushes last night.

(a) Company "F" established an ambush at (AT 977664) from 212330H to 010500H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "H" established an ambush at (BT 003672) from 312100H to 010230H. No contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established nine listening posts last night.

(a) Company "A" had listening posts at (BT 075691). These listening posts remained in position from 312000H to 010500H with no enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" established one listening post in the vicinity of (BT 023734) between the hours of 312000H to 010500H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" had listening posts at (BT 025697), (BT 024673) and (BT 062698) which stayed in position between the hours of 312000H and 010500H without enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" established two listening posts last night. One listening post was established at (BT 070702) another was established at (BT 082697). Both listening posts stayed in position between the hours of 312000H to 010500H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

(a) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 988675) from 312330H to 010500H.

(b) Company "G" had a listening post at (AT 954682) from 312400H to 010630H.

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(c) Company "H" had a listening post at (BT 011678) from 010100H to 010400H.

6. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "A" employed one scout-sniper team last night at (BT 052697). This team stayed in position from 312000H to 010500H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" employed a scout-sniper team at (BT 025683) between the hours of 312000H to 010500H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "D" employed a scout-sniper team at (BT 069696) which stayed in position between the hours of 312000H to 010500H.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "F" had a scout-sniper team at (AT 084674). No contact was made. This team went out at dark and returned at dusk.

(b) Company "G" had two scout-sniper teams in position last night. One team was in LA CHAU (3) (AT 956677) and the other in LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). No contact was made. These teams went out at dark and returned at dusk.

5. Change in Location of OP's. None.

6. Change in Location and Establishment of New OP's

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two OPs from 011030H to 011730H at (BT 075710) and (BT 069711).

b. 2d Battalion. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airbase and south of the CAU DO River and will patrol extensively in these areas.

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areas. The LVT patrol being conducted by the 3d platoon of Company "B" will be continued as planned. In addition to this patrol the 1st Battalion plans to conduct seven other patrols, establish four ambushes and nine listening posts, and employ three scout-sniper teams. The 1st Battalion will continue its civil affairs program with increased emphasis in its assigned area.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy front line positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Five patrols, three ambushes, and two listening posts will be sent out tonight. Continued emphasis will be placed on the 2d Battalion's civil affairs program in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690).

9. None.

#### 10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion treated eighty civilians in the Battalion Aid Station today. One hundred twenty villagers were treated at the orphanage near Marble Mountain.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion treated a total of one hundred and twelve Vietnamese civilians medically today. The 2d Battalion B.S treated thirty-eight civilians. A total of sixty-six was treated in the village of DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687). Corpsman from Company "H" treated eight civilians today. The totals from Companies "E", "F" and "G" have not been reported at this time and will appear in tomorrow's situation report.

#### 11. Late Entries

a. 1st Battalion. At 011200H small arms fire was received by Company "D" s CP at (BT 068713). Fire was coming from NUNG's chasing Vietnamese wood choppers and firing over woodchoppers heads into Company "D" s CP. Woodchoppers and NUNG's crossed highway and appeared to be rushing Company "D" s CP (BT 068713). The NUNG's, not being in uniform, Company "D" was unable to identify the group. Company "D" returned fire killing three woodchoppers and wounding one NUNG in the leg. The NUNG shot in the leg was cared for and returned to NUNG CP. The NUNG OIC expressed regret and chastised the NUNG's for crossing the road. An investigation was instituted. At 011345H the 3d

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platoon of Company "A" received 15 rounds of small arms sniper fire at (BT 075678). Fire was returned with small arms fire. One WCS was captured. One Marine was wounded in the leg. The wound was not serious enough to require evacuation.

12. 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. 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.

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031800H Sept 65From: NINTH MARINES  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 57

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 021801H to 031800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continues to defend south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. The Ninth Marines assumed defense of the Monkey Mountain joint radar site today at 031400H in relief of the 2d Infantry Division (ARVN). The Ninth Marines patrolled extensively and employed ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams throughout the regimental area. One VC was killed, two wounded and six captured during this period. Three Marines were wounded in action.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airfield and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with one reinforced squad on Monkey Mountain at (BT 087692). During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted six patrols, established four ambushes and nine listening posts. Three scout-sniper teams were employed last night. The 1st Battalion sustained two WIA and one non-battle casualty during the last twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One company provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 998707). Five combat patrols, two ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. Company G had one WIA this morning. The casualty had a minor gunshot wound in the hand which did not require evacuation. Companies E and H rotated positions today so that company E now occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River and Company H provides security for the ammunition dump and railroad bridge and water point.

4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy and defend positions south of the airfield and south of the CAU DO River. One reinforced squad occupies positions on Marble Mountain at (BT 087692). The 1st Battalion also has the

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responsibility of furnishing the Division mobile reserve company. One squad relieved units of the 2d Division (ARVN) of the security for the joint radar station on Monkey Mountain at 031400H today.

(a) Company "A" occupies positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 063695) to (BT 070700) to (BT 083697).

(b) Company "B" remains with the Battalion CP at (BT 024728) and has the responsibility for the Battalion CP and the northeast of the Battalion CP as far as NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and the area southeast of the Battalion CP as far as (BT 005709) and along the northern banks of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is also the Division Quick Reaction Company.

(c) Company "C" occupies positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 035683) to (BT 044690) to (BT 053692). At 022030H last night a Marine from the 1st Platoon of Company "C" located in the vicinity of (BT 017684) shot himself in the right foot as a result of an accidental discharge. The wound was not serious. The wounded Marine was taken to the Battalion CP by vehicle at 022140H.

(d) Company "D" occupies positions in the vicinity of Marble Mountain from (BT 067706) to (BT 073709) to (BT 075710). Company "D" continues to provide one reinforced squad for security at the hospital site at (BT 061728). Company "D" also has one reinforced squad on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853). At 031030H Company "D" sustained two WIAs as a result of a land mine explosion at (BT 037692). The Marines suffered multiple leg wounds and severe bleeding. The casualties were evacuated to C&S by helicopter. Their conditions were diagnosed as being good. At 031010H the 1st Platoon of Company "D" requested a fire mission on a suspected VC CP at (BT 087692). The mission was approved by the 1st Battalion Commander at 031015H and fired. Nine rounds of 81mm Mortar H.E. were fired. When the first round hit, a man was seen running from the position carrying a pair of binoculars. The F.O. with Company "D" reported that the fire for effect had excellent effect on the target. It appeared that any VC in the target area would have been wounded or killed.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. The 2d Battalion's left boundary was adjusted today and now extends to the VINH DIEN River (BT 025675). The right boundary was adjusted and now extends to the YEN River (AT 962686). Companies E, F, and G now occupy front line defensive positions while Company H provides security for the PLSC ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

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(a) Company E rotated positions today with Company H. Company E front line positions extend from (AT 991676) to (BT 009676). At 022250H the 2d Platoon, which was providing security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707), received three bursts of automatic weapons fire from PHONG LE BOC (AT 995709). There were no USMC casualties from the incoming fire. ARVN troops located at the bridge indicated at this time that the VC were holding a rally in PHONG LE BOC and using loud-speakers.

(b) Company F occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678). One squad continues to provide security for the 2d Battalion's medical station located at (AT 980686). At 022310H the security squad at the medical station received fifteen or twenty rounds of ineffective sniper fire in their positions. The snipers could not be pinpointed, therefore, fire was not returned. The company also heard voices at this time which the interpreter related as being VC saying "Marines get out", and also asking the Popular Forces to join the VC. The voices seemed to come from the CAM NE complex (AT 990690), but they could not be pinpointed.

(c) Company G adjusted their front line defensive positions today and now occupy positions from (AT 962686) to (AT 972682). Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines relieved the 2d Platoon of the responsibility of the area west of the YEN River. The 2d Platoon was placed in Battalion reserve and located at (AT 974686). At 021915H the EOD team attached to Company G located and disarmed an M-16 "Bouncing Betty" mine (AT 953672). An empty cannister was also found of type M-16 E3, lot number 48-3. At 022130H Company G CP and front lines forward of the CP received two bursts of automatic weapons fire and several sniper rounds. The fire came from CAM NE (4), (AT 969694) and from the western side of the YEN River. The fire was ineffective, and there were no USMC casualties.

(d) Company H now provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One reinforced platoon provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 021856H a reinforced squad was sent to (BT 008680) to set an ambush for the reported sixteen VCs going to that position. No contact was made.

(e) Fire Support. The 2d Bn, 12Mar, fired five H&I missions last night expending ten rounds of 105mm HE. One adjusted missile was fired at a sniper position at (BT 083688). Fourteen rounds of 105mm HE were expended, but there were no observed casualties.

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(d) Company H conducted one patrol last night. This patrol departed from DUONG SON (2), (AT 983675) and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 988664). The patrol departed at 022400H and returned at 030540H. No contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes last night.

(a) Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 063678) between the hours of 022030H and 022130H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" established two ambushes last night. One ambush was established at (BT 039679) from 022030H to 030030. Company "C" established another ambush at (BT 024682) which stayed in position from 022300H to 030200H. Neither ambush had enemy contact.

(c) Company "D" established an ambush at (BT 088692) from 022400H to 030200H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two ambushes last night.

(a) Company F established ambush at (AT 983662) from 022300H to 030730H. No contact was made.

(b) Company H established an ambush at (BT 006686) from 022000H to 030600H. No contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established nine listening posts last night.

(a) Company "A" had listening posts at (BT 075698), (BT 045691) and (BT 055697). These listening posts stayed in position from 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" had one listening post at (BT 023734) which stayed in position from 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" established listening posts at (BT 025697), (BT 024673), and (BT 062693). These listening posts stayed in position from 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

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(c) Company "C" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours. This patrol left the IP (BT 029691) at 022400H, covered the area in and around the hamlets of CO MAN (BT 028692) and LIEM LAC (2), (BT 025696) and returned to the IP at 030330H without enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" conducted one patrol during the last twenty-four hours which crossed the IP (BT 080695), at 022100H, covered the area of TRA LO (BT 084682) and TAN AN (BT 088689) and returned to the IP at 022400H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted five combat patrols during this period.

(a) Company E dispatched a patrol from the railroad bridge (AT 298707) at 021945H. The patrol moved north along the MSR to (BT 001717). At 022035H the patrol reported they were in the vicinity of (BT 002715) and that they were being followed. The patrol reported they could hear signals from bells and could see light signals being flashed from village to village on both sides of the MSR. The patrol returned at 022155H without making contact.

(b) Company F sent out two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent from (AT 987678) south to (AT 977622). This patrol departed at 022045H and returned at 030400H. No contact was made. Today a patrol was sent from YEN NE (2), (AT 985684) north to (AT 989686). From here the patrol covered the area south of CAM NE (2), (AT 990688) to (AT 974685). The patrol departed at 030800H and returned at 031200H without making contact.

(c) Company G sent out one patrol last night. This was a platoon size patrol. The patrol departed from (AT 965685) at 030245H and moved south to (AT 967661). At 030650H the patrol received small arms fire from LA BONG (2), (AT 067667). One man was WIA as a result of sniper fire. The casualty received a gunshot wound in the hand. The wound was not serious and no evacuation was required. Company G dispatched with two LVTs down the YEN River to link up with the patrol. The patrol then swept LA BONG (2), (AT 967667). No contact was made. The patrol then moved to the YEN River to embark the LVTs. From here the patrol planned to move north to LA BONG (3), (AT 963677), conduct a sweep, and then return to friendly front lines. However, the LVTs got stuck and could not proceed up the river. The patrol provided security for the LVTs until a retriever arrived. As a result the sweep of LA BONG (3) was not made and the patrol returned to Company G's positions, arriving at 031100H.

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(d) Company "D" had listening posts at (BT 065719) and (BT 082697). These ambushes stayed in position from 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

(a) Company F had a listening post at (AT 993694) from 022300H to 030300H.

(b) Company G had a listening post at (AT 957684) from 022400H to 030700H.

(c) Company H had a listening post at (BT 005671) from 022030H to 030100H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "A" employed a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 045685). This team stayed in position from 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" employed a scout-sniper team at (BT 025683) between the hours of 022000H to 030500H without enemy contact.

(c) Company "D" employed a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 064721) from 022000H to 030500H. This team had no enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company F had a scout-sniper team at (AT 985673) from 022300H to 030300H. No contact was made.

(b) Company G had a scout-sniper team at (AT 957684) from 022230H to 030200H. No contact was made.

(c) Company H had a scout-sniper team at (BT 005683) from 02200H to 030100H. No contact was made.

5. Change in Location of C.P.s

a. 1st Battalion

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(1) Company "A" (BT 068706)

(2) Company "C" (BT 070700)

(3) Company "D" (BT 045690)

b. 2d Battalion

(1) Company "E" (AT 993678)

(2) Company "H" (AT 988733)

(3) 2d Platoon Company "G" (AT 974686)

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the airbase and south of the CAU DO River with extensive patrols in these areas. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct six patrols, establish nine listening posts and three ambushes and employ three scout-sniper teams during the next twenty-four hours. The 1st Battalion will provide three companies in support of a search and destroy sweep being conducted by the Eleventh Ranger Battalion, ARVN, commencing at 040500H. Two companies will deploy to the east of the CAN BIEN River and one to the west of the CAN BIEN River. These three companies will act as blocking forces.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Company E front line positions will be re-established tomorrow to physically occupy positions extending east to (BT 025675). Five combat patrols, three ambushes, three scout-sniper teams and two listening posts will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. One hundred thirteen Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion aid station today. Corpsmen with Company "C" treated eighty-five Vietnamese civilians in Company "C"'s area today. Seventy civilians were treated at the Sacred Hearts Orphanage. Corpsmen from Company F treated a total of seventy-nine Vietnamese civilians yesterday. Company G corpsmen treated twenty-seven civilians yesterday. Complaints were primarily skin infections. A

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medical team from the 2d Battalion BAS treated forty-eight civilians in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687) yesterday. Today a total of one hundred and sixty-three civilians were treated in CAM NE (2), (AT 990688). The battalion aid station treated fifty-two civilians today. The overall total was three hundred and sixty-nine civilians treated.

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041800H Sept 65

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 58

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 031800H to 041800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Extensive patrols are conducted in this area, and ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams are employed. One Marine was wounded in action today. There were no confirmed enemy casualties.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with one reinforced squad on Monkey Mountain and one reinforced squad at hospital site at (BT 061728). During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted five patrols, established three ambushes and four listening posts and employed four scout-sniper teams.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. One Company continues to provide security for the FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Ten patrols, three ambushes, three scout-sniper teams and two listening posts were sent out during this period. Company "E" had one WIA last night while on patrol. The casualty received fragmentation wounds which were not serious.

4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy and defend positions south of the airbase and south of the CAU DO River. One reinforced squad occupies positions on Monkey Mountain. One squad remains at the hospital site at (BT 061728). The 1st Battalion's participation in the search and destroy sweep conducted by the Eleventh Ranger Battalion today was cancelled. The 1st Battalion continues to furnish the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 063697) to (BT 070700) to (BT 082698). The Company CP is at (BT 070700).

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(b) Company "B" remains with the Battalion CP at (DT 024733) with the responsibility of patrolling the area northeast of the Battalion CP as far as NAI HIEN (DT 040748) and the area southeast of the Battalion CP and along the northern banks of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is also the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(c) Company "C" occupies positions south of the CAU DO River from (DT 035689) to (DT 045690) to (DT 053692). The Company CP is at (DT 045690).

(d) Company "D" occupies positions in the vicinity of Marble Mountain with the CP at (DT 068706). Company "D" has one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (DT 061728). Company "D" also has the responsibility of furnishing one reinforced squad as security for the joint radar station on Monkey Mountain.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Companies "E", "F" and "G" occupy front line defensive positions while Company "H" provides security for the FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 991676) to (BT 009676). Company "E" covers the southeastern portion of the 2d Battalion's TAOR with extensive patrol activity.

(b) Company "F" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678). One squad continues to provide security for the 2d Battalion's Medical Station located at (AT 980686).

(c) Company "G" occupies front line defensive positions from (AT 962686) to (AT 972682). The 2d platoon is located at (AT 974686) in Battalion reserve.

(d) Company "H" provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) with one reinforced platoon.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched five patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "B" conducted two patrols last night. Redwood Bravo Homer 15 departed the IP (DT 023733) at 032330H, covered the hamlets of HOA KHUE (DT 024742), TRUNG TAY (DT 027743), BINH HOA (DT 027731), and NGHIA HOA (DT 019725) and returned to the IP at 040230H. Redwood Bravo Homer 21 left the IP (DT 023733) at 040230H, covered the area around the intersection at (DT 015722) the hamlets

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of NGHIA HOA (BT 019725) and BINH HOA (BT 027731) and returned to the IP at 040630H. Company "B" dispatched a patrol today at 040830H which covered the hamlets of TRUNG TAY (BT 027743), NAI HIEN (BT 043718), QUI MY (BT 043738) and BINH HOA (BT 026731) and returned to the IP at 041130H. None of these patrols had enemy contact. Redwood Bravo 3 Mobile returned to the Battalion CP this morning at 040930H having covered its planned route without enemy contact. No mortar positions were found.

(b) Company "C" conducted two patrols today. Redwood Charlie Homer 2 departed the IP (BT 043689) at 041230H, covered the hamlets of MAN QUAN (2), (BT 045685) and KHAI TAY (2), (BT 045677) and is scheduled to return to the IP at 041630H. Redwood Charlie Homer 4C departed the IP (BT 043699) at 041500H and moved northeast to the southern bank of the CAN BIEN River at (BT 040697). The patrol then moved northeast to the stream at (BT 045702) and is scheduled to follow the stream south and return to the IP at 041830H.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted a total of ten patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two patrols last night and three today. At 032020H a patrol was sent to MIEU DONG (2), (BT 021680). At 032000H the patrol arrived at the stream located at (BT 021679). The point element of the patrol crossed the stream and was heading north when a grenade exploded. When the grenade exploded the patrol also started receiving fire from MIEU DONG (2), (BT 021680) from an estimated seven weapons, two of which were automatic. The patrol had one WIA as a result of fragmentation from the grenade. The casualty was evacuated but his injuries were not serious. The point element which had crossed the stream, reported they had seen and fired on one individual. They felt the individual was hit but it could not be confirmed. The patrol returned at 040055H without further incident. The patrol found numerous pungee stakes along their route. At 032355H another patrol was sent from (BT 014677) north to QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 005687). The patrol moved from QUANG CHAU (2) back south to GIANG DONG (BT 005676) without making contact. The patrol returned at 040130H. Three patrols were sent out this afternoon. At 041300H a patrol departed and covered the area just south of GIANG DONG (BT 005676). This patrol is expected to return by 041600H. Another patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677) south to (AT 994667), passing through DUONG SON (3), (AT 995670). This patrol departed at 041430H and was expected to return at 041730H. The last patrol was sent from GIANG DONG (1), (BT 017678) and MIEU DONG (2), (BT 021680) to (BT 026684). This patrol departed at 041430H and was scheduled to return at 041800H.

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(b) Company "F" dispatched one patrol during this period. At 040300H a platoon size patrol, reinforced with a light section of Ontos, departed from (AT 988679). This patrol moved south to (AT 982652). At first light the patrol moved west to (AT 973653) and then moved north, sweeping through the village of LE SON (2), (AT 973656). The patrol received several rounds of sniper fire at (AT 972656). The sniper rounds came from AN TRAC (2), (AT 969653). The sniper fire was ineffective and there were no USMC casualties. The patrol returned through the village of YEN NE (1), (AT 985665), arriving at 041050H.

(c) Company "H" sent out two patrols last night. One patrol departed from the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) and moved north along the MSR to (BT 001720) and then returned. This patrol departed at 032000H and returned at 032137H without making contact. The second patrol departed from (AT 984728) at 032050H and moved to (AT 986722). At this point the patrol established an ambush until first light this morning. The patrol returned at 040600H. No contact was made.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes last night.

(a) Company "A" established an ambush at (BT 088692) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H.

(b) Company "C" established an ambush in the vicinity of (BT 052677) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H.

(c) Company "D" had an ambush at (BT 067707) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H. None of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

(a) Company "E" established an ambush at (BT 002671) from 032000H to 040055H no contact was made.

(b) Company "G" established an ambush at (AT 973676) from 042030H to 040530H no contact was made.

(c) Company "H" established an ambush at (AT 986722) from 032130H to 040530H no contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening posts last night.

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(a) Company "A" had a listening post in the vicinity of (BT 083697) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H.

(b) Company "C" established a listening post at (BT 052687) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H.

(c) Company "D" established a listening post in the vicinity of (BT 076699) between the hours of 032000H and 040500H. None of the listening posts had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two listening posts last night.

(a) Company "E" had a listening post at (BT 022673) from 032124H to 040200H.

(b) Company "F" had a listening post at (AT 980676) from 032000H to 040600H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night between the hours of 032000H and 040500H.

(a) Company "A" had a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of its CP at (BT 070700).

(b) Company "C" employed a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 045689).

(c) Company "D" had a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 067707). These teams stayed in position between the hours of 032000H and 040500H without enemy contact. This morning Company "D" sent out a scout-sniper team which was employed at (BT 072696). At 041000H this team received several rounds of automatic, small arms fire. Fire was returned with small arms fire. The enemy stopped firing. No friendly casualties were sustained.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "E" had a scout-sniper team at (BT 022673) from 032100H to 040200H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "F" had a scout-sniper team at (AT 983675) from 032000H to 040600H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "G" had a scout-sniper team at (AT 973676) from 040230H to 040530H. No contact was made.

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5. Change in Location of CP's. None.
6. Change in Location and Establishment of New OP's. None.
7. Training. None.
8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Airbase and south of the CAU DO River with extensive patrols in these areas. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct seven patrols, establish three ambushes and three listening posts, and employ three scout-sniper teams. The Civil Affairs Program will be continued in the assigned areas. Treatment at the Battalion Aid Station will be continued.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Five patrols, one ambush and three listening posts will be sent out tonight. At 050600H Company "F" will move out in a mechanized column to blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 995664) in support of RVN search and destroy operation. Company "F" will maintain ground and air surveillance and conduct patrolling and ambush activities in their assigned sector during the period 5-8 September 1965. The 2d Battalion will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707).

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion surgeon examined seventy children at the Sacred Heart Orphanage today. The Nuns at the Orphanage were instructed in cleaning and caring for infants. Fifty-two civilians were treated at the village of HOA CHUNG. The majority of the people treated were for gastro-intestinal diseases. The Battalion Aid Station treated one hundred civilians today. Most of these people were treated for ulcerations. A total of two hundred and thirty-five Vietnamese Civilians were treated by the medical personnel of the 1st Battalion today.

b. 2d Battalion. Company "G" Corpsmen treated fifty Vietnamese Civilians yesterday which have not been previously reported. The 2d Battalion B/S treated fourteen civilians today. No village sick call was held today due to the shortage of MEDCAP Supplies.

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c. The Regimental Aid Station treated seventy-six villagers at BINH THAI (BT 000720).

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051800H Sept 1965

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 59

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 041800H to 051800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Extensive patrols have been conducted in this area and listening posts, ambushes and scout-sniper teams have been employed. Three VC were captured during this period and three Marines were wounded in action.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with one reinforced squad on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853) and a reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728). During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion dispatched five patrols, established four ambushes and five listening posts and employed three scout-sniper teams. The 1st Battalion captured three VC during this period. One Marine was wounded in action during the last twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. The 2d Battalion continues to provide security for the FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, one ambush, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. At 050600H Company "F" moved out in mechanized column to establish a blocking position in the vicinity of (AT 995644). Company "F" executed a sweep of HA DONG (AT 997643). The sweep commenced at 050953H. At 050750H Company "F" had two WIA's as a result of harassing fire from (AT 997645). Both casualties had leg wounds and were evacuated by helicopter. No other contact was made during the morning's sweep operation of HA DONG (AT 997643).

4. Activitiesa. Operations

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(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the airbase and south of the CAU DO River. One reinforced squad occupies positions on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853). One squad remains at the hospital site at (BT 061728). The 1st Battalion continues to furnish the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 063697) to (BT 065697) to (BT 070700). Last night at 042100H the 3d platoon of Company "A" received ten rounds of small arms fire from (BT 065695), approximately two hundred meters from their position at (BT 065697). Fire was returned with twenty rounds of small arms fire and three 40mm grenades. The enemy fire ceased immediately. No friendly casualties were sustained. Effect of the fire on the enemy position was unknown.

(b) Company "B" remains with the Battalion CP at (BT 024733) with the responsibility of conducting patrols in the area northeast of the Battalion CP as far as NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and the area southwest of the Battalion CP and along the northern bank of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is also the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 035689) to (BT 045690) to (BT 053692). The Company CP is at (BT 045690). The 3d platoon of Company "C" captured three VC at 041715H in the vicinity of (BT 043675). The VC ran from an area where the 3d Platoon had received sixteen rounds of small arms fire earlier. The ARVN attached to the platoon questioned the VC and said they were VC arms carriers. The VC had rifle-butt bruises on their shoulders which indicated the VC had been firing a rifle. The VC were turned over to ITT at 041745H. At 051040H Company "C" received heavy sniper fire in the vicinity of (BT 042673). Ten VC were observed with one 3.5" Rocket Launcher. Fire was returned with small arms fire and the VC fled. Company "C" sustained one WIA as a result of the fire fight. No medical evacuation was needed.

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(d) Company "D" occupies defensive positions in vicinity of Marble Mountain with the Company CP at (BT 068706). Company "D" has one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728) and one reinforced squad providing security for the joint radar station on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Companies "E" and "G" occupy front line defensive positions while Company "F" established a blocking position in the vicinity of (AT 995644) in support of an ARVN operation to the south. Company "H" provides two platoons for security of the FLSG Ammunition Dump (AT 988733) and one platoon (reinforced) for security of engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997683).

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line defensive positions which were extended today in order to occupy the east (left) portion of the sector vacated by Company "F". Front line positions now extend from (AT 981678) to (BT 023684). At 042030H the 3d platoon, located in DUONG SON (2), (AT 994677) received a fragmentation grenade just forward of their positions at (AT 996674). The platoon also received small arms fire across their entire frontage. Several trip flares were also activated. Company "E" returned fire with small arms fire and 40mm grenades. The hostile fire came from a pagoda in DUONG SON (3), (AT 995672). Artillery illumination was requested and received. The illumination was on target, but no activity was observed. Company "E" dispatched a squad which moved into the area and checked out the pagoda. Nothing was found no further contact was made. There were no USMC casualties as a result of these activities.

(b) Company "F" occupied defensive positions from (AT 977683) to (AT 988678) until they were relieved by Company "E" early this morning. At 050600H Company "F" moved by infantry mechanized column to (AT 995644). At 050715H Company "F" commenced their sweep of HA DONG (AT 997643). At 050715H the Company had two WIA's as a result of sniper fire. The sniper fire came from (AT 997645). Both casualties had leg wounds and were evacuated by helicopter. At 050953H Company "F" completed their sweep and began consolidating positions. Company "F" will remain in blocking positions, maintain ground and air surveillance, and conduct patrols and ambushes in their assigned sector during the period 5-8 September 1965.

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(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line defensive positions. Their front lines were adjusted today in order to occupy the West (right) portion of the sector vacated by Company "F". Front line positions now extend from (AT 962686) to (AT 982678). One squad now provides security for the 2d Battalion Medical Station and the HOA THAI Village Chief in the CAM NE Complex at (AT 980686).

(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. At 050615H the 2d platoon was relieved of the responsibility of providing security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) by a reinforced squad from H&S Company. The 2d platoon was placed in Battalion reserve and moved to DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687). The 2d Platoon also provides security for the engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1).

(3) Support Activities. Two F4B's made an airstrike at (AT 995640) at 050645H dropping twenty-four, 250lb bombs. One foot bridge was destroyed and one bunker was neutralized.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted five patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "B" conducted two patrols during the subject period. A patrol designated Redwood Bravo Homer 22 departed the IP (BT 023733) at 050100H, covered the hamlets of QUI MY (BT 043738) NAI HIEN (BT 043748) TRUNG TAY (BT 027743) and HOA MY (PT 026747) and returned to the IP at 050230H. Company "B" dispatched a patrol today at 050730H which covered the hamlets of TRUNG T.Y. (BT 027743) NAI HIEN (BT 043748), moved southeast along the northern banks of the CAU DO River to the vicinity of NGHIA HOA (BT 021727) and returned to the area of the Battalion CP at 051130H. Neither of these patrols had enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" conducted three patrols during the last twenty-four hours. Last night at 050030H Redwood Charlie Homer Five departed the IP (BT 045690). This patrol moved south through MAN QUAN (2), (BT 044685) and covered the area around the hamlet of KHAI TAY (2), (BT 045678) and returned to the IP at 050330H without enemy contact. Company "C" dispatched two patrols today.

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Redwood Charlie Five was dispatched at 050900H. This patrol moved southwest through the hamlets of KHAI TAY (2), (BT 042677) and KHAI TAY (3), (BT 041669) to the western bank of the VINH DIEN River at (BT 029669). From this point the patrol moved northeast through the hamlets of THI AN (2), (BT 035675) and AN LUU (BT 037678) and returned to the IP at 051330 without enemy contact. Redwood Charlie Five departed the IP (BT 059691) at 051430H. This patrol moved southwest along the trail to the trail junction in the vicinity of KHAI TAY (1), (BT 049688). The patrol then moved southeast along the trail to the trail junction at (BT 055668) and is scheduled to move northeast to the trail junction at (BT 067672), and move north patrolling the hamlets of NGAN CAU (3), (BT 064675) and HAI AN (2), (BT 060682). This patrol is scheduled to return to the IP at 0501830H.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted five patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" sent out one patrol last night. This patrol departed from DUONG SON (2), (AT 994676) and moved south through DUONG SON (3), (AT 995672) to (AT 992666). The patrol departed at 042050H and returned at 050100H. No contact was made.

(b) Company "G" sent out one patrol last night. This patrol departed from (AT 969683) at 042018H. The patrol moved southeast around YEN NE (4), (AT 977677) and then south to AN TRAC (1), (AT 971662). The patrol returned through LA BONG (2), (AT 967667) and LA BONG (3) (AT 965676). The patrol returned at 050311H. No contact was made.

(c) Company "H" sent out three patrols during this period. Two patrols were sent out last night. One patrol last night cov. red the area around the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733). This patrol departed at 050100H and returned at 050451H. No contact was made. The other patrol last night was sent from the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) north along the MSR to (BT 001718) and then returned. This patrol departed at 050153H and returned at 050315H. No contact was made. Today a patrol from Company "H" covered the area south of the FLSG ammunition dump. This patrol departed at 050903H and returned at 051110H. No contact was made.

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" had an ambush at (BT 076691) between the hours of 041900H and 042300H. This ambush had no enemy contact.

(b) Company "C" established three ambushes last night. One ambush was established at (BT 060685) between the hours of 042130H and 042330H. Another ambush was established at (BT 033681) between the hours of 042100H and 050100H. An ambush was also established at (BT 039679). This ambush stayed in position from 041913H to 050100H. None of these ambushes had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established one ambush last night.

(a) Company "E" established an ambush at (BT 006680) from 042200H to 050610H. No contact was made.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

(a) Company "A" had a listening post at (BT 083697) between the hours of 042000H and 050500H. This listening post had no enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" established a listening post in the area of the Battalion CP at (BT 023744) which stayed in position from 042000H to 050500H without enemy contact.

(c) At 042000H last night Company "C" established a listening post at (BT 035689). At 050150H this listening post received one grenade and two rounds of small arms fire. The listening post returned the fire with small arms and illumination. The enemy broke contact. There were no friendly casualties. This listening post secured at 050500H. Company "C" also had a listening post at (BT 054689) which stayed in position from 042000H to 050500H without enemy contact.

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(d) Company "D" established a listening post at (BT 076699). This listening post stayed in position from 042000H to 050500H without enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

(a) Company "E" sent out two listening posts. One listening post was located at (BT 009679) from 042000H to 050630H. The other was located at (BT 000672) from 042400H to 050600H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams during the last twenty-four hours. Each of these scout-sniper teams stayed in position from 042000H to 050500H.

(a) Company "A" employed a scout-sniper team at (BT 070699).

(b) Company "C" employed a scout-sniper team in the vicinity of (BT 045689).

(c) Company "D" had a scout-sniper team at (BT 043691). None of these scout-sniper teams had enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

(a) Company "E" sent out two scout-sniper teams. One team was located at (AT 994677) from 042000H to 050330H. No contact was made. The other team was located at (AT 991677) from 041930H to 050130H. At 042030H Company "E" front lines were probed. This scout-sniper team observed movement and opened fire on one individual. There was no confirmed hit.

(b) Company "G" had one scout-sniper team out last night at (AT 960681) from 042230H to 050500H. No contact was made.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

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1st Platoon Company "E"	(BT 023684)
3d Platoon Company "E"	(LT 983678)
Company "F"	Not Established
2d Platoon Company "H"	(LT 985687)

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. The 1st Battalion will continue to patrol these areas. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct seven patrols, establish three listening posts and two ambushes, and employ three scout-sniper teams. Emphasis will be placed on the civil affairs program in the Battalion's assigned area. Company "A" plans to conduct company-size combat patrol in the vicinity of (BT 0766) and (BT 0866) and sweep north between grid lines (B 07) and (B 09) to the MLR, from (BT 063697) to (BT 070700). This sweep will be conducted between the hours of 060500H to 061600H.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Three patrols, two ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight.

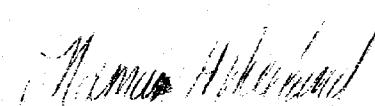
9. Miscellaneous. None.10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. Eighty-one Vietnamese civilians were treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the last twenty-four hours. The majority of these civilians were treated for ulcerations and skin disorders.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion B.S treated twenty-five Vietnamese civilians today. Corpsmen from Company "G" treated fifty civilians yesterday. No village sick call was held today due to the shortage of MEDCAP Supplies.

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c. A meeting has been arranged with the village chiefs from the Marble Mountain Area and with officers of the 1st Battalion. This meeting will be held on 7 September. A discussion of how to provide security for the rice crop will be discussed.



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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third Marine Division

SITREP No. 60

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 051800H to 061800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Enemy activity increased in the Regimental TAOR as the 1st and 2d Battalions killed six VC, wounded three and captured thirtytwo VCS. One VC was captured. There were six Marines wounded during this period. One Marine was killed.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad remains on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853). One reinforced squad provides security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at (BT 061728). During the last twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols, established three ambushes and three listening posts and employed three scout-sniper teams. During this reporting period the 1st Battalion captured thirty VCS, killed five VC and wounded three. Five Marines were wounded today. One VC was captured.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. The 2d Battalion continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Eleven patrols, two listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out last night. At 052215H Company "E" had a non-battle casualty as a result of an accidental discharge. The casualty shot himself in the left foot. He was helicopter evacuated. Company "E" also had one WIA as a result of fragmentation from two grenades which were thrown into their position. The casualty was not wounded seriously and did not require evacuation. At 061150H a patrol fr m

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Company "G" returned fire on VC snipers killing one at (AT 976675). The body was recovered. The VC had one grenade, a cartridge belt, first aid packet, 7.62mm ammunition, cleaning gear, toothbrush, wallet, letters, raincoat, ditty bag and Ho Chi Mien sandals in his possession. Companies "E", "F" and "G" reported sporadic sniper fire throughout the night.

#### 4. Activities

##### a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. One reinforced squad provides security for the joint radar station on Monkey Mountain at (BT 062853). One reinforced squad remains at the hospital site at (BT 061728) with MCB-9. The 1st Battalion is also responsible for furnishing the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions south from the CAU DO River (BT 063697) to (BT 055697) to (BT 070700). Last night at 052235H the company reported the apprehension of five VCS near (BT 073693).

(b) Company "B" remains the Battalion CP at (BT 024733) with the responsibility of conducting patrols in the area northeast of the Battalion CP as far as NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and to the southwest of the Battalion CP and along the north bank of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River from (BT 035689) to (BT 045690) to (BT 053692). The Company CP is located at (BT 045690). At 061000H the company surprised approximately twelve VC near (BT 044675) and (BT 038675). Company "C" reported killing one VC and wounding two. A platoon commander saw the dead VC and observed two other wounded VC being dragged away.

(d) Company "D" occupies defensive positions in the vicinity of Marble Mountain with the Company CP at (BT 068706). Company "D" has one reinforced squad providing security for the joint radar station at (BT 062853).

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and one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728).

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies defensive positions south of the CAU DO River and continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 938733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 981678) to (BT 023684). The 3d platoon is in the vicinity of YEN NE (3), (AT 985678); 2d platoon in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677), one squad from the 1st platoon is in the vicinity of GIANG DONG (BT 008677) and two squads from the 1st platoon are in the vicinity of LIEM LAC (1), (BT 024684). At 060320H the 3d platoon located in the vicinity of YEN NE (3), (AT 985678) had two grenades thrown near their right flank positions (AT 980680). There was one WIA as a result of fragments. The casualty was not seriously wounded and did not require evacuation. Company "E" returned fire with small arms, but there were no confirmed hits.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 996644). Front line positions extend from (AT 994644) to (BT 004647). At 051833H three rounds of sniper fire was received from (AT 991638). The sniper fire was ineffective and no fire was returned. Sporadic sniper fire was received throughout the remainder of the night from the vicinity of BICH NAM (1), (AT 996635). The sniper fire was ineffective so there were no USMC casualties.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 962686) to (AT 982678). One squad provides security for the 2d Battalion Medical Station and the HOA THAI village chief in the CAM NE Complex at (AT 980686). At 051915H Company "G" received two rounds of sniper fire from (AT 997678). No fire was returned. At 060045H the 2d squad, 3d platoon located at (AT 980687) received an estimated one hundred rounds of small arms fire from (AT 981687). The small arms fire was preceded by a grenade explosion. The squad leader estimated there were six firing positions and four automatic weapons. The area was illuminated and fire was returned. The enemy fire then ceased. There were no USMC casualties.

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(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon remains in Battalion Reserve and provides security for the Engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eight patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" conducted two patrols. One patrol, Redwood Alpha Homer 5, departed the IP (BT 072699) at 051900H and patrolled southeast to (BT 070688), then to the north of XIUN TRA (BT 067694) and returned at 060100H to the IP. Company "A" (-) (Rein) is conducting a patrol today. The company was divided into two columns which departed at 060500H from (BT 066695) and (BT 089695) and moved south to (BT 070663) and (BT 090665). The column on the right received sniper fire in grid square (BT 0766). The column on the left made contact with the VC at (BT 084674) at 061000H while moving along the east bank of CAM BIN River. They sustained three WIA's and reported wounding one VC who was evacuated. At 061030H Company "A" (-) (Rein) was ordered to move to (BT 063663) where Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion had sighted fifteen VC. Subsequently Company "A" (-) (Rein) has reported capturing thirty VCS killing four VC. Details of this action is not known at this time, One Marine was wounded.

(b) Company "B" conducted three patrols in the past twenty-four hours. Redwood Bravo Homer 19 departed the IP (BT 023732) at 052000H and moved North to BINH THUAN (BT 030751) and to CON HAB (BT 034756) and then south to (BT 038744) and returned to the IP at 052400H. Redwood Bravo Homer 23 departed the IP (BT 023732) at 052400H and moved south to (BT 005715) and covered the hamlet of BINH HOA (BT 027731) and returned to the IP at 060800H. There was no enemy contact. Redwood Bravo Homer 6A departed the IP (BT 023732) and followed the trace of (BT 022746), (BT 031749), (BT 030735) and (BT 020725) and returned to the IP at 061130H.

(c) Company "C" sent out two patrols. Redwood Charlie One A reinforced with LVTP-5's and tanks patrolled the hamlets of HOI AN (BT 058677) and KHAY THY (1), (BT 049686) and returned to the IP at 061230H. Redwood

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Charlie Two A reinforced with tanks and LVTP-5's departed at 060900H and patrolled to THI AN (BT 040673) TU CAM (BT 043662), and KHAY TAY (2), (BT 050677) and returned to the IP at 061230H. This patrol surprised approximately twelve VC at 061000H between (BT 044675) and (BT 038673). The patrol pursued with the LVTP-5's. One VC was killed, two VC were wounded and three VC were captured. One Marine was wounded.

(2) 2d Battalion: The 2d Battalion conducted eleven patrols during this period.

(a) Company "E" conducted three patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993676) south around DUONG SON (3), (AT 994670). This patrol departed at 052000H and returned at 060336H without making contact. Two patrols were conducted today. One patrol was sent from DUONG SON (2), (AT 993676) south to YEN NE (1), (AT 987665). This patrol departed at 060900H. At 060915H as the patrol neared check point #1, (AT 989670), farmers working in the nearby rice paddies broke and ran. The patrol continued along its route and returned at 061045H without further incident. The other patrol dispatched today departed from YEN NE (3), (AT 981680) and moved south to YEN NE (1), (AT 986664). This patrol departed at 060920H and returned at 061220H. The patrol picked up one VCS approximately thirty five years old, carrying an improper identification and several small arms rounds. The VCS was picked up by the Battalion S-2 for proper disposition.

(b) Company "F" sent out three patrols last night and one today. Last night one patrol was sent from (AT 996644) southwest along the BAU XAU River to (AT 987637). This patrol departed at 052030H and returned at first light this morning. No contact was made. Another patrol was sent from (BT 004648) north along the BAU XAU River to (BT 004654). This patrol departed at 052030H and returned at first light this morning without making contact. The other patrol was sent from (AT 994646) northwest to (AT 984658). This patrol departed at 052030H and returned at first light this morning without making contact. At 061530H a platoon size patrol was sent from (AT 996644) southwest along the BAU XAU River to BICH BAC (AT 986634). This patrol was scheduled to return at 061830H.

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(c) Company "G" conducted two patrols during this period. Last night a patrol was dispatched from (AT 968684) at 060326H. This patrol moved southeast through YEN NE (4), (AT 974677) to (AT 976675). This patrol returned at 060622H without making contact. Today a platoon size patrol was dispatched from (AT 968683) at 061000H. This patrol moved south to (AT 975664). At 061105H the patrol was taken under small arms sniper fire from YEN NE (4), (AT 974677). The patrol returned fire and advanced in order to maintain contact. The VC were seen fleeing south th LA BONG(1), (AT 975672). At 061150H as the patrol continued to move south, one VC KIA was found at (AT 976675). The VC KIA had one grenade, military gear, and other personal items. The body was turned over to local villagers for burial. At 061515H the patrol was taken under fire by an estimated squad of VC located in LA BONG (2), (BT 967667). A fire fight followed and one Marine was WIA. The casualty was evacuated by helicopter. The patrol was expected to return by 061700H.

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during the past twenty-four hours.

(a) Company "A" had two ambushes last night as part of its night defense. One was located at (BT 077690). It was conducted between 052000H and 052100H. The other located at (BT 075684) went from 052200H to 052300H. No enemy contact was made.

(b) Company "C" established one ambush. It was located at (BT 048683). The site was occupied from 052300H to 060230H. No enemy contact was made.

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening posts last night.

(a) Company "A" had a listening post at (BT 073696). This listening post reported no enemy contact.

(b) Company "B" established a listening post in the vicinity of the Battalion CP at (BT 022743). The listening post manned during the hours of darkness and

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reported no enemy contact.

(c) Company "C" had a listening post at (BT 045688). The listening post was manned during hours of darkness and no enemy contact reported.

(d) Company "D" established a listening post at (BT 075700). This listening post was manned from 052000H until 060500H.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two listening posts last night.

(a) Company "E" established a listening post at (AT 979680) from 052140H to 060500H.

(b) Company "G" established a listening post at (AT 959684) from 052000H to 052345H.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams as part of its night defenses during the reporting period. The teams stayed in their respective positions from 052000H to 060500H.

(a) Company "A" had a team in vicinity of (BT 070699).

(b) Company "B" had a team in vicinity of (BT 045689).

(c) Company "D" employed a team at (BT 043691). None of the sniper teams reported enemy contact.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams during this reporting period.

(a) Company "E" sent out two scout-sniper teams at (AT 994677) and (AT 991677) during the hours of darkness.

(b) Company "G" had one scout-sniper team at (AT 960681) during the hours of darkness.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion

No change

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b. 2d Battalion

Company "F"

(AT 997644)

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of CAU DO River. In the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to send out six patrols. In addition, Company "C" will make a sweep tomorrow. First platoon, Company "C" plans to cross the IP at (BT 043690) at 070614H with five LVT's, two Ontos and three tanks. The platoon will then proceed to the LOD located between (BT 048643) and (BT 055665). The platoon will sweep to an LOA located between (BT 043679) and (BT 038661). The second platoon Company "C" will function as a blocking force between (BT 038665) and (BT 043660).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River. Extensive patrol activity will be conducted in the assigned sector. Four patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Company "F" will continue to occupy blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 996644). Two platoons from Company "H" will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733). One platoon from Company "H" will continue to provide security for Engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687). Security for the railroad bridge and water point will be provided by a reinforced squad from H&S Company.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion BIS treated eighty-one civilians today.

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b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion BIS treated a total of twenty-one Vietnamese civilians today. Company "G" corpsmen treated twenty-eight civilians yesterday. Village sick call was not held again due to the lack of MEDCAP supplies.

11. Late Entries

a. At 061515H Company "G" reported being in a fire fight with approximately one squad of VC in LA BONG (2), (AT 967668). One Marine was KIA.

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071800H Sept 65From: Ninth Marines  
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SITREP No. 61

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 061800H to 071800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. There were no friendly casualties during this period. One VC was killed.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One reinforced squad provide security for MCB-9 at the hospital site at (BT 061728). One reinforced squad is on Monkey Mountain to provide security for joint radar site at (BT 062853). One squad provides security for the Battalion's supply point at (BT 071708). One squad provides security for the bridge at (BT 071700). In addition the 1st Battalion mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705). During the past twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols, three listening posts and two ambushes. Company "Q" reinforced with five Amtracs, three tanks and two Ontos conducted a search and destroy operation today in the area of KHAI TAY (3), (BT 048639). There were no friendly casualties today in the 1st Battalion. There were no confirmed VC casualties.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy defensive positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Seven patrols, four ambushes, five listening posts and two scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. Company "F" continues to occupy blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 969664). There were no USMC casualties during this period. Company "G" accounted for one VC KIA. Company "F" reported that a fire team in a listening post last night at (AT 984638) may have inflicted heavy casualties on a group of twenty-five VC, but no bodies were recovered.

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4. Activities(a) Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions from (BT 063697) to (BT 055697) to (BT 070700). The Company provides security for bridge at (BT 071701).

(b) Company "B" remains at the Battalion CP at (BT 024733) with responsibility of conducting patrols in the area northeast of the Battalion CP as far as NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and southwest of the Battalion CP and along the north bank of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy defensive positions from (BT 035689) to (BT 045690) to (BT 053692). The Company CP is at (BT 045690). Company "C", reinforced with five Amtracs, three tanks and two Ontos conducted a search and destroy operation in the area of KHAI TAY (3), (BT 048639), beginning at 070630H. At 070930H the Company received small arms fire from (BT 028672). Two fire teams maneuvered to the area and saw a man running along the VINH DIEN River. They shot the man and recovered his body. He carried an identification card. An attempt is being made to determine if he was a VC. There was no other enemy contact during the operation which was concluded at 071210H.

(d) Company "D" occupies defensive positions in vicinity of Marble Mountain with Company CP at (BT 068706). The Company has one reinforced squad providing security for the joint radar station at (BT 062853), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705).

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 981678) to (BT 023684). At 070100H as the Echo Alpha One patrol was departing their ambush position (BT 024690), four or five sniper rounds were received from CO M/N (BT 026690). The fire was ineffective and the patrol continued on their planned route.

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(b) Company "F" continues to occupy blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 996644). At 062022H Company "F" received approximately twenty rounds of harassment fire from HA TAY (BT 008646). Approximately fifty additional rounds were received from the same position at 062145H. A few rounds were also received from (AT 996647) at this time. At 070300H about fifty rounds of sporadic small arms fire was received from (AT 995647). There were no USMC casualties as a result of this fire. At 062130H a fire team listening post located at (AT 984638) and armed with three AR's and one M-14, opened fire on a group of approximately twenty-five VC. The group was a mixture of men and women and were carrying arms. The fire team fired eighty rounds at the group and reported the VC had suffered heavy casualties. At 062235H a light section of Ontos was dispatched to check the area for bodies. They reported that blood was found all over the area but no bodies were found. Two women were picked up in the village at (AT 984637) for interrogation. The women reported that many VC came running by their house moving to the southwest. At 071220H a patrol from Company "F" received approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire from (AT 965640). The patrol returned fire and continued on their planned route. There were no USMC casualties.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line defensive positions from (AT 962686) to (AT 982678). At 061910H a daylight patrol returning to Company "G" positions received one round of sniper fire at (AT 977673). The patrol saw one man run after the round was fired and opened fire on him. The man was hit and the patrol advanced to retrieve the body. The patrol, on reaching the man, administered first aid and was returning the man to friendly positions for medical evacuation when the man died. A priest from a local village came out and claimed the body and the patrol returned without further incident. At 070105H the 1st platoon at (AT 968684) received two rounds of small arms sniper fire from CAM NE (6), (AT 973685). The 1st platoon fired five rounds of small arms in return. There were no USMC casualties.

(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon provides security for Engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687).

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b. Patrols

(1) The 1st Battalion conducted seven patrols during the last twenty-four hours without enemy contact.

- a. Company "A" (1)
- b. Company "B" (3)
- c. Company "C" (3)

(2) The 2d Battalion conducted a total of seven patrols during this period.

- a. Company "E" (3)
- b. Company "F" (1)
- c. Company "G" (1)
- d. Company "H" (2)

c. Ambushes

(1) The 1st Battalion established two ambushes during the past twenty-four hours.

- a. Company "A" (BT 067680) 062130H to 062300H
- b. Company "C" (BT 036682) 062330H to 070245H

(2) The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

- a. Company "E" (AT 988664) 062145H to 070100H
- b. Company "F" (AT 980649) 062100H to 070500H
- .. (AT 995650) 062100H to 070500H
- c. Company "G" (AT 978674) 070330H to 070630H

d. Listening Posts

(1) The 1st Battalion established four listening posts last night.

- a. Company "A" (BT 073696) 062000H to first light
- b. Company "B" (BT 022743) 062000H to first light

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- c. Company "C" (BT 075700) 062000H to first light
- d. Company "D" (BT 075700) 062000H to first light

(2) The 2d Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

- a. Company "E" (BT 028683) 062000H to 070400H
- b. Company "F" (AT 991646) 062000H to first light  
(AT 995646) 062000H to first light  
(AT 984638) 062000H to 062130H
- c. Company "G" (AT 960678) 070400H to 070900H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two scout-sniper teams last night.

- (a) Company "E" (AT 997663) 062100H to 070100H
- (b) Company "G" (AT 991675) 062300H to 070530H

5. No change

6. Change in Location of and Establishment of New OP's

(1) 1st Battalion

Company "D" (BT 075710) and (BT 069705)

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. In the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to send out four patrols and establish two ambushes. Four listening posts will be established tonight.

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b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733), railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) and Engineer elements in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687). Four combat patrols, four ambushes, five listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Company "F" will continue to maintain blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 997644).

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion BLS treated sixty-one civilians today. Today the Battalion Commander and members of his staff met with the Village Chief of HOA LONG, HOA HAI, HOA PHUONG and HOA LAN to form an area security council. The first order of business discussed was plans for operation "Golden Fleece". The 1st Battalion will provide security for the rice harvest. Thus, villagers will be freed from having to pay the VC rice tax. Plans were made to conduct civil affairs patrols in the 1st Battalion area. These patrols will have the mission of pacification and security for villagers and their crops. They will be called MARTIN CLEMENS patrols. It is hoped the village chiefs will accompany these patrols.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion BAS treated twenty-two Vietnamese Civilians today.

c. Liaison was made with the village chief of HOA LONG (BT 073709) in order to expedite the relocation of graves at the proposed site of the 1st Battalion CP.

d. A 200 foot expansion bridge was opened today at HOA HAI (BT 072709). This bridge had been closed ever since the VC destroyed it over two years ago.

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081800H Sept 65

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 62

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 071800H to 081800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and provides security for the joint radar site on Monkey Mountain at (BT 002853) for the hospital site at (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at (BT 071700), and for the Battalion supply point at (BT 071708). Two OP's are manned twenty-four hours a day at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705). In addition to aggressively conducting patrols, ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams, The 1st Battalion is conducting Operation Golden Fleece in order to protect the villagers and to provide security for the rice harvest. As part of Operation Golden Fleece, the 1st Platoon Company "D" departed on a two day patrol today at 080600H. One Marine was wounded today. One enemy grenade and one AT mine was destroyed.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Seven patrols, four ambushes, five listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. At 081315H Company "F" returned from their blocking positions in the vicinity of HA DONG (AT 969664) and now occupy positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (3), (AT 982678). Company "F" had two WIA's during this period, and an attachment from 1st AmTrac Battalion was also WIA.

c. Results of Actions

(1) Friendly Casualties      WIA      KIA      MIA

9th Marines	3	None	None
Supporting Units	1	None	None

(2) Enemy Casualties      None

(3) One Chi Com frag grenade and one AT mine was destroyed.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions from (BT 063697) to (BT 055697) to (BT 070700). Company "A" (-) reinforced with two M-50 Ontos, five tanks and five Amtracs departed on patrol this morning at 080600H. This patrol is part of Operation Golden Fleece the mission of which is to protect from the VC the villagers who are harvesting. At 080920H the patrol reported that approximately fifty civilians were massing in grid square (BT 0767). They were apparently protesting the patrol moving through the rice fields. The patrol avoided the crowd and continued along existing paths. At 081055H Company "A" (-) received small arms fire from (BT 084692). Three tanks and two rifle squads maneuvered to the enemy position, but the enemy broke contact. One Marine was wounded superficially. A Vietnamese civilian was wounded during this action and was helo evacuated to C&C. At 080720H the 2d platoon destroyed one Chi Com type frag grenade at (BT 081667) and at 080800H the 2d platoon destroyed what was reported to be an AT mine at (BT 080668).

(b) Company "B" remains at the Battalion CP at (BT 024733) with responsibility of conducting patrols in the area northeast of the Battalion CP to the vicinity of NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and southwest of the Battalion CP and along north bank of the CAU DO River. Company "B" is the Division Mobile Reserve Company.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy positions from (BT 035689) to (BT 045690) to (BT 053692) and patrols aggressively in their sector. The Company CP is at (BT 045690).

(d) Company "D" occupies defensive positions in vicinity of Marble Mountain with the Company CP at (BT 068706). The Company has one reinforced squad providing security at the hospital site (BT 061728), one reinforced squad at the joint radar station on Monket Mountain at (BT 062853), one squad at the recently constructed bridge and water point at (BT 071700), and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705).

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(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions. Front line positions were adjusted today and now extend from (AT 991677) to (BT 023684).

(b) Company "F" returned from HA DONG (AT 969664) today and now occupies front line positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (3), (AT 982678). At 072210H Company "F" received six 60mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of (BT 003634). Two Marines were WIA's as a result of fragmentation from the incoming mortar rounds. One WIA was from the 1st AmTrac Battalion and was evacuated by helicoter. The other casualty did not require evacuation. At 081300H Company "F" had another WIA from an anti-personnel mine at (AT 987664). The casualty received fragmentation wounds in both legs. His wounds were not serious, but he was evacuated by vehicle to the 2d Battalion BAS.

(c) Company "G" occupies front line positions from (AT 959683) to (AT 971684). At 072050H the 1st platoon at (AT 959683) received one round of sniper fire from the vicinity of (AT 957684). At 080015H the security squad located at the 2d Battalion Medical Station (AT 980687) received two rounds of small arms fire and a five round burst from an automatic weapon. The squad returned fire with fifteen to twenty small arms rounds and one fragmentation grenade. The sniper fire came from the vicinity of (AT 978687). At 081230H the Golf Papa 1 patrol received three rounds of small arms fire from (AT 973675). At 081230H small arms fire was received from LA SON (1), (AT 980660). The sniper fire was ineffective.

(d) Company "H" continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. At 081310H the 2d platoon returned to the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) and now provides security for that position.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eight squad patrols and one Company (-) (Rein) patrol during this period. One platoon (Rein) patrol departed today at 081200H and will be out two days.

Company "A"

(1) Squad patrol

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Company "B"	(1) Company (-) (Rein)
Company "C"	(3) Squad patrols
Company "D"	(3) Squad patrols
	(1) squad patrol
	(1) Platoon (Rein) patrol

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted a total of seven patrols during this period.

Company "E"	(2) Squad patrols
Company "G"	(2) Squad patrols
Company "H"	(3) Squad patrols

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"	(BT 082688)	072230H - 072330H
	(BT 087690)	080001H - 080100H
Company "C"	(BT 043695)	072000H - 072300H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "E"	(BT 000672)	072035H - 080630H
Company "F"	(BT 001653)	072230H - 080600H
	(AT 980640)	072230H - 080600H
Company "G"	(AT 965672)	080245H - 080600H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six listening posts last night.

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Company "A"	(BT 073696)	062000H - first light
Company "B"	(BT 022743)	062000H - first light
Company "C"	(BT 053687)	062000H - first light
	(BT 045685)	062000H - first light
	(BT 034692)	062000H - first light
Company "D"	(BT 068707)	062000H - first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(BT 025690)	072100H - 080600H
Company "F"	(BT 004649)	072000H - first light
	(AT 987639)	072000H - first light
Company "G"	(AT 971671)	071930H - 072400H
Company "H"	(AT 979734)	071800H - 081800H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(AT 988671)	080200H - 080630H
Company "G"	(AT 972673)	071930H - 072330H
	(AT 960680)	072000H - 072400H

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. No change

b. 2d Battalion

Company "F"	(AT 985683)
2d platoon Company "H"	(AT 998707)

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6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. In the next twenty-four hours the 1st platoon (Rein) Company "D", will complete its patrol and return to the Company CP. At 091600H Company "D" will relieve Company "C" of their MLR positions and Company "C" will take over Company "D"'s responsibilities. The 1st Battalion is moving its CP to the vicinity of Marble Mountain and on 10 September the command and control element will move to the new CP site at (BT 068713).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River. Three combat patrols, one ambush, two listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Company "H" will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Prior to first light and under the cover of darkness on 9 September 1965, Company "E" (-) will move to an assembly area in the vicinity of (AT 990675). On order one platoon will move north and clear YEN NE (4), (AT 975677), and one platoon continues to move west to the YEN River, severs the communication trench in the vicinity (AT 965671), and then moves north and clears LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). Company "G" will remain in position in the vicinity of CAM NE (3), (AT 962683) and act as a blocking force. Prior to first light and under the cover of darkness on 10 September 1965, one platoon from Company "G" will move to an assembly area south of QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). On order the platoon will move north and clear QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). Company "E" will provide blocking forces to the north in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 995676) and GIANG DONG (BT 006676).

9. Miscellaneous. None.10. Civil Affairsa. Med Cap Program

(1) 1st Battalion B.I.S treated sixty-one civilians.

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion B.S treated twenty-five civilians and ninrty-one civilians were treated in the company areas.

(3) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion surgeon and corpsmen visited the HOA VAN District Dispensary to assist the District Health works. Seventy patients were treated.

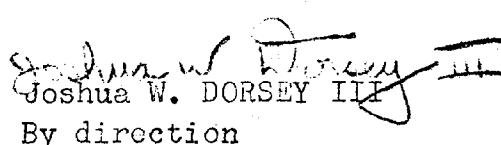
(4) Company "L", 3d Battalion treated two hundred and thirty-two children at the AN HOA School at (AT 992766). A soap and personal cleanliness program has been institued by company raised funds.

(5) The six year old son of ARVN Sergeant DANG VAN MAO was brought to the 3d Battalion B.S and treated for sevore convulsions, fever and pneumonia.

b. Arrangements were completed for a party for five hundred people to be held in CAM NE (AT 990680) on 10 September 1965 which is the children's annual autumn festi- val. Clothing from operation hand clasp will be distributed and rice and cookies will be provided by the 2d Battalion.

c. Battalion Commander and CA Officer of 1/9 had lunch with the village chiefs of THO SON (BT 065715), NUI KIM SON (BT 073707) M.N QUAN (BT 076704) and TAN LUU (BT 033688). Methods for reporting intelligence information and plans for operation Golden Fleece were confirmed. The Village Chicfs are most receptive and grateful for the protection of the rice harvest that operation Golden Fleece will provide.

11. Psychological Warfare. Propaganda leaflets featuring recent Marine victories over the VC are being distributed throughout the Regimental THO to counteract the recent increase of VC propaganda in this area.

  
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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 63

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 081800H to 091800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and provides security for the joint radar site on Monkey Mountain at (BT 002853) for the hospital site at (BT 061728) for the bridge and water point at (BT 071700), and for the Battalion supply point at (BT 071708). Two OP's are manned twenty-four hours a day at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705). In addition to aggressively conducting patrols ambushes, listening posts and scout-sniper teams, the 1st Battalion is conducting Operation Golden Fleece in order to protect the villagers and to provide security for the rice harvest. The 1st platoon (Rein) concluded their two day patrol at 091200H. At 091600H Company "A" (Rein) began moving to (BT 079690) and (BT 099671) to find and engage a VC Battalion reported to be in that area. Four Marines and one ARVN soldier were wounded today. One ARVN soldier was killed today. One VC was killed.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railraod bridge and water point (AT 998707). Four patrols, one ambush, six listening posts and two scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. Company "E" conducted a search and clear operation in YEN NE (4), (AT 974677) and LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). This operation commenced this morning at 090625H when Company "E" crossed the LOD. By 091025H both Villages had been cleared and plans were made to go back through the villages to destroy VC trenches, fighting holes and emplacements. Two Marines were WIA as a result of this morning's operation. One WIA was a attachment from Engineers. Both casualties were evacuated by helicopter. The initial sweep resulted in twelve VCS.

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA's</u>	<u>KIA's</u>	<u>MIA's</u>
9th Marines	5	None	None
Supporting Units	1	None	None
ARVN	1	1	None

Enemy Casualties. Two VC were killed. Fourteen VCS were taken today.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" continues to occupy positions from (BT 063697) to (BT 955697) to (BT 070700). As part of Operation "Golden Fleece", the Company is providing protection for the civilians harvesting rice in grid square (BT 0666) with mobile patrols. At 091050H a patrol of Company "A" mounted 'pn' TTracs received small arms fire from all sides at (BT 067667). The fire lasted for thirty minutes. Three Marines were WIA's and one NAVN KIA. One VC was killed. One tank and two rifle squads were sent to reinforce the patrol.

At 091600H Company "A" reinforced with two platoons from Company "C" and tanks, Ontos and AmTracs, began moving southeast between the BINH DIEN River and the South China Sea from (BT 073697) to a line between (BT 079690) and (BT 099671). These forces will attempt to locate and engage the VC Battalion which has been reported to be at (BT 083670) and (BT 084680).

(b) Company "B" remains at the Battalion CP at (BT 024733) with the responsibility of conducting patrols in the area southwest of the Battalion and along the north bank of CAU DO River and northeast to vicinity of NAI HIEN, (BT 040748). Company "B" is the Division Mobile Reserve. Company "B" has two platoons on alert to be employed by heli-lift if Company "A" (Rein) should become engaged during their present operation.

(c) Company "C" relieved Company "D" this afternoon of defensive positions in vicinity of Marble Mountain at 091600H. The Company CP will be at (BT 068706). The company will have one reinforced squad providing security for the radar site on Monkey Mountain (BT 062853), one reinforced squad providing security at the hospital site (BT 061728), one squad at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and will man two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D". The 1st platoon patrol about 081730H was entering the hamlet of KHUE DONG (i), (BT 057707), when the patrol received seventy rounds of small arms fire

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from (BT 057701). A squad was sent to clear the area from (BT 057710) to (BT 954710). One Marine was wounded and one ARVN soldier with the patrol was wounded. Both men were evacuated. At 082130H the 1st platoon established a patrol base at (BT 054704). At 090030H a local security patrol for the 1st platoon patrol base at (BT 054704) received two rounds of sniper fire. At 091515H Company "D" began moving to a blocking position from (BT 078672) to (BT 082662).

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" (-) conducted a search and clear operation in YEN NE (4), (AT 974677) and LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). At 090212H Company "E" (-) departed the IP in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 991676) and moved to (AT 980676) arriving at 090300H. At this point the company was split and one platoon continued west to move into position south of LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). At 090620H all elements were in position with one platoon south of LA BONG (3), (AT 963677) and one platoon south of YEN NE (4), (AT 974677). Company "G" remained in position in the vicinity of CAM NE (3), (AT 963684) as a blocking force to the north. At 090625H both platoons crossed the LOD and commenced the search and clear operation. At 090634H the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 963676) received small arms fire from west of the YEN River in the vicinity of (AT 965699). At 090700H the 2d platoon had two WIA's in LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). One WIA was an attachment from Engineers. Both casualties were evacuated by helicopter. At 090719H the 3d platoon completed their search of NO NAME Village (AT 970673). Two VCS were apprehended. At 090722H the 2d platoon commenced their search of LA BONG (3), (AT 963677) and the 3d platoon commenced their search of YEN NE (4), (AT 974677). At 090802H the 2d platoon completed their search of LA BONG (3). At 091025H the 3d platoon completed their search of YEN NE (4). Twelve VCS were apprehended and delivered to Company "G" CP (AT 967684) for evacuation. The 2d and 3d platoons then moved back through LA BONG (3) and YEN NE (4) to destroy trenches, emplacements and fighting positions.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 975682) to (AT 988678).

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(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959683) to (AT 972684). Company "G" remained in positions today and served as a blocking force for Company "E"'s search and clear operation in LA BONG (3), (AT 963677) and YEN NE (4), (AT 974677).

(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons, and one platoon provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Last night under the cover of darkness one squad was dispatched from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) and moved south to DUCNG SON (2), (AT 993676) to occupy front line positions vacated by Company "E" as a result of today's search and clear operation.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted six squad patrols and one platoon (rein) patrol.

Company "A"	(1) Squad patrol
Company "B"	(3) Squad patrols
Company "C"	(2) Squad patrols
	(1) Platoon (Rein) patrol

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted a total of four combat patrols during this period.

Company "F"	(1)
Company "G"	(1)
Company "H"	(2)

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established one ambush during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"	(BT 074692) 082400H - 090100H
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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out one ambush last night.

Company "G"	(AT 968669) 082030H - 082130H
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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established eight listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 073696)	062000H to first light
Company "B"	(BT 022743)	062000H to first light
Company "C"	(BT 053687)	062000H to first light
	(BT 045685)	062000H to first light
	(BT 038692)	062000H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 068707)	062000H to first light
	(BT 064712)	062000H to first light
	(BT 067707)	062000H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out six listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(BT 007678)	082030H to 090630H
	(BT 024684)	081956H to 090635H
	(AT 990677)	082000H to 090130H
Company "F"	(AT 980678)	082030H to 090300H
	(AT 979734)	081800H to 091800H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams.

Company "A"	(BT 073697)
Company "C"	(BT 045690)

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "F"	(AT 985673)	083200H to 090400H
Company "G"	(AT 973674)	012330H to 090200H

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5. Change in Location of CP's(1) 1st Battalion

Company "C" (BT 068706)

Company "D" (BT 035689)

1st Platoon (BT 053692)

2d Platoon (BT 035689)

3d Platoon (BT 045690)

(2) 2d Battalion. No change.

## 6. No change.

7. Traininga. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion. GMSP tests for corporals and below were administered to Company "H" this morning. Companies "F" and "G" administered the test this afternoon.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. During the next twenty four hours Company "C" (-) reinforced with five AmTracs, two Ontos and three tanks will conduct a search and destroy operation of KHUE T'Y (3), (BT 048639). Seven squad size combat patrols one LVTP-5 patrol will be conducted. Five ambushes, seven listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be employed by the 1st Battalion in the next twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River. Company "H" will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts, and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Prior to first light and under the cover of darkness on 10 September 1965, one platoon from Company "G" will move to

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an assembly area south of QUOI GIANG (2), (BT 003668). On order the platoon will move north and clear QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). Company "E" will provide blocking forces to the south in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 995676) and GIANG DONG (BT 006676).

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Regimental CA Officer and 1/9 CA Officer attended meeting with M F G-2, MIF CA Officer and Mr. Murphy (JUSP O) at 0900 this date. Several plans were discussed for institution of English Language training program for Vietnamese civilians. The decision was made to seek the reaction of Village and District Chiefs prior to activation of pilot program. Additional meeting is scheduled for within next three days.

b. Clothing was distributed to villagers of Marble Mountain area by 1/9. Funds were raised by the Battalion for purchase of roof tile to repair a dwelling that was damaged during bridge construction near NU KIM SON (BT 069704).

c. An AmTrac has been provided for transporting rice from fields to villagers in 1/9 harvest assistance to the people vicinity of 067708).

d. 1/9 treated 35 civilians at the BAS.

e. 2/9 treated 25 civilians at the BAS, Golf Company treated 74 villagers and Hotel Company treated 16 civilians for a total of 115 treated by 2/9.

f. 3/9 treated 67 civilians at AN HOA Village (AT 990762).

g. Coordination has been made with the village chiefs of CAM NE (BT 075685) and QUANG CHAU (BT 005687) to assist in the Autumn Festival (Childrens TET) celebrations on 10 September. Candy and cookies will be provided by 2/9.

h. There will be a Children TET celebration at HOA VANG District Headquarters for over 1000 children on 10 September. 1/9 and 3/9 personnel have donated 13,500 piastres to purchase toys and candy and cookies have been made by the Battalion mess.

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i. The Regimental Surgeon treated 78 civilians in the Village of BINH THAI (BT 008722). This makes a total of 298 civilians treated by the Ninth Marines today.

11. Late Entries

a. Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired fifteen rounds of 105mm HE at six VC with weapons at (AT 967671) and (AT 963670). Forward observer reported one VC KIA.

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101800H Sept 65

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 64

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 091800H to 101800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. Companies "A" (Rein) and "D" completed the search and destroy operation south of Marble Mountain and returned to their positions by 092300H. The 1st Battalion and supporting units sustained three KIA's and thirteen WIA's. The VC had two killed (body count) and twenty-two wounded (eye witness reports). Seven VCS were taken and turned over to ITT. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and provides security for the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain site at (BT 061728), for the hospital site at (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and for the Battalion supply point at (BT 071708). Two OP's are manned at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705). Operation Golden Fleece is continued to protect the villagers during the rice harvest. The Battalion command and control was moved today to the new CP site at (BT 073710).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Seven patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. One platoon (reinforced) conducted a search and clear operation in QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). This operation commenced this morning at 100630H when the 3d platoon crossed the LOD. The sweep was completed at 100905H and resulted in one VCS captured. One Marine was WIA, one VC KIA and one VCC captured during this period.

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Came under CPCON of 9th Marines this afternoon and began landing in the southern part of the Regimental TAOR at 101515H.

- d. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA's</u>	<u>KIA's</u>	<u>MIA's</u>
9th Marines	13	3	None
Supporting Units	1	None	None
One M-60 MG was destroyed			

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Enemy casualties

VC killed Three

VC wounded Twenty-two

VCS Captured Eight

VCC captured One

One 7.62mm sub-maching gun was captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Yesterday at 091600H Company "A", reinforced with two platoons from Company "C", four tanks and four Ontos, attacked to the south to an area between (BT 083670) and (BT 085660) and the hamlet of CAU HA (2), (BT 086667). At 091710H, Company "A" received heavy small arms fire from the vicinity of (BT 080678) and at 091715H they began receiving heavy automatic and machine gun fire from (BT 080678) and incoming 81mm mortar fire and possibly larger caliber mortar or artillery fire. By 091720H the mortar fire ceased and the small arms fire subsided. The Company and attachments suffered three KIA's and eight WIA's. One machine gun was destroyed by mortar fire. Most of the casualties were sustained from the mortar barrage in the vicinity of (BT 080678). The Company "A" found large amounts of cut rice in the objective area but could not recover it. Two VC were killed and twenty-two were wounded. Seven VCS were turned over to ITT. At 091900H Company "A" began moving back to the LOD and were back to their positions at 092300H. Company "A" continues to occupy positions from (BT 063697) to (BT 995697) to (BT 070700). The Company continues to provide protection for the villagers during the rice harvest.

(b) Company "B". One reinforced platoon was heli-lifted from the Battalion CP to the vicinity of Marble Mountain at 091730H to be available as reinforcements for Companies "A" and "D". Two squads of the platoon remained at (BT 065695) to reinforce 1st platoon Company "A", and one reinforced squad was assigned to supplement the defense of the bridge and water point at (BT 071701). This platoon now remains in these positions.

(c) Company "C" continues to occupy defensive positions in the vicinity of Marble Mountain. The Company CP is located at (BT 068706). The Company provides one reinforced squad for security of the radar station on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728), one reinforced squad at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705). During last night's search and destroy operation, Company "C" provided two platoons to reinforce Company "A". Elements of Company "C" sustained two WIA's during the operation.

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(d) Company "D" occupies defensive positions from (BT 035689) to (BT 045690) to (BT 053692). The Company CP is at (BT 045690). During yesterday's search and destroy operation the company, less 3d platoon, which remained to hold the hamlet of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 033687) was the blocking force located in the vicinity of (BT 078670) and (BT 070666). At approximately 091700H the company reported receiving heavy volume of small arms fire from the vicinity of the hamlet of TRA KHE (3), (BT 070670). Company "D" and attachments sustained two WIA's.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 990676) to (BT 026684). Blocking positions were established this morning in the vicinity of their front lines in support of the search and clear operation in QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668).

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 975663) to (AT 988678). At 091955H they received one round of sniper fire from YEN NE (4), (AT 977676).

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959683) to (AT 972684). The 3d platoon (reinforced) crossed the LOD at 100630H today in a search and clear operation of QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003668). The search and clear operation was completed at 100905H. There was no contact with the VC. Tunnels, fortifications and a limited number of pungee stakes were destroyed. No booby traps were discovered. The operation resulted in one VC (confirmed) captured. He was turned in to ITT. At 091910H Company "G" received four rounds of small arms fire from CAM NE (6), (AT 974685). The sniper fire was returned with small arms fire. There were no USMC casualties and no confirmed VC casualties.

(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) with one platoon (-). One squad provides security for the Engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687). At 100200H a two man local security patrol was moving along a trail at (AT 998688) inside DUONG SON (1) when they met a VC moving along the trail in their direction. Immediate identification could not be made, therefore, the two Marines quickly deployed to either side of the trail. As the VC approached one Marine shouted "Halt". The VC responded by

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dropping to one knee and firing eight to ten rounds from his Chinese made light machine gun. One Marine received a gunshot wound in the shoulder. The Marines returned fire with some twenty rounds from an automatic rifle and killed the VC. The Marine WIA was evacuated by helicopter. A fire team patrol was dispatched to recover the VC body. The dead VC's weapon and cartridge belt were confiscated and returned to the 2d Battalion S-2. Local villagers claimed the VC body this morning.

(3) The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines began landing in the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR at 101515H and will take up blocking positions in support of an ARVN operation taking place to the south. No enemy contact.

(4) Fire Support. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired one hundred and eleven H&I missions expending two hundred and twenty-two rounds of 105mm HE. The following missions were fired:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
092000H	(BT 095658)	Cover withdrawal	48 rds HE
100055H	(BT 080667)	Suspect mortar position	18 rds HE
100100H	(BT 095658)	Suspect VC CP	16 rds HE
100110H	(BT 095663)	Cover withdrawal	18 rds HE

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted three squad size patrols during this period.

Company "A"

Redwood Alpha Squad 100200H - 100400H

Company "B"

Redwood Bravo 9 Squad 092130H - 100130H

Redwood Bravo 10 Squad 100800H - 101100H

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted seven patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa II 100414H to 100555H

Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa II 092250H to 100400H

Foxtrot Papa I 100830H to 101500H

Company "G"

Golf Papa I 092000H to 092228H

Company "H"

Hotel Papa II 092100H to 100045H

Hotel Papa III 100200H to 100453H

Hotel Papa I 101300H to 101600H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes.

Company "B" (BT 007712) 092230H to 092330H

Company "C" (BT 067690) 100100H to 100200H

(BT 067684) 100300H to 100400H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

Company "F" (AT 982655) 100100H to 100500H

Company "G" (AT 968672) 092300H to 100630H

Company "H" (AT 988736) 092300H to 100030H

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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 073696)	100100H to 100600H
Company "B"	(BT 022743)	062000H to 100600H
Company "C"	(BT 068707)	100100H to 100600H
Company "D"	(BT 053687)	100100H to 100600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(BT 024689)	092200H to 100200H
Company "F"	(AT 980735)	091800H to 101800H
Company "G"	(AT 972681)	092030H to 102400H
Company "H"	(AT 982685)	092200H to 100500H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "F"	(AT 988684)	092000H to 100530H
Company "G"	(AT 972680)	092030H to 092330H
	(AT 968672)	092030H to 100400H

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. Training

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

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(2) 2d Battalion. GMSP tests were administered to one platoon from Company "E" and also H&S personnel today.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Tommorow Company "A" (-) and Company "D" (-) reinforced with all available tanks and Ontos will move to occupy positions in vicinity of the hamlet of TRA KHE (BT 09067). Their mission will be to deny the VC access to the rice fields to the north, east of CAN BIEN River. Seven squad size patrols and one LVTP-5 patrol will be conducted. Three ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be employed by the 1st Battalion in the next twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River. Company "H" will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Six patrols, three ambushes, five listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. GMSP tests will be administered to two platoons from Company "E" and also Company "G" tomorrow. Commencing at 120630H September 1965, one platoon (reinforced) will search and clear YEN NE (1), (AT 986665) and LE SON (1), (AT 980660).

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - Liaison was made with the village Chiefs from the Marble Mountain area concerning relocation of graves within the Battalion CP site. Commencing 11 September 1965 another aid station will be opened and sick call will be held twice weekly at (BT 067713). Battalion Aid Station treated 167 civilians.

b. 2/9 - An Autumn Festival party was held at QUANG CHAU (BT 006686). 2/9 assisted by furnishing cookies, candies and books to 200 children. At 0900 a party celebrating the Autumn Festival was held in CAM NE (6), (AT 980687). 300-400 children received cookies, candy, clothes, bubble gum, books and lanterns. Commanding Officer, 9th Marines and Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines attended and welcoming speeches were made by the village chief. 75 civilians were treated. 26 at BAS, 30 at Company "G" and 19 at Company "H".

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c. 3/9 - Cpl William D. JORDAN, Company "I", has started conducting English classes for Vietnamese in HOA VANG District Headquarters area. Attendance at the last class, 8 September 1965, reached 90 persons. Cpl JORDAN received his basic instruction in Vietnamese at Division Schools, Okinawa. His classes are presently scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Cultural Center, HOA VANG. Reports to date indicate an intense interest and desire to learn. 105 civilians were treated at N HOA (BT 004774).

d. 9th Marines - 20 civilians were treated at YEN BIC (AT 987702). Total number civilians treated by 9th Marines for the day was 367.

e. Arrangements were completed to assist the District Chief in hosting 2000 children at HOA VANG District Headquarters Childrens TET festival by 1/9 and 3/9.

11. Company "F" captured one VCS in YEN NE (2), (AT 985683) this afternoon. His name is LUONG KY Villagers say he is a VC platoon commander.

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111800H September 65

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 65

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 101800H to 111800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. Company "A" reinforced with two platoons of Company "C", five tanks, two ontos, and ten LVTP-5's and Company "D" reinforced with four LVTP-5's conducted a search and destroy operation in the southern portion of the Battalion TAOR. As a result of today's action 1st Battalion sustained three WIA. VC casualties were five WIA. The Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and provides security for the hospital site at (BT 061728), for the bridge and water point at (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY Mountain at (BT 061728) and the Battalion supply point at (BT 071708). Two OP's are manned at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Nine combat patrols, eight Golden Fleece patrols, four ambushes, five listening posts and three scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. Company "M", 3d Battalion, 4th Marines came under operational control of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines today. A daylight patrol from Company "F" was hit this morning at (AT 974662). As a result one Marine was KIA and four Marines were WIA. At 101750H one man from the 81mm mortar platoon was killed as a result of an accidental discharge from a 45. caliber pistol. One VC was killed by the patrol from Company "F" this morning. (See late entry for details).

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Began landing at (AT 969619) at 101515H. All Companies were in position by 102058H. The Battalion received occasional sniper fire during the night. Two artillery shells buried and rigged as booby-traps were detonated killing three and wounding two. The Battalion Commander, Lieutenant MUIR, was killed and the Battalion Executive Officer assumed command. The Battalion conducted four company size patrols today. Two men were wounded by pungee stakes while on patrol with Company M.

c. Result of Actions.

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9th Marines	1	2	none
3d Bn, 3d Marines	3	4	none

Enemy Casualties

VC killed	one (confirmed)
VC wounded	Five (observed)

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) At 110800H Company "A" reinforced with two platoons of Company "C", five tanks, two ontos and ten LVTP-5's crossed the LOD (BT 083708) and moved in an armored column to (BT 100674). At 110935H the company received ten rounds of automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (BT 087679). At 111120H Company "A" reported sustaining three WIA as a result of a booby-trapped gate in the vicinity of (BT 080680). At 111300H elements of Company "A" were in a fire fight at (BT 091669). Details of the engagement are not presently known. (See late Entries)

(b) Company "B" (-) provides security for the 1st Battalion CP (rear) at (BT 024733). The 1st platoon at (BT 068697) with responsibility for securing the surrounding area until received by Company "A". At 111000H the 1st platoon saw fifteen males in a rice paddy near AN TRA (2), (BT 084695). A patrol was sent to the area. As the patrol approached, the men ran towards a tree line. The men were told to halt, but continued to run. The patrol then opened fire. Five of the men were hit by the fire. The patrol came under small arms fire and could not retrieve the VC casualties.

(c) Company "C" provided two platoons to reinforce Company "A" in todays search and destroy operation. The company provides one reinforced squad for security of the radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728), one reinforced squad at bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) At approximately 110830H Company "D" (-) reinforced with two tanks and four LVTP-5's moved to (BT 073669) and established a blocking position at this point. One platoon (rein) moved to vicinity of KHA TAY (3) and established a platoon patrol base at (BT 053667).

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 990676) to (BT 026684).

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 975663) to (AT 988678). One squad provides security for the 2d Battalion medical station at (AT 980686). At 102340H the security squad at the medical station had four grenades thrown into their positions. Fire was returned with 40mm and small arms. There were no USMC casualties and no confirmed VC casualties. At 110020H this squad received four rounds

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of small arms fire from the vicinity of CAM NE (6), (AT 975684). This morning a reinforced platoon patrol departed from YEN NE (3), (AT 982678) with plans to move south to LE SON (2), (AT 975650). At 110740H at (AT 974662) the patrol was taken under fire. One Marine was KIA and four Marines were WIA before contact was broken. The KIA and three of the WIA were evacuated by helicopter. The patrol returned at 111300H with the body of VC M. H. Lin, a killed by the patrol in a rice paddy. (See late entries)

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959683) to (AT 972684). At 101840H five or six rounds of small arms fire was received from CAM NE (6), (AT 974684). The harassing fire was ineffective and fire was not returned. At 102300H small arms fire was again received from CAM NE (6). At 102305H a scout-sniper team located at (AT 972686) spotted a man running across a rice paddy and opened fire on him. Soon thereafter the scout-sniper team was taken under fire and withdrew to their front line positions. There was no confirmation as to whether or not the man was hit.

(d) Company "H" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) with one platoon (-). One squad provides security for the Engineer elements located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997667).

(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Began landing yesterday at 101515H at (AT 969619). All units were in position at 102058H. At 102105H one man was KIA by mine believed to be an artillery shell buried in the ground and booby trapped. At 102337H the Battalion received small arms fire. At 110110H Company "M" received four rounds of sniper fire and returned the fire. At 110540H 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, Lieutenant Colonel Huir, and two men were wounded. The Battalion Executive Officer assumed command. At 110837H a mine field was found at (AT 966613). The type of mines and the extent of the field is not known. Engineer assistance was requested to clear the field. At 111419H it was reported that Company "H" sustained two WIA from pungee stakes. One of the WIA was the Company Commander. Company "L" destroyed a booby trap at (AT 947609). Company "I" patrol and the Company "K" patrol have received small arms fire during the afternoon.

(4) Fire Support 2d Battalion 12 Marines

H&I missions	all night	48 105mm HE
		24 155mm HE

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Prep Fires	110700H-110813H (BT 080667) (BT 095659) (BT 079676) (BT 084674) (BT 081670)	124 155mm HE
A reported VC Bn location	102240H-102315H grid square (BT0366)	199 105mm HE

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted five squad size combat patrols during this period.

Company "A"

Redwood Alpha H 10 102000H to 110030H

Company "B"

Redwood Bravo H 10 A 102200H to 110200H

Redwood Bravo H 10 B 102300H to 110200H

Redwood Bravo H 11 A 110800H to 111100H

Company "C"

Redwood Charlie 10 110200H to 110500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight squad size and one platoon size combat patrols and eight fire team size Golden Fleece patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa I 101930H to 102150H

Echo Papa II 102300H to 110215H

Echo Papa III 110900H to 111600H

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Echo Golden Fleece I 102130H to 110430H

Echo Golden Fleece II 102100H to 110500H

(b) Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa II 102300H to 110500H

Foxtrot Papa I 110700H to 110500H

Foxtrot Golden Fleece I 102300H to 110425H

Foxtrot Golden Fleece II 102230H to 110425H

(c) Company "G"

Golf Papa I 102300H to 110100H

Golf Golden Fleece I 102000H to 110135H

Golf Golden Fleece II 102000H to 110135H

(d) Company "H"

Hotel Papa II 101720H to 102025H

Hotel Papa III 102400H to 110145H

Hotel Papa I 110630H to 111130H

Hotel Golden Fleece I 102300H to 110155H

Hotel Golden Fleece II 110130H to 110330H

(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Conducted four company size patrols today.

(a) Company "I" (111300H - 111800H) moved northeast from (AT 977622) through BICH BAN (AT 985631) to the railroad, then moved northwest through grid square (AT 9864) and then moved south through grid square (AT 9764), (AT 9763) and (AT 9762).

(b) Company "K" (111200H - 111800H) moved north from (AT 963623) to Phase Line Orange and returned.

(c) Company "L" (110900H - 111200H) moved west from (AT 964608) through grid squares (AT 9560) and (AT 9460), then moved northwst through grid squares (AT 9461) and (AT 9561) and then moved to (AT 956616).

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(d) Company "H" (110730H - 111200H) patrolled from (AT 963618) to Hill 42 (AT 947598).

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "A"	(BT 065682)	102130H to 102230H
Company "B"	(BT 032748)	102330H to 110100H
Company "D"	(BT 007620)	102400H to 110100H
Company "C"	(BT 036686)	102000H to 102400H
Company "C"	(BT 048680)	110200H to 110500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "E"	(BT 004672)	102300H to 110210H
Company "F"	(AT 972662)	110200H to 110600H
Company "G"	(AT 967672)	102100H to 102400H
Company "H"	(AT 993734)	110030H to 110130H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established eight listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 0 )	062000H to first light
Company "B"	(BT 022743)	062000H to first light
Company "C"	(BT 067707)	062000H to first light
	(BT 064712)	062000H to first light
	(BT 068707)	062000H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 053687)	062000H to first light
	(BT 045685)	062000H to first light
	(BT 038692)	062000H to first light

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(BT 021685)	102030H to 110700H
	(AT 992674)	102100H to 110630H
Company "F"	(AT 994694)	102200H to 110400H
Company "G"	(AT 972687)	102000H to 102400H
Company "H"	(AT 980735)	101800H to 111800H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams.

Company "A"	(BT 073696)	102400H to 110200H
Company "C"	(BT 064712)	102330H to 110130H
Company "D"	(BT 038692)	100200H to 110500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 011677)	102130H to 110430H
Company "F"	(AT 989685)	102230H to 110425H
Company "G"	(AT 972686)	102030H to 112305H

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion      Forward      (BT 073710)  
                             Rear      (BT 024733)

b. 2d Battalion. No change.

6. None.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. None.

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b. 2d Battalion. Promotion examinations were administered to E-2's and E-3's from two platoons of Company "E" and also Company "G". These examinations have been previously, erroneously reported as G.I.S.P tests in situation reports 62 and 63.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. In the next twenty-four hours five combat patrols, three ambushes, six listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be conducted. At 120600H the Battalion will provide one company as a blocking force for a combined USMC-ARVN operation south of grid line (T66) and east National Route #1. The company will occupy a position from (BT 081653) to (BT 093630).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River. Company "H" will continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Six patrols, two ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. A most successful children TET celebration was held at HOA VANG District Headquarters with over 2000 children participating. Cookies, candy and toys were distributed by members of 1/9 and 3/9. The Regimental Commander and the CA Officers of Regiment, 1/9 and 3/9 were invited and attended. Colonel GORMAN was asked to present the winners of a talent show with their awards. Entertainment and games lasted until 2200.

b. Lima Company 3/9 Marines attended the festival celebration at AN HOA (AT 996762) and presented 10 kilos of locally purchased candies to the school principal for distribution to the children.

c. 2/9 treated 21 civilians at the BAS. 16 in Echo Company area, 18 in Golf Company area and 9 in Hotel Company area. At the dispensary in CAM NE 95 persons were treated for a total of 159 civilians given medical treatment by 2/9.

d. 3/9 surgeon and medical team treated 87 people in the refugee center near BINH THAI (BT 033755).

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11. Late Entries.

a. ((Reference paragraph 4 a. (1) )) The three men WIA on the Company A operation this morning were from the Company C elements with Company A. One man was wounded by small arms fire at (ET 108660), and the other two men were wounded by fragments from a booby trap at (BT 084684). All three were wounded at approximately the same time, 111120H.

b. At approximately 110800H, as the patrol from Company F was evacuating friendly casualties, they spotted a VC in a rice field at (AT 983664). He was armed with a sub-machine gun. The patrol opened fire on the VC hitting him the leg and knocking him down. He got up and ran. The patrol, after chasing him some three hundred yards, again fired and shot him in the head. The VC weapon could not be found. He is believed to have discarded it during the chase. The body and ten papers were recovered.

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SITREP No. 66

1. Reporting Unit, Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered, 111800H to 121800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. At 120221H Company "A" received five 82mm mortar rounds at (BT 095673) which killed one Marine and wounded seven. One ARVN soldier was wounded. The Redwood Bravo patrol apprehended one VCC at (BT 090694) and one VCS at (BT 085700). At 121345H the 1st platoon Company "B" fired upon three VC at (BT 083677) killing one and wounding another. The wounded man was captured, but the third man got away. A Russian made weapon was captured during this engagement. At 121320H the 3d platoon Company "A" patrol detonated an anti personnel booby trap at (BT 095655). Two Marines were wounded and one ARVN soldier was wounded.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAM DO River and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Eight combat patrols, eight Golden Fleece patrols, and two scout-sniper teams were sent out during this period. Company "M", 3d Battalion, 4th Marines relieved Company "H" of the responsibility of the security for the FLSG ammunition dump and railroad bridge and water point today. Last night a patrol from Company F killed two VC and captured one in CAM NE (1), (AT 985693). Four VCS were brought in by a patrol from Company "F" this morning. There were no USMC casualties during this period.

c. 3d Battalion 3d Marines. During this period the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, has had four contacts with small enemy forces. They have confirmed two VC killed and estimate an additional eight killed. An unknown number of VC were wounded. Two booby trapped 155mm rounds and one two hundred fifty pound bomb have been destroyed. Three Marines have been wounded since the last report.

d. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9th Marines	2	1	None
3d Bn, 3d Marines	3	None	None
ARVN	2	None	None

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Enemy Casualties

VC Killed Five (confirmed)

VCC Captured Three

VC Wounded One

VCS Apprehended Fourteen

One Russian made weapon was captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) At 120030H Redwood "A" "H" 11 reported activity in the hamlet of TRA KHE (BT 088669). At 120221H thirteen 81 mm mortar rounds were fired at (BT 095665) and at (BT 091664). Shortly after, the Company received five rounds of 81mm mortar from its rear. As a result of this action the Company sustained one KIA, seven WIA and one ARVN WIA. At 120815H the Company moved south in an armored column and established a blocking position from (BT 093630) to (BT 081653) for the combined operation south of grid line (T66) and east of National Route #1.

(b) Company "B" (-) provides security for the Battalion CP (rear) at (BT 024733). The 1st platoon is at (BT 088697) and provides security for the surrounding area. At 112200H Redwood Bravo patrol captured one VC at (BT 090694). The man confesses to be a VC tax collector in the village of HOA HAI. At 120330H a VCS was apprehended at (BT 085700). Both men were turned over to ITT at 121030H. At 121345H, the 1st platoon fired at three VC at (BT 083677), killing one and wounding one. The third man escaped. The wounded man was apprehended along with one weapon.

(c) Company "C" provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site and water point on MON KY Mountain (LT 062853), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728) one reinforced squad at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" provides security for the rice harvest today. At 121200H the company moved its CP to (BT 048668). The 1st platoon is located at (BT 048668). The 2d platoon is located at (BT 045686). The 3d platoon is located at (BT 072669) vicinity of TRA KHE (3).

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(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 990676) to (BT 026684). Echo Alpha 2 patrol which covered the area between NHON THO (1), (BT 002663) and YEN NE (1), (AT 988665) returned this morning with four VCS.

(b) Company "F" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 975603) to (AT 988678). One squad provides security for the 2d Battalion Medical Station at (AT 980686). At 112154H small arms fire was received from YEN NE (3), (AT 981679). At 112306H Foxtrot Papa 2 patrol made contact with the VC in CAM NE (1), at (AT 985683). One VC was captured with two grenades and 30 caliber ammunition in his possession. Later a man carrying a weapon was challenged and when he attempted to fire, was shot by a Marine from a distance of about four feet. The point of the patrol was fired upon by an automatic weapon. The Marine on the point returned fire and hit a man at about ten meters distance. The patrol returned with the one VC captured. Company "F" then dispatched a second patrol to recover the VC bodies. This patrol departed at 120050H. They found the body of one VC which had been stripped of all gear. Foxtrot Papa 2 patrol reported that the two VC they fired on were killed.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959683) to (AT 972684). At 120035H Golf Papa 1 patrol received four rounds of small arms fire at (AT 966664). They returned fire but the effect is unknown. There were no USMC casualties.

(d) Company "H" continued to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) until this morning when they were relieved by Company "M", 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. At 112330H the 3d platoon, which was the security platoon for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707), received approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire from the north, east and west of their positions. No fire was returned as the firing positions could not be pinpointed. There were no USMC casualties. At 112255H the security squad located in DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687) fired two rounds of 40mm and small arms at movement in the rice paddy to the east of DUONG SON (1). It is unknown if the fire was effective.

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(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Continued to occupy a blocking position on Hill 55, (AT 970621) and patrolled extensively in the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR. Yesterday at 111911H Kilo Company patrol returned and reported their activities for the period 111330H to 111911H. The patrol received sniper fire from (AT 972636). Near (AT 970644) the patrol made contact with a Viet Cong Unit which included a 60mm mortar crew. Two VC were killed (body count) and an additional eight were probably killed. The VC bodies were left where they fell. Two Marines were WIA. The report added that the remaining members of the VC mortar crew were observed fleeing with one 60mm mortar tube. As the patrol continued to friendly lines, it received small arms fire from a building in the vicinity of (AT 986629). The patrol returned fire with a machine gun. The building burned and there was a secondary explosion which silenced the enemy fire. This morning a platoon of Whiskey Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines came under OPCON of the Ninth Marines and was attached to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The mortar platoon began helilifting to the 3d Battalion positions at 121115H. At 120847H at (AT 963629) Company "I" captured two VCS after flushing them from a cave with signal, smoke grenades. At 120905 Company "M" patrol received small arms fire from (AT 957648). At 121031H one man from Company "L" patrol was wounded critically. He was shot in the head by small arms fire in the vicinity of (AT 988626) which came from the south of the BAU XAU River. 3d Battalion was given permission to cross the river if necessary.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted nine squad size combat patrols and one squad size Golden Fleece patrol.

Company "A"

Redwood Alpha 11	112120H to 120030H
Redwood Alpha 124	120700H to 121200H

Company "B"

Redwood Bravo H 14	112200H to 120100H
Redwood Bravo H 11	112300H to 120300H
Redwood Bravo H 12	121300H to 121530H

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## Company "D"

Redwood Delta 2	112000H to 112300H
Redwood Delta 2A	112300H to 120300H
Redwood Delta 3A	112200H to 120100H
Redwood Delta 2A	112300H to 120400H
Redwood Delta B	120500H to 120800H
Redwood Delta Golden Fleece	120700H to 121200H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight combat patrols and eight Golden Fleece patrols during this period.

## Company "E"

Echo Papa 1	120407H to 120535H
Echo Papa 11	112313H to 120710H
Echo Papa 1A	120800H to 121300H
Echo Golden Fleece 1	111933H to 120035H
Echo Golden Fleece 11	112130H to 120730H

## Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa 11	112055H to 120030H
Foxtrot Papa 111	120050H to 120335H
Foxtrot Papa 1	120800H to 121200H
Foxtrot Golden Fleece 1	1112300H to 120400H
Foxtrot Golden Fleece 11	11112330H to 120600H

## Company "G"

Golf Papa 1	112000H to 120325H
Golf Golden Fleece 1	112400H to 120330H
Golf Golden Fleece 11	112100H to 120200H

## Company "H"

Hotel Papa 1	112300H to 120240H
Hotel Papa 11	112030H to 120040H
Hotel Golden Fleece 1	112130H to 120100H
Hotel Golden Fleece 11	112400H to 120300H

(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The 3d Battalion conducted eight platoon patrols today.

## Company "I"

India One	120600H to 121200H
India Two	121300H to 121800H

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Company "K"

Kilo One 120630H to 121200H

Kilo Two

120630H to 121200H

Company "L"

Lima One 120630H to 121200H

Lima Two 121230H to 121730H

Company "M"

Mike One 120600H to 121200H

Mike Two 121300H to 121800H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambuses.

Company "A" (BT 087693) 112300H to 112400H

Company "I" (BT 082688) 120100H to 120200H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambuses during this period.

Company "E" (AT 998665) 112330H to 120500H

Company "F" (AT 980674) 112100H to 120600H

Company "G" (AT 969678) 112400H to 120430H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established eight listening posts last night.

Company "A" (BT 095673) 112000H to first light

Company "B" (BT 022743) 112000H to first light

Company "C" (BT 067707) 112000H to first light

Company "D" (BT 064712) 112000H to first light

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Company "C" (BT 068707)	112000H to first light
Company "D" (BT 048659)	112000H to first light
Company "D" (BT 045657)	112000H to first light
Company "D" (BT 048668)	112000H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E" (BT 001679)	112030H to 120630H
Company "F" (AT 987673)	112200H to 120400H
Company "G" (AT 968688)	112400H to 120430H
Company "H" (AT 980735)	111800H to 121800H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E" (BT 001674)	112330H to 120400H
Company "G" (AT 970687)	112200H to 120200H

5. Change in location of CP's

(1) 1st Battalion

Company "D" (-) (BT 048668)	
3d Platoon (BT 072669)	

(2) 2d Battalion

Company "H" (Not Established)	
Company "M" 3/4 (AT 988733)	

6. None.

7. None.

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8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CHU DO River. The Battalion will continue to provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 061728), for the Battalion supply point at (BT 071708), for the bridge and water point at (BT 061728) and for the hospital site at (BT 061728). Companies "A" and "D" will participate in a search and destroy operation. At 130600H the Companies will cross the LOD located from (BT 064669) to (BT 097669) and will move north to Grid Line (T70). The mission is to confiscate all rice and to apprehend all indigenous persons in the fields.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CHU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Nine patrols, four ambushes, six listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Company "H" will conduct a search and clear operation of the villages LE SON (1), (AT 980660) and YEN NE (1), (AT 987663) tomorrow.

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Will continue to hold blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 970621) and will patrol the southern portion of the Regimental TAOR south of Phase Line Orange.

## 9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The Battalion Commander met with the village chiefs of the Marble Mountain area to establish prices for merchandise and services rendered in the area. The prices established were in accordance with current III MAF directives. Seventy-one civilians were treated at the BLS.

b. 2/9 - 157 civilians received medical treatment in 2/9 areas. 26 in the BLS, 25 in Golf Company, 76 in Foxtrot Company and 15 at Hotel Company area.

c. 3/9 - A team of four corpsmen and one fire team visited the Cao Dai Refugee Camp in Hoa Cuong (BT 033755) to hold sick call at 0900. 87 persons received treatment.

d. Headquarters, 9th Marines - 48 civilians received medical treatment at YEN BOC (AT 986703).

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## II. Late Entries

a. At 121227H one platoon from Company "F" was sent to (AT 974687) after receiving a report from a political action team that thirty VC were located there. The platoon returned at 121500H with seven VCS. After interrogation five of the VCS were released and two were turned into Hoa Lang District Headquarters.

b. At 121500H, 3d platoon, Company "A" apprehended a VCS in a hut at (BT 091637). Interpreter said he was a VC.

c. At 121430H two men from Company "E" were wounded in action by a WP rifle grenade.

d. At 121500H the 1st Battalion reported the 2d platoon of Company "D" found ten large bundles of rice locked in a house at (BT 0371779).

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SITREP No. 67

1. Reporting Unit, Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 121800H to 131800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. Companies "A" and "D" conducted a clearing operation in the area south of Marble Mountain today as part of Operation Rice Straw. There was no contact with VC forces during this period, but there was one VC initiated incident during the clearing operation. Over four hundred civilians, who had been picked up during the clearing operation, were taken to the collection point and screened by the village chief. One was identified as a VCC and fifteen are being held as VCS. Two Marines were WIA during the operation by a booby-trapped grenade.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted one company size operation today as Company "H" cleared and now holds LE SON (1), (AT 980660) and YEN NE (1), (AT 987664). All other units held their previous positions. There were five enemy initiated incidents during this period and one contact with a small enemy force. One VC was KIA and one VCS was apprehended during this period. USMC casualties were one KIA (Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion), two WIA (non-evacuees) and one non-battle casualty (Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion).

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Sniper fire was received throughout the day by the 3d Battalion patrols. There were two engagements with small enemy forces. One enemy grenade booby-trap was destroyed and a jar containing medical supplies was captured. Two Marines were wounded today, one critically.

d. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9th Marines	4	None	None
3d Marines	2	None	None
Supporting Units	None	1	None

Company "C", 3d Engineers supporting 2d Battalion is missing an M-14 and one cartridge belt with equipment.

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Enemy Casualties

VC Killed	One
VCC Captured	One
VCS Apprehended	Thirty-four

Two enemy booby-trapped grenades were destroyed and a jar of medical supplies were captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. As part of Operation "Rice Straw" the 1st Battalion used Company "A" and Company "D" to clear the rice fields in the area south of Marble Mountain. By 131400H four hundred civilians had been taken to the civilian collection point at (BT 072698). The village chief identified four of these as VCS.

(a) Company "A" participated in clearing operation south of Marble Mountain. At 130835H, Company "A" deployed of the LOD (BT 060665) to (BT 097669) and moved north clearing the rice fields of civilians. The civilians were moved by LVT to the collection point. One hundred and fifty civilians were apprehended by Company "A". The LOA was reached at 131240H. Tonight the Company will occupy positions near TRA KHE (1), (BT 091671).

(b) Company "B" (-) provides security for the Battalion CP (rear) at (BT 024733). The 1st platoon, reinforced with two M-50 Ontos, occupied a blocking position at (BT 070701) in support of Companies "A" and "D" who were clearing the rice fields to the south,

(c) Company "C" provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site and water point on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853), one reinforced squad at the bridge and water point (BT 071700), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" crossed the LOD (BT 060665) to (BT 097669) on the left flank and moved to the LOA (BT 051701) to (BT 065697) clearing the rice fields of civilians. Two hundred and fifty civilians were apprehended and taken to the collection point. At 131004H the Company sustained two WIA near (BT 077672) from a land mine. The LOA was reached at 131240H and the 1st and 3d platoons began clearing to the south moving to KHAI TAY (3), (BT 047667), where they will establish a company base camp tonight.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 990676) to (BT 026684). At 122355H the Echo Alpha III ambush at (BT 003673) observed one man carrying a weapon. The patrol fired upon and hit the man. The

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patrol then advanced to retrieve the body. As they approached the body, they received fire from QUA GIANG (2), (AT 003669). The VC fire prevented the patrol from retrieving the body. They advanced close enough to observe the body and reported the man was dead. One Marine was WIA. His wound was minor, however, and did not require evacuation. At 130830H Echo Golden Fleece II patrol returned with one VCS.

(b) At 121947H Company "F" reported having established a perimeter defense around YEN NE (2), (AT 985683) having been relieved by Company "H" of their front line positions. This morning Company "F" moved back into their old positions from (AT 975683) to (AT 988678). One squad provides security for the 2d Battalion Aid Station at (AT 980686). At 130137H the 3d platoon (-) had a grenade thrown in their positions at (AT 985684). One Marine was WIA from fragmentations. His wound was minor and did not require evacuation. It could not be determined where the grenade was thrown from.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 961685) to (AT 973683). At 130230H Golf Papa II patrol received three rounds of small arms fire at (AT 977688). At 130308H ten additional rounds of small arms fire were received from the vicinity of LA BONG (2), (AT 968668). At 130250H Company "G" received small arms fire across their left flank positions (AT 972683). The fire came from the southeast from the vicinity of YEN NE (4), (AT 972677). There were no USMC casualties.

(d) Company "H". At 121947H the 2d Battalion reported that Company "H" had relieved Company "F" in position. This morning at 130700H, Company "H", departed these positions, crossed the LOD, and moved south to clear and hold LE SON (1), (AT 980660) and YEN NE (1), (AT 987664). At 130950H, one of the men of Company "C" 3d Engineer Battalion, who was in direct support of Company "H", was found at (AT 974654). He had been shot four times and died before he could be evacuated. His rifle and cartridge belt were not found. The details of this incident are not known at this time. Company "H" now occupies positions with two platoons in YEN NE (1), (AT 987664), and one platoon in LE SON (1), (AT 980660). One man from Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion was injured by fragments at 131435H while blowing a tunnel at (AT 985665).

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(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Continues to occupy a blocking position around Hill 55 (AT 970621) and patrols the southern most portion of the Regimental T40R. The two 155mm HE rounds which were reported yesterday, were found at (AT 960624). They were buried in the ground about twelve inches apart and rigged as a booby trap. They were blown in place by Engineers. At 122144H an appendicitis victim was evacuated. At 130728H a Company "M" patrol was engaged with an unknown number of VC at (AT 958627). They maintained contact and were still receiving fire at 130732H at (AT 957621). At 130805H Company "M" received small arms fire from outside the T40R from (AT 953627). At 131000H, Company "K" found a CHI COM grenade at (AT 964612) rigged as a booby trap with a clear plastic, monofilament, fishing line for a trip wire. It was destroyed by Engineers. At 131105H, Company "I" patrol received small arms fire at (AT 971636) and sustained one WIA. The casualty was not serious. At 131235H, Company "L" received heavy small arms fire from (AT 995625) from an undetermined number of VC. They sustained one WIA at (AT 988625) who was in critical condition. At 131200H, Company "L" found a jar covered with plastic which contained medicine and fishing line. They also found two MS 39, spent cartridges which had been recently fired. Anti USMC propaganda leaflets have been found throughout the 3d Marine area which were not there yesterday.

(4) Fire Support

(a) Whiskey Battery, in direct support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines fired the following missions:

H&I Fires	82rds HE 5rds Illum 12rds WP
Five Snipers 130840H (AT 956625)	12rds HE
Sniper Location 131425H (AT 951649)	8rds HE

No casualties were observed during these missions.

(c) Company "M", 3d Battalion 4th Marines. Company "M" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. Ten squad size combat patrols.

## Company "A"

Redwood Alpha 12	122000H to 122400H
Redwood Alpha 12A	122400H to 130300H

## Company "B"

Redwood Bravo H 12A	122000H to 122400H
Redwood Bravo H 12B	122300H to 130100H
Redwood Bravo H 13	130800H to 131200H

## Company "D"

Redwood Delta H 12	122200H to 120330H
Redwood Delta H 12A	122330H to 130500H
Redwood Delta H 12B	122000H to 122230H
Redwood Delta H 12C	122030H to 122345H
Redwood Delta H 12D	130100H to 130500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted nine combat patrols and three Golden Fleece patrols during this period.

## Company "E"

Echo Papa I	122100H to 122400H
Echo Papa II	122200H to 130015H
Echo Papa II	131300H to 131700H
Echo Golden Fleece I	122100H to 130830H

## Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa II	122200H to 130358H
Foxtrot Papa III	122245H to 130447H
Foxtrot Golden Fleece I	130635H to 131500H
Foxtrot Golden Fleece II	130635H to 131700H

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Company "G"

Golf Papa II 130100H to 130445H

Company "H"

Hotel Papa I 122030H to 130031H

Company "M" 3/4

Mike Papa I 122020H to 130100H

Mike Papa II 122300H to 130110H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "A" (BT 070692) 122400H to 130100H

Company "A" (BT 075687) 130200H to 130300H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "E" (BT 003673) 122030H to 122355H

Company "G" (AT 971687) 122000H to 130545H

(AT 965686) 122000H to 130300H

Company "H" (AT 973662) 122157H to 130030H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established eight listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A" (BT 095673) 122000H to first lig

Company "B" (BT 022743) 122000H to first lig

Company "B" (BT 086696) 122000H to first lig

Company "C" (BT 064712) 122000H to first lig

Company "C" (BT 067707) 122000H to first lig

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Company "C"	(BT 068707)	122000H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 048668)	122000H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 072669)	122000H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(BT 024683)	122000H to 130630H
Company "F"	(AT 975684)	122300H to 130650H
Company "G"	(AT 972683)	122130H to 130030H
Company "H" 3/4	(AT 980734)	121800H to 131800H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed three scout-sniper teams.

Company "A"	(BT 095674)	122330H to 130300H
Company "C"	(BT 064712)	122400H to 130230H
Company "D"	(BT 072669)	122200H to 130100H

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

f. Psychological Warfare. One thousand large posters have been distributed throughout the Ninth Marines T.M.R. These posters are designed to counter the recent propaganda effort of the VC by telling of recent Marine victories at Chu Lai.

5. Change in Location of CP's

(1) 1st Battalion

Company "D"	
2d Platoon	(BT 054716)

(2) 2d Battalion

Company "F"	(AT 985683)
Company "H"	(AT 986664)
3d Platoon	(AT 980560)

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6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Company "D" will return to its Company CP at KHAI TAY (BT 047667) and Company "A" will return to vicinity of the hamlet of TRA KHE (1), (BT 091671) upon completion of todays operation. Company "A" will conduct aggressive combat patrols in the area bounded by grid line (T69), grid line (T67), the coast and the CAU BIEN River. The 2d platoon, Company "D", will move to the vicinity of the hamlet of HAI AN (BT 054716) and will establish a platoon patrol base and patrol through HAI AN (BT 054716) to KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056705) and to BINH KY (2), (BT 054703). Tomorrow the 2d platoon will rejoin the rest of Company "D" at KHAI TAY (3), (BT 047667). Company "B" (-) will conduct squad size, armored patrols tomorrow. The route covered will be from (BT 023733), to the bridge at (AT 998707), to the vicinity of TRUNG LUONG (BT 040724) and then return to the IP (BT 023733).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Eight patrols, one ambush, and four listening posts will be sent out tonight. Commencing at 140630H two companies "E" and "G", will depart from their present positions and conduct clear and hold operations to the south. Company "E" will clear and hold the zone to the 2d Battalion's south boundary. Company "G" will conduct a clear and hold operation in the zone to the south through LA BONG (3), (AT 968668) and AN TRACH (1), (AT 965663) to Phase Line Orange. Blocking positions will be provided by Company "H" in the vicinity of (AT 973660) to (AT 976664) in support of Company "G". One squad from Company "H" will establish blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 988666) in support of Company "E". Company "F" will remain in position and revert to Battalion Reserve and provide security for the rear defense area.

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. At 140600H, the Battalion will depart their blocking position at HILL 55 (AT 970621) and will move north searching the southern portion of Regimental TACR as far north as grid line (T67). The rear guard will remain on HILL 55 until all heavy equipment has been helilifted out. When the Battalion reaches grid line

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(T65), they will move east to the railroad and then move north. They will be picked up by trucks and taken to new positions in the 3d Marine TAOR. OPCON 3/3 passes to 3d Marines when the 3d Battalion passes through the Ninth Marines lines.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 2/9 - 49 civilians received medical treatment. 27 at the BAS and 22 at DUONG SON (1), (AT 997688).

b. Headquarters, 9th Marines - A jeep trailer load of assorted soap was received from Division CA. This soap is to be inventoried and delivered by the 9th Marine Medical Section to the separate Battalion Aid Stations for distribution.

c. The Division CA Officer (Major COLIA) visited 9th Marines CA Officer and discussed the requisition of MedCap and other supplies in support of the CA program. He also visited 1/9 in the Marble Mountain area.

11. Late Entries

a. At 131500H Company "A" reported apprehending fourteen VCS in the vicinity of (BT 054689). Company "D" reported apprehended three VCS at (BT 079695).

b. At 131730H the 1st Battalion reported they have screened seven hundred and twenty-three civilians at the collection point at (BT 072700). The village chief identified one as a VCC and thirty three are being held as VCS.

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141800H Sep 65From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 68

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 131800H to 141800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines occupy defensive positions in its TAOR and continues to conduct operations Golden Fleece and Rice Straw. The 2d Battalion now has cleared to Phase Line Orange and occupies positions on this Phase Line with three companies.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to conduct operation Golden Fleece. There was one contact with a small enemy force during this period. There were no Marine casualties. One VCS was apprehended.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion moved their front lines south to Phase Line Orange today as Companies "E" and "G" conducted clear and hold operations in their respective sectors. Company "E" cleared the villages of DUONG SON (3), (AT 994670) and QUA GIANG (2), (BT 002668) in their move south to Phase Line Orange. Company "G" cleared the villages of LA BONG (2), (AT 967667) and AN TIEC (1), (AT 966664), in their move south. There was no resistance from the VC. The 2d Battalion had seven Marines WIA during this period. One VCS was apprehended and delivered to ITT. One Marine was KIA.

c. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Withdrawn from blocking positions at Hill 55 (AT 970521) this morning and is returning by airlift to CHU LAI this afternoon. Two Marines were wounded this morning. The Battalion destroyed two caves and one booby-trap. Two VC were killed yesterday that were not previously reported.

d. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9th Marines	7	1	None
3d Marines	2	None	None

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed	Two
VCS Apprehended	One

Three booby-traps, five caves, and three bunkers were destroyed.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continued to occupy defensive positions and conducted aggressive patrols throughout the Battalion area. Companies "A" and "D" conducted Golden Fleece patrols.

(a) Company "A" remains in its Company defensive positions. The Company conducted squad size combat patrols in an area bounded by grid line (T69) and grid line (T67), the coast and the CAU BIEN River as part of operation Golden Fleece.

(b) Company "B" (-) remains at the Battalion CP (rear) conducting patrols in the area northeast of the Battalion CP (rear), to the vicinity of NAI HIEN (BT 040748) and southwest of the CP and along the north bank of the CAU DO River.

(c) Company "C" provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site and water point on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061700), one reinforced squad at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) At 140001H a patrol, Redwood Delta 13E, received small arms fire at (BT 032671) from approximately five VC snipers. The fire came from all directions. The squad returned fire and the snipers broke contact. A complete search of the area was made and one Vietnamese was found squatting in the corner of a unlighted house. The Vietnamese liaison trooper considered the man suspicious and he was apprehended. The company conducted Golden Fleece Operation providing protection for rice harvesters in paddies in the vicinity of the Company CP at (BT 045665).

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" occupied front line positions from (AT 990676) to (BT 026684) until this morning. At 140638H Company "E" moved out and commenced clearing DUONG SON (3), (AT 994672). DUONG SON (3) was cleared by 140854H. QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003669), was also cleared as Company "E" moved south to the Battalion's south boundary. There was no contact with any VC in DUONG SON (3) and QUA GIANG (2). At

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141320H Company "E" completed clearing QUA GLANG (2) and commenced consolidating positions.

(b) Company "F" continued to occupy positions from (AT 976684) to (AT 988678) last night and this morning. This afternoon two platoons moved to the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and assumed responsibility of the security of this position in relief of Company "M", 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. One platoon remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684).

(c) Company "G" continued to occupy front line positions from (AT 961685) to (AT 973683) until this morning. At 140630H they crossed the LOD and moved south to conduct a clear and hold operation in the zone to the south through LA BONG (3), (AT 968668) and AN TRACH (1), (AT 965663) to Phase Line Orange. At 140850H Company "G" was in LA BONG (2), (AT 967668) and reported that Engineers had blown three bunkers, three caves, and one booby trap while there. At 141011H Company "G" commenced clearing AN TRAC (1), (AT 965663), and apprehended one VCS. No resistance had been encountered. The local villagers reported that the VC had moved south earlier this morning. The VCS was found asleep in a house at (AT 972667). He was delivered to ITT.

(d) Company "H" occupied positions in YEN NE (1), (AT 987665) with two platoons and LE SON (1), (AT 980660) with one platoon throughout the night. At 140350H Company "H" had one WIA at (AT 979659) as the result of a sniper round. The casualty had a gunshot wound in the left thigh and was evacuated by helicopter. The sniper round came from (AT 976657). The area was illuminated but no one could be spotted. At 140559H Company "H" departed and established blocking positions from (AT 973660) to (AT 976664) in support of Company "G"'s clear and hold operation. One squad established blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 988666) in support of Company "E"'s clear and hold operation. At 140710H Company "H" sustained two WIA from metal pungee stakes at (AT 972659). One casualty was evacuated by vehicle to the BAS. The other casualty did not require evacuation.

(e) Company "M" 3/4 continued to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) until this afternoon when they were relieved by 2/9 units. Company "M" came under operational control of the 3d Marines this afternoon at 141600H.

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(3) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. At 132030H it was reported that Company "M" at 131500H killed two VC in a fire fight at (AT 953643) when they engaged ten VC who had several automatic weapons. One additional VC killed is probable. At 140755H the 3d Battalion began moving north from Hill 55, clearing the area between the railroad tracks and the YEN River. At 140850H initial elements of the Battalion had advanced to grid line (T63) and reported no enemy contact. At 140900H they blew two caves at (AT 975639) and destroyed a beer can which had a booby-trapped grenade in it at (AT 956635). At 140904H one WIA was sustained from a pungee stake at (AT 957639). At 141014H the Battalion had advanced to grid line (T65). One Marine was WIA at 141043H by a booby-trap at (AT 968648). The helilift of heavy equipment was completed at 140950H. The platoon of 4.2" mortars were lifted to (AT 921736) and OPCON passed to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at 141200H. At 141330H, the 3d Battalion arrived at the entrucking point (AT 998700) and began moving to the Danang Airbase. At 141500H they are scheduled to begin airlift to Chu Lai. OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, passes to 4th Marines at 142200H.

(4) Fire Support

H&I Missions	20 rds, 105mm, HE
	100rds, 4.2", HE
	13rds, 4.2", WP

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted six combat patrols during this period.

Company "B"	
Bravo Homer I	131930H to 132130H
Bravo Homer II	140300H to 140500H
Bravo Homer 13A	132200H to 140200H
Bravo Homer 13B	132230H to 140230H

Company "C"	
Charlie Homer 13A	132300H to 140200H

Company "D"	
Delta Homer	132100H to 140100H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols during this period.

Company "E"	
Echo Papa III	132000H to 132320H

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## Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa III	132330H to 140545H
Foxtrot Papa IIII	132100H to 140603H
Foxtrot Golden Fleece I	140555H to 141200H
Foxtrot Papa I	140910H to 141400H

## Company "G"

Golf Papa II	131930H to 132305H
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## Company "H"

Hotel Papa I	132110H to 140300H
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## Company "M" 3/4

Mike Papa I	131930H to 132300H
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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three ambushes since the last report.

Company "A"	(BT 039746)	132400H to 140100H
	(BT 096675)	132130H to 132230H

Company "D"	(BT 042675)	140130H to 140600H
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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "E"	(BT002675)	132000H to 140500H
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Company "G"	(AT 975671)	132100H to 132400H
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Company "H"	(AT 986666)	132200H to 140200H
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Company "M" 3/4	(BT 002711)	132152H to 140040H
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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established nine listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"	(BT 093669)	132000H to first light
	(BT 096667)	132000H to first light

Company "B"	(BT 023743)	132000H to first light
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Company "B"	(BT 086696)	132030H to first light
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Company "C"	(BT 069707)	132000H to first light
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Company "C"	(BT 064712)	132000H to first light
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Company "C"	(BT 068701)	132000H to first light
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Company "C"	(BT 048668)	132000H to first light
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Company "D"	(BT 047665)	132000H to first light
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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "E"	(AT 997672)	132000H to 140530H
Company "G"	(AT 961678)	132030H to 132350H
	(AT 966687)	131930H to 132350H
Company "H"	(AT 983663)	132035H to 140500H
Company "M" 3/4	(AT 980735)	131800H to 141400H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion

Company "A"	(BT 095669)	Dusk to dawn
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(2) 2d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E"	(AT 990663)
Company "F"	(AT 988733)
Company "G"	(AT 969657)

6. Establishment of New OP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" OP	(AT 990663)
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7. Training. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will continue. Tomorrow 1st platoon, Company "B", will be withdrawn from their present position and rejoin the company. Company "B" will relieve Company "A" in position tomorrow. One platoon of Company "A" will move tomorrow to the Battalion CP (rear) at (BT 023732) and will patrol the Battalion area north of CAU DO River. At 150800H the 1st platoon, Company "C" will commence a three day patrol. The platoon will patrol an area

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bounded by grid lines (T69) and (T72) and the VINH DIEN River and the CAN BIEN River on the east. On 16 September Company "B" (--) will occupy and patrol an area bounded by grid line (B06), the coast, and grid line (T66). The company base camp will be in the vicinity of TRA KHE (1), (BT 088669). On 16 September Company "D" will occupy and patrol an area between the VINH DIEN River and grid line (B06). The Company base camp will be in the vicinity of KHAI TAY (3), (BT 0466).

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Three patrols, four ambushes, and four listening posts will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - In conjunction with operation Golden Fleece yesterday, 723 civilians were temporarily displaced in order that all could be afforded maximum protection during the rice harvest. All were afforded the opportunity to receive medical treatment and every one was fed at the collection point. The villagers stayed for about three hours, after which they were permitted to return to their respective homes. 422 civilians received medical treatment: 289 at the Company areas, 55 at the Stella Maria Convent (BT 076708), 78 at the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 057756).

b. 2/9 - 73 civilians received medical treatment: 40 at the BAS and 33 at DUONG SON (1), (AT 997688).

c. 3/9 - A donation of 3,000 piasters, voluntarily raised by the Battalion, was made to the widow of a Vietnamese worker accidentally killed last week while working on the electrical lighting system for the airfield defense.

d. Headquarters, 9th Marines - MedCap supplies received this date are to be inventoried and delivered to the separate Battalion Aid Stations for distribution. 93 civilians received medical treatment at YEN BAC (AT 986703).

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11. Late Entries

a. At 141557H an Ontos hit a land mine at (AT 990663) and was turned over. One Marine was pinned underneath and KIA. Four Marines were WIA and evacuated by helicopter to C&C. One of the WIA was Captain C. D. DEAN, Commanding Officer of Company "E". He was not seriously wounded.

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151800Z Sep 65

From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 69

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 141800H to 151800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. During the past twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion had two incidents involving the VC. Company "A" received twenty rounds of sniper fire from vicinity of (BT 083672). The company apprehended one VCS who was turned over to ITT. At approximately 1000H Company "D" fired upon six VC in a rice paddy vicinity of (BT 044657). There were no Marine casualties.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR along Phase Line Orange and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There were three VC initiated incidents during this period involving harassing small arms fire and a booby trapped grenade. There was one contact by a patrol with a small enemy force. Five Marines were WIA during this period. Four of the WIA were not serious and did not require evacuation. One Marine WIA was evacuated by helicopter. One WIA (non-battle) was from Company "C", 3d AT Battalion. One VCS was apprehended and delivered to ITT. A patrol from Company "E" made contact with an estimated VC platoon at 151310H at (AT 988657).

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>PUSA</u>
9th Marines	4	None	None
Supporting Units	1	None	None

A reporter from the New York Times was wounded while in 2d Battalion's positions. He was not wounded seriously.

Enemy Casualties

VCS Apprehended	Two
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a. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion is in the middle of operation Golden Fleece and is rotating the line companies. The Battalion received two war dog teams and will employ them with Companies "C" and "D".

a. Company "A". At 150915H a patrol from Company "A" received twenty rounds of small arms fire at (BT 083672) and returned fire with grenade launcher and small arms. At 150830H, the patrol spotted two men at (BT 088676). The men ran. One got away, the other was apprehended and turned over to ITT at 151130H as a VCS. Company "A" is being relieved in position this afternoon by Company "B". 1st platoon, Company "A" will move to the Battalion CP (rear) (BT 024733) to provide security and patrol in that area.

b. Company "B". Is relieving Company "A" this afternoon near TRA KEE (1), (BT 091671).

c. This morning at 150800H, the 1st platoon, Company "C", commenced a three day combat patrol. The platoon is patrolling an area bounded by grid line (T69) and (T72) between the CAN BIEN River on the east and the VINH BIEN River on the west.

d. Company "D". Presently occupies defensive positions in the vicinity of KHOI TAY (2), (BT 045665). The company conducted Golden Fleece operations for security and protection of the harvester in the rice paddies in the vicinity of the Company CP. A Golden Fleece patrol, reinforced with two tanks, spotted six VC wearing ponchos in a rice paddy at (BT 044657). One VC was armed with a carbine. The patrol fired upon the VC when they ran. The VC escaped and it is not known if any were wounded.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" upon completion of their clear and hold operation yesterday, established three platoon strong points in their assigned sector. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677), the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 993663) and the 3d platoon in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 007660). At 150925H

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the body of the KIA, which was pinned beneath an Ontos yesterday afternoon, was evacuated. The delay was due to the fact that EOD personnel were required to free the body and daylight working conditions were desired. At 151310H Echo Papa I patrol made contact with an estimated VC platoon in the vicinity of (AT 988657). The VC were armed with automatic weapons and pinned down the patrol. One Marine was WIA and evacuated by helicopter. The 1st platoon, reinforced with two Ontos, moved to (AT 990653) to assist the patrol. At 151355H the 1st platoon had the VC platoon pinned down in the vicinity of (AT 995649). At 151410H an Ontos hit a mine at (AT 996654) and one Marine Lieutenant was WIA. His wounds were not serious and did not require evacuation. The Ontos had the right tread blown off which was the extent of its damage.

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. At 142020H the squad located at (AT 980687) tripped a booby trapped grenade and three men received minor fragmentation wounds. Two of the casualties were Marines and the other a writer from the New York Times. None required evacuation. At 142350H Foxtrot Papa II patrol made contact with three VC at (AT 974690). Fire was exchanged and one Marine received a minor fragmentation wound in the arm. As the patrol moved forward to check the area, they saw approximately twelve people running into CAM NE (1) village (AT 985693). The patrol was unable to locate any enemy casualties and continued on their planned route.

(c) Company "G" upon completion of their clear and hold operation yesterday, established positions from (AT 959658) to (AT 972655). One platoon is located in the vicinity of (AT 967661). A river check point was established at (AT 959658). At 150101H the 3d platoon captured one VCS whom the ARVN said had been dispatched to throw grenades into Marine positions.

(d) Company "H" upon the completion of the 2d Battalion's clear and hold operation yesterday, realigned positions in their assigned sector. The 1st platoon occupies positions in YEN NE (1), (AT 987664), the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 974655) and the 3d platoon in LE SON (1), (AT 982658). At 142011H the 2d platoon received fifteen rounds of small arms fire from (AT 974652). Approximately thirty-five rounds of small arms fire was returned. Again

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at 142225H the 2d platoon received thirteen rounds of small arms fire from the same vicinity. There were no USMC casualties.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted seven squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrol.

Company "A"

Alpha Homer	141900H to 150600H
Alpha Homer 14	141945H to 150030H

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 15A	150900H to 151500H
Bravo Homer 15	151200H to 151630H
Bravo Homer 14A	142100H to 150300H

Company "D"

Delta 14E	142015H to 150200H
Delta 15A	150100H to 150530H

Company "C"

Platoon Combat Patrol 150800H to 181600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted seven patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa I	141900H to 150717H
Echo Papa II	151055H to 151500H

Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa I	142110H to 150100H
Foxtrot Papa II	142230H to 150600H
Foxtrot Papa I	150935H to 151330H

Company "G"

Golf Papa I	142250H to 150324H
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Company "H"

Hotel Papa I	142220H to 150301H
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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes since last report.

Company "B" (BT 036743) 142200H to 150200H  
 Company "D" (BT 050708) 142200H to 150200H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushed last night.

Company "E"  
 Echo Alpha II (BT 023685) 142135H to 150510H  
 Echo Alpha III (BT 999669) 142238H to 150701H

Company "F"  
 Foxtrot Alpha I (AT 973689) 142300H to 150545H

Company "H"  
 Hotel Alpha I (AT 972650) 142100H to 150301

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A" (BT 091668) 142000H to first light  
 Company "B" (BT 023748) 142000H to first light  
 Company "C" (BT 086696) 142000H to first light  
 Company "D" (BT 069707) 142000H to first light  
 Company "E" (BT 064712) 142000H to first light

Company "F" (BT 047665) 142000H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

Company "F"  
 Foxtrot Lima I (AT 980676) 142330H to 150200H

Company "G"

Golf Lima I (AT 959657) 142100H to 150600H

Company "H"  
 Hotel Lima I (AT 986650) 142230H to 150200H

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c. Scout-Sniper Teams. None.5. Change in Locations of CP'sa. 1st Battalion

Company "A" (-) (BT 069708)

1st Platoon (BT 024733)

Company "B" (BT 091671)

b. 2d Battalion. No change.

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The 1st platoon, Company "C", will continue on their combat patrol until 181600H. Tomorrow Company "B" will occupy and patrol in an area bounded by grid line (B05), the coast on the east and grid line (T66) on the south. Tomorrow at 160800H, Company "C" will relieve the 3d Marines of the Danang Harbor security.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, three ambushes and five listening posts will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1st Battalion Medical treatment was provided for twenty-four civilians at the BAS.

b. 2d Battalion Twenty-six civilians were treated in the BAS. The Division CA officer visited the 2d Battalion area and worked on claims with the CAO.

c. 3d Battalion Treated twenty-seven villagers at the HOA VANG District Dispensary and the medical officer spent two hours discussing problems with Mr. KIET, the district health technician.

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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, 3d MarDiv

SITREP No. 70

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 151800H to 161800H September 19653. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue operation Golden Fleece and Rice Straw and patrol aggressively in their TAOR. War dog teams are now being employed by the 1st and 2d Battalions.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Operation Golden Fleece continues. There were two contacts with small enemy forces and one VC initiated incident. There was one KIA and ~~WIA~~ from 1st AmTrac Battalion, while supporting Company "C" this afternoon. One AmTrac was damaged seriously. ~~COMPANY B HAD THREE WIA~~.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR along Phase Line Orange and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There were two contacts with small enemy forces during this period. Two VCS were apprehended and delivered to ICP during this period. There were no USMC battle casualties during this period. Two Marines from Company "B" administratively evacuated. One Marine had an infection from a pungee stake wound in the hand and the other had a high temperature.

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>
9th Marines	3	None	None
Supporting Units	5	5	None

One AmTrac was damaged by a mine and burned. The extent of damage is not known yet.

Enemy Casualties

VCS Apprehended Two

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. At 161400H, Company "C" (Rein) began an operation to locate and destroy mines that have been reported in TRA KHE (2), (BT 075680). Operation Golden Fleece is continuing. Companies "C" and "D" are now employing war dog teams on patrols and operations.

(a) Company "A" (-) now located at (BT 067714), is responsible for the Battalion security. The 1st platoon, now located at (BT 023733), is responsible for the patrolling and security of the Battalion TAOR north of the CAU DO River.

(b) Company "B", located in the vicinity of TRA KHE (1), (BT 088672), has been patrolling in an area generally east of grid line (B06) and north of grid line (T66).

(c) At 151920H 1st platoon, Company "C", reported receiving fifteen rounds of small arms fire and three rounds of what was possibly 60mm mortar fire from (BT 042704). The small arms fire was thought to have come from three or four positions. Fire was returned silencing the enemy fire. At 160900H the Redwood Charlie 16A patrol reported receiving small arms fire from the vicinity of (BT 057711). The patrol returned fire and the VC broke contact. The Company is now employing a war dog team on its patrols and operations. The use of these teams is of great benifit. As a result of information received today at 161000H it was planned that the 1st platoon, Company "C", reinforced with an Engineer team, two M16P-5's, two Ontos and the 3d platoon of Company "B" would conduct a search and destroy mission in TRA KHE (2), (BT 075680) to locate and destroy mines reported to be stored in that area. At approximately 161500H an Antrac struck a mine at (BT 065670) and one KIA and three WIA were unsustained. Because of this, it was decided to postpone the mission until tomorrow when mine clearing teams could be employed to better advantage. Original intelligence information indicated the mines had not been laid because the villagers had asked the VC not to lay them during the harvest. This now appears not to be the case.

(d) Company "D". The company presently occupies defensive positions in the vicinity of KHAI TAY (3), (BT 048667) and TU CAU (1), (BT 036667). The company is conducting Golden Fleece Operations in the rice paddies in the vicinity of the CP. Company "D" is now employing a war dog team.

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(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with three platoon strong points. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677), and the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 993663) and the 3d platoon in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 007660). At 160325H the Echo Alpha 1 ambush returned with one VCS. The VCS was apprehended in the vicinity of (BT 009673) and was delivered to ITT this morning.

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. Two war dog teams are being utilized by Company "F" patrols in the CAM NE Complex (AT 990690),

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959658) to (AT 972655). One platoon is located in the vicinity of (AT 967661). A river check point is established at (AT 959658).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in YEN NE (1), (AT 987664), the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 982658). At 151820H the 2d platoon received sniper fire from south of LE SON (2), (AT 979650). The platoon spotted six VC who got up and ran to LE SON (3), (AT 976647) when the 2d platoon moved out in pursuit. The 2d platoon pursued the VC to LE SON (3), but the VC ran south to THAI CAM (1), (AT 977643), and the platoon did not pursue further. The 2d platoon apprehended one VCS in LE SON (3), (AT 976647) wearing civilian clothing with black pajamas underneath. The 2d platoon then returned to its previous position. At 152130H they received an additional twenty-five rounds of harassing fire from (AT 975650). There were no USMC casualties. At 152220H the 3d platoon suspected movement forward of their positions and requested illumination over the area. The illumination was received and on target, but nothing could be seen.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out ten squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrol during this reporting period.

## Company "A"

Alpha Homer 16	160800H to 161200H
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## Company "B"

Bravo Homer 15B	160100H to 160300H
Bravo Homer 15A	152400H to 160200H

## Company "C"

Charlie 16A	160600H to 161200H
1st platoon second day of a three day combat patrol	

## Company "D"

Delta Homer 15B	152100H to 160100H
Delta Homer 15D	152100H to 160100H
Delta Homer 15F	151830H to 162400H
Delta Homer 15E	151400H to 151700H
Delta Homer 16D	160630H to 160930H
Delta Homer 16E	161500H to 161830H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols during this period.

## Company "E"

Foxtrot Papa I	152100H to 160030H
Foxtrot Papa II	152000H to 160500H

## Company "G"

Golf Papa I	152300H to 160400H
Golf Papa II	160600H to 161100H

## Company "H"

Hotel Papa II	152040H to 160130H
Hotel Papa I	160830H to 161200H

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out three ambushes last night.

H&S Company	(BT 088699)	152400H to 160500H
Company "B"	(BT 081691)	152200H to 160200H
Company "C"	(BT 045710)	152000H to 152400H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Alpha I	(BT 010673)	152100H to 160400H

Company "G"		
Golf Alpha I	(AT 974671)	152400H to 160300H

Company "H"		
Hotel Alpha I	(AT 981655)	152040H to 160025H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"	(BT 023733)	151900H to 160600H
Company "B"	(BT 089671)	151900H to 160600H
Company "C"	(BT 068715)	151900H to 160600H
Company "D"	(BT 048667)	151900H to 160600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out six listening posts last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Lima I	(AT 997668)	152030H to 160700H

Company "F"		
Foxtrot Lima I	(AT 980735)	151800H to 161800H

Company "G"		
Golf Lima I	(AT 963656)	152100H to 152400H
Golf Lima II	(AT 967654)	152300H to 160300H
Golf Lima III	(AT 970657)	160100H to 160400H

Company "H"		
Hotel Lima I	(AT 987667)	152300H to 160225H

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e. Scout-Sniper Teams. None.

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. None.

b. 2d Battalion

2d Battalion CP (Forward) (AT 985643)

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Tomorrow a platoon from Company "A" and a platoon from Company "D" will be transferred to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, and 2d Battalion 9th Marines, respectively. Operation Golden Fleece will continue. The 1st platoon Company "C" will conclude its three day combat patrol tomorrow at approximately 161600H. Tomorrow the 1st Battalion will conduct a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of TRA KHE (2), (BT 075680). Details of the plan are not known at the present time.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy front line positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, three ambushes, and four listening posts will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The Civil Affairs Officer met with the Hoa Vang District Chief 15 September 1965 to discuss current problems and future projects within the Marble Mountain area. A meeting is scheduled for the Battalion Claims Officer and Chief of Hoa Vang Village to settle pending claims. 51 civilians received medical treatment at the BAS.

b. 2/9 - 22 civilians received medical treatment at the BAS.

c. Headquarters, 9th Marines - 110 civilians received medical treatment at BINH THI (BT 013723).

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### 11. Late Entries

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17 Sep 1965From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, 3d MarDiv

SITREP No. 71

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 161800H to 171800H

3. General Summary of Events. The Regiment continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River and aggressively patrols the Regimental TAOR.

a. 1st Battalion. Continued to conduct operation Golden Fleece. Two platoons conducted a search and destroy operation near TRA KHE (2), (BT 075680). There were two contacts with small enemy forces. The Battalion wounded one VC, killed three, and recovered two enemy weapons and five enemy hand grenades. One VCS was apprehended.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR along Phase Line Orange and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There was one contact with a small enemy force and one VC initiated incident during this period. Two VC were KIA. There were no USMC casualties during this period.

c. Results of Actions

Friendly Casualties. None.

Enemy Casualties

VC killed - five (5)  
VC wounded - one (1)  
VCS - one (1)

The following equipment was captured: one 7.62mm rifle, one sub-machine gun, five hand grenades, one cartridge belt with ammo, and medical supplies.

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## 4. Activities

a. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the Danang Airbase and south of the CAU DO River. Operation Golden Fleece is continuing. Companies "C" and "D" are now employing war dog teams on patrols and operations.

(a) Company A (-) is responsible for Battalion CP security. The 1st Platoon, located at (BT 023733), conducted combat patrols in Battalion TAOR north of the CAU DO River.

(b) At 162000H Company "B" reported receiving three rounds small arms fire at (BT 091669). The fire came from approximately one hundred and fifty meters south of the company perimeter. The company returned fire and the sniper fire ceased. This morning at 170840H, the 3d Platoon, Company "B" reinforced with an Engineer team, two tanks and two LVTs, commenced its search and destroy operation in vicinity of TRA KHE (2), (BT 075680). At 171110H the platoon reached the LOA without making enemy contact. At approximately 171130H the 1st platoon, Company "B" and 1st Platoon, Company "C", re-entered the sector previously cleared to re-search the area. At 171133H the Bravo Homer 17 patrol received small arms fire in the vicinity of (BT 073669). The patrol returned fire wounding at least one VC. The VC broke contact and the patrol pursued, following a bloody trail. The patrol was unable to catch the VC. At 171205H the 2d Platoon encountered three VC at (BT 090662) and fired on them at a range of fifteen meters. The VC were killed and the platoon recovered the following equipment: one 7.62mm rifle, one sub-machine gun, five hand grenades, one cartridge belt with ammo, and medical supplies.

(c) At 161640H two personnel of Company "C" who were on sentry duty observed a Vietnamese male in the vicinity of (BT 066712). The Marines apprehended the man and asked him for his identification. The man broke away but was quickly apprehended. He attempted to escape a second time and was in the process of running away when a Marine shot the man in the left leg. (The sentries have been instructed to shoot at the leg of people who attempt to escape). The village chief said the man was a deaf-mute with low mentality. He was taken to the BAS and later taken to a local civilian hospital. This morning the 1st Platoon, Company "C" was the blocking force

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for 3d Platoon, Company "B", search and destroy mission. At approximately 171130H, together with the 3d Platoon, Company "B", the 1st Platoon commenced to re-search the area previously cleared. Upon completion of the search, the 1st Platoon, Company "C", will return to the Company CP.

(d) Company D. The company presently occupies positions in the vicinity of TU CAU (1), (BT 036667), and KHAI TAY (3), (BT 048667). At 161945H a Delta Company patrol apprehended a man at (BT 068681) who yelled "Americans no good". The man appeared slightly deranged or under the influence of drugs. He claimed to be a doctor. He was turned over to IIT.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with three platoon strong points. The 1st Platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2) (AT 993677), the 2d Platoon in the vicinity of (AT 993663) and the 3d Platoon in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 007660). At 162110H the Echo Alpha 3 ambush located at (BT 003658) received two rounds of small arms fire from (BT 002658). The sniper fire was ineffective and no fire was returned.

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684), and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687), for security.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959658) to (AT 972655). One platoon is located in the vicinity of (AT 967661). A river check point is established at (AT 959658).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st Platoon occupies positions in YEN NE (1), (AT 987664), the 2d Platoon in the vicinity of (AT 973655), and the 3d Platoon in LE SON (1), (AT 981659). At 170030H the Hotel Alpha 1 patrol at LE SON (2), (AT 979649), received small arms fire from two VC. The patrol reacted with grenades and small arms fire. Both VC were seen to have been hit and were observed from a distance of less than twenty feet and appeared to be dead. The bodies, weapons, and equipment were not recovered as the patrol withdrew upon the arrival of what appeared to be a large group of villagers out of LE SON (3), (AT 977648). The villagers retrieved the bodies.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out ten squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrol.

Company "A"

Bravo 16A 162000H to 170100H

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 16B	161800H to 170230H
Bravo Homer 17	170700H to 171130H
Bravo Homer 17B	170900H to 171400H

Company "C"

Charlie 16B	162100H to 170100H
Charlie 17A	171400H to 171900H
Charlie 1	Last day of 3 day combat patrol.

Company "D"

Delta 16	161830H to 162300H
Delta 16A	170100H to 170530H
Delta 16B	170100H to 170600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa 2	161900H to 162159H
Echo Papa 1	171200H to 171600H

Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa 2	162200H to 170330H
Foxtrot Papa 3	162300H to 170100H
Foxtrot Papa 1	170800H to 171430H

Company "G"

Golf Papa 2	162200H to 162355H
Golf Papa 3	162205H to 170100H

Company "H"

Hotel Papa 2 162200H to 170130H

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out two ambushes last night.

Company "A" (BT 095661) 170100H to 170300H  
 Company "B" (BT 043661) 161930H to 170630H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

Company "E"

Echo Alpha 1 (BT 003659) 162030H to 160630H

Company "H"

Hotel Alpha 1 (AT 979649) 162100H to 170100H  
 Hotel Alpha 2 (AT 976666) 162030H to 162130H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A" (BT 023733) 161900H to first light  
 "A" (BT 093669) "  
 "A" (BT 091670) "  
 Company "B" (BT 075669) "  
 Company "C" (BT 068715) "  
 Company "D" (BT 048667) "

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E" Echo Lima 1 (AT 993663) 162030H to 170630H

Company "F" Foxtrot Lima 1 (AT 980735) 161800H to 171800H

Company "G" Golf Lima 1 (AT 964657) 161900H to 170200H

Company "H" Hotel Lima 1 (AT 983666) 162030H to 170330H

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e. Scout-Sniper Teams(1) 1st Battalion. None.(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 008667)	162200H to 170130H
Company "G"	{ AT 964663 }	162100H to 170030H
Company "H"	(AT 985656)	162130H to 170100H

5. No change.6. No change.7. None.8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operations Golden Fleece continues. The battalion will run ten squad size combat patrols, establish three scout-sniper teams, and conduct three ambushes in the next twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy front line positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Six patrols, three ambushes, three listening posts, and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight.

9. Miscellaneousa. War dog teams

(1) 1st Battalion. Today Companies "C" and "D" used their war dog teams on patrols. The dogs were used to check out various tunnels and their employment was considered to be beneficial.

(2) 2d Battalion. Two war dog teams were attached to Company "F" on the afternoon of 15 September 1965. On 16 September the dog teams were sent on a squad size patrol into the CAM NE complex (AT 990690), departing at 1300H and returning at 1800H. One dog refused to go into a tunnel complex. No contact was made with the VC. The dogs have also been utilized on the front lines at night. On several occasions the dogs gave a warning growl that enabled the Marines in

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position to pinpoint and pick up movement to their front. On one occasion a dog probably prevented an ARVN troop from being shot as he made a head call. The general opinion is that these dogs are a great help on patrol, particularly at night. The dogs are being cared for properly.

10. Civil Affairs

a. The Regimental CA Officer accompanied the American Consul through a tour of Cam Ne and discussions with the village chief and several villagers. The CO of 2/9 and 3/9 were present. A meeting with the District Chief was held thereafter to discuss the area.

b. 202 civilians were treated in 1/9 company areas and 69 villagers were treated at the BAS.

c. 37 villagers were treated in the 2/9 company areas and 29 were treated at the BAS.

d. Attendance in English classes being held at Binh Thai village (BT 012722) has reached over 100 persons. The class is taught 3 nights a week for 2 hours per class.

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(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. The two war dog teams attached to the 2d Battalion were sent out with the Foxtrot Papa 1 patrol which departed at 181340H.

(c) Company "G" continues to occupy front line positions from (AT 959658) to (AT 972655). One platoon is located in the vicinity of (AT 967661). A river check point is established at (AT 959658). At 181230H Company "G" heard firing from LA BONG (3), (AT 963677). One squad was dispatched to investigate the firing. As the squad approached LA BONG (3), they started receiving fire from NO NAME Village (AT 968678) and were pinned down. At this time they also spotted five VC at (AT 963675). A reaction force was dispatched from Company "G" to sweep NO NAME Village. The Company then contacted HOA VANG Headquarters to determine if there were Popular Force units operating in this area. The Company was advised that Popular Force troops were in this area. Company "G" then contacted the Popular Force troops by radio and requested permission to fire artillery. Permission was granted and one round of artillery was fired. The Popular Forces then asked for a cease fire so they could check and make sure they had no troops in the area. By this time the Marine reaction force was too close to the village for further artillery fire so the artillery mission was called off. The reaction force then moved into NO NAME Village. As they moved in heavy automatic weapons fire and small arms fire was received from (AT 961677). Liaison was then made with adjacent Marine units in this area for permission to fire artillery on this position. Permission was granted and artillery commenced firing. At 181340H one Marine was WIA at (AT 963677) The casualty had a gunshot wound in the head and was reported in serious condition. He was evacuated by helicopter. (See late entries).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in YEN NE (1), (AT 987664) the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 973655) and the 3d platoon in LE SON (1), (AT 981659).

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out eleven squad size combat patrols.

## Company "A"

Alpha Homer 18A	180900H to 181100H
Alpha Homer 17A	171900H to 182200H

## Company "B"

Bravo Homer 17	172200H to 180330H
Bravo Homer 17	172000H to 180600H
Bravo Homer 17A	172200H to 180400H
Bravo Homer 18	180400H to 181000H

## Company "C"

Charlie Homer 17B	172300H to 180300H
Charlie Homer 18A	180800H to 181200H

## Company "D"

Delta Homer 17D	172300H to 180130H
Delta Homer 18A	181600H to 182000H
Delta Homer 18D	181200H to 181600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted nine patrols during this period.

## Company "E"

Echo Papa 3	172220H to 180100H
Echo Papa 1	180800H to 181400H
Echo Papa 3	181300H to 181600H

## Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa 2	172100H to 180301H
Foxtrot Papa 3	172230H to 180100H
Foxtrot Papa 1	180813H to 181104H

## Company "G"

Golf Papa 1	172000H to 180100H
Golf Papa 2	180100H to 180600H

## Company "H"

Hotel Papa 2	172200H to 180437H
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181800H Sep 1965From: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines  
To: Commanding General, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 72

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 171800H to 181800H September 19653. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. During the past twenty-four hours there were two incidents initiated by the VC and two contacts with small enemy forces. The Battalion sustained one WIA while killing two VC and recovering one rifle, three magazines and one grenade.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies positions in the southwest portion of the Regimental THOR ~~along~~ Phase Line Orange and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There was one contact with an enemy force during this period. One Marine was WIA.

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA	MIA
Ninth Marines	2	None	None

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed Two

One enemy rifle, three magazines and one grenade were captured.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A". The 1st Battalion, Company "A", patrols and provides security for the Battalion rear area north of the CAU DO River. Company "A" (-) provides security for the Battalion CP (rear).

(b) Company "B". At 180925H a man from 3d Engineer Battalion who is attached to Company "B" was attacked by a water buffalo and gored in the hand. He was evacuated for medical treatment.

(c) Company "C". At 171910H the squad at the bridge at (BT 071701) saw approximately twenty-five rounds fired in XUAN TRA (BT 086898). A squad went to the village to investigate and learned that the fire was apparently directed at the village chiefs house which is fifty meters north of the bridge. At 172055H two rounds of mortar fire were received near the bridge (BT 071701). Flashes were seen eight hundred meters to the southwest. A counter mortar mission was fired by the 81mm mortar platoon at (BT 063703). Five rounds were expended. The results were not observed.

(d) Company "D". At 180715H Company "D" patrol encountered five VC at (BT 067661) who fired at the Marines wounding one. The patrol returned fire, killed two VC, and recovered the following items of equipment: one 7.62mm rifle, three sub machine gun magazines and one grenade. At 181245H, Redwood Delta Homer 18D saw five VC moving south in the vicinity of (BT 058663). The patrol fired upon the VC, but they escaped without casualties. The patrol continued on its patrol route.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with three platoon strong points. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2), (AT 993677), the 2d platoon in the vicinity of (AT 993663) and the 3d platoon in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 007660).

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "B" (BT 045683)  
Company "D" (BT 099660)

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "E"  
Echo Alpha 1 (AT 992658) 172045H to 180630H

Company "G"  
Golf Alpha 2 (AT 971665) 172100H to 180600H  
Golf Alpha 3 (AT 972657) 172100H to 180600H  
Golf Alpha 4 (AT 974661) 172100H to 180600H

Company "H"  
Hotel Alpha 1 (AT 974649) 172030H to 180030H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six listening posts during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A" (BT 023733) 171900H to 180530H  
(BT 093669) 171900H to 180530H  
(BT 091670) 171900H to 180530H  
Company "B" (BT 075699) 171900H to 180530H  
Company "C" (BT 068715) 171900H to 180530H  
Company "D" (BT 048667) 171900H to 080530H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E"  
Echo Lima (AT 993663) 172000H to 180600H

Company "F"  
Foxtrot Lima 1 (AT 980735) 171800H to 181800H

Company "G"  
Golf Lima 1 (AT 964657) 172000H to 180600H

Company "H"  
Hotel Lima 1 (AT 982664) 172300H to 180030H

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e. Scout-Sniper Teams(1) 1st Battalion. None reported.(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 001675)	172030H to 180200H
Company "G"	(AT 968654)	172100H to 180130H
Company "H"	(AT 986666)	172200H to 180230H

f. Psychological Warfare. An U.S. Army PsyWar Team addressed villagers and showed a propaganda film at following times and places:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 006688)	161810H	350
CAM NE (2), (AT 994687)	171000H	175

5. Change in Location of CP'sa. 1st Battalion. No change.b. 2d Battalion

Company "G" (AT 971663)

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece continues. The battalion will run nine squad size combat patrols, establish three scout-sniper teams and conduct two ambushes in the next twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Preparations are being made to relieve the 3d battalion, 9th Marines of the Danang Airbase perimeter.

9. Miscellaneous. At 181605H the Ninth Marines Enlisted Club was officially opened. The Commanding General, MajGen WALT, L.W. was present and participated in the ribbon cutting.

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10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - 202 civilians received medical treatment at Marble Mountain.

b. 2/9 - 22 civilians received medical treatment at the BAS.

c. 3/9 - The Civil Affairs Team visited CAM NE (6), (BT 975684) with the 2/9 Civil Affairs Officer. Liaison was made with Mr. Luang, the hamlet chief, and several members of the PAT in the area. 3/9 team received a briefing on 2/9's Civil Affairs Program with special attention to CAM NE. Turn-over files are being prepared to insure a smooth transition. The 3/9 Medical Team completed work on a simple set of English-Vietnamese Medical directions. These directions are intended to better insure the proper usage of dispensed medications. 123 civilians received medical treatment at the Buddhist Refugee Camp near BINH THAI (BT 013722).

d. Headquarters, 9th Marines - 86 civilians received medical treatment: 31 at YEN BAC (AT 987702) and 55 at BINH THAI (BT 013722).

11. Late Entries

a. On the morning of 19 September 1965, the 2d Battalion make the following adjustments in their front line positions: Company "H" will occupy positions in the vicinity of NHOM THO (1), (BT 005660) with one platoon. Company "E" CP and one platoon will move to the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017679). Platoons from Company "E" will occupy positions in the vicinity of NHOM THO (2), (BT 017656) and BO MUNG (1), (BT 026655). Companies "F" and "G" will continue to occupy present positions.

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191800H Sep 65From: Ninth Marines  
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SITREP No. 73

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 181800H to 191800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion occupies positions and patrols the southeast portion of the Regimental T.O.R. A patrol apprehended three VCS, who had no valid ID cards. The VCS were turned over to ITT. There were no Marine casualties during this period.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupies positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Company "C" (-) commenced a two-day search and clear operation to the north along the YEN River to (AT 964690). Companies "E" and "H" adjusted their front line positions as that the 2d Battalion's east (left) flank now extends to BO HUNG (1), (BT 025656). There were no incidents involving the VC during this period. There were no USMC casualties. At 191413H a short 81mm mortar round landed in the vicinity of (AT 984665) and three civilians (a woman and two children) were wounded. One child had a cut on the leg, the other had only scratches, and this woman also received a scratch. All three were evacuated for treatment.

c. Results of Actions

Friendly Casualties None.

Enemy Casualties Three VCS were apprehended

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). The 1st platoon changed positions with the 2d platoon today and now provides security for the Battalion CP (rear) at (BT 023733) and patrols the area around the CP (rear). The 2d platoon now occupies positions at (BT 082698).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with strong points at (BT 088672) and (BT 072669). At 2035H it was reported that the Bravo 18 patrol apprehend three VCS at (BT 091658) at 181400H with invalid ID cards. The three were turned over to ITT. At 181600H the same patrol came upon a women with a wounded child in the vicinity of (BT 092665). It is believed the boy was wounded as a result of inaccurate, long range, sniper fire the patrol had received earlier. The child and mother were medevacuated for further treatment.

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853), one reinforced platoon at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700), one reinforced squad at the hospital site at (BT 061728) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705). Company "C" made no use of its war dog team today in order to rest the dog .

(d) Company "D" continues to occupy three platoon positions at (BT 035667), (BT 046669) and (BT 055703) with the company CP at (BT 046669). The dog handler assigned to the company was ill and was evacuated this morning. The company received another dog handler in exchange. No use was made of the war dog team during the past twenty four hours.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" CP and one platoon moved to the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017679). Platoon positions were also established in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 017656) and BO HUNG (1), (BT 026655).

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(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security.

(c) Company "G". At 190900H Company "G" (-) departed from their IP (AT 959658) on a two day mutually supporting search and clear operation with one platoon from Company "C", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. The search and clear operation will be conducted along both sides of the YEN River to the vicinity of (AT 964690). From this point the search and clear elements will turn around and move back through the same area to the IP. Phase lines were established as follows: Phase Line 1 - grid line T-66, Phase Line 2 - grid line T67, Phase Line 3 - grid line T68 and Phase Line 4 - grid line T69. At 191040H Company "G" (-) had reached Phase Line 1 and reported there had been no resistance. At 191235H the lead elements of Company "G" were at (AT 964664).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 3d platoon moved from LE SON (1), (AT 980659), today and now occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660). The 1st platoon continues to occupy positions in YEN NE (1) (AT 988663) and the 2d platoon remains in the vicinity of (AT 973655).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted fifteen squad size combat patrols.

Company "A"

Alpha Homer 18B	181900H to 182200H
Alpha Homer D1	182230H to 190030H
Alpha Homer D2	190030H to 190130H

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 18B	181930H to 190300H
Bravo Homer 18	182300H to 191000H
Bravo Homer 18A	182200H to 190200H
Bravo Homer 19A	182300H to 190400H
Bravo Homer 19B	181930H to 190300H
Bravo Homer 19	190430H to 191000H

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Company "C"  
 Charlie Homer 182030H to 182330H

Company "D"  
 Delta Homer 18B 182000H to 182400H  
 Delta Homer 18E 182400H to 190200H  
 Delta Homer 18A 191600H to 192000H  
 Delta Homer 1 190200H to 190600H  
 Delta Homer 19 191400H to 191630H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eight patrols during this period.

Company "E"  
 Echo Papa 2 182120H to 190200H  
 Echo Papa 2 190430H to 191100H  
 Echo Papa 1 191200H to 191600H

Company "F"  
 Foxtrot Papa 2 182250H to 190140H  
 Foxtrot Papa 1 190900H to 191245H

Company "G"  
 Golf Papa 1 182020H to 182206H

Company "H"  
 Hotel Papa 2 182030H to 190030H  
 Hotel Papa 1 190900H to 191300H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "B"	(BT 088687)	182400H to 190500H
	(BT 066662)	182400H to 190500H
Company "C"	(BT 053713)	190230H to 190630H
Company "D"	(BT 050662)	182030H to 182400H
	(BT 068676)	190230H to 190630H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established one last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Papa 3	(BT 000659)	182115H to 190730H

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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The first battalion established three listening posts last night.

Company "B"	(BT 087673)	181900H to first light
	(BT 092670)	181900H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 073668)	181900H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Lima 1	(BT 002673)	182150H to 190600H

Company "F"		
Foxtrot Lima 1	(AT 980735)	181800H to 191800H

Company "G"		
Golf Lima 1	(AT 967664)	182200H to 190400H

Company "H"		
Hotel Lima 1	(AT 985668)	182030H to 190100H
Hotel Lima 2	(AT 975663)	182300H to 190400H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out one scout-sniper team last night.

Company "B"	(BT 095677)	
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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out two scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 001660)	182100H to 190200H
Company "H"	(AT 986666)	182030H to 190100H

5. Change in Location of CP'sa. 1st Battalion

Company "A"		
1st Platoon	(BT 084698)	
2d Platoon	(BT 023730)	

Company "C"		
2d Platoon	(BT 070701)	

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b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" (BT 015676)  
 1st Platoon (BT 015676)

Company "H" (AT 993663)  
 3d Platoon (BT 006660)

Company "G" (Not established)

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece continues. The Battalion will run seven squad size combat patrols, establish one scout-sniper team and conduct five ambushes in the next twenty-four hours.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provide security for the FILSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Three patrols, one ambush, three listening posts, and two scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Company "G" will continue its two-day search and clear operation north to (AT 964690), which commenced this morning. The 2d Battalion continues with preparation to assume the responsibility of the Danang Airbase perimeter defense.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - Liaison was made with the sub sector advisor of Hoa Vang District in order to establish the grounds for a claim for property damaged at the previous Battalion CP site. A meeting has been arranged between the Battalion CA Officer and the Popular Forces Platoon Commander to discuss mutual policies within the 1/9 area. Seventy-five civilians received medical treatment: 73 at the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 056756), and two at the BAS.

b. 3/9 - The Battalion surgeon and three Corpsmen visited the Buddhist Refugee Camp in HOA CUONG (BT 033755). 123

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civilians received medical treatment. While the Battalion Medical Team was administering aid, the Buddhist Monks responsible for the overall welfare of the camp expressed their appreciation for the services rendered.

c. Headquarters, 9th Marines - Two civilians received medical treatment at BINH THAI (BT 013722).

II. Late Entries

a. At 191530H Hoa Vang District Headquarters reported that the HOA THAI policeman was killed by VC at (AT 987708). At 191500H fifteen VC were at (AT 987708). The 3d Tank Battalion established a blocking force and a squad from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines along with a squad of Popular Forces departed from the railroad bridge (AT 998707) to sweep the area. The sweep commenced at 191600H.

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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 74

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 191800H to 201800H September 19653. General Summary of Events. Operation Golden Fleece and Rice Straw continue. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion was dropped from direct support of the Ninth Marines at 201200H.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion occupies positions and patrols the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. There were two contacts with small enemy units during this period. Two VCS were apprehended. One of the VCS was wounded. There was one Marine WIA.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Companies "E" and "G" continued their search and clear operations today with Company "G" sweeping north along the YEN River to the vicinity of (AT 964689) and Company "E" sweeping south along Highway 1 through NHON THO (2), (BT 017657). There were two VC initiated incidents and one contact with a small enemy force during this period. Seven VCS were apprehended, one VC WIA (confirmed) and one VC KIA. One U.S., caliber .30, M-1 or M-2 carbine, one fragmentation grenade, and ten rounds of .30 caliber ammunition were confiscated today.

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA	MLA
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9th Marines	One	None	None
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Enemy Casualties

VC Killed One

VC Wounded One (Not Captured)

VCS Apprehended (Nine)

VCS Wounded One

A U.S. made .30 caliber carbine, one frag grenade, and ten rounds of .30 caliber ammo was captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the battalion CP at (BT 067714). The 1st platoon provides security for the Battalion CP (rear) and patrols the area around the CP (rear). The 2d platoon occupies positions at (BT 082698).

(b) Company "B" (-) occupies positions at (BT 088672). One platoon is located at (BT 072669).

(c) Company "C", located at (BT 067714), provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853), one reinforced platoon at the bridge and the water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705). The company was relieved at 201200H of security responsibility for the hospital site at (BT 061728). At 200800H the 1st platoon, reinforced with two LVTP-5's, commenced a combat patrol which went to KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056707) and HAI AN (BT 055713). The patrol returned at 201300H without having made any enemy contact.

(d) Company "D" occupies platoon positions at (BT 035667) at (BT 066669) and at (BT 055703). At 200300H a listening post located at (BT 044660) heard voices to the front of their positions. Four rounds of 81mm mortar illumination were fired revealing four people. They fired, wounding one VCS. The VCS was evacuated by LVTP-5. At 200909H a scout-sniper team located at (BT 064652) observed four armed VC to the front of their position. Before the scout-sniper team could open fire a Vietnamese woman, who had discovered the team's position warned the VC. The VC ran away and the Marines pursued by fire wounding two. The woman was apprehended and turned over to ITT. The team mounted on two tanks physically pursued the VC. There were no VC apprehended. As part of operation Golden Fleece, the company has saturated its assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR with daylight and night combat patrols, ambushes and scout-sniper teams. There have been indications from the villagers that Operation Golden Fleece has bolstered their confidence in the Marines ability to protect them during harvest. The rice farmers say that

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the VC are waiting for the harvest to be completed before attempting to impose its rice tax. The villagers have expressed their desire that the Marines continue their protection. Due to rain, use of the war dog team assigned to the company has been limited.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" occupied positions in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 016677) throughout the night. At 192230H the Echo Papa 1 patrol received two rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of (BT 024677). At 200645H Company "E" crossed the LOD in a search and clear operation to the south. At 200745H the Company had advanced to the vicinity of (BT 016670) and apprehended two VCS. At 200100H the sweep of QUANG GIANG (1), (BT 017665), was completed and the company commenced the sweep of NHON THO (2), (BT 017656). At 201058H an estimated squad size VC unit opened fire with small arms at (BT 013657). Company "E" returned fire and one VC was killed. One U.S. .30 caliber carbine, one fragmentation grenade and ten rounds of .30 caliber ammunition were recovered. The VC unit fled and the 2d platoon pursued. At 201245H the 2d platoon spotted the VC group across the river from (BT 007649) and opened fire, knocking down one VC. A retrieving party, dispatched to the scene, found the body had been retrieved prior to their arrival. At 201500H Company "E" had advanced to Phase Line Orange and were consolidating positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 017655).

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's Medical Station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687), for security. One squad provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(c) Company "G" occupied positions in the vicinity of (AT 968669) throughout the night. At 191956H approximately twenty-five rounds of small arms fire was received from NO NAME Village (AT 968678). At 200747H they commenced their sweep to the north. At 201020H the company was at (AT 966671) and sweeping LA BONG (1), (AT 967670). The company reported that no contact had been made with the VC. A detailed search of eighty houses had been accomplished, one hundred and sixty holes filled, seven caves and twenty-five holes blown, seventy families interrogated, two booby-trapped gates destroyed and one

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hundred and twenty-six meters of trench line discovered. At 201105H Golf Papa 1 patrol found two VCS hiding in a house at (AT 969655). One VCS had a pack. Neither had identification. The two VCS were delivered to ITT. At 201500H Company "G" was in the process of searching and clearing LA BONG (3), (AT 963677).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remains in the vicinity of (AT 973655), and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted eight squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrol.

Company "A"

Alpha Homer 18A	191900H to 192200H
Alpha Homer 18B	191900H to 192200H
Alpha Homer 20	201300H to 201600H

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 18A	191800H to 200200H
Bravo Homer 19B	192300H to 200200H
Bravo Homer 20	200700H to 201200H
Bravo Homer 20B	201300H to 201600H
Bravo Homer	201300H to 201600H

Company "C", 1st plt 200800H to 201300H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted nine patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa 1	192045H to 191145H
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Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa 2	192100H to 200325H
Foxtrot Papa 3	192300H to 200230H
Foxtrot Papa 1	201000H to 201250H

Company "G"

Golf Papa 2	192100H to 200325H
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Company "H"		
Hotel Papa 2	192030H to 200105H	
Hotel Papa 1	200900H to 201300H	
Hotel Papa 2	201000H to 201400H	
Hotel Papa 3	201000H to 201400H	

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "B"	(BT 099665)	192100H to 200100H
Company "D"	(BT 063675)	192030H to 200030H
	(BT 066661)	200100H to 200600H
	(BT 041661)	192100H to 200100H
	(BT 050660)	192330H to 200530H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Papa 3	(BT 014675)	191930H to 200400H

Company "H"		
Hotel Alpha 1	(BT 001667)	192000H to 200200H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening post last night.

Company "B"	(BT 087673)	191900H to first light
	(BT 092670)	191900H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 035667)	191900H to first light
	(BT 049670)	191900H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Lima 1	(BT 017674)	200430H to 200630H

Company "F"		
Foxtrot Lima 1	(AT 980735)	191800H to 201800H

Company "H"		
Hotel Lima 1	(AT 982665)	192030H to 192400H
Hotel Lima 2	(AT 986667)	200035H to 200400H

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e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out one scout-sniper team last night.

Company "D" (BT 064652) 200500H to 201000H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 017674)	192300H to 200400H
Company "G"	(AT 963653)	192400H to 200530H
Company "H"	(AT 989673)	192230H to 200500H

5. Change in Location of CP's

a. 1st Battalion. No change.

b. 2d Battalion

Company "E" Not Established

6. None.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The Battalion will continue to provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853) and provide security for the bridge at (BT 071700). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct five squad size combat patrols and establish three ambushes.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight.

9. None.

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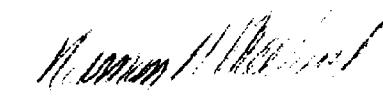
10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - Liaison was made with the Sub-Sector Advisor of the Hoa Vang District concerning Marine Operations in the 1/9 area. The Village Chief of Son Thuy (BT 073705) met with the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer to discuss the 1/9 program within the Marble Mountain area. 33 civilians received medical treatment at the BAS.

b. 2/9 - Father Franklin, 9th Marines Chaplain, accompanied two Catholic Priests (one french, one vietnamese) to An Trac (1), (AT 967663) where mass was held for the first time in the Catholic Church, since the previous priest was forced to leave by the Viet Cong. A detailed account of additional liaison and accomplishment will follow.

11. Late Entries

a. At 201645H a Marine on a patrol from Company "D", 1st Battalion was wounded slightly by a sniper at (BT 068650). Squad reinforced with a tank was dispatched but was unable to re-establish contact with the VC.



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SITREP No. 75

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines

2. Period Covered. 201800H to 211800H September 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue operation Rice straw and Golden Fleece. The 3d Battalion began its relief of 2d Battalion today. The relief will be completed at 241800H September. Information was received from G-3 that authorization has been granted for the Ninth Marines to extend its TAOR to the south. The 1st Battalion now plans to operate to Phase Line Orange by patrols.

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion occupies positions in and patrols the southeastern portion of the Regimental TAOR. There was one contact with a small enemy force. Marines killed three VC. Two Chicom carbines and one Thompson sub-machine gun were captured. There were no Marine casualties.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Company "G" continued with their search and clear operation today by sweeping CAM NE (3), (AT 963684), YEN NE (4), (AT 973677) and ~~NOTNAME~~ Village (AT 968678). There was one VC initiated incident during this period involving harassing fire. There were no USMC casualties and no confirmed VC casualties during this period. There were two incidents today in the 2d Battalion's TAOR involving PAT personnel and Vietnamese civilian rice harvesters. Both incidents involved casualties from detonated mines. PAT personnel sustained one KIA and two WIA this morning as the result of a detonated mine. This afternoon there were two KIA and two WIA amongst civilian rice harvesters as a result of a detonated mine. Advance parties from the 2d Battalion and 3d Battalion moved today in preparation for the 2d Battalion's relief of the 3d Battalion of the Danang Airbase perimeter defense.

c. Results of Actions

Friendly Casualties. None

Enemy Casualties. VC Killed - ~~None~~

Two Chi Com carbines, one Thompson sub-machine gun and documents ~~and two grenades, a flashlight and a knife~~ were captured during this reporting period.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). The 1st Platoon occupies positions at (BT 024733) and patrols that part of the Battalion TAOR which is north of the CAU DO River. The 2nd Platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of (BT 082698).

(b) Company "B" (-) occupies positions at (BT 088672). One platoon is located at (BT 072669). At approximately 210800H the Bravo Homer 21B patrol encountered three armed VC near (BT 072680). The VC ran from the patrol towards the southwest. At a range of twenty meters the Marines shot and killed the three, recovering the following items of equipment: two CHICOM carbines, one Thompson submachine gun, and assorted documents.

(c) Company "C", located at (BT 067714), provides one reinforced squad for the security of the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853), one reinforced platoon at the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" occupies platoon positions at (BT 035667), at (BT 046669) and at (BT 055703). From these bases the company conducts its daily Golden Fleece operation.

(2) 2d Battalion

(a) Company "E" now occupies front line positions after completing their search and clear operation yesterday. The company headquarters and the 1st platoon occupy positions in the vicinity of MIUE DONG (1), (BT 015677). The 2d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 016655), and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of BO MUNG (1), (BT 028657).

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's Medical Station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. One squad provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

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(c) Company "G" (-) occupied positions in the vicinity of (AT 960680) throughout the night. The 3d platoon occupies front line positions in the vicinity of (AT 964657). Company "G" (-) continued their search and clear operation along the eastern bank of the YEN River. At 211009H Company "G", upon receiving information that there were an unknown number of VC armed with three machine guns at (AT 975675), dispatched one platoon to sweep YEN NE (4), (AT 975677). One reinforced squad from Company "F" established blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 977678) to the east and one squad from Company "G" established blocking positions in the vicinity of (AT 969678) to the west. As of 211430H no contact had been made with the VC. At 211325H the remaining elements of Company "G" completed their sweep of CAM NE (3), (AT 964685) and requested permission to sweep NO NAME Village (AT 968680). Permission was granted. One VC was killed at (AT 959683) at 202200H and two grenades, a knife, and a flashlight were captured.

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remains in the vicinity of (AT 973655), and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660). At 202145H the 1st platoon received four rounds of small arms fire from (BT 004655). Two rounds of 40mm were returned. It could not be determined if the return fire was effective.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out nine squad size combat patrols, one platoon size combat patrol and one platoon size reconnaissance patrol during this reporting period.

Company "A"

Alpha Homer 20B	202300H to 210200H
Alpha Homer 21A	211000H to 211400H

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 20A	202100H to 210230H
Bravo Homer 20B	211300H to 211600H
Bravo Homer 21B	210700H to 211200H

Company "D"

Delta Homer 3	210900H to 211300H
Delta Homer 4	210545H to 211300H
Delta Homer 20A	202100H to 210230H

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Delta Homer 20B	211300H to 211600H
Delta 2	210600H to 211900H
Delta Cadillac	210630H to 211900H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted fourteen patrols during this period.

Company "E"

Echo Papa 2	202045H to 202345H
Echo Papa 2	210900H to 211300H

Company "F"

Foxtrot Papa 2	202100H to 210325H
Foxtrot Papa 3	202005H to 210130H
Foxtrot Papa 1	210900H to 211230H

Company "G"

Golf Papa 1	202000H to 202230H
Golf Papa 2	202100H to 202300H
Golf Papa 1	210800H to 211400H

Company "H"

Hotel Papa 1	202100H to 210100H
Hotel Papa 2	202100H to 210105H
Hotel Papa 3	202030H to 210100H
Hotel Papa 4	202105H to 202400H
Hotel Papa 5	202100H to 210116H
Hotel Papa 6	202100H to 210010H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "C"	(BT 070703)	202030H to 210030H
	(BT 074696)	202030H to 210030H

Company "D"	(BT 061662)	202400H to 210630H
	(BT 043685)	210200H to 210600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established one ambush last night.

Company "H"

Hotel Alpha 1	(AT 975649)	202300H to 210200H
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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 082697)	201900H to first light
Company "B"	{ BT 087673 } { BT 092670 }	201900H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 035667)	201900H to first light
	(BT 049670)	201900H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three listening posts last night.

Company "E"  
Echo Lima 3 (BT 031658) 202030H to 210700H

Company "F"  
Foxtrot Lima 1 (AT 980735) 201800H to 211800H

Company "H"  
Hotel Lima 1 (AT 984663) 202200H to 202400H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None reported.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E"	(BT 018654)	202330H to 210500H
Company "F"	(AT 982676)	202330H to 210300H
Company "G"	(AT 964678)	202200H to 210430H
Company "H"	(AT 983659)	202100H to 210200H

f. Psychological Warfare. See late entries.

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. Training. None.

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8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The battalion will continue to provide security for the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and will provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will send out eight combat patrols and will establish five ambushes.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Seven patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. Tomorrow one third of each company will be relieved by one third of each company of the 3d Battalion and will move to the Danang Airbase. On 23 September and 24 September the same process will be effected until at 241800H the relief of the 2d Battalion by the 3d Battalion will be completed.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - Plans have been made for the distribution of pre-cooked rice to those personnel temporarily displaced on forthcoming operations. The village chief of Hoa Lang (BT 073704) was contacted in order to coordinate and control the operations and number of road side shops along the Battalion MSR. Liaison was made with the Hoa Vang District Chief to discuss future civic action projects of this Battalion. 139 civilians received medical treatment: 62 at the Stella Maria Convent (BT 061736) and 77 at the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 063736).

11. Late Entries.

a. At 211545H, Lieutenant REPAK, USA, reported that his psy-warfare team went to the village by Marble Mountain from 211230H to 211400H. Their presentation was viewed by between 200 and 300 persons. They gave out 25 posters, and 50 pamphlets. The team will work again in the 1st Battalion area on Thursday 23 September.

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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 76

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 211800H to 221800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events. Operation Rice Straw and Golden Fleece continues. The Ninth Marines recovered two tons of rice straw and rice.
  - a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion occupies positions in and patrols the southeastern portion of the Regimental TAOR. The battalion maintains constant patrols and ambushes around the rice fields in its area to prevent the VC from harvesting rice. Two tons of rice were recovered today from (BT 085676). The rice will be turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. There were no Marine casualties today.
  - b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There were three VC initiated incidents during this period. There were no USMC casualties. The 3d Battalion continues to relieve the 2d Battalion continues in place. One third of each company of the 2d Battalion was relieved by a like number from the 3d Battalion today.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). The 1st platoon occupies positions at (BT 024733) and patrols that part of the Battalion TAOR which is north of the CAU DO River. The 2d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of the old French bunker at (BT 082698) and patrols the surrounding area.

(b) Company "B" occupies front line positions at (BT 088672) and at (BT 072669). The Company CP is located at (BT 088672). The 1st platoon, the battalion intelligence officer and the Hoa Vang Village Chief departed at 220800H to recover a rice cache at (BT 085676). Two tons of rice stalks and grain were bagged and brought back to the Battalion CP in IVT's. The rice will be turned over to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(c) Company "C", located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced platoon for security of the bridge and water point at (BT 071700) and one reinforced squad at the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853). The Company also mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" occupies platoon positions at (BT 035667), at (BT 046669) and at (BT 055703). From these bases the company has conducted extensive patrols in conjunction with operation Golden Fleece,

(2) 2d Battalion. One third of each company was relieved in position by a like number from the 3d Battalion. The relief was effected by helicopter and was completed by 221240H

(2) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions. The company headquarters and the 1st platoon continue to occupy positions in the vicinity of MIUE DONG (1), (BT 015677). The 2d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 016655) and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of BO MUNG (1), (BT 028617).

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(b) Company "F" continue to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. One squad provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 212105H six rounds of small arms fire were received at (AT 985688). The harassing fire came from (AT 985689) and was ineffective. No fire was returned. At 212140H the security squad located at the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707), received three rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of PHONG IE (2), (BT 002704). ARVN soldiers returned small arms fire and three rounds of 60mm mortar. The sniper fire ceased. At 212330H one fragmentation grenade was thrown into the perimeter defense at (AT 982682). The area was illuminated and three rounds of small arms were fired. No one was sighted. There were no UKIC casualties.

(c) Company "G" occupies front line positions with two platoons in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2), (AT 986654). One platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of LA BCNG (2), (AT 970660).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remains in the vicinity of (AT 973653), and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660).

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out some patrols during the last twenty-four hours.

Company "A"		
Alpha Homer 2B		212500H to 220300H
Alpha Homer		continuous
Company "B"		
Bravo Homer 21A		212500H to 220400H
Bravo Homer 22		220500H to 221400H
Company "C"		
Delta Homer 22A		220500H to 221500H
Delta Homer 22D		221500H to 221600H
Delta Homer 21		221600H to 222000H

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted nine patrols during this period.

Company "E"  
 Echo Papa 1 211900H to 212205H  
 Echo Papa 3 212100H to 220600H

Company "F"  
 Foxtrot Papa 2 212200H to 220150H  
 Foxtrot Papa 3 212230H to 220200H  
 Foxtrot Papa 2 220800H to 221100H

Company "G"  
 Golf Papa 1 212055H to 212300H

Company "H"  
 Hotel Papa 4 212037H to 210200H  
 Hotel Papa 5 212100H to 210130H  
 Hotel Papa 1 221130H to 221630H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established seven ambushes last night.

Company "A"	(BT 074708)	212000H to 220600H
	(BT 074706)	212000H to 220200H
Company "B"	(BT 014678)	212400H to 220200H
Company "D"	(BT 100665)	220030H to 220300H
	(BT 035660)	212100H to 220200H
	(BT 045660)	220200H to 220630H
	(BT 065669)	212400H to 220600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "G"  
 Golf Alpha 1 (AT 973663) 212000H to 220643H  
 Golf Alpha 2 (AT 971664) 212000H to 220643H  
 Golf Alpha 3 (AT 972662) 212000H to 220643H  
 Golf Alpha 4 (AT 966665) 212000H to 220643H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 082697)	211900H to first light
Company "B"	(BT 087673)	211900H to first light

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Company "B"	(BT 092670)	211900H to first light
Company "D"	(BT 035667)	211900H to first light
	(BT 049670)	211900H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Lima 2	(BT 013655)	212005H to 220600H

Company "F"		
Foxtrot Papa 1	(AT 980735)	211800H to 221800H

Company "G"		
Golf Lima 1	(AT 968652)	212000H to 220600H

Company "H"		
Hotel Papa 1	(BT 001656)	212000H to 220300H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out three scout-sniper teams during this period.

Company "E"	(BT 019650)	220530H to 221700H
Company "F"	(AT 991678)	220300H to 220600H
Company "G"	(AT 057650)	212230H to 220430H

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Tomorrow the 1st Battalion will use two companies to clear the rice fields north of grid line (T65) in its THOR. Companies "B" and "D" will move under the cover of darkness to the LOD, grid line (T65), where they will deploy and begin clearing north to grid line (T69) at 230630H. Company "D", 3d Recon Battalion will cover the left flank, and Company "B" (-), 3d Tank Battalion will cover the right flank. All indigenous personnel will be taken to the collection point in the vicinity of (BT 043686) where they will be screened by the village chiefs. Food will be

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given and medical treatment will be available. Upon completion of the operation, the civilians will be released.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Five patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. One third of each company was relieved in place by one third of each company of the 3d Battalion today. This process will be continued on 23 and 24 September until at 241800H the relief of the 2d Battalion by the 3d Battalion will be completed.

9. None.

#### 10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - A U.S. Army Psychological Warfare Team set up on 21 September in the village of Hoa Long coordinates (BT 073704). They attracted a large number of people who viewed GVN News Reels and received current news items. The people were impressed by the dissemination of this information and reacted favorably to the news of government programs and victories.

b. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer contacted the chief of Hoa Long village to insure that Tran Cam, the son of Tran Mun of the Hamlet of Son Thuy, Hoa Long village (BT 065712) was receiving proper care for the wounds incurred during an operation by USMC forces in this area. Liaison was made with the USOM Civilian Hospital, Danang where the above mentioned is a patient.

Medical aid was administered to 221 patients at the village of Hoa Long, (BT 073704).

c. 3/9 - The Battalion Surgeon escorted the Battalion Surgeon of 2/9 to the Hoa Vang Dispensary and introduced him to the Vietnamese Medical workers of the area. In addition, liaison was made with the camp officials at the Buddhist Refugee Camp in Hoa Cuong (BT 033755).

#### 11. Late Entries

a. At 221600H ARVN forces from Hoa Vang, with the assistance of one platoon from Company "P", commenced a search of the area from (AT 997708) to (AT 989705) and then south to the CAU DO River.

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23 Sep 1965From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 77

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 221800H to 231800H to September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion occupies positions in and patrols the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. The battalion maintains continuous patrols and ambushes around the rice fields in its area to prevent VC from harvesting the rice. This morning at 230635H three companies of the 1st Battalion along with one platoon of Company "D", 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, and Company "B"(-), 3d Tank Battalion commenced a search and clear operation east of the VINH DIEN River and south of (T65) grid line. Three VC were killed, two grenades were captured, and ten VCS were apprehended during the operation.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There was one VC initiated incident during this period involving harassing fire. A patrol from Company "E" was fired upon by ARVN troops last night, and five Marines were WIA. Two of the casualties were evacuated. None of the casualties were wounded seriously.

c. 3d Battalion. Two thirds of the 3d Battalion has relieved a like number of personnel of the 2d Battalion in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. The relief will be completed tomorrow.

- d. Results of Actions

Friendly Casualties Five WIA

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed Three

VC Apprehended Ten

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion conducted a search and clear operation in southwest portion of its TAOR.

(a) Company "A" was the battalion reserve for today's search and clear operation. It maintained two platoons on a ten minute alert to move to the collection point at (BT 043686) for employment by the Battalion Commander. One reinforced squad is at the old French bunker at (BT 083697).

(b) Company "B" (-) (Rein) moved this morning under cover of darkness to the LOD crossing same at 230635H. At 230830H the company killed three VC in the vicinity of (BT 039652). Five VC were seen recovering two bodies and the VC weapons. Marines were unable to kill the five VC, but recovered one VC body and three grenades. Upon completion of the operation the company will return to its CP location at (BT 073665).

(c) Company "C" was the blocking force for the 1st Battalion's search and clear operation. Last night the company marched from (BT 067714) to its blocking position in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 036687), and MAN QUAN (2), (BT 045685). The company also provided one platoon for the security of the civilian collection point at (BT 043686). The company continues to be responsible for security of the bridge and water point at (BT 072702) and for the joint radar site at (BT 062853). The company also mans two OP's at (BT 055703) and at (BT 075710).

(d) Company "D" (-) reinforced this morning under the cover of the darkness moved from its positions at (BT 035667), (BT 046669) and (BT 055703) to the LOD crossing same at approximately 230630H. At 230840H the company destroyed two booby-trapped punji pits at (BT 039652). The company employed its war dog team in today's operation. Upon completion of the operation the company will return to its CP location at (BT 043667) and conduct Golden Fleece patrols.

(2) 2d Battalion.

(a) Company "E" continues to occupy front line positions. The company headquarters and 1st platoon occupy positions in the vicinity of NIEU DONG (1), (BT 015677). The 2d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of BO MUNG (1), (BT 028657). At 222030H Company E observed an empty convoy moving north on route #1. At 222130H Company E observed a convoy of trucks with lights on moving through Company E positions heading south on route #1. The convoy

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was broken into small groups. At 222200H the Echo Papa 3 patrol, while moving west of Highway 1, heard voices in the northern part of BO MUNG (2), (BT 028652). The patrol moved up to investigate. The patrol leader observed a stopped ARVN truck and ARVN troops outside of the truck. The ARVN troops immediately opened fire on the USMC patrol with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The patrol returned the fire until the patrol leader stopped the firing. The patrol started to withdraw and the ARVN troops threw several grenades, wounding five Marines. The ARVN troops then jumped in the truck and left. While the firing was going on at BO MUNG (2), the remainder of the ARVN convoy stopped at BO MUNG (1), (BT 025654) and fired into Company "E"’s positions and threw more grenades. Two Marine WIA were evacuated by helicopter. The other three WIA had minor wounds and were not evacuated.

(b) Company "F" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remains in YEN NE (2), (AT 985684) and one squad remains at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. One squad provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 222200H the 1st platoon returned to the ammunition dump after assisting ARVN forces from Hoa Vang conduct a search of the area from (AT 997708) to (AT 985705) and then south to the CLU DO River. During this operation a total of twelve VCS were apprehended, all of whom were turned over to Hoa Vang Headquarters.

(c) Company "G" occupies front line positions with two platoons in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2), (AT 986654). One platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of LA BONG (2), (AT 970668).

(d) Company "H" continues to occupy front line positions. The 1st platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remains in the vicinity of (AT 973655) and the 3d platoon occupies positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660). At 222020H twelve rounds of small arms fire were received from (AT 991656). Small arms fire was returned and the VC fire ceased. Illumination was requested and received. No one was spotted. There were no USMC casualties.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out nine combat patrols during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"	
Alpha Homer 23A	231400H to 231700H
Alpha Homer 22B	230200H to 230800H
Alpha Homer	Continuous
Company "B"	
Bravo Homer 23B	231100H to 231700H
Bravo Homer 23	230530H to 231100H
Company "C"	
Charlie Homer 22B	222000H to 222300H
Company "D"	
Delta Homer 22B	222100H to 222400H
Delta Homer 22E	222400H to 230300H
Delta Homer 23	231000H to 231400H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted eleven patrols during this period.

Company "E"	
Echo Papa 3	222231H to 222345H
Company "F"	
Foxtrot Papa 2	220945H to 230130H
Foxtrot Papa 3	222000H to 230100H
Foxtrot Papa 1	230930H to 231300H
Company "G"	
Golf Papa 1	222000H to 222352H
Golf Papa 2	222000H to 222400H
Company "H"	
Hotel Papa 2	222230H to 230200H
Hotel Papa 3	222143H to 230200H
Hotel Papa 1	231300H to 231700H
Hotel Papa 2	231300H to 231700H
Hotel Papa 3	231300H to 231800H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out two ambushes last night.

Company "D"	(BT 035678) 230100H to 230600H
	(BT 048670) 230300H to 230600H

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established three ambushes last night.

Company "E"  
Echo Papa 2 (BT 012648) 221922H to 230400H

Company "G"  
Golf Alpha 1 (AT 960655) 222000H to 230001H  
Golf Alpha 2 (AT 963654) 222300H to 230300H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out four listening posts last night.

Company "A" (BT 082697) 221900H to first light  
Company "B" (BT 087673) 221900H to first light  
Company "C" (BT 092670) 221900H to first light  
Company "D" (BT 035667) 221900H to first light  
(BT 049670) 221900H to first light

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out six listening posts last night.

Company "E"  
Echo Lima 1 (BT 022680) 221938H to 230400H

Company "F"  
Foxtrot Lima 1 (AT 980735) 221800H to 231800H  
Foxtrot Lima 2 (AT 981678) 222100H to 230530H

Company "G"  
Golf Lima 1 (AT 968651) 221930H to 222400H

Company "H"  
Hotel Lima 1 (AT 991664) 222000H to 230030H  
Hotel Lima 2 (BT 001663) 222057H to 230115H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None.

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out four scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "E" (BT 021648) 222100H to 230200H  
Company "F" (AT 983677) 222200H to 230130H  
Company "G" (AT 969654) 222030H to 230230H  
Company "H" (AT 985654) 222100H to 230300H

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5. Change in Location of CP'sa. 1st Battalion

Company "D" (BT 037678)

b. 2d Battalion (No change)

## 6. No change.

## 7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The battalion will continue to provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and provide security for the bridge and water point at (BT 072702). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct ten squad size combat patrols and establish two ambushes.

b. 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 993707). Six patrols, three ambushes, four listening posts, and three scout-sniper teams will be sent out tonight. One third of each company was relieved in place by one third of each company of the 3d Battalion today. This process will be continued tomorrow and by 241800H, the relief of the 2d Battalion by the 3d Battalion will be completed.

9. Miscellaneous. None.10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - This reporting period was spent coordinating and pre-staging equipment for tomorrow's operation. Actions included are:

(1) A U.S. Army Psychological Warfare Team has prepared GVN propaganda for dissemination during the operation.

(2) Liaison was made with GVN Civil Action Team and arrangements have been made for them to accompany the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer to assist at the civilian collection area.

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(3) The Battalion Civil Action Team has arranged Medical assistance and feeding facilities for up to 1000 natives who inhabit the area of tomorrow's operation.

11. Late Entries.

a. At 231545H, the 1st Battalion reported that the search and clear operation in the 1st Battalion TAOR was completed and the companies were returning to the positions they occupied last night. Ten VCS were apprehended during they operation, one of whom was a young woman. This woman was apprehended in the same area where the three VC were killed earlier. The 3d Platoon, Company D, is establishing a new position at (BT 037678).

b. At 231550H, the 2d Battalion completed that portion of the relief of the 3d Battalion which was scheduled for today.

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24 Sep 1965From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SIRREP No. 78

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 231800H to 241800H . September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. Operations Golden Fleece and Rice Straw continued. Eight VCS and seven suspicious persons were apprehended. Four Marines were wounded while making a road reconnaissance.

b. 2d Battalion. Completed its move to the Danang Airbase this morning. OPCON of the 2d Battalion passed to III MAF at 240906H.

c. 3d Battalion. Completed the relief of the 2d Battalion at 240906H and now occupies positions south of the CAU DO River in the Southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). There was one contact with a small enemy force. One Marine was wounded in action. There were no known VC casualties.

d. Results of Actions

Friendly Casualties  
Ninth Marines  
Supporting units

WIA  
2 1

Enemy Casualties  
VCS apprehended

Eight

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece continued and eight VCS and seven suspicious characters were apprehended as a result of the battalion's operation. Four Marines were wounded while on a road reconnaissance.

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). One reinforced squad occupies the old French bunker at (BT 083697). Company "A" has continuously patrolled the area west of the CAN BIEN River and north of (T70) grid line. As part of Operation Golden Fleece, the company provides protection for designated rice paddies in the vicinity of the French bunker. A patrol from 2d platoon on a road reconnaissance inadvertently triggered a concussion grenade that was strung across a fence at (BT 072680). Four Marines (two from Company "A" and two from Engineers) were wounded.

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with strong points at (BT 088672) and at (BT 072669). A patrol was sent out this morning at 240800H to follow up information received by the battalion intelligence officer in regards to a supposed rice cache in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0867). The patrol found no rice cache. However, the patrol did check out a leprosarium at (BT 099664) and found five wounded Vietnamese and thirteen non-patients. The Hoa Long village chief, who accompanied the patrol cleared three of the eighteen men. Eight of the remaining fifteen were declared VCS by the village chief and taken to ITT. The remaining seven were classified as suspicious persons and turned over to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced squad at the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and one reinforced platoon at the bridge and water point (BT 072702). The company also mans two OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" occupies front line positions at (BT 034679) and at (BT 047670) with the company CP at (BT 047670). From these bases the company has conducted extensive patrols in conjunction with operation Golden Fleece.

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupied positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) until 240906H this morning. At this time the 2d battalion assumed the responsibility of the perimeter defense of the Danang Airbase. There were two USMC initiated incidents last night involving suspected VC movement in the vicinity of USMC positions. In both instances, small arms were fired in the direction of the suspected movement. There were no USMC casualties and no confirmed VC casualties.

(a) Company "E" occupied front line positions throughout the night. The company headquarters and the 1st platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 015677). The 2d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 016655) and the 3d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of BO MUNG (1), (BT 028657).

(b) Company "F" provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remained in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684), and one squad remained at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. One squad provided security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 240052H the security squad located at the railroad bridge (AT 998707), sighted three VCS in the rice paddy at (BT 000706). The area was illuminated and three rounds of small arms fired into the area. At 240105H there was movement in the same area. The area was again illuminated and sprayed with a heavy volume of small arm fire. The area was illuminated after the heavy volume of fire and no further movement was spotted.

(c) Company "G" occupied front line positions with two platoons in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2), (AT 986654). One platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of LA BONG (2), (AT 970668).

(d) Company "H" occupied front line positions throughout the night. The 1st platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remained in the vicinity of (AT 973655), and the 3d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660).

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3d Battalion. Company "I" completed relief of Company "E" and presently occupies positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016655).

(b) Company "K" completed relief of Company "H" and presently occupies positions from (BT 005658) to (AT 97355). The HPI patrol received sniper fire from two VC, one of whom had an automatic weapon, near (BT 004648) at 241235H. The patrol returned the fire and sustained one WIA. Neither of the VC were wounded. ( See late entry for correct report).

(b) Company "L" completed relief of Company "F" and presently provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) is at YEN NE (2), (AT 986684), and one squad is at the 3d Battalion's Medical Station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687), for security. One squad (Rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(c) Company "M" completed relief of Company "G" and presently occupies positions (AT 970654) to (AT 964655) to (AT 967668) to (AT 975664).

#### Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out eleven combat patrols during the reporting period.

##### Company "A"

Alpha Homer 23B	240300H to 240600H
Alpha Homer 294	240900H to 241230H
Alpha Homer	231800H to 241800H

##### Company "B"

Bravo Homer 23A	230400H to 240600H
Bravo Homer 24	240330H to 241130H
Bravo Homer 23	232400H to 240200H

##### Company "D"

Delta Homer 23C	240900H to 241400H
Delta Homer 23	240300H to 240630H
Delta Homer 23D	232400H to 240300H
Delta Homer 24A	241200H to 241600H
Delta Homer 23B	231800H to 232400H

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted ten patrols last night.

Company "E"	
Echo Papa 1	231936H to 232100H
Echo Papa 2	231930H to 232303H
Echo Papa 3	240005H to 240107H

Company "F"	
Foxtrot Papa 2	232020H to 240200H

Company "G"	
Golf Papa 1	232039H to 232400H
Golf Papa 2	240005H to 240351H
Golf Papa 3	232000H to 232400H

Company "H"	
Hotel Papa 3	232400H to 240328H
Hotel Papa 5	250053H to 240400H
Hotel Papa 6	240052H to 240500H

(3) 3d Battalion

Foxtrot Papa 1	240900H to 241100H
Hotel Papa 2	240800H to 241430H
Hotel Papa 2	241000H to 241500H
Hotel Papa 3	240900H to 241430H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "I"	(BT 083699)	240300H to 240600H
	(BT 068706)	240300H to 240600H
Company "J"	(BT 102666)	240330H to 241130H
	(BT 096656)	240100H to 240500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "E"	
Echo Alpha 1 (BT 022651)	240020H to 240450H
Echo Alpha 2 (BT 014657)	240330H to 240530H

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

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d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 082697)	231900H to 240600H
Company "B"	(BT 087673)	231900H to 240600H
	(BT 092670)	231900H to 240600H
Company "D"	(BT 049670)	231900H to 240600H
	(BT 037677)	231900H to 240600H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Lima 3	(BT 032656)	231948H to 240500H
Company "F"		
Foxtrot Lima 1	(AT 980735)	231800H to 240600H
Company "G"		
Golf Lima 1	(AT 968666)	231940H to 232330H
Golf Lima 2	(AT 970666)	232400H to 240400H
Company "H"		
Hotel Lima 1	(AT 995659)	231930H to 240250H

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "B"	(BT 098670)	240300H to 240800H
Company "D"	(BT 038666)	240300H to 240800H

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of CP's

- a. 1st Battalion No change
- b. 2d Battalion

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2d Battalion CP	(BT 001748)
Company "E"	(BT 013748)
Company "F"	(BT 007767)
Company "G"	(BT 001741)
Company "H"	(BT 009742)
c. <u>3d Battalion</u>	
Fwd	(AT 985682)
Rear	(AT 996722)
Company "I"	(BT 023657)
Company "K"	(AT 992663)
Company "L"	(AT 987734)
Company "M"	(AT 970667)

6. No change.

7. Training. Twenty-five persons from 3d Battalion began a two day course of instruction in mine warfare given by 3d Engineer Battalion.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The battalion will continue to provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and provide security for the bridge and water point at (BT 072702). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct ten squad size combat patrols, establish two ambushes and two scout-sniper teams.

b. 2d Battalion. As of 240906H the 2d Battalion is responsible for the Danang Airbase perimeter defense. The 2d Battalion will occupy defensive positions in the vicinity of the Airbase and patrol in the assigned sector. The 2d Battalion is now OPCON III MAF.

c. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the C.U DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Nine patrols, two listening posts and one ambush will be sent out tonight.

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10. Civil Affairs.

a. 1st Battalion. Yesterday seven hundred and ten civilians were temporarily relocated at a collection point near MAN QUAN (BT 045685) in connection with Operation Golden Fleece. The 1st Battalion mess fed six hundred and fifty persons and the medical staff treated three hundred and fifty-three.

b. Headquarters Company. Forty-six persons were given medical treatment at BINH THAI (BT 013722).

11. Psychological Warfare. A US Army psy-war team supported the 1st Battalion's Golden Fleece operation yesterday. The village chief spoke to all the villagers at the collection point at MAN QUAN (BT 045685) and explained to them the GVN policy for the area. In addition, there were films, taped speeches and the distribution of magazines, all of which explained the GVN program for national reconstruction. The villagers were interested and visibly impressed. It seemed to be their first contact with the government in a long time.

12. Late Entries.

a. The 3d Battalion reported at 241625H that the HPL patrol was attacked by eight VC with automatic weapons. The VC fired at the patrol five times between the hours 241200H and 241330H, withdrawing each time to attack again from another direction. Fire came from trench lines in LE SON (3), (AT 973646), and THAI CAM (1), (AT 977643). After the VC broke contact, Company K began destroying the enemy positions. One Marine was wounded. It is not known if any of the VC were wounded or killed.

b. Medical supplies and other contraband has been seized at the check point on highway one. The details of what has been seized is not presently known, but will be reported later by spot report.

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25 Sep 1965

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

SITREP No. 79

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 241800H to 251800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece. Company "A" (-) conducted a search and clear operation. There were two contacts with small enemy forces. One VC was killed and thirteen VCS were apprehended. Another two VC may have been wounded or killed. One M-1 rifle and one Chi Com fragmentation grenade were recovered. A tank hit a mine, but, sustained no damage. There were no Marine casualties.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). There were three contacts with small enemy forces during this period, two of which resulted in fire fights. One Marine was wounded slightly. There were no confirmed VC casualties; however, villagers reported two VC were killed as a result of a fire fight in YEN NE (3), (AT 981678).

c. Results in Actions

Friendly Casualties One WIA

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed	One confirmed
VCS Apprehended	Two probable
	Eleven

One M-1 rifle, and a Chi Com grenade were captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues operation Golden Fleece to protect the villagers during the harvest and to prevent the VC from imposing a rice tax in the area held by the Marines.

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). One reinforced squad occupies the old French bunker at (BT 083697). The company continuously patrols the area west of the CAN BIEN River and north of (T70). In conjunction with Operation Golden Fleece, Company "A" provides protection for rice farmers working in the vicinity of the French bunker (BT 083697).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with strong points at (BT 072669), (BT 072669). The company conducts Golden Fleece patrols in the vicinity of (BT 088672). Company "B" (-) cleared the hamlet of VIEM DONG (BT 103657) this morning. The company was supported by eight tanks. The Company (-) departed the assembly area (BT 094670) at 250330H and moved south and west to oposition west of VIEM DONG (BT 094657) from where they began clearing the hamlet. Meanwhile, the tanks had moved by a different axis of advance to blocking positions at (BT 098658). The infantry clearing the hamlet came under fire from an estimated eight VC who were at (BT 094655). The tanks, who could observe the VC, fired two rounds of WP and two rounds of HE. The VC fire was suppressed, and they escaped being partially screened by the smoke. Two of the VC may have been hit. Thirteen VCS were apprehended during the operation and one VCS was wounded when he jumped out of the bushes at (BT 105648). The wounded VCS was evacuated. The operation was concluded and the Company back at its positions by 251200H.

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced squad for the security of the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 075710). The company also mans OP's at (BT 069710) and (BT 069705).

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion occupied positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707) until 240906H this morning. At this time the 2d battalion assumed the responsibility of the perimeter defense of the Danang Airbase. There were two USMC initiated incidents last night involving suspected VC movement in the vicinity of USMC positions. In both instances, small arms were fired in the direction of the suspected movement. There were no USMC casualties and no confirmed VC casualties.

(a) Company "E" occupied front line positions throughout the night. The company headquarters and the 1st platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of MIEU DONG (1), (BT 015677). The 2d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (2), (BT 016655) and the 3d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of BO MUNG (1), (BT 028657).

(b) Company "F" provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) remained in YEN NE (2), (AT 986684), and one squad remained at the 2d Battalion's medical station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687) for security. One squad provided security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 240052H the security squad located at the railroad bridge (AT 998707), sighted three VCS in the rice paddy at (BT 000706). The area was illuminated and three rounds of small arms fired into the area. At 240105H there was movement in the same area. The area was again illuminated and sprayed with a heavy volume of small arm fire. The area was illuminated after the heavy volume of fire and no further movement was spotted.

(c) Company "G" occupied front line positions with two platoons in the vicinity of AN TRACH (2), (AT 986654). One platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of LA BONG (2), (AT 970668).

(d) Company "H" occupied front line positions throughout the night. The 1st platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of YEN NE (1), (AT 990663). The 2d platoon remained in the vicinity of (AT 973655), and the 3d platoon occupied positions in the vicinity of NHON THO (1), (BT 005660).

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3d Battalion. Company "I" completed relief of Company "E" and presently occupies positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016655).

(a) Company "K" completed relief of Company "H" and presently occupies positions from (BT 005658) to (AT 973655). The HPI patrol received sniper fire from two VC, one of whom had an automatic weapon, near (BT 004648) at 241235H. The patrol returned the fire and sustained one WIA. Neither of the VC were wounded. ( See late entry for correct report).

(b) Company "L" completed relief of Company "F" and presently provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. One platoon (-) is at YEN NE (2), (AT 986684), and one squad is at the 3d Battalion's Medical Station in CAM NE (2), (AT 980687), for security. One squad (Rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(c) Company "M" completed relief of Company "G" and presently occupies positions (AT 970654) to (AT 964655) to (AT 967668) to (AT 975664).

#### Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out eleven combat patrols during the reporting period.

##### Company "A"

Alpha Homer 23B	240300H	to 240600H
Alpha Homer 29A	240900H	to 241230H
Alpha Homer	231800H	to 241800H

##### Company "B"

Bravo Homer 23A	230400H	to 240600H
Bravo Homer 24	240330H	to 241130H
Bravo Homer 23	232400H	to 240200H

##### Company "D"

Delta Homer 23C	240900H	to 241400H
Delta Homer 23	240300H	to 240630H
Delta Homer 23D	232400H	to 240300H
Delta Homer 24A	241200H	to 241600H
Delta Homer 23B	231800H	to 232400H

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(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion conducted ten patrols last night.

Company "E"	
Echo Papa 1	231936H to 232100H
Echo Papa 2	231930H to 232303H
Echo Papa 3	240005H to 240107H
Company "F"	
Foxtrot Papa 2	232020H to 240200H
Company "G"	
Golf Papa 1	232039H to 232400H
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Company "H"	
Hotel Papa 3	232400H to 240328H
Hotel Papa 5	250053H to 240400H
Hotel Papa 6	240052H to 240500H

(3) 3d Battalion

Foxtrot Papa 1	240900H to 241100H
Hotel Papa 1	240800H to 241430H
Hotel Papa 2	241000H to 241500H
Hotel Papa 3	240900H to 241430H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes last night.

Company "A"	{ BT 083699 )	240300H to 240600H
	{ BT 068706 )	240300H to 240600H
Company "D"	{ BT 102666 )	240330H to 241130H
	{ BT 096656 )	240100H to 240500H

(2) 2d Battalion. The 2d Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "E"		
Echo Alpha 1	{ BT 022651 )	240020H to 240450H
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Company "D"	(BT 038666)	240300H to 240800H

(2) 2d Battalion. None.

(3) 3d Battalion. None.

5. Change in Location of CP's

- a. 1st Battalion No change
- b. 2d Battalion

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Company "H"	(BT 009742)

c. 3d Battalion Fwd (AT 985682)  
Rear (AT 996722)

Company "I"	(BT 023657)
Company "K"	(AT 992663)
Company "L"	(AT 987734)
Company "M"	(AT 970667)

6. No change.

7. Training. Twenty-five persons from 3d Battalion began a two day course of instruction in mine warfare given by 3d Engineer Battalion.

8. Plans

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12. Late Entries.

a. The 3d Battalion reported at 241625H that the HPL patrol was attacked by eight VC with automatic weapons. The VC fired at the patrol five times between the hours 241200H and 241330H, withdrawing each time to attack again from another direction. Fire came from trench lines in LE SON (3), (AT 973646), and THI CAM (1), (AT 977643). After the VC broke contact, Company K began destroying the enemy positions. One Marine was wounded. It is not known if any of the VC were wounded or killed.

b. Medical supplies and other contraband has been seized at the check point on highway one. The details of what has been seized is not presently known, but will be reported later by spot report.

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

SITREP No. 79

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 241800H to 251800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. The battalion continued operation Golden Fleece. Company "A" (-) conducted a search and clear operation. There were two contacts with small enemy forces. One VC was killed and thirteen VCS were apprehended. Another two VC may have been wounded or killed. One M-1 rifle and one Chi Com fragmentation grenade were recovered. A tank hit a mine, but, sustained no damage. There were no Marine casualties.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provides security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 988733) and the railroad bridge and water point at (AT 998707). There were three contacts with small enemy forces during this period, two of which resulted in fire fights. One Marine was wounded slightly. There were no confirmed VC casualties; however, villagers reported two VC were killed as a result of a fire fight in YEN NE (3), (AT 981678).

c. Results in Actions

Friendly Casualties One WIA

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed	One confirmed
VCS Apprehended	Two probable Eleven

One M-1 rifle, and a Chi Com grenade were captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues operation Golden Fleece to protect the villagers during the harvest and to prevent the VC from imposing a rice tax in the area held by the Marines.

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). One reinforced squad occupies the old French bunker at (BT 083697). The company continuously patrols the area west of the CAN BIEN River and north of (T70). In conjunction with Operation Golden Fleece, Company "A" provides protection for rice farmers working in the vicinity of the French bunker (BT 083697).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy positions in their assigned sector with strong points at (BT 072669), (BT0726). The company conducts Golden Fleece patrols in the vicinity of (BT 088672). Company "B" (-) cleared the hamlet of VIEM DONG (BT 103657) this morning. The company was supported by eight tanks. The Company (-) departed the assembly area (BT 094670) at 250330H and moved south and west to oposition west of VIEM DONG (BT 094657) from where they began clearing the hamlet. Meanwhile, the tanks had moved by a different axis of advance to blocking positions at (BT 098658). The infantry clearing the hamlet came under fire from an estimated eight VC who were at (BT 094655). The tanks, who could observe the VC, fired two rounds of WP and two rounds of HE. The VC fire was suppressed, and they escaped being partially screened by the smoke. Two of the VC may have been hit. Thirteen VCS were apprehended during the operation and one VCS was wounded when he jumped out of the bushes at (BT 105648). The wounded VCS was evacuated. The operation was concluded and the Company back at its positions by 251200H.

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced squad for the security of the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 075710). The company also mans OP's at (BT 083710) and (BT 069705).

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(a) Company "D" occupies front line positions at (BT 034679) and at (BT 047670). The Company CP is located at (BT 047670). At 250645H two fire teams of the 3d Platoon, Company "D", conducted a search and destroy operation in grid squares (BT 0365), (BT 0465), (BT 0364) and (BT 0464). At 250745H, a scout sniper team, which was part of the operation, sighted one VC crossing the river in the vicinity of (BT 040650). The Marines killed the VC and recovered one M1 rifle, one Chi Com fragmentation grenade and some papers. One tank hit a mine at (BT 064651) while enroute to the 1st Platoon CP. The tank was not damaged and continued on to the CP.

(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" continues to occupy positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 031656) and remains (a check point at one (BT 017676) with one squad.

(b) Company "K" continues to occupy positions from (AT 973655) to (BT 005658). The Company received small arms sniper fire throughout the night. The KP5 at 250330H received small arms fire at (AT 985655) from two VC. The fire was returned, the VC broke contact, and the patrol continued. There were no casualties.

(c) Company "L" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985682), as Battalion CP security, and one squad remains at CAM NE (2), (AT 982687), for security. One squad (Rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). The 3d platoon (AT 981679), received small arms fire from three directions at 242110H lasting for about two hours. Villagers in the area reported that two VC were killed during the fighting.

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 971655) to (AT 966668) to (AT 974665). The MA patrol was engaged in a fire fight near (AT 968653) at 242150H by approximately eight VC. The patrol returned the fire and the VC broke contact. One Marine was wounded slightly. No enemy casualties were reported. The patrol returned to the company area.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out fifteen patrols during the reporting period.

Company "A"		
Alpha Homer 24B	250100H to 250400H	
Alpha Homer	Continues	
Company "B"		
Bravo Homer 25A	251030H to 251330H	
Bravo Homer 25	250400H to 250700H	
Bravo Homer 24A	242000H to 250200H	
Bravo Homer 25B	250330H to 251100H	
Bravo Homer 25A	251200H to 251700H	
Bravo Cadillac	241930H to 250600H	
Bravo Cadillac	241930H to 250600H	
Bravo Cadillac	241930H to 250600H	
Bravo Cadillac	251930H to 250600H	
Company "D"		
Delta Homer 24C	242000H to 250100H	
Delta Homer 25A	251400H to 251800H	
Delta Homer 24	242200H to 250130H	
Golden Fleece Delta	250645H to 251200H	

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted five patrols during this reporting period. One patrol had contact with a small enemy force.

Company "I"		
India Papa 1	242315H to 250155H	
Company "K"		
Kilo Papa 4	241945H to 242350H	
Kilo Papa 5	250300H to 250745H	
Company "L"		
Lima Papa 2	250047H to 250330H	
Company "M"		
Mike Papa	242230H to 250200H	

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "B"	(BT 080676)	242200H to 250100H
	{ BT 098663 }	250300H to 251030H
	{ BT 084673 }	250500H to 250930H

Company "D"	{ BT 043663 }	242020H to 250700H
	{ BT 068650 }	242200H to 250500H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established three ambushes during this period.

Company "I"		
India Alpha 3	(BT 033658)	242315H to 250155H

Company "M"		
Mike Alpha	(AT 958651)	242032H to 242155H

Company "L"		
Lima Alpha 1	(AT 990708)	242200H to 250140H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	{ BT 082697 }	241900H to 250600H
Company "B"	{ BT 087673 }	241900H to 250600H

Company "D"	{ BT 092670 }	241900H to 250600H
	{ BT 049670 }	241900H to 250600H

	{ BT 037677 }	241900H to 250600H
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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established three listening posts last night.

Mike Lima	{ AT 968655 }	242130H to 250400H
India Lima 2	{ BT 033658 }	242100H to 250605H

Kilo Lima 1	(AT 975661)	242055H to 250100H
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e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "B"	(BT 065662)	250400H to 250800H
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Company "B"	(BT 095659)	250400H to 250800H
Company "D"	(BT 032648)	250645H to 251200H
Company "D"	(BT 035650)	250645H to 251200H
Company "D"	(BT 041649)	250645H to 251200H
Company "D"	(BT 044652)	250645H to 251200H

(2) 3d Battalion. None.

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. Training. Twenty-five men from 3d Battalion completed the two day course of instructions in mine warfare given by 3d Engineer Battalion.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The battalion will continue to provide security for the bridge and water point (BT 072702) and for the radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct six squad size combat patrols and will establish five ambushes.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 998753) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Six patrols, three ambushes, six listening posts and six scout-sniper teams are planned during the next period.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9-- The Sub-Sector Advisor of the Hoa -Vang District received a verbal report of the civil affairs portion of yesterday's operation and was pleased with the information distributed and our methods of handling the civilians. He believes that much was accomplished and that the people are beginning to feel the presence of the GVN. The chief of Hoa-Long village has agreed to enact the sanitary measures that the Battalion Surgeon had suggested for the market located at coordinate 073704. The Battalion Surgeon gave a talk on baby care to mothers in the village of Thuy-Son coordinates 078709. Soap was distributed and the proper method of washing a child was demonstrated. The assembled people were thankful and left with an understanding of the necessity for personal hygiene. 256 civilians received medical treatment at the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 063736).

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(b) 2/9-- Identification Passes were issued to Civilian personnel who provide the laundry and barber services for this Command.

(c) 3/9-- 110 civilians received medical treatment at Hoa-Vang Aid Station (BT 013727).

(d) Hqs. 9th Mar-- 106 civilians received medical treatment at Binh Thai. (BT 013722).

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SITREP No. 80

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 251800H to 261800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue operations Rice Strait and Golden Fleece. Positions are occupied generally along Phaze Line Orange and patrols and ambushes are established and scout-sniper teams are employed throughout the Regimental TAOR.

a. 1st Battalion. Continues to occupy positions in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and continues operation Golden Fleece. Fifteen VCS were picked up during this period. Two Marines were WIA, one seriously.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Sporadic small arms fire was received along the Battalion's front throughout the night. A Platoon searched and cleared LE SON (3), (AT 978650), today. There was one VC initiated incident and two contacts with small enemy forces during this period. There five Marines WIA today. One VC was killed and three VCS were apprehended. This afternoon an AO spotted a boat on the YEN River carrying illegal rice. The Third Battalion diverted two squads to block the river up stream and down stream, and then helo-lifted two squads from Company M to where the boat was spotted. The boat was not on the river, but it was found moored and nearby a rice cache was found. The rice could not be recovered then, so the 3d Battalion decided to establish ambushes near the house to trap any persons who might attempt to recover the rice tonight.

c. Results of Actions.

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9th Marines	7	none	none

Enemy Casualties

VC killed	one
VCS apprehended	eighteen

An enemy rice cache has been discovered but has not been recovered yet. The size of the cache is not known.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece continues in the 1st Battalion's TAOR to protect the rice farmers during the harvest and to prevent the VC from imposing a rice tax in the area held by Marines.

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). One reinforced squad occupies positions at the French bunker near (BT 083697). The company continuously patrols the area west of the CAN BIEN River and north of grid line (T 70). As part of Operation Golden Fleece, Company "A" provides protection for harvesters working in the vicinity of the French bunker (BT 083697). At 261230H, a combat patrol from Company A, reinforced with a team of engineers, departed the company area and began clearing mines in the area between (BT 069692) and (BT 058689).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy front line positions in their assigned sector with strong points at (BT 072669) and at (BT 088672). This morning at 260600H the company, reinforced with six tanks, cleared VIEM DONG (BT 103557). With tanks occupying blocking positions to the east of the hamlet at (BT 099658), the company searched and cleared the hamlet, moving from positions to the west of VIEM DONG through the hamlet to the east. During the operation fourteen VCS were apprehended. The VCS were turned over to ITT. The operation was concluded at 260915H and the company returned to its position at (BT 088672).

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced squad for the security of the joint radar station on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 075710). The company also mans OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" occupies positions at (BT 034679) and at (BT 047670). The company CP is located at (BT 047670). Yesterday at 250430H, a patrol apprehended one VCS at (BT 041651). This incident was reported to G-3 in a Spot Report at 252200H. Today the company conducted Golden Fleece patrols in its assigned sector of the Battalion's TAOR.

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(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" continues to occupy positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016655) and man a check point at (BT 017676) with one squad.

(b) Company "K" continues to occupy positions from (AT 973655) to (BT 005658). One platoon conducted a search and clear of LE SON (2), (AT 978650), and three VC were apprehended. One Marine was wounded at (AT 978650) at 251800H by a sniper round. The Company CP (AT 992663) received one mortar round at 252300H; no casualties were sustained. At 252300H, near (BT 006664), a man on patrol KILO LIMA 1 stepped on a mine and four WIA were sustained. The patrol returned to the company lines after a helo-evac was effected. At (AT 986664) two wiremen were fired upon by two VC, and one Marine was wounded and one VC was killed. The VC body was not recovered, but a piece of his skull was found in a pool of blood.

(c) Company "L" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985682), as the Battalion CP security, and one aquad remains at CAM NE (2), (AT 982687), for security. One squad (rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707).

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 971655) to (AT 966668) to (AT 974665). A platoon search and clear operation was conducted in CAM NE (3), (AT 965686). There was no enemy contact and no evidence of recent enemy activity in the hamlet. Mike Alpha a squad (-) patrol, received fire from approximately six VC near (AT 968653) at 252030H. One of the VC had an automatic weapon. The patrol returned the fire and pursued the VC in a running fire-fight until 260030H until the VC broke contact and escaped into a tree line. No casualties were sustained. At 252315H, the MP patrol received small arms fire at (AT 965668) from five VC. The enemy withdrew when their fire was returned by the patrol. The company defensive positions received sniper fire throughout the night from (AT 963658) and (AT 965655).

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(3) Support Activities

(a) Air Support. The Regimental ALO has made and distributed air panels to mark landing zones and unit front lines. The panels are made of shelter halves with the standard unit, identifying codes painted on them. The panels have been distributed to the companies and platoons, and will be distributed to squads as they become available.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out eleven squad-size combat patrols during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "A"  
Alpha Homer 251800H to 261800H

Company "B"  
Bravo Homer 23A 252400H to 260600H  
Bravo Homer 24 260330H to 261130H  
Bravo Homer 23A 252400H to 260600H

Company "C"  
Charlie Homer 26A 261330H to 261630H  
Charlie Homer 25B 260100H to 260500H

Company "D"  
Delta Homer 26A 261400H to 261600H  
Delta Homer 25B 252200H to 260200H  
Delta Homer 25F 251700H to 252000H  
Delta Homer 25G 252200H to 252300H  
Delta Homer 25C 252000H to 252200H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted seven patrols during this period. Two patrols had contact with small enemy forces.

Company "I"  
India Papa 3 261000H to 261300H

Company "K"  
Kilo Papa 1 260830H to 261400H

Company "L"  
Lima Papa 1 261120H to 261600H  
Lima Papa 2 252200H to 260300H

Company "M"  
Mike Papa 252030H to 260400H  
Mike Papa 1 260900H to 261200H  
Mike Papa 2 261230H to 261600H

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established seven ambushes last night.

Company "B"	(BT 101667)	260300H to 261000H
	(BT 097658)	260100H to 260500H
	(BT 101656)	260100H to 260600H
Company "C"	(BT 073702)	260200H to 260400H
Company "D"	(BT 038652)	252000H to 260001H
	(BT 062648)	260300H to 260900H
	(BT 048668)	260200H to 260630H

(2) 3d Battalion. Established one ambush during this period. One ambush received small arms fire while enroute to ambush site.

Company "M" (AT 969646) 252000H to 260100H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 082696)	251900H to 260530H
Company "B"	(BT 087673)	251900H to 260530H
	(BT 092670)	251900H to 260600H
Company "D"	(BT 049670)	251900H to 260500H
	(BT 037677)	251900H to 260530H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established three listening posts during this period. One IP suffered four casualties when an enemy mine was detonated.

Company "K"  
Kilo Lima 1 (BT 006664) 252030H to 252330H

Company "M"  
Mike Lima 1 (BT 962653) 251930H to 252330H  
Mike Lima 2 (BT 960654) 252400H to 260400H

e. Scout Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out one Scout-Sniper Team last night.

Company "B" (BT 094667) 251730H to 260730H

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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established one Scout Sniper Team last night.

Company "K"  
Kilo Sierra (BT 974661) 260200H to 260400H

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

(a) 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will continue. The battalion will continue to provide security for the bridge at (BT 072702) and the radar site at (BT 062853). During the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct nine squad size, combat patrols, one ambush and five listening posts. Tomorrow the 3d Platoon, Company "A", will begin a three day combat patrol in the battalion's rear area.

(b) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 998733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Six patrols, three ambushes and five listening posts and four scout sniper teams are planned for the next twenty-four hour period.

9. Miscellaneous. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The Marine Liaison Officer for Hoa Vang District and the 1/9 CA Officer toured Hoa Long Village (BT 073704) to seek areas for self help program. The village school will be the first project, where blackboards and a latrine will be made. A team of Marines have been assigned to instruct the villagers on the construction and maintenance of these items. The Battalion Surgeon treated 50 villagers at the Sacre Heart Orphanage (BT 054752).

b. 3/9 - 103 villagers were treated by Med teams near Battalion rear areas. 60 civilians were treated at CAM NE including 35 children, 15 adult males and 10 adult females. 11 villagers were treated at YEN NE (AT 971678).

c. Hqrs, 9thMar - The Regiment Chaplain distributed over 100 pairs of childrens sandals near BINH THI Village (BT 0713722).

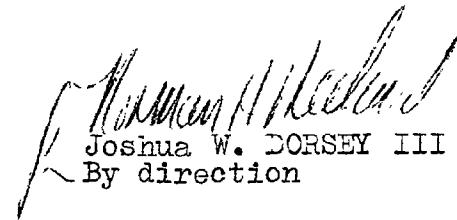
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11. Late Entries.

a. At 261555H two Marines in Company "D", 1st Battalion were wounded by a 57mm RTR which hit a tank, upon which they were riding, at (BT 062635). The tank was damaged. The Marines were helo-evacuated.

b. A boat carrying rice was seen at (AT 972689) by an AO and patrol Lima Brown 1, squad size, was diverted to (AT 972689) arriving there at 261500H. Patrol Mike II, squad size, was also diverted to seal off the river vicinity (BT 956) and arrived there at 261500H. A squad from Company "M" was helo-lifted to (AT 963677), where a rice cache was located in an unoccupied house. An ambush will be established in the vicinity of (AT 963677) to intercept any persons trying to retrieve the rice. Lima Brown 1 found an empty boat, beached at (AT 972689).



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From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 81

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines2. Period Covered. 261800H to 271800H September 19653. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines continue operation Golden Fleece and Rice Straw. The Regiment occupies positions generally along Phase Line Orange.

a. 1st Battalion. There was one contact with a small enemy force and an ambush killed three VC. A VC bunker, believed to have VC and a 57mm recoilless rocket inside, was destroyed by artillery fire. The battalion conducted ten patrols and established four ambushes and six listening posts last night. Three scout-sniper teams were employed.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion continues to occupy positions south of the CAM DO River in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Sporadic Sniper fire was received along the Battalion front during the night. Two fire fights at CAM NE (2), (AT 980690), resulted in two probable VC KIA'S and one Marine slightly wounded. A search and clear operation was conducted in the western portion of CAM NE (2). One Marine was killed during the night by a booby-trap. Three VCS were apprehended during this period.

c. Results in Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA
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9th Marines	1	1
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<u>Enemy Casualties</u>		
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VC Killed	3	Confirmed	2 Probable
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VCS Apprehended	3
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Grenades, three cartridge belts, a map, medical supplies and five boxes of tobacco were captured. One VC bunker was destroyed.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations

(1) 1st Battalion. The 3d Platoon, Company "A", commenced a three day combat patrol. The 2d Platoon, Company "D", ambushed a VC patrol this morning. The ambush, by body count, killed three VC. An artillery fire mission was fired this afternoon on a VC bunker. The target was destroyed and a secondary explosion was observed.

(a) Company "A" continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714). One reinforced squad occupies positions near the French bunker at (BT 083697). The company continuously patrols the area west of the CAN BIEN River and north of grid line (T 70). As part of operation Golden Fleece, the 3d Platoon, Company "A", commenced a three day combat patrol this morning at 270700H. The patrol will work between the VIHN DIEN River and the CAN BIEN River north of the (T 68) grid line.

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy front line positions in their assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR with strong points at (BT 072669) and (BT 088672). From these positions the company conducted five squad size combat patrols during this reporting period. This morning at 271030H, the 2d Platoon, reinforced with two tanks from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion, made a reconnaissance of the area bounded by coordinates (BT 103649) to (BT 097630) to (BT 119630). The tanks destroyed numerous helicopter, punji stakes which were in the area.

(c) Company "C", located at (BT 067714), provides one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 075710) and a reinforced squad for the security of the joint radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853). The company also man's OP's at (BT 075710) and at (BT 069705).

(d) Company "D" occupies front line positions at (BT 034670) and at (BT 047670). The company CP is located at (BT 047670). This morning, two squads of the 3d Platoon, reinforced with three tanks from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion moved to the vicinity of (BT 065631) where a tank received a 57 mm RR round yesterday. The armored patrol received small arms fire and was grenade at (BT 066631). The infantry element advanced and continued to receive small arms fire. Two VC were spotted and the platoon commander estimated another ten VC to be in the area. The patrol then broke contact and returned to the company CP to pick up the Forward Observer. With six additional tanks, the patrol returned to the vicinity of (BT 065632). The FO called an artillery fire mission on a bunker, containing the 57 mm RR and five armed VC. The mission was on target and destroyed the bunker. A secondary explosion was observed. The bunker was believed to be an ammunition dump.

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At 271007H a squad from the 2d Platoon ambushed three VC on a trail at (BT 048678). The three VC were killed and their bodies were recovered. A number of grenades, three cartridge belts, and a map were recovered.

(2) 3d Battalion.

(a) Company "I" continues to occupy positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016655). Company "I" mans a check point on Highway 1 in MIEU DONG at (BT 017678). Yesterday, the check point confiscated twenty pounds of rice and twenty-five gallons of fuel oil. Seven VCS were apprehended. The VCS and contraband were turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

(b) Company "K" continues to occupy positions from (AT 973655) to (BT 005658). At 270600H one Marine was found dead at (AT 992664). He was apparently killed by a booby-trap, possibly a grenade. It is believed he was killed at 270410H, at which time an artillery mission was being fired. The man was first missed at 270410H and a search was begun. He was not found until daylight.

(c) Company "L" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985682), as Battalion CP security and one squad remains at CLM NE (2), (AT 982687) for security. One squad (rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 262115H, the 2d squad, 3d platoon, which is at the school house in CLM NE (2), (AT 980687) received fire from their west. The VC fired about 150 rounds from automatic weapons. The fire was returned and one VC was wounded. An attempt by several Marines to recover the VC body failed when they were taken under heavy fire. 81mm mortars were used to illuminate the area. The squad observed the enemy drag the VC body away. There were no Marine casualties. From 262240H to 262315H the school house at (AT 981687) was again taken under fire by automatic and semi-automatic fire from the north east, north and north west. Approximately 400 rounds were fired by the VC. One brick building from which a VC was firing was destroyed by a 3.5" rocket and the VC was presumably killed. A VC detonated a claymore mine and was knocked into a hole. The grenadier fired two 40mm grenades into the hole probably killing the VC. One Marine was slightly wounded by bullet debris.

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At 270830H the village chief of CAM NE (2), (AT 980688), reported a VC platoon in the vicinity of (AT 980687) in tunnels. The 3d platoon was dispatched to the area but was unable to find any VC. The platoon searched the hamlet and found medical supplies in plastic bags and various documents. Two VCS were apprehended. The search was concluded at 271400H and the 3d platoon returned to the Battalion (Fwd) CP.

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 975664) to (AT 964668) to (AT 964665) to (AT 970654). The squad from Company "M" that was helo-lifted yesterday to LA BONG (3), (AT 964677), and found a cache of seventy-five shocks of rice at a boat landing at (AT 962677); returned at 261830H to the company area. A squad combat patrol was sent back to LA BONG (3), (AT 964677) to establish an ambush near the rice cache to prevent its recovery. As the patrol approached the objective area they saw a boat leaving the landing heading north. The patrol was not close enough to stop the boat. When the patrol arrived at the landing the rice was not there. The patrol returned to the company line at 270800H.

• (3) Fire Support Activities

Artillery Missions

Thirty rounds of 105mm HE were expended on an enemy bunker which was the suspected location of a 57mm RL at (BT 064628). The bunker was destroyed and a secondary explosion was observed.

At 262100H, 42 rounds of 105mm HE were expended at (AT 980625), the suspected location of two VC Battalions.

b. Patrols

(a) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out nine squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrols during the reporting period.

Company "A"	
Alpha Homer	261800H to 271800H
Alpha Cadillac	270700H to 30 Sep 65

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Company "B"  
 Bravo Homer 27B 270600H to 271300H  
 Bravo Homer 26B 261930H to 262330H  
 Bravo Homer 26 271100H to 271700H  
 Bravo Homer 27 270600H to 271400H  
 Bravo Homer 26X 270400H to 271030H

Company "C"  
 Charlie Homer 262200H to 270200H

Company "D"  
 Delta Homer 27A 271600H to 271900H  
 Delta Homer 26B 261900H to 262400H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted sixteen patrols during this period.

Company "I"  
 India Papa 1 271300H to 271600H  
 India Papa 1 Alpha 270001H to 270200H  
 India Papa 2 270300H to 270530H  
 India Papa 3A 262130H to 262330H  
 India Papa 5 270730H to 271030H

Company "K"  
 Kilo 1 261800H to 262230H  
 Kilo 2 262300H to 270200H  
 Kilo 3 270300H to 270500H  
 Kilo 4 271200H to 271500H

Company "L"  
 Lima Bat 1 262100H to 262315H  
 Lima Bat 2 262330H to 270200H  
 Lima Bat 3 270245H to 270550H  
 Lima Papa Black A 262015H to 270030H

Company "M"  
 Mike 1 262000H to 270030H  
 Mike 4 270100H to 270500H  
 Mike 5 270900H to 271300H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes during the past twenty-four hours.

Company "C" (BT 063720) 270230H to 270630H  
 Company "B" (BT 095658) 270400H to 271030H

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Company "D"      (BT 048656) 262400H to 270630H  
 Company "D"      (BT 048678) 271000H to

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted six ambushes during the period.

Company "I"

India Alpha 2 (BT 023650) 262230H to 270630H  
 India Alpha 3 (BT 032658) 262130H to 262330H

Company "K"

Kilo Alpha (BT 004666) 270300H to 270500H

Company "L"

Lima Apple (AT 988706) 272100H to 270500H  
 Lima Alpha Black (AT 990688) 262200H to 262300H

Company "M"

Mike Alpha 6 (AT 963677) 270115H to 270800H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six listening posts last night.

Company "A" (BT 082696) 261930H to 260630H  
 Company "B" (BT 087673) 261930H to 260630H  
 Company "C" (BT 092670) 261930H to 260630H  
 Company "D" (BT 068713) 261930H to 260630H  
 Company "D" (BT 049670) 261930H to 260630H  
 Company "D" (BT 037677) 261930H to 260630H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established two listening posts during the period.

Company "K"

Kilo Lima (BT 007657) 270300H to 270500H

Company "M"

Mike Lima (AT 971663) 261930H to 270130H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established three scout-sniper teams during the period.

Company "D" (BT 050656) 270300H to 270800H  
 Company "D" (BT 082659) 270300H to 270800H  
 Company "B" (BT 092666) 262000H to 270600H

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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established two scout-sniper teams last night.

Company "I"  
India Sierra (BT 022660) 262330H to 270100H

Company "K"  
Kilo Sierra (AT 993650) 270400H to 270800H

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. Training

a. 1st Battalion. One squad of Company "A" received mine clearing instruction from 271300H until 271530H which was conducted by the 1st AmTrac Battalion and the 3d Engineer Battalion.

b. 3d Battalion. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will continue. The Battalion will continue to provide security for the bridge and water point at (BT 072702) and the joint radar site at (BT 062853). The front line companies will continue to conduct combat patrols. The 3d platoon, Company "A", will continue its three day combat patrol in the battalion's rear area. Tomorrow an ARVN search and clear operation will be conducted in the 1st Battalion TAOR from 280600H to 281800H. The 593d RF Company will move northwest from MIEU BONG (1), (BT 017684), to TUNG LAM (1), (BT 037707). The 591st RF Company will move southwest to LO GIANG (1), (BT 023702). Company "D", 1st Battalion will support this operation by establishing blocking positions in MAN QUAN (1), (BT 033691).

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions south of the CAU DO River along Phase Line Orange and provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump at (AT 998733) and the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). Fourteen patrols, four ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for the next period.

9. None.

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10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The Village Chief of Hoa Ian (BT 051717) and Hoa Phuong (BT 056700) will accompany the Martin Clemens patrol through those areas and arrangements have been completed to supply the patrol with GVN Newsletters and magazines and the village chief will distribute these. An Army PsyWar Team will join the patrol on the second day with a resupply of info and news releases. Rice harvested south of the Marble Mountain area is being stored in private homes in the village of Hoa Long (BT 073704). Security is the task of the RF troops controlled by the Hoa Vang District Chief. 71 civilians were treated in 1/9 areas and 69 in 3/9 areas.

11. Late Entries.

a. At 271512H, the 3d Battalion reported that the check point on Highway 1 at (BT 017676) apprehended one female VCS today and confiscated the following contraband; five hundred pounds of tobacco in five boxes and two cans of fish sauce.

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28 Sep 1965From: Ninth Marines  
To: CG, Third MarDiv

SITREP No. 82

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 271800H to 281800H to September 1965
3. General Summary of Events. The Viet Cong suffered significant losses today in the Ninth Marines TAOR as Operation Golden Flecce and Rice Straw continue. There has been a significant increase in the number and size contacts with enemy forces during this period.

a. 1st Battalion. Acting on intelligence information received yesterday from an eleven year old boy ( See Ninth Marines Intelligence Summary #81, of 272400H September 1965), Company "D", 1st Battalion, laid out an ambush near THI AN (2), (BT 033675), and killed two VC and captured one. Two patrols made contact with small enemy forces. The 1st Battalion killed a total of five VC, captured three VC, wounded two VC (not captured) and apprehended one VCS.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion received small arms fire in their front line positions throughout the night. There were three contacts with small enemy forces and two contacts with platoon size forces during this period. Company "M" made contact with an estimated twenty VC at 281210H near (BT 964649). Company "M" attempted to envelope the enemy and fired 39 rounds of 81 mm mortar HE. The 3d Battalion killed one VC, and estimated they wounded another five during this period. Two VCS were apprehended on the C-U DO River after one was seen throwing a white bag and a carbine in the river. Another two VCS were apprehended at Highway 1 check point.

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA
9th Marines	5	none

<u>Enemy Casualties</u>	
VC killed	6
VC captured	3
VCs apprehended	5

d. Chi Com rifle, one Chi Com grenade, and document were captured. Five pounds of rice, three boxes of tobacco, and five gallons of gasoline were confiscated this period. A boat was captured.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714) and is the Battalion reserve. The 3d Platoon is into the second day of its three day combat patrol in area bounded by the CAN BIEN River, the VINH DIEN River, and grid line (T67).

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy front line positions in their assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR with strong points at (BT 072669) and (BT 088672). This morning at 280830H a combat patrol, Bravo Homer 28x, spotted four VC armed with one carbine and grenades at (BT 103649). The squad opened fire upon the four. The squad was then fired upon by two more VC who were in the same area. The squad returned fire. Three of the VC were killed, and two were wounded. Two Marines sustained minor wounds. One Chi Com rifle was captured. Three of the VC, two of whom were wounded, managed to escape.

(c) Company "C", located at (BT 067714), provides one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 075710) and now maintains one reinforced squad at the French bunker at (BT 083697). Today at 281000H, a squad from the 106 RR Platoon, H&S Company, relieved Company "C" of responsibility for the radar site on MON KY Mountain at (BT 062853). At 280900H, the squad at the French bunker discovered a man hidden in a hole in the front yard of a house in the hamlet of ANTRA (2), (BT 088687). The squad was investigating c-ration boxes found in the yard. The man would not come out of the hole, and was wounded in the arm when bayonettes were used to ferret him out. The man in the hole and the man who lived in the house were apprehended. The man in the house was released after being identified by the Village Chief. The other VCS was taken to ITT.

(d) Company "D" occupies front line positions at (BT 034670) and at (BT 047670). The company CP is located at (BT 047670). This morning at 280430H, the 2d Platoon, Company "D", acting upon intelligence received from a Vietnamese boy captured during an operation yesterday, set out three ambushes in the vicinity of THI N (2), (BT 033675). At 280700, the ambush at (BT 033674) spotted three VC. The Marines opened fire killing two and capturing one. While returning to the CP, two VCS were found hiding in a house in the area where the ambushes were set.

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The two dead VC, along with one captured VC and the two apprehended VCS, were taken to the water point at (BT 075710). The village chief identified the two dead VC and the three captured as VC. The three were turned over to ITT. One Chi Com grenade and assorted papers were taken from the VC.

(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" continues to occupy positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016655). Company "I" mans the check point on Highway 1 at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017677). The following contraband was confiscated today; five lbs of rice, three boxes of tobacco, five gallons of gasoline and two civilians without ID. The goods and people were taken to Hoa Vang Hqs. A squad size patrol, India Papa One, received automatic and semi-automatic fire from an estimated five VC at (BT 018663) at 272020H. The patrol immediately returned a heavy volume of fire and the VC broke contact and escaped in a tree line. The patrol searched the area from which the VC had been firing and found no indication of VC casualties. The India I3 patrol received fire from (BT 028659) at 272215. An estimated three VC, using carbines, were taken under fire and one was knocked down. The other two VC pulled him into a covered position and made their escape. The patrol followed the VC but lost them in a dense tree line. At 281027H, three carbine rounds were fired from a blue bus traveling north on Highway #1 at (BT 023659).

(b) Company "K" continues to occupy positions from (AT 973655) to (BT 005658). Splashing was heard in a rice paddy at (AT 972663) at 272100H and five sniper rounds were received. The area was illuminated and two men were sent to investigate. Nothing was found. At 272010 ten sniper rounds were received from (AT 995660). At 272030 a grenade was thrown from (AT 993663), but no casualties were received. 81 mm mortars illuminated the area and a figure was seen running 30 small arms rounds and one M79 round were fired before the figure ducked into the tree line. Using the TPS-21, movement was observed at 272130H near (AT 993664). Several 50 cal spotter-tracer rounds and two M79 rounds, were fired in the area. At 280050H 50 rounds of automatic carbine fire, including tracers, were received from (AT 992668). 81 mm mortars were used to illuminate the area, but no VC were seen. At 281200H a VN woman wandered into the 1st Platoon CP (BT 003658) with a shrapnel wound in her shoulder. She was evacuated to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. It is not known how she was wounded.

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(c) Company "L" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d Platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985632), as the Battalion CP security, and one squad remains at CAM NE (2), (AT 982687) for security. One squad (rein) provides security for the railroad bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 272345H the railroad bridge security squad observed four men carrying weapons at (AT 998707). The Marines and ARVN took them under fire. The four men crawled into a rice paddy and disappeared, apparently receiving no casualties. The ARVN searched the area and found no VC or blood. A squad size patrol, Lima Papa Red, encountered an estimated force of 25 VC at 272308H near (AT 987708). The VC were using both automatic and semi-automatic weapons. One VC was wounded, but the Marines couldn't recover the body because of the size and fire power of the enemy force. At 272310 the VC broke contact and melted into the jungle. The patrol was not able to follow the VC trail and so continued on their patrol route. The 3d platoon with one squad of ARVN and two dog teams began a search operation of the area in the vicinity of (AT 977688) this morning at 280500H. A report received yesterday indicated a VC platoon was in the area hiding in tunnels. The Platoon has not made any contact. At 281445H at the railroad bridge, (AT 995705), two VN in a 10ft x 3ft boat were observed trying to evade a Marine patrol by hiding in the bushes along the river. A fire team of the 2d Squad, 2d platoon was dispatched to apprehend the two VN. Upon seeing the Marines coming the VN threw a white bag and a carbine into the river. The boat is now tied up at the bridge (AT 997708) and the VN are being evacuated. The boat contained two fish nets, a basket of fish and two oars. Marines are diving for the carbine and white bag.

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 975664) to (AT 964668) to (AT 964665) to (AT 970654). A squad size patrol, Mike Papa 1, was engaged in a fire fight at 272335H near (AT 974675) with five VC who were carrying at least one automatic weapon. Contact was broken by the VC and the Marines conducted an area search for the VC but were unable to locate them. The patrol continued along its designated route. At 281210, between LE SON (4), (AT 965647), and LE SON (3), (AT 974647), a four man scout-sniper team, covered by one squad, was moving into position at (AT 964645) when they were taken under fire by an estimated 20 VC. The remainder of the 2d platoon enveloped the enemy and 39 rds of HE, 81 mm mortars were called in on the VC. The VC sustained an estimated 3 wounded and one KIA (body count). Three Marines were wounded. At 281430H one of the 81 mm mortars HE rounds fell short at (AT 969655). Four civilians were wounded by it and a corpsman was sent to take care of them.

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b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out eleven squad combat patrols and one platoon combat patrol.

## Company "A"

Alpha Homer ..	Continuous
Alpha Cadillac	Continuous

## Company "B"

Bravo Homer 28	280330H to 281030H
Bravo Homer 28B	280410H to 281000H
Bravo Homer 27A	272000H to 280200H
Bravo Homer 28D	280600H to 281200H
Bravo Homer 28X	280200H to 282300H

## Company "C"

Charlie Homer 28A	281300H to 281630H
Charlie Homer 27C	272000H to 280030H

## Company "D"

Delta Homer 27B	272200H to 280300H
Delta Homer 28B	281300H to 281700H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted 15 squad size combat patrols during this period.

## Company "I"

India Papa 1	272000H to 272230H
India Papa 2	272330H to 280130H
India Papa 2A	280630H to 280930H
India Papa 3	280200H to 280500H
India Papa 3A	281530H to 281830H

## Company "K"

Kilo Papa 1	280400H to 280800H
Kilo Papa 2	271830H to 272100H
Kilo Papa 4	280800H to 281100H

## Company "L"

Lima Mitt 1 Papa	272000H to 272250H
Lima Mitt 2 Papa	272300H to 280150H
Lima Mitt 3 Papa	280210H to 280525H
Lima Papa Red	271800H to 281400H

## Company "M"

Mike Papa 1	272000H to 280100H
Mike Papa 2	281230H to 281700H
Mike How Alpha	272400H to 280600H

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c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established six ambushes last night.

Company "B"	(BT 086657)	280500H to 280900H
	(BT 078657)	280330H to 280930H
	(BT 102658)	272130H to 280030H
	(BT 082670)	280400H to 280800H

Company "B"	(BT 071649)	272300H to 280600H
	(BT 041673)	280400H to 280600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four ambushes during this period.

Company "I"		
India Alpha 1	(BT 026651)	272300H to 280600H

Company "K"		
Kilo Alpha	(BT 008668)	280100H to 280400H

Company "L"		
Lima Alpha	(AT 984687)	272030H to 280030H

Company "M"		
Mike Alpha 1	(AT 970654)	272000H to 280100H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "A"	(BT 082696)	271900H to 280600H
Company "B"	(BT 087673)	271900H to 280600H
Company "C"	(BT 092670)	271900H to 280600H
Company "D"	(BT 049670)	271900H to 280600H
	(BT 037677)	271900H to 280600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four listening posts during this period.

Company "I"		
India Lima 3	(BT 028659)	272000H to 280200H

Company "K"		
Kilo Lima	(AT 974663)	271900H to 272400H

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Company "I"  
Lima Peach (AT 983708) 272100H to 280500H

Company "M"  
Mike Dog (AT 973670) 272000H to 280300H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None reported.

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established two scout-sniper teams during this period.

Company "I"  
India Sierra 2 (BT 028660) 280400H to 281000H

Company "K"  
Kilo Sierra (AT 980650) 280400H to 280800H

5. No change.

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. At 290630H tomorrow morning, 3d Engineers, reinforced with one squad from Company "L", will clear the coast highway of obstacles. At 291030H, the 1st platoon, Company "L", reinforced with three Tanks and two Ontos, will depart the Battalion CP (BT 072708) and move south on the coast highway to TRA KHE (1), (BT 088675), in an armored column. The Hoa Long Village Chief will take two civilian busses with the column to collect rice on the return trip.

b. 3d Battalion. The 592d Company (-) CP will be positioned in the CAM NE Village Complex (AT 980690) in order to support the 3d platoon, Company "L", patrol routes; provide security for the villagers of CAM NE; and provide a focal point for the Civil Affairs conducted in the CAM NE area. The location of the CP will be closely coordinated with Mr. LUONG, the CAM NE District Chief, and the 3d Battalion Civ Affairs Team.

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(2) An extensive ambush system will be established surrounding the Battalion (Fwd) CP (AT 985682) for the next several nights. This step is a measure to curtail the heavy VC activity in that area for the past week.

(3) Beginning at 300800H, a search and clear operation will be conducted in coordination with 1/1, along the YEN River. A strip 100 meters by 4 000 meters along the river will be searched by a platoon, paying particular attention to tunnels along the river's edge. The operation will start from (AT 959658) and move north, 1000 meters each day.

(4) Twelve patrols, five ambushes, three listening posts and three scout-sniper teams are planned during the next twenty-four hours.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Headquarters, 9th Marines - 5,000 pounds of bulgar wheat and 120 gallons of cooking oil were distributed to the battalion CA Officer.

b. Mr. Dave Reid, head of Public Health Department of USOM, the Senior Medical Officer of 1st MarDiv and the Senior Medical Officer of 3d MarDiv met with the CA Officers and Medical Officers of 9th Marines, 1/9, 2/9 and 3/9 to discuss the turnover of sick calls and aid stations to Vietnamese public health officials in pacified areas.

c. The Regimental and Division CA Officers met with the Hoa Vang District Chief and discussed the Province pacification plan for 9 villages south of the CAU DO River in Hoa Vang District. Plans were made for the Province Chief of Land Service and Province Chief of Reconstruction Service to meet with the Hoa Vang District Chief, the Division CA Officer, and the 9th Marines CA Officer and tour the 9 villages including C.M NE area tomorrow.

d. 1/9 - The Martin Clemens patrol operating in the village of Hoa Plung (grid squares 0475 and 0570) distributed CVN pamphlets and newsletters. The village chief accompanied the patrol and met with the people of the hamlets of BA TUNG (2), (BT 055706) and KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056705). Over 1000 agricultural pamphlets were also given out.

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The 1/9 Battalion Surgeon inspected the market place at Hoa Long (BT 073704) with the village chief and advised him on sanitary measures.

The school at Hoa Long (BT 073704) was given a new black board and a set of maps for the students use by 1/9.

118 children and adults were treated at the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 054752). 500 bars of soap were provided to the Nuns for the children of the orphanage and 152 bars of soap were distributed by the medical teams and the village chief at SON THUY (BT 070710).

e. 3/9 - The newly appointed assistant village chief for Hoa Thai village (including CAM NE) was introduced by the village chief to members of 3/9 and the village chief and his assistant spent the evening in the 3/9 CP and accompanied an ARVN search and sweep mission in CAM NE (6) (AT 975685).

63 villagers were treated by Lima Company at the aid station in CAM NE (6), (AT 975685).

A 12 year old girl was evacuated by helicopter to C&C from An Trach (2), (AT 973655) with a serious cut in the abdomen accidentally self-inflicted.

44 villagers were treated by forward and rear CP B&S.

#### 11. Late Entries

a. At 281215H a reinforced squad from 3d platoon, Company "D", encountered two VC at (BT 053645). Automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire was received. The squad pursued the VC to the VIEN DIEN River. The squad continued to patrol and at 281345H received sniper fire from (BT 059643). There were no Marine casualties.

b. At 281730H the 3d Battalion reported that the 20 VC engaging Mike Company broke contact at 281500H. The 3d Platoon conducted a search of the area of the contact and found only numerous blood stains in the vicinity of (AT 975646). During the fire fight, one VC in a tree was shot in the abdomen and fell from the tree landing on his head.

c. The 3d Platoon, Lima Company, found approximately one hundred and fifty tunnels in CAM NE (2), (AT 975686). Some of these were blown by the platoon; the rest will be filled in by the villagers.

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29 Sep 65

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

SITREP No. 83

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 281800H to 291800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events.

a. 1st Battalion. Had no contact with enemy forces as they continue to occupy and patrol the Southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR. One 81mm booby trap was destroyed and three VCS were apprehended today.

b. 3d Battalion. Bore the brunt of increased attacks by the VC in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR. Two small enemy forces, one platoon size force, and one large VC force were encountered during this period. It is estimated seven VC were killed and ten wounded in a fire fight at the railroad bridge last night. Four VC were killed (body count) by a patrol. Fifteen uniforms, two banners and two urns of rice were destroyed. One Marine was KIA and three WIA during this period.

- c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA
9th Marines	3	1

Enemy Casualties

VC Killed	Four
VC Apprehended	Three

An 81mm mortar round booby-trapped was destroyed. Fifteen uniforms, two banners and two urns of rice were destroyed.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" (-) continues to provide security for the Battalion CP at (BT 067714) and is the Battalion reserve. The 3d Platoon is into the third day of its three day combat patrol in an area bounded by the CAN BIEN River, the VIHN DIEN River, and grid line (T67). This morning at approximately 290630H one squad, reinforced by engineers, commenced to clear the costal route from TRA (BT 080697) to TRA KHE (BT 088672). They uncovered a booby-trapped 81 mm mortar shell at (BT 089687). The engineer team blew it in place. This morning at 291030H, the 1st Platoon reinforced with three tanks, and two ontos, departed the Battalion CP (BT 067714) to re-supply Company "B".

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy front line positions in their assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR with strong points at (BT 072669) and at (BT 088672). This morning, a patrol was sent north along the costal road to approximately grid line (T68) to clear the route for the armored convoy which traveled the route to TRA KHE (1), (BT 088672). The 2d Platoon, Company "B", will return with the convoy to the Battalion CP.

(c) Company "C" located at (BT 067714) provides one reinforced platoon for the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 071702) and one reinforced squad at the French bunker at (BT 083697).

(d) Company "D" occupies front line positions at (BT 047670) and at (BT 034670). The company CP is located at (BT 047670). This morning at 291100H, the 3d Platoon apprehended three VCS in the vicinity of (BT 062648). The men had ID cards and were carrying hollowed bamboo logs which are used for signalling. The VCS were turned over to ITT.

(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" continues to occupy positions from (BT 031656) to (BT 016652). Company "I" mans the check point on Highway 1 at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017677). The 2d Platoon (rein) conducted a search and clear operation of grid squares (BT 0166) and (BT 0165) beginning at 290800H. No enemy contact was reported.

At approximately 291315H, the India Papa 2 Alpha squad patrol received heavy small arms fire from VC, and sustained one WIA and one KIA. The 3d Battalion reported the location of the patrol as (BT 023650), but the patrol was evidently lost because an AO in the area could see the patrol in the vicinity of (BT 000630). The AO could also see a large VC force closing

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in on the patrol. The AO called a fire mission on twelve VC in trenches at (AT 994630). Sixty rounds of 105mm HE were expended on the target at 291330H. The VC disbursed and the AO reported that they probably had casualties. Two squads and an FO were sent to reinforce the patrol. At 291625H, two F4 fighter aircraft were scrambled and delivered twelve bombs and twenty eight Zuni rockets on targets at (AT 993630). The target area was well covered and four buildings were left burning. The airstrike was controlled by the AO. At 291735H twelve more rounds of 105mm HE were expended on the target, directed by the Company I FO which arrived in the area with the relief force at 291730H.

(b) Company K continues to occupy positions from (AT 973655) to (BT 005658). At 282100H, three V's fired fifteen automatic and semiautomatic carbine rounds from (BT 010660). The fire was returned by Marines at (BT 006660) and fifty more rounds were fired by the VC, thirty of which were tracer. No casualties were sustained and no VC casualties were observed. Thirty-five rice harvesters were observed working in rice paddies at 281900H near (BT 006664). Ten of these seemed to be working extremely slow and paying unusual attention to the company lines. By 282000H all but the ten suspicious persons had left. Visual contact was lost with them because of ensuing darkness. One fragmentation grenade was received at (BT 008659) from an unknown source.

(c) Company L continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985682), as the Battalion CP security, and one squad remains at CAM NE (2), (AT 982687), for security. One squad (rein) provides security for the bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 281940H the ARVN security detachment at the south end of the CAU DO River railroad bridge (AT 998707), opened fire with small arms on six to eight people approaching the bridge from the west. The ARVN unit and a Marine (rein) fire team, at the same position, were immediately taken under small arms fire, both automatic and semiautomatic, from an estimated thirty VC. The VC fire from the east, south and west, about 200 meters from the south end of the bridge. The fire was returned by the whole squad (rein) and the ARVN unit at the bridge, using small arms, with white phosphorous and heat rounds from a 3.5" rocket launcher and 60mm mortar illumination. In about five minutes the VC fire ceased and a fire team search party was sent to retrieve the seven VC bodies visible about 200 meters to the south. The search party was immediately taken under VC fire and was forced to return under cover of friendly return fire. A second search party was dispatched about 30 minutes after the first with the same results.

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At 282130H a 3d search party was sent out but was called back because of a friendly HE mortar mission. 81 mm mortar and artillery illumination was extensively used during the fire fight. A search of the area south of the bridge was made this morning, but the bodies had been removed. At 291025H near (AT 998706), the river check point at (AT 998707) with one Vietnamese male who was carrying a white bag, presumably full of rice which was accidentally dumped into the river when the boat overturned and the bag could not be recovered. At 290055H, two VC were seen near the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 985728). They were challenged, an illumination flare was ignited and six rounds were expended by the Marines. The VC escaped.

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 975664) to (AT 964668) to (AT 964665) to (AT 970554). Mike Fox, a squad size patrol, received five rounds of semi-automatic carbine fire from (AT 969648) at 290700H. The VC were enveloped by a fire team and withdrew toward (AT 968646). The same patrol located a building at (AT 969641) at 290840H in which they found fifteen uniforms of an unspecified type, two banners upon which Chinese characters were painted and two urns of rice. One of the urns was booby-trapped and injured one Marine when he moved the urn. The rice was destroyed. The uniforms and banner are being retrieved. Patrol Mike Fox encountered six or eight VC at (AT 969652) from 291100H to 291230H and a fire fight ensued. The VC had two automatic weapons and six or eight carbines. The patrol, by firing and maneuvering, forced the enemy to withdraw toward (AT 967637). The Marines pursued for 500 to 600 meters and contact was lost. The patrol sustained two WIA and killed four VC, body count.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out thirteen squad size combat patrols and one platoon size combat patrol during the reporting period.

Company "A"		
Alpha Homer	Continuous	
Alpha Cadillac	Third day of a three day patrol.	
Company "B"		
Bravo Homer 29D	291200H to 291700H	
Bravo Homer 28C	282200H to 290200H	
Bravo Homer 28A	281900H to 282100H	
Bravo Homer 29B	290500H to 291100H	

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Company "C"  
 Charlie Homer 24A 291330H to 291630H  
 Charlie Homer 28B 282300H to 290200H

Company "D"  
 Delta Homer 28D 282100H to 282400H  
 Delta Homer 28A 290800H to 291300H  
 Delta Homer 28 282200H to 290200H  
 Delta Homer 29B 290200H to 291200H  
 Delta Homer 28C 282200H to 290200H  
 Delta Homer 29A 290001H to 290500H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted twelve squad size patrols during this period.

Company "I"  
 India Papa 1 Alpha 290630H to 290930H  
 India Papa 2 282200H to 290100H  
 India Papa 1 290230H to 290530H  
 India Papa 3 282130H to 290030H  
 India Papa 2 Alpha 291300H to 291630H

Company "K"  
 Kilo 1 282000H to 290200H  
 Kilo 3 290500H to 290800H  
 Kilo 4 291400H to 291700H

Company "L"  
 Lima Strike 282210H to 290500H  
 Lima Orange 281830H to 291100H

Company "M"  
 Mike Item 282100H to 290130H  
 Mike Fox 290600H to 291000H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two ambushes last night.

Company "D" {BT 028679} 290100H to 290430H  
 {BT 048649} 282300H to 290200H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established five ambushes last night.

Company "I"  
 India Alpha 3 (BT 028662) 290230H to 290530H

Company "K"  
 Kilo 2 Alpha (JT 988650) 281900H to 282300H

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Company "L"  
 Lima Cherry Alpha (AT 994693) 282100H to 290500H

Company "M"  
 Mike George Alpha (AT 968669) 290100H to 290530H  
 Mike Hotel Alpha (AT 964647) 281930H to 292330H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion sent out five listening posts last night.

Company "A" (BT 082696) 281900H to 290600H  
 Company "B" (BT 087673) 281900H to 290600H  
 Company "C" (BT 092670) 281900H to 290600H  
 Company "D" (BT 049670) 281900H to 290600H  
 (BT 037677) 281900H to 290600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established three listening posts last night.

Company "I"  
 India Lima 2 (BT 015654) 282200H to 290600H

Company "K"  
 Kilo Lima (AT 975655) 282200H to 290200H

Company "M"  
 Mike Lima Papa 1 (AT 968655) 282000H to 290600H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. None reported

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established three scout-sniper teams during this period.

Company "I"  
 India Sieria (BT C22657) 290300H to 290600H

Company "K"  
 Kilo Sieria (BT 009658) 290500H to 290800H

Company "M"  
 Mike Easy Sierra (AT 971650) 290300H to 291000H

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5. No change.

6. No change.

7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. Operation Golden Fleece will be continued. The battalion will continue to provide security for the radar site on MON KY Mountain (BT 062853) and provide security for the bridge and water point at (BT 072702). In the next twenty-four hours the battalion will conduct thirteen squad size combat patrols and establish three ambushes.

b. 3d Battalion. Tomorrow the 3d Battalion front line positions will be shifted so that Company "I" occupy positions from (BT 034654) to (AT 999663). Company "K" will occupy positions from (AT 999663) to (AT 972660). Company "K" will conduct a search and clear operation in LE SON (3), (AT 978647) beginning at first light 30 September. Operation MUSKRAT (YEN River search) will commence at 300800H at (AT 959658). (Previously reported).

c. Psy-War. Prior to the LE SON (3), (AT 978647) search and clear operation, a psy-war team will drop leaflets and make a broadcasts telling the civilians the purpose of the operation. They will be directed not to interfere with the operation and to go to a civilian collection point.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. 1/9 - The Martin Clemens patrol in its 2d day of operation continued through the hamlets of BINH KY (2), (BT 059699), KHUE DONG (BT 056706) and HAI AN (BT 055713) with the village chief of HOA PLUNG accompanying the patrol and distributing GVN pamphlets and agricultural matter. Medical personnel with the patrol treated 31 civilians. 213 bars of soap were distributed.

b. 3/9 - A civilian medical representative from District Edqts assisted in the treatment of civilians at CAM NE (6), (AT 981688). 47 people were treated. The village Chief of HOA PHUOC has given a list of 22 hardcore VC in his area. He states that these people work in the area during the day and hold ID cards that appear authentic.

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The list includes persons in the hamlet of QUAN GIANG (BT 015665) NHON THO (1), (BT 004657) and TAN HANH (BT 000655). This list was verified by the Village Chief of QUAN GIANG, Mr. HUYNH and the info was turned over to the S-2. 107 civilians were treated by company corpsman in 3/9 areas and at the B.I.S.

11. Late Entries. At 291800H Senator 2 reported that the following contraband was confiscated at the Highway 1 check point in MIEU DONG (BT 017687); two cans of fish sauce, three five gallon cans of gas, and twenty 1.5v batteries. Three suspicious persons were apprehended and sent to HOA VUNG District Headquarters.

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SITREP No. 84

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 291800H to 301800H September 1965
3. General Summary of Events

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion continues to occupy and defend the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with extensive patrols in the assigned areas. The 1st Battalion apprehended four VCS during this reporting period. There were no friendly KIA's or WIA's during the subject period.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion continues to occupy positions along Phase Line Orange. Operation MUSKRAT was begun and moved north 600 meters the first day. A search and clear operation was conducted through LE SON (3). Three small enemy forces were encountered resulting in one Marine WIA and two VC WIA's. Five VCS was apprehended. The readjustment of lines was completed by 301200H

c. Results of Actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA
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9th Marines	One	None
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Enemy Casualties

VC Wounded	Two (Not Captured)
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VCS Apprehended	Nine
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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" remains in Battalion reserve e with the 2d and 3rd Platoon at the Battalion CP site providing perimeter security while the 1st Platoon is temporarily in position with Company "B" at (BT 092668) as a temporary r replacement for the 2d Platoon of Company "B" which is being transferred. The 3d Platoon of Company "A" acted as a blocking force for an ARVN search and destroy sweep this morning. The platoon was in position along the eastern bank of the VINH DIEN River in grid square (BT 0368) by 300600H. At 30100H while performing its blocking mission the 3d Platoon checked personnel in MAN QUAN (1), (BT 031688) for ID cards. Two VCS were apprehended due to the fact that they had faulty ID cards. The VCS were turned over to the 1st Battalion S-2 office and later taken to ITT.

(b) Company "B" continues to occupy and defend front line positions in their assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR with its own 1st Platoon and the 1st platoon of Company "A" at (BT 092668) with the Company CP and the 3d Platoon at (BT 072669). This morning at 300500H, the 1st Platoon of Company "B" dispatched a squad size combat patrol designated Redwood Bravo Homer 30 Alpha. At 300830H, in the vicinity of (BT 093614) this patrol made contact with four armed VC. The VC ran and the patrol immediately opened fire on them. A stray round went into a building wounding an elderly Vietnamese female in the calf. The woman was evacuated by helicopter. No friendly casualties were sustained. No VC casualties were observed.

(c) Company "C" at 300800H commenced on position relief of Company "D" of front line positions in the western portion of the Battalion's TAOR at (BT 048668), (BT 060662) and (BT 062648). By 301100H the 1st Platoon and 2d Platoon of Company "C" had relieved the 1st and 2d Platoons of Company "D" respectively. The 1st Platoon of Company "C" is now at (BT 060662) and the 2d Platoon is at (BT 048668) with the Company CP. At 301418 the 3d Platoon of Company "C" affected relief of the 3d Platoon of Company "D" at (BT 072648).

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(d) Company "D". At 300615H the 1st Squad of the 2d Platoon of Company "D" while on a combat patrol, entered a building in the vicinity of (BT 041662) and a Vietnamese male ran out. The man was told to halt but he continued to run. The patrol opened fire on him but missed. The man escaped without injuries. One other man who was in the same building was apprehended and was later cleared by the ARVN with the patrol and released. The same patrol, on their return route, checked a young Vietnamese male for identification at (BT 036649). This man did not have proper identification and was turned over to the 1st Battalion S-2 Office and later taken to ITT. At 300730H a patrol dispatched by the 2d Platoon of Company "D" was operating in the vicinity of (BT 046654). A young Vietnamese male spotted the patrol approaching and immediately halted and threw up his hands. The patrol apprehended the man and searched him. He failed to have proper identification and was turned over to the 1st Battalion S-2 Office. He was later turned over to ITT. At 300800H an on position relief of Company "D" by Company "C" commenced. By 301100H the 1st and 2d Platoon of Company "D" had been relieved by the 1st and 2d Platoon of Company "C" respectively. The 1st and 2d Platoon of Company "D" moved back to occupy positions at the 1st Battalion's CP site at (BT 067713). By 301418H the 3d Platoon of Company "D" had been relieved by the 3d Platoon of Company "C". The 3d Platoon of Company "D" moved back to the Battalion CP site. At 301600H one reinforced squad from the 1st Platoon of Company "D" occupied positions at the French bunker at (BT 081696) and one reinforced squad of the 1st Platoon occupied positions at the bridge and water point at (BT 071701). Elements of Company "D" will also occupy OP's at (BT 068711) and (BT 075710).

(2) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I" shifted their lines this morning to occupy positions from (BT 034654) to (BT 999663). The report submitted yesterday concerning the enemy contact in grid square (BT 0063) had some errors due to inadequate communication. The following report is completed and accurate. At about 291150 the squad size patrol India Papa 2 encountered a group of five or six VC and began pursuing them. At about 291350 the VC formed a horseshoe, with reinforcement from (BT 006638) to (BT 000629) to (BT 995632) and pinned down the Marine squad at (BT 001635). The patrol sustained one KIA and one WIA at this period. A helicopter in the area was unable to evacuate the KIA or WIA because of enemy fire.

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At 291230H a reinforced squad was sent out to find the patrol because radio contact had been lost and the patrol was over due. The reinforcements received extensive sniper fire at (BT 002635) and had sustained several heat casualties in their haste to aid the pinned down squad. The reinforcements covered the withdrawal of the patrol. The patrol and reinforcements united, an air strike was directed by the A0 that was on station. Two F4's dropped twelve bombs and twenty-four Zuni rockets on target at (AT 998636) and (AT 998630). Twelve rounds, 105mm were fired into the same area. At 291815H helo evacuation was made for the three casualties. A third Marine was wounded during the fire fight. The force being low on water and ammo and their number cut to only 20 effectives because of heat casualties, began moving back towards their Company area at 291845H. They received sniper fire at (BT 001640). Artillery fire was called in at (BT 001634) to (BT 008643). The Marine force returned to the Company area at 292100H.

(b) Company "K" shifted their front lines at 300800H this morning and now occupy positions from (AT 999663) to (AT 972660). At 292145H one VC was seen approaching an ambush site at (AT 974655). The ambush opened fire with forty-seven small arms rounds. The VC was seen falling and moaned and then stopped moaning. Two other VC returned fire and the patrol could not recover the body. A search was conducted at first light and blood stains were found. At first light a search and clear mission was conducted in LE SON (3), (AT 978647), by this Company. A psy-war team in an aircraft told the villagers to move to LE SON (2), (AT 973653) before the search and clear operation was conducted. Some fire was received and about ten tunnels were blown. The operation was completed by 291045H and the villagers moved back to LE SON (3). The 1st platoon, Company "M", conducted the actual sweep of LE SON (3). The 1st platoon, Company "K" surrounded the hamlet as a blocking force prior to first light and passed out propaganda leaflets as the villagers moved to LE SON (2). At 301220H one mighty-mite and trailer with three Marines was travelling along the road at (BT 002662) when about ten VC fired and threw two grenades at the vehicle. One grenade landed in the trailer, wounding one Marine. The VC were taken under fire and two were knocked down by rounds and presumably wounded. The VC escaped.

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(c) Company "L" continues to provide security for the FLSG ammunition dump (AT 988733) with two platoons. The 3d platoon (-) remains at YEN NE (3), (AT 985682), as the battalion (Fwd) CP security, and one squad remains at CAM NE (2), (AT 982687) for security. One squad (rein) provides security for the bridge and water point (AT 998707). At 292125H, in the vicinity of (AT 981687), six rounds were received by the 3d platoon. Two grenades, and small arms fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were received and no VC were wounded. From 292200H to 292400H the school house at (AT 981687) received approximately forty rounds of enemy fire, mostly from semi-automatic weapons. A burst of six or seven rounds came from what appeared to be a grease gun. Each time fire was received, the 2d squad, 3d squad, returned fire and conducted a quick area search. At first light a thorough search was conducted, but no indications of VC wounded were found. While the 2d squad, 2d platoon, was conducting a routine search of a bus, at the railroad bridge (AT 998707); a VCS was apprehended for lack of proper identification at 300710H.

(d) Company "M" continues to occupy positions from (AT 975664) to (AT 964668) to (AT 964655) to (AT 970654) with the 1st and 3d platoons (rein). The 2d platoon is conducting operation MUSKRAT and will occupy positions in the vicinity of (AT 967668) during the night and continue their mission in the morning. The 1st platoon participated in the search and destroy operation of LE SON (3), (AT 975645), under operational control of Company "K". Operation MUSKRAT disclosed a camouflaged hole five feet deep and five feet on each side at (AT 960658). The hole was blown. At (AT 963663) a tunnel was discovered in the river bank, a smoke machine was employed to determine the extent of the tunnel. It was 3 feet by 4 feet, and 25 feet long. It was blown

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched fourteen patrols during this period.

Company "B"

Bravo Homer 29A	291930H to 300100H
Bravo Homer 29C	291900H to 292330H
Bravo HOMER 30	300500H to 301300H
Bravo Homer 30A	300500H to 301300H
Bravo Homer 30D	291300H to 300200H
Bravo Homer 30C	301200H to 301600H

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Company "C"  
 Charlie 29B 292100H to 290400H  
 Charlie 29C 242300H to 300400H  
 Charlie 30A 301300H to 301600H

Company "D"  
 Delta 29B 292100H to 300400H  
 Delta 29E 292200H to 300200H  
 Delta 29 292300H to 300600H  
 Delta 30 300730H to 301300H  
 Delta 30D 301200H to 201600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted eleven patrols during this period.

Company "I"  
 India Papa 29C 292235H to 300250H  
 India Papa 29A 300100H to 300645H

Company "K"  
 Kilo Papa A 292100H to 292330H  
 Kilo Papa B 300400H to 301700H  
 Kilo Papa C 291930H to 292315H

Company "L"  
 Lima 29A 292000H to 300600H  
 Lima 29B 292200H to 300600H  
 Lima 29C 300800H to 301500H

Company "M"  
 Mike Papa 29A 291930H to 292345H  
 Mike Papa 29B 300100H to 300500H  
 Mike Papa 29C 292400H to 300200H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes during this reporting period.

Company "B" (BT 088688) 292100H to 292400H  
 Company "C" (BT 054718) 292400H to 300300H  
 Company "D" (BT 030669) 300030H to 300430H  
 (BT 069646) 292200H to 300300H

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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established seven ambuses during this period.

Company "I"	(BT 020662)	292330H to 300130H
	(BT 031653)	300200H to 300415H
Company "K"	(AT 988656)	300300H to 300600H
Company "L"	(AT 990703)	292030H to 300130H
	(AT 997700)	292300H to 300400H
	(BT 005707)	300030H to 300600H
Company "M"	(AT 967675)	292230H to 300500H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four listening posts last night.

Company "B"	(BT 092667)	292000H to 300600H
Company "D"	(BT 048648)	292000H to 300600H
	(BT 063648)	292000H to 300600H
	(BT 060662)	292000H to 300600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established five listening posts during this period.

Company "I"	(BT 021658)	300300H to 300600H
	(BT 025660)	300030H to 300330H
Company "K"	(AT 988656)	300300H to 300600H
Company "L"	(AT 990705)	291890H to 300600H
Company "M"	(AT 965656)	291800H to 292400H

e. Scout -Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed two scout-sniper teams during the subject period.

Company "B"	(BT 098658)	300400H to 301000H
Company "D"	(BT 042668)	300100H to 300500H

(2) 3d Battalion

Company "I"	(BT 027659)	300330H to 300630H
Company "K"	(BT 004665)	300300H to 301500H
Company "L"	(AT 978683)	300300H to 301200H
Company "M"	(AT 973667)	300430H to 301200H

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5. Change of CP Locationa. 1st Battalion

Company "C" (BT 048668)

Company "D" (BT 067713)

b. 3d Battalion No change.6. Establishment on Changes in OP Locations. No change.

## 7. None.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy and defend portions in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR with extensive patrols throughout the assigned area. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct thirteen patrols, establish two listening posts and four ambushes and employ two scout sniper teams. The 1st Battalion plans to conduct a platoon size combat patrol in grid square (BT 1162) between the hours of 010200H and 011200H. Tanks will be available for reinforcements. Added emphasis will be placed on the civil affairs program. Golden Fleece activities will be continued in the assigned areas.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue operation "Muskrat" tomorrow. A search and destroy operation will be conducted at LE SON (4), (AT 960647), tomorrow by one platoon (rein) from Company "K" and a platoon from Company "M".

Two Ontos from Company "C", 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, will provide fire support if required. Fourteen patrols, six ambushes, four listening posts and three scout-sniper teams are planned for the next period.

## 9. None.

10. Civil Affairs.

a. Headquarters Company Eighty-five civilians were treated at BINH THI Village (BT 013722).

b. 1st Battalion A new medical aid station was opened at NUI KIM SON (BT 073704) and soap was distributed after a corpsman explained to the villagers how to bathe. Sixty-eight civilians were treated.

c. 2d Battalion Fifty-one civilians were treated at the HO. TIEN Buddhist Refugee Camp at (BT 033755) and 100 lbs. of corn meal was given to the assistant camp chief and it was distributed to the camp.

d. 3d Battalion Forty-two villagers were treated at the school house in CAM NE (6), (AT 975685). Eighty-five civilians were treated in company areas and in the B.A.S. During the operation in LE SON (3), (AT 977646) two hundred and four

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persons reported to the civilian collection point. Fifteen cases of rations were distributed to these persons, who were all women and old men, and medical aid was given to fifty of them.

11. Late Entries.

a. At 301715H, the 3d Battalion reported that Company K destroyed four holes in LE SON (3), (LT 977646), today. In the vicinity of (LT 978639) two men who seemed to be carrying rifles were spotted running across a rice paddy. Three rounds were fired at the men. It appeared the men were hit, but they escaped. Two women without identification who were giving the ARVN a hard time, were apprehended as VCS.

b. At 301600H, the 1st Platoon, Company I, apprehended one VCS at (BT 024655)

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SITREP No. 85

1. Reporting Unit. Ninth Marines
2. Period Covered. 301800H to 011800H to October 1965

3. General Summary of Events. The Ninth Marines conducted twenty-six patrols. Eight of these were day patrols. Ten ambushes and six listening posts were established during the night. Five scout-sniper teams were employed.

a. 1st Battalion. During the last twenty-four hours, the 1st Battalion conducted twelve patrols, established four ambushes and two listening posts, and employed one scout-sniper team. The 1st Battalion killed four VC (body count) wounded four VC, and captured one VCS. Enemy equipment captured was, one carbine rifle, one cartridge belt, one medical kit, and five Chinese Communist grenades. The 1st Battalion sustained four casualties during this reporting period.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted two day patrols and twelve night patrols, all of which were squad size. Six ambushes, four listening posts, and four scout-sniper teams were established last night. Operation Muskrat continued on schedule without enemy contact. A search and clear operation was conducted in LE SON(4) this morning. Three small, enemy forces were encountered during this period resulting in one Marine killed and one Marine wounded. Enemy casualties were undetermined. The CO, 3d Battalion was wounded by a mine along with one other Marine.

c. Results of actions

<u>Friendly Casualties</u>	WIA	KIA	MIA
9th Marines	7	1	none

Enemy Casualties

VC killed	five
VC wounded	three (not captured)
VCS apprehended	three

Enemy material captured: One rifle, five Chi Com grenades, one cartridge belt, one medical kit, and two boxes of batteries.

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4. Activitiesa. Operations(1) 3d Battalion

(a) Company "I". Yesterday the Highway 1 check point at MIEU DONG (BT 017677) confiscated eleven gallons of gasoline, thirty gallons of fish sauce, 100,000 units of penicillin, twenty atropine syrettes, five boxes of sulphur, five boxes of aspirin and 500 pounds of corn. Four VCS were apprehended. The goods and personnel were turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters. India Papa Charlie, a squad size patrol, received one grenade, semi-automatic fire and automatic fire from (BT 028658) at 302330H. The patrol returned fire with small arms, three M-79 rounds and three 3.5" rocket rounds while assaulting the enemy who withdrew. One KIA and one WIA were sustained. Both were helo-evacuated. Again at 302335H the patrol received automatic and semi-automatic carbine fire from (BT 024657). The Marines returned fire and illuminated the area; the VC broke contact and fled. Enemy casualties from the two actions could not be determined. India Papa Alpha, a squad size patrol, fought an estimated six VC at 010100H near (BT 033646). Half of the enemy had automatic weapons; the remainder fired semi-automatic weapons. A fire team enveloped the enemy force and received fire from another enemy force of four VC from (BT 034640). The VC fire was returned and the VC broke contact. A quick area search was conducted which showed no indication of VC wounded. Prior to enemy withdrawal, drums were heard in the area and ceased as the enemy withdrew. A small child was brought into the 2d platoons area, (BT 002661), with a bullet wound in the leg at 010726H. The origin of the wound is unknown. The child was helo-evacuated to the DA NANG Hospital.

(b) Company "K". Movement was observed in the vicinity of (AT 994650) by the AN/TPS-21 radar at 302100H. Several 50 cal. spotter rounds were used to mark the target and fire was delivered by a fire team at the suspected target. 81 mm mortar illumination was used, and one man was seen crouching in the rice paddy. Two rounds were received by the Marines and the VC withdrew with no apparent casualties. At first light this morning the 3d platoon surrounded LE SON(4) (AT 962647). The 3d platoon, Company "M", under operational control of Company "K", conducted a search and clear operation in LE SON (4) beginning at 010800H. A psy-war team in an aircraft used a loud speaker to tell the villagers to move to the civilian collection point at (AT 970655) prior to the operation.

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Three sniper rounds were fired at the helicopter from inside the hamlet. Approximately 850 pounds of unhusked rice were discovered in three fifty-five gallon drums in the hamlet. Ten fighting holes, five feet by three feet, and six twenty-five foot trenches were destroyed with twenty-five pounds of TNT and three WP grenades. One fifty foot trench and one 100 foot trench and eight fighting holes were destroyed at (AT 963647) with twenty-three pounds of TNT, five WP grenades and one fragmentation grenade.

(c) Company "L". At 302325, three or four VC were spotted advancing on the school house (AT 981687), from the north and northwest. Ten rounds small arms fire was received. Five 81 mm mortars illumination rounds and four hand grenades were returned. The enemy withdrew. Patrol Papa 300 apprehended one VCS at 011225H near (AT 982683) who appeared very nervous and had no identification.

(d) Company "M" 2d Platoon on operation Muskrat, remained last nite at (AT 967668). At 301950H approximately forty rounds of semi-automatic carbine fire was received from (AT 960650) to (AT 968654). One M-79 round and twenty small arms rounds were returned and the sniping ceased. Mike Papa 30A received approximately ten rounds of enemy fire two semi-automatic and one automatic weapon at 010230H from (AT 962654). The patrol did not return fire and continued on patrol route searching for VC and finding none. Operation Muskrat continued moving north at 010800H. Two spider holes were found near (AT 965666) and were destroyed. At (AT 966667) five fighting holes, three feet by five feet, one of which was booby-trapped by a hand grenade, were destroyed and two gates were blown. At (AT 965672) a tunnel network and several holes and trenches were destroyed with fifty pounds of TNT.

(2) 1st Battalion

(a) Company "A" remains in Battalion reserve at (BT 068715). Company "A" also provides security for the Battalion CP. The 1st Platoon returned to the Company CP after being relieved by the 2d Platoon of Company "B".

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(b) Company "B". At 010200H the 2d Platoon of Company "B" commenced a platoon size combat patrol which was to cover grid square (BT 1163) and (BT 1064). This patrol dropped off an ambush in the vicinity of (BT 118634) and the patrol continued along the route. At 010730H the ambush spotted armed VC comming out of a village. The ambush opened fire killing four of the VC. The bodies were left in the village. One VCS was apprehended in the village where the VC came from, and was turned over to ITT. Hearing the fire fight, the patrol doubled back and made contact with what the Company Commander estimated to be two VC Companies. One hard Corps Company, dressed in helmets, cartridge belts and packs, and one local guerilla Company. They were armed with four or five automatic weapons, an undetermined number of carbines and many grenades. When the VC spotted the patrol they set in a one-hundred eighty degree perimeter and commenced firing. The patrol returned fire with small arms semi-automatic and automatic weapons. The VC broke contact. As a result of the fire fight one Marine was wounded in the chest, and three V were wounded. There were no confirmed VC KIA. The Marine WIA was evacuated by helicopter and was in critical condition. The patrol returned to the Company CP.

(c) Company "C". At 011200H in the vicinity of (BT 054644) a patrol from Company "C" set off a booby trapped grenade attached to a gate. Three Marines were wounded by shrapnel. The wounded Marines were taken back to the Platoon Patrol Base and evacuated by LVT. The wounds were not considered to be serious.

(d) Company "D". At 010245H the 1st squad, 1st Platoon, Company "D", reported that the AN/TPS-21 in position at the water point at (BT 701071) picked up three people one hundred yards out moving towards their positions. They requested 81 mm mortar illumination and eleven rounds were fired.

b. Patrols

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion dispatched twelve patrols during this period.

Company "B"	
Bravo Homer 1	010500H to 010700H
Bravo Homer 1A	010300H to 010900H
Bravo Homer 1C	010800H to 011200H
Bravo Homer 30B	302100H to 010100H
Bravo Homer 1B	010500H to 011000H

Company "L"  
 Charlie Homer 30C 302300H to 010300H  
 Charlie Homer 30B 302300H to 010500H  
 Charlie Homer 30A 302400H to 010600H  
 Charlie Homer 1C 011300H to 011700H  
 Charlie Homer 1 010800H to 011400H

Company "D"  
 Delta Homer 30B 302300H to 010200H  
 Delta Homer 1A 010800H to 011100H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion conducted thirteen patrols during this period.

Company "I"  
 IP 30A 010000H to 010600H  
 IP 30B 302000H to 010200H  
 IP 30C 302200H to 010300H  
 IP 30D 010900H to 011500H

Company "K"  
 KP 30A 302000H to 010200H  
 KP 30B 010300H to 010900H  
 KP 30C 302000H to 010200H  
 KP 30D 010600H to 011200H

Company "L"  
 LP 30A 302000H to 010600H  
 LP 30B 302400H to 010600H  
 LP 30C 010600H to 011500H

Company "M"  
 MP 30A 302400H to 010600H  
 MP 30B 302200H to 010200H  
 MP 30C 302000H to 010400H

c. Ambushes

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established four ambushes this period.

Company "B" (BT 091689) 010500H to 010800H  
 (BT 077657) 302200H to 302400H

Company "C" (BT 088671) 302400H to 010300H  
 (BT 036662) 010100H to 010500H

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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established six ambushes during this period.

Company "I" (BT 024645)	302100H to 302300H
Company "K" (BT 985646)	010200H to 010600H
Company "L" (BT 946701)	301800H to 302400H
(BT 003703)	302200H to 010300H
(BT 001701)	010200H to 010600H
Company "M" (BT 001701)	302200H to 010200H

d. Listening Posts

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion established two listening posts last night.

Company "B" (BT 092667)	301930H to 010600H
Company "C" (BT 060661)	302000H to 010600H

(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four listening posts during this period.

Company "I" (BT 099659)	302100H to 302400H
Company "K" (AT 996667)	302400H to 010300H
Company "L" (AT 981686)	302000H to 302400H
Company "M" (AT 967656)	302000H to 302400H

e. Scout-Sniper Teams

(1) 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion employed one scout-sniper team during this period.

Company "B" (BT 094664)	010300H to 010700H
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(2) 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion established four scout-sniper teams during this period.

Company "I" (BT 012655)	010300H to 011200H
Company "K" (AT 985669)	010300H to 010900H
Company "L" (AT 972668)	010300H to 011200H
Company "M" (AT 967652)	010300H to 011200H

5. Change of CP Location. No change.

6. Establishment or Change in OP Location. No change.

7. Training. No change.

8. Plans

a. 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will continue to occupy its portion of the regimental TAOR with extensive patrols in the assigned areas. During the next twenty-four hours the 1st Battalion plans to conduct thirteen patrols, establish three ambushes and two scout-sniper teams. Added emphasis will be placed on the civil affairs program and Golden Fleece operation.

b. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will continue to occupy positions along Phase Line Orange. Operation Muskrat will continue as scheduled and a clear and search operation will be conducted in the hamlets at (AT 969648) and (AT 966647) tomorrow. Fourteen patrols, six ambushes, four listening posts and four scout-sniper teams are planned for tomorrow.

9. None.

10. Civil Affairs

a. Hdqs, 9thMar - 3000 lbs of corn meal, 22 soccer balls, 3 boxes of vitamins, 11 boxes of soap, 75 bottles of milk of magnesia and 200 dolls were received from Division C4 Officer for distribution.

b. 1/9 - The Battalion C4 Officer presented another blackboard to the Village Chief for use of the HOA LUNG School (BT 073704). The school teacher and children installed the board. The project for the school latrine is now underway with materials being furnished by MCB-9 and the villagers accomplishing the labor under supervision of 1/9 personnel. The aid station of the Sacred Heart Orphanage (BT 054752) treated 40 civilians and Company "C" treated 10 children at KAI TAY (BT 047667).

c. 2/9 - 55 villagers were treated by a medical team at HOA TIEN (BT 033755).

d. 3/9 - 240 civilians were fed at the civilian collecting point established at LE SON (AT 977646) during a search and clear mission. 42 civilians were treated at CAM NE (6), (AT 975689); 37 at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 018680); 11 at THAN BIN (BT 002722); 6 at AN TRACH (AT 967665); and 25 at the B&S for a total of 121 civilians treated.

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11. Late Entries

a. 1st Battalion. At 011400H a patrol dispatched by the 2d Platoon of Company "C" discovered a man digging a hole at (BT 048671). The man attempted to run and was told to halt but failed to do so. The patrol shot and killed the man. One VCS was apprehended at the same spot. The body of the dead man and the VCS were evacuated to the water point (BT 071701) where the body was buried. The VCS was later taken to ITT. Military uniforms were found in the hole with diary and pictures in one of the pockets. These items were turned over to the 1st Battalion S-2 Office.

b. 3d Battalion.

(1) During the search and clear operation of LE SON (4), (AT 959656), punji traps, booby traps and a six foot tunnel at (AT 959654) were discovered. All were destroyed.

(2) On operation Muskrat, four fighting holes were found near (AT 967669) and destroyed. A tunnel, of as yet undetermined extent, was found in the same vicinity. At (AT 968670) five holes, six feet by four feet by three, with air holes, were found and destroyed. The 2d Platoon, Company "M", has set up a 360 degree defense at (AT 967671).

(3) At 011415H, the CO, 3d Battalion, and a recon party of fourteen men were checking out the railroad bridge at (AT 991642). Lt Colonel R. J. TUNNEL stepped on a mine on the railroad embankment on the north side of the bridge. As a covering force was withdrawing from the south end of the bridge another mine was detonated, resulting in another WIA. Snipper fire from the east and west side of the railroad bridge was suppressed by a HU-IE. Lt Colonel TUNNEL'S leg was traumatically amputated by the mine explosion. The mines were estimated to be one pound of TNT, detonated by pressure. Major R. E. EIDSON assumed command at 011415H. A vietnamese woman was brought to the Company "M" CP (AT 972667) at 011605H with wounds that required helo-evacuation. She was taken to the DA NANG Hospital at 011406H. The nature of the wound has not been reported.

(4) The check point on Highway 1 at MIEU DONG (BT 017677) apprehended one female VCS and two boxes of batteries today. The women and the batteries were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

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