

9th MARINES INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES NUMBERS 85-115

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rtn), MAF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), MAF (Attn: G-2)

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

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Inf 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TACR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on KUI KI mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708)

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

b. At 010730H, Company B reported that a 2d Platoon ambush element, positioned at coordinates (BT 116634), observed an undetermined number of armed Viet Cong displacing out of HA BANG village. The report stated that the ambush element directed small arms fire against the Viet Cong resulting in four Viet Cong KIA. (body count). One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the village and evacuated to IIT for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported as the result of this action.

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

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

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d. At 01400H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 048671) reported killing one Viet Cong, apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the patrol attempted to interrogate the Viet Cong who was observed digging a hole, but the man attempted to flee. The report continued that the patrol shot the fleeing man when he ignored warnings to halt. The report added that a five gallon water can was discovered in the hole the dead Viet Cong was excavating. (See paragraph 2.C. for a list of material contained in the water can). The report added that the Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended by the patrol in the same area and evacuated to IPI for investigation.

e. At 01410H, a Company C patrol reported detonating a booby trapped fragmentation grenade positioned on a gate at coordinates (BT 054644), resulting in three Marines MIA.

f. At 012100H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA RV Village Chief that one Viet Cong Main Force Company and one guerrilla company, previously reported as located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0366) and (BT 0367) and one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, previously reported located in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0564), (See 211240H entry, Summary #75), have, in the preceding two days, displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 1165) and (BT 1161). The report added that the mission of these Viet Cong units was not known. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as B-3.

g. The Battalion S-2 also reported that twenty guerrillas displaced to the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0168), at dusk on 30 September. This report stated that the guerrilla unit was armed with sixteen rifles and four M-50 automatic guns. The report added that this Viet Cong group notified the villagers that people living in areas north of grid line 67 must sell their rice and pay the Viet Cong taxes in money. This report was rated B-2. (S-2 comment: To exact payment of Viet Cong taxes in cash in lieu of the customary levy of rice is a logical result of the combined USMC/ARVN operations designed to effect strategic control of rice shipments. It is one indication that the operations have not been without some measure of success.)

The Battalion S-2 also reported that a Main Force platoon, suggested to approximately forty local guerrillas, have displaced to the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0171) and (BT 0571). The report continued with the exception of one 60mm mortar which this unit is known to possess, that, the exact nature of the other weapons with which they are armed is not known. This report was rated B-2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

g. At 012030H, Company I reported receiving an estimated sixty rounds of small arms fire from three automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 018657), (BT 019658) and (BT 015653). The report stated that machine gun and 3.5 inch rocket fire was directed against the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported.

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

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

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

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

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

The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048671):

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

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D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054444):

1 - Gate (beehy trapped)

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

1. Intelligence Summary #86, Period ending 022400H October 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061738), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 020735H, The AO reported receiving small arms fire from THANH QUI (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 053633). At 020840H, this same AO reported observing an unspecified number of VC moving north from coordinates (BT 069633).

b. At 02750H, Company B reported the discovery of a cache of rice and tobacco in a large shelter behind a building at coordinates (BT 051644). The report stated that the quantity of rice was equivalent to approximately the contents of four 55 gallon drums and there were sixty bales (size of bales not indicated) of tobacco. The report added that the contraband was disposed of by dumping into the SONG VINH DIEN (river) in the same locality, as a practical means of evacuating the material was not available.

c. At 020815H, Company C reported the discovery of approximately one thousand anti-helicopter stakes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056640). The report added that the stakes were destroyed upon discovery by the Marines.

d. At 020923H, Company G reported the discovery of two caves in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051644) containing clothing, papers and monofilament wire. The report stated that the caves were destroyed with demolitions and the contents evacuated to Regiment for examination.

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The report added that two Vietnamese males were apprehended in this same locality, but were later released after they were identified by the HUA HAI Village Chief.

e. At 020935H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094663) reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire from an enemy position approximately 250 meters south of the patrol's location. The report stated that the patrol delivered small arms fire against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The report added that one Marine was WIA as the result of this engagement.

f. At 020945H, Company C while moving into position between coordinates (BT 054642) and (BT 057644) reported receiving one round of small arms sniper fire from the vicinity of KAN TRAVNG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 052647). The fire was not repeated and no casualties were reported.

g. At 021150H, Company C reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated three VC located in a building at coordinates (BT 053447). The report stated that an attached tank directed machine gun fire at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The report continued that a squad dispatched to search the building found a Vietnamese woman and child within the building, both whom had sustained wounds. The report added that the woman died of her wounds while awaiting evacuation and the child was evacuated by helicopter. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 021145H, Company D reported that an LVT operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074700), had detonated a mine, resulting in one Marine WIA, and extensive damage to the LVT. The report stated that the LVT was repaired at the scene and returned to the Command Post area. The report described the mine crater as approximately 2½ feet in diameter and 2 feet deep. The report did not contain any information as to type of detonating device (fuze) or mine description. The report added that a search of a building in the area where the incident occurred produced a small metal pen containing medicine and several small denomination Vietnamese coins.

i. At 021600H, a Company B patrol reported contacting four armed VC at coordinates (BT 086659). The report stated that the patrol took the VC under fire at close range (5 meters), resulting in three VC killed (body count). The report stated that the fourth VC was believed wounded but escaped capture. The report added that three CHICOM fragmentation grenades were recovered from the bodies and destroyed. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2). 3dBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the 51st ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of NIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. At 020145H, Company K reported receiving four rounds of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 974655). The report stated that small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 020330H, The Battalion S-3 reported that a Marine sentinel positioned at coordinates (AT 982682) heard a suspicious noise emanating from the area in front of his position. The report stated that illumination was provided, and one man was observed running across the front of the positions at a range of approximately 100 meters. The report added that small arms fire was directed at the intruder, with negative results.

c. At 021530H, Company K reported apprehending five VCS in the vicinity of LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 981659). The report stated that the suspects, all young men, attracted attention because previous operations in this locality disclosed an absence of men in this age group. The report continued that the suspects claimed to be farmers, yet an examination of their hands raised doubts that they were recently engaged in this occupation. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 021515H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending two VCS at Coordinates (AT 991686). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when an examination revealed they lacked identification cards. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 021600H, Company I reported apprehending two VCS at coordinates (BT 007677). The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to ITT when an examination revealed that they lacked valid identification.

f. At 020900H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969643), reported the discovery of a crude home-made weapon fashioned of wood, designed to fire a small caliber cartridge. The report stated that the device was discovered on the ground in a tree line at coordinates (AT 969648). The device was evacuated to Regiment for examination.

(3) Special Reports. At 021310H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that two Main Force VC companies, augmented by additional VC regional forces, are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981657) and (BT 004680). The report stated that their mission is to attack USMC units, but neither the time nor the location of these attacks were indicated. The report added that the District Chief states that this information is reliable. (G-2 comment: This report was originally received from G-3 and indicated widely different locations for the VC units. The report was later corrected by G-2).

a. At 021345H, The AO operation in this Regiment's TAOR reported receiving sniper fire and observing enemy activity in the vicinity of HA DONG village, coordinates (AT 995645). The AO requested an artillery mission be fired

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against the target, and forty rounds of 105mm HE was fired. The AO adjusted the fire and reported that the fire had excellent effect. The buildings from which fire had been received destroyed and a tree line in which VC were observed was well covered by the artillery fire.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>Per 24 hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
AK	3	152
VC Captured	0	30
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	9	101

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

- 4 - 55 gallon drums of rice (BT 017678)
- 60 - Bales of tobacco (BT 017678)
- 1 - pr AIN Utilities w/1 extra jacket
- 1 - set of khaki uniforms

The following equipment was captured by the 3dBn, 9thMar.

- 1 - Home-made weapon (AT 969649)
- 1 - MCD 33 Grenade

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar.

- 2 - Caves (BTO 1644)

The following fortifications were destroyed by 3dBn, 9thMar.

- 1 - 5' Hole (960658)
- 1 - 5' Hole (959658)
- 1 - 4' Hole (964661)
- 1 - 50' Trench, 1 - 100' Trench, and 8 - Fighting holes (963647)
- 1 - Tunnel (965672)
- 3 - Trenches 50 Meters long and 1 - Tunnel 15 Meters long (967671)

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

1. Intelligence Summary #87, Period ending 032400H October 1965.

2. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA HANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KI mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 030700H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an estimated twenty White Phosphorus shells were observed impacting in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 1063). The report stated that the origin of these rounds was unknown, and that no casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: The origin of these rounds has still not been determined. Additional information will be provided when available).

b. At 030810H, a tank element attached to Company B, positioned at coordinates (BT 113633), reported observing two Viet Cong moving to the southwest. The report indicated that fire was not directed against the Viet Cong. No additional information is available at this time.

c. At 030900H, Company A reported apprehending three Viet Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 115632). The report stated that the suspects lacked adequate identification and were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 031000H, Company A reported apprehending an additional two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of HA QUANG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 119 638). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when it was noticed that they were the only two young men in the hamlet and they could not adequately explain their presence. The report added that the suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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e. At 031100H, the 1st Platoon, Company E, operating in the vicinity of (BT 112629), reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated twenty-five Viet Cong located in positions at coordinates (BT 118627) and (BT 123 628). The report stated that the platoon directed small arms and 3.5 inch rocket fire against the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report continued that three Viet Cong were believed killed as the result of a direct hit from a 3.5 inch rocket round but the bodies were not recovered because the enemy position was located on the opposite bank of the SONG HA XAU (river). No Marine casualties were reported.

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

a. At 030100H, Company I reported receiving one round of small arms sniper fire at coordinates (BT 003657). The report stated that the fire was not repeated and no casualties were sustained.

b. At 031000H, the Battalion S-3 relayed a report from the 592 Regional Force Company (RVN), that, at 022130H, a platoon of Viet Cong entered CAM NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 992686) and assembled approximately 150 villagers for an anti-government protest meeting. The report stated that the Regional Force detachment located in the hamlet broke up the meeting by firing several shots into the air. The report noted that this device was used to avoid wounding innocent villagers who had been forced to attend the meeting. The report added that the Viet Cong withdrew without casualties being sustained by either force.

c. At 031034H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a combined force of one squad from Company L, one squad of Regional Forces (RVN), and an interpreter team, conducted a search of CAM NE (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 992686), in an endeavor to ascertain additional information regarding the Viet Cong incursion on 2 September. The report stated that thirteen female Viet Cong Suspects and four male Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended and evacuated to ITT for investigation. No additional details are available at this time.

d. At 032345H, the Battalion S-3 provided a recapitulation of this day's action in the vicinity of LE SON (4) and AN TRACH (3) hamlets. The report stated that at 031330H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960648), notified Company M that it had made contact with a large Viet Cong force, had sustained one Marine WIA, and required assistance. The report continued that a helicopter attempted to evacuate the wounded Marine, but was prevented by the heavy volume of Viet Cong fire at the LZ. The report stated that a subsequent attempt to evacuate the Marine WIA resulted in two additional wounded Marines as the helicopter pilot and crew chief sustained wounds from the Viet Cong fire. The report stated that, at 031600H, a platoon (-) was heli-lifted into the area to reinforce the

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patrol, but the force was still inadequate to suppress the Viet Cong fires. At 031800H, Company I (-) was heli-lifted into the area. The report continued that mortar fire was received in the LZ at 031812H, resulting in several Marine casualties. Additional reinforcements were dispatched and stable defensive positions were established in the vicinity of Grid Square (AT 9664). The report added that the tentative casualty figures were twelve Marines KIA, and twenty three Marines WIA. Viet Cong casualties were not indicated. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 032210H, Company I reported observing four Viet Cong moving in a westerly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 022657). The report stated that small arms fire was directed at the Viet Cong intruders, and the Viet Cong returned the fire with two automatic weapons. The report added that the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported and no Viet Cong casualties were observed.

(3) Special Reports. At 031415H, G-2 relayed an agent report that four Viet Cong companies, armed with four 81mm mortars, are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950645) and (AT 956644). The report stated that this information was unevaluated and additional information would be provided when available.

a. At 032103H, G-2 relayed a report from CIT that, at 031700H, two ARVN soldiers stopped a 9th MT driver at the (old) MAF trash dump, and stated that there was a Viet Cong Battalion in the area. The report stated that the ARVN provided no additional details. No additional information is available at this time.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	152
VC Captured	0	327
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	22	430

\*Increase of two VC Captured as follows:

One based on ITT report #45-9, dated 29 September. Report confirms capture of VC by Company D, 1stBn, 280640H.

NAME: NGUYEN TUC

AGE: 31

STATUS: Guerrilla, KHAI TAY (3) hamlet. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector

One based on ITT report dated 2 October. Report confirms capture of VC by Company B, 1stBn, 010800H.

NAME: HUYNH HOAM

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AGE: 36

STATUS: VC Guard, HA GIA (4) hamlet. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 119638):

- 1 - Wooden box containing assorted papers and empty cartridge cases, 7.62mm
- 1 - Hollowed section of bamboo with assorted papers
- 1 - ARVN type utility jacket

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958680):

- 10-12 - Fighting holes (Approximately 3'x4')
- 1 - Tunnel (Approximately 20'x4')

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From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: Intelligence Summary #88, Period ending 042400H October 1965.  
Encl: (1) Agent report provided by III MAF G-2, 271100H September

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 040615H, a Company B patrol reported contacting three Viet Cong in the vicinity of VIEM DONG village, coordinates (BT 096654). The report stated that when the patrol fired on the three Viet Cong, the Marines received small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong who had been located undetected only fifteen meters away from the patrol. The report continued that the patrol returned the Viet fire with small arms and assaulted the Viet Cong positions. The report stated that three Viet Cong were killed (body count) in this action. The report added that the patrol commenced a search of the vicinity, and apprehended five Vietnamese males who were unable to explain their presence in the area. The report stated that during the interrogation of the suspicious persons at the site of the contact, one of the suspects was killed when a "nail punji" being investigated detonated. The report stated that the nail punji had been booby trapped by the Viet Cong with a fragmentation grenade positioned to explode when the punji stake was disturbed. The report added that the other Vietnamese were released when the HUA MAI Village Chief identified them as local inhabitants. No additional information is available at this time. No Marine casualties were reported as a result of these activities.

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b. At 041630H, Company B relayed a report from an attached tank detachment, that five to eight Viet Cong were observed in the vicinity of a bunker at coordinates (BT 124625). The report stated that two 90mm rounds were directed against the bunker and the bunker was demolished. The report added that three Viet Cong were observed fleeing the area and two to five Viet Cong were possibly killed in the destruction of the bunker. No additional information is available at this time.

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

a. At 040938H, Company K reported that one Marine was WIA when he stepped on a mine at coordinates (AT 970650). The report provided no information as to size or type of mine or detonating device.

b. At 041420H, Company M reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974662). The report stated that one suspect was found to be in the possession of the identification card and personal papers of a Marine reported KIA on 3 October. (S-2 comment: later information disclosed that the card and papers were reported lost by the Marine several days prior to 3 October). The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 041600H, Company K reported that a Vietnamese woman contacted Marines at coordinates (AT 969650) and stated that she had been a member of the People's Cadre in YEN NE (1) hamlet and possessed information concerning Viet Cong food caches in the area and Viet Cong transport routes and procedures. The report added that the woman was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 041927H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Regional Forces (RVN) positioned at the bridge, coordinates (AT 990701), directed an undetermined number of 60mm mortar rounds at three to five Vietnamese in a boat in the SONG CAU DO. The report stated that no casualties were observed. No additional information is available at this time.

(3) Special Reports. At 040140H, ITT reported the results of a prisoner interrogation conducted today. The report stated that, according to the prisoner, the Viet Cong utilize a Catholic Church located at AN TRACH (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971664) as a hiding place when USMC forces move into the vicinity of LE SON (1) hamlet. The report added that fifteen Viet Cong are located in the vicinity of LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 980659), armed with CHICOM carbines and M-44 (not further identified) weapons. ITT did not rate the reliability of this report.

a. At 042300H, G-2 relayed a report from a QUANG NAM Special Sector agent that two Viet Cong Main Force Platoons, wearing North Vietnamese

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military uniforms (khaki shirts, black shorts), have displaced to the north from the vicinity of THANH GIAT Village complex, coordinates (BT 030620) and (BT 049630). The report stated that the Viet Cong crossed the SONG VINH DIEN (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028685). The report continued that the Viet Cong are armed with 81mm mortars and one heavy machine gun (caliber not indicated). The report stated that the Viet Cong are presently in hiding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055700) and (BT 056713). The report added that the Viet Cong may attack DA NANG Airbase or MARBLE Mountain Airfield. The G-2 stated that QUANG NAM Special Sector Headquarters rated this report as B-2. (S-2 comment: G-2 and G-3 subsequently made reference to a VNAF report that the Viet Cong force is of two company strength).

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	3	153
VC Captured	0	454
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	2	432

\*Total increase by 13 based on following ITT reports.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of Viet Cong by 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: NGUYEN CANH

Age: 39

Status: VC guard, QUANG GIANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of VC by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: TRAN NHAM

Age: 27

Status: VC farmer's cell member, DIEM SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 4 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of VC by Company L, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: TRAN XU

Age: 19

Status: VC guerrilla, HOA THAI. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 4 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of VC by 9thMar.

Name: PHUNG HIEN

Age: 52

Status: VC guard, HA GIA. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of VC by Company L, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

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Name: LY KIEU  
 Age: 50  
 Status: VC guard, DUONG SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms capture of VC by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: DANG NOI  
 Age: 36  
 Status: VC guard and VC farmer, LE SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: LE DON  
 Age: 45  
 Status: VC guard, LE SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: DONG VANG  
 Age: 38  
 Status: VC guard, LE SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company L, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: NGUYEN DUNG  
 Age: 51  
 Status: VC Old Men's Association member, YEN NE. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 4 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company A, 1stBn, 9thMar.

Name: DINH KHA  
 Age: 54  
 Status: VC Forced guard and Labor, HA QUANG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: DANG HOAN  
 Age: 41  
 Status: VC Worker, DONG SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

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One based on IIT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by Company K, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: LE TY  
Age: 54  
Status: Forced VC guard, LE SON (1). Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on IIT report dated 3 Oct 65. Report confirms VC capture by 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: NGUYEN MUON  
Age: 43  
Status: VC guard and VC Farmer's Association member, THAI CAN. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

C. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

3 - Grenades, fragmentation (CHICOM) (Vic BT 096654)

The following equipment was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - M1 clip, Approximate coordinates (AT 968650)  
1 - Sling for BAR, Approximate coordinates (AT 968650)  
1 - Instruction book on French grenades, Approximate coordinates (AT 968650)

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

1 - Punji, nail (booby trapped) (AT 096654)  
1 - Bunker (BT 124625)

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

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III MAF	(1)	
G-2	(4) FSCC	(1)
3dMar	(1) B Co, TnkBn	(1)
1/9	(1) C Co, ATBn	(1)
2/9	(2) CO	(1)
3/9	(1)	
3dTnkBn	(1)	
3dAT Bn	(1)	
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)	
2/12	(1)	
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From: G-2 III MAF

Value: B/3

## Text:

The Viet Cong have moved their troops from QUANG NGAI, QUANG TIN, and THUA THIEN Provinces to form a sizeable force in an attempt to attack DANANG town and its airbase in this rainy season. They will employ the "human wave" tactics and strike hard and quick by having 100 suicide agents armed with bombs charge into the airfield. After the explosions, they will surge in fast and impetuously like a typhoon. At the same time, they will organized meetings to stimulate people in VC-controlled areas to rush to DANANG. If succeeded, they will together assault to destroy GVN offices, the town hall and kill our cadres.

At an assembly in their secret zone, they determined that, in attacking DANANG airbase, they will lose 5,000 men and at any rate, they must do that to create a repercussion in the world.

The source also said that 20 VC in DANANG and about 100 VC in QUANG NAM had gone to a VC secret zone to study the plans of laying and using mines, explosives and they have not returned yet.

The VC have and are bringing explosives from VC-controlled areas to DANANG awaiting for orders to annihilate important US military bases in DANANG. These explosives are time bombs and each VC can bring 4 explosives at the most.

COLLATION: This news was collated and confirmed. In addition to the report of Secret Agent AL70, another penetration agents also gave us the same information.

DATE AND TIME OF REPORT: 1100 hours, 27 September 1965

(Above report forwarded by III MAF G-2)

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

2/JAB/Rob  
3800  
052400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #89, Period ending 052400H October 1965.  
Encl: (1) Agent report provided by 1stBn, 9thMar

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 050100H, a Company C patrol reported making contact with three armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 047668). The patrol fired on the Viet Cong, who threw one grenade at the patrol, detonating what probably was a booby-trap. The Viet Cong were then observed running into a bunker at the same location, and then a patrol member threw a fragmentation hand grenade into the bunker. No casualties were reported as the result of this encounter. At 050130H, this patrol reported making contact with eleven Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 046663). The patrol directed small arms fire against the Viet Cong, who returned the fire with one automatic weapon and two semi-automatic weapons. The Viet Cong broke contact without any USMC casualties. No Viet Cong casualties were reported.

b. At 051815, the AO reported observing one Viet Cong squad moving into a frame structure at coordinates (BT 089634). The AO requested an artillery mission, and forty two 105mm HE shells and six 105mm WP shells were directed against the target. The AO reported that the mission had excellent effect on the target and the structure was burning. The AO did not observe Viet Cong bodies but did report what appeared to be blood pools. No additional information is available at this time.

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

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one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 050300H, Company I reported that a Vietnamese woman contacted Marines at coordinates (AT 974654) seeking medical assistance. The woman had sustained multiple fragmentation wounds of the hands, arms, abdomen, waist and chest. The interpreter stated she had been wounded by artillery fire in the vicinity of LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962649), on 4 October. The woman was evacuated to an ARVN hospital for treatment. It was noticed that the woman's wounds had been bandaged in a professional manner prior to her arrival at the USMC position.

b. At 051215H, Company I reported observing approximately sixty people in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006653). G-3 confirmed that there was no known movement of friendly (ARVN) troops in that area, and two platoons of Company I were dispatched to investigate. At 051355H, the AO reported observing approximately seventeen women at coordinates (AT 985654) moving in a westerly direction, but could not locate the larger group of people previously observed. The two Company I platoons failed to make contact with the sixty person group and returned to their positions at 051545H. (S-2 comment: Most probably the 051215H report of approximately sixty persons at coordinates (BT 006653) and the 051355H AO contact with seventeen persons at coordinates (AT 985654) are based on the movement of the same group of people, and the latter report of seventeen women was the correct one).

c. At 051605H, the AO reported observing what appeared to be a high frequency radio positioned at coordinates (BT 003637). Sixteen 105mm WP rounds were directed against the position with excellent effect. The AO reported that one round impacted directly on target and that the mission covered the target well. No trace was left of the radio at the termination of the artillery mission.

d. At 051730H, the Battalion S-3 reported that one round of small arms sniper fire was received from the direction of coordinates (AT 988684). Two men wearing black clothing were observed running across a rice field towards CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 988688). A patrol was dispatched to investigate but reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

e. At 051000H, the Battalion S-2 forwarded to the Regimental S-2 a translated copy of a letter from a Vietnamese local governmental agent concerning Viet Cong activities in this area. The letter was provided the Battalion S-2 by the HOA HAI Village Chief, to whom the letter was originally addressed. The translated document is enclosed to this INTSUM.

f. Late report. The latest information regarding the results of the 3rd Battalion engagement reported in INTSUM #87 (See 032345H entry), indicates the Viet Cong sustained sixteen KIA with an estimated additional twenty probably killed.

(3) Special Report. At 052105H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that the Viet Cong in HOA HAI, HOA LAN, and HOA PHUONG villages in HOA VANG

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District, and THANH SON and THANH TRUNG villages in DIEN BAN District have recently displaced to the AN TAM region, coordinates (approximately) (AT 915 704) (AT 927705) (AT 905707), and (AT 924713). The Viet Cong displaced to the above locations with the intentions of establishing a combat zone and planting potatoes and manioc. At times the Viet Cong at these locations would purchase fish sauce, salt, tea, and other commodities from neighboring villages to supply the Viet Cong guerrilla forces. (This report was rated E-2 by G-2).

(b) Viet Cong casualties:	For 24 hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA	16	171
VC Captured	0	45
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	0	432

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was destroyed by artillery fire (see 051605H entry this INTSUM):

1 - Radio (type of installation and components not known)

D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar (see 050100H entry this INTSUM):

1 - Bunker (size and type not known) located at (BT 047668)

The following was destroyed by artillery fire (see 051815H entry this INTSUM):

1 - Frame structure, located at coordinates (BT 089634)

*Paul*  
For Lt. A. BUCK  
By direction

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G-2	(4)	C Co, 1stBn (1)
3dMar	(1)	CO (1)
1/9	(1)	
2/9	(2)	
3/9	(1)	
3dInfBn	(1)	
3dAT Bn	(1)	
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)	
2/12	(1)	
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From: HOA LAN Agent  
 To: District Chief HOA VANG  
 Intelligence Office USMC, Marble Mountain

## Important News:

One VC Platoon, all strangers, are moving to MAN QUAN hamlet (ET 0368) village of HOA LAN on 3 October 1965. They wear black uniforms and hard hats (pith helmets). They have weapons.

One VC Platoon located at HOA PHUNG, hamlet of KHUE DONG TUNG LAN. Main Force Platoon and 40 local guerrillas with one 60mm mortar. Their mission is to get rice before the harvest. Their purpose against the GVN is to take the rice from this village. Try to kill the chief and attack Marines or kidnap them if they can, with the local guerrillas. This area has cadres, they coordinate with the guerrillas. They will dig secret tunnels, the local guerrillas have the responsibility to protect the Main Force.

The USMC make many operations but they don't exactly know about the situation. That is the Main Force hiding in tunnels and the weapons. The guerrillas will be good and peaceable when the Marines come.

HOA LAN  
 5 October 65

Translated by Sgt Pham Phouc Chi, ARVN Interpreter

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rain), FMF  
F&O, San Francisco 96601

2/JAB/10b  
3800  
6 October 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #90, Period ending 062400H October 1965.

Encl: (1) Translated report from North Sub-sector, QUANG NAM Special Sector

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st En. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TACR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061 725), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 060045H, a Company B patrol reported making contact with five Viet Cong in the vicinity of the coast highway, coordinates (BT 095674). The patrol took the Viet Cong under fire and the Viet Cong dispersed. No casualties were reported as the result of this encounter. (SITREP No. 90 entry indicating contact with six Viet Cong was later amended by the Battalion S-2).

b. At 060730H, 3rd Platoon, Company B reported finding an estimated one-half ton of rice in two buildings located at coordinates (BT 072677). The rice was turned over to the HOA HAI Village Chief for proper disposition.

c. At 060800H, Company C, located in the vicinity of (BT 046649), reported receiving several rounds of long range small arms fire from across the SONG VINH DIEN in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043647). The Battalion S-2 requested the AO down patrol to reconnoiter the area but the AO reported observing no unusual activity. No casualties were reported as the result of this incident.

d. At 060845H, 3rd Platoon, Company D reported receiving one round of sniper fire at coordinates (BT 048714), which resulted in one Marine

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WIA. A squad was dispatched to search the area but reported negative results.

e. At 060730H, Company C reported observing seven Viet Cong running from NEAN TRUNG (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017641), which was being swept by ARVN forces. The Marines directed small arms fire on the fleeing Viet Cong and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. Because of the close proximity of the ARVN forces, the Marines did not attempt to close with the enemy or recover the fallen bodies. No Marine casualties were reported as the result of this action.

f. At 061630H, a Company D patrol reported receiving an estimated total of fourteen rounds of small arms fire at three closely adjacent locations in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052713). The patrol returned the fire with approximately forty rounds of small arms fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Viet Cong casualties were confirmed, but a Marine patrol subsequently operating in the area reported finding blood stains on the trail. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 21st Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 986733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 061521H, a squad size patrol from Company I reported receiving several sniper rounds from the direction of coordinates (BT 027643). The sniper fire was suppressed by three 81mm mortar HE rounds. A short time later, the patrol discovered a Vietnamese male at coordinates (BT 015640), who had sustained a serious foot wound, presumably as the result of the USMC mortar fire. The wounded Vietnamese was evacuated by the patrol to a point on Highway #1 where he was transferred to an ambulance for transport to a medical facility. No additional information is available at this time. (SITREP No. 90 entry attributes this report to Company D. Subsequent checking revealed that the patrol involved was from Company I).

b. At 062030H, the Company L security unit at the bridge, coordinates (AT 998707) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect who lacked adequate identification. The suspect also had in his possession an empty metal ammunition box and attempted to flee when accosted. The Marines turned the suspect over to an ARVN Lieutenant stationed at the bridge who reportedly evacuated the Viet Cong Suspect to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

c. At 062100H, Company K reported observing two Viet Cong located in a tree line at coordinates (AT 974654) maintaining scrutiny of the 1st Platoon's positions. A Marine with a sniper scope was employed and one man toppled as if hit at the first round fired. A heavy volume of small arms fire was directed at the Viet Cong position, but the second Viet Cong presumably escaped. A patrol was dispatched to recover the body of the Viet Cong and

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reported observing an estimated seven persons at the position of the Viet Cong casualty. The patrol directed one round of 3.5 inch WP and small arms fire at the group and observed at least one casualty. The group dispersed without returning the Marines' fire. Several minutes later, the patrol observed a light in the village of TAN HANH, located approximately 200 meters north-west of the scene of this action. A group of approximately thirteen elderly people and young children, obviously unarmed, left the village and approached the patrol's position. The villagers were carrying the body of an 80 year old Vietnamese who, the villagers stated, was shot in the right hip by a stray round as he lay in bed. A corpman with the patrol confirmed that the man was dead and the villagers were told they could bury him if that was their desire. No Marine casualties were reported. (The report indicated that an inquiry into the circumstances of death will be made by the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer).

(3) Special Reports. At 061600H, G-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Chief that two Main Force Viet Cong companies displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 8765) (AT 8866), and (AT 8966) on 5 October. The two Viet Cong companies were reported to have been independently displaced from a Viet Cong Battalion located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9463) and (AT 9464). One Viet Cong company was said to have remained, equipped with four 81mm mortars. The report added that two Main Force Viet Cong companies are located to the east of the SONG YEN, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9665) and (AT 9666). This report is rated by G-2 as F-6.

a. At 061940H, HOA VANG District Chief provided the Regimental S-2 with a translated copy of a report from the North Sub-sector, QUANG NAM Special Sector. The report is shown as enclosure (1) to this INTSUM.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	171
VC Captured	0	47 <sup>a</sup>
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	0	432

\*Total increase by <sup>two</sup>three based on following ITT reports:

One based on ITT report No. 2-10 dated 3 October. Report confirms capture of Viet Cong by Company M, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: NGUYEN MUON (AKA) NGUYEN BINH

Age: 27

Status: VC guerrilla, AN TRACH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

One based on ITT report dated 4 October. Report confirms capture of Viet Cong by Company A, 1stBn, 9thMar.

Name: LE CHAU

Age: 61

Status: VC (Old Man's Association Member). Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.



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- C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following commodity was captured by 1st En, 9th Mar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072677). (See paragraph 1.B.(1)b. this Intelligence Summary.)

One-half ton of rice

- D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following position was destroyed by 3rd En, 9th Mar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980688) to (AT 987688). Sixty-four pounds of TNT was used in the destruction of this position.

8 - Sections of tunnel totaling sixty-five feet

*Ward*  
FOR J. A. BUCK  
By direction

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III MAF	(1)
G-2	(4)
3d Mar	(1)
1/9	(1)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(1)
3d Tank En	(1)
3d AT En	(1)
1st Amtrac En	(1)
2/12	(1)
S-3	(2)
S-2	(2)
FSCC	(1)
B Co, Tank En	(1)
C Co, AT En	(1)
CO	(1)

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## MESSAGE

FROM: North Sub-Sector/Quang Nam Special Sector

TO: Hoa Vang Sub-Sector  
Hoa Cam Vital Area  
RF Co. 789  
RF Bn. 59INFO: J2, Hqs I Corps  
Quang Nam Special Sector  
US Advisory Group

Mr. 1418/PKB/DL/QN/E-2

Informed by secret agent that there is one VC regular company - designation unknown, commander unidentified - with the strength of 190 men - equipped with four 81mm mortars, three LMG Cal. 30. This company is scattered in the area (AT 974645), (AT 965648). Its purpose is to raid patrol teams of US. Marines. This information must be cross-checked upon receiving, and follow-up actions be taken for preventive measures.

APO 6085, 3 October 1965  
Lt Col. Tran Huu Tu  
CO North Sub-Sector/Quang Nam Sector

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Enclosure (1)

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

2/JAB/cbl  
3800  
7 October 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #91, Period ending 072400 October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 070700H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of XOM HOA BINH village, coordinates (BT 053714), reported observing two VCS five to six hundred meters to the north of the patrol's position. The patrol deployed in the direction of the VCS and fired four warning shots as the VCS fled into the village. A patrol dispatched into the area at 070800H to search for the suspects reported negative results.

b. At 070930H, a Company D reinforced squad, dispatched to investigate a pagoda at coordinates (BT 043705), reported observing six Vietnamese males in that area. The patrol fired at the suspects when they ignored warnings to halt and attempted to flee. The VC took temporary refuge in the pagoda. A short time later the VC attempted to escape from the pagoda and ran towards the direction of a wooded area. The patrol fired small arms and two 3.5 inch HE rounds at the fleeing VC. One VC was killed (body count) but the other five VC escaped capture. One CHICOM fragmentation hand grenade, a cartridge belt and seven rounds of 7.62mm ammunition were recovered from the body of the dead VC. No Marine casualties were reported. (SITREP NO. 91 reported that the patrol encountered four VC but this figure was later amended by the Battalion S-2 to the six indicated in this INTSUM).

c. At 071050H, a Company D patrol reported receiving fire from six armed VC in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057760). The VC were armed with at least

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two automatic weapons and several semi-automatic weapons. The patrol returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Marine was WIA. There was no report of Viet Cong casualties.

d. At 071125H, a local village chief reported to the Battalion S-2 that a three-ten Viet Cong rice cache was hidden in houses located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087681). The cache was reported to be guarded by five Viet Cong and to be beehy-trapped. No additional information is available at this time.

e. At 071227H, 3rd Platoon, Company D reported observing seven Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 043705). Three of the Viet Cong were armed with rifles. Twenty five 81mm mortar HE rounds were fired with no reported Viet Cong casualties.

f. At 071500H, the HOA HAI Village Chief reported to the Battalion S-2 that the Viet Cong plan to seize 100 pieces of corrugated tin (approximately 7 feet by 3 feet) from a schoolhouse located at coordinates (BT 082670). The Viet Cong plan to utilize the tin to reinforce caves located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094656). Additional information will be provided when available.

g. At 071800H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a local village chief that approximately one hundred Viet Cong cadre were located in the vicinity of KHAI TAY (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 045677). The mission of this Viet Cong group was to oversee the rice harvest and to transport the rice out of this area. The report stated that, in transporting the rice, the Viet Cong would follow a route extending to MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035689), traverse the SONG VINH DIEN, proceed to the vicinity of YEN NE (4), coordinates (AT 972677) and thence across the SONG YEN. This report was rated B-3 by the Battalion S-2.

h. At 072145H, Company C, located at coordinates (BT 053714), reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of sniper fire from three locations, coordinates (BT 050710) (BT 051713) and (BT 052714). The fire was delivered by one automatic and two semi-automatic weapons. Small arms fire was directed at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol dispatched to investigate the suspected areas reported discovering an unspecified quantity of rice in an abandoned building at coordinates (BT 048681). The report stated that the rice will be recovered at a later time.

i. At 072035H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074670), reported receiving approximately twenty five rounds of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 075672). The rounds were believed to be fired from a carbine and M-1. The fire was returned and the sniper fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

j. Late reports: At 061445H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of TU CAU (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 044649), reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects. One suspect was apprehended when he attracted the patrol's attention by attempting to evade their notice, and an examination revealed he lacked an identification card. The second Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended

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when he attempted to evade the patrol. An examination revealed he also lacked adequate identification papers and was found to have a grenade safety pin in his possession. The two Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

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

a. At 070425H, the Company L security squad positioned at the school house in YEN NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 982687) reported receiving two hand grenades and approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned to the west in a treeline. Small arms fire was directed against the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

At 070550H, this same unit reported receiving approximately twelve rounds of automatic weapons fire from the same location. The fire was returned and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 071000H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 979652), when an examination revealed he lacked an identification card. The suspect was interrogated and indicated he possessed knowledge of Viet Cong personalities in this area. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

c. At 071036H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at BO MUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 023651). The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

d. At 071225H, a Company I patrol reported making contact with six Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012645). The Viet Cong were armed with one automatic and five semi-automatic weapons. A reinforced platoon was dispatched to assist the Marine patrol but the Viet Cong withdrew before the reinforcing unit could make contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 071315H, Company M reported receiving approximately ten rounds of small arms sniper fire at coordinates (AT 964664). The enemy sniper appeared to be positioned at coordinates (AT 960660). Five rounds of small arms fire were directed against the sniper's position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 072200H, Company I reported that a sniper-scout positioned at coordinates (AT 973653) detected a target in the vicinity of (AT 974654). One round was fired and the intruder was observed to fall as if struck. A fire-team was dispatched to investigate with negative results.

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(3) Special Reports. At 071705H, the HOA VANG District Police Chief delivered to the Regimental S-2 a report from an agent concerning Viet Cong activities in the district. The report stated that a platoon of Viet Cong, wearing white pajama-type clothing, and armed with a 57mm Recoilless Rifle and small arms, was located at coordinates (AT 980660). The mission of this platoon is to attack USMC patrols and to establish ambushes along the trails running in the vicinity of the AN THACH dam site. The report added that two Viet Cong platoons are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968672), with the mission of harassing the Marines in that area. The report was rated by the HOA VANG District Police Chief as "Reliable". (This same report was subsequently received from the U.S.M.C. Liaison Officer at HOA VANG District Headquarters, who rated this report as B-1).

a. At 071910H, MCB-9 reported that a laundry man (further identification not provided) stated that Viet Cong were setting up a mortar position at coordinates (BT 077723). This information was passed to 1st Battalion for investigation. (Regimental S-2 rated this report as B-6).

b. At 072000H, the Regimental S-3 reported that fifty to sixty Main Force Viet Cong are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023640), (BT 022635), (BT 032630) and (BT 028640). Additional information regarding this report will be provided when available.

c. At 072100H, C-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that two Viet Cong platoons are in hiding at coordinates (BT 050713) and (BT 035680). The platoons are commanded by one TRAN NGUYEN. The mission of these platoons is to protect the rice harvest, to prevent the harvest from falling into RVN control, and to attack USMC patrols. C-2 rated this report as C-3.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	172
VC Captured	0	47
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	5	437

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043705):

- 1 - Grenade, fragmentation (CHICOM)
- 1 - Bolt, cartridge
- 7 - Rounds 7.62mm ammunition (CHICOM)

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

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #92, Period ending 082400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1stBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071703).

a. At 080535H, 1st Platoon, Company B, with attachments including an engineer team, reported locating a booby-trapped CHICOM fragmentation grenade at coordinates (BT 071699). The grenade was destroyed in place by demolitions. (SITREP No. 92 identifies the explosive as an "AP mine". This was later amended by the Battalion S-2 to read "CHICOM fragmentation grenade").

b. At 080900H, Company C reported that two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended on 7 October and retained in Company C positions overnight prior to evacuation to ITT on 8 October. One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061668) when the suspect attempted to wrest a carbine away from an ARVN interpreter attached to Company C. The second Viet Cong Suspect, a woman, was apprehended at 071730H in the vicinity of NGAN CAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 066665) when she was identified by an attached ARVN as a Viet Cong cadre.

c. At 080724H, a Company C patrol reported locating a quantity of rice at coordinates (BT 059641). The cache was described as the equivalent of five 55 gallon drums full of rice. Security was to be provided for the rice until its evacuation on 9 October.

d. At 082240H, Company A reported receiving five rounds of small arms fire in position at coordinates (BT 092667) from the direction of coordinates (BT 092666). Twenty five rounds of small arms fire and four rounds of 40mm (M-79)

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fire were directed at the enemy position and the fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONH CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988735), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of NLEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 080240H, a reinforced squad from Company L, located at coordinates (AT 931687) reported hearing an explosion on a trail approximately fifty meters to the east. The squad estimated the explosion to have been caused by the detonation of from ten to twelve pounds of TNT. The squad observed movement in the area of the explosion and fired two rounds of small arms, with no reported casualties.

b. At 081155H, Company M reported that a Vietnamese woman came to the Company CP, located at coordinates (AT 972667), seeking medical assistance for a gun-shot wound in the arm. The woman stated she had been shot by the Viet Cong when they confiscated her rice. The interpreter was unable to comprehend the woman's explanation as to where this incident occurred. The woman was evacuated for medical treatment.

c. At 081400H, Company M reported that a Vietnamese male came to the company CP seeking medical assistance for a gun shot wound in the arm. The man stated that he had been shot by a sniper while carrying rice for the LBNM. The man was unable to describe the location where he had received his wound. The man was evacuated for medical treatment.

d. At 081230H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of HA TAY village, coordinates (BT 006644) reported receiving a heavy volume (estimated 100 plus rounds) of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 006643) and (BT 007645). The patrol directed an estimated two hundred rounds of small arms fire at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported as the result of this engagement.

e. At 081830H, Company M reported receiving one round of sniper fire in position at coordinates (AT 962657). One Marine was KIA. The fire was not repeated and no one could provide information as to the sniper's position. It was believed however, that the round came from the west, across the SONH YEN.

f. At 081930H, Company M reported receiving approximately twenty five rounds of what was described as carbine fire in position at coordinates (AT 971661). One Marine was KIA. Approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire were directed at the suspected enemy position at coordinates (AT 973660) and the enemy fire ceased.

g. At 081930H, Company K reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire at coordinates (AT 973654), resulting in one Marine KIA. Small arms fire

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and three 40mm (M-79) rounds were directed at the suspected enemy position, coordinates (AT 974656), and the enemy fire ceased.

(3) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	172
VC Captured	0	494
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	2	439

\*Total increased by two based on following ITT reports:

One based on ITT report No. 3-10 dated 4 October. Report confirms capture of Viet Cong by 9thMar.

Name: VC THI THUY LAN  
Age: 17  
Status: VC forced laborer, and guard (XUAN DIEM). Sent to DIEM  
NAM District Chief.

One based on ITT report dated 5 October. Report confirms capture of Viet Cong by Company L, 3rdBn, 9thMar.

Name: HUUYEN LAP  
Age: 55  
Status: VC worker, YEN NE. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059641):

5 - 55 gallon drums of rice

The following was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071699):

1 - Grenade, fragmentation (CHICOM)

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

2 - 15' tunnels (AT 987690)  
4 - 15' tunnels (AT 921687)  
2 - 10' tunnels (AT 977638)  
2 - 10' tunnels (AT 976687)  
2 - 10' tunnels (AT 974686)  
6 - Shelters (AT 992678)

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #93, Period ending 092400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 091430H, a Company A patrol reported locating a cache containing approximately 600 pounds of rice hidden underground at coordinates (BT 084680). The location of the rice was provided by the HOA HAI Village Chief who had also reported that the rice was being guarded by five Viet Cong sentries (S-2 comment: See 071125H entry, INTSURI #91). The patrol reported negative contact with Viet Cong sentries, and delivered the rice to the Village Chief for proper disposition.

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

a. At 091130H, a Company I patrol reported finding a RVN national flag (in torn condition), one device described as a fuze component of a shell, a component of a pressure-type stove, and a document which was tentatively identified as a type of Viet Cong pass, at coordinates (AT 988660). No additional information is available.

b. At 091700H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG District Chief that HOA LOI village area (southwest portion of regimental TAOR) is currently being utilized by the Viet Cong as the point of entry into the 3rd

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Battalion area of operations. Two Viet Cong guerrilla platoons are presently located at HOA LOI village, and at least one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon is located at HOA THAI Village, which is considered pro-Viet Cong territory. The report continued that one Viet Cong platoon is presently located in the southern portion of HOA THONG village area, but the area north of the SONG BAU XAU is considered secure. HOA CHAU village area is considered the most secure of the localities within this general area although an estimated twenty Viet Cong guerrillas are still operating in that vicinity. (S-2 comment: This report of local guerrilla unit strengths and locations is not contradicted by any other reports or information made available to the Regimental S-2. It probably provides a substantially accurate depiction of the current Viet Cong guerrilla forces in the western portion of the TAOR. This report is rated C-2).

c. At 091920H, Company K reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire in the Company CP position, coordinates (AT 997663) from the direction of coordinates (AT 990658). Four rounds of small arms fire were directed against the suspected position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. At 091450H, G-2 reported that a Viet Cong Regular Force Company, commanded by one NGUYEN DOA, displaced from southeast DIEM BAN to the vicinity of VICH TRAM hamlet, coordinates (AT 999635). The strength of this company is 120 men, armed with one 57mm Recoilless Rifle, two LMGs, and individual small arms. The Viet Cong wear gray and/or khaki uniforms, berets, and hats described as "coloured". The mission of this Viet Cong unit is to raid U.S. forces at coordinates (BT 019644). (S-2 comment: original report stated "to raid U.S. Forces at HA THANH, coordinates (BT 019644) but the geographical name was subsequently deleted by G-2).

a. At 091525H, G-2 relayed an I Corps agent report that one Viet Cong Main Force company appeared on 5 October at PHONG HO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 070630). This company is commanded by one PHAM, and is reported to include a Montagnard medical officer. The Viet Cong unit is equipped with one 60mm mortar, one LMG, 9 automatic rifles, and normal arms. G-2 commented that the location shown for this company is the operating area of Viet Cong Local Force K-40 company, previously reported operating west of Highway No. one. I Corps rated this report as C-3.

b. At 091920H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG District Headquarters Liaison Officer that, at 081800H, six Viet Cong, armed with K-50 SMGs displaced from THACH BO hamlet, coordinates (AT 954637) to PHU HOA hamlet, coordinates (AT 957707). The Viet Cong wore white clothing. The report continued that, at 082000H, eight Viet Cong, armed with SMGs and rifles, displaced from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004656) to PHUONG NAM hamlet, coordinates (BT 000688). Both Viet Cong groups were disguised in order to facilitate assassination of GVN cadres and USMC patrols.

(4) <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	172
VC Captured	0	49
VC Captured (MIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	0	439

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- C. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following commodity was located by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094680): (See 091130H entry, this Intelligence Summary.)  
600 - Pounds of rice
- D. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:
- 50 - Foot of tunnel vicinity (AT 974654)
  - 1 - Large bunker vicinity (AT 988660)

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #34, Period ending 102400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA HANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DU (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MUI KH mountain, coordinates (BT 061 728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 101030H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 112651) reported receiving approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire from an estimated four VC located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 109651). The patrol returned the fire with approximately three hundred rounds of 7.62mm fire, three 3.5 inch rocket rounds, and six 40mm (M-79) rounds and the VC fire ceased. The patrol pursued the VC but lost contact. No casualties were reported as the result of this action.

b. At 101425H, a squad patrol of Company A reported detonating a booby trap at coordinates (BT 075677), resulting in two Marines KIA. The Battalion S-2 described the explosive as a fragmentation grenade.

c. At 100830H, 3d Platoon, Company C reported recovering approximately three tons of rice cached in five buildings at coordinates (BT 059641). (S-2 comment: See 020724H entry, INTSUM #92). The rice was delivered by the Marines to the HOA HAI Village Chief for proper disposition. (SITREP No. 94 reported that the rice cache totalled five tons. The Battalion S-2 stated the total approximated three tons. Both figures are estimates made in the absence of weighing equipment).

d. At 101400H, A Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of (BT 075655), reported receiving seven rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 075656). Small arms fire, eight rounds of 81mm mortar fire, three

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3.5 inch rocket rounds, and six 40mm (M-79) rounds were directed at the enemy position and the fire ceased. The VC were observed withdrawing to the west and southwest. No casualties were reported.

e. At 101410H, 3d Platoon, Company A reported apprehending one VCS at coordinates (BT 092656) as an aftermath to the Company A patrol action reported at 101400H. (See above entry). The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

f. At 101823H, Company D reported receiving one round of sniper fire at coordinates (BT 049717), resulting in two Marines KIA. The fire was not repeated and the direction of fire was not determined.

g. At 101833H, the Dusk Patrol AO reported observing seven or eight explosions on the west bank of the SONG DAV XAU, coordinates (AT 006447). No additional information is available.

h. At 101535H, Company 4 reported receiving approximately thirty rounds of semi-automatic fire at coordinates (BT 092662). Approximately three hundred rounds of 7.62mm fire, three 3.5 inch rocket rounds and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy position, coordinates (BT 092656) and the VC fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

i. At 101820H, Company C reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire in position at coordinates (BT 038673), from the direction of azimuth 230°, at an undetermined range. Approximately two hundred rounds of small arms fire were fired in the direction of the enemy position, and the VC fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

j. At 101913H, Company C reported receiving six to eight rounds of small arms fire at coordinates (BT 037669). The enemy position was not determined and no casualties were reported.

k. At 101835H, Company C reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of semi-automatic fire (described as carbine fire) in position at coordinates (BT 066654) from two enemy positions in the directions of 180° and 275°. The range and location of enemy positions could not be determined, but small arms fire was directed along the azimuth of fire and the VC fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOB and provided security for the PLSF ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 983733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 996707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 027678).

a. At 101130H, Company I reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 982692). An examination revealed that the suspect lacked an identification card and had in his possession what the Battalion S-2 described as a substantial amount of Laotian and Vietnamese currency. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.



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b. At 101435H, Company I reported approaching one woman Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 000652). Although the woman possessed what appeared to be a valid identification card, she was evacuated to ITT for investigation when she was observed transporting what was described as a large quantity of medicines.

c. At 101730H, Company I reported observing one Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 974657) firing at a resupply helicopter operating in the area. The company also observed fire being directed at the helicopter from an undetermined number of Viet Cong obscured from view in the general vicinity of coordinates (AT 978650). Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported as the result of this action.

d. At 101833H, the Duck Patrol AO reported observing two explosions which occurred at coordinates (AT 998660). No additional information is available.

e. At 101500H, Company I reported approaching one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 005660). The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation. At 101500H, Company I also reported approaching one male Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 000652), when the suspect insisted that he be allowed to accompany the woman Viet Cong Suspect apprehended there earlier. (See 101435H entry). The man was evacuated to ITT.

f. Report of Information on VC received directly from civilians. At 101515H, the Company I security squad positioned at coordinates (AT 984687) reported being approached by a thirteen year old Vietnamese boy who stated that six Viet Cong were presently located in the area identified by the Marines as being in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974684). When the Marines requested that he lead them to the Viet Cong location, the boy refused and refuted his story. No additional information is available at this time.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	172
VC Captured	0	49
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	4	443

g. Destruction and evacuation of enemy material. The following commodity was located by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059641). (See INTSUM #92, para (1)c.)

3 - Tons of rice

The following was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075677). (See 101425H entry, this Intelligence Summary).

1 - Grenade, fragmentation (booby-trapped)

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

- 2 - Tunnels, 20' in length, vicinity (AT 982691)
- 2 - Tunnels, 24' in length, vicinity (AT 977690)
- 3 - Tunnels, 26' in length, vicinity (AT 983692)
- 1 - Tunnel, 8' in length, vicinity (AT 979691)
- 1 - Tunnel, 12' in length, vicinity (AT 983693)
- 1 - Tunnel, 10' in length, vicinity (AT 981693)
- 18 - Feet of tunnel, vicinity (AT 993664)
- 97 - Feet of tunnel, vicinity (AT 993673)
- 150 - Feet of tunnel, vicinity (AT 970655) to (AT 971658)

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

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3800  
112400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #95, Period ending 112400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 111000H, a Company C patrol checking river traffic on the SONG VINH DIEM at coordinates (BT 034685), reported observing a small boat manned by two men. The patrol challenged the boat and fired two warning shots. When the men ignored the warnings and attempted to flee, the patrol directed their fire at the boat, causing it to sink. The two occupants however, escaped apprehension by swimming to the opposite shore. The cargo of the boat (if any) was not determined.

b. At 110949H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of AN LUU hamlet, coordinates (BT 032678) reported observing an armed Viet Cong at a position approximately 500 meters to the south of the patrol's location. The Viet Cong fled, pursued by the patrol. At coordinates (BT 032672) the Viet Cong was observed seeking cover in a hole, and the patrol shot him as he attempted to throw a grenade. The grenade detonated in his position and the Viet Cong was killed, (body count). The patrol recovered one U.S. Rifle, Model 1903 (Springfield), and four rounds of caliber .30 M-1 ammunition. No USMC casualties were reported.

c. At 111200H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending a Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 035684) when an examination revealed he possessed two identification cards and that he was of obvious military age. The Battalion S-2 stated the suspect will be retained in the company position overnight and evacuated to ITT on 12 October.

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d. At 112056H, Company A reported receiving four rounds of sniper fire in position, coordinates (BT 091663) from two Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 093660). Four rounds of small arms fire were directed at the Viet Cong position, and the sniper fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

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

a. At 110005H, a Company M patrol reported receiving two rounds of what was described as carbine fire at coordinates (AT 969650). The patrol fired eight rounds of small arms fire at the suspected Viet Cong position, coordinates (AT 969648), and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report added that it was believed five Viet Cong were in the position from which the fire was received. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. At 111040H, G-2 reported that a KC-130 operating approximately one mile south of DA NANG Airbase runway #135, received small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012709). One man was observed running from a house at that position, kneeling as if firing a weapon, and running back into the house. No additional information is available.

a. At 111235H, G-2 relayed a report from a HOA VANG District Headquarters Liaison Officer that one Viet Cong Battalion, commanded by LE TUIGEN, was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960640). (S-2 comment: This report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG District Headquarters. G-2 withheld rating this report pending investigation). The report also stated that a Marine unit made contact with this battalion at 111233H. (S-2 comment: This portion of the report is unfounded. A sweep of this area was conducted but no contact was reported. S-2 rates the overall report as C-5).

b. At 111600H, the Regimental S-4 reported that a river reconnaissance team received twenty three rounds of small arms fire and one fragmentation grenade from an estimated two to four Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 963688). The team (patrol) returned the fire and pursued the Viet Cong to CAM NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969694). The patrol searched the hamlet with negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 111750H, 3rd Marines relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong battalion, unit designation and strength unknown, moved up the SONG AI NGHIA during the night of 10 October to a position bounded by Grid Lines 97 to 01 and 63 to 66. The battalion is equipped with anti-tank (recoilless) rifles, type, caliber and quantity not known. HIEU DUC rated this report as B-2. (S-2 comment: See 111235H entry, this INTSUM. Because this report extends the area designated for this battalion's location to include territory that was not covered by today's sweep operation, the validity of this report is correspondingly more credible. S-2 rates this report as C-3).

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C. Report of Information on VC received directly from civilians. At 111750M, Company I reported that an unspecified number of LE SON (4) villagers, (further identification not provided), contacted Company I and stated that twenty Viet Cong had been in LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 961648), on 9 October. (Additional information will be provided when available.)

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	173
VC Captured	0	524
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	1	444

\*Increase of three Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 8 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN KY  
Age: 48  
Status: VC Former Cell member, AN TRACH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by M-3-9 071000H.

ITT report dated 9 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN VAN LIEU  
Age: 19  
Status: VC youth group member, Hamlet #5, THANH THUY Village. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector  
Captured by C-1-9 071600H

ITT report dated 9 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN THI CHANH (AKA) HUYNH THI DAO  
Age: 24  
Status: VC laborer, TU CAU hamlet. Sent to DIEM BAN District Chief.  
Captured by C-1-9 071730H.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032672):

- 1 - U.S. rifle, Model 1903 (Springfield)
- 4 - Rounds, cal .30 M-1

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

- 50 - Feet of tunnel
- 20 - Spider holes (AT 956645) to (AT 956647)
- 25 - Funji holes

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20 - Spider holes (AT 95644)  
 1 - Bunker  
 100 - Feet of tunnel  
 35 - Spider holes (AT 962645) to (AT 962649)  
 25 - Punji holes  
 1 - Bunker  
 20 - Baby traps, Mineon with wire (AT 956674)

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

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FMF  
122400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: 3-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #96, Period ending 122400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 21st Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA HANG Airbase and north of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental WAO, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 021700), the radio station in MCH IX Mountain, coordinates (BT 021728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 021731).

a. At 121430H, Company A, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of VIEM DONG village, coordinates (BT 023658), reported locating approximately one ton of rice and two hundred pounds of potatoes in a building at coordinates (BT 023658). While members of the company were loading the foodstuff into an LVT for evacuation, a radio, described as about 2 1/2 years of age, emerged from a hole located behind the building, and threw a grenade, wounding two Marines. The Marines fired at the Viet Cong, who appeared to be hit several times, but who fled. A squad which pursued the fleeing Viet Cong observed traces of blood, but the Viet Cong escaped apprehension in the heavy rains which were occurring. The rice and potatoes were turned over to the BOA HAI Village Chief, for proper disposition.

b. At 121305H, Company C reported receiving fifteen to twenty rounds of small arms fire from three weapons fired from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023668). The enemy fire, which ignited in Company C's positions at coordinates (BT 023669), resulted in no USMC casualties. Thirty two rounds of small arms fire were directed against the suspected Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased.

c. At 121925H, Company A reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds of small arms fire from at least six Viet Cong who were engaged at close range around the perimeter of the company CP position at coordinates (BT 023669). Approximately two hundred rounds of small arms fire were directed at the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

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

a. At 120830H, Company M reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire in position at coordinates (AT 957680). The sniper fire ceased without it being returned, but it was believed to have originated at coordinates (AT 956682). No casualties were reported.

b. At 122045H, the Company L security unit at the new bridge, coordinates (AT 999698), reported observing armed people moving within the trackline at coordinates (AT 999700). Illumination was provided, and the Marines directed small arms fire at the intruders, who returned the fire, and broke contact. Subsequent investigation disclosed that the intruders were RVN Popular Force personnel conducting an unannounced patrol in the area. No casualties were sustained by the Marines or RVN Popular Force Personnel.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 121145H, G-2 reported that a KC-130 aircraft, on its approach to the southern end of runway #135, received an estimated six rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012708). No casualties were reported.

b. At 122031H, the Liaison Officer at HOA YANG District Headquarters reported that an informer, (further identification not provided) contacted members of the ARVN security unit at the bridge (AT 998707) and stated that five or six Viet Cong are presently located in PHONG BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 990706). No additional information is available at this time.

c. Report of Information on VC received directly from civilians. At 121530H, a local village chief, (further identification not provided) reported to the 1st Battalion S-2, that, on approximately 6 October, one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon and one Main Force platoon arrived in MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 039679). The mission of these Viet Cong units is to expedite the movement of rice from the MAN QUAN region across the SONG VINH DIEN (river) and to arouse the people in the area. The report continued that, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083670), the Viet Cong have constructed a circular fence and held nightly meetings which are attended by approximately twenty local force Viet Cong. The report added that approximately seventy to eighty Viet Cong guerrillas, one-half of which are Main Force personnel, are located at VIEM DONG village, coordinates (BT 099658), armed with one 60mm mortar. S-2 rates this report as C-3.

a. On 12 October, a local village chief, (further identification not provided), reported to the 1st Battalion S-2, that two sections of Main Force Viet Cong, totalling approximately sixty personnel, displaced from NGAN CAU (4)



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hamlet, coordinates (BT 0567), to KHUE DONG village, (BT 0570), BA TUNG village, coordinates (BT 0470), and BINH KY village, coordinates (BT 0569). The Viet Cong had notified the villagers of NGAN CAU hamlet that they were moving to the above villages, and intended to attack the airfield from DA MAN village, coordinates (BT 0571) (DA MAN does not appear on operational map currently in use). The Viet Cong are equipped with one 81mm mortar, one 60mm mortar, four automatic rifles, and small arms. The report stated that these Viet Cong are supported by a local guerrilla company and will probably cross the river or go under the river by use of an underwater walkway. The village chief also stated that he knew of a villager who knew of the location of tunnels in the KHUE DONG, BA TUNG, and BINH KY areas. (S-2 rates this report as C-4).

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	173
VC Captured	0	54*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	0	444

\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on IIT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

IIT report dated 11 Oct 65.

Name: PHAM HANG (AKA) HOC  
 Age: 65  
 Status: VC Old Man's Association member, HA THANH. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
 Captured by I-3-9 10 Oct 65.

IIT report dated 11 Oct 65.

Name: NGO HANG  
 Age: 56  
 Status: VC forced laborer, CAY TRUNG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
 Captured by I-3-9 10 Oct 65.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1st Bn, 9th Mar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095658):

1 - Ton rice  
 200 - Pounds of potatoes

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

76 - Feet of tunnel, Coords (AT 973686)  
 (AT 972686)  
 (AT 973684)  
 (AT 963684)

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

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132400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #97, Period ending 132400H October 1965.  
Encl: (1) NAD rpt dtd 9Oct65  
(2) NAD rpt dtd 11Oct65

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 131100H, a Company C patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055638), reported receiving several rounds of small arms sniper fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053638). The patrol returned the fire and the enemy fire ceased. The patrol proceeded to the area of the sniper's position, but reported negative contact. One Marine was WIA as the result of the sniper fire.

b. At 131106H, a Forward Observer attached to Company A reported observing approximately fifteen armed Viet Cong in the open at coordinates (BT 119642). An artillery fire mission was requested, but was terminated after the firing of three adjusting rounds, as the Viet Cong quickly dispersed and no longer presented a target.

c. At 131630H, a Company C patrol, returning to its base, reported making contact with at least three Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 043649). The Viet Cong opened fire with at least one machine gun at close range, resulting in two Marines KIA, and two Marines WIA. The patrol returned the fire, and reinforcements were dispatched to assist. The enemy broke contact, with no confirmed Viet Cong casualties. Additional information will be provided when available.

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d. At 131900H, Company C reported receiving approximately ten rounds of small arms fire in position, coordinates (BT 046676) from an estimated three Viet Cong located approximately three hundred meters to the north, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046679). The Viet Cong fire ceased before return fire could be directed at the suspected position. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSE ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 986733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 993707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 130900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Marines guarding the Battalion CP perimeter found a number of anti-war and anti-GVN propaganda banners (further identification not provided) scattered in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982683). The banners were recovered and evacuated to Regiment for examination.

b. At 132150H, Company I reported observing six to eight persons moving in a southerly direction about 300 meters west of the railroad bridge, coordinates (AT 997700). 81mm mortar illumination was provided and the unidentified group was observed leaving the area. No additional information is available.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 130145H, G-2 provided the Regimental S-2 with copies of two NAD intelligence reports pertaining to Viet Cong activities within the TAOR. Copies of these reports are included as enclosures (1) and (2) to this INTSUM.

b. At 132020H, G-2 relayed a report from HMM-263, that, at 131935H, a helicopter received small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 113 649). The report added that the Viet Cong who had fired at the helicopter emerged from a white colored hut at the above coordinates described as guard house. The report added that the helicopter sustained one hit, but reported no casualties.

C. <u>Viet Cong casualties</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	173
VC Captured	0	54
VC Captured (WIA)	0	1
VC Suspects	0	444

D. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was destroyed by 1st Bn, 9th Mar:

- 1 - Grenade, fragmentation (CHICOM) booby trapped (destroyed in place at coordinates (BT 032663)).

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- E. Destroyed enemy position and/or fortification. No report received during the reporting period.
- F. Report of Information on VC received directly from civilians. No report received during this reporting period.

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U. S. NAVAL ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
APO 137  
San Francisco, California

Date of info: 9 OCT 65  
Date received: 12 OCT 65

REPORT

VC MAI HUNG DI has led an assassination platoon into Son Thuy (070710), Dong Hai, Trung Tay (027742), Ap Nam and Tan Lam (078704) hamlets (Hea Long (078695) village) and Xuan Nham, Tra Lo (087682) hamlet (Hea Hai (084570) village). His small unit is bent on:

Assassinating government officials, government-inclined elements and U.S. personnel in the area.

Their meeting place every evening: Dien Trung hamlet (Thanh Thuy (060630) village, Dien Ban district) at between 1700-1800H.

They are armed with 4 Czech SME, 3 Thompsons, 4 MAS 36, 5 Russian rifles, 6 M26 grenades, 10 rudimentary-made mines.

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U. S. NAVAL ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
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Date of Info: 11 Oct 65  
Date received: 12 Oct 65

REPORT

- According to Q3/11, VC are now forcing the population to set up combat villages and dig up trenches from HOA HAI village to the Protestant Loper Center in Thanh Thuy (BT 060630) village. They are also hiding rice which they have extracted from the population in August in underground caves.

Supervising these tasks is VC cadre MAI DANG BA, assisted by a 30-man platoon. BA's unit is armed with, in addition to individual weapons, two automatic rifles and two mines - each carried by a 4-man detail. They will participate in an attack against the Danang airbase. They rendezvous point: Protestant dispensary (Same as Loper Center), 1800, everyday.

- According to Q3/12, VC are readying for an attack in KHAI DONG (BT 078695) village, and TAY BAC district. Cadres are told to stock medical supplies and medicines. The attack will be launched simultaneously with an assault against the Danang airbase.

- Three VC battalions - 4th battalion, Quang Tin Inter-zone, 304th battalion, Quang Nam inter-zone, and 7th battalion - are expected in areas in the HOA VANG (AT 920880) district, and in the town suburbs. They will form the main force for the attack against the Danang airbase.

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Fwd) (Rein), FMF  
APO, San Francisco 96301

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3800  
142400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #98, Period ending 142400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 141100H, Company D reported that a Vietnamese woman was killed when she ignored verbal warnings and warning shots to halt and attempted to flee from Marines conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of XUAN TRA hamlet, coordinates (BT 068693). At the time of the incident, the Marines were unaware that the fleeing suspect was a woman because of her attire. The body was identified by the HOA LONG Village Chief who stated his belief that she was not a Viet Cong. The body was turned over for burial to her husband, a butcher by trade, who resided in ANAI DONG hamlet (SITREP No. 98, in reporting this incident, identifies the victim as a Viet Cong. In light of the subsequent identification by the HOA LONG Village Chief, the designation as 'Viet Cong' was removed. This information however, was received too late to be utilized in the SITREP).

b. At 141220H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035689), reported receiving four rounds of small arms sniper fire from coordinates (BT 036692). The patrol directed small arms fire against the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. When the patrol searched the area from which the sniper fire was received, they found the body of one Viet Cong. No weapon was found by the patrol. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 141225H, the same Company C patrol, while operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035683), reported receiving five rounds of small

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arms sniper fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037684). The patrol directed small arms fire against the suspected position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 141445H, Company D reported receiving six or seven small arms sniper rounds in the CP position, coordinates (BT 085667). The 2d Platoon, returning to the CP area, engaged the sniper, and gave pursuit when he attempted to flee. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086665), the Viet Cong was wounded and captured. The Viet Cong weapon, however, was not found. No Marine casualties were reported. The Viet Cong was evacuated for medical treatment and investigation.

e. The HOA LONG Village Chief reported to the 1st Battalion S-2, that a twelve man Viet Cong suicide squad is located in TRA KHE, (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 074684). The Viet Cong are armed with pistols and their mission is said to be assassination. The Village Chief also reported that thirty six Main Force Viet Cong are located in HAI AN village area, coordinates (BT 058679). They are armed with two BARs and thirty four M-1 rifles. The report continued that forty-six Local Force Viet Cong are located in MAN QUAN village, coordinates (BT 040688), armed with one BAR, seven THOMPSON SMGs, and the balance of the Viet Cong unit is armed with M-1 rifles. The report added that a Viet Cong company headquarters is located in CAM SA (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 089644), and the A-46 Battalion headquarters has displaced to the vicinity of CAM NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 992686). The Village Chief stated that approximately one platoon of Main Force Viet Cong constitute the cadre for the Regimental TAOR, and they are augmented by 152 Local Force Viet Cong. (The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. Regimental S-2 rates it as C-3).

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

a. Late Report. At 132240H, the Company I security squad at the bridge, coordinates (AT 994689), reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong moving in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997692). The Marines and the Viet Cong exchanged approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire and the Viet Cong withdrew. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 132200H, a Company K ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 975660) made contact with two or three Viet Cong. The Marines took the Viet Cong under fire at close range and one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire as the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed blood stains, but no bodies were recovered. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. Late Report. At 132210H, the Company I security squad positioned at the school house in YEN NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 979687), reported

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observing movement on the periphery of the position and fired ten rounds and threw one fragmentation grenade in the direction of the movement. One Marine was wounded as the result of the explosion of the grenade thrown by the Marines. No other casualties were reported and the origin of the reported movement was not determined.

d. At 140940H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect hiding in a rice field at coordinates (AT 995687). The suspect was initially observed digging in that area, and a search was conducted by the Marines and ARVN personnel to locate the object of his digging. A cache was found which contained two mines (described as U. S. 5K anti-tank mines), forty rounds of caliber .30 linked ammunition, eight empty M-2 carbine magazines, one (full) AR-15 magazine, various documents including a map which depicted the location of the cache, clothing, a shelter half, one first-aid packet, and a canteen. The ARVN personnel took the suspect and his material under guard to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

e. At 141100H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963651), reported receiving sniper fire from a Viet Cong position at coordinates (AT 963648). When the patrol closed with the sniper, it received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in a tree line at coordinates (AT 961641). Reinforcements were dispatched and 81mm mortar fire and four rounds of 105mm HE were directed against the Viet Cong positions. When the Marines entered the area of the Viet Cong positions, they found no indications of Viet Cong casualties. At 141250H, Company M reported that four Vietnamese civilians were wounded by the Marines' 81mm mortar fire directed against coordinates (AT 963648). The wounded civilians were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment. No Marine casualties were reported as the result of this engagement.

f. At 142023H, Company L reported observing an intruder moving in a tree line at coordinates (AT 980687). Twelve rounds of small arms fire were directed at the intruder, who fled without injury. The Marines' fire was not returned.

g. At 142000H, the 2d Platoon, Company K, reported observing an undetermined number of white-clad figures moving across the front of the platoon's positions at coordinates (AT 993666). Illumination was provided and small arms fire was directed against the intruders who fled without returning the Marines' fire. No casualties were reported.

C. Report of Information on VC received directly from civilians. No report received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting Period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	174
VC Captured	1	557
VC Captured (WIA)	1	2
VC Suspects	1	445

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\*Increase of one Viet Cong based on IIT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

IIT report dated 12 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN TRIEN

Age: 46

Status: VC guerrilla, DIEN DONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.

Captured by A-1-9 101400H.

- E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report received during this reporting period.
- F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during this reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #99, Period ending 152400H October 1965.

Encl: (1) ✓ NAD REPORT received from G 3/13 10.10.65 (Report received 150300H)  
(2) ✓ NAF COMMAND CENTER REPORT, DTG 150210H (Report received 150300H)

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 151130H, Company A reported observing ten Viet Cong, at least two of whom were armed, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089658). An 81mm mortar mission was initiated, but was terminated prior to the firing of the first round when Company A reported that the Viet Cong no longer presented a target.

b. At 152050H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DA NANG Airbase Intelligence Service (no additional identification provided) that one Viet Cong section occupies each of the villages of MAN QUAN (BT 040648), DU CAU (Unknown), and CAM SA (BT 030644). Those three sections comprise one Viet Cong company, and are equipped with one 81mm mortar and three automatic weapons. The report continued that one Viet Cong section is located in DIA LY village (Unknown), with the mission of infiltrating the ranks of the indigenous personnel in the Marble Mountain area so as to acquire information of USMC operations in that area. The report added that a Viet Cong general, one DUONG TUAN KHET, is located at TRUNG HANG village (Unknown). (The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. S-2 rates it as P-3).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-

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road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 151200H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980655), reported receiving four rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979650). When the patrol deployed to close with the enemy, it came under fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in position at coordinates (AT 980656). Reinforcements were dispatched to assist the patrol, but the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 151220H, a Company M patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971680), reported that a Vietnamese woman contacted the patrol and reported that a large number of Viet Cong had occupied CAM NE (6) hamlet, and therefore she was departing the area. The patrol proceeded towards CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971687), when, at 151300H, it received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of a pagoda at coordinates (AT 972683). An artillery mission was requested, and four rounds of 105mm HE were directed at the enemy who were located in a tree line. The enemy fire ceased and elements of Companies M and L proceeded to search and destroy in the area in the vicinity of CAM NE hamlets (1), (2), and (6). At 151335H, approximately ten Viet Cong were observed at coordinates (AT 981682). Artillery fire was directed against the enemy, but was terminated after three adjusting rounds were fired, as the Viet Cong dispersed and no longer presented a worthwhile target. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 151325H, a forward observer attached to Company M reported that a CHICOM fragmentation grenade, rigged as a booby trap, was detonated in place at coordinates (AT 972681).

d. At 151410H, the Company L security squad positioned at the school house, coordinates (AT 985681), reported receiving approximately five rounds of sniper fire from a tree line to the north at very close range. Small arms fire was directed against the suspected enemy position and the sniper fire ceased.

e. At 151435H, Company L, participating in a search and destroy operation in CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 971687), reported finding the bodies of two dead Vietnamese, who were apparently killed by artillery fire directed earlier at Viet Cong in the area (See 151220H entry, this INTSUM). One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area and evacuated to JTF for investigation.

f. At 152030H, Company L, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998690), reported receiving eighteen rounds of small arms fire from the direction of a tree line, at less than 100 meters distance. Approximately forty five rounds of small arms fire were directed against the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

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g. At 152041H, Company L reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of what was described as carbine fire in position at coordinates (AT 998 706). Thirty to forty rounds of small arms fire were directed at the Viet Cong position, coordinates (AT 995704), and the enemy fire ceased. Company L stated that approximately six Viet Cong were estimated to have participated in this action. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 152045H, Company L reported receiving approximately five rounds of small arms fire in position, coordinates (AT 996700) from an undetermined number of Viet Cong firing from positions west of the bridge at close range. Ten rounds of small arms fire were directed against the Viet Cong position, and the enemy broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

i. At 152120H, the Company L security unit at bridge #2, coordinates (AT 996700), reported receiving a heavy volume of automatic and semi automatic fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong firing from positions to the north. Approximately eighty rounds of small arms fire were directed against the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

(3) Headquarters, 9th Marine. At 152250H, a two man LP positioned outside the perimeter of the Regimental CP, coordinates (AT 997725), received one fragmentation grenade in position, resulting in one Marine KIA. The other member of the LP directed three rounds of small arms fire at an undetermined number of Viet Cong with negative results. The wounded Marine required helicopter evacuation.

(4) Special Reports. At 150345H, G-2 provided S-2 with copies of the following intelligence reports pertaining to Viet Cong activities within the TAOB:

1. MAD report, marked "From Q 3/13 10.10.65".
2. MAF Command Center report, DTG 150210H.

Copies of these reports are included as enclosures (1) and (2) to this INTSUM.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. See 151220H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>Per 24 hour Reporting Period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	174
VC Captured	0	55
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	1	446

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following enemy equipment was destroyed in place by 3rdBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972681):

- 1 - Grenade, fragmentation (CHICOM)

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

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## NAD REPORT

From Q 3/13 10.10.65

Complimentary to report on 6.10.65 on PLAN TO ATTACK THE AIRBASE.

The main assault group is MADE up of a company elements who are armed with 2 MG, 3 AR, plastic charges, 15 TNT explosives, 25 81MM rounds and 15 60mm rounds. Coming from KHUE DONG woods, they would shell rows of jets at the airbase. Their security forces would be concentrated in THI AN hamlet (HOA LAN village) and TRUNG LUONG hamlet (HOA PHUOC village). Another assault group consists of troops from THAN THUY, HOA HAI, HOA LAN and HOA GUONG villages who would gather in PHE BINH hamlet (BT 055706) HOA PHUNG village, prior to assault. Ambush would be sprung for reinforcement troops in HIEU BONG hamlet (HOA CHAU village). Troops would arrive to rendezvous point one by one, disguised as mat and cloth sellers, with their weapons concealed under their goods. Actions planned in support of the airbase attack:

a. Blow up the TRINH MINH THE bridge. (3 plans are considered; destruction of the bridge by suicide agents; by frogman; and by time bomb hidden on an abandoned adrift sampan.

b. Mine the DO XU road against the approach of tanks rushing to the airbase rescue.

c. Ambush would be sprung from CAM LE bridge in HOA THO village to THAN TRUONG village; anti troop and tanks mines would also litter the road.

d. Harassment fire would be spent against DOC DONG KINH, MARBLE MTN and CAM LE BRIDGE, and also against the HOA VANG district center.

e. BLACK LANG's Battalion would attack the airbase from inside the DANANG township.

The flight of families with relatives in the VC ranks to DANANG would anticipate the attack against the airbase.

Report from Q-3 4.10.65

The VC in NHAI DONG have now reverted to guerrilla tactics instead of big scale attacks. Their gathering places are:

a. HOA HAI village and particularly the willow forest which holds many important VC installations.

b. THI AN hamlet (HOA LAN village) where guerrillas gather at night at about 2000.

Regulars and guerrillas in the entire area of NHAI DONG number some 300 who are armed with 200 assorted weapons. Of that 300, five are feeding us with information, and quite a few more wish to surrender. In the political field, VC are spreading rumors the US is about to withdraw from SVN; that north, center, and south Vietnam will soon be united and urge the families with enlisted relatives to call them back before they die as victims of US Imperialism. They charge the US with trying to set up a dictatorial regime in SAIGON.

Three VC, HUYNH BUCNG, HUYNH MIEN, and HUYNH CUONG are demanding to surrender thru the good office of Q-3.

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FM: MAF COMMAND CENTER

SOURCE: MR. HOCK FM VN INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY: PUMA 133

RATING BY VN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY: C/3

AT 1600H ON 14OCT, 2 REGULAR VC BNS & A LOCAL VC BN NUMBERING AT LEAST 700 PERSONNEL AND CONSISTING OF ONE HEAVY WEAPONS CO ARMED WITH 60 AND 81MM MORTARS AND SUB-MACHINE GUNS WERE AT HOA THAI VICINITY (AT 980685), HOA PHUOC VICINITY (BT 002688), AND THANH TRUONG VICINITY (BT 009645) VILLAGE ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE #1. UNITS ARE COMMANDED BY VC GENERAL NGUYEN BA PHAT, FORMERLY LISTED AS COMMANDER OF THE 325TH VC DIVISION. VC GUERRILLAS IN ABOVE MENTIONED AREA HAVE INFORMED THE POPULATION NOT TO VISIT THE MARKET AREAS ON 15OCT AND WILL NOT PERMIT MOVEMENT ALONG HIGHWAY ONE OR OTHER PROVINCIAL ROADS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS UNIT WILL ATTACK U.S. MILITARY CONVOY ON RT. #1 FROM DANANG TO HOI AN AND MAY POSSIBLY BE PLANNING A MORTAR ATTACK ON THE DANANG AIR BASE.

NOTE: COL TU, C.O. DANANG GARRISON ALSO PASSED THIS INFO ON TO I CORPS TOC.

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162400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #100, Period ending 162400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report. At 152330H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047657) reported hearing movement to its front and quickly established an ambush position. Upon the approach of an unknown number of intruders, the patrol opened fire with small arms. The intruders did not return the patrol's fire, but withdrew when a red aerial flare of undetermined origin was ignited. Upon searching the ambush area, the patrol found the body of a Vietnamese woman, and a youth of about ten years of age who was slightly wounded. Both Vietnamese were apparently casualties as the result of the patrol's fire. The youth was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. Additional information will be provided when available.

b. At 160805H, a Company B patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051701), reported the discovery of what was initially described as twenty five U.S. 105mm artillery shells (duds) and one booby-trapped CHICOM fragmentation grenade. A subsequent report from the battalion S-2 modified this to read "two 90mm rounds (duds) and twenty-three 105mm artillery shell casings". The primers were indented indicating that the shells had been fired and not dismantled for their explosive contents. The booby-trapped grenade was disposed of by EOD. Additional information will be provided when available. (SITREP #99 reflected the initial report of twenty five 105mm artillery shells (duds), as the correction was received subsequent to the termination of the SITREP reporting period).

c. At 160900H, a Company D patrol, operating in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEN, reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from

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an estimated six Viet Cong positioned approximately 150 meters distant on the opposite shore of the river, coordinates (BT 078694). The patrol returned the small arms fire and reinforcements, including three tanks, were dispatched, but the Viet Cong broke contact before the arrival of the reinforcements. One Marine was WIA in this engagement. The patrol apprehended one suspicious person in the area and evacuated him to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

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

a. Late report. At 150930H, Company L, participating in a search and destroy operation in DUCNG SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 998688), reported apprehending ten Viet Cong Suspects for lacking adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 160945H, a Company M patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965648), reported receiving four or five rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined location to the west. As the patrol deployed to close with the enemy, it received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968648). The Viet Cong broke contact before the patrol was able to maneuver close enough to take effective action. No casualties were reported.

c. At 161020H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the villagers in PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 014622), stated that one hundred Viet Cong, in khaki and black uniforms, are located in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT 0162). An AO operating in the area was requested to investigate, and reported observing nothing unusual or indicative of Viet Cong activity.

d. At 161030H, Company I, participating with Company K and 592d Regional Force Company in operation SKULL, reported receiving twelve rounds of sniper fire at coordinates (BT 020636). Approximately sixty rounds of small arms fire were directed at the Viet Cong position, coordinates (BT 023633), and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

e. At 161030H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020638), reported receiving sporadic sniper fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 020633). (See above entry). The sniper fire ceased before the company could effectively engage the enemy. No casualties were reported.

f. At 161145H, Company K reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030634), who attempted to pass through USMC blocking force engaged in operation SKULL. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. (SITREP #99 reported the apprehension of

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four Viet Cong Suspects. This report was subsequently modified by the Battalion S-2 to read 'five VCS'.

g. At 161300H, the Battalion S-2 reported that I Corps personnel participating in Operation SKULL apprehended approximately twelve Vietnamese women in VIEM TAY (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 044641), VIEM TAY (3), coordinates (BT 032635), and AU TU (1) hamlet (BT 023627). The suspects were evacuated by I Corps personnel, presumably to I Corps Headquarters. No additional information is available.

h. At 162135H, the Company L security squad at bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), reported observing three or four intruders in a rice paddy, coordinates (AT 998702). Four rounds of small arms fire were directed at the intruders, who fled without returning the fire.

(3) Regimental Headquarters.

a. At 161520H, the Headquarters Commandant reported that a platoon-sized unit of RVN Popular Force, led by the S-2 from HOA VANG District Headquarters and accompanied by one officer and one NCO from the Ninth Marines, conducted a patrol of the area around the Regimental CP, coordinates (AT 9972). The patrol apprehended one Popular Force deserter and two male suspects of military age. All were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 161905H, a Marine from the Regimental Communication Platoon reported that several merchants located not far from the Regimental CP, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001722), stated that they were leaving this locality due to the impending arrival of Viet Cong forces. HOA VANG District Headquarters dispatched National Policemen to investigate this report, with negative results.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 162010H, Division FSCC relayed a report from an ARVN source that one Viet Cong Battalion was located at coordinates (AT 947598). Artillery fire was directed against the enemy location with undetermined results.

b. At 162027H, HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong platoon is located at DUONG SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 000688). (This report was not rated by HOA VANG District Headquarters. S-2 rates it as D-3).

c. At 162037H, Division FSCC relayed a report from an ARVN source that one Viet Cong company is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097625), (BT 095620), and (BT 090615). No additional information is available at this time.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. See 161905H and 161020H entries, this INTSUM.

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D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	174
VC Captured	0	55
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	15	461

E. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following equipment was destroyed in place by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051701):

1 - Grenade, fragmentation (CHICOM), booby trapped

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

20 - Feet of tunnel in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026634)  
 20 - Feet of tunnel in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021635)  
 6 - Fighting holes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030663)  
 6 - Bunkers in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021635)

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172400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #101, Period ending 172400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report. At 171100H, Company C reported that a patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048678) at 161300H observed one Viet Cong, (location not indicated), armed with what was described as a light automatic weapon. The Viet Cong fled into an area of dense foliage when the patrol opened fire with five small arms rounds. While searching for the Viet Cong, the patrol was informed by an occupant of a nearby house that three Viet Cong, dressed in green uniform-type clothing, and armed (weapons not identified) had entered his home that morning but had quickly departed.

b. At 170830H, 2d Platoon, Company A reported making contact with three Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 092652). Small arms fire was exchanged and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the southwest. The Marines pursued, and in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094635), again engaged the enemy, firing three 3.5 inch rockets, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position, coordinates (BT 092634). The Viet Cong returned the Marines fire with an estimated eighty rounds, fired from one automatic and two semi-automatic weapons. The Viet Cong again broke contact, fleeing south, where they eluded the Marines.

c. At 171300H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071692), this platoon, mounted aboard two tanks and one LVT, received an estimated six rounds of small arms fire from two Viet Cong located at coordinates (BT 070690). The patrol dismounted and directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the Viet

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Cong, who broke contact. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072653), the platoon received six small arms rounds, dismounted and engaged the enemy, and the Viet Cong again broke contact. During these engagements, the Marines sustained no casualties. Viet Cong casualties could not be determined. Six civilians however, were wounded during the exchange of fire with the Viet Cong and were evacuated to a medical facility.

d. At 172030H, the Battalion S-3 reported receiving one grenade at the western edge of the Battalion OP perimeter, coordinates (BT 064714). A Marine sentry fired at what appeared to be two intruders moving away from the site of the explosion. Marines manning a tank positioned in the area also fired into the suspected area, with negative results. 81mm mortar illumination was provided, but the Viet Cong eluded contact.

e. Personnel at KCB-9, located at coordinates (BT 057736), reported that the illumination revealed four men crossing a dike at coordinates (BT 057717). Eight 81mm HE rounds were fired into the suspected area. A platoon sized patrol was dispatched to investigate, with negative results.

f. At 172100H, Marines manning an OP at coordinates (BT 071710) reported observing four lights flashing in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058715), and nine 81mm HE rounds were directed at this location, with undetermined results.

g. The Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that, at 161900H, a ten man Viet Cong squad, armed with sub-machine guns and wearing straw hats, displaced from KHUE DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055706), crossing the SONG CAN BIEU in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065705). (The new location of this squad was not indicated). The Chief stated that Viet Cong are located in caves positioned in the vicinity of the "French Fort", coordinates (BT 071709), and that he would lead the Marines to the Viet Cong hideout. The Chief also reported that ten Viet Cong reside at coordinates (BT 079660); however, their operating area was stated to be in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083670). On 16 October, a Viet Cong cadre observed a Marine patrol proceeding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070683), and warned the Viet Cong of the Marines' approach. (The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. S-2 rates this report as B-3).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FISC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 087678).

a. At 171430H, the Company I security unit at bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), reported apprehending a Vietnamese male, who had in his possession one hundred six rounds of carbine ammunition and one carbine magazine. The suspect, dressed in ARVN-type camouflaged field uniform but not possessing a weapon, claimed membership in a District Civic Action Unit (unknown), and was

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evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 172030H, Company I reported that a Marine with a sniper scope, positioned at coordinates (BT 003660), observed a man moving along a road at coordinates (BT 003661). The Marine fired two rounds, and the intruder fled.

G. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. See 171103H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	174
VC Captured	0	55
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	0	461

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

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

1 - Tunnel, approximately 10' in length, vicinity coordinates (AT 981659)

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #102, Period ending 182400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) General. A forecast is promulgated by Regimental S-2 every twelve hours.

(b) Trafficability and Roads. Heavy rains during the past several days have caused the inundation and deterioration of many of the roads within the TAOR, and have generated additional hazards for vehicle drivers. In general, the effects of the heavy rainfall have been most pronounced on secondary roads and trails, rendering them impassable to wheeled vehicles. The MSR's supporting the forward battalions remain passable, and the bridges are, as yet, unaffected.

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. The 1st Battalion did not make contact with the Viet Cong during this reporting period. No activities or information of intelligence interest were reported.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSG ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 985733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 985707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of NIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 180430H, the Company L security squad positioned at Bridge #3, coordinates (AT 994687), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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b. At 180900H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 993653). The suspects attracted the attention of the patrol by attempting to flee upon the approach of the patrol, and an examination revealed they lacked valid identification. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 181045H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025634), reported receiving seven rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 027633). One 40mm (M-79) round and one 3.5 inch rocket round were fired at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 181645H, a Company K reconnaissance patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979645), reported observing one man running into the tree line at coordinates (AT 978645), in what appeared to be an attempt to evade the patrol. When the patrol reached the site where the unidentified man sought concealment, they received fire from at least five Viet Cong, positioned at three locations, coordinates (AT 982640), (AT 978643) and (AT 978647). The patrol received assistance from the 1st Platoon, Company K, with an attached tank. 3.5 inch rocket fire, three 90mm cannon rounds, twenty-two 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately one thousand rounds of small arms was fired at the Viet Cong positions. The patrol withdrew with no reported casualties. (One Marine became ill and required treatment, but was not evacuated). Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

e. At 181950H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963668), reported receiving five rounds of what was described as automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 975669). The patrol did not return the enemy fire but established an ambush position in an endeavor to entrap the Viet Cong. The patrol heard movement in the area, but did not make contact with the enemy. No casualties were reported.

f. At 182053H, the Company I security squad, positioned at Bridge #3, coordinates (AT 994687), reported receiving four rounds of what was described as carbine fire, from the direction of coordinates (AT 997689). The fire was not repeated, and the Marines did not return the fire. No casualties were reported.

g. At 182222H, Company K, located at coordinates (AT 993666), reported observing movement in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991664). Three 40mm (M-79) rounds and six small arms rounds were fired in the direction of the suspected location, with undetermined results.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

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D. Viet Cong casualties:	For 24 hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA	0	174
VC Captured	0	60
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	4	465

\*Increase of five Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 15 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN DICH  
Age: 29  
Status: VC guard, YEN NE. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by Company L, 3rdBn, 9thMar 151507H.

ITT report dated 15 Oct 65.

Name: NGO THI KHA (Female)  
Age: 28  
Status: VC worker, PHAN NAM. Sent to HOA VANG District Chief.  
Captured by L-3-9 151507H.

ITT report dated 15 Oct 65.

Name: VO MUC  
Age: 35  
Status: VC Farmer's Cell, HOA CHAU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by L-3-9 (No time).

ITT report dated 15 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN DAC  
Age: 35  
Status: VC Force Worker, HOA CHAU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by L-3-9 (No time)

ITT report dated 15 Oct 65.

Name: PHAN LON  
Age: 28  
Status: VC guard, PHU SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by L-3-9 (No time)

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E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Punji Stake (Metal) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044655).

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

- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 65' in length) vicinity coordinates (AT 975653) to (AT 975658)
- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 15' in length) vicinity coordinates (AT 993678)
- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 15' in length) vicinity coordinates (AT 993679)

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3800  
192400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #103, Period ending 192400H October 1965.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) General. A forecast is promulgated by Regimental S-2 every twelve hours.

(b) Trafficability and Roads. Although the rains have diminished, there has not been a noteworthy improvement in the status of the roads and bridges within the TAOR.

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 191303H, Company A reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083688) when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification. The suspects were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

b. At 191350H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA LONG Village Chief that thirty five Viet Cong occupy six houses in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080668). The Viet Cong are armed with one BAR, three K-50 sub-machine guns, and thirty one 7.62mm rifles. At 191400H, a platoon-sized patrol was dispatched to investigate this report, with negative results.

c. At 191600H, a Company A patrol reported detonating a beehy-trapped CHICOM fragmentation grenade at coordinates (BT 083668), resulting in two Marines WIA. (SITREP No. 103 identifies the device as a mine. Subsequent investigation by the Battalion S-2 indicates the device was more likely a CHICOM fragmentation grenade, rigged as a beehy-trap).

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d. At 191630H, a Company B patrol reported the destruction of an underground tunnel at coordinates (BT 071696). The patrol was led to the tunnel by the HOA LONG Village Chief. The tunnel entrance was described as being three feet in diameter and was located one foot below the level of the water. The extent of the tunnel was not indicated. The contents (if any) of the tunnel were not determined, but the Village Chief indicated that it has been frequently used by the Viet Cong. The tunnel was destroyed by demolitions.

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

a. At 190700H, Company K, engaged in a search and destroy operation in LE SON (3) hamlet and in grid square (AT 9764), reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 977646). The suspects, who were women, claimed to possess information about Viet Cong activities. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. (See 191510H entry, this INTSUM for follow-up report).

b. At 190800H, Company K reported apprehending one male Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 979660) when a search of the building in which he was found revealed a cache of panji stakes. When the suspect could not account for the presence of the stakes, he was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 190830H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of LE SON (3) reported observing three Viet Cong Suspects fleeing to the southwest from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973645). Twelve rounds of small arms fire were directed at the Viet Cong, felling one, who was assisted by his companions and sought cover in a tree line. The Marines pursued the fleeing trio, but failed to make contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 190900H, Company K reported that an AO operating in the area was receiving sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 985657). Six 60mm mortar rounds were fired at extreme range at the Viet Cong position, but fell short of the target. Five Viet Cong were observed displacing from their position and an artillery mission was requested. Twenty 105mm HE rounds were directed at the Viet Cong in the open, coordinates (AT 990641). The AO reported that one Viet Cong body was observed at that position at the completion of the artillery mission.

e. At 191045H, the AO reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in a tree line at coordinates (AT 993642). Two F-4 aircraft directed ordnance (type and quantity not known) at the target, with undetermined results.

f. At 191510H, G-2 relayed a report from ITT that a Viet Cong Suspect, apprehended by Company K earlier this day, reported she heard villagers

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in LE SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 979651), state that approximately fifty Viet Cong had passed through LE SON between 1500-1600 on 18 October, headed to the west in the direction of BO BO Mountain (location unknown). ITT evaluated this report as "unreliable".

g. At 191245H, Company K reported receiving sporadic semi-automatic sniper fire in position at coordinates (AT 974654). Six 3.5 inch rocket rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds and approximately one hundred small arms rounds were directed at the enemy positions, coordinates (AT 977646). The enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

h. At 192125H, the Company L security unit at the school house, coordinates (AT 981687), reported receiving an estimated thirty rounds of what was described as carbine fire, delivered sporadically, from the direction of coordinates (AT 983685), (AT 987685), (AT 989688), and (AT 980688). The Marines returned the fire, expending a total of approximately fifty small arms rounds and four rifle grenades. No Marine casualties were reported. The Marines positioned at the school house reported that there were twenty to twenty five Viet Cong located in that area, but the basis of this report and its credibility is not known.

(3) Regimental Headquarters. At 192230H, three to four rounds of automatic small arms fire were fired in the direction of the Regimental CP from a position to the north and outside of the Regimental CP perimeter. The origin of the fire was not determined. No casualties were reported.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, reported today that an old woman who resided in a house within the 2d Platoon's perimeter, coordinates (BT 017668), contacted the Marines and turned over to them a packet of documents. The documents have not yet been evaluated for intelligence material, but the woman indicated it was the property of a Viet Cong. Additional information will be provided when available.

Late Report. On 18 October, Company E reported giving 170 planters to an unidentified villager in payment for information concerning Viet Cong activities in HAI AN Village, grid square (BT 0567). According to the villager's report, six Viet Cong were in the village on 12 October, and returned 181600H. No additional information is available at this time.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	1	175
VC Captured	0	* 63
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	3	468

\*Increase of three Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

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ITT report dated 18 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN THU  
 Age: 42  
 Status: VC Farmer's Cell, BICH BAC, Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
 Captured by K-3-9 180920H.

ITT report dated 18 Oct 65.

Name: MAI GUU  
 Age: 68  
 Status: VC Informer, NONG BICH BAC. Sent to CIT.  
 Captured by K-3-9 180900H.

ITT report dated 18 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN YEN  
 Age: 60  
 Status: VC Old Men's Association. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
 Captured by 2ndBn, 9thMar 180900H.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Packet of papers and documents (Vietnamese language) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047668). See paragraph 1.C., this INTSUM.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Tunnel (underground) 3' in diameter and 1' underwater in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071696). See 191630H entry, this INTSUM.

The following fortifications were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 4 - Tunnels 10' long in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977647) (Total length=
- 1 - Tunnel 40' long in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978650)

*[Signature]*  
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202400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: C-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #104, Period ending 202400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) General. A forecast is promulgated by Regimental S-2 every twelve hours.

(b) Trafficability and Roads.

1. 1st Battalion. Traffic proceeds unimpeded on the MSR, south to the bridge, coordinates (BT 071700). South of the bridge, MSR traffic is restricted to tracked vehicles.

2. 3rd Battalion. National Highway #1 and the MSR can accommodate wheeled and tracked vehicles without restriction. Secondary roads and trails continue impassable to all except certain tracked vehicles.

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th MAr. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MCH KX mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 201030H, the Battalion S-2 reported that approximately six hundred villagers from TU CAU and NGAN CAU villages had assembled in the vicinity of the bridge (water point), coordinates (BT 071700), to protest USMC II and I artillery fires, and to demonstrate against CVN and USMC (U.S.) policies. The S-2 stated that the villagers readily admitted that they were pressured by the Viet Cong to make this demonstration, and that the Viet Cong instructions included a march into DA NANG city to block traffic and create a large disturbance. The villagers were dispersed by RVN Popular Forces with the assistance of the HOA HAI Village Chief and the HOA LONG Police Chief. Twenty three suspicious females participating in this demonstration were apprehended and evacuated to

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HOA VANG District Headquarters for Investigation.

b. At 201030H, a Company C patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043664), reported receiving three to five rounds of small arms fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 042659). Two Marines were KIA as the result of the Viet Cong fire. The patrol returned the fire, and one Viet Cong was observed running into a building. A total of approximately seven hundred rounds of machine gun (M-60) fire, seven hundred small arms rounds, and two 3.5 inch rocket rounds were fired at the Viet Cong. The patrol searched the area, including the building, with negative results.

c. At 201513H, 3d Platoon, Company C reported observing a Vietnamese male dressed in green field uniform, a straw hat, and carrying a pack (haversack), at coordinates (BT 036661). The man was challenged by the Marines at a distance of approximately one hundred yards, and he fled west in the direction of the SONG VINH DIEN. The Marines fired twelve rounds of small arms at the suspect, with negative results. The Marines pursued but failed to locate the man.

d. At 201604H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that an undetermined number of Viet Cong are located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0365), fifty Viet Cong are located in grid square (BT 0265), and an additional fifty Viet Cong are located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0571). The Chief stated that the Viet Cong located at grid square (BT 0265) have one 81mm mortar, and their mission is to attack MAC-16, while a diversionary force attacks the 1st Battalion's two forward companies. The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 rates this report as B-3).

e. At 201915H, Company A reported receiving three rounds of small arms fire in position, coordinates (BT 093668) from one Viet Cong positioned to the west at less than one hundred meters range. The fire was not repeated, and the Marines did not return the fire. No casualties were reported.

f. At 201915H, a Company A patrol, moving to an ambush position at coordinates (BT 097659), made contact with an unknown number of Viet Cong at close range. The Viet Cong fired an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from at least one automatic and three semi-automatic weapons. The Marines fired three hundred small arms rounds and several 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong, inflicting at least two probable casualties. The Marines assaulted the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong fled to the south. An examination of the position the Viet Cong had occupied revealed marks indicating that at least two Viet Cong were dragged away by their companions. No Marine casualties were reported.

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

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a. At 201005H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 976646). The suspect, one LE CHAN, claimed he had been the LE SON (3) hamlet chief three years ago. The Viet Cong Suspect stated that Viet Cong enter LE SON at night, and operate in the area, attacking USMC and ARVN troops. Once a week the Viet Cong enter the hamlet for two hours in the afternoon to address the people and to force the villagers to dig trenches and fighting holes. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 201210H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013643), reported receiving what was described as heavy small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 013645). The Marines returned the fire, and two squads were dispatched by Company I to assist the patrol. At 201430H, the patrol (now reinforced) reported receiving fire from an estimated squad of Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 013639). Company I dispatched a platoon to participate with the patrol in this action. The Marine force, now two platoons in strength, attacked the Viet Cong and, at coordinates (BT 016642) reported killing two Viet Cong. The bodies were not recovered but were observed being struck by the Marine's fire and falling into a flooded rice paddy. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 201500H, an AO operating in the area reported receiving approximately twenty small arms rounds from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015640). The AO reported observing what appeared to be one Viet Cong platoon in that area and requested an artillery mission. Eighteen 105mm HE rounds were directed at the target, with undetermined results. A Company I patrol was dispatched to the area, and reported searching the suspected Viet Cong position, with negative results.

d. At 201500H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects at LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 982658). The patrol, investigating gunshots heard in that area, observed the five suspects attempting to flee. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

e. At 201645H, Company I reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 990664). The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation when an examination revealed they lacked adequate identification.

(3) Regimental Headquarters. At 202235H, an explosion, tentatively identified as caused by a grenade, occurred approximately fifty yards outside the Regimental C.P. perimeter, in the vicinity of the west portion of the perimeter fence. Marine sentries in the area fired two rounds of small arms fire into the area of the explosion, with unknown results. No casualties were reported.

(4) Singapore Reports.

a. At 200405H, G-2 relayed a report from the Twelfth Marines that one LAM QUANG YUEN, said to be a Vietnamese living in DA NANG who gives Vietnamese language instruction to members of the Twelfth Marines, stated that on 17 October an unspecified number of Viet Cong were in HOA LUONG village

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(northwest portion of TACI) disseminating anti-U.S. propaganda. This report was said to have originated with unidentified villagers of THAI LAI (approximate coordinates (AT 932716)). G-2 did not rate this report.

b. At 201750H, G-2 relayed a report from MAC-16 that two hundred North Vietnamese troops (organization and designation not indicated) are located six miles south of Marble Mountain, in the vicinity of HAI AN village. (HAI AN village is located in vicinity coordinates (BT 060678)). The report stated that HAI AN village includes six hamlets; one of which, located across the river from MAC-16 C.P., is said to contain fifty North Vietnamese troops. (This report was rated E-1 by G-2. S-2 rates this report C-3).

c. At 201915H, G-2 relayed a report from NGA VANE District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Main Force platoon, augmented by one guerrilla platoon, is operating in the vicinity of LA BONE hamlet, coordinates (AT 977 676). The Viet Cong are armed with two B40s and small arms and are forcing the villagers in that area to establish a fortified hamlet. (G-2 did not rate this report. S-2 rates this report as C-4).

d. At 201920H, the Third Marine reported that, at 192400H, one Viet Cong Battalion, identified as the 225th, displaced from Happy Valley to grid squares (AT 9462) and (AT 9562). The report continued that one Viet Cong Company, said to be an element of the 45th Battalion, were dispersed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 854754) and (AT 875760). The report added that the Viet Cong 40th Battalion is located at coordinates (AT 866703). This report was rated C-2.

e. At 202020H, G-2 reported that a defector from the Viet Cong 45th Battalion stated that the 40th Battalion, (the report stated that this battalion is also known as the 80th Battalion) and the 45th Battalion would return to QUANG NAM Province for operations during the rainy season. G-2 rated this report F-3.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA	2	177
VC Captured	0	63
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	11	479

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. No report received during the reporting period.

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

- 1 - Tunnel (Approximately 6' in length) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995698)

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By direction

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3800  
212400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #105, Period ending 212400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) No change

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 211145H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 043663). Shortly thereafter, the patrol reported apprehending an additional two Viet Cong Suspects in a building at coordinates (BT 053653). The men had several expended caliber .45 cartridges in their possession, and lacked adequate identification. In an adjoining building, the patrol discovered ten temporary Vietnamese identification cards. The three Viet Cong Suspects and the identification cards were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

b. At 211340H, Company A delivered to the Battalion S-2 clothing and Vietnamese language documents reportedly found hidden in a truck at coordinates (BT 088678) on 20 October. The material was transported to Regimental S-2 for processing.

c. At 211430H, Company B reported discovering a chest containing supplies and Vietnamese language documents in a building at coordinates (BT 046 683). The material was evacuated to IIT for investigation and evaluation. (Company B was in this area searching for a large cave reported to be used as a refuge by a ten-man Viet Cong assassination squad. Company B failed to make contact with the Viet Cong and did not locate the cave. Additional information will be provided when available.)

d. At 211500H, a Company D patrol reported observing three armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060650). The patrol pursued the

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Viet Cong but failed to make contact. When the patrol was in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060650) it received one round of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 064651). The fire was not repeated and the Marines could not locate the Viet Cong position. No casualties were reported. A short time afterwards, the patrol observed three armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 049649), but did not fire or pursue. The patrol later reported observing a helicopter operating in the area receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 052646). The Battalion S-2 stated more information regarding these activities will be provided when available.

e. At 211920H, a Company A patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 096662), reported receiving three rounds of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 099659). Twenty rounds of small arms fire were directed at the suspected Viet Cong position, and the fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. On 21 October, the HQA HAI Village Chief reported to the Battalion S-2 that two Viet Cong were killed and three Viet Cong were WIA as the result of USMC H and I artillery fires on 20 October in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0571). The chief stated that forty-five Viet Cong in the village of SOI AN buried the two Viet Cong and displaced to BA TUNG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 041709), carrying the three Viet Cong WIAs. The Chief added that the Viet Cong have moved into a cave in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043701). The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. (S-2 rates it as E-3).

(2) 3rd En, 9th Bn. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TACR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 985733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of HIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 202150H, a Company M patrol reported observing four Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961652). The patrol established a hasty ambush position but failed to make contact with the Viet Cong. The patrol leader stated that USMC H and I artillery fires which commenced at that time probably caused the Viet Cong to alter their route.

b. At 210915H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a wire team operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984683) observed what was described as an explosion similar to that of the detonation of two to three pounds of TNT. The exact location of the explosion was not given but the report indicated that it was close to the Marines' position (AT 984683). The team then received approximately thirty to forty rounds of small arms fire from a building located at thirty meters distance. When the Viet Cong fire ceased, the Marines investigated the building and found an undetonated quantity of expended cartridges. At this time, a second detonation occurred, in approximately the same location as the first one, and similar in size. The Marines observed three armed Viet Cong running to the southwest in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985680). The wire team did not sustain casualties as the result of these incidents. (As the

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result of this action, and the small arms fire directed at the Battalion C.P. from this same general location, a platoon-sized patrol from Company I was dispatched to search and destroy in this locality. At 211000H, this patrol reported apprehending thirteen Viet Cong suspects in YEN NE (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985682), and evacuating them to IIT for investigation. The patrol failed to make contact with Viet Cong and at 211100H returned to the Battalion C.P.

c. At 210930H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the Battalion C.P., located at coordinates (AT 992679), received twenty to twenty five rounds of small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 983684). One Marine was KIA and evacuated for treatment. A tank-mounted patrol was dispatched to engage the enemy, but failed to make contact. The patrol reported finding approximately twenty expended cartridges at the site of the Viet Cong position.

d. At 211215H, a Company I patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 021638), reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 021636). The patrol directed six 60mm mortar rounds, seven 3.5 inch rocket rounds, twenty 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately three hundred rounds of small arms fire at the Viet Cong positions and the enemy broke contact. Two buildings which had been occupied by the Viet Cong were destroyed during this engagement. At least one Viet Cong was believed wounded, but no Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 212115H, Company K reported receiving two or three rounds of sniper fire in position, coordinates (AT 975649). One 3.5 inch rocket round was directed against the Viet Cong position, coordinates (AT 978650), with negative results. The fire was not repeated and no casualties were reported.

f. On 21 October, a Mr. THO, identified as the HOA LOI Village vice-Chief, reported to the Battalion S-2 that there is one squad of Viet Cong guerrillas located in each of the hamlets of LA BONG (AT 972667), LE SON (AT 985660), and AN TRACH (AT 971675). Each month every family is required by the Viet Cong to pay a tax in rice and/or money; the amount of the tax varying with the affluence of the family. Mr. THO also reported that Viet Cong troops, wearing green uniforms, pass through the village of HOA LOI periodically enroute to the mountains to the west, but do not rest overnight in the village due to the proximity to USMC units operating in the area. Before Marines arrived in the locality, a Viet Cong Main Force Battalion was located in the vicinity of HOA LOI and occupied the villagers' homes. Mr. THO added that the authorities from HOA LOI, HOA CHAU, and HOA THAI villages must reside and conduct their business from HOA VANG District Headquarters because the Viet Cong have threatened their lives. The authorities of HOA PHUOC hamlet, coordinates (BT 016667), however, live and operate in their village. The Battalion S-2 commented that Mr. THO's information originated with villagers and is not the result of Mr. THO's personal observations as Mr. THO has not himself visited HOA LOI for about two years.



CONFIDENTIAL(3) Special Reports:

a. At 210130H, G-2 relayed a report from HOI AN District Headquarters that one Viet Cong unit of company or larger size was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 938596), (AT 932602), (AT 934602), (AT 939602), (AT 934601), and (AT 934599). The report stated that an artillery mission was requested to strike the areas indicated. G-2 did not rate this report.

b. At 211905H, G-2 relayed a report from a HOA YANG District Headquarters Liaison Officer, evaluated by the originator as B-1, that one Viet Cong company is operating in MAN QUAN VIII, coordinates (BT 035682), (S-2 comment: current operational maps do not show MAN QUAN VIII; coordinates shown are for AN LUU hamlet), and GO MAN village, coordinates (BT 024691). This company is said to be commanded by one VON HU. The company is armed with two 81mm mortars, one 60mm mortar, four BARs, and small arms. The mission of this Viet Cong company is to attack USMC forces. The report stated that if the Marines search the area in which the Viet Cong are located, the Viet Cong will hide in dug-outs constructed by one VONUI VOGO and one VO XIEP (further identification not provided). This company also has the mission of protecting Viet Cong tax committees commanded by one VO CHAC, TRAI DUONG, VO VAN HONG, TRAN TICH, and LE LU. The report stated that several days ago they collected taxes in HOA LAN village. (This report stated that the source of this information is an anti-communist refugee. S-2 rates this report as F-3.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour</u> <u>Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	177
VC Captured	0	64
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	16	495

\*Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report as follows:

ITT report dated 19 Oct 65.

Name: DANG CAN  
Age: 65  
Status: VC Old Man's Association member, LE SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by K-3-9 190800H.

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E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Khaki trousers, Fr.
- 1 - ARVN utility shirt - (BT 088678)
- 1 - Beret, blue
- Assorted documents
- 1 - Chest, wooden; containing miscellaneous papers, books, documents, assorted medicines, clothing, and personal articles (BT 076683)

The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Book and map (AT 983664)
- Empty carbine and burp gun rounds (AT 985683)
- 1 - Booby trap (AT 967648)
- 1 - Helmet (AT 967648)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. No report received during the reporting period.

*for J. A. BUCK*  
By direction

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FSOC	(1)
3dTnkBn	(1)
3dAT Bn	(1)
1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
B Co, TnkBn	(1)
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FPO, San Francisco 96601

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222400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #106, Period ending 222400H October 1965  
Encl: (1) - A Liaison visit rpt to 3/9 S-2 by Dian Ban Dist Intel Officer  
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) With the abatement of the heavy rains, there has been some improvement in the conditions of the roads and trails within the TAOR. In light of the seasonal forecast of additional heavy rains, this slight improvement will be of a temporary nature, and trafficability will continue to pose problems for future operations. The current road/trafficability status by battalion zones of action is as follows:

1. 1st Battalion: The MSR is open to normal vehicular traffic south to the bridge only, coordinates (BT 071700). The MSR south of the bridge is restricted to certain tracked vehicles. Secondary roads/trails within the battalion zone of action are closed to wheeled vehicular traffic.

2. 3rd Battalion: The MSR and National Highway #1 continue to accommodate normal vehicular traffic without restriction. That portion of the east-west trail running from coordinates (AT 990664) to (AT 004660) is open to wheeled vehicles with off-the-road capabilities up to 1/4 ton capacity. All other roads/trails within the battalion zone of action are closed to wheeled vehicular traffic.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
23 Oct	0622	0643	1832	1853	NEW	NEW	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

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Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 220430H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058655) reported observing approximately twenty Viet Cong, some of whom were armed, at coordinates (BT 058653). The Viet Cong group deployed into two units, one headed in the direction of NGAN CAU (1) hamlet (BT 066649), and one headed to the west. The patrol pursued the Viet Cong but was unable to make contact. At 220828H, this same patrol, this time operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050671), reported observing one armed Viet Cong about two hundred meters to the southwest, at coordinates (BT 042670). The Viet Cong fled to the southwest and eluded the pursuing patrol.

b. At 220700H, Company A reported approaching one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 093643), when an examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 221130H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of TU CAU (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 050650), reported receiving six rounds of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 047649). The patrol observed four Viet Cong displacing to the west and fired ten rounds of small arms at the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 221430H, a Company D patrol reported approaching one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 043667). The Battalion S-2 commented that initial interrogation indicated that the suspect was an ARVN deserter and is now an active Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. The Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that seven Viet Cong were wounded by USMC M and I fires in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0571). (S-2 comment: On 21 October, the HOA HAI Village Chief reported that the Viet Cong sustained two killed and three wounded as the result of USMC M and I fires on 20 October in this same area. It has not been determined whether this later report is a modification of the original report or refers to additional casualties. 81mm mortar M and I missions were fired into the area indicated on 20 and 21 October). The Chief also reported that an unknown number of Viet Cong cadre are scheduled to conduct a meeting in a wooded area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083668) on the evening of 22 October. (The Battalion S-2 commented that an M and I mission has been requested for this area. Additional information will be provided when available).

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mfg. Continued to occupy positions south of the SANG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 985733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 996707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of NIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

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a. At 220900H, Company K reported approaching one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 992654). During initial interrogation, the suspect stated that, at 211600H, she observed two hundred to three hundred Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005630), wearing yellow (khaki?) and black uniforms, moving in a column formation to the southwest. The Viet Cong were carrying what the suspect identified as five or six mortars (caliber not indicated) and six machine guns. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation. (S-2 comment: At 221400H, G-2 relayed a report from ITT that this suspect was subjected to a polygraph examination, and, on the basis of that examination, had probably offered a factual report. Additional information will be provided when available).

b. At 221200H, the Battalion S-3 reported that fifteen to twenty small arms rounds were received at bridge #3, coordinates (AT 995689). A Third Engineer Battalion truck, temporarily stuck at the bridge approach, was the target of the enemy fire. Twenty rounds of small arms fire was directed at the suspected Viet Cong position, coordinates (AT 993688), and the enemy fire ceased. A Company L element, dispatched to the area to assist, reported negative contact. No casualties were reported.

c. The Battalion S-2 notified Regiment that one NGUYEN HOO TU, identified as the DIEN BAN District Intelligence Officer, visited the battalion C.P. to conduct liaison with the battalion Intelligence Officer. The information derived from Mr. TU's visit was recorded and is attached to this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

d. At 222205H, the Battalion S-3 reported that two small arms rounds were received in the vicinity of the Battalion C.P. perimeter, coordinates (AT 993678), which resulted in one Marine sustaining a minor wound from stone fragments caused by a ricocheting round. The location of the enemy sniper could not be determined and the fire was not returned.

(3) Special Reports. At 220925H, G-2 reported that an MCB-9 truck driver observed an unidentified armed Vietnamese male at coordinates (BT 027733). According to the report, the armed man jumped out in front of the MCB-9 vehicle, then fled to the south in the direction of the SONG CAU DO. The driver fired at the man (weapon and number of rounds not indicated) with negative results.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. Viet Cong casualties	For 24 hour Reporting period	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65
KIA	0	**179
VC Captured	0	* 74
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	2	497

\*\*Increase of two Viet Cong KIA as the result of USMC H and I fires, coordinates (BT 0571), on 20 October. (See INTSUM #105, Para B(1)(c).)

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\*Increase of ten Viet Cong Captured based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: VO EM  
Age: 55  
Status: VC Force Farm cell member, THANH THUY. Sent to DIEN BAN.  
Captured by C-1-9 201030H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN SANH  
Age: 57  
Status: VC Force guard, YEN NE. Sent to HOA VANG District Chief.  
Captured by L-3-9 211100H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: LE CHAN  
Age: 48  
Status: VC Farmer's Cell member and Force Guard, LE SON. Sent to HOI AN.  
Captured by K-3-9 20 Oct 65.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: LE AN  
Age: 47  
Status: VC Guard and Farmer cell member, LE SON. Sent to I Corps.  
Captured by K-3-9 201500H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: DANG CHUC  
Age: 46  
Status: VC Guard and Farmer Cell member, LE SON (1). Sent to I Corps.  
Captured by K-3-9 201530H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: DAN LU  
Age: 55  
Status: VC Farm Cell, LE SON. Sent to HOI AN.  
Captured by K-3-9 201530H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Name: LE CAI  
Age: 56

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Status: VC Force Laborer, LE SON (1). Sent to HOA VANG District Chief.  
Captured by K-3-9 201500H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Names: LE HUU QUE

Age: 46

Status: VC Force Guard, LE SON (1). Sent to I Corps.  
Captured by K-3-9 201500H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Names: DANG LUONG

Age: 65

Status: Inactive member of Old Man's Association, LE SON. Sent to HOA  
VANG District Chief.

Captured by K-3-9 201535H.

ITT report dated 21 Oct 65.

Names: DANG MIEN

Age: 60

Status: Member Old Man's Association, LE SON. Sent to NOI AN.  
Captured by K-3-9 231335H.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was  
captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093643):

- 1 - Book of Viet Cong Poems
- 1 - Piece of paper with measurements for clothes

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifi-  
cations were destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 60' in length) vicinity (AT 993651)
- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 10' in length) vicinity (AT 973656)
- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 10' to 15' in length) vicinity (AT 990683)
- 1 - Tunnel (approximately 10' to 15' in length) vicinity (AT 982681)
- 1 - 105mm round (dud) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982683)

*Handwritten signature*  
FOR J. A. EUCY  
By direction

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III MAP POLAD	(1)	2/12	(1)	1st Amtrac Bn	(1)
C-2	(4)	S-3	(3)	B Co, TnkBn	(1)
3dMar	(1)	S-2	(2)	C Co, ATBn	(1)
1/9	(1)	FSCC	(1)	CO	(1)
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A Liaison visit to 3/9 S-2 by Nguyen Hoo Tu, Dien Ban District Intelligence Officer produced the following information:

- a. One VC guerrilla platoon approximately strength 30, each in Than Tung and Than Treung villages. Guerrillas currently employing women between ages of 17 and 35 in their structure.
- b. With flooding of tunnels, guerrillas now hiding in tunnels branching out of family bunkers. Trap door inside family bunker provides entrance to tunnel. Guerrilla also hiding in and on rooftops of houses.
- c. One VC Main Force Mobile Company (approximately strength 100) armed with one 60mm Mortar, designation 345th Company, operating currently in grid squares (AT 9962) and (BT 0062).
- d. On 13 October 1965 one VC Battalion designated the 23rd was reported operating vicinity grid square (AT 9662). (S-2 comment: This lends further confirmation of reports dated 25 September 1965 placing the 23rd Battalion in vicinity Coordinates (AT 960615)).
- e. Dien Ban H-40 Main Force Company reported vicinity Coordinates (AT 9965) on 25 September 1965 presently operating from grid square (AT 9655) to grid square (BT 0058). This Company also called 101st.
- f. One Local Force Company armed with 60mm Mortar, commanded by Nguyen Lang operating currently vicinity grid square (BT 0061).
- g. In vicinity grid square (AT 9858) where 7th MF Battalion was reported as probably located in September, is devoid of organized units now; only guerrillas operating in area.
- h. District Headquarters for Dien Ban guerrilla structure (named Q15) located in house vicinity coordinates (BT 005591).
- i. Propaganda leaflets were turned over that were collected in Que Son District the second week in October. Leaflets forwarded to Regimental S-2 for information and analysis.
- j. VC sympathetic indigenous people of Northern Dien Ban District are filtering north into Da Mang in order to acquire food and money for eventual turnover to VC guerrillas operating in Dien Ban District. The bulk of these people have valid identification dated 1963-1964. S-2 comment: Recommend employment of Dien Ban District police at our checkpoints on main arteries to halt this flow by recognition of VC sympathizers.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
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232400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #107, Period ending 232400H October 1965

Encl: (1) 3d CIT rpt dtd 20 Oct 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) National Highway #1 is open to all normal vehicle traffic without restriction. With the exception of the 1st Battalion's MSR south of coordinates (BT 063680), MSR traffic is unimpeded. With the exception of that portion of the east-west trail running from coordinates (AT 990664) to (AT 004 660), which is open to wheeled vehicles up to 1/4 ton capacity, all secondary roads/trails within the TAOR continue closed to wheeled vehicular traffic. All bridges and bridge approaches are unimpaired.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>LMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ELECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
24 Oct 0622		0643	1832	1853	NEW	NEW	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 230947H, Company B reported receiving one round of small arms sniper fire in position at coordinates (BT 059700), resulting in one Marine KIA. Approximately fifteen rounds of small arms fire was directed at the suspected enemy position, coordinates (BT 057705), and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter.

b. At 231000H, Company A reported that an LVTP-5 returning to the Company C.P. detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 063704); the resultant explosion

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dismantling the right rear sprocket wheel of the vehicle. The mine explosion ignited the right rear fuel cell, which in turn detonated a quantity of small arms ammunition and grenades being transported by the LVT. No casualties were reported as the result of this incident. The extent of the damage sustained by the LVT has not been determined. The Battalion S-2 subsequently reported that the initial investigation of the incident indicated that the mine probably consisted of approximately twenty pounds of TNT or similar explosive. The detonating device (fuzo) was not indicated.

c. At 231030H, a Company A patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104650), reported receiving from five to eight rounds of small arms fire from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 104648). The patrol directed approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire, two 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch rocket round at the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Viet Cong were observed fleeing to the south but the patrol was unable to maintain contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 231235H, a Company B patrol reported apprehending two male Viet Cong Suspects at BINH KY (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 057697). The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

e. At 231853H, a Company D patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065652), reported receiving an undetermined number of small arms rounds from three automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 066652). The patrol returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. The patrol continued on its route, and, at coordinates (BT 065646) received fire from approximately ten Viet Cong, armed with six automatic and four semi-automatic weapons, positioned at coordinates (BT 061649), (BT 065645), and (BT 069648). A heavy volume of small arms fire was exchanged until the arrival of a Company D reinforcing element, with tank support. The Viet Cong broke contact and the Marines were unable to re-initiate the engagement. The hamlets of NGAN TRUNG (1), coordinates (BT 055646) and NGAN TRUNG (2), coordinates (BT 048637) were entered and searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Two Viet Cong were KIA (body count), as the result of this action. (The Battalion S-2 commented that recently all patrols venturing south of grid line 645 in this general area have received small arms fire, perhaps indicating the location of Viet Cong covering forces in the vicinity of TU CAU (1), NGAN TRUNG (1), and NGAN CAU (1) hamlets, providing credibility to the report of a Viet Cong battalion being located south of that area. (See "Special Report", para 1.E.(3) this INTSUM)).

f. At 232245H, Company C reported observing movement outside the company perimeter in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082697). Hand illumination was fired and two bursts from an automatic rifle were directed into the suspected area, with negative results.

(2) 3rdBn, 9thMvG. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides

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one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 231015H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at YEN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973678). The suspect was found hiding beneath a bed in a house at that position, and examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 231130H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012643) reported receiving from forty to sixty rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in positions at coordinates (BT 011641) and (BT 011642). The patrol directed two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, five 60mm mortar (HE) rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms fire against the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The patrol entered the positions the Viet Cong had occupied, and searched the area, with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 231300H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an unscheduled fire team-sized patrol dispatched by Headquarters and Service Company reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984684). During initial interrogation, the suspect revealed that her husband departed from this locality about four months ago to join the Viet Cong. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 231915H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Battery E, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984673), notified the 3rd Battalion it was receiving automatic weapons fire believed to be coming from the direction of a concrete bunker, coordinates (AT 984667). Two tanks, with a Company K platoon to assist, were dispatched to destroy the Viet Cong position. Fourteen rounds of 90mm HE were fired at the bunker, resulting in its effective destruction. The Company K platoon will remain in the area during the night and investigate the ruins at first light. No Marine casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports. On 23 October, the HOA HAI Village Chief reported to the 1st Battalion S-2 that one Viet Cong company, consisting of approximately fifty men, has displaced from HAI AN to MAN QUAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 045687), and KHAI TAY (2) hamlet (BT 049677). The Chief also reported that a Viet Cong Main Force Battalion is now located at CAM SA (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 085644), CAM SA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 098643), QUANG HA village, coordinates (BT 082627), PHUOC HA village, coordinates (BT 092637), and DONG THOI village, coordinates (BT 095624). This battalion is reported to include many sick and wounded personnel. The battalion is billeted in the villagers' houses and is receiving medical assistance and supplies from DA NANG. The battalion, whose Commander is one HO THANH NHU, is armed with two 60mm mortars, five AA machine guns (type and caliber not indicated), seven submachine guns, seven automatic rifles, and normal small arms. The members of this unit are wearing civilian clothing. The HOA HAI Village Chief added that the Viet Cong are positioning booby-traps (types and quantity not indicated) in Battery D's new position. The Battalion S-2 rated this report C-3. (S-2 rates this report C-3).

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a. At 231355H, G-2 relayed a report from the MIEU DUC District Chief that the Viet Cong Battalion previously reported as being located in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9462) and (AT 9562) displaced on 22 October, reported heading to the east. This Battalion's objective was unknown (S-2 comment: A displacement directly to the east would place it within the Ninth Marines TACR). The Chief also reported that the local guerrilla force reported at LA CHAU (5), coordinates (AT 965668) are now operating in the area extending from the vicinity of LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 958678) to DONG PHU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 949629), to DONG PHU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 998620). (This report was originally relayed to G-2 by the 1st Marines, who rated this report C-3. The Ninth Marines also rates this report C-3).

b. On 23 October, the 3rd Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a HOA THAI Village Policeman that a Viet Cong Main Force platoon, consisting of twenty eight men, and armed with one caliber .30 machine gun, four weapons identified as K-44's (MP-44 submachine gun?), four grenade launchers, one launcher, grenade, M-79 with twelve rounds of 40mm ammunition, and one rifle, M-14, is now located in the vicinity of LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 978673) and XEN NE (2) and (3) hamlets, coordinates (AT 984684). The Battalion S-2 rated this report F-6.

c. On 23 October, the Battalion S-2 received a report from 3d CIT concerning Viet Cong activities within the TACR. This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

G. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	2	181
VC Captured	0	74
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	4	501

H. Disposition of captured personnel for week 17-23 October 1965:

(1) Total captives taken:	40
(2) Number cleared by IIT as civilians:	23
(3) Number declared by IIT to be VCS and delivered to appropriate ARVN authorities:	1
(4) Number delivered by IIT to CIT for disposition:	1
(5) Number declared by IIT to be VCS:	239
(6) Number determined upon capture to be VCS:	0

\* Includes eight captured prior to commencement of reporting period.

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

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdEn, 9thMar: (See 251915H entry, this INTSUM).

- 1 - Bunker, concrete (further description not provided) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984667).

  
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FROM: 3D CIT

TO: SEN-2

3d CIT report dated 20 October rated B-2.

Information source reported two days ago one VC Company consisting of about 100 guerrillas came into Minh Quang Hamlet #8, Vic (BT 035682) and Co Man Hamlet Vic (BT 024691). The company provided protection for the following VC financial cadre who collected taxes:

Vo Chach	Guerrilla squad leader
Thai Duong	Asst. Assassin
La Lu	Village Chief
Tran Tich	Adjutant Chief
Vo Van Heng	Security Chief

While in the hamlets, the VC posted three sentries at points outside the hamlet. These sentries were to beat two sticks together as an alarm if government troops arrived. The cadre accompanied the VC company in and out of each hamlet. In the hamlets there are many secret tunnels which are used as hiding places by the cadre. These tunnels are concealed under groves of short bamboo bushes.

The VC Company was commanded by Vo Nhu and all guerrillas carried arms and equipment. In addition they carried the following weapons:

two - 81mm Mortars  
 one - 60mm Mortar  
 one - Machine gun  
 Four- Bars

S-2 NOTE: The above was excerpted from a longer Information Report provided by CIT to the Ninth Marines containing additional material not germane to this INTSUM.

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

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3800  
242400H OCT 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #108, Period ending 242400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) With the abatement of the heavy rain, trafficability throughout the TAOR has improved; however, that portion of the 1st Battalion's M&R south of coordinates (BT 063680), and all secondary roads/trails are still closed to wheeled vehicular traffic. The trail extending from coordinates (AT 990664) to (AT 004660) continues open to wheeled vehicles up to 1/4 ton capacity.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>ECCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ECCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 241415H, a Company D patrol, operating in the vicinity of NGAN TRUNG (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 064643), reported making contact with an estimated six Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons. The Viet Cong, positioned to the southwest at about 75 meters range, fired an estimated sixty rounds of small arms at the patrol, which returned the fire with six 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch rocket rounds, and approximately fifty small arms rounds. The Viet Cong broke contact and were observed fleeing to the southwest. A search of the Viet Cong positions revealed one Viet Cong KIA, body count. No Marine casualties were reported.

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

a. Late Report. At 231900H, a Company M patrol, dispatched to investigate what was described as 'blinking lights' in a building at coordinates (AT 969660), reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire, believed to have originated within the building. The owner of the building was already in Marine custody as a Viet Cong Suspect at the time of the incident and could not have been the sniper, but he was evacuated to IIT for investigation. The building itself was searched, with negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 240730H, Company M reported receiving approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire at coordinates (AT 969649), from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 967649). One Marine was wounded and evacuated. Thirteen 60mm mortar rounds and one hundred small arms rounds were directed at the suspected enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The area was searched, with negative results.

c. At 240820H, the Company L security unit at bridge #3, coordinates (AT 995689), reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect. The woman attracted the attention of the Marines by her extremely nervous appearance and when she was approached by the Marine sentinal, she dropped a feed parcel she was carrying and attempted to flee. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation. (S-2 comment: IIT interrogated the woman and examined her identification and found no reason to maintain custody. The woman was released.)

d. At 240900H, a Company M patrol in the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974646), reported receiving two rounds of small arms sniper fire. The sniper fire was not repeated and the patrol could not discern the Viet Cong position. No casualties were reported. At 241000H, this patrol, having moved to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969649), reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from fifteen to twenty Viet Cong. Three to five Viet Cong, positioned at coordinates (AT 968648), fired an estimated twenty rounds from at least one automatic weapon; three to five Viet Cong, positioned at coordinates (AT 972644), fired an estimated twenty rounds from one automatic weapon; and an estimated ten Viet Cong, positioned at coordinates (AT 969644), fired approximately eighty rounds of small arms fire at the patrol, resulting in one Marine KIA. Artillery was requested to screen the area with smoke, and the patrol returned the fire with fourteen 60mm mortar rounds, four 3.5 inch WP rocket rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms fire. When the Viet Cong fire ceased, the patrol moved through the vacated Viet Cong positions, but the Viet Cong declined to maintain the contact. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

e. At 241300H, Company K reported apprehending three female Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984627), when initial interrogation revealed that they had sons or husbands active in the Viet Cong movement.



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and possessed information of Viet Cong activities in the area. The suspects stated that an undetermined number of Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of BICH BAC village, coordinates (AT 985635), on the morning of 24 October, wearing grey and black clothing and carrying weapons described as having "logs". (Automatic weapons with bipods?). The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

f. At 241400H, Company K, reinforced with a section of tanks and conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the west bank of the SONG BAC LAU, coordinates (AT 9863), reported receiving two rounds of sniper fire from the far shore, coordinates (AT 986338). The Viet Cong position was determined and approximately fifty rounds of small arms fire were directed at its location. One Viet Cong was killed by the Marines' fire (his body lay exposed in a rice field but was not recovered). No Marine casualties were reported.

g. At 241500H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of PHONG LE (2) hamlet, coordinates (ET 003704), reported receiving four rounds of small arms. The Viet Cong position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

h. At 241615H, the Company L security squad positioned at the school house in CAM NE (4), coordinates (AT 973690), reported contacting an estimated five Viet Cong and, in the resultant fire fight, killing one (body count). A cartridge belt, magazine, one grenade, and a small quantity of Vietnamese currency was recovered from the site of the action. No Marine casualties were reported. (S-2 comment: A detailed account of this engagement will be forwarded separately).

i. At 242045H, a Company X unit, enroute to an ambush position, reported observing movement at coordinates (ET 001664). The Marines established a hasty ambush; and, upon the approach of the intruders at about seventy five meters range, threw three grenades and opened fire with small arms. The enemy (strength not indicated), were observed in the light of the detonations, but the extent of casualties were not determined. A heavy volume of small arms fire was maintained in the area to pin the enemy down, and illumination was requested. When the area was illuminated however, the intruders had withdrawn. No Marine casualties were reported.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	2	183
VC Captured	0	72
VC Captured (MIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	3	504

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E. Detonated and captured enemy material. The following equipment was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar, vicinity (AT 977626)

- 1 - Cartridge Belt
- 2 - M-14 magazines (full)
- 1 - Grenade, M26, fragmentation
- 1 - Bayonet knife with scabbard
- 2 - M-14 magazine pouches
- Small quantity of Vietnamese money

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

- 4 - Caves (content and also not indicated) coordinates (AT 986636), (AT 986627), (AT 986635), and (AT 986632).

(Undetermined quantity) - Bamboo stakes rigged with barbed wire fashioned to thwart helicopter landings, coordinates (AT 984626).

  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Encl: (1) Rpt of area security council meeting, 20 Oct 65  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #109, Period ending 252400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

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26 Oct	0622	0643	1831	1852	NEW	NEW	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 250915H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 039651), reported making contact with three Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 038654). The patrol directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong who withdrew to the west. One Viet Cong was observed falling when struck by the Marines' fire but eluded his pursuers. The Viet Cong did not return the Marines' fire. The patrol continued on its route and a short time later at coordinates (BT 039654), reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 038654). The patrol returned the fire with approximately thirty rounds of small arms fire and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038666) this same

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patrol reported finding a straw-filled dummy, dressed as a Viet Cong, with a black shirt and straw 'coolie' hat, and armed with a bamboo stick fashioned to look like a rifle. The dummy was positioned in a hole in what would appear to be a firing position. The patrol searched the area and examined the dummy for booby-traps before destroying the dummy.

b. At 251115H, a Company D scout-sniper team positioned at coordinates (BT 064643), reported receiving sporadic sniper fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located to the northwest, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059648). The sniper fire, totalling approximately ten rounds, continued at irregular intervals during the period 250800H-251030H. The Marines could not discern the Viet Cong position but directed a total of approximately forty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at suspected positions with undetermined results. The Viet Cong fire ceased at approximately 251030H, with no reported casualties.

c. At 251550H, Company C reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 067681), who was found hiding behind a small shrine in close proximity to Battery D's position. The suspect attempted to evade apprehension but was placed in custody by Marines and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. On 25 October the Battalion S-2 relayed a report of a meeting of the Area Security Council (local village authorities of the Marble Mountain area) which was conducted on 20 October. This report is included in this INTSUM as enclosure (1).

e. At 252215H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the Viet Cong had attacked the home of the HOA HAI Village Chief, resulting in injuries to the Chief and his daughter. The exact location of the house was not indicated, but the report stated that an undetermined number of Viet Cong fired small arms and threw grenades into the house. Because of the emergency nature of the incident and the close relationship of the Chief with the USMC in his official capacity, the Chief and his daughter were evacuated by helicopter to a USMC medical facility. Additional information will be provided when available.

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

a. At 250710H, Company K reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 998668). A third Viet Cong Suspect resisted apprehension, and was wounded by small arms fire, but evaded capture by fleeing to the south-east in the direction of coordinates (BT 000663). The two Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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b. At 250715H, Company M reported that approximately ten villagers approached the Company C.P. carrying an elderly Vietnamese woman on a bamboo bed frame. The woman had sustained what appeared to be multiple gunshot and fragmentation wounds. A corpsman administered immediate medical assistance, and the woman was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility. The origin of the woman's injuries had not been determined, but Company M did ascertain that the woman had been carried from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966658).

c. At 251200H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of CAM NE (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 979687), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. During initial interrogation, the suspect, one NGUYEN LIEN, indicated he possessed information of Viet Cong activities and was cognizant of several Viet Cong personalities in the area. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 251715H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an AO operating in the area observed what was identified as a high frequency long wire antenna, positioned at coordinates (BT 001631). The antenna was described as consisting of a pole antenna with twelve wires, each approximately one hundred yards in length, radiating spoke-like from the center. Armed helicopters (UH1E) were available on station and twenty four 2.75 inch rocket rounds were directed at the target with good effect. The antenna itself was reported destroyed and one building, located approximately fifty meters to the south and presumed to be used in conjunction with the antenna, was left in flames. The AO had also reported observing movement in a tree line in the immediate area but the movement was no longer evident after the strike. (S-2 comment: On 5 October, an AO reported sighting a similar item of equipment positioned at coordinates (BT 003637). In that instance, artillery was employed to destroy the antenna. The appearance of this second antenna may indicate the presence of a Viet Cong command group in that locality. Additional information will be provided when available).

e. At 251835H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Company K platoon and a Company M platoon, positioned in close proximity in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971654), had received an estimated two hundred rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong armed with at least three automatic weapons and located in the vicinity of (AT 971652). The Marines directed a total of seven 3.5 inch rocket rounds, forty four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately seven hundred fifty rounds of small arms at the Viet Cong positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. Seven Viet Cong were observed fleeing to the southwest and were pursued by small arms fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were not indicated.

f. At 252130H, the company L security squad positioned at the school house, coordinates (AT 981682), reported receiving six rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979687) and (AT 982688). The fire was ineffective and the Marines did not return the fire.

g. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

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<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	184
VC Captured	0	74
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	4	509

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following equipment was reported captured by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072687):


- 1 - Set of utilities
- 1 - Pair of black trousers with one blue shirt
- Assorted papers and pictures

The following item of equipment was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038666). (See entry 250915H, this INTSUM).

- 1 - Dummy, straw-fill, (Fashioned to resemble Viet Cong, dressed in black shirt, (cozlie) hat, and bearing a bamboo stick with the appearance of a rifle).

The following equipment was destroyed by two (2) armed helicopters (UH1E) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001631). (See 251715H entry, this INTSUM).

- 1 - Structure, identified as high frequency, long wire, radio antenna.
- 1 - Hut (building), size and further identification not indicated.

  
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25 October 1965

From: 1stBn, 9thMar S-2 Officer  
 To: 8th Marines, S-2 Officer

Subj: Report of area security council meeting on 20 October 1965

1. On 20 October 1965 the 1/9 Area Security Council (village chiefs) reported that villagers in the 1/9 area show signs of being ready to cast their allegiance with GVN authorities. It is reported that there are perhaps 200 VC now operating regularly in the 1/9 area, attempting to maintain control of the area and to provide terminals, and guide service, for other VC elements which may have need to enter the area for various purposes. The village chiefs report, however, that these 200 VC are for the most part broken down into squads and platoons. They travel from village to village, talking to the people and attempting to rebuild VC strength. The report continues that the people listen to the VC, but that they no longer believe them. The village chiefs say they now are hearing from more and more villagers and thereby gaining more intelligence.

From this new and additional information which is filtered in to them, the chiefs now report that on 9 September when 1/9 engaged a VC battalion in the vicinity of VIEM DONG, coordinates (BT 094655), 117 VC were killed. (Estimates at the time were that the VC had suffered 30 KIA and "many wounded.") In addition, the village chief report that in all other actions in its area since early August, 1/9 has killed 93 VC. (Body count now has totalled 52, but there have been many firm sightings of VC being decisively "knocked down" by fire.) Also, H and I fires from Delta Battery, 2/12 is credited with at least 14 VC KIA; 1/9 81mm mortar H and I fire with 2 KIA and 3 WIA. (It should be noted also that Delta Battery, 2/12 played an important role in the 9 September action against the VC battalion, as did Bravo Company, 3d Tanks. Likewise, the close and direct support roles of these units, along with 1st Plt, Company B, 3d Amtracs and 1st Plt, Company C, 3d AT Battalion, have been continuously most beneficial and aggressive.)

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262400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #110, Period ending 262400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

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27 Oct	0622	0643	1830	1852	0900	2030	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061720), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. Late Report. At 252010H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of TU CAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 033665), reported receiving approximately thirty rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from an estimated seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035665). The Viet Cong fire was initiated when the point man of the patrol tripped a Viet Cong alarm consisting of a trip wire connected to a nail rigged on top of a "C" ration can. The patrol directed twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds and five small arms rounds against the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. After holding its position approximately fifteen minutes, the patrol continued on its route without further incident. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report - Additional Information. INTSUM #109 contained a 252215H entry reporting a Viet Cong terrorist attack on the home of the HQA HAI

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Village Chief, coordinates (BT 071701), resulting in injuries to the Chief and one member of his family. Subsequent information disclosed that, in addition to the two injured initially reported, three other members of the family were also wounded. The Chief, Mr. TRINH, and his eldest daughter are listed as being in serious condition. Mrs. TRINH, an infant, and a sixteen year old daughter is listed as being in fair condition. The three remaining TRINH children were treated for minor fragmentation wounds and were housed in the 1st Battalion area. The injuries were sustained when an undetermined number of Viet Cong fired an estimated fifteen small arms rounds and threw four fragmentation grenades into the Village Chief's home. The Viet Cong withdrew before the arrival of Marines dispatched to investigate the reported small arms fire and explosions.

c. At 260945H, a Company A ambush element, positioned in ambush at coordinates (BT 091665), reported observing fifteen Viet Cong moving southeast in the vicinity of (BT 092658). The Marines directed approximately two hundred rounds of small arms fire and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong who withdrew returning the fire. The Viet Cong fired approximately twenty small arms rounds at the Marines without inflicting casualties. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

d. At 261400H, Company A reported that a Vietnamese man and a wounded Vietnamese woman approached Company A's position, coordinates (BT 090666), seeking medical assistance. The woman had sustained gunshot wounds of the abdomen and required evacuation to a medical facility. The origin of the woman's injuries had not been determined, and the male, identified as her husband, was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters as a suspicious person. The report indicated that the man and woman were residents of NGAN CAU (1) or (2) hamlets.

e. At 261830H, Company A reported receiving three rounds of small arms sniper fire in the company C.P. positions, coordinates (BT 090665). Eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position, coordinates (BT 090662) and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported. A short while thereafter, Company A again reported receiving one round of sniper fire in the company C.P. positions. The Marines directed approximately twenty small arms rounds, one 40mm (M-79) round, and three 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, coordinates (BT 092665), and the fire was not repeated. A squad-sized patrol dispatched to investigate the area reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the rail-road bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 995707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. Late Report. At 252230H, a Company M ambush element moving into position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970668) reported making contact from an undetermined number of Viet positioned at coordinates (AT 972669) and (AT 968470).

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The Viet Cong fired an estimated two hundred rounds of small arms fire at the Marines, who returned five 40mm (M-79) rounds, fifty small arms rounds, and four fragmentation grenades. The Viet Cong broke contact with undetermined casualties. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 261330H, the Battalion S-2 reported that HOA VANG District Headquarters had made available to the battalion a captured Viet Cong (further identification not provided) who professed to know the hiding places of two Viet Cong in DUONG SAN (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 993669). A patrol was dispatched to accompany the Viet Cong to the area, but reported negative results. The Viet Cong was returned to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 261400H, a Company K blocking force positioned at coordinates (AT 984641) reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects who attempted to flee the area in which a search and destroy operation was being conducted. During initial interrogation, one of the suspects stated that he observed forty to fifty armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of XUAN SON village (coordinates indicated were (AT 9633) but the village does not appear on the current operational map), on 24 October. The second suspect reported that fifteen to twenty Viet Cong nightly visit his hamlet, THAI CAM, coordinates (AT 978638), and force the villagers to erect bamboo fences. This Viet Cong Suspect named one NGUYEN BINH, and one TRAN ANH, as Viet Cong who regularly reside in the village. TRAN ANH was described as a farmer who functions as a Viet Cong policeman for the area. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation. Additional information will be provided when available.

d. At 261750H, Company K, returning from its blocking mission as part of the search and destroy operation conducted today, reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983637). The Marines were mounted on tanks and were proceeding in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983646) when the Viet Cong fire was initiated. The Marines dismounted and the tanks directed six 90mm HE rounds and two WP rounds at the Viet Cong positions. The Marines fired five 60mm mortar rounds, five 3.5 inch rocket rounds, eight 40mm (M-79) rounds and an estimated one thousand small arms rounds. One Marine was reported MIA. An estimated four Viet Cong were killed but the Viet Cong carried off their casualties before withdrawing from the area.

e. At 261900H, Company M reported that three Vietnamese males and one elderly woman approached the company position in the vicinity of the dam, coordinates (AT 963659). One of the males, who was being assisted by the other three Vietnamese, had sustained a gunshot wound in his foot. The wounded man was evacuated to a medical facility. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 262115H, the Battalion S-3 provided information regarding a six-man RVN People's Action Team patrol which was conducted in the vicinity of the school house located at coordinates (AT 973690). During the conduct of the

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patrol, the PAT unit fired at one armed Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 981 688) when he fled from a bunker. The armed man escaped apprehension but two occupants of a nearby building, a Vietnamese man and a boy tentatively identified as one of the group of youngsters who were involved in an attempted ambush at the school house on 24 October (S-2 comment: See 241615H entry, INTSUM #108, and follow-up report attached to INTSUM #109) were apprehended. The PAT observed approximately twenty additional Viet Cong Suspects during their patrol, some of which may have been armed. The patrol attempted to ambush the Viet Cong Suspects, who appeared to be deployed in small groups, but were unsuccessful. The PAT reported observing extensive Viet Cong Suspect activity in the area of coordinates (AT 976686). Additional information will be provided when available.

(3) Special Reports. At 262000H, G-2 relayed a report which originated at QUANG NAM Special Sector (HOI AN) that on 27 October, the Viet Cong plan to assemble a large group of farmers at THANH MIENH village, coordinates (BT 0863), and THANH TROUNG village, coordinates (BT 0864), and direct a march to THANH THUY village, coordinates (BT 0466), where the farmer group would demonstrate. The purpose of the demonstration was not indicated. G-2 commented that QUANG NAM Special Sector rated the report as B-2. G-2 rated the report as F-6.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	For 24 hour <u>Reporting period</u>	Cumulative <u>Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	184
VC Captured	0	* 76
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	2	511

\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 24 Oct 65.

Name: MAI THI KE  
Age: 24  
Status: VC Informer, KY MINH. Turned over to CIT.  
Captured by K-3-9 (No time)

ITT report dated 25 Oct 65.

Name: TRAN THI PHAN (female)  
Age: 50  
Status: VC sympathizer, THAI CAM. Sent to DIN HAN District.  
Captured by K-3-9 (No time)

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

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F. List all new problems and/or deficiencies. No report was received during this reporting period.

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #111, Period ending 272400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOE remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
28 Oct	0622	0643	1830	1852	0957	2119	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NANG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOE, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KY mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 270915H, Company B reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of NUOC MAN hamlet, coordinates (BT 055731). The Battalion S-3 commented that the two suspects, one TRAN SON and one HUYN HAN, were listed on the HOA LONG Village Chief's blacklist. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

b. At 270930H, Company B reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 080692) when he attempted to flee from Marines participating in a search and destroy operation in the area. Wire cutters and wire (no further identification provided) were found in the suspect's possession upon apprehension. The Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

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c. At 271000H, an engineer mine clearing team operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081697), reported finding numerous propaganda leaflets. The leaflets, handwritten, had been weighted with stones and placed on the road surface. The engineers retrieved the leaflets and samples were delivered to Regiment.

d. At 271051H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the occupants of fifteen to twenty houseboats located on the SONG HAN in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050743) did not respond to instructions broadcast over loudspeakers to beach their craft to allow investigation. The circumstances did not justify firing at the boats and GVN authorities were requested to investigate the boats and occupants.

e. At 271150H, Company A reported that an LVT supporting Company A in the vicinity of VIEM DONG hamlet detonated what was described as a light anti-tank mine at coordinates (BT 098658), damaging a road wheel and blowing off a track. The LVT was repaired at the site of the explosion and was able to proceed without assistance. No casualties were received as the result of this incident. (S-2 comment: A subsequent report indicated that the mine contained approximately twenty pounds of explosives and employed a pressure-type fuze device. The initial identification was apparently erroneous.

f. At 271916H, the Battalion S-3 reported the results of a Company D operation in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0664) (BT 0564) and (BT 0764), during the period 270700H-221500H. At coordinates (BT 052652) Company D discovered a cache containing one thousand pounds of rice, in close proximity to five canoes (further identification not provided). Evacuation of the rice was not practical, and the rice and canoes were destroyed by fire. Tanks operating with Company D in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059639) observed an estimated ten armed Viet Cong moving north in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058631). The tanks directed an undetermined number of 90mm rounds and a heavy volume of machine gun fire at the displacing Viet Cong and estimated that six Viet Cong were killed and four were wounded by the fire. No Marine casualties were reported. A short time later the tanks observed ten to twelve Viet Cong entering TU CAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 054654). Company D dispatched a patrol to search the hamlet, with negative contact. Additional information regarding this operation will be provided when available.

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

a. Late Report. At 261830H, the Company I security squad positioned at the schoolhouse, coordinates (AT 981688), reported that Marines manning a listening post had received a heavy volume of automatic and semi-automatic fire from an estimated nine Viet Cong who had maneuvered into close

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range. With the assistance of a fire-team sized reinforcing unit dispatched from the schoolhouse, the Marines directed an estimated two hundred small arms rounds, twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three grenades at the Viet Cong, forcing them to break contact. The Marines themselves received an estimated five to six hundred automatic and semi-automatic small arms rounds without sustaining injury. One Viet Cong was killed, body count. At 270600H, a patrol dispatched to search the area of the first fight reported finding several blood pools which would indicate the Viet Cong had sustained additional casualties.

b. At 270720H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970648) reported receiving an estimated one hundred fifty small arms rounds from two automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (AT 966649) and (AT 966652). The Marines directed approximately four hundred small arms rounds and thirty 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Marine was MIA during this engagement. Viet Cong casualties were not determined. At 270730H, this patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 969649), when investigation disclosed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation. At 270945H, this same patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966648), reported receiving one sniper round, resulting in one Marine KIA. The location of the Viet Cong position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned.

c. At 271715H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 977688). One suspect was apprehended in an area from which the patrol had received three small arms rounds. No Marine casualties were reported. The second suspect was apprehended when he was observed engaged in what was reported as dismantling an M-26 fragmentation grenade. The suspects were evacuated to IIT for investigation.

d. At 271920H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992669) reported making contact with two intruders, presumed to be Viet Cong. The Marine occupying point position in the patrol observed the approach of the intruders and fired fifteen small arms rounds at a range of less than seventy five meters. The two figures appeared to fall as if hit by the Marine's fire, but a search of the area revealed no trace of the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 271950H, the Company L security squad positioned at the schoolhouse, coordinates (AT 973690), reported receiving sixteen rounds of small arms fire from an estimated one or two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 982688). The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

f. At 271455H, the Battalion S-3 reported that four Marines received minor fragmentation wounds as the result of a detonation of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 000660). The Marines were enroute aboard two cargo carriers (M-274) (Mechanical mules) along a trail when the explosion occurred at approximately fifteen feet distance. The device, a hollow metal (steel) pipe, estimated to be four feet in length, was lodged between three

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bamboo poles, and contained an explosive charge of undetermined size. The charge appeared to be electrically detonated although no wires or similar material was recovered.

g. At 272005H, a Company I squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 030642) reported making contact with an estimated Viet Cong company moving from west to east along the trail. The Marines allowed the advance party, estimated to number approximately twenty five, to approach within five meters range before commencing a very heavy volume of small arms fire. Despite the heavy volume of the Marines' fire, the Viet Cong were reported to have attempted an orderly withdrawal under the covering fires of the main body. Fifteen Viet Cong were confirmed KIAs (body count). When the Marines pulled back, sixty rounds of 81mm mortar fire was directed into the ambush site, with undetermined results. The ambush element observed the movement of what appeared to be about a company of Viet Cong withdrawing back to the west in the direction of AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 025636). A TOT mission consisting of sixty 105mm HE rounds was directed on the Viet Cong refuge, with undetermined results. During the engagement, the Marines sustained two WIAs. The confirmed Viet Cong KIA total of fifteen includes four who were believed killed by Marine bayonets. The recovery of bodies, weapons or equipment was not practical as the Marine squad, already handicapped by their own casualties, had to withdraw out of the ambush site to allow the firing of the mortars. The Viet Cong advance party wore black clothing and light straw hats, and were armed with what identified as submachine guns and carbines. Additional information will be provided when available.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	16	200
VC Captured	0	76
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	6	517

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- Leaflets, English language (VC propaganda). (See entry 27100H, this INTSUM)
- 1000- Pounds of rice vicinity coordinates (BT 052652). (See entry 271916H, this INTSUM)
- 5 - Canoes, wood, (length not indicated). (See entry 271916H, this INTSUM)
- 25 - Traps, man
- 50 - Traps, punji (BT 098658)
- 1 - Grenade, CHICOM (booby trapped)



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The following material was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:


1 - Device, explosive vicinity (BT 004660)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortifications were destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

Unknown number of trench fortifications vicinity (BT 115648)

The following was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

1 - Tunnel (approximately 35' in length) vicinity (AT 999661)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #112, Period ending 282400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>FMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
29 Oct	0622	0643	1830	1852	1951	2215	4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the DA NAMG Airbase and south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southeast portion of the Regimental TAOR, and provided security for the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 071700), the radar station on MON KH mountain, coordinates (BT 061728), and the battalion supply point at coordinates (BT 071708).

a. At 280005H, Battery D reported receiving twelve small arms rounds in position, coordinates (BT 063680), from an estimated four Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064678). The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 280015H, a Company C squad positioned at the French bunker, coordinates (BT 081697) reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from what was described as one carbine and one automatic weapon firing from the southwest at less than 75 meters range. The Marines returned the fire with approximately twenty small arms rounds and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

c. At 280030H, Company A reported receiving an estimated fifty small arms rounds in the company C.P. position, coordinates (BT 092668). An

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estimated eight Viet Cong were deployed in separate positions extending from coordinates (BT 089666) to (BT 091665). The Marines returned approximately five hundred rounds of small arms fire and the fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

d. At 280105H, Company C reported receiving approximately ten rounds of automatic weapons fire in position, coordinates (BT 081697). Three 40mm (M-79) rounds and twenty small arms rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position, coordinates (BT 080695) and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported. The Battalion S-2 commented that this incident and that of 280030H were believed to have been diversionary attacks for the major attack which took place at Marble Mountain Air Facility.

e. At 280145H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a vehicle from the Battalion C.P. transporting personnel to MAC-16 detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 067725), resulting in four Marines KIA. Engineers were dispatched to clear the road and reported locating an unexploded mine in the same area. The second mine, described as containing fifteen pounds of TNT and rigged with an electric detonator, was blown in place. Specific identification of the first mine is still lacking.

f. At 280330H, a Company D ambush platoon positioned at coordinates (BT 042675), reported observing four men moving to the south in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041675). The Marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the intruders, who fled without apparent casualties.

g. At 280350H, a Company B platoon reported apprehending several Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 081703). The suspects were apprehended as part of the efforts then underway to deny movement to possible Viet Cong.

h. At 280930H, Company A reported that a tank from 1st Platoon, Company B, 3d Tank Battalion, operating in support of Company A detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 067692). The escape hatch of the tank was blown open and a fuel coil may have been blown. Two suspension wheels were blown off. Engine damage is unknown. No casualties were reported. The mine was described as containing twenty pounds of TNT and employing a pressure type detonator.

i. At 282145H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of a search and destroy operation conducted within grid squares (BT 0570) and (BT 0571). Company B apprehended fourteen suspicious persons and evacuated them to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. Eleven Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended (details not provided) and evacuated to ITT for investigation.

j. At 282120H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the beach patrol apprehended three 30 year old males in a boat in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056797). The patrol also discovered one pack and three uniforms (further description not provided), and a small quantity of rice. Disposition of the suspects and material was not indicated.

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k. On 28 October, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA LONG Police Chief that one of the Viet Cong companies that attacked MAG-16 early today was an element of the Viet Cong 90th Artillery Battalion. The commander of this company is reported to be one NGUYEN BA PHAT. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as C-3.

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

a. Late Report. At 272230H, a Company K ambush squad positioned at coordinates (AT 985655) reported observing three Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982656). The squad deployed to within fifty meters of the Viet Cong and then received approximately twenty rounds of small arms fire. The Marines fired six small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong fled. One Viet Cong was believed to have been wounded but escaped apprehension. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 280645H, Company I reported reaching the site of the ambush conducted at 272005H, coordinates (BT 030642), for the purpose of conducting a thorough search of the area. Two bodies were found, wearing identical clothing consisting of short black pants, black shirt, and light-colored straw hat of the type commonly known as "coolie hats". One magazine, initially identified as a component of a CHICOM 7.62mm modified submachine gun K50/PFSH.41 was also found, as were a large quantity of expended cartridge cases for use in weapons not of USMC types. Two additional straw hats of the kind worn by the dead Viet Cong were also found in the area. Identification papers were recovered from the corpses, but must await translation by ITT for evaluation. The ambush site itself gave evidence of the engagement which had taken place. In addition to the large quantity of expended cartridge cases found scattered in several areas, the ground surface itself was furrowed and scarred by small arms fire, 40mm (M-79) fire, 81mm mortar fire, and grenade detonations. The positions which had been occupied by the ambush squad, and several locations where the Viet Cong had taken position, could be discerned by surface disturbances as well as expended cartridge cases. Blood traces were not profuse, but were evident. The absence of weapons, equipment, or other material indicative of Viet Cong presence is attributable to the apparent police of the area by the Viet Cong sometime during the night. The two bodies were found a short distance away from the trail and dike positions, which may account for the Viet Cong not retrieving them. Interviews with the patrol members as well as the physical evidence at the scene produced nothing to refute the initial report of fifteen Viet Cong KIA, (body count). A Viet Cong force of at least forty, and probably consisting of a full Viet Cong company, participated in this action. From the relative uniformity of clothing, the reports of weapons employed, their noticeable discipline under fire, as well as OOB information gives rise to the conclusion that the Viet Cong unit that had been ambushed was a Main Force unit. Company I continued on to AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 025636), the suspected

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refuge of the Viet Cong force and the target of a TOT mission of sixty 105mm rounds at 272250H. The area itself gave little evidence of the volume of artillery fire expended, as two open fields seemed to absorb the majority of the fragmentation. Two wounded children, in the company of their mothers, were discovered in the area. The mothers allowed the corpsmen to dress the wounds, but refused transportation to a medical facility. One child's wounds had already been treated, and the corpsman commented on the professional manner of bandaging and the availability of drugs and medication. This may indicate that a Viet Cong medical cadre was a part of the ambushed Viet Cong unit and treated the wounded villagers during the night. Two adult Vietnamese males were apprehended by Company I. One of the men had sustained fragmentation wounds of the leg and was identified by a member of the USMC ambush squad as a probable participant in the engagement. The other man admitted his presence in AN TU hamlet and it is believed he possesses information about the Viet Cong movement and strengths. With the exception of these two suspects, the ambush area and hamlet was devoid of male adults. The women and children were uncooperative. The two Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

c. At 280730H, a Company K patrol dispatched to search the site of a Company K ambush conducted on 27 October (See 271920H entry, INTSUM #111), coordinates (AT 992669), reported finding an estimated one-fourth pound block of TNT and a metal cup which had obviously been struck by a bullet. The items were retrieved for investigation. At 280745H, this patrol reported receiving an undetermined amount of automatic weapons fire from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 000648). One Marine was KIA and two Marines WIA. The Marines returned the fire and the Viet Cong broke contact. Viet Cong casualties were not indicated.

d. At 280730H, a Company M blocking force positioned at coordinates (AT 977666) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect when it was observed that he was wearing what were described as civilian clothes on top of a military style khaki uniform without recognizable insignia. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 281025H, Company K reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 993652) resulting in two Marines WIA. The device was described as a ration can containing an undetermined explosive rigged to explode when initiated by the action of a trip wire. A piece of wood positioned in front of the explosive device was discovered to have Vietnamese writing on the underside which was translated as a warning of mines (or booby traps - the translation is not specific). Subsequent examination of the area indicates that a minefield of some type may exist in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993647). A mine clearing detail will be dispatched to the area on 29 October.

f. At 281430H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 979678) when investigation disclosed he lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 281445H, a Company K patrol reported observing two men running away from a wooden structure at coordinates (BT 002663). The patrol fired

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twenty small arms rounds at the fleeing men without effect. The patrol reported apprehending a Viet Cong Suspect in this same area a short while afterwards but it could not be determined if the apprehended suspect was one of the two men who had earlier eluded the Marines. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

h. At 281630H, Company K reported locating a tunnel in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002663). The tunnel, described as approximately twenty feet in length, was destroyed by demolitions.

(3) Special Report. At 281505H, G-2 relayed a report from an agent that a number (not indicated) of guerrillas and Main Force Viet Cong have returned to CAM NE hamlet, coordinates (AT 980692). The report continued that some guerrillas continue to operate in MOA LA BONG, coordinates (AT 975675). G-2 rated the report as B-2.

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during the reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	200
VC Captured	0	76
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	19	536

E. Destroyed and captured enemy materiel. The following materiel was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Pack (BT 055673)
- Large quantity of casings, cartridge (BT 055675)
- 2 - Tail assemblies, 60mm mortar (BT 063734)
- 2 - Tail assemblies, 60mm mortar (BT 056736)
- 1 - Picture album (BT 075680)

The following materiel was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Packet of medical supplies (BT 030643)
- 2 - Books (Vietnamese language) (BT 030643)
- 1 - Packet containing identification papers and a small quantity of Vietnamese money (BT 030643)
- 1 - Block of TNT ( $\frac{1}{2}$  pound) (AT 992699)
- 1 - Cup, metal (with bullet hole) (AT 992699)
- 1 - Magazine, (component of CHICOM 7.62mm modified submachine gun K50/PFSH.41) (BT 030642)
- A quantity of expended cartridge casings, various types and calibers (found at ambush site and believed to have been fired by the Viet Cong) (BT 030642)

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdEn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002663). (See 281630H entry, this INTSUM).

1 - Tunnel (approximately twenty feet in length)

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #113, Period ending 292400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EEGT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
30 Oct.	0622	0643	1830	1852	1145	2301	4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report. At 282340H, a Company B ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 080708) reported observing a man heading south from their position at a range of approximately eighty meters. Ten small arms rounds were fired at the man with negative results. The Marines reported that they could not discern whether the man was armed.

b. At 290005H, Company C reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds in the Company C.P. position, coordinates (BT 083697). The fire appeared to be originating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084700). The enemy position could not be pinpointed and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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c. At 290930H, the 1st Battalion S-2 reported that the AP NUOC NAM Hamlet Chief notified the battalion that an informer had provided the location of a AT mine, coordinates (BT 061727). At 291000H, engineers were dispatched to locate the mine and render it inoperable. The engineers reported that the mine consisted of fifteen pounds of TNT and was equipped with what was described as a home-made pressure type electrical detonator. The engineers disarmed the mine and evacuated it to their headquarters for instructional purposes. The informer who provided the information leading to the location of the mine will be awarded five hundred Piastres.

d. At 291000H, Company D reported that a patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048686) at 281700H, found the following items:

- 1 - Figure, described as a scarecrow, bearing a piece of bamboo fashioned to look like a rifle.
- 1 - Device, consisting of what was identified as a base plug for a CHICOM grenade and a brick and cardboard unit with what may have been a trip wire attachment.
- 1 - Packet, containing propaganda leaflets, themes not indicated.

The report stated that the scarecrow had a piece of cloth functioning as its head, and the Vietnam words meaning "U.S. Imperialists quit Vietnam" printed upon it. The scarecrow was destroyed. The device and grenade plug were evacuated for examination. No attempts to booby-trap the materials were evident. The purpose of the device was not known.

e. On 29 October, the HOA LONG Police Chief reported to the Battalion S-2 that Buddhist monks from the local area (further identification not indicated) will assemble in DA NANG within the next few days to demonstrate against Premier KY. (The S-2 rates this report as F-6).

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

a. At 290505H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 966664) observed a figure moving into the ambush site. The figure was challenged and attempted to flee. The Marines fired one round at the fleeing figure and the figure fell wounded. Upon apprehension, the Marines discovered that the intruder was a woman. The woman was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment. (S-2 comment: The status of the wounded woman awaits further investigation. The curfew hours in the area of the incident is 2000-0500).

b. At 291030H, Company K reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 991659). The woman, described as eighty years of age, was apprehended when observed carrying a quantity of feedstuff. An examina-

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tion revealed that two pieces of paper among the food were duplicate copies of 'blueprint drawings of what was titled "East Camp Decantamination Area Assignments, including MABS-11 and H and MS-11". The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation. The blueprints were evacuated to G-2 and ITT for evaluation.

c. At 291345H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 000675). The suspect was apprehended then observed attempting to bury material. Among this material was what was identified as a Viet Cong song manuscript, five packs of U.S. type sutures, one surgical knife, and Vietnamese currency in the amount of two hundred piastros. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

d. At 291425H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032643) when the suspect was observed attempting to evade the patrol. An examination revealed the suspect lacked adequate identification. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation.

e. At 291625H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040634), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons, positioned in the vicinity of (BT 030645). Eight 60mm mortar rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately forty small arms rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The patrol searched the vicinity of the Viet Cong position, with negative results. No casualties were reported.

f. At 291810H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030646) reported making contact with four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 030645). The Viet Cong fired ten rounds of small arms automatic and semi-automatic fire and the Marines returned approximately forty small arms rounds. The Viet Cong broke contact and fled. The patrol searched the area and apprehended five Viet Cong Suspects, four adults and one boy, in the vicinity of the Viet Cong position. The suspects were evacuated to ITT for investigation.

g. At 291915H, a Company K ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 993666) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from three semi-automatic weapons and two carbines from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of (AT 996666). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

h. At 291940H, Company K, positioned in the vicinity of NHON THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 993661), reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from an estimated four Viet Cong located in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992667). The Marines directed approximately one thousand small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position, and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the northwest. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined. One civilian was wounded during this action and was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment.

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(3) Special Report. At 291800H, the 3rd Marines relayed a report from a GVN military officer from HIEU DUC District (further identification not provided) that, during the period 26 to 28 October, approximately eleven hundred Viet Cong displaced to the vicinity of LAC THANH TAY, coordinates (AT 9459), then proceeded northeast along the SONG BAU XAU to the bridge located in grid square (AT 9964), turned northwest to LA HONG (1) and AN TRACH (1) area, then returned to LAC THANH TAY. The mission of this Viet Cong group was said to be to attack the airfield, with jet planes and helicopters as primary targets. The 3rd Marines rated this report as F-6.

a. At 291900H, G-2 relayed a report from Central Registry Detachment (further identification not provided) that the Viet Cong have been using the HIEU BA sand bank, located in the vicinity of NGAN CAU hamlet, coordinates (BT 070 632) as a hiding place during operations. (The G-2 rated this report C-6).

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. See 290930H entry; this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	200
VC Captured	0	* 78
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	8	544

\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 27 Oct 65.

Name: TRAN PHI  
Age: 27  
Status: Forced VC Guard, THAI CAM. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by K-3-9 261300H.

ITT report dated 27 Oct 65.

Name: DOAN GIA  
Age: 52  
Status: VC Guard, Farmer's Cell Member, XUAN SON. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by K-3-9 261300H.

E. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following material was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

1 - Mine, Anti-tank, 15 pounds TNT with homemade pressure-electrical detonator (BT 061727). (See 290930H entry, this INTSUM).

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- 1 - Dummy, straw-fill, (fashioned to resemble Viet Cong, bearing a bamboo stick with the appearance of a rifle) (BT 048686). (See 291000H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Device, consisting of what was identified as a base plug for a CHICOM grenade and a brick and cardboard unit with what may have been a trip wire attachment. (See 291000H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Plug, CHICOM grenade (BT 048686). (See 291000H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 20 - Propaganda leaflets (BT 048686). (See 291000H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 5 - Cartridges, expended (BT 048686). (See 291000H entry, this INTSUM.)

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999661):

- 1 - Tunnel (approximately seventy feet in length)

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #114, Period ending 302400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
31 Oct	0622	0644	1829	1851	1234	2353	$\frac{1}{2}$

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. Late Report. At 292355H, a Company B patrol, with tank attachment, responding to a report from MCB-9 that approximately twenty Vietnamese males were observed within the hospital site perimeter, coordinates (BT 052726), reported receiving six rounds of small arms fire from what was described as a temple at coordinates (BT 060732), northwest of the hospital site. Fire was returned with two 90mm rounds, inflicting extensive damage to the structure. When the patrol searched the temple, it discovered approximately nine hundred pounds of rice. There were no Viet Cong within the temple nor indications of Viet Cong casualties. A portion of the rice was evacuated by the patrol and the balance was to be retrieved by MCB-9. No Marine casualties were reported.

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b. At 300910H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054644) reported making contact with one Viet Cong armed with an automatic weapon. The Viet Cong fired an estimated ten rounds of small arms fire at close range, wounding one Marine. The patrol returned the fire with approximately thirty small arms rounds, wounding the Viet Cong, who was nevertheless able to flee from his position. The Marines pursued, and a short distance away (coordinates not provided) discovered his body. The Viet Cong weapon however was not found. The patrol recovered what was identified as narcotics, and maps (overlays) from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The patrol also reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the same area. The suspect was evacuated to ITT for investigation (S-2 comment: SITREP #114 omitted details of the Viet Cong KIA. The additional details shown in this entry is based on a subsequent report which was received after the SITREP was written).

c. At 301520H, a Company D patrol reported finding what was described as a searacrow at coordinates (BT 036668). The searacrow was positioned in the center of extensive panji traps. This same patrol reported finding a second searacrow at coordinates (BT 052673). This second searacrow was beehy-trapped with at least two grenades. Both searacrows and the panji traps were destroyed. While destroying the second searacrow, the patrol received one round of sniper fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 040685). The fire was not repeated and the Marines did not return the fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 301845H, Company D reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned to the southeast, southwest and west of the C.P. position, coordinates (BT 062642), at a range of approximately one hundred fifty meters. Approximately fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds were directed at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

e. At 302020H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA LONG Police Chief that two hundred of what was described as "political cadre" will enter DA NAMC from the surrounding areas to protest H and I fires, the rising cost of living caused by the U.S. forces, and the interrogation of monks. The cadre will attempt to incite the populace. The date of the demonstration was not known. (The Battalion S-2 did not rate this report. The S-2 rates this report as P-6).

(2) 3rd En. 9th Mar. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 985733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 998707). Company I provides one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEN DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 301253H, Company K reported locating a tunnel network in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958653). The tunnels were described as consisting of an approximate total of two hundred feet, and numerous panji stakes were reported in the vicinity. The report indicated destruction of the tunnels was in progress, but a completion report has not been received.

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b. At 301233H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985682) reported observing five armed Viet Cong proceeding west in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985683). The patrol attempted to maintain the contact but was unsuccessful. No fire was exchanged.

c. At 301402H, Company K reported making contact with eight armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 955658). The Viet Cong were observed positioning beehy traps on the trail and received a heavy volume of Marines' fire. The Viet Cong returned the fire with three automatic carbines and several semi-automatic weapons. The Viet Cong attempted to break contact and fled south along the river bank. The Marines pursued and two Viet Cong were killed (body count) by the Marines' fire. The other Viet Cong eluded the Marine unit. Khaki uniforms and identification papers were recovered from the Viet Cong bodies but no weapons were found. The beehy traps consisted of two 105mm artillery rounds. The Marines also discovered a bunker and extensive tunnelling in this area (exact coordinates not provided). The bunker was described as being fourteen feet square and about six feet in depth. The extent of the tunnelling was not reported. The bunker and artillery rounds were destroyed by demolitions and the tunnels will be destroyed at a later date.

d. At 301450H, Company K reported apprehending one female Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 955635). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended when an examination revealed she possessed documents of a suspicious nature and medical supplies. The suspect was evacuated to IIT for investigation.

e. At 301800H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986643), reported receiving an estimated twenty small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978641), resulting in one Marine KIA. The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and five 3.5 inch rocket rounds at the enemy position and one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire (not confirmed by body count). The Viet Cong fire ceased and the contact was broken.

f. At 301830H, a covering force consisting of a 1st Battalion, Company A platoon reinforced by tanks and ONIOS, reported receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated twenty five Viet Cong armed with carbines and automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (AT 989638), (AT 986637), and (AT 986638). Ten 90mm rounds, ten 105mm rounds and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed against the Viet Cong positions and the enemy fire ceased. The Marines estimated that the Viet Cong sustained ten KIA. No Marine casualties were reported. A short while later, the covering force, now moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987647) received an estimated fifty small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992651). The covering force deployed and directed two 90mm rounds, four 105mm rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms fire at the Viet Cong position. The Viet Cong broke contact and the covering force returned to its base area. No casualties were reported.

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a. At 301045H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN Officer that one operational armed Viet Cong company is located in LA BONG and AN TRACH area (coordinates not indicated) observing USMC units in YEN NE. G-2 commented that the report was probably true. (S-2 rates this report as F-3).

b. At 301910H, the 1st Antrac Battalion S-2 reported that two suspected Viet Cong mortar positions, complete with sunken hole for mortar tube, were discovered at coordinates (BT 039729). The report stated that two triangular diagrams were imprinted on the soil surface pointing in the direction of MAG-16 area. The report indicated that the positions were not destroyed. Additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 302400H, G-2 relayed two reports from QUANG NAM Special Sector Headquarters of Viet Cong activities in the TAOR. The first report stated that one Viet Cong Battalion had displaced from BA NA (mountain region) and passed through (AN) LOI, coordinates (AT 848718). The battalion then divided into two elements. One element proceeded to PHUOC GIANG, coordinates (AT 885660). The second element proceeded to the CAY TRUONG saddle area (not identified), at coordinates (AT 840780). These units are equipped with anti-aircraft and other heavy weapons. The mission of these Viet Cong units is to attack USMC positions north of HOA VANG. G-2 commented that increased activity in the area south of the TAOR adds credit to this report. (S-2 rates this report C-3).

The second report stated that, on the night of 29 October, one Viet Cong regiment displaced to the vicinity of THANH TRUONG, grid square (BT 0362). The personnel of this regiment are from the north (report does not indicate whether from North Vietnam or north of the TAOR). The Viet Cong told the villagers in the area that they would attack HOA VANG District, HOA CAN Training Center, and the DA NANG airport. The Viet Cong brought with them approximately fifty coffins. The Viet Cong also told the villagers that beginning 30 October, no U.S. or Vietnamese forces would be able to enter the THANH TRUONG village area because of the Viet Cong regiment's strength. The report stated that the Viet Cong had previously notified the villagers that they would attack HOA LONG (Marble Mountain) airport on 27 October and they had made good their boast. The report added that at the time the Viet Cong notified the villagers of impending attack against the Marble Mountain Air Facility (24 October), they brought with them seventy coffins. After the attack on 27 October, only thirteen were left. QUANG NAM Special Sector Headquarters rated this report as C-3. (S-2 rates this report as C-3).

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	3	203
VC Captured	0	78
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	2	546



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(1) Total captives taken:	24
(2) Captives cleared as civilians:	0
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG District HQS:	1
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	23
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	0

F. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Dummy, straw-fill (fashioned to resemble a Viet Cong) (BT 036668). (See 301520H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Dummy, straw-fill (fashioned to resemble a Viet Cong) (BT 052673). (See 301520H entry, this INTSUM.)
- Panji traps (Unknown number) (BT 036668). (See 301520H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 2 - Grenades, fragmentation (BT 052673). (See 301520H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 2 - 105mm artillery rounds (BT 053743). (See 301402H entry, this INTSUM.)

The following was captured by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Rice, 900 pounds (BT 060732). (See 292355H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Document (AT 955635). (See 301450H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 3 - Packets of medical supplies (AT 955635). (See 301450H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 4 - Casings, 40mm (BT 053743).
- 3 - Cartridges, expended (BT 053743).

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

- 200 - Feet of tunnel (AT 958653). (See 301258H entry, this INTSUM.)
- 1 - Bunker (coordinates unknown). (See 301402H entry, this INTSUM.)

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

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312400H OCT 1965

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #115, Period ending 312400H October 1965

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

(a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve (12) hours by Regimental S-2.

(b) Trafficability of roads/trails within the TAOR remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

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

a. At 310900H, Company C reported apprehending a suspicious female at coordinates (BT 072703) when an examination indicated that the identification card in her possession appeared invalid. On the recommendation of the HOA LONG Police Chief, the suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

b. At 311035H, a Company C patrol reported apprehending a suspicious Vietnamese male whom he acted hostile and uncooperative during a routine identification examination. The suspect was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 311400H, a Company D patrol operating approximately two hundred meters north of the patrol base at coordinates (BT 048658) reported receiving

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approximately fifteen small arms rounds from an automatic weapon positioned to the southeast, resulting in one Marine KIA. The enemy position could not be discerned, and the fire was not returned. The patrol maneuvered through the area from which the fire was suspected to have originated, with negative results.

d. At 311510H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA LONG Police Chief that sixty Main Force Viet Cong, augmented by thirty local force Viet Cong, are located in HOA PHONG and HOA LAM villages (general location is east of the SONG VINH DIEM). The commander of this Viet Cong unit is said to be a North Vietnamese (further identification not provided). The Main Force group is said to be armed with one 60mm mortar and two caliber .30 machine guns, plus normal arms. The local force is said to be armed with fifteen Russian rifles (further identification not provided) and a large quantity of grenades. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as E-2 (S-2 rates this report as E-3).

e. At 311510H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that one Viet Cong Battalion (designation not provided) is positioned in separated positions in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0764), (BT 0864), (BT 0964), (BT 0763) and (BT 0863). The report continued that a Viet Cong platoon, identified as a "suicide platoon", was located in the area vicinity of coordinates (BT 058730) to (BT 065710), with the mission to collect money from the people owning business establishments along the MSR to defray the expenses of the attack on the Marble Mountain Air Facility. The report added that one Viet Cong suicide Co(-) is located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0866). This company was armed with submachine guns, demolitions and grenades, in addition to normal small arms. The Battalion S-2 rated this report E-2 (This report received two minor corrections after it was initially promulgated. This finalized version includes minor location changes and additional information. S-2 rates this report as E-3).

f. At 311510H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA LONG Police Chief that a Viet Cong Lieutenant General identified as one NGUYEN BA PHAT is located in HIEU DUC District. No additional details were provided. The Battalion S-2 rated this report as E-3. (S-2 comment: On 15 October, G-2 provided S-2 with a copy of a MAF Command Center report which included information of one NGUYEN BA PHAT, identified as a Viet Cong General in command of a large Viet Cong force whose strength was indicated to exceed 700 men, located in the vicinity of HOA THAI (AT 9868), HOA PHUOC, (BT 0068), and THANH TRUONG (BT 0064). Of possible relevancy is the G-2 report of 30 October locating a Viet Cong regiment in the vicinity of THANH TRUONG. S-2 rates the 311510H report as E-3).

g. At 311845H, a Company D patrol reported discovering a booby trap consisting of an M-26 fragmentation grenade at coordinates (BT 049676). The patrol detonated the grenade in place. The method of rigging the booby trap was not indicated. A short while later, the patrol reported hearing a second explosion in the area in which they had destroyed the booby trapped grenade. No additional information is available.

(2) 3rd Bn, 9th Mfr. Continued to occupy positions south of the SONG CAU DO (river) in the southwest portion of the Regimental TAOR and provided security for the FLSC ammunition dump, coordinates (AT 988733), and the railroad bridge and water point at coordinates (AT 988707). Company I provides

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one squad to man checkpoint on National Highway #1, in vicinity of MIEU DONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 017678).

a. At 311040H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011650) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 008648). The patrol returned the fire with an undetermined amount of small arms rounds and the Viet Cong broke contact. No casualties were reported.

b. At 311215H, a Company A platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in the KE SON-AN THACH area, reported receiving two small arms rounds at coordinates (AT 969642). The enemy position could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

c. At 311855H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a U.S. Army Officer identified as a sub-doctor advisor at DIEM BAN District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong company was moving west to east in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034638). The origin of the report could not be determined. No additional details are available. (S-2 rates this report as P-3).

(3) Special Report. At 312120H, G-2 relayed a report from a CI agent (further identification not provided) that a Viet Cong guerrilla force of approximately twenty to twenty five men are using AN TU hamlet (BT 024637) as a base of operations for this area. The primary target of this force are USMC outposts and patrols located in this vicinity. The Viet Cong also conduct terrorist activities and sabotage operations against U.S. forces. This guerrilla force usually operates at night and returns to the hamlet at approximately 0200 each morning. There is an underground complex of five tunnels with hidden entrances which the Viet Cong use for hiding and resting places. There are two guard posts manned by women during the day who sound the alarm in the event Marine patrols approach the village. At night the guard posts are manned by Viet Cong. The armament of this Viet Cong force consists of at least one K-50 machine gun, one M-1 rifle, two carbines, one MAS-36, and one U.S. weapon identified as a "17" (Winfield rifle, model 1917?). The Viet Cong also have a Browning Automatic Rifle which is on loan from a Viet Cong force located west of AN TU hamlet. The report was dated 6 October 1965 and was described as "fairly reliable". (S-2 comment: See 272005H entry, INTSUM #111, for an account of a squad-sized ambush conducted in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet. In that incident, the evidence indicates the Viet Cong force involved was not indigenous to AN TU (1) hamlet but local participation in the role of scouts, guards, etc is also apparent. S-2 rates this report as P-2).

C. Report of information on VC received directly from civilians. No reports were received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 hour Reporting period</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65</u>
KIA	0	203
VC Captured	0	* 83
VC Captured (MIA)	0	2
VC Suspects	0	546

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\*Increase of five Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Reports as follows:

ITT report dated 29 Oct 65.

Name: PHAM THI HAN  
Age: 32  
Status: VC sympathizer, HA DONG. Sent to DIEN BAN District.  
Captured by K-3-9 231600H.

ITT report dated 28 Oct 65.

Name: NGO TRI  
Age: 59  
Status: VC Old Man's Association Member, KHUE DONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by C-1-9 281040H.

ITT report dated 28 Oct 65.

Name: NGUYEN AN  
Age: 30  
Status: VC Guard, KHE DONG. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by C-1-9 281025H.

ITT report dated 28 Oct 65.

Name: TRAN TE  
Age: 28  
Status: VC Laborer, XUAN TRA CHAU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by A-1-9 281150H.

ITT report dated 28 Oct 65.

Name: LE CHUA  
Age: 45  
Status: VC Worker, TAN LUU. Sent to QUANG NAM Special Sector.  
Captured by E-1-9 280600H.

E. Disposition of captured personnel for month of October 1965:

(1) Total captives taken:	159
(2) Captives cleared as civilians:	0
(3) VCS delivered to HOA VANG District HQS:	32
(4) VCS delivered to ITT:	126
(5) VCC delivered to ITT:	1

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F. Destroyed and captured enemy material. The following was destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Grenade, M-26, fragmentation (BT 049676). (See 311845H entry, this INTSUM.)

The following was captured by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Packet of Vietnamese money (110 Dong) (AT 955638)
- 3 - Identification cards (AT 955638)
- 1 - Viet Cong pass (AT 955638)
- 1 - Document (Chinese characters) (AT 955638)
- 1 - Notebook (AT 955638)
- 2 - Maps (AT 955638)
- 2 - Uniforms (Khaki material) (AT 955638). (See 301520H entry, INTSUM #114).

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications. The following fortification was destroyed by 3rdBn, 9thMar:

- 1 - Tunnel (Approximately 75' in length) (BT 004657).

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9th MARINES (S-1) SITUATION REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 1965

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/JAM/jew  
SitRep  
1 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 301600H to 011600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 SgtMaj-9999 this date.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. 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 CA Officer for distribution.

b. 1/9--The Bn CA Officer presented another blackboard to the Village Chief for use of the Hoa Lang School (BT 073704). The school teacher and the 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 "C" Company 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 975685); 37 at Mieu Dong (1) (BT 018680); 11 at Than Bin (BT 002722); 6 at An Trach (AT 967665); and 25 at the BAS for a total of 121 civilians treated by 3/9.

7. Casualty Report: 4 WIA (1/9); 3 WIA, 1 KIA (3/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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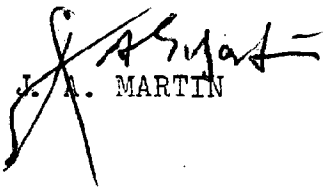
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1/JAM/jew  
SitRep  
2 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 011600H to 021600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:
  - a. Hdqs, 9thMar--55 civilians were treated at Binh Thuan (BT 030750)
  - b. 1/9--1,300 lbs of corn meal, 100 dolls and 4 cases of soap were received from the Regt CA officer for distribution. 53 civilians were treated at Hoa-Long (BT 098708).
  - c. 3/9--247 civilians were fed at the collection point established at An Trach (1) (AT 973655) and 57 people were treated by the medical teams. 42 civilians were treated at Cam Ne (AT 975685) 25 civilians were treated at the BAS. 1300 lbs of corn meal, 100 dolls and 4 cases of soap were received for distribution.
7. Casualty Report: 2 WIA (1/9), 1 NBC (3/9); 1 NBC 1 Oct (3/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FME  
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SitRep  
3 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 021600H to 031600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The Battalion received a number of toys and soccer balls for civil affairs distribution. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and the Hoa-Long village chief distributed 10 dolls to the children of Thuy-So'n (BT 078708) and Nui-Kim So'n (BT 073704) hamlets. The chief of Hoa-Long village presented two soccer balls to the students of the school in Nui-Kim So'n hamlet (BT 073704).

A set of non-military maps has been obtained from MAG-16 for use by the students of Nui-Kim So'n school (BT 073704).

An agreement has been made between the chief of Hoa-Long village and this command to control the tracked vehicles moving through Nui-Kim So'n hamlet (BT 073704). The proximity of the village market to the main road necessitates that tracked vehicles detour around the market area to avoid damage to civilian structures.

The medical corpsmen attached to "C" Company treated nine Vietnamese children for cuts and abrasions at the hamlet of Kai-Tay (3), village of Hoa Lan (BT 048665).

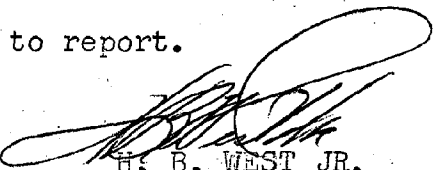
The Chief of Hoa-Long village met for lunch at the Battalion Officer/Staff Mess with CO, 9thMar, CO, 1stBn, 9thMar, former XO, 1stBn, 9thMar, S-3, 1stBn, 9thMar, and S-1, 1stBn, 9thMar. The village chief presented to these officers marble name plates for desk use. Engraved on the marble along with each officer's name was the thoughtful inscription: "From the People of Marble Mountain, Vietnam 1965". All officers thanked the village chief, and CO, 9thMar, through an interpreter, expressed the gratitude

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of 9th Marines and, 1stBn, 9thMar for the very courageous assistance which the village chief has provided Marine units in his area.

b. 3/9--68 civilians received medical treatment: 10 at the BAS, 4 at the L Co area, 36 at Cam Ne (1), 2 at Yen Ne (1), and 12 at Le Son (1).

7. Casualty Reports: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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1/HBW/jew  
SitRep  
4 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report- 031600H to 041600H

Strengths: MCOFF-20, MCEnl-184; NavOff-1, NavEnl-3.

2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: *governmental*

a. 1/9--A "Martin Clemens" patrol entered the village of Hoa-Plung (BT 0570) and distributed GVN informational magazines and pamphlets. A U. S. Army Psychological Warfare team operated in Hoa-Long (BT 073704). Films and tapes of GVN policies and programs were presented and narrated. *twenty one* 21 civilians received medical treatment at Hoa-Lan (BT 048665).

b. *twelve* 3/9--~~28~~ *eight* children received medical treatment at Then Bin (BT 002722). *three* 3 children were treated at the BAS and 11 at the Lima Co area, near the ammo dump.

7. Casualty Report: 13 KIA, 23 WIA (3/9); 1 NBC (1/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1/JAM/jew  
 SitRep  
 5 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
 To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 041600H to 051600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--54 civilians were treated at Stella Maris Convent (054752)

A U. S. Army Psychological Warfare team accompanied the Battalion Surgeon to Stella Maris Convent (054752). The Psychological Warfare team took advantage of the large crowd at the aid station in order to distribute GVN magazines and propaganda. A number of tapes explaining GVN programs were played. Approximately one hundred and fifty civilians received magazines and pamphlets.

Plans have been made to have an Army Psychological Warfare team meet with the "Martin Clemens" patrol on 6 October 1965 in the hamlet of Hai-An, village of Hoa-Plung (054716). The Psychological Warfare team will use both audio and visual means to make known the policies and programs of the GVN. The village chief will accompany the Psychological Warfare team in order to read the informational material to his people.

b. 2/9--200 lbs of corn meal and 100 bars of soap were distributed to Hoa Tien Buddhist Refugee camp (033755).

c. 3/9--23 civilians were treated at Cam Ne (975685). 28 civilians were treated near the ammo dump at (987732).

The Memorial Service for the Marines of "M" Company, 3/9, was conducted by the Battalion Chaplain in the abandoned Catholic Church in An Trach (2), (968654). Not only did all available men in the Company attend but they were also joined by several Vietnamese Christians from An Trach. The local caretaker prepared the church by sweeping the interior and lighting what appeared to be every available candle. In response the Battalion Chaplain will

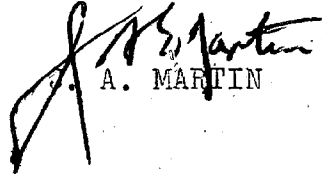
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secure candles to replenish their meager supply.

7. Casualty Reports: 1 WIA (3/9) (at 0930 4Oct65).

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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SitRep  
6 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 051600H to 061600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-20, MCEnl-183; NavOff-1, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer received a series of maps and photographs from the "United States Information Service" for the school in Nui-Kim So'n hamlet, village of Hoa-Long (coordinates 073704). The maps and photographs were given to the Chief of Hoa-Long village who presented them to the school master before the assembled students. A series of textbooks was presented at the same time. The presentation drew a large crowd of villagers, who were obviously pleased by the gifts.

The chiefs of Hoa-Lan and Hoa-Long village have requested assistance in building a storehouse for the rice harvested by their villagers. The District chief has been informed of the request but as yet no action has been forthcoming.

The chief of Hoa-Long village was supplied with 307 GVN informational magazines by this command. The chief distributed these propaganda pieces at the medical aid station in Nui-Kim So'n hamlet (coordinates 073704), where 52 villagers received medical treatment.

b. 2/9--A corpsman attached to a "G" Company patrol treated 8 people: 6 at (BT 999798) and 2 people at (BT 997768).

c. 3/9--Lima Company corpsmen at the school house in Cam-Ne 975685 treated 13 adult females, 7 adult males and 37 children. Many successful results of previous treatments have been noticed

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by the corpsmen. There are also indications that the use of soap is becoming more and more prevalent.

H&S corpsmen at the forward CP treated 2 adult females and 10 children. Skin and eye infections are the biggest problems in that area.

Kilo Company corpsmen treated 3 adult females and 12 children in Le Son (1) 980660. This visit was a follow up of the sweeps conducted last week.

Mike Company corpsmen in An Trach (1) 967665 treated 3 adult females and 8 children.

The battalion chaplain conducted a memorial service for Marines killed on 3 October in the church at An Trach (1) 967665. Several villagers also attended and helped the chaplain prepare for the services.

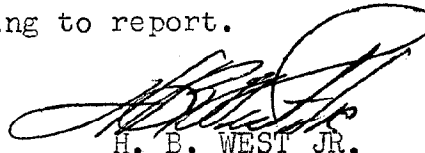
India Company corpsmen treated 2 adult males, 3 adult females and 8 children in Mieu Dong (1) 018680.

A psychological warfare team visited the town of Then Bin 002722. A corpsmen member of the team treated 17 adult males, 13 adult females and 70 children. Bars of soap were given to all those treated.

The BAS at the rear CP treated 1 adult female and 3 children at the rear CP.

Lima Company corpsmen treated 14 children for skin problems at their location near the ammo dump 987732.

7. Casualty Report: 1 WIA (1/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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SitRep  
7 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 061600H to 071600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-18, MCEnl-180; NavOff-1, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer met with the chiefs of Hoa Phung and Hoa Hai villages. The meeting was held in the hamlet of Nui Kim So'n and the villager of Hoa Long (coordinates 073704). The discussion centered on the role of the rural police who patrol the village of Hoa Long. This command asked that the rural police accompany USMC forces on all future operations. The chiefs readily agreed to the request.

The district chief has agreed to supply the materials requested for the construction of a rice storehouse in the hamlet of Son Thoy Ap, village of Hoa Long (coordinates 073708). The storehouse will be built to store rice harvested in the villages of Hoa Hai, Hoa Lan, Hoa Long and Hoa Phung. The local populace will construct the storehouse and the security of the storage area will be the responsibility of the ARVN forces located at Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

All arrangements have been completed for the evacuation of Nguyen T. Chuc a twelve year old Vietnamese national suffering from a hair lip, to a Saigon hospital for corrective surgery. The period of hospitalization will last one week whereupon the child will return to her home. The project was initiated while the Battalion was at its old CP site and is a part of the medical program entitled "Operation Hairlip".

The corpsmen accompanying the "Martin Clemmens" patrol treated thirty civilians suffering from minor ailments in the hamlet of Hai An, village of Hoa Phung (coordinates 054717).

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The corpsmen attached to "C" Company rendered medical assistance to eleven civilians at the hamlet of Kai Tay (3) village of Hoa Lan (coordinates 048668).

A psychological warfare team from Hoa Vang District was in operation during the reported period, in the hamlet of Nui Kim So'n village of Hoa Lang (coordinates 073704). The unit used sound trucks and tapes to disseminate propaganda and the programs of the GVN. The information received wide dissemination because the sound truck was located in the village market where large numbers of people were gathered.

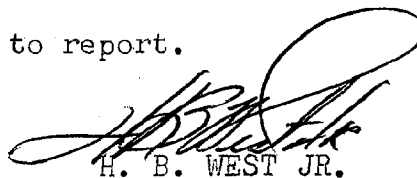
b. 3/9--The Battalion CA Officer and a corpsman with MEDCAP supplies visited the School House at Qua-Giang (1) 017668 accompanied by an Army Audio Visual Pay-ops unit. In addition to showing films and distributing information material, the corpsman treated 6 adults and 20 children. An estimated 200 children were at the school at the time of the visit.

Liaison by the Battalion CA Officer was effected with the Hoa-Vang District Chief to discuss current plans for the Pacification Program of hamlets and villages south of the Song Cau Do River. CA Officer also made contact with District advisors regarding the possible insertion of the District Census Grievance Committee into the 3/9 TAOR. Contact has also been made with the National Police Advisor to prepare for the proper co-ordination of possible future introduction of Village Police when areas south of the River became secure.

75 civilians received medical treatment at the Bn Aid Station, Cam Ne (6).

c. Hdqs, 9thMar--80 civilians received medical treatment at Binh Thuan (030750).

7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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8 Oct 1965

From: S-1

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Subj: Situation Report 071600H to 081600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-18, MCEnl-180; NavOff-1, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POW's: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

✓ a. 1/9--The chiefs of Ha Long, Ha Hai, Ha Lan and Ha Phung villages have been invited to lunch with the Battalion Officers who, with the chiefs, comprise our Area Security Council. The lunch will be the backdrop for discussion of area security and civil affairs matters.

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The Psychological Warfare team from Ha Vang district headquarters has been requested for 11 October. It will be employed in the market place of Nui Kim So'n hamlet, Hoa Long village (coordinates 073704). The past operation in that area proved moderately successful.

✓ The son of one NGUYEN DUOC, a native of Ha Hai village who was evacuated to Da Nang hospital on 6 October, was delivered to the Ha Hai village chief. The chief requested that the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer obtain housing and care for the young child. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer contacted the nuns at Sacred Heart Orphanage who agreed to care for the child until the parents return. The chief thanked the Marines for their interest and help.

The corpsmen accompanying the "Martin Clemens" patrol

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treated eight civilians suffering from minor ailments in the hamlet of Hai An, village of Hoa Phung (coordinates 056711).

The corpsmen attached to "C" Company rendered medical assistance to seven civilians at the hamlet of Kai Tay (3), village of Hoa Lan (coordinates 048668).

b. 2/9--65 civilians received medical assistance at the Hoa Thai Buddhist Refugee Camp (coordinates 033755).

c. 3/9--During a Kilo Company sweep of Tan Hanh (coordinates 999655) candies and goodies were given to the children and a corpsman performed emergency treatment on a young woman with a seriously infected foot.

Kilo Company also reports discussing damage claim problems with one of their neighbors in the CP area. Civil Affairs and Claims Officer will be brought into the picture.

The Battalion Chaplain has an appointment with Chaplain J. McGuire, Catholic Chaplain for 3rd Marine Division to meet with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Da Nang to discuss the future of the Catholic Church in An Trach. Specifically to be discussed is the possibility of the return of a priest to the church and assistance required to make this possible.

~~d. Hdq, 9th Mar~~--102 civilians received medical assistance:

58 at School House (975685) and  
44 at K Company CP (990664)

7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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Subj: Situation Report 081600H to 091600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-18, MCEnl-173; NavOff-1, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 1stLt 0302 this date.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--A luncheon was held at the Battalion Command Post for members of the Area Security Council. The chiefs of Hoa-Long, Hoa-Plung, Hoa-Lan Hoa-Hai, and the Hoa-Vang District Chief attended. Many problems of mutual interest were discussed. The district chief promised to clear all vendors from the Battalion M.S.R. The luncheon further solidified cordial relations between the leaders of the local populace and the USMC forces.

The corpsmen accompanying the "Martin Clemens" patrol treated eleven civilians suffering from minor ailments in the hamlet of Hai-An Village of Hoa-Phung ( BT 056711).

A Medical Aid Station was in operation in the hamlet of Thuy-Son, village of Hoa-Long (BT 078708). 225 civilians received medical assistance.

b. 2/9--105 civilians received medical assistance at Convent of Stella Maria (BT 054752).

c. 3/9--Commanding Officer of India Company has requested advice from Battalion Civil Affairs team to assist local school in the area.

The Battalion Chaplain has received 4 additional boxes of toys and soap from Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville, New York for use in Civil Affairs program.

39 civilians received medical assistance at BAS, L Company area, and An Trach (AT 971662).

d. Hdqs, 9thMar--78 civilians received medical assistance at Binh Thuan (BT 030750).

7. Casualty Report: 3 WIA (3/9). 2 WIA (3/9-late entry, WIA 1154 & 1840 7Oct65.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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Subj: Situation Report 091600H to 101600H

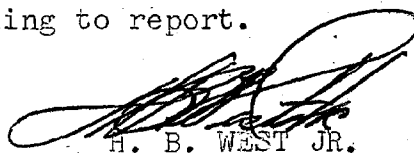
1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 Sgt-0369 for du with 1/9 this date.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer has obtained approximately five hundred propaganda posters for distribution by a patrol in the village of Hoa-Phung. The posters describe the recent defeat of the Viet Cong at Chu-Lai and the rural reconstruction projects in operation at Le-May. The posters will be read to the assembled populace of each hamlet, after which, they will be distributed.

The medical corpsman attached to "A" Company treated twenty civilians for minor ailments at the Hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), Hoa-Hai village (BT 092667).

b. 3/9--103 civilians received medical assistance: 33 at the School House (AT 975685), 20 at BAS forward, 35 at the K Company CP (AT 990664), 12 at An Trach (2) (AT 971662) and 3 at the BAS rear.

7. Casualty Report: 2 WIA (1/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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Subj: Situation Report 101600H to 111600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 3/9--122 civilians received medical assistance: 79 at the school house (Cam Ne) (AT 975685), 16 at the BAS, 24 at the Lany CP (AT 987732) and (3 (children) who received fragments during night firing in K Company area were evacuated by helicopter at 0730, 11 Oct 65.

b. 2/9--The corpsman attached to a "G" Company Patrol rendered medical assistance to ten (10) civilians: six (6) at (AT 994774) and four (4) at (AT 998767).

c. 1/9--The Chiefs of Hoa-Hai and Hoa-Long villages met with the Regimental Commander and a party of official visitors. The Chiefs led the visitors through the hamlet of Nui-Kim So'n village of Hoa-Long (BT 073704). The economic situation of the village and it's recent deliverance from the hands of the Viet Cong were discussed. The chiefs were impressed by the interest shown in the village by the visiting party.

The Medical Corpsmen attached to "A" Company treated eleven civilians for minor ailments at the hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), Hoa-Hai village (BT 092667).

7. Casualty Report: 2 WIA (1/9).
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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Subj: Situation Report 111600H to 121600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The Chief of Hoa-Hai village, invited the Battalion Commander and the Battalion Staff Officers to a luncheon at his home in Thuy-Son hamlet, village of Hoa-Long (BT 076708). The district chief and the chief of Hoa-Long village also attended. The village chief gave the luncheon party to express his thanks to the USMC forces in this area. The Hoa-Vang District chief spoke of the great progress made in the district since the arrival of the Marines.

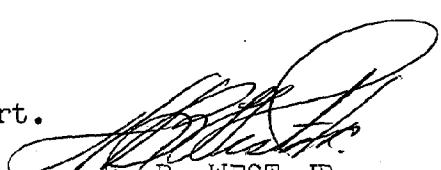
The Medical corpsmen attached to "C" Company rendered medical assistance to eleven civilians at the hamlet of Kai-Tay (3), village of Hoa-Lan (BT 048668).

b. 2/9--A corpsman attached to a patrol from "G" Company treated four (4) children at (AT 955997).

c. 3/9--54 civilians received medical assistance: 19 at the School House (AT 975685), 19 at the BAS, 8 at An Trach (2) (AT 971662) and 8 at the Bn CP.

d. Hdqs, 9thMar--42 civilians received medical assistance at Binh Thuan (BT 030750)

7. Casualty Reports: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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Subj: Situation Report 121600H to 131600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 RAInf Capt, 12Oct65
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The chiefs of Hoa-Long and Hoa-Lan villages have begun to store rice from their respective villages in the storage facility located in the hamlet of Nui-Kim Son, village of Hoa-Long (BT 073704). The local farmers are supporting the project and the recently captured VC rice caches have been stored at the above mentioned site.

The medical corpsman attached to "A" Company treated one civilian from the hamlet of Viem-Dong, village of Hoa-Hai (BT 095655). The civilian was later evacuated to the Danang Civil Hospital.

The corpsman attached to "C" Company rendered medical assistance to twelve civilians at the hamlet of Kai-Tay (3), village of Hoa-Lan (BT 048668).

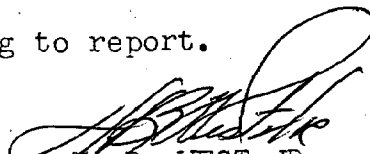
b. 3/9--178 civilians received medical assistance: 44 at the School House (AT 975685), 68 at the BAS, 23 at K Company CP (AT 990664), 13 at An Trach (2) (AT 971662), 6 at Mieu-Dong (1) (BT 018680) and 18 at the L Company area (AT 987732).

Near the railroad bed, (AT 993686), two boys 12 and 15 years of age picked up a box of blasting caps (10) and took them home. The boys put them in a fire and the resulting explosion killed the two boys and their father. The mother and an infant, both injured were brought to the nearest Marine position and then evacuated to 3/9 BAS. The blast occurred in Phan-Nan (BT 000688).

c. Hdqs, 9thMar--1 civilian received medical treatment at Regt Aid Station.

7. Casualty Report: 1 DOW (1/9); 1 WIA at 0930, 12Oct65 (1/9).

8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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Subj: Situation Report 131600H to 141600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-18, MCEnl-172; NavOff-2, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: Jd 2 Cpl-0311 & 1 LCpl-0311 for du w/3/9.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--A Psychological Warfare team from I Corps Headquarters was in operation during the reporting period in the hamlet of Nui-Kin Son, Village of Hoa-Long (BT 073704). The unit operated in the vicinity of the village market, thereby attracting a large crowd. The Psychological Warfare team employed both sound equipment and pamphlets that explained the programs of the GVN. Approximately one hundred and fifty civilians received the GVN pamphlets and a larger number heard the audio presentation.

The medical corpsman attached to "A" Company gave medical assistance to seven civilians at the hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), village of Hoa-Hai (BT 092668).

A medical aid station was in operation on the hamlet of Nui-Kim Son, village of Hoa-Long (BT 073704). 57 civilians received medical assistance.

b. 2/9--The Bn Civil Affairs Team and Medical Assistance Team visited the Hoa Tien Buddhist Refugee Camp. Distributed were: Two (200 lbs.) of Bulgar wheat, (4) gallons of Soy Bean Oil and approximately (250) bars of soap. The distribution was supervised by Mr. Nguyen PHONG, the assistant village chief. The Medical Assistance Team treated a total of 23 persons.

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c. 3/9--A mad dog, foaming at the mouth, was shot by a member of Lima Company near Cam-Ne (AT 981687). The dog was attacking a Vietnamese man who was trying to protect himself with a stick.

69 civilians received medical assistance: 30 at the School House (AT 975685), 17 at the BAS, 6 at the K Company CP (AT 990664), 7 at An Trach (2) (AT 971662) and 9 at (AT 987732).

d. Hdqs, 9thMar--60 civilians received medical assistance at Binh Thuan (BT 030750).

7. Casualty Report: 1 KIA "I" 3/9, 2 KIA "C" 1/9, 1 WIA "I" 3/9, 2 WIA "C" 1/9.

8. Civilian Employees: None.

9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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Subj: Situation Report 141600H to 151600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: Jd 4 Cpl/0311, 1 LCpl/0311, 1 LCpl/0331, 3LCpl/0341, 1 LCpl/0351, to 2/9 for duty, 1 LCpl/0311 to 1/9 for duty, and 1 PFC/3531, 1 Sgt/3041 for duty with HqCo, 9thMar.
3. Discipline, Law and Orders: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The chief of Hoa-Vang District has announced a ban on all river traffic south of the DaNang river. This decree is expected to aid the collection of rice in the Battalion's TAOR, by limiting the clandestine shipments of rice out of the villages.

The medical corpsman attached to "A" Company gave medical assistance to four civilians at the hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), village of Hoa-Hai (BT 092668).

The medical corpsmen attached to "C" Company treated ten civilians at the hamlet of Hoa-Lan (BT 048668).

b. 2/9--The Bn Civil Affairs Team visited the Hoa Tien Buddhist Refugee Camp. Distributed were: two hundred eighteen (218) bars of soap, one hundred nine (109) articles of Womens clothing, twenty four (24) pounds of salt, and twenty four (24) bags of candy. The distribution was supervised by Mr. Nguyen PHONG, The assistant village chief.

31 civilians received medical assistance at the same location.

c. 3/9--An agreement was made with the village chief concerning the disposal of trash by the Marines in that area. The Marines will collect it and the Vietnamese will dispose of it.

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A meeting was held at the Hoa Vang district headquarters for all villages chiefs and company representatives within the battalion TAOR. Mutual problems were discussed in a seemingly friendly and cooperative atmosphere. It is hoped that this feeling continues as much can be accomplished by working together.

41 civilians received medical assistance: 9 at the School House (AT 975685), 9 at the BAS, 3 at K Company CP (AT 990664), and 20 at An Trach (2) (AT 971662).

- 7. Casualty Report: None.
- 8. Civilian Employees: None.
- 9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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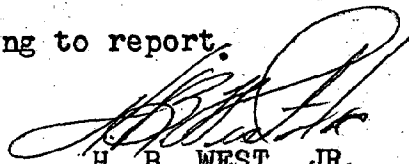
Subj: Situation Report 151600H to 161600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-18, MCENL-173; NAVOFF-2, NAVENL-3.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 Pvt/0351
3. Discipline, Law and Orders: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:
  - a. 1/9--84 civilians received medical assistance: 59 at Hoa-Long(073704), 6 at Tra-Khe(1)(092668) and 19 at Kai-Tay(3)(048668)
  - b. 2/9--The Bn Civil Affairs Team visited Hoa Tien Buddhist Refugee Camp. Distributed were: 200 lbs of Corn Meal, 218 pieces of mens clothing, 4 gallons of Cottonseed Salad Oil, 24 lbs of salt, and 100 bars of soap. The distribution was supervised by Mr. Nguyen PHONG, the assistant village chief.
  - c. 3/9--18 civilians received medical assistance: 13 at An Trach(2)(971662) and 5 at the BAS.
  - d. Hqs, 9th Marines--81 civilians received medical assistance at Binh Thuan(030750)



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7. Casualty Report: 1 WIA (HqCo, 9thMar); 1 WIA (1/9)
8. Civilian Employees: None
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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Subj: Situation Report 161600H to 171600H

1. Strengths: No change.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 Cpl/2111, 1 Cpl/0311, 1 Cpl/0351, 1 Cpl/3041, 1 LCpl/0311, 1 PFC/0311, 2 PFC/3531, 1 PFC/2532, 1 Sgt/0311.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:
  - a. 1/9--The Bn CA Officer and chiefs of Hoa Lan (BT 048665) and Hoa Long (BT 073704) Villages have arranged for the distribution of childrens clothing to the needy families in the area. The distribution of the clothing will take place on Tuesday, 19 October, at the school in Nui Kim Sen (BT 073704) hamlet, Hoa-Long Village.

The medical corpsman attached to "A" Company gave medical assistance to seven civilians at the hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), village of Hoa-Hai (BT 092668).

A medical aid station was in operation on the hamlet of Nui-Kim Sen, village of Hoa-Long (BT 073704). 8 civilians received medical assistance.

- b. 3/9--8 civilians received medical assistance at the BAS.
7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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Subj: Situation Report 171600H to 181600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-17, MCEnl-164; NavOff-2, NavEnl-3.
2. Replacements: Jd 1 LCpl/0351, 1 PFC/2841, 1 PFC/3051, 1 PFC/2533, 1 PFC/3531, 2 PFC/3041 for duty with 1/9; 1 LCpl/2111, 1 LCpl/3531, 1 PFC/2533, 1 PFC/2531 for duty with 2/9; 1 Sgt/0351, 1 Sgt/0311, 1 LCpl/0351, 1 LCpl/0331 for duty with 3/9, 1 Sgt/2532 for duty with HqCo, 9thMar.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs:

a. 1/9--The local village chiefs have become alarmed over reports of assassination squads being in the vicinity of Hoa-Long village. Three village chiefs have decided to remain in DaNang until the danger has passed. This situation has hampered the formulation of civil action projects.

The Battalion Surgeon treated two Vietnamese children for tropical infections at the Battalion Command Post.

The Medical Corpsman attached to "A" Company gave medical assistance to seven civilians at the hamlet of Tra-Khe (1), village of Hoa-Hai (coordinates 092668).

The Medical Corpsmen attached to "C" Company treated three civilians for minor ailments at the hamlet of Kai-Tay (3), village of Hoa-Long (coordinates 048668).

b. 3/9--~~Cam Ne~~. Corpsmen stationed at the School House *in Cam Ne* (AT975685) treated 2 adult males and 10 children for skin ulcerations.

~~Yen Ne~~. The forward BAS treated 1 adult female and 5 children for skin and eye infections in the vicinity of the forward CP (AT985684).

Hoa Chau Village.

Kilo Company corpsmen treated 2 adult females and 2 children in Le Son (1) 980660. Later in the day the corpsmen treated 2 adult males and 5 children in Le Son (2) 974655. Most treatments were for skin problems.

Hoa Tho Village.

The team from the rear BAS visited Then Bin 002722 and treated 1 adult male and 8 children for skin and eye problems. A case of soap was handed out to the people.

7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: None.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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Subj: Situation Report 191600H to 201600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-17, MCEnl-175.
2. Replacements: Jd 4 Navy Corpsmen to 1/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: Red Cross Mobile Recreational Services team entertained at the EM Club.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Report.
7. Casualty Report: (1) 1stLt, (1) PFC WIA (C-1-9), (1) Cpl, (1) PFC WIA (A-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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Subj: Situation Report 191600H to 201600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-17, MCEnl-175.
2. Replacements: Jd 4 Navy Corpsmen to 1/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: Red Cross Mobile Recreational Services team entertained at the EM Club.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Report.
7. Casualty Report: (1) 1stLt, (1) PFC WIA (C-1-9), (1) Cpl, (1) PFC WIA (A-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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Subj: Situation Report 201600H to 211600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-130, MCEnl-3006.
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Report.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (H&S 3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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Subj: Situation Report 211600H to 221600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-131, MCEnl-3058.
2. Replacements: (1) PFC/0311, (1) PFC/0341, (1) PFC/2511, (1) PFC/2541, (4) LCpl/0311, (1) LCpl/0331, (1) Cpl/0311, (1) Cpl/0341, (1) Cpl/0331, (2) Cpl/0351, (1) Sgt/0311 to 1/9 for du 21Oct; (1) Sgt/0331, (1) LCpl/0311 to 1/9 for du this date. (3) Pvt/0311, (1) PFC/2541, (1) Cpl/0341, (2) Sgt/0311, (1) Sgt/0369 jd for du w/2/9 21Oct; (1) PFC/0311 ret to du 2/9, (1) Pvt/0311 to 2/9 for du this date. (1) PFC/3531, (1) PFC/2531, (1) LCpl/0341, (3) LCpl/0351, (1) Cpl/0311, (1) Cpl/0351, (1) Cpl/3041 for du with 3/9 21Oct65. (1) GySgt/2831, (1) SSgt/0141, (1) PFC/2831, (1) PFC/3500 jd for du w/HqCo 21Oct65.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/jew  
SitRep  
23 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 221600H to 231600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-131, MCEnl-3082.
2. Replacements: Jd (1) Sgt/3041, (1) Cpl/0311, (1) LCpl/0331, (1) LCpl/0351 to 3/9 for duty; (1) Sgt/0369, (1) PFC/0311, to 2/9 for duty; (1) Cpl/2111 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports:
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA (1stLt-3/9), (1) WIA (B-1-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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By direction

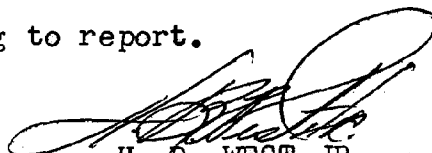
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1/HBW/jew  
SitRep  
25 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 241600H to 251600H

1. Strengths: MCOFF-130, MCEnl-3095.
2. Replacements: Jd (1) Cpl/0311 to 3/9 for duty, (1) PFC/0311 to 2/9 for duty this date.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Reports: None.
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1/HBW/jew  
SitRep  
26 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 251600H to 261600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-131, MCEnl-3091.
2. Replacements: Jd (3) LCpl/0311, (3) Cpl/0311, (1) Cpl/0331 to 3/9 for duty; (2) PFC/0311, (1) PFC/0331, (1) LCpl/2811, (1) Sgt/0369 to 2/9 for duty; (1) Sgt/0311, (2) Cpl/0351 to 1/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: None.
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1/HBW/jew  
SitRep  
27 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 261600H to 271600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-132, MCEnl-3102.
2. Replacements: Jd (2) Pvt/0311, (1) Cpl/0311, (1) Cpl/0331, (1) PFC/0311 to 3/9 for duty; (2) HN/8404 to 3/9 for duty; (2) Cpl/0351, (1) LCpl/0311 to 1/9 for duty; (1) Pvt/0451 to 2/9 for duty.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) KIA (M-3-9), (1) WIA (M-3-9), (1) NBC (M-3-9).
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/sab  
SitRep  
28 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 271600H to 281600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-132, MCEnl-3081
2. Replacements: None.
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (4) WIA 1/9; (6) WIA 3/9; (1) KIA 3/9;  
(Late Report 5 WIA 3/9)
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/sab  
SitRep  
29 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 281600H to 291600H

1. Strengths: MCOff-134, MCEnl-3072
2. Replacements: Jd (1) Sgt/0141
3. Discipline, Law and Order; Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None.
5. Morale and Personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: Late report (1) WIA 3/9, (1) NBC 3/9
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

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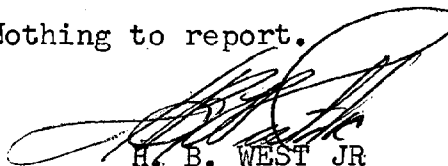
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/cpb  
SitRep  
30 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 291600H to 301600H

1. Strenghts: MCOff-135, MCEnl-3079
2. Replacements: None
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None
5. Morale and personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (2) WIA 1/9
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

1/HBW/cpb  
SitRep  
31 Oct 1965

From: S-1  
To: S-3

Subj: Situation Report 301600H to 311600H

1. Strenghts: MCOff-133, MCEnl-3071
2. Replacements: None
3. Discipline, Law and Order: Nothing to report.
4. POWs: None
5. Morale and personnel Services: No change.
6. Civil Affairs: See Civil Affairs Situation Reports.
7. Casualty Report: (1) WIA "D" 1/9
8. Civilian Employees: No change.
9. Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.



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

3/JWD/rgr  
1500  
2 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report; Period of 251600H  
September to 021600H October 1965  
Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1  
Encl: (1) Operation Overlay with Appendix (1) (Footnotes to  
Operation Overlay)

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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By direction

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## Appendix (1) Footnotes to Operation Overlay

1st Battalion

1. 261545H At coordinates (BT 067633) one man from Company "D" and one man from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion were wounded when the tank on which they were riding was fired on by a 57mm recoilless rifle.
2. 261410H At coordinates (BT 082673) as a result of an exploding land mine, Company "D" suffered one WIA.
3. 271007H A Company "D" patrol killed three VC at an ambush site located at coordinates (BT 048678). Several grenades, maps, and cartridge belts were also captured during this operation.
4. 280700H A Company "D" ambush located at coordinates (BT 033674) killed two VC and captured one. Two VCS were captured when they were discovered hiding in a house. One frag grenade and assorted papers were picked up during this action.
5. 280830H A Company "B" <sup>patrol</sup> killed three VC and wounded two at coordinates (BT 103649). As a result of this action, Company "B" suffered two WIA's. One 7.62mm Chinese carbine was picked up in this engagement.
6. 281648H The 3d Platoon, Company "B" CP was taken under sniper fire at coordinates (BT 072672). A rifle squad and two Ontos searched the area from which the sniper fire came. As a result of this action, three VCS were captured.
7. 010730H A Company "B" patrol engaged in a fire fight with an estimated VC Main Force Company and a local force VC Company in grid square (BT 1163) and (BT 1064). Four VC were killed and three wounded as a result of this engagement. Company "B" suffered one WIA. One carbine, one cartridge belt, one medical kit and several grenades were captured during this action.
8. 011200H A Company "C" patrol suffered three WIA's at coordinates (BT 054649) when a booby trap attached to a gate exploded. None of the injuries were serious.

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9. 011400H A Company "C" patrol observed a VC digging a hole at coordinates (BT 048671). The VC started to flee when he saw the patrol approaching. He was ordered to halt but refused to obey. The patrol fired on him and killed him as he attempted to escape. One other VC was captured in this same area along with some military uniforms, a diary, and some pictures.
10. 020730H At (BT 094465) a patrol from "B" Company received sniper fire wounding one Marine. The patrol returned the fire and the VC withdrew.
11. 021130H At (BT 074700H) an LVT hit a mine wounding one Marine slightly.

### 3d Battalion

12. 251800H At (AT 978650) one Marine was wounded by sniper fire.
13. 252300H Near (BT 006664) a man on a patrol from "K" Company stepped on a mine and four WIA's were sustained.
14. 260800H At (AT 986664) two wiremen were fired upon by two VC and one Marine was wounded and one VC was killed as evident by a piece of his skull found in a pool of blood.
15. 262115H At (AT 980687) a squad from "L" Company received heavy sniper fire and returned the fire wounding one VC. Mortar illumination indicated the VC dragging a body away.
16. 262240H to 262315H the squad from "L" Company was again taken under fire at (AT 981687). Two VC were presumed killed when the fire was returned with a 3.5 round and two 40mm grenades.
17. 270600H At (AT 992664) one Marine was found dead apparently killed by a booby trap.
18. 272215H At (BT 028659) an "I" Company patrol received sniper fire. An estimated force of three VC were taken under fire and one was wounded.
19. 272308H Near (AT 987708) a patrol from "L" Company encountered an estimated force of twenty-five VC. One VC was wounded.

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20. 281210H At (AT 964649) a four man scout-sniper team was taken under fire by an estimated 20 VC. The VC were then surrounded by a platoon (-) and mortars were called in. The VC suffered an estimated 3 wounded and one KIA (body count). Three Marines were wounded.
21. 281500H At (AT 975646) "M" Company reported having engaged 20 VC. They killed one VC (body count) and found numerous blood stains in the area.
22. 281940H At (AT 998707) a Marine squad and an ARVN unit opened fire on six to eight people approaching the bridge. In the ensuing fire fight seven VC bodies were about 200 meters away after the area had been illuminated. The bodies were not recovered. There were no friendly casualties.
23. 291100H At (AT 969652) a patrol from "M" Company encountered six to eight VC. The patrol opened fire on the VC and pursued them for several hundred meters. They killed four VC (body count) and suffered two WIA.
24. 291150H At (BT 000630) an "I" Company patrol received heavy small arms fire from an unknown number of VC. One Marine was killed and one wounded. Air and artillery missions were called in and the AO on the scene reported several VC casualties. A third Marine was wounded when a reinforced squad sent to cover the withdrawal of the patrol.
25. 292145H At (AT 974655) a "K" Company ambush opened fire on a approaching VC. The V was seen falling and two other VC's carried him off.
26. 301220H At (BT 002662) a mighty-mite with three Marines was fired upon about ten VC. Grenades were thrown at the vehicle wounding one Marine. The VC were taken under fire and two knocked down.
27. 302330H At (BT 028658) an "I" Company patrol was hit by sniper fire and hand grenades. The patrol returned the fire but suffered one KIA and one WIA.
28. 011415H At (AT 991642) the CO of the 3d Battalion was wounded when he stepped on a pressure mine on the north side of the railroad bridge. LtCol TUNWELL'S leg was traumatically amputated by the mine explosion. One other Marine was WIA by a mine explosion.

29. 012145H At (AT 981687) Company "L" received small arms fire. The fire was returned and when the area was illuminated, one VC was observed wounded,

30. 012340H At (AT 967642) an "M" Company ambush opened fire on two VC. One VC was wounded and the other escaped.

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

3/JRA/rlm  
1500  
9 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report; Period 021800H  
October to 091800H October 1965  
Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1  
Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS  
9th Marines  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
APO, San Francisco, 94601

3/JRA/rgm  
1500  
16 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report; Period 091800H to  
161800H October 1965  
Ref: (a) Division (FMF) Order 3100.1  
Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is hereby  
submitted.

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

3/ETR/rgr  
3100  
23 Oct 1963

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Subj: Weekley Operations Overlay  
Ref: (a) Division Order 3100.1A  
Encl: (1) 9th Marines Weekley Operations Overlay Report.  
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is  
hereby submitted.

JOSHUA W. DORSET III  
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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
APO, San Francisco, 96601

3/NTR/rgm  
1500  
30 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Weekly Operations Overlay Report; Period 231800H to  
301800H October 1965  
Ref: (a) Division (Fwd) Order 3100.1  
Encl: (1) Operation Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is hereby  
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**PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS**

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# THẨM BẠI — Của VIỆT-CỘNG tại CHU-LAI (QUẢNG-NGÃI)

QUÂN-ĐỘI VIỆT-NAM CÔNG-HÒA VÀ THỦY-QUÂN LỤC-CHIẾN HOA-KỲ ĐÃ TIÊU-DIỆT TRỌN VẸN, MỘT TRUNG-ĐOÀN VIỆT-CỘNG TẠI CHU-LAI, QUẢNG-NGÃI. VIỆT-CỘNG ĐÃ ĐỂ LẠI TRÊN CHIẾN-TRƯỜNG 600 XÁC, TRÊN 1000 TÊN BỊ THƯƠNG, 58 TÊN BỊ BẮT SỐNG. TOÀN BỘ VŨ-KHÍ CỦA CHÚNG ĐÃ BỊ TIÊU-HỦY.



NHỮNG NƠI MÀ VIỆT-CỘNG VẪN CHO RẰNG BẤT KHẢ XÂM-PHẠM, NAY ĐÃ BỊ QUÂN-ĐỘI VIỆT-NAM CÔNG-HÒA VÀ THỦY-QUÂN LỤC-CHIẾN HOA-KỲ DẪM NÁT.



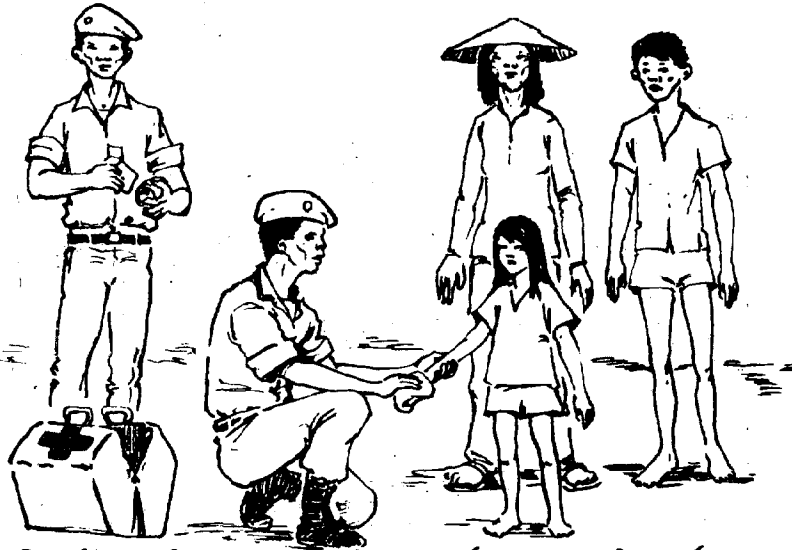
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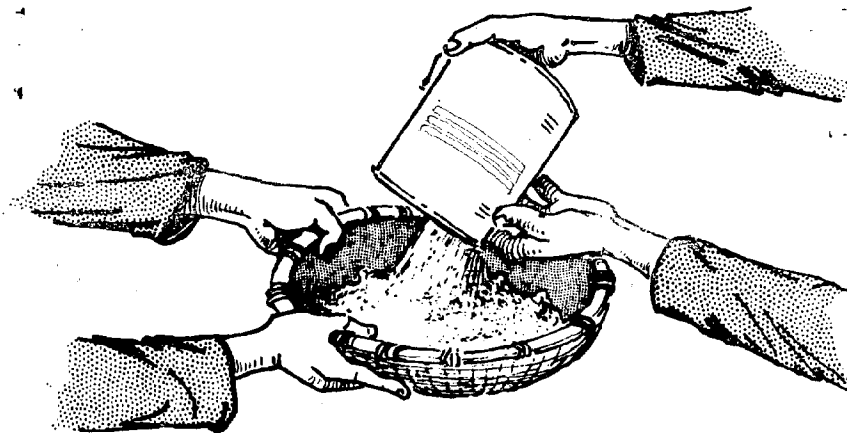
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RAI RÁC KHẮP CHIẾN ĐỊA, ĐAU ĐAU CÙNG ĐÂY NHỮNG XÁC GIẶC HO ĐÃ CHẾT VÌ AI? NGÀN ĐỜI KHÔNG PHẢI VÌ ĐỘC-LẬP VÀ TỰ-DO CHO NHÂN DÂN VIỆT-NAM.



**CHÍNH-PHỦ VN SẼ CẤP THUỐC MEN VÀ GIÚP  
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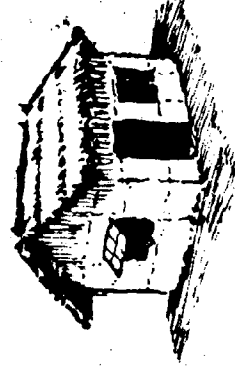
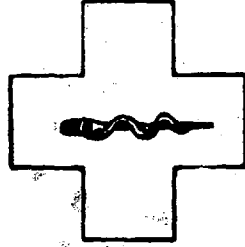
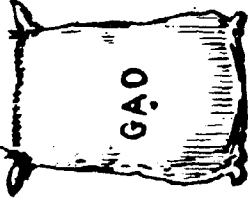
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HÃY ỦNG-HỘ CHÍNH-PHỦ ĐỂ CHẤM DỨT CUỘC  
CHIẾN-TRANH NÀY.**

# TRƯỚC KHI QUÁ MUỘN



HÃY TRỞ VỀ VỚI CHÍNH - PHỦ  
VIỆT-NAM CÔNG-HOÀ, ĐEO SÚNG  
CHÉO NGANG LƯNG - NỔNG SÚNG  
HƯỚNG XUỐNG ĐẤT VÀ DƯ TAY  
LÊN CAO. CÁC BẠN SẼ ĐƯỢC ĐỔI-  
ĐỔI TỬ-TẾ.

RETURN TO THE GVN, SLING YOUR  
WEAPON ACROSS YOUR BACK  
MUZZLE DOWN AND RAISE YOUR  
HANDS YOU WILL BE TREATED  
FAIRLY.



NHỮNG THỨ NÀY SẼ LÀ CỦA BẠN NẾU BẠN  
TRỞ VỀ VỚI CHÍNH-PHỦ VIỆT-NAM CÔNG-HOÀ



### Cùng đồng bào

Thôn xóm đồng bào đang bị Quân Lục đồng minh Việt-Mỹ bao vây để tiêu diệt bọn Việt Cộng, giải thoát đồng bào cùng gia đình khỏi sự áp bức nguy hiểm của chúng.

Để đồng bào tránh khỏi nguy hiểm trong cuộc hành quân này, chúng tôi kêu gọi đồng bào hãy gấp rút rời bỏ chỗ ở của mình đi đến vùng có an ninh do Quân Lục VNCH kiểm soát. Đến đó, đồng bào sẽ có đầy đủ thuốc men, lương thực và chỗ ở tạm thời cho đến khi cuộc hành quân chấm dứt, đồng bào lại được đưa ngay về làng củ của mình.

Vì an ninh và hạnh phúc của chính đồng bào, xin đồng bào hãy vui lòng hưởng ứng lời kêu gọi của chúng tôi ngay lúc này. Vì chỉ một vài phút nữa là chúng tôi sẽ tiến quân tiến diệt VC.

## ĐỒNG BÀO THÂN MẾN!

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

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

Đồng bào thân mến!

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

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

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

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

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

DV/HQ/AM23.865/TLC

## DEAR COUNTRYMEN,

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

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

Dear Countrymen,

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

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

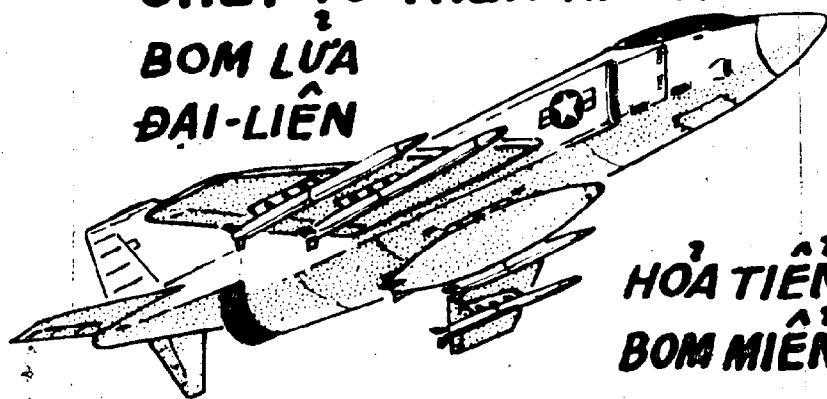
**If you don't have any business, do not loiter near the military structures, mostly the stations of the friendly armies, for you may be misunderstood, especially because of difference of languages.**

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

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

**HÃY LIÊN-TƯỞNG ĐẾN MỘT SỰ  
CHẾT TỪ TRÊN KHÔNG:**

**BOM LỬA  
ĐẠI-LIÊN**



**HỎA TIỄN  
BOM MIỀN**

**HỎI CÁC BẠN TRONG HÀNG NGŨ  
MẶT TRẬN GIẢI-PHÓNG MIỀN NAM.**

HÃY CÁC BẠN CÙNG BIẾT RẰNG, MỖI KHI  
CÁC BẠN THAM CHIẾN, LÀ CÁC BẠN ĐÃ SẴN-  
SÀNG NHẬN LẤY MỘT CÁI CHẾT ĐẦY BỊ THAM.

PHẢN - LỰC CƠ CÓ THỂ ĐẾN YẾM TRỢ CHO  
CÁC CĂN CỨ MỘT CÁCH VÔ CÙNG MAU  
CHÓNG.

CÁC BẠN ĐỪNG TIN VÀO LỜI HỨA SUÔNG  
CỦA CÁC BỌN CÁN BỘ, VÌ CHÍNH CHÚNG  
CŨNG ĐANG TRONG MỘT TÂM TRẠNG ĐẦY SỢ  
HẠI. HÃY MAU TRỞ VỀ VỚI CHÁNH NGHĨA VÀ  
QUÂN ĐỘI V.N.C.H, CÁC BẠN SẼ ĐƯỢC BÌNH YÊN.



### Thường dân và VC bị thương lưu ý!!!

Dầu là thường dân hay VC, khi bị đau ốm hoặc thương tích, vẫn được săn sóc chữa trị nếu thực tâm muốn được cứu giúp.

VC chỉ có chút ít thuốc men cho chính họ nên không làm sao có thể săn sóc các thường dân được. VC không có bác sĩ để săn sóc cho những người đau ốm hay đang hấp hối.

Quân lực đồng minh Việt-Mỹ có đầy đủ thuốc men và bác sĩ để chữa trị cho tất cả mọi người. Là thường dân, đồng bào đừng nên ngần ngại gì mà không đến để xin thuốc cho mình và gia đình mình. Đồng bào sẽ được chữa trị một cách tận tình mà không tốn tiền.

Khi hành quân, Quân lực đồng minh Việt-Mỹ vẫn thường gặp những cán binh VC chết vì những thương tích nhẹ vì thiếu thuốc men. Những người này, nếu có thuốc và được săn sóc thì đau có đến nỗi chết:

Nếu bạn là cán binh VC bị đau ốm hoặc bị thương thì không nên đại dột tìm cái chết vô nghĩa trong bóng tối.

Hãy nghĩ đến tương lai! Hãy nghĩ đến chính bản thân bạn và gia đình bạn. Bạn cần phải sống một cuộc sống có ý nghĩa hơn.

Nếu cần chữa trị vết thương, bạn cứ đến với chúng tôi. Bạn sẽ được săn sóc, chữa trị một cách nhân đạo như bất cứ người nào.

Bạn hãy suy nghĩ và lựa chọn!

Chịu đau khổ một cách không cần thiết hoặc có lẽ sẽ chết vô nghĩa! Hay là được sống để hướng về một tương lai sáng hơn.

Bạn hãy sáng suốt chọn lấy lẽ phải và đến với chúng tôi để được chữa trị.

Được  
chăm  
sóc  
VC



#### Thân gửi đồng bào.

Bọn con đồ VC đã reu rao quá nhiều về ngày kỷ niệm thứ 20 cuộc cách mạng tháng chín. Nhưng chúng không nói gì đến sự thảm bại của chúng tại làng Vân Tường gần Chu Lai.

Trong cuộc chiến thắng vĩ đại này của Quân lực Việt-Mỹ, bọn VC đã chết trên 600 tên và hàng trăm tên khác bị thương. Sau chiến thắng vang dội này của Quân lực Việt-Mỹ sẽ còn nhiều chiến thắng to lớn khác, giáng những đòn nhục nhã vào bọn Việt Cộng là bọn người chỉ chuyên áp bức, bóc lột dân bà và những người già cả.

Đồng bào thân mến!

Đồng bào đừng quên rằng Quân lực Việt-Mỹ có thể mang lại cho đồng bào an ninh, hạnh phúc với rất nhiều thiên chức. Còn bọn con đồ VC chỉ đem đến cho đồng bào sự đau khổ, thù góp thóc lúa của đồng bào và gây nên sự chết chóc.

Đồng bào đừng chịu nhận số phận hẩm hiu đó! Hãy vùng lên tìm cách cải thiện cuộc sống của mình và của những người thân yêu của mình.

Muốn sớm được an ninh và hạnh phúc thật sự, đồng bào hãy hưởng ứng và cộng tác chặt chẽ vào công cuộc tiêu diệt bọn VC của Quân lực VNCH và Quân lực Hoa Kỳ, người bạn đồng minh của toàn thể nhân dân Việt Nam.



#### • Cùng đồng bào

Thôn xóm đồng bào đang bị Quân Lực đồng minh Việt-Mỹ bao vây để tiêu diệt bọn Việt Cộng, giải thoát đồng bào cùng gia đình khỏi sự áp bức nguy hiểm của chúng.

Để đồng bào tránh khỏi nguy hiểm trong cuộc hành quân này, chúng tôi kêu gọi đồng bào hãy gấp rút rời bỏ chỗ ở của mình đi đến vùng có an ninh do Quân Lực VNCH kiểm soát. Đến đó, đồng bào sẽ có đầy đủ thuốc men, lương thực và chỗ ở tạm thời cho đến khi cuộc hành quân chấm dứt, đồng bào lại được đưa ngay về làng củ của mình.

Vì an ninh và hạnh phúc của chính đồng bào, xin đồng bào hãy vui lòng hưởng ứng lời kêu gọi của chúng tôi ngay lúc này. Vì chỉ một vài phút nữa là chúng tôi sẽ tiến quân tiêu diệt VC.

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Thưa Mẹ  
Chúng con bị tẩu công ở Chu. Hai ngày 18.8. Chúng đang học thổng và tẩu thổng để đi bộ trao rẫy  
chúng con. Hôm nay con có găng thoát bằng thuyền xuống đến bị tiên diệt. Nay đây và trong phía bên  
qua trái. Không làm sao mà thoát và đi. Diệt bộ phận tiên thoát nhanh và một lúc là chúng bị diệt.  
Con may mắn dưới một bộ phận như thoát chết. Chúng con bị đói khát và kiệt lực đến ngày  
không một hạt cơm và ba ngày không ngủ. Mẹ khuyến khích con con đứng để cho bọn Việt-Lông  
đuổi đi dưới chân bàn lúc hết ngày sau này kẻ vô cùng khủng khiếp ở Chu. Hai lần trong  
lúc này đầu mũi đã có 600 bàn đứng ngủ bị tử nạn. Chúng con tìm rừng chính như  
mùa Nam về dưới thổng hàn giữ này.

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