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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Op Order 328-65

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Naval Advisory Detachment
- (2) HOA CAM RF Training Center
- (3) Air Base Defense Battalion
- (4) Danang Garrison
- (5) 3d Marines
- (6) HOA VANG District

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c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. To establish a mutually supporting rear area defense within the 9th Marines TAOR in the DANANG enclave coordinating the resources of all tenant units therein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation

(1) 9th Marines establish a mutually supporting rear area defense system within TAOR by integrating the security resources of all units located therein into a coordinated rear area defense plan.

(2) The rear area of the 9th Marines TAOR is that area north of the SONG CAU DO and north of Marble Mountain within the 9th Marines TAOR. This area is divided into general rear area defense zones (ANNEX-A Rear Area Defense Zone and Sectoe Assignments Overlay) for which coordination responsibility is assigned to provide a system of control, ease of mutual defensive support and coordination. These two rear area defense zones have been established with organization as follows:

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## (a) Zone A:

1. 9th Marines, Command Post \*
2. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Post
3. HOA CAM RF Training Camp
4. 3d Tank Battalion Command Post
5. 1st Amtrac Battalion Command Post
6. 3d AT Battalion Command Post
7. 3d Motor Transport Battalion Command Post
8. ASP#1, FLSG
9. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Command Post
10. 9th Motor Transport Battalion Command Post
11. Company C, 3d AT Battalion Command Post

## (b) Zone B:

1. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Command Post\*
2. Company B, 3d Tank Battalion Command Post
3. 1st Force Recon Company
4. MAG-16
5. USNH (construction site)
6. NMCB-9
7. NMCB-8
8. 30th NCR
9. NAD
10. US Army Aviation Detachment
11. 51st Comm Battalion
12. Naval Support activity

\* Rear Area Defense Zone Coordinator.

(3) The defense of each rear area defense zone shall be coordinated by the assigned zone defense coordinator as indicated above. The responsibilities of the assigned Rear Area Defense Zone Coordinator include:

- (a) Formulation and promulgation of plans and orders to provide for the defense and mutual support of units located within each assigned zone to include counterattack plans.
- (b) Supervision of construction and maintenance of Barriers within assigned zone.
- (c) Provision of advisory assistance to commands so requesting.
- (d) Supervision of the defensive effort within assigned zone.
- (e) Establishment of Rear Area Defense Zone Reserve Force of at least one company.

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(f) Supervision and coordination of patrol, ambush and listening post effort in areas external to unit perimeter.

b. Rear Area Defense Zone A. Coordinate rear area defense within defense Zone A in accordance with annex B (Rear Area Defense Plan Zone A).

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d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Rear Area Defense Zone Coordinators are not responsible for normal interior security of installations or units located within the assigned zone.
- (2) Defensive supporting fire will be requested through third headquarters.
- (3) All plans prepared in support of this order will be submitted to this headquarters for approval prior to promulgation.
- (4) Rules of engagement. Reference (b).
- (5) Commitment of Rear Area Defense Zone Reserve will be on approval this headquarters.

4. Administration and Logistics

Responsibility for administrative and logistical support will remain with the parent unit.

5. COMMAND and COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Ref (d) or (e)
- b. Rear area defense zone coordinators are responsible for communications within assigned zone.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Rear Area Defense zone and sector assignment overlay
- B - Rear Area Defense plan Zone A
- C - Rear Area Defense plan Zone B
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Task Organization:

9th Marines Command Post  
3d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Post  
HOA CAM Training Center  
3d Tank Battalion Command Post  
1st Amtrac Battalion Command Post  
3d AT Battalion Command Post  
3d MT Battalion Command Post  
9th MT Battalion Command Post  
AS#1, FLSG  
2d Battalion, 12th Marines Command Post  
Company C, 3d AT Battalion Command Post

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B to Op Order 328-65 (NOTAL) and current INTSUM.  
b. Friendly Forces  
(1) 3d Marines  
(2) Air Base Defense Battalion  
(3) HOA CAM Training Center.

2. MISSION. To provide for an integrated and coordinated defense within Rear Area Defense Zone A of 9th Marines TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation (annex A (Rear Area Zone and Sector Assignments). Sectors of security and patrol responsibility within Zone A are the responsibility of specific sector coordinators. Overall Sector coordination responsibility is assigned as follows:

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- (1) Sector I - HOA CAM Training Center
- (2) Sector II - CO, 3d Tank Battalion, Security and patrol activities of the 1st Amtrac Battalion, 3d AT Battalion (-) and the 3d Motor Transport Battalion within this sector will be coordinated by the CO of the 3d Tank Battalion.
- (3) Sector III - CO, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines
- (4) Sector IV - CO, ~~TESG (ASB#1)~~
- (5) Sector V - CO, 9th MT Battalion
- (6) Sector VI - CO, 9th Marines - Security and patrol activities of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and Company C, 3d AT Battalion, located within sector will be coordinated by CO, 9th Marines.

b. Sector coordinators will:

- (1) Assure establishment of perimeter defenses within assigned Sector which are mutually supporting.
- (2) Provide a minimum of one squad per day to patrol areas within assigned Sector which are not physically occupied by USMC or GVN military forces.
- (3) Organize a reserve force with personnel resources available from units within assigned Sector.
- (4) Establish system of reporting and communication within sector to provide for effective coordination of active defenses therein.
- (5) Construct and maintain Barriers in accordance with appendix 1 (Barrier Plan Zone A).
- (6) Construct command post bunker to assure continuity of operations.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Sectors of fire of automatic weapons will be limited by traverse stakes so as to preclude firing into friendly defensive perimeters.
- (2) Rules of engagement apply-ref (b).
- (3) Coordination of ambushes and patrols planned in adjacent sectors will be effected through 9th Marines Headquarters. Overlays of all ambushes, patrols, and listening posts will be submitted to the S-3, 9th Marines 48 hours in advance of the scheduled event for the period 1800-1800.

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- (4) Requests for defensive supporting arms fire will be requested through this headquarters.
- (5) Spot Reports in accordance reference (c).
- (6) Appendix (1) Zone A Barrier plan.

d. Zone A Reserve

- (1) One rifle company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines will be retained as Zone Reserve.
- (2) Reserve forces will be located in Sector IV and utilized to augment defense therein until barrier construction is completed.
- (3) Be prepared for commitment anywhere in Zone. Priority to Sector I.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS - Responsibility retained by parent unit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Division Order 02000.2C (COI) or 3d MAF Order P02000.1 (COI).
- b. Sector coordinators are responsible for establishment of communications within assigned sector.
- c. In the event of enemy action within Zone A, and when directed, all sector coordinators, except coordinator Sector I, will enter 9th Marines tactical Net #1 using D-194. Sector I coordinator will relay on direct land lines to 9th Marines CP and to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines CP. Other land lines will be employed as secondary communication means.

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Appendix (1) Barrier Plan Zone A.

(2) Counterattack plan Zone A

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APPENDIX 1 (Barrier Plan) to Annex B (Rear Area Defense Plan Zone A) to Op Order 329-65

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. Tenant activities continue construction of defensive barriers for perimeter security of their organizations.
2. MISSION. 9th Marines coordinates passive defense measures within Zone A, to include obstacles, wire, minefields and fields of fire.

3. EXECUTIONa. Sector Commanders

- (1) Review barrier plan within sector. Plan for mutually supporting passive defense within and between sectors.
- (2) Responsible for perimeter security and coordination of barrier plans within sector.

b. Tenant Activities

- (1) Responsible for construction, maintenance and improvement of passive defense and barrier plans of organization.
- (2) Responsible for internal security.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) All units constantly evaluate and improve barrier plan.
- (2) Sector Commanders and CO, 9th Marines will be notified of any changes.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex B (Defense Plan Zone A) to Op Order 329-65.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex B (Defense Plan Zone A) to Op Order 329-65.

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TABS

A. Barrier Overlay to Appendix 1 (Barrier Plan) to Annex B (Rear Area Defense Plan Zone A) to 9th Marines Op Order 329-65

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Appendix 2 (Counterattack Plan) to Annex B (Rear Area Defense Plan Zone A) to 9th Marines Op Order 329-65.

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Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current Intsums

B. Friendly Forces

- (1) USAF, DANANG Airbase Flare Ships on call.
- (2) 1st MAW, AO, CAS, HUE-6 gunships and helo med-evacs on strip alert.
- (3) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Direct Support 9th Marines.
- (4) Sector Commanders. Annex B
- (5) Tenant Activities. Annex B

c. Assumptions

- (1) That enemy forces will execute penetration XRAY in Zone A (Tab A).
- (2) That the main attack will be against one of the following in order of priority.
  - a. DANANG Airbase
  - b. Sector IV ASE#1
  - c. Sector I HOA CAM Training Center
  - d. Sector II Tanks, AT's, LVT's
  - e. Sector VI 9th Marines CP
  - f. Sector III 3/3 CP
  - g. Sector V 9th Marines
- (3) That the enemy will employ a secondary or diversion attack against a target in the same order of priority.
- (4) That the enemy has the capability of infiltrating or attacking with suicide or main force units up to company strength.

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(5) That one rifle company is available as counterattack force.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines counterattacks enemy penetration of Zone A and restores integrity of defense within Zone A.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operations (TAB A Operations Overlay)

(1) Maneuver - 9th Marines Counterattacks with the Zone A Reserve (one rifle company) to destroy enemy in penetration x-ray and restores integrity of rear area defense within Zone A. Sector reserve forces area alerted to constitute a new reserve force and assist counterattack on order.

(2) Fires (TAB B Fire Support Overlay)

(a) Artillery - pre planned on call artillery concentrations are fired to stop or slow the impetus of the penetration and allow counterattacking force to gain the initiative.

(b) Air - USAF Flare ships, 1st MAW, AO, HUE-E and fixed Wing CAS on strip alert as required.

b. Zone A Reserve

(1) One rifle company of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines designated Zone A Reserve.

(2) On order occupy blocking position GOLD.

(3) On order execute counterattack against penetration XRAY from assembly area or blocking position Gold. Destroy enemy in penetration and restore integrity of Zone A defense.

(4) On order conduct physical pursuit.

(5) Assume OPCON of units in area of penetration upon execution of counterattack.

(6) Upon assuming responsibilities of Zone A Reserve, conduct recon of routes, assembly area, blocking positions and possible attack positions.

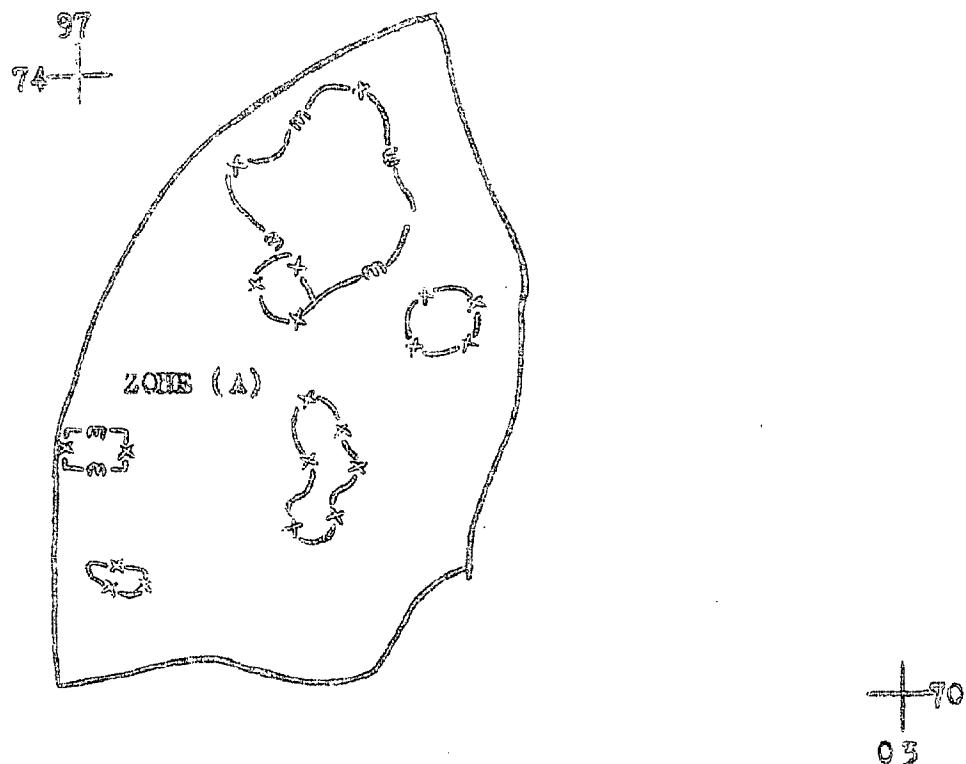
c. Sector Commanders

(1) Coordinate defense within sectors.

(2) Be prepared to committ Sector reserve as Zone A Reserve on order.

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BAB 'A' (BARRIER OVERLAY)  
 TO: APPENDIX 1 - BARRIER PLAN  
 TO: ANNEX 'B' (REAR AREA DEFENSE  
 PLAN, ZONE A  
 TO: 9TH MARINES OPERATION PLAN  
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- (1) Coordinate defense within sectors.
- (2) Be prepared to committ Sector reserve as Zone A Reserve on order.

d. Tenant Activities

- (1) Maintain internal and perimeter security.
- (2) Be prepared to, support counterattack by fire.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Current defensive fire plans will be submitted to Rgtl S-3 via Sector Commanders.
- (2) Rgtl FSCC will function as Zone A FSCC.
- (3) Preplanned Artillery fires are, Tab (B).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Administration. Admin Plan 329-65.b. Logistics

- (1) Parent Units responsible for logistics.
- (2) Units committed will carry basic unit of fire.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICSa. Command. CO, 9th Marines is Zone Commander.

- (1) Parent location AT 996725
- (2) On Order CP is Mobile LVTPC.

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- (1) Normal wire net.
- (2) Upon notification or in the event of enemy action within assigned sector, Sector Commanders will net on Regtl Tac #1 Frequency. 40.3

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TABS

- (A) OPERATION OVERLAY to Appendix 2 (counterattack plan) to Annex B (Rear Area Defense Zone A) to 9th Marines Op Order 329-65
- (B) Fire Support Overlay to Appendix 2.

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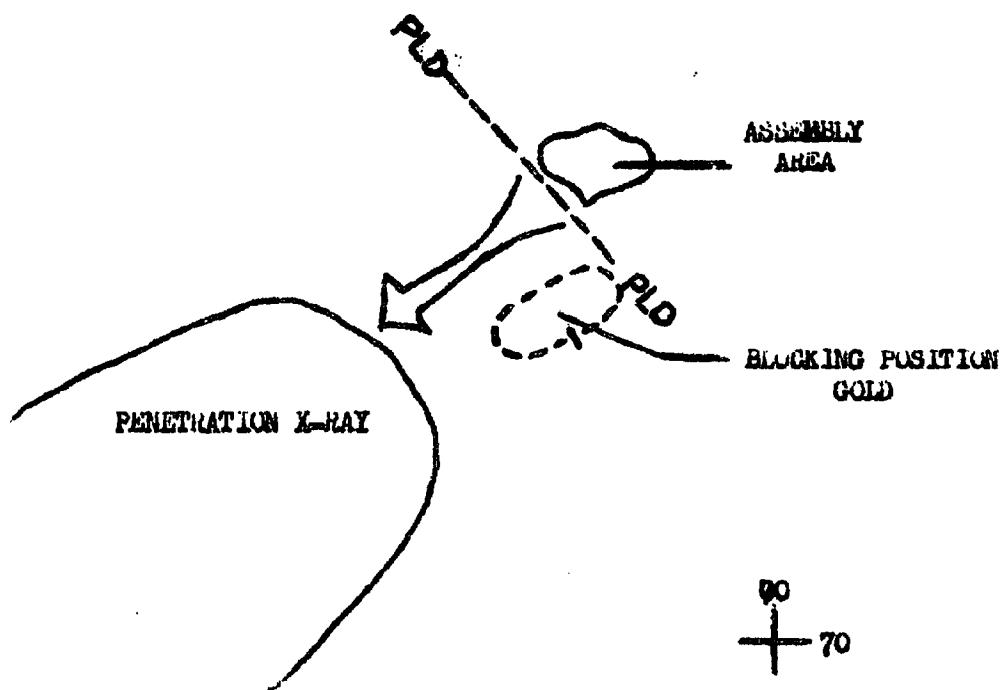
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## TAB A (OPERATION OVERLAY)

TO: APPENDIX 2 (COUNTER-ATTACK PLAN)  
 TO: ANNEX B (REAR AREA DEFENCE ZONE A)  
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TAB B (FIRE SUPPORT PLAN)  
 TO: APPENDIX 2 (COUNTER ATTACK PLAN)  
 TO: ANNEX B (REAR AREA DEFENSE ZONE A)  
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Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization:

1st Battalion, 9th Marines  
 1st Force Recon Company  
 Company B (-), 3d Tank Battalion  
 MAG-16  
 Naval Support Activity  
 30th NCR  
 NMCB-8  
 NMCB-9  
 5th Comm Battalion  
 USNH  
 US Army Aviation Detachment

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B to Op Plan 328-65 (NOTAL) and current Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) USAF DANANG Airbase Flare ships on call.
- (2) 1st MAW provides CAS and Med-evac as required.
- (3) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Direct Support 9th Marines. Fires support Zone B as required through 9th Marines.
- (4) Tenant Activities (task organization).
- (5) 3d Engineer Battalion provides support for barrier construction. Appendix 2 (Barrier Plan).

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2. MISSION. To provide for an integrated and coordinated defense within Rear Area Defense Zone B of 9th Marines TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation - appendix 1 (Concept of Rear Area Defense for Zone B).

b. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) Assume responsibility as Coordinator Rear Area Defense Zone B (RADZ-B).

(2) Provide maximum possible passive defense measures for Tenant activities located within Rear Area Defense Zone B (RADZ-B).

(3) Provide external security for Tenant activities RADZ-B.

(4) Establish RADZ-B mobile reserve force of one rifle company reinforced with armor.

c. TENANT Activities

(1) Responsible for construction, maintenance and improvement of passive defense and barrier plans of organization.

(2) Responsible for internal security.

(3) Establish reserve force of platoon size capable of immediate reaction to breaches of perimeter security.

d. Coordinating Instruction

(1) appendix (2) (Barrier Plan)

(2) appendix (3) (Counterattack Plan)

(3) Rules of engagement - Ref (b)

(4) Coordination of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines activities in RADZ-B external to unit perimeter will be effected through 1st Battalion Headquartrs. Information as to planned ambushes, patrol and listening posts will be made available to Tenant Activities 24 hours in advance of scheduled activity.

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- (5) Sector of fire of automatic weapons will be limited by traverse stakes so as to preclude firing into friendly defensive perimeters.
- (6) Requests for defensive supporting fires will be requested through 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
- (7) All units Construct Command Post Bunkers to assure continuity of operations.

e. Zone B Reserve

- (1) One Rifle Company reinforced with armor will be retained by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as Zone B mobile reserve.
- (2) Be prepared for commitment anywhere in Zone B (appendix (3) Counterattack Plan).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS - Responsibility retained by parent unit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

- a. Division order 02000.2C (COI) or 3d MAF order P02000.1 (COI).
- b. Defense alert net (frequency 43.6) will be entered by all RADZ-B UNITS WHEN DIRECTED BY RADZ-B coordinator.
- c. Normal Land Lines will be primary communication means during periods of normal defense status.

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appendix (1) Concept of operation  
 (2) Barrier Plan  
 (3) Counterattack Plan.

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Appendix 1 (Concept of Rear Area Defense for Zone B) to  
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1. MISSION. To provide the maximum possible defense measures for units located within 9th Marines Rear Area Defense Zone B.

2. CONCEPT

- a. The number, size, and variety of units presently occupying and scheduled to occupy 9th Marines Rear Area Defense Zone B, requires the establishment of a central coordinating authority for defense of the area. This authority is designated as Coordinator Rear Area Defense Zone B (RADZ-B). This task has been assigned to the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
- b. Internal security of each separate unit and installation within the complex will be the responsibility of the unit or installation commander. Internal security measures include the establishment of necessary perimeter wire or other obstacles, preparation of defensive bunkers, trenches, observation posts, perimeter lighting, interior patrols, and clearing of fields of fire adjacent to the perimeter. Unit and installation commanders have the further responsibility of planning perimeter defensive fires that cover principal avenues of approach to the perimeter, and coordinating these planned fields of fires to ensure mutual support and safety of adjacent units. Each separate unit should maintain adequate forces within the perimeter as a reaction unit to repel or prevent minor breaches of perimeter security.

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- c. External security of the 9th Marines Rear Area Defense Zone B not assigned specifically to any unit will be the responsibility of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, or subsequent infantry battalions assigned as Zone B Coordinator. External security will be accomplished through the planning, coordination, and execution of barrier plan for the complex, and through patrol, ambush, and limited population control measures around the periphery of the complex.
- d. Planning and executing counterattack plans for probable targets within Zone B will be the responsibility of the infantry unit assigned as RADZ-B Coordinator.
- e. The Coordinator RADZ-B will be responsible for centralized coordination, planning, and control of supporting fires and air support within the complex through the Battalion FSCC. Tenant units will provide the Coordinator RADZ-B with defensive fire plans for interigation with the overall defensive fire plan for the complex.
- f. Centralized coordination and control of RADZ-B requires the establishment of a separate channel of communications for coordination of the defense effort during periods of maximum alert and during enemy probes or attacks within RADZ-B. This net will be designated the Defense Alert Net on a separately assigned FM frequency which is compatible to equipment readily available to all tenant units in the complex. The Coordinator RADZ-B will function as a net control. The Battalion TAC Net will be designated as the alternate Defense Alert Net. Primary means of communication among and between the Coordinator RADZ-B and tenant units during normal defensive alert (attack not imminent) will be the established telephone communications system. All units and installation commanders must insure an adequate andprotected internal communication system with its internal security elements. Responsibility for maintenance of telephone lines rest with the original installer. During periods of maximum defense alert, units will maintain guard on the Defense Alert Net, and will enter the net during hours of darkness whenever contact is lost on the telephone. If unable to reach net control on the Primary Defense Alert Net, units will enter the alternate net and request instructio

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Appendix 2 (Barrier Plan) to ANNEX C ( Rear Area Defense Plan)  
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Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. General

(1) The rapid influx of aviation, ground, and service units into Zone B necessitates coordination and over-all supervision of the general defensive plans for this zone. This plan is developed to ensure maximum economy in the utilization of men and materials in preparing the defense of this rapidly growing complex, while at the same time ensuring effective defensive barriers of individual units and the area in general.

(2) Enemy Forces

(a) The enemy has the capability of infiltration into any of the installations within the Zone B complex with saboteurs or small groups of suicide troops for the purpose of destruction of equipment or structures.

(b) The enemy has the capability of massing large numbers of troops (up to 300) for deliberate, well planned, and rapidly executed attacks upon one or more of the units or installations within the complex simultaneously.

(c) The enemy has the capability of delivering mortar fire into any units or installations within the complex.

(3) Friendly Forces

(a) The infantry battalion assigned responsibility for eastern portion of the 9th Marines TAOR provides available subordinate infantry/armored units for augmentation of installation defenses and executes counterattacks to repel enemy penetrations of defensive perimeters.

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- (b) 2d Bn, 12th Marines provides defensive fires as required to cover avenues of approach and to interdict enemy forces in depth forward of the defensive perimeter.
- (c) 1st MAW provides CAS, AO, and MedEvac aircraft as required.
- (d) 3d Engineer Bn, in G/S Division, provides technical assistance, planning, and installation of specific barriers as required.

2. MISSION. 1st Bn, 9th Marines provide coordination and supervision of planning and coordinates the installation of tactical wire, other obstacles, and defensive minefields in compliance with the provisions of this plan.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. This plan is designated as a method of denying promiscuous entry into Zone B, or to delay, deny, and channelize deliberate enemy attacks against units within the Zone. Maximum use of existing outer perimeter wire around installations will be made for purpose of economy and to provide maximum coverage of wire and mine fields by fire and observation. Priority of construction will be based on current probabilities of enemy action. Responsibility for installation of wire obstacles will be placed on individual units within the zone for areas assigned to their control. Engineer personnel will provide overall technical supervision and assistance and will provide personnel for construction of specific obstacles such as road and river blocks and beach obstacles. Additionally, construction of wire obstacles in areas not specifically assigned to a unit will be accomplished by a composite detail of all units within the complex under the supervision of supporting engineers. Separate units within the complex will provide fire and observation coverage of wire, minefields, and obstacles within their area of responsibility. The infantry battalion assigned as coordinator of defenses will provide all external security requirements and will provide cover of obstacles and wire in unassigned areas.

b. Infantry Battalion Coordinator Rear Area Defense Zone B)

- (1) Coordinate the planning for and construction of wire, minefields, and obstacles installed within Zone B.

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- (2) Ensure a coordinated defensive fire plan between adjacent units within the zone and prepare fire support plans for defensive fires for avenues of approach and probable areas of penetration along the defensive perimeter of the complex.
- (3) Effect liaison with separate units within Zone B complex to coordinate the construction effort and priorities of work.

c. Tenant Units. 9th Marines Rear Area Defense Zone B

- (1) Provide internal security, including necessary wire obstacles around or within occupied installations and areas.
- (2) Assume responsibility for installation of that portion of the defensive wire within the area for which the tenant unit is responsible.
- (3) Be prepared, on request of the Zone B Defense Coordinator, to provide a proportionate share of personnel required for installation of wire or mines in unassigned or common areas within Zone B

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines is assigned as overall Zone Defense Coordinator for Zone B, excluding internal security matters of individual units.
- (2) Requests for engineer or other assistance in connection with the execution of this plan will be forwarded to the Zone Defense Coordinator.
- (3) Wire, obstacles, and minefields locations (See TAB A (Barrier Overlay)).
- (4) Priorities and Target Completion Date

I - The wire or minefields which provide maximum protection to the Marble Mountain-Airfield aircraft parking area, and construction of Command Post Bunkers.

II - Wire in vicinity of the bridge and water point at coordinates (BT 072702).

III - Wire and mines vicinity coordinates (BT 067706 (BT 073710), and (BT 080710).

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IV - Wire and mines on western side of Complex.

V - Wire and mine on eastern side of Complex.

VI - Remaining wire and mines.

(b) Target Completion Dates. To be established when availability of materials is determined.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

##### a. Administration

(1) Submission of location of wire installations and barriers or obstacles other than minefields will be the responsibility of the Zone Defense Coordinator. Reports will be submitted in overlay form.

(2) All installed minefields will be reported by the Supervising Engineer Support Officer on DA Form 1355. Reports will be submitted to III MAF G-4.

##### b. Logistics

###### (1) Material Required

###### Class IV

Wire, barbed, single strand -	30,210 yards
Stake, metal, short strand	7,078
Stake, metal, long	9,795

(Estimates based on standard double apron fence for entire perimeter, including approximately 6,500 yards of beach, and an exterior 4-strand minefield fence. Estimate also includes materials for construction of 5 movable road barriers.)

###### Class V

Mine, AP, fragmentation type (M16 or M2A4)	-48,397
Mine, AP, blast (M24 or M25)	87,095
Total Requirements	135,492

(Estimates based on Engineer Liaison Officer computations which are available on request. Fields and strips are non-standard, except for approximately 6,500 yards of beach which is a standard field. These estimates are for optimum coverage. A more detailed study of terrain will probably lessen these requirements.)

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A. Wire Obstacle and Minefield Overlay to  
appendix 2 (Barrier Plan) to Annex C (Rear Area Defense Zone  
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 TO: APPENDIX 2 (BARRIER PLAN)  
 TO: ANNEX C (REAR AREA DEFENSE PLAN FOR ZONE B)  
 TO: 9TH MARINES OPERATION GARDEN 329-65, Nov 65

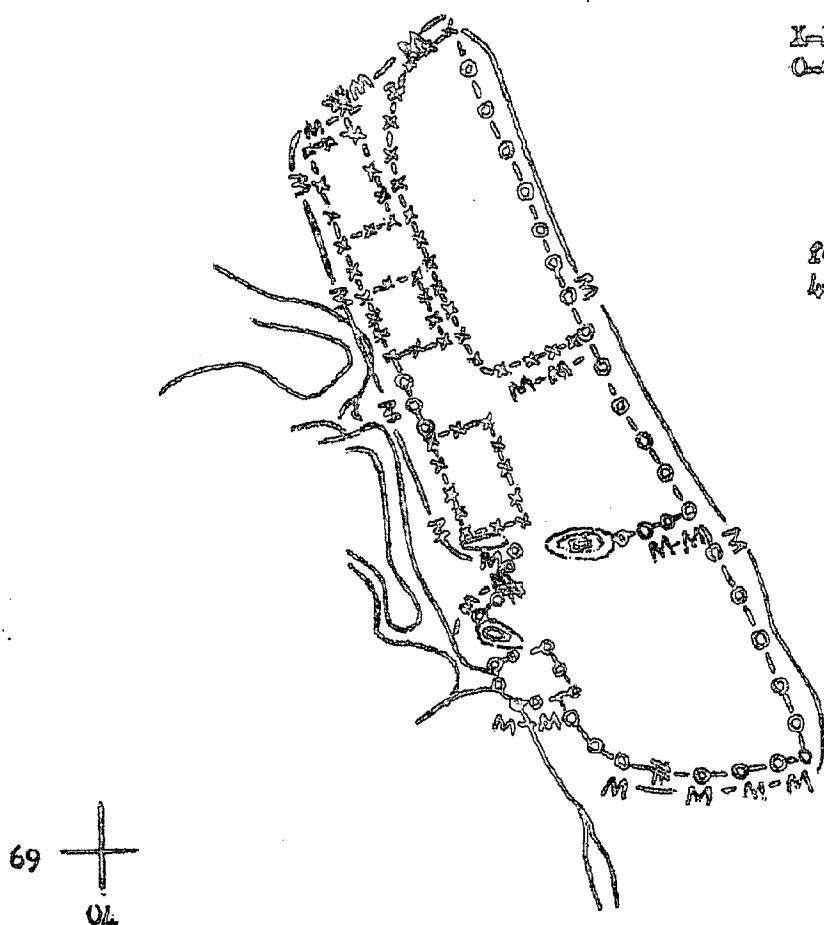
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LEGEND

X-X-X-X Existing wire  
 0-0-0-0 Proposed wire  
 AND mines

NOTE

All minefields will be  
 fenced on the outside by a  
 4-strand, barbed wire fence.



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Appendix 3 (Counterattack Plan) to Annex C (Rear Area Defense Plan Zone B) to Operation Order 329-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current intelligence reports and OOB.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) USAF, DANANG Airfield provides flare aircraft on call
- (2) 1st MAW provides CAS, AO, MedEvac, and HUE-E gunships on call.
- (3) 2n Dn, 12th Marines direct support 9th Marines.
- (4) Co "B" (-), 3d Tank Bn, D/S OPCON 1/9 effective.
- (5) Co "L", 3d BN, 3d Marines assigned OPCON 1/9 effective 6 Nov 1965.
- (6) 2d Platoon, Co "C", 3d AT BN, D/S 1/9.
- (7) Provisional Platoon, Co "B", 1st AmTrac BN, D/S OPCON 1/9.

c. Attachments and Detachments. To be specified at time of execution of this plan.

d. Assumptions

- (1) That any enemy attack on units and installations within the Battalion area of responsibility will be accompanied by one or more diversionary or secondary attacks on other units or installations within the area of responsibility.
- (2) That the enemy is aware of the points from which counterattacks would most likely be launched against him.
- (3) That all obvious avenues of approach from the Battalion CP area to the location of the enemy main, and probably the secondary attack location, will be interdicted by mines, ambushes, or mortar concentrations.

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- (4) That any enemy attack will be coordinated and well planned, to include a withdrawal plan, and will be executed rapidly and intensely.
- (5) That the probable main enemy attack will be directed against one or more of the following targets, and in the order of priority listed. (This listing based upon current intelligence, and may be periodically revised).
  - (a) Marble Mountain Air Facility.
  - (b) MCB-9, Hospital Site, and/or MCB-8.
  - (c) Bridge, water point, and LVT maintenance area in vicinity of coordinates (BT 072702).
  - (d) Battery "D", 2/12.
  - (e) A forward rifle platoon position.
  - (f) A forward rifle company position.
  - (g) Positions located vicinity of coordinates (BT 083697).
  - (h) Force Recon Company Camp and ARVN training areas
  - (i) 1st Bn, 9th Marines CP (including Supply Section in French Fort at (BT 071709) and Co "B", 3d Tank BN CP.

2. MISSION. 1st Bn, 9th Marines executed counterattacks to restore integrity of, and repel enemy attacks against, one or more of several installations and complexes in the area generally designated as Rear Area Defense Zone B and to counterattack enemy penetrations at forward platoon or company positions or the close support artillery battery.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. In accordance with the concept of employment of the 1st Bn, 9th Marines, one rifle company (reinforced) and elements of tanks, LVT's, and AT's not employed in direct support of forward elements, will be available as a counterattack/reinforcing force available for commitment from vicinity of the Battalion CP.

Commitment of units of less than reinforced platoon size is not anticipated. Tracked vehicles, particularly tanks, will be considered as an integral part of any counterattack force, while LVT's will be considered as the prime troop movement capability where distance from the CP to the objective area is extended.

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Of primary concern the commitment of the designated counterattack force will be the probability of an interdiction of attack routes. An immediate assignment will be made at the time of commitment and where feasible, engineer mine clearance teams will be employed in conjunction with the counterattack force. In general however, attack routes specified will be over other than previously used routes. Preservation of indigenous crops or other property will not normally influence the selection of counterattack routes.

Defensive fires for artillery and mortars will be planned and updated daily on a continuing basis for all installations and positions encompassed in this plan. Maximum effort will be made to conduct daily registrations. All fire support planning for units located within the area of responsibility assigned to this battalion will be coordinated at the Battalion FSCC. All fire missions conducted through Battalion FSCC.

All aircraft entering the Battalion TAQR during the period of execution of this plan will be under the control of the Battalion Air Officer on the designated radio net. After clearance to the area has been granted and necessary suppression of surface fires have been accomplished, control of the aircraft will be passed to the requesting or using unit as required.

The general concept of Zone defense requires all tenant units within Zone B enter the Defense Alert Net immediately upon attack or serious threat of attack upon any unit in the complex. During normal periods of alert, existing land line communications through unit switchboard will be the primary means of communications.

b, Reserve Company, 1st Bn, 9th Marines

- (1) Be prepared, on order, to execute counterattacks against enemy attacks or penetrations of units or installations within Zone B, or the close support artillery position. (Tab A Counterattack Routes).
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to reinforce any of the other rifle companies to repel enemy attacks against platoon or company bases.
- (3) Upon assumption of the mission as Battalion Reserve, conduct detailed physical reconnaissance of possible counterattack routes, particularly those routes from the Battalion CP to the north.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Tenant Units, Rear Area Defense Zone B

- (1) Maintain internal and perimeter security consistent with the current enemy situation.
- (2) Immediately, upon determination that an attack is in progress, or is imminent, enter the Defense Alert Net and inform 1/9 of current atatus.
- (3) Upon notification that a counterattack is being executed by 1/9, ensure positive control of friendly fire in unit sectors, and enter the radio net of the counterattack force when directed.
- (4) Upon arrival of the counterattack or reinforcing unit in the area of enemy penetration or attack, be prepared to pass operational control of elements in contact to the counterattack force commander.
- (5) Be prepared, on order, to resume normal defense upon departure of the counterattack force.

d. Tank Co (-), 3d Tank Bn, Plat, 3d AT Bn, and Prov Plat, 1st AmTrac Bn

- (1) Be prepared, upon notification of attack or threatened attack within Zone B to report availability and location of all vehicles.
- (2) Maintain minimum of one light section each of tanks, LVT's and AT's located in the Battalion rear area, in a 10 minute alert status at all times.
- (3) In connection with the reserve company, conduct reconnaissance of probable counterattack routes and areas of possible penetrations.
- (4) Be prepared to provide liaison personnel and communications equipment to 1st Battalion if required.

e. Close Support Artillery 2d Bn, 12th Marines

- (1) D/S 9th Marines G/S tenant units Zone B.
- (2) Be prepared to deliver pre-planned on call fires to support the counterattack plan for areas of possible penetration within the Battalion area of responsibility.
- (3) Conduct registration of pre-planned fires as required.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Counterattack route overlay TAB A.
- (2) Concept of area defense, Zone B area Appendix (1).
- (3) Fire support coordination and control of aircraft exercised by FSCC, 1st Bn, 9th Marines.
- (4) Perimeter defensive fire plans submitted to Zone Defense Coordinator for overall coordination.
- (5) The counterattack route overlay indicates areas of probable penetration by number. In designating the general area of attack, these numbers will be referenced. The routes to the area will be specified at the time the counterattack is executed.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Administration. In accordance with current SOPs.
- b. Logistics. Normal. Units designated for 10 minute alert status will maintain minimum of basic allowance of Class V immediately available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Command

- (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Bn, 9th Marines designated Zone Defense Coordinator for 9th Marines Rear Area Defense Zone B.
- (2) Counterattack force commander will assume operational control of units or elements directly affected by enemy attack or penetration, until such time as the attack is repelled or the unit perimeter has been restored.
- (3) Tenant units report locations of critical installations to the Zone Defense Coordinator, and report any additional or changes as they occur.

b. Communications

- (1) Established land lines between tenant commands and 1/9 will be primary means of communications during periods of normal defense alert.

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(2) Upon notification, or when enemy attack is imminent, all tenant commands enter the Defense Alert Net on frequency 43.6. The alternate Defense Alert Net will be the 1/9 Battalion TAC Net on 49.0.

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A- Counterattack Routes  
to Appendix 3 (Counterattack Plan)  
to Annex C (Rear Area Defense Zone BO  
to 9th Marines Op Order 329-65

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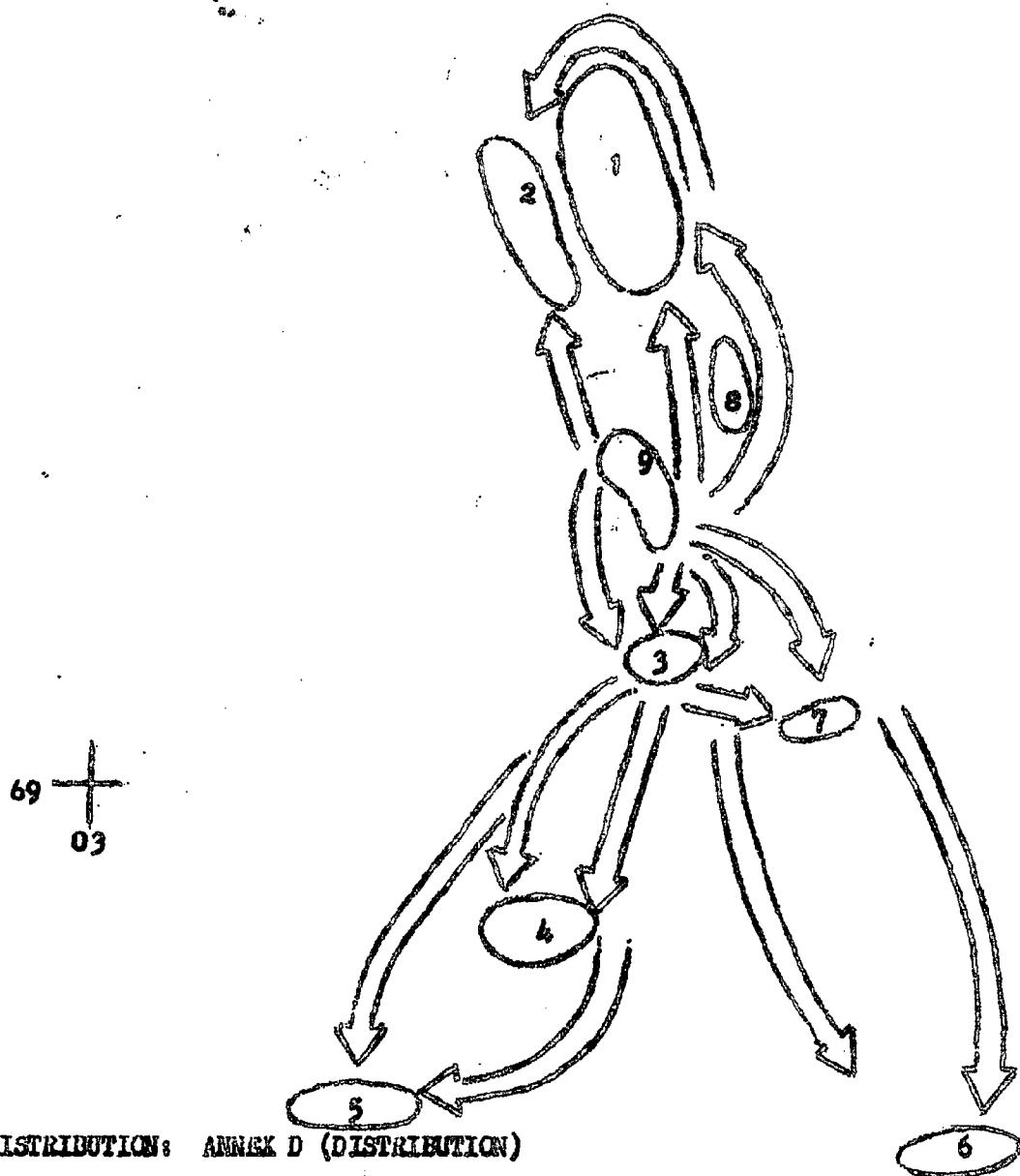
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TO: APPENDIX B (COUNTER ATTACK PLAN)  
TO: ANNEX C (NEAR AREA DEFENSE ZONE B)  
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3d AT Bn	3
1st AMTRAC Bn	3
3d Motor Transport Bn	2
FLSG	3
9th Motor Transport Bn	2
MAG-16	3
NMCB-9	3
NMCB-8	3
1st Force Recon Company	1
HOA CAM training Center	1
NAD	1
3d Engineer Bn	1
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Op Plan 330-65

Ref: {a} 3d MarDiv Op Order 343-65  
 {b} 9th Mar Op Order 328-65  
 {c} 9th Mar Op Order 329-65  
 {d} 3d MarDiv Op Order 350-65  
 {e} Map: As required by mission and objective area.

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Intsums as issued.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3d Marine Division continues to defend the Chu Lai, Danang and Hue Phu Bai vital areas, and executes offensive operations in assigned TAOR's.

(2) FMAW provides required air lift of personnel and equipment, and provides CAS.

(3) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Direct Support 9th Marir

c. Attachments and Detachments - as directed by initiating directive of higher headquarters.

d. Assumptions

(1) That there is a requirement for 9th Marines to provide one infantry battalion (minus one company) to relieve/reinforce units to be designated.

(2) That 9th Marines are deployed as indicated in 9th Marines Op Order 328-65, at time of initiating directive.

2. MISSION - 9th Marines provides one composite infantry batt task force of three reinforced companies for contingency operations, and reconstitutes forward defenses from internal resources.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of operations - See Annex (C) (Operation Overlay) to Op Order 328-65. 9th Marines forms a composite three company battalion task force by withdrawing three rifle companies and a command group from front line battalions least committed. Two rifle companies (Rein) and a command group withdrawn from the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and one rifle company (Rein) from 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Battalion (-) 9th Marines retains responsibility assigned Sector of TAOR. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines provides one company as Regimental reserve.
- b. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines - on order provides one Rifle Company as Regimental reserve.
- c. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines
  - (1) On order assumes OPCON of one rifle company (Rein) of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
  - (2) On order constitute a Battalion (-) Task Force consisting of one company 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, two companies and a command group from 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and other attachments as directed.
  - (3) Be prepared to constitute a rear echelon command group capable of controlling continuing operations in assigned Sector of TAOR with remaining 3d Battalion, 9th Marines units.
  - (4) Be prepared on order to move by most expeditious means to relieve/reinforce designated unit.
- d. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines
  - (1) Be prepared on order to pass operational control of one Rifle Company (Rein) to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.
- e. Reserve
  - (1) One Rifle Company of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
  - (2) Do not commit to operations without authority this headquarters.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Rules of Engagement - Ref (a)
- (2) Planning effective upon receipt, and for execution on order.
- (3) DIRLAUTH between participating units for planning
- (4) Rear Area Defense - Ref (c).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Supply

(1) General. FLSG becomes the primary source for all Class I, III, IV and V. All requests for supplies emanating from the Composite Battalion will be forwarded to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Supply Section for processing to FLSG. All units being attached to the Composite Battalion will be furnished the prescribed load by their parent unit prior to reporting.

(2) Prescribed Load

Class I - 1 Day MIC w/fuel per individual.

Class II - Combat essential as prescribed by the Commander.

Class III - Vechicle tanks full, two, 5 gal fuel cans and lubricants.

Class IV - As required to provide protection of sensitive installations.

Class V - Basic Allowance.

Medical Supplies - Full initial allowance plus 3 days high usage items.

Water - Minimum of 2 canteens per man. Water cans and litter bags as prescribed by the Commander.

b. Distribution

- (1) Unit distribution
- (2) Resupply all classes by surface or air from design supply point.
- (3) Plan truck augmentation as required.

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c. Evacuation

(1) Helicopter evacuation to 3d Medical Battalion.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. 3d MarDiv Order 02000.2C (COI) and Annex D (Communication Electronics) to Operation Order 328-65.

(1) A Radio team will not normally be assigned to Composite Battalion Task Force.

(2) All call signs remain same.

(3) Rear elements of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines will maintain the Communication guard.

(4) The assigned augmentation company from 3d Battalion, 3d Marines will enter 3d Battalion, 9th Marines tactical net.

b. The Composite Battalion Task Force will be prepared to enter 3d Marine Division Tactical nets as directed and prepared to shift to the Regimental tactical net when directed.

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Change No. 1 Operation Plan 330-65

Ref: None

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1. Make the following changes to Operation Plan 330-65:

a. Basic Order

- (1) Ref (d). Change "Order 350-65" to read "Plan 352-65".
- (2) Paragraph 3.c. (3). Delete existing subparagraph and substitute:  
 "3/9 forces remaining in assigned sector will become OPCON 3/3 upon order to execute."
- (3) Paragraph 3.d. After subparagraph (2) add:  
 "(3) Upon order to execute, assume responsibility for 3/9 sector of TAOR and OPCON of elements remaining."
- (4) Page 4. Delete "Annex Z (Distribution) to Op Order 328-65" and add:  
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3d Marines	1	"B" Co, 3d Tank Bn,	1
12th Marines	1	"C" Co, 3d AT Bn	1
1st Bn, 9th Marines	2	"A" Co, 3d MT Bn	1
2d Bn, 9th Marines	2	3d Shore Party Bn	1
3d Bn, 9th Marines	2	3d Engr Bn	1
3d Bn, 3d Marines	2		

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OPERATION PLAN 350-65 W/CH 1

TASK ORGANIZATION

3D BN (MINUS) 3D MARINES

W BTPY (PEIN) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES

SURVEY TEAM, W BTPY, 2D BN 12TH MARINES

AND LIAISON TEAMS, 2D BN, 12TH MARINES

SFCP, 2D BN 12TH MARINES

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## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. ISUMS AS ISSUED

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- (1) 3D MARDIV CONTINUES TO OCCUPY AND CONTROL DANANG TAOD IN DEFENSE OF DANANG AIRBASE AND ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES NECESSARY AIRLIFT OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES AND PROVIDES CAS
- (3) ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS EFFECTIVE ON ORDER REINFORCING UNITS AND DET, COMM PLT, 9TH MARINES ARE ATTACHED TO 3D BN 3D MARINES. CO L, 3D BN 3D MARINES REPORTS TO PARENT BN ON ORDER.
- (4) ASSUMPTION THAT MOVEMENTS TO OBJECTIVE AREA WILL BE BY AIRLIFT

2. 9TH MARINES IS PREPARED TO MOUNT OUT BN (MINUS ONE COMPANY) REINFORCED AS 3D MARDIV MOBILE RESERVE FOR (1) CONDUCT OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND/OR TO RELIEVE OR REINFORCE COMMITTED UNITS.

## 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION WHEN DIRECTED BY CG, 3D MARDIV, 9TH MARINES WILL PROVIDE ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (MINUS ONE COMPANY) REINFORCED TO MOUNT OUT BY AIRLIFT WITHIN 12 HOURS OR

INITIATING DIRECTIVE. EFFECTIVE ON ORDER, BN (-) (REIN) IS PREPARED TO MOUNT OUT WITHIN SIX HOURS.

B. 3D BN 3D MARINES

- (1) WITH THREE COMPANIES (REINFORCED) AND BN COMMAND GROUP BE PREPARED TO RELIEVE/REINFORCE DESIGNATED UNITS ON ORDER BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. MAINTAIN 12-HOUR ALERT STATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BE PREPARED TO CHANGE TO SIX-HOUR ALERT STATUS ON ORDER
- (2) WHEN DIRECTED BY THIS HQS ASSUME COMMAND OF ATTACHMENTS, MOVE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ENPLANING POINT (TO BE DESIGNATED) TO COMMENCE LOADING NOT LATER THAN EXPIRATION OF ALERT TIME FRAME.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES ON ORDER, PROVIDE COMPANY FOR SECURITY OF DANANG EAST COMPLEX IN RELIEF OF CO L, 3D BN 3D MARINES.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) UPON RECEIPT OF ORDER TO EXECUTE, SUBMIT STATUS REPORTS
- (2) EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING UPON RECEIPT, FOR EXECUTION ON ORDER
- (3) DIALOGUE WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS FOR PLANNING, WITH INFO

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

## A. SUPPLY

(1) GENERAL FLSG IS THE INITIAL SOURCE FOR CLASS I, III, IV AND V. PESUPPLY FROM FLSG AS REQUIRED

## (2) PRESCRIBED LOAD

CLASS I - 1 DAY MCI W/FUEL PER INDIVIDUAL

CLASS II - COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY COMMANDER

CLASS III - VEHICLE TANKS FULL, 5 GAL FUEL CANS FULL AND MOUNTED ON VEHICLES

3 DAY SPECIAL OILS AND LUBRICANTS

CLASS IV - AS REQUIRED FOR PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS

CLASS V - BASIC ALLOWANCE

MEDICAL SUPPLIES - FULL INITIAL ALLOWANCE PLUS THREE DAYS

HIGH USAGE ITEMS

WATER - MINIMUM OF TWO CANTEENS PER MAN. ALL WATER CANS FULL.

(3) PESUPPLY ALL CLASSES BY SURFACE OR AIR FROM FLSG

(4) DISTRIBUTION UNIT DISTRIBUTION

(1) PLAN TRUCK AUGMENTATION IN EVENT OF EQUIPMENT TO MOVE TO ENPLANING POINT LOCATED OTHER THAN BN CP

## 5. COMMAND AND COMM-EFFECT

A. SEE DIV O&amp;D 02000/2C AND 9TH MAP O&amp;D 2000.1H

B. COMMAND POST. NOTIFY THIS HQS WHEN AND WHERE ESTABLISHED

C. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. TO BE PUBLISHED WITH ORDER TO EXECUTE.

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FRAG ORDER 56-65

A. NINTH MARINES OPORDER 327-65

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR CONDUCTS TWO-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON 4 AND 5 NOV 1965 WEST FROM NATIONAL ROUTE NR 1 TO SONG AI NGHIA IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES TAOR. ARVN UNITS PARTICIPATION ARE ELEVENTH

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RANGER BATTALION WITH TROOP OF M114 (APC). CROSS LOD (NATIONAL ROUTE NR 1) AT 040600H WITH FINAL OBJECTIVE FOR D-DAY AT DUC KY (1), (AT 985615), WHERE ARVN UNITS WILL HOLD UP OVERNIGHT. D-PLUS-ONE, RANGERS WITH APC'S WILL ATTACK TO EAST BETWEEN TAOR SOUTHERN BOUNDARY AND NATIONAL ROUTE NR 14. ARVN ARTILLERY AT DIEN BAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS CONTROLLED BY U.S. ARMY ALO/FAC WILL SUPPORT ARVN OPERATION. NINTH MAR LIAISON OFFICER AT OPERATION CP AT DIEN BAN ON D-DAY.  
 (2) MARINE TAO ON STATION ON D-DAY FROM 040730H, REPORTING

TO THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES.

2. MISSION. NINTH MARINES SUPPORTS ARVN OPERATION ON D-DAY BY POSITIONING BLOCKING FORCES ON NORTH AND WEST EDGES ON OBJECTIVE AREA.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. SEE ENCLOSURE (2) (OPERATION OVERLAY).

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PLANNED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) COMPLETE REGISTRATION OF DEFENSIVE FIRES.

(3) PROVIDE DAYLIGHT SECURITY TO ENGINEER UNIT CONSTRUCTING RIVER BARRIER VICINITY (BT 033655).

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C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

- (1) PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCES OF COMPANY (REIN) SIZE, AS SHOWN ON ENCLOSURE (2) (OPERATION OVERLAY), IN SUPPORT OF ARVN OPERATION OF D-DAY.
- (2) COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF BLOCK FORCE WITH U. S. ADVISORS ACCOMPANYING ARVN UNITS AND, OVER REGIMENTAL TAC BNE ONE, WITH NINTH MARINES LIAISON OFFICER AT DIEN BAN CP.
- (3) RETURN BLOCKING UNITS TO MLR POSITIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF NORMAL MISSIONS BY END OF DAYLIGHT OR D-DAY OR AFTER FINAL D-DAY OBJECTIVE OF ARVN IS SECURED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER.
- (4) USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS IS AUTHORIZED.
- (5) CLEAR SUPPORTING FIRES INTO ARVN OBJECTIVE AREA OR SOUTH OF TAOR DIRECTLY WITH ARVN CP. AT DIEN BAN THROUGH REGIMENTAL LIAISON OFFICER.
- (6) SEND MISSIONS FOR AIR STRIKES USING NAPALM TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR CLEARANCE, WITH AS MUCH ADVISE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE.

## 4. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. USMC BLOCKING FORCES UNDER OPCON OF COMMANDING OFFICER, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES.

## B. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) REGIMENTAL LIAISON OFFICER - PEEPSIGHT THREE ALFA - REGIMENTAL TAC NET ONE.

## (2) U. S. ADVISORS

- (A) ELEVEN RANGER BATTALION - SITUATE 46 - FREQ 49.5
- (B) M-114 TROOP (APC'S) - SITUATE 68 - FREQ 49.5
- (C) OPERATION HEADQUARTERS (DIEN BAN) - SITUATE 41 ) - FREQ 49.5

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ENCLCURE (1) (INTELLIGENCE) TO FRAG ORDER 56-65

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION  
 A. COMPOSITION AND STRENGTH. ENEMY STRENGTH IN PROXIMITY OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS IS ESTIMATED TO BE 550 MEN, ARMED WITH RIFLES, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INCLUDING SIX LMG'S, AND TWO 81MM. MORTARS, THREE 60MM MORTARS, AND TWO 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. ELEMENTS OF ONE VIET CONG BATTALION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED; AND TWO VC COMPANIES (ONE MAIN FORCE AND ONE LOCAL FORCE). IN ADDITION, LOCAL FORCE GUERRILLA UNITS UP TO COMPANY STRENGTH

(60-130) CAN BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT AND REINFORCE, AS REQUIRED. ON 27 OCTOBER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF THE PRESENCE OF A VC

REGIMENT IN THE VICINITY OF THANH TRUONG VILLAGE, GRID SQUARE (BT 0367), AND ALSO OF A 1100 MAN VC FORCE WHICH HAD PURPORTEDLY DISPLACED TO THE VICINITY OF LAC THANH TAY, GRID SQUARE (AT 9457). THESE REPORTS LACK VERIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED AS AVAILABLE).

B. RECENT AND PRESENT ACTIVITIES. VIET CONG ACTIONS IN THE AREA HAVE RECENTLY INDICATED AN ACCELERATION IN THE TEMPO OF OPERATIONS WITH NUMEROUS SMALL UNIT DAY AND NIGHT CONTACTS, AMBUSHES FOR PATROLS, AND SNIPING INCIDENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS OF MAJOR VIET CONG UNITS (BATTALION PLUS STRENGTH) PASSING THROUGH OR TEMPORARILY LODGING IN THIS AREA. ON 27-28 OCTOBER IT WAS REPORTED THAT A VIET CONG FORCE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN OF BATTALION STRENGTH ATTACKED RVN FORCES AT COORDINATES ( AT 878577), PENETRATING THE FRIENDLY POSITIONS AND INFILCTING MODERATE CASUALTIES, INCLUDING FIFTEEN KIA. DURING THE PERIOD 25-30 OCTOBER, 3D BATTALION ELEMENTS MADE A TOTAL OF SEVEN CONTACTS WITH VIET CONG FORCES OF FROM THREE TO AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED MEN IN THE AREA OF THIS OPERATION.

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ON 5 OCTOBER AND AGAIN ON 25 OCTOBER, AO OPERATING IN THE TAOR OBSERVED WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A HIGH-FREQUENCY LONG WIRE RADIO ANTENNA IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (BT 0163). IN EACH INSTANCE, THE EQUIPMENT WAS DESTROYED BY USMC FIRES. THE AREA CONTAINS SEVERAL KEY LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTROLLING NOT ONLY THE IMMEDIATE LOCALITY BUT ALSO INFLUENCING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. THE RAILROAD EMBANKMENT PROVIDES AN EASILY IDENTIFIED NORTH-SOUTH ROUTE. NATIONAL HIGHWAY NR 1 TO THE EAST. THE SONG BAU XAU TRAVERSES THE 3D BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION, PROVIDING AN ALL-WATER ROUTE FROM THE SONG YEN TO THE SONG VINHDIEN. THE EAST-WEST TRAIL EXTENDING FROM BISHNAM (1) HAMLET, COORDINATES (AT 990632) TO VIEN TAY (1) HAMLET, COORDINATES (BT 045645) IS KNOWN AS A MAJOR VC ROUTE FOR FORCES INFILTRATING INTO THE 1ST BATTALION'S AREA. THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 55, COORDINATES (AT 970620), HAS BEEN THE FREQUENT TARGET FOR H AND I ARTILLERY FIRES AS WELL AS SEVERAL MISSIONS DIRECTED AGAINST OBSERVED OR REPORTED VIET CONG. THE AREA IS EXPECTED TO CONTAIN UNEXPLODED (DUD) ARTILLERY ROUNDS, WHICH MAY BE RIGGED BY THE VIET CONG AS BOOBY-TRAPS FOR EMPLOY-

MENT AGAINST PERSONNEL OR VEHICLES.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

A. DETERMINE COMPOSITION, ORGANIZATION, STRENGTH, AND IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR VIET CONG FORCES IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON MAIN FORCE UNITS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INTRODUCED INTO THE AREA.

B. DETERMINE TYPE AND NUMBERS OF WEAPONS EMPLOYED BY, OR AVAILABLE TO VIET CONG FORCES IN THIS AREA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF 82MM MORTAR, 60MM MORTAR, 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES.

C. DETERMINE COMPOSITION, ORGANIZATION, STRENGTH AND LOCATION OF LOCAL (GUERRILLA) FORCES AND INDICATIONS THAT LOCAL FORCES ARE BEING ORGANIZED INTO LARGER UNITS WITH DIRECTION BEING PROVIDED BY MAIN FORCE CADRES.

D. DETERMINE LOCATION OF ROADBLOCKS, EXCAVATIONS, OTHER BARRIERS AND TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED OBSTACLES.

E. DETERMINE WHAT IS THE VC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION OF CASUALTIES.

F. DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF TUNNELS, CAVES, CONCEALED BUNKERS,

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WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SUCH POSITIONS LOCATED IN BUILT-UP (POPULATED) AREAS.

G. DETERMINE IF THE VC HAD INTENSIFIED CONSCRIPTION OF VIETNAMESE YOUTH IN THE AREA DURING THE PAST 30 DAYS, AND

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N ANY OF THE CONSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING RETURNED TO THE AREA AS PART OF VC UNITS.

H. DETERMINE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS UTILIZED BY THE VC WHEN DISPLACING THE NORTH AND EAST, WITH EMPHASIS ON LOCALITIES USED FOR TEMPORARY LAYOVERS AND REST AREAS.

3. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR PERIOD 4-8 NOVEMBER 1965

DATE	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
4	0623	0645	1829	1851	1517	0225	3/4
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6	0623	0645	1828	1850	1628	0403	3/4
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FRAG ORDER 57-65

A. 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 56-65  
 1. FRIENDLY FORCES  
 A. 11TH RANGER BN, RVN, REINFORCES WITH APC'S REMAIN IN OVERNIGHT

POSITION GRID SQUARE 9761.

B. 05 NOVEMBER, 11TH RANGER WILL SEARCH FROM WEST TO EAST BETWEEN TAOR AND ROUTE NR 14.  
 C. 59TH RF BN WITH RURAL RECONSTRUCTION CODRE CONTINUES PACIFICATION WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

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D. ONE RF COMPANY WITH NATIONAL POLICE ATTACHMENT WILL SEARCH AREA (BT 032760), (BT 038761), (BT 032737), AND (BT 044738) FROM FIRST LIGHT TO 051200H NOVEMBER.

2. 1ST BATTALION

A. COMPLETE REGISTRATION OF DEFENSIVE FIRES.  
 B. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DAYLIGHT SECURITY FOR ENGINEER BLOCK VICINITY (BT 032663).  
 C. SUBMIT DAILY REPORTS REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF TPS-21 ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

3. 3D BATTALION

A. ASSUME OPCON M/3/3 EFFECTIVE 041700H NOVEMBER.  
 B. PLAN AND CONSTRUCT BARBED WIRE AND MINEFIELD BARRIER FOR FLSG ASP NR 1. COORDINATE WITH FLSG THROUGH THIS HEADQUARTERS.  
 PRIORITY TASK 05 NOVEMBER UNTIL COMPLETION.  
 C. PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SECURITY ON ENGINEER RIVER BLOCK VICINITY (BT 032663).

4. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. HADAY NIGHT OF 07 AND 08 NOVEMBER. BATTALIONS SUBMIT COORDINATES PRIOR TO 071600H WITH ANY PATROL CANCELLATIONS.  
 B. CURRENT CRITICAL VC THREAT EXTENDS THROUGH 15 NOVEMBER.

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## C. AMBUSHES

(1) PLAN STRONGER AMBUSHES AT GREATER DISTANCES FROM PHASE LINE ORANGE.

(2) ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO VILLAGE EXITS.

D. PROHIBIT CIVILIANS AND VENDORS FROM APPROACHING OR LOITERING NEAR POSITIONS OR CP PERIMETERS.

E. REPORT RESULTS OF 50 CALIBER SNIPING WITHOUTS.

F. TRACKED VEHICLES WILL NOT BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES OR RESUPPLY EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY.

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FRAG ORDER 58-65

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. VIET CONG FORCES IN THE AREA OF THE OPERATION ARE ESTIMATED TO INCLUDE ONE COMPANY (REINFORCED), CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED MEN, EQUIPPED WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR, THREE BAR'S, AND NORMAL ARMS. THE LAST REPORTED LOCATION OF THIS UNIT WAS IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 04°07'10"), ON 6 OCTOBER. IN ADDITION, ONE VC PLATOON, IDENTIFIED AS AN "ASSASSINATION PLATOON", WAS REPORTED BY NAD ON 12 OCTOBER

TO BE DISPERSED IN SEVERAL HAMLETS, AT COORDINATES (BT 070710), (BT 027742), AND (BT 087682). (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FIRST LISTED LOCATION, THE LOCATIONS GIVEN FOR THIS PLATOON ARE OUTSIDE OF THE AREA OF THIS OPERATION. HOWEVER, FREQUENT DISPLACEMENT WITHIN

A GIVEN AREA IS AN ACCEPTED VC TACTIC, AND THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THIS SPECIAL MISSION UNIT IS OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF THE HOA HAI-HOA PHUONG VILLAGE AREA). A RECENT NAD REPORT LOCATES TWO SQUADS, IDENTIFIED AS "SUICIDE SQUADS", IN THE VICINITY OF HOA SON HAMLET, (BT 023736), AND AN AREA IDENTIFIED AS BEING THREE HUNDRED YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE. THIS REPORT LOCATES TWO VC COMPANIES IN KHAI TAY VILLAGE, VICINITY (BT 045683), THI AN VILLAGE. COORDINATES (BT 037665), MAU QUANG HAMLET, COORDINATES (BT 033685), AND AN LUU HAMLET, COORDINATES (BT 032672). (THESE AREAS ARE ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS AND COULD INFLUENCE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AREA). THE NAD REPORT STATED THAT ONE VC COMPANY IS LOCATED AT HOA DA VILLAGE, COORDINATES (BT 032727), AND HOA PHUONG VILLAGE (BT 056753). THE VC UNITS REFERRED TO IN THIS NAD REPORT ARE EQUIPPED WITH 81MM MORTARS, 60MM MORTARS, ONE HUNDRED TNT CHARGES, AND TWO 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE DANANG AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIRFIELDS ITS RELATIVELY ISOLATED

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POSITION WITHIN THE CONFLUENCE OF THE SONG VINH DIEN AND SONG CAN DIEN AND THE AVAILABLE COVER AND CONCEALMENT, THE AREA OF OPERATIONS WOULD LEND ITSELF WELL AS AN ASSEMBLY AREA FOR VC ATTACKS AGAINST EITHER AIR FACILITY. ON 30 OCTOBER, TWO DEVELOPED MORTAR POSITIONS WERE DISCOVERED AT (BT 030729) WITH INDICATIONS THAT THESE POSITIONS MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED DURING THE 27 OCTOBER ATTACK AGAINST MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY. THE AREA OF OPERATION IS KNOWN TO CONTAIN MANY BOATS AND RIVER CRAFT OF VARIOUS TYPES AND A PORTION OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION SPEND A MAJOR PART OF THEIR LIVES ON THE WATER. THE RIVER CRAFT COULD PROVIDE A HAVEN TO VC DURING SEARCH OPERATIONS ON LAND OF PROVISIONS ARE NOT MADE TO CONTAIN AND INVESTIGATE ALL BOATS IN THE AREA. IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT, ON 27 OCTOBER, PRIOR TO THE ATTACK ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, THE 1ST BATTALION CONDUCTED A SEARCH OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRBASE, AND REPORTED THAT 15-20 HOUSEBOATS, POSITIONED AT (BT 050743) REFUSED TO HEED WARNINGS FROM HELICOPTERS TO BEACH ON SHORE FOR INVESTIGATION, AND ELUDED SEARCH. IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT HAPPENINGS, FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE RIVER CRAFT IN THE OPERATION MAY HAVE ASSISTED THE VC. THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF THE AREA OF THE OPERATION IS APPROXIMATELY 3000 PEOPLE.

## B. FRIENDLY. 5TH BN RF, RVN WITH ATTACHMENTS

- (1) CONTINUE RURAL RECONSTRUCTION IN 9TH MARINES TAOR.
- (2) ESTABLISH BLOCK POSITIONS VICINITY (BT 042720) AND (BT 030708).

## 2. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. 9TH MARINES DEFENDS TAOR WITH 1ST AND 3D BN IN ASSIGNED SECTORS. BNS OCCUPY AND PATROL ASSIGNED SECTOR UTILIZING FIXED COMPANY PATROL BASES WITH PLATOON PATROL BASES POSITIONED AS SATELLITES AROUND COMPANY PB. PPB'S WILL BE MOVED NIGHTLY. PATROL AND AMBUSH TO DENY ENEMY USE OF AREA.

## B. 1ST BATTALION

- (1) ORIENT PPB'S REARWARDM
- (2) ORIENT HAYDAYS TO REAR.

(3) SURROUND AREA WITHIN COORDINATES (BT 072701), (BT 065608) AND (BT 076604). CONDUCT METHODICAL HOUSE TO HOUSE, HOLE TO HOLE, PATH TO PATH SEARCH ON 26 NOVEMBER IN AREA.

(4) UPON COMPLETION SUB-PARA (3) ABOVE, BEGIN THOUROUGH SEARCH OF PENNINSULA SOUTH FROM GRID LINE 722 BOUNDED BY SONG VINH DIEN AND SONG CAN BIEN WITH MINIMUM ON ONE REIN CO.

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OCCUPY AREA UPON COMPLETION OF SEARCH REPORTIN POSITIONS  
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## C. 3D BATTALION

(1) CONTINUE COORDINATION WITH RURAL RECONSTRUCTION OPERATION  
OF 5<sup>TH</sup> RF.

(2) CONTINUE BARRIER PLAN OF FLSC ASP 1.

## D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) HAYDAY NIGHT OF 07 NOVEMBER.

(2) INCIDENTS OF DISCOVERY OF AMBUSH UNITS MOVING INTO  
POSITION INDICATE A NEED FOR EARLIER MOVEMENT AND INCREASED  
STEALTH.

(3) UNITS CONDUCTING SEARCH MISSIONS WILL MAKE MAXIMUM  
UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE RVN PERSONNEL AND MINE DETECTION  
TEAMS.

(4) CS GAS MAY BE UTILIZED IN ALL SEARCH MISSIONS.

(5) ON ALL SEARCH MISSIONS, NO CIVILIANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO  
LEAVE AREA UNTIL POSITIVELY SEARCHED AND CLEARED.

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FRAG ORDER 59-65

1. FRIENDLY FORCES
  - A. CO, 11TH RANGER BN. CONDUCTS SEARCH OF AREA IN DANANG EAST FROM (BT 045763) TO (BT 070702) WEST OF MAIN ROAD. ONE DAY OPERATION. H-HOUR 070600H NOV.
  - B. 59TH BN RF, RVN.
    - (1) CONTINUES RURAL RECONSTRUCTION IN 9TH MARINES TAOR.
    - (2) ESTABLISHES BLOCK POSITIONS VIC (BT 042720) AND (BT 033728) FOR 1/9 OPERATION 070615H NOV.
2. 1ST BN
  - A. CONDUCTS SEARCH OF HOA PHUONG VILLAGE SOUTH FROM GRID LINE 722 BOUNDED BY SONG VINH DIEN AND SONG CAN BIEN.
  - B. ASSUMED OPCON OF LIMA 3/3 EFFECTIVE 061655H NOV.
  - C. MAINTAIN SECURITY EAS SIDE OF RIVER BLOCK (BT 032603) UNTIL RELIEVED.
  - D. PLAN FOR UTILIZATION OF MOTOR BOATS FOR RIVER PATROLS. SUBMIT PLANS THIS HDQ.
3. 3D BN
  - A. ORIENT HAYDAY ON BICH NAM-ANTU TRAIL.
  - B. CONTINUE BARRIER CONSTRUCTION AT FLSG ASP NR 1.
  - C. MAINTAIN SECURITY WEST SIDE OF RIVER BLOCK (BT 032603). MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH 1/9 ELEMENTS.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
  - A. HAYDAY NIGHT OF 07 NOVEMBER. COORDINATES WILL BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO 071600H NOV.
  - B. RIVER BLOCK (BT 032603) IS COORDINATING POINT FOR 1/9 AND 3/3.
  - C. DATE TO BEGIN 3/9 - 2/9 RELIEF IS CHANGED TO 27 NOVEMBER 0600.

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FRAG ORDER 60-65

A. NINTH MAR FRAG ORDER 59-65

B. CG THIRD MARDIV LTR 3050.1 OF 28 OCTOBER 1965

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY SITUATION. AT 071200H, 3VC KIDNAPPED THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA LONG (BT 076704).

## B. FRIENDLY

(1) ARVN CO SEARCHES THI AN (1) AND (2), VIC (GS 0367), AT 080700H.

(2) 59TH RF BN CONDUCTS SEARCH OPERATION SOUTH TO KILO 3/9 POSITION, COMMENCING 080700H.

(3) CG I CORPS, ARVN WILL VISIT DUONG SON (1) AT 081430H.

## 2. 1ST BN

A. SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE HOA LONG VILLAGE CHIEF

B. ESTABLISHES SOUTHERN BLOCK FOR ARVN OPERATION (PAR 1B (1) ABOVE).

C. CONTINUES SEARCH OF HOA PHUONG VILLAGE (REF A).

## 3. 3D BN

A. ESTABLISHES BLOCK VIC (BT 028667) FOR ARVN OPERATION (PAR 1B (1)).

B. CONDUCTS SEARCH OF TAN HANH (BT 000555).

C. PROVIDES SECURITY FOR CG I CORPS DURING VISIT TO DUONG SON (1).

## 4. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. REFERENCE B DIRECTS THAT COMMANDERS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF VILLAGE AND DISTRICT CHIEFS AND THEIR FAMILIES. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1965, ASSESS SECURITY OF VILLAGE CHIEFS NOW IS FORCE. IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES WHERE NECESSARY, USING MARINE PERSONNEL. REPORT EVALUATION FOR EACH VILLAGE IN ASSIGNED AREA AND ACTION TAKEN. FIVE VILLAGES WHICH COMprise THE RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AREA ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

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1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. RECENT FINDINGS OF FRIENDLY CP PERIMETER POSITIONS BEING MARKED WITH STICKS, BAMBOO, ROCKS, ARROWS, AND CRUDE SIGNS.

B. FRIENDLY. 50TH RF BN CONDUCTS SEARCH OF QUA GIANGB(2) VIC GS 0066.

2. FIRST BN

A. MAINTAIN SECURITY ON EAST BANK OF SONG VINH DIEN BLOCK

VIC (BT 032663) UNTIL RELIEVED. MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH 3/9 SECURITY FORCE.

B. PLAN THOROUGH HOUSE BY HOUSE SEARCH OF MAN QUAN (1) AND BA TUNG (2) VIC GS 0368 AND 0469. EXECUTE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

3. THIRD BN

A. EFFECTIVE 081800H 3/9 RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY AND OPERATION OF RIVER BLOCK (BT 032663).

B. PROVIDE MARINES TO ASSIST NATIONAL POLICE AT MIEU DONG CHECK POINT (BT 017685) UNTIL RELIEVED. INSURE ADEQUATE SUPERVISION. REPORT ANY FAILURES OF NATIONAL POLICE IN OPERATION OF CHECK POINT. REPORT PRIOR TO 1800 CONFISCATION OF WEAPONS.

PROPAGANDA MATERIAL AND NUMBER OF VCS.

C. ESTABLISHES "U" SHAPED BLOCKING FORCE 090800H FROM (AT 998666) SOUTH TO TRAIL EAST ALONG TRAIL TO (BT 003661 NORTH TO (BT 005665). (SEE 1.B ABOVE)

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. BNS. SUBMIT COUNTERATTACK PLANS BY FRIDAY 12 NOV GGM

B. REPORT ANY INSTANCES OF MARCINGS SIMILAR TO PARA 1.A.

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FRAG ORDER 62-65

1. SITUATION. HAYDAY OPERATIONS RECENTLY EMPLOYED WITHIN 9TH MARINES TAOR HAVE PROVED MORE GAINFUL THAN NIGHT PATROL ACTIVITIES.
2. MISSION. 9TH MARINES WILL CONCENTRATE ON NIGHT AMBUSHES TO DESTROY THE ENEMY AND DENY THE VC ACCESS TO AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE TAOR.
3. EXECUTION. BATTALIONS ARE DIRECTED TO EMPLOY AMBUSHES DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IN LIEU OF NIGHT PATROLS.
4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. AMBUSH SITES AND UNITS WILL BE SELECTED AND ORGANIZED SO AS TO
  - (1) EXTEND FORWARD OF MLR POSITIONS 1000 TO 1500 METERS.
  - (2) COVER REAR AREAS.
  - (3) BE CAPABLE OF REQUESTING AND ADJUSTING SUPPORTING ARMS.
  - (4) BE REINFORCED IF NECESSARY.
  - (5) BE ABLE TO REASSEMBLE QUICKLY IF REQUIRED BY PARENT UNIT.
5. REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL AMBUSHES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY THIS HDQ.
6. THE REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASED NIGHT AMBUSHES RELIEVES UNITS OF REQUIREMENT FOR NIGHT PATROLS. DAYLIGHT PATROL REQUIREMENTS REMAIN THE SAME.

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1. IT IS INTENDED THAT M/3/3 REMAIN OPCON 3/9 AND BE UTILIZED FOR DEFENSE OF FLSC ASP NR 1
2. AUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL ORGANIC UNITS 3/9 FROM ASP UPON ARRIVAL ALL ELEMENTS M/3/3 APPROX 161800H.
3. PROVED PLATOON-SIZE FORCE CAPABLE OF REQUESTING AND ADJUSTING SUPPORTING FIRES TO PROTECT RVN PACIFICATION EFFORT. VICINITY CO MAN (BT 025690).
4. PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR 59TH BN PACIFICATION AREA VIC (BT 003669).

5. 59TH RF BN PACIFICATION AREA BOUNDARY IS COORDINATION BOUNDARY ONLY AND DOES NOT RELIEVE CO, 3/9 OF MISSION OF OVERALL SECURITY IN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

6. DIRLAUTH RGT LNO MIEU DONG BARRACKS.

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1. FRIENDLY FORCES. 50TH BN CONTINUES OPERATION "FIVE MOUNTAINS," PACIFICATION OF APOA IN 9TH MARINES TAOP.
2. 1ST BN
  - A. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF DIVED BLOCK (BT 032663) VIC 3/9.
  - B. PREPARE PLAN FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION INTO SONG VINH DINH SALIENT. IN APOA FROM VIC (BT 041662) TO (BT 032648). D-DAY AS DETERMINED BY 1/9, NOTIFICATION THIS HQ.
3. 3D BN
  - A. ASSIGN ONE SQUAD SECURITY OF QUA GIANG (2) VIC (BT 005670). MISSION TO PROTECT PACIFICATION PERSONNEL AND ASSIST RVN IN DESTRUCTION OF VC IN APOA. COORDINATE WITH 50TH BN. OPCON REMAINS 3/9.
  - B. PLAN COMBINED OPERATION IN PACIFICATION APOA OF TWO DIVEDS OFF SONG VINH DINH, SUOI MAN QUAN AND UNNAMED DIVED CONNECTING SONG CAU DO VIC (BT 027720) AND SONG VINH DINH VIC (BT 043718). UTILIZE ENGINEERS, LVT'S AND PCON ELEMENTS FOR DIVAPIAN SEARCH.
  - C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR WEST SIDE OF DIVED BLOCK (BT 032663). MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH 1/9 ELEMENTS ON EAST SIDE. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF DIVED BLOCK PASSES TO 1/9.
  - D. COORDINATE WITH 50TH BN FOR MOVEMENT AND SECURITY OF PACIFICATION TEAMS SOUTH OF PATROL BOUNDARY.
  - E. CONCENTRATE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN ZONE ALONG TRAIL FROM RAILROAD VIC BICH NAM (1) (AT 995634) TO HIGHWAY NO 1 VIC (BT 032643).

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FRAG OPDEP 65-65

A. NINTH MAR OP PLAN 350-65

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. ISSUED SEPARATELY.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) TASK ORGANIZATION ELEMENTS PEF A NOW LOCATED 3/3 CP.
- (2) 37TH PANGER BN, APVN, REINFORCES PF ARTILLERY AND ENGINEER UNITS LOCATED VICINITY (BS 769466).
- (3) THIRD MARDIV MOBILE RESERVE UNITS PLACED ON ALERT FOR

POSSIBLE COMMITMENT RELIEVED/REINFORCED APVN FORCES  
 2. MISSION. NINTH MARINES IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE BATTALION (-) (REIN) ON THREE HOUR NOTICE AS DIVISION MOBILE RESERVE FORCE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN, 3D MAR.

- (1) CONTINUE TASK ORGANIZATION PEF A ON THREE HOUR ALERT.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO PROCEED ON ORDER TO RELIEVE/REINFORCE APVN AND U. S. FORCES. OBJECTIVE AREA (BS 769466). CHOP TO SEVENTH MAR UPON COMMITMENT TO OBJECTIVE AREA.

B. 1ST BN.

- (1) ASSUME MISSION AND TASK OF L/3/3 IN DEFENSE OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA (DANANG EAST) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WITH COMPANY SIZE FORCE.

(2) RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE REGIMENTAL RESERVE COMPANY.

C. 3D BN.

- (1) DESIGNATE COMPANY MINUS ONE PLATOON AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE. REPORT COMPANY DESIGNATED AND HELICOPTER PICK-UP POINT. PERMISSION THIS HQ EQUIPPED PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT.

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FRAG ORDER 66-65

A. 3D DIV OP ORDER 343-65

B. OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

C. REGT OPDEP 3120.1 W.CHI DTD 7NOVEMBER 1965

1. 9TH MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY ON 2DEC1965 FOR TAOR ASSIGNED  
 BY REF A, WHEN MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 3D MARINES. 2/9 RELIEVES  
 5/9 IN PLACE DURING PERIOD 2-5 DEC 1965. 3/9 OPCON III MAF WHEN  
 DIRECTED 5 DEC 1965.

2. 3D BATTALION , 3D MARINES

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A. CONDUCT IN PLACE RELIEF OF 3D MARINES UNIT VIC HILL 22 (AT 953667) COMMENCING 1 DEC 1965.  
 B. CONDUCT IN PLACE RELIEF OF 3/9 UNIT VIC AN TRAC (1) (AT 969661) COMMENCING 1 DEC 1965.  
 C. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN IN PLACE AND READY TO ASSUME CONTROL ASSIGNED SECTOR. REF (B)  
 D. ON ORDER, 2 DEC 1965 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTIRE ASSIGNED SECTOR.  
 3. 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES  
 A. ON ORDER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNED SECTOR REF (B)  
 4. 2D BATTALION, 9 TH MARINES  
 A. COMMENCE IN PLACE RELIEF OF 3/9 ON 2 DEC 1965 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (C).  
 B. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNED SECTOR REF (B).  
 5. 3D BATTALION 9TH MARINES  
 A. BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF IN PLACE BY UNIT OF 3/3 COMMENCING 1 DEC 1965.  
 B. ON ORDER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNED SECTOR REF (B).  
 C. COMMENCE PHASED RELIEF ON 2/9 ON 2 DEC 1965 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (C).

D. BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO III MAF ON ORDER.  
 6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS  
 A. DIRLAUTH BETWEEN RELIEVING UNITS.  
 B. REF (B) AND (C)  
 C. REQUEST FOR HELI-LIFT REQUIRED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF LIFT.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 116 as of 011000H November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Postss	Scout-Sniper	Total
Fire Team	0	0	1	5	5	5	11	
Squad	0	22	13	0	0	0	35	
Platoon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Company	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	
Total	3	14	14	5	5	5	51	

(2) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 994669)	312320H	Patrol	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1WIA Con
QUANG NAM/ (BT 000640)	010827H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (BT 077705)	010900H 011135H	S&C	CO "A" 1/9/NONE	UNK/8VCs & 1 VC(Capt)
QUANG NAM/ (AT 984634)	010910H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1KIA

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<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 001640)	010915 H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE UNK/1KIA	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 071702)	011045 H	Defense	CO "C" 1/9/NONE UNK/1VCS	
QUANG NAM/ (AT 996643)	011205 H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE UNK/5VC (Capt)	
QUANG NAM/ (AT 996643)	011200 H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE UNK/2KIA	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 003641)	011200 H	S&C	CO "I" 3/9/1WIA UNK/UNK	

#### B. Operation Highlights

(1) Company "D" (-) conducted a search and clear operation north of their CP in and around NGAN TRUNG (1), (BT 054646) and TU CAN (4), (BT 046648). There was no enemy contact made. Operation "Black Snake" was conducted today by Companies "I" and "K". Several contacts were made with the VC resulting in four VC killed, one wounded, six captured and seven VCS apprehended. There were two Marines wounded during this operation.

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(1) Company "A" returned to the OPCON of the 1st Battalion at 311800H. The company arrived at the Battalion CP at 311930H and assumed the responsibility of Battalion reserve. At 0900H this morning Company "A" commenced a search and clear operation of TAN LUU (BT 078703) and THU SON (BT 076709) to screen all young men of military age. The beach to the east of these two villages was patrolled by AMTRACS to block local personnel from leaving the area. The LVT patrol continued along the beach and moved west of the 1st Battalion CP (BT 067713) and north of MCB-9 (BT 057735). This patrol searched the area where a VC suicide platoon was reported from (BT 061730) to (BT 067711). The VC platoon has the mission of collecting money from the people that own vendor stands in that area. All vendor stands in the vicinity are being checked and cleared. As a result of Company "A"'s search and clear operation this morning 150 indigenous personnel were detained, eight of whom were VCS, and one was a VC. Several were identified as mine experts by the village police. Two VCS and the VC were taken to ITT. The others were taken to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(2) Company "B". At 010915H Company "B" (-) commenced a combat patrol to cover grid squares (BT 0864), (BT 0964), (BT 0863) and (BT 0963) in an attempt to make contact with a VC Battalion reported being in that area. Last night elements of Company "B" patrolled in grid squares (BT 0766), (BT 0867) and (BT 0866) in an effort to make contact with and to kill or capture two VC platoons reported being in that area. No contact was made with the enemy.

(3) Company "C" remains at the Battalion CP and maintains the responsibility of CP security. At 011045H the 1st Platoon of Company "C" apprehended a female VCS at the bridge at (BT 071702). The ARVN with the platoon said that the woman was a VC. The woman presented an ID card but the ARVN said it was invalid and tore it up. The woman was turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

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(4) Company "D". At 311845H a patrol designated Redwood Delta 01 Alpha discovered a booby-trapped M-26 fragmentation grenade at (BT 049676). The patrol deliberately detonated the booby trap and continued along the planned route. As the patrol was approaching their platoon patrol base they heard another explosion in the same area where they detonated the first booby trap. It was assumed that a civilian or VC had detonated another booby trap in that area. At 010915H an AMTRAC with Company "B" 3d AMTRAC Battalion in support of the 1st Battalion struck a mine on the road at (BT 069693). The second and third road-wheels on the left side of the AMTRAC were destroyed. All of the hull may have been broken. The AMTRAC was returned to the water point at (BT 071701).

(5) Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired one hundred six rounds of H&I fires between 312100H and 010500H in the 1st Battalion's T40R. The 81mm mortar emplaced at the 1st Battalion CP (BT 067713) fired thirty six rounds of H&I fires between 312000H and 010500H. A nine clearing/dénolition team from Company "C", 3d Engineer Battalion, in support of the 1st Battalion, swept the road between (BT 072702) and (BT 067683) commencing at 010830H. Engineers also investigated the area where the AMTRAC struck the mine at (BT 069693). No other explosives were found. Between 010900H and 011200H an engineer team with Company "D" conducted a local mine sweep and laid and recovered claymores in the vicinity of (BT 048667). During the same time period a team employed claymores and destroyed several duds at (BT 092668). Engineer teams from the 1st Battalion CP conducted several sweeps this morning. Between 010600H and 010900H a team swept the area from (BT 070716) to (BT 083647) to (BT 087697) without finding any mines or other explosives. Between 010715H and 010830H the road was swept from (BT 070716) to (BT 067680) to (BT 065680). No mines or booby traps were found. Another team from the Battalion CP conducted a mine clearing sweep on the road between 010730H and 010930H from (BT 070716) to (BT 048765). No mines were found. Between the hours of 010930H and 011130H the road was swept between (BT 070716), (BT 083697) and (BT 087697). One MK-2 fragmentation grenade was found and destroyed. At 010930H an engineer team commenced a road sweep between (BT 070716) and (BT 067680). This sweep was secured at 011430H. No mines or booby traps were found. Another road sweep was conducted between 011000H and 011200 from (BT 065727) to (BT 062728). VC explosives were found at (BT 062723). The explosives were destroyed.

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At 011000H a tank from Company "B" 3d Tank Battalion on a local patrol in the vicinity of Battery "D", struck a TNT charge mine at (BT 058680). The battery of the tank was damaged and the brake lines were busted. Lugs on the road wheels were sprung also. The tank was towed to Battery "D"'s CP.

B. 3d Battalion. Operation "Black Snake". At 010608H the 3d platoon, Company "M" reached Company "I" CP by truck to reinforce Company "I". Company "L" (-) crossed the LOD at 010700H and Company "I" (-) (rein) crossed the LOD at 010716H. At 010740H Company "I" blew several tunnels in VIEM TAY (4), (BT 015647). At 010741H three VC were observed crossing the railroad bridge at (AT 990641) and one 90mm round was fired but missed the target. At 010758H Company "K" observed a VC force crossing the SONG BAU XAU and an artillery concentration was fired in the vicinity of (AT 9963). At 010827H the AO received small arms fire from BICH NAM (2), (BT 000640). At the same time Company "K" took five VC under fire at (BT 000640). One Marine was wounded in the fire fight and was evacuated. At 010905H Company "I" entered HA TAY, (BT 0009644). At 010910H Company "K" killed one VC with a 90mm round at (AT 984634). The VC had documents and a grenade on his person. At 010944H Company "K" established a blocking force from (AT 986636) to (AT 989628). Their sweeping force was located at (AT 997642) and blew many tunnels and fortified positions. At 010945H Company "I" found a ChiCom inerga grenade booby-trapped at (BT 011647). PF platoon and civilians were used as guides while moving through the area. The booby-trap was destroyed in place. At 010915H Company "K" received small arms fire at (AT 993647) from (BT 001640). Fire was returned and one VC was killed by a direct hit from an M-79. At 011010H Company "K" commenced to clear a mine/booby-trap area near (AT 993647). At 011030H Company "K" received small arms fire from (AT 990631). The fire was returned with M-79's and 3.5" rockets. By 011205H the 2d and 3d platoons Company "K" had begun an S&C of HA DONG (1). Five VC were captured at (AT 996643). A pocket of VC were trapped in the vicinity of (AT 993641) and artillery was called in on them. At approximately 011200H two VC were killed in the vicinity of (AT 996643) by small arms fire. At 011200H Company "I" located at (BT 003641) received heavy small arms fire from BICH NAM (1), (AT 995635). At 011342H an F4 airstrike was called in on BICH NAM (2), (BT 002659). There were no damage reports, however at 1540H 2 F4 aircraft dropped 4 napalm tanks and fired 8 ZUNI rocket pods at the enemy (AT 995630). The operation was still in progress at the end of this reporting period.

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(1) Company "I" continued to conduct patrols during the night and was reinforced with the 3d platoon, Company "M" and three Ontos for operation "Black Snake".

(2) Company "K". At 312320H the squad (rein) patrol Kilo Papa 31A wounded one VC at (AT 994669) as the patrol was enroute to their ambush site. The patrol withdrew when movement was observed on the left flank. An IP was then established at (AT 993667). Company "K" (-) was reinforced with two Ontos and three tanks for operation "Black Snake".

(3) Company "L". At 312145H patrol Lima Papa 31B received two rounds of fire from (AT 959654). The Marines returned the fire and heard considerable movement but did not make further contact with the enemy.

(4) Company "M" continued to patrol their sector of responsibility with no enemy contact.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. There are no operations planned during the next twenty-four hours.

B. 3d Battalion. There are no operations planned during the next period.

### C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

Fire Team	S&C Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
	0	0	0	25	10	35
Squad	0	25	33	0	0	58
Platoon	0	1	0	0	0	1
Company	0	26	09	20	10	40
Total	0	26	33	25	10	94

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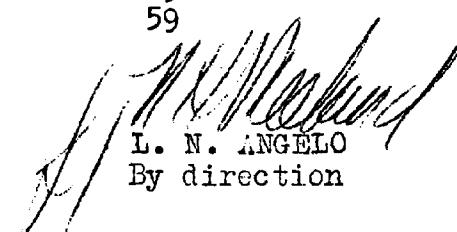
4. Miscellaneous. None.5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048686). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company treated four adult females and three children for skin ulcerations at their CP. Mike Company corpsmen treated twelve children for a variety of ailments at AN TRACH (1), (AT 972662). The USMC aid station for civilians, treated eight adult females and thirty-two children for minor ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	23
Danang	3/9	59

  
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 117 as of 021000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

1.1 Box Score

(1) Activities

Fire Team	S&C	Opsns	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
1st Bn	0	0	0	1	2	3	
3d Bn	0	0	0	9	1	10	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	0	0	0	12	
3d Bn	0	17	14	9	0	40	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	2	0	0	0	0	2	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	12	0	1	2	16	
3d Bn	2	17	14	18	1	52	

(2) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 067675)	011830H	Mine	CO "B" 1/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 092608)	021300H	Patrol	CO "B" 1/9/1WIA	UNK/4KIA

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B. Operational Highlights. A Company "B" patrol encountered heavy automatic fire today; however they returned the fire with good results. Four VC were killed and there was one Marine casualty. Three sampans were fired on during the course of the night and two were sunk. Two Marines were WIA during this reporting period.

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2. OperationsA. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to patrol its sector of the 3d Battalion TAOR with no enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". At 020030H a VC was observed running north to south at (AT 975655). The VC tripped a Marine trip flare and then proceeded to throw one frag grenade. The VC was taken under fire but the fire was ceased due to the proximity of a friendly patrol. At 021310H the 1st platoon received what they believed to be 60mm mortar rounds at (AT 974654). One child was wounded and was evacuated. An investigation is being conducted to determine the type and origin of the projectile.

(3) Company "L". At 020800H the 2d platoon departed th CP to conduct an S&C operation in grid square (AT 9664). At 021303H the patrol received small arms fire and grenades from (AT 975645). It was estimated that ten VC were taken under fire by the patrol and 81mm mortars were called in on the VC. Company "K" dispatched one squad to block at (AT 975650) and one tank with a fire team to block at (AT 986650). All units had returned to their CP's by 021600H with no further enemy contact.

(4) Company "M" continued to provide security in the 3d Battalion TAOR and continued to patrol its assigned sector but did not make enemy contact.

B. 1st Battalion. At 012005H a tank in position at (BT 059718) observed a boat in the river west of their position. The tank took the boat under fire sinking it. A second boat was observed in the same vicinity a short while afterwards and an 81mm mortar HE mission was fired with unknown results. At approximately 012300H, MCB-8 and MCB-9 observed an estimated seven VC outside their perimeter shortly afterwards the Marines at the Battalion's CP (BT 067713) observed a force of equal size. The perimeter opened fire with small arms driving off the VC. At 012045H the Battalion CP's western perimeter observed a boat in the river in the vicinity of (BT 062715), and opened fire on the boat with M-60 machine gun fire with unknown results. The VC broke contact with the 1st Battalion about 012300H but sporadic small arms fire continued at MCB-8 until about 012300H. At 012335H an armed HUE conducted a strike on the hamlet of XOM DA ME (BT 055727), located to the south of MCB-8 (BT 056728). At 012250H a sampan located at (BT 090700) fired on an L-19 and an armed HUE was summoned to the area. The HUE fired on the boat and sunk it. The pilot reported that he observed a large secondary explosion after the boat was hit.

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(1) Company "A". At 011800H Company "A" was relieved of the responsibility of Regimental Reserve Company by Company "C".

(2) Company "B". At 021300H a patrol designated Redwood Bravo 01 Delta received heavy automatic small arms fire from (BT 097624). The patrol advanced on the VC and received fire from (BT 097617). The patrol continued toward the VC position and received more fire from (BT 092608). There were an estimated fifty VC who fired about two thousand rounds. The patrol returned about one thousand rounds of small arms and seven 40mm rounds. The squad was reinforced by two squads and two tanks. When the reinforcements arrived the VC broke contact. When the patrol returned to their CP an artillery mission was called in on VC position. The artillery mission was not observed. During the course of the fire fight there were four VC killed.

(3) Company "C". Last night at 1800H Company "C" relieved Company "A" of the responsibility of Regimental and Battalion reserve. Company "C" has the responsibility of perimeter security, reaction platoon and Naval Component Command security. At 020800H a patrol designated Redwood Charlie 32 received seven rounds of small arms fire at (BT 052702). The patrol continued along its planned route and at 020930H at (BT 056708) received two rounds of small arms fire from (BT 056710). The patrol returned fire with one 40mm round and three 7.62 rounds. No friendly casualties were sustained. Enemy losses were unknown. At 021030H the same patrol received ten rounds of small arms fire from a grass hut in the vicinity of (BT 055709). The patrol returned fire with ten rounds of small arms fire. The VC ran from the grass hut into the open rice paddy. The patrol heard yelling and screaming from the grass hut. The patrol investigated the hut and found one wounded civilian. The child was evacuated by helicopter.

(4) Company "D". continued to occupy their positions without enemy contact.

(5) Supporting Units. Last night between the hours of 012100H and 020500H Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired forty four rounds of H&I fire in the 1st Battalion's T40R. At 012145H, Battery "D" (BT 062680) reported observing several VC, however they were driven off when the perimeter opened fire with small arms. Between the hours of 012100H and 020500H the 81mm mortars at the 1st Battalion CP fired one hundred thirty eight rounds of illumination and eighty seven rounds of HE light H&I fire.

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Between 020630H and 020840H a mine clearing demo team from Company "C", 3d Engineers swept the road between (BT 070716), (BT 067680), and (BT 065680) but found no mines or booby traps. Between 021000H and 021130H this team swept the road between (BT 070716), (BT 067680), and (BT 065680) without discovering any mines or booby traps. Between 020700H and 021000H the road between (BT 070716), and (BT 067680) was swept with negative results. This morning an engineer team attached to Company "D" assisted in mine clearing sweeps and employed claymores for night defenses at (BT 047668). At 021830H an AMTRAC returning to the AMTRAC assembly area at the bridge (BT 071701) struck a mine at (BT 067675). The LVT, along with another LVT escort, returned to the water point (BT 071701). Three road wheels assemblies and three tension arms on the left side were penetrated causing a fuel line leak. One Marine sustained a light wound on the elbow. At 021230H a tank enroute from Company "B" s CP hit a mine at (BT 102670). The track was blown off the tank. The tank was returned to 3d Tank Battalion's CP.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. No operations are planned for the next twenty-four hours.

B. 3d Battalion. The 3d Battalion will conduct a two platoon S&C operation in grid square (BT 0463), (BT 0464), (BT 0363) and (BT 0364). 4 platoon of Company "L" will search and clear south from Company "L" positions as far as time permits and Company "K" will conduct a similar mission in grid square (AT 9764).

### C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn.	0	0	0	1	2	3
2d Bn.	0	1	0	3	4	8
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn.	0	13	7	0	0	20
3d Bn.	0	9	2	0	0	11
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn.	2	0	0	0	0	2
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn.	1	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn.	0	13	7	1	2	23
3d Bn.	3	10	2	3	4	22

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4. Miscellaneous. Company "A" occupies positions at the bridge (BT 072702), the French Bunker (BT 082697), the French Fort (BT 071709), on the OP at (BT 075710), at Battery "D" (BT 062680), and also has the responsibility of conducting local security patrols. Company "C" remains at the Battalion CP site (BT 067713) with one squad at the Naval Component Command.

5. Civil Affairs. (For further details see Daily Civil Affairs Report)

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048686). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company reported that an old man in AN TRACH (2), (AT 969652) had given them names and information about VC in the area. The information was relayed to Battalion S-2. The man stated he would fill in the trenches made by the VC.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	39
Danang	3/9	67

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Opns	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1stBn	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	
3dBn	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	
<u>Squad</u>								
1stBn	0	13		12	0	0	25	
3dBn	0	9		6	0	0	15	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1stBn	0	1		0	0	0	1	
3dBn	2	1		0	0	0	3	
<u>Company</u>								
1stBn	0	0		0	0	0	0	
3dBn	0	0		0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1stBn	0	14		12	1	2	29	
3dBn	2	10		6	4	3	25	

(2) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (AT 972653)	020235H	Patrol	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2KIA (Conf)
QUANG NAM/ (AT 998700)	030750H	Security	CO "M" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1WDS

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<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 033643)	030915H	OPER	CO "I" 3/9/NONE UNK/2VCS	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 033643)	030930H	OPER	CO "I" 3/9/NONE UNK/3VCS	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 057645)	031145H	PATROL	CO "D" 1/9/1WIA UNK/NONE	
QUANG NAM/ BT 048649)	031244H	PATROL	CO "D" 1/9/1WIA UNK/NONE	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 063708)	031257H	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9/NONE UNK/1VCS	
QUANG NAM/ (AT 996647)	031320H	OPER	CO "C" 3D ENGR/ UNK/NONE 1KIA	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 038659)	031345H	PATROL	CO "D" 1/9/1WIA UNK/NONE	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 054716)	031100H	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9/NONE UNK/2KIA (Prob)	

B. Operational Highlights. A TPS-21 has been emplaced on the top of Marble Mountain (BT 075710) for the purpose of detecting large troop movements within the area. During this reporting period two VC were killed and this was confirmed by a body count. Two more VC were probably killed by the tanks assigned to Company "C". A total of seven VCS were apprehended today. There were four Marine casualties during the past twenty-four hours.

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2. Operations4. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 022100H an ambush/patrol was being established at (BT 061732) by elements of Company "A" when they were fired on by the CB's at the hospital site at (BT 063733). The ambush was compromised so the patrol continued along its planned route and returned to the 1st Battalion's CP. No friendly casualties were sustained.

(2) Company "B" continued to occupy its assigned sector of the TAOR but was not able to make contact with the Viet Cong during this period.

(3) Company "C". The 3d platoon is continuing its mission on the three-day patrol in the area west of the 1st Battalion CP. At 030940H the third platoon of Company "C" found two AN/PRC-10 batteries with a generator and wire attached at (BT 051709). This equipment appeared to be rigged for detonating mines. Thirty gallons of gasoline were found in a nearby house. The patrol poured the gas out and returned the other items to the 3d platoon's CP. At 031000H the platoon received eight rounds of small arms fire at (BT 054715). The patrol returned the fire with eight rounds of small arms fire and pursued the VC but could not maintain contact. Shortly afterwards, at 031015H, the third platoon, while operating in the HOI AN area (BT 055715), flushed several VC at (BT 057713). The VC fled to the northeast to the eastern side of the hamlet of HOI AN and out of sight. An OP at (BT 068711) observed this activity. One tank was dispatched to (BT 064719) and one tank to (BT 075716). A squad of infantry with an M-60 machine gun was dispatched to (BT 066714). Another patrol from the 1st Battalion moving southeast from (BT 054716) caused the VC to attempt to escape to the east toward the river. Three VC were observed dropping something on the west bank of the river at (BT 060717). The VC then entered the water and started to swim to the east. Tanks fired three hundred rounds of 30 caliber ammunition and probably killed two of the three VC. The third VC was believed to have escaped. A VC was observed moving down the western bank of the river to (BT 062715) where he entered the water and swam east. The squad at (BT 066714) opened fire with thirty rounds of small arms fire and 40 rounds of M-60. The VC dove and was not seen again. Ten minutes later an AO saw a man hiding in the grass on the west side of the river at

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(BT 060717). The AO made two passes over the VCS after which he lost sight of him. At 031215H the OP at (BT 068711) observed a man crawling out of the grass at (BT 060717) and moving towards the west. At 031257H the 3d platoon moving from the north, apprehended the man observed crawling out of the grass at (BT 063708). The VCS was turned over to ITT. An LVT was sent to check the river from (BT 059718) to the bridge at (BT 072702) at 031300H in an attempt to recover VC bodies and weapons. Swimmers were also used. The results of this search are not yet known.

(4) Company "D". At 031241H a member of a patrol dispatched by the 3d platoon of Company "D", designated Redwood Delta 1A, tripped a booby trap at (BT 048649) which was believed to have been a WP 3.5" round. The Marine sustained burns on the arms and legs and was evacuated by helicopter. The patrol continued its mission and at 031345H at (BT 038659) received small arms fire from the hamlet of TU CAU (1), (BT 036663). The patrol returned fire with small arms but was unable to observe the results. One Marine was WIA during the fire fight but was not evacuated. At 031145H a patrol designated Redwood Delta 3 Alpha was moving east in the vicinity of (BT 057645) when the point was hit in the stomach by one round of small arms fire. The fire came from (BT 059644). The patrol returned fire on the VC's opposition with small arms. The position was investigated but there was no evidence of any VC casualties. The wounded Marine was evacuated by helicopter at 031216H.

#### B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". Two platoons (-) (rein) began an S&C operation of grid squares (BT 0363), (BT 0364) (BT 0463) and (BT 0464) at 030836H. At 030915H two VCS were apprehended at (BT 033643). At 030930H three VCS were apprehended at (BT 033643) for lack of identification. All the VCS were taken to 3d ITT. The units returned at 031230H to their respective defensive positions.

(2) Company "K". At 022035H the listening post Kilo Lima 2 observed five VC in a cane field at (AT 972653). Small arms fire was exchanged and one VC (body count) was killed. The VC used a red smoke grenade in an attempt to cover their withdrawal. The Marines pursued and one more VC (body count) was killed. The VC were lost in the cane field and 81mm mortars were fired at the last known position.

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of three escaping VC. An artillery concentration was fired at an estimated ten to fifteen VC in the cane field at (AT 972653). The results of this fire could not be determined. An S&C operation was conducted in grid squares (AT 9964) and (AT 9965) by the 3d platoon reinforced with an engineer squad and a light section of tanks. At 031300H two U.S. grenades and one ChiCom grenade were found booby-trapped and were blown in place near (AT 996647). At 031320H an engineer from 1st platoon, Company "C" was killed near (AT 996647) by what is believed to have been a booby-trapped 105mm round.

(3) Company "L" continued to patrol its sector of the Battalion TAOR but did not make enemy contact.

(4) Company "M". At 030750H one VCS was apprehended at bridge #2, (AT 998700) for faulty identification and was taken to 3d ITT.

(5) The 59th RF Battalion commenced the pacification effort behind the lines of the 9th Marines at 021400H. This pacification program will be limited to the area bounded by the SONG CAU DO on the north, the SONG YEN on the west and by the SONG VINH DIEN on the east. The southern boundary will generally follow the 66 east to west grid line. The 59th RF Battalion will provide security within this area for the numerous Political Action Teams that will operate there. The Ninth Marines will only patrol and operate south of this pacification zone. A permanent Liaison Officer has been assigned to the 59th RF Battalion for coordination purposes.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Tomorrow the 3d platoon of Company "C" will continue to operate in the area west of the 1st Battalion's CP with special interest around HODA AN (BT055715).

B. 3d Battalion. Companies "F" and "K" and "M" will support the ARVN operation scheduled for 4 and 5 November. At first light Company "I" will have a platoon blocking position at (BT 005640) and will also have an artillery and an 81mm mortar FO team with them. Company "M" will provide a platoon size mobile strike force with a light section of AT's in the vicinity of (AT 988645) under the OPCON of the "K" Company Commander. Company "K" will provide a platoon size blocking force at (AT 986630) with an attached 81mm mortar FO team. They will also employ a platoon to block at (AT 970620). A light section of tanks and an artillery FO team will be with this platoon. An AO will be up beginning

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at 040730H. The Marine commitment for this operation will be during the daylight hours of 4 November. The ARVN forces, comprised of the 11th Ranger Battalion and a troop of M114's (APC's), will spend the night of 4 November in the vicinity of (AT 985615). On 5 November they will move eastward between the southern boundary of the TAOR and National route #14. Riot Control agents will be carried and used by the Marine blocking forces if the opportunity presents itself.

C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Opsns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1stBn	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4
3dBn	0	0	0	0	6	5	5	11
<u>Squad</u>								
1stBn	0	13	6	0	0	0	0	19
3dBn	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	17
<u>Platoon</u>								
1stPl	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2dPl	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>								
1stBn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3dBn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1stBn	0	14	6	0	2	2	2	24
3dBn	3	10	7	0	6	5	5	33

4. Miscellaneous. None.5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five Medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Kilo Company corpsmen treated two children for skin ulcerations at (AT 993666). Also treated was Nynyen Truong, a ten year old boy who had received a severe leg wound from a short round fired by Echo Battery, 12th Marines. After administering first-aid he was evacuated to the BAS for further treatment. Lima Company corpsmen treated four adult females and seven children for minor ailments at TAOR SP (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated nine adult females and eighty-one children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	32
Danang	3/9	104

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D. PSY-WAR. 3d Battalion. On 1 November the HOA VANG District Propaganda Team visited MIEU DONG. Simple propaganda themes and folk songs were broadcast to the villagers. During the past three days approximately five-hundred propaganda posters were distributed by 3d Battalion patrols. Today the I Corps PSY-WAR Battalion Audio Team presented films, played tapes and made announcements to the villagers around the Company "I" CP, (AT 973603). A MedCap Team distributed medical aid at the same time. The MIEU DONG (1), (BT 016685) bulletin board was brought up to date with the latest propaganda posters today.

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I. Ninth Marines Highlights

1. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Opns	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	6	5	11	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	19	0	6	0	0	19	
3d Bn	0	5	0	7	0	0	12	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	14	6	6	2	2	24	
3d Bn	1	6	0	7	6	5	25	

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 008642)	040615H	OPER	CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 994668)	041145H	PATROL	CO "M" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 033644)	040420H	PATROL	CO "I" 3/4/2 WIA	UNK/UNK

B. Operational Highlights. Elements of the Ninth Marines supported an ARVN S&C operation today. Four platoons provided a blocking and reserve force and succeeded in capturing three VCS. Two Marines were WIA during this reporting period.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" maintains the responsibility of providing Battalion security and continues to patrol aggressively. The Company did not make contact with the enemy during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "B" continues to occupy and patrol its assigned portion of the Battalion's TAOR, and did not make contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours.

(3) Company "C" (-) remains at the Battalion CP site and is the Battalion reserve. The 3d Platoon of Company "C" continues to patrol the area west of the Battalion's CP but has not made contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours.

(4) Company "D" continues to occupy positions in the southwest portion of the Battalion's TAOR with an extensive patrolling effort in that area but has not made contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours. Company "D" is providing one squad as a security for the engineers who are constructing a river barrier at (BT 033655). Security will be continued after completion of the barrier for the purpose of covering the barrier by fire and to counteract any attempt of the VC to destroy the barrier.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 040420H the squad (rein) patrol India Papa 30 received three grenades in their ambush site at (BT 023644). Twenty-five rounds of small arms fire were returned but the results could not be determined. Two Marines received minor wounds but were able to return with the patrol to their company lines. The 1st platoon established a blocking position in the vicinity of (BT 005640) at 040710H in support of the ARVN regimental size S&C operation in the 3d Battalion TAOR. While moving into position six VC were observed at (BT 011641). A fire fight ensued and the enemy broke contact. No casualties were sustained. At 040615H two VCS were apprehended at (BT 008642) for lack of identification. They were taken to 3d ITT.

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(2) Company "K". At 040745H Company "K" (-) (rein) established blocking positions in support of the ARVN Regimental S&C operation in the 3d Battalion TAOR. The 3d platoon blocked in the vicinity of (AT 985635) and the 2d platoon with four tanks blocked from (AT 974614) to (AT 982624). Initially the 2d platoon, Company "M" with a light section of ontos maintained positions near (AT 988644) as a mobile strike force. At 040900H the 2d platoon, Company "M" merged with the 2d platoon, Company "K" to form a single blocking force. At 040940H one of the tanks ran over a mine at (AT 985630) however the mine did not detonate. The mine was blown in place by engineers attached to Company "K". At 041000H all four tank were bogged down in the mud near (AT 980625). Retrievers were unable to reach the tanks and an Engineer Battalion TD-15 was dispatched to aid the stricken tanks. As of 041600H one tank remained stuck in the mud. If this tank is forced to remain over night on hill 55, the 2d platoon (-) (rein), Company "K" will remain as protection. All other units will return to their defensive positions prior to darkness.

(3) Company "L". The scout sniper team Lima Sieria 3B received two rounds of 30 cal. fire at 032145H from (AT 964664). Fire was received again at 032205H from the same location. The team had to move twice because of the fire. No attempt was made to fire back because of the possibility of friendly units in the line of fire. At 040500H the Company CP received ten rounds of small arms fire from a tree line 100 meters to the southwest. Thirty rounds of small arms fire were returned and the VC broke contact.

(4) Company "M" placed the 2d platoon (-) (rein) under the OPCON of the "K" Company commander for the ARVN S&C operation today. At 041145H one VCS was apprehended at (AT 995668) for faulty identification and taken to 3d ITT.

### 3. Plans Summary

4. 1st Battalion. The 2d platoon of Company "C" will continue to patrol the area west of the 1st Battalion's CP and is expected to return to the Battalion CP the morning of 5 November 1965. The rivers to the west of the CP and the coast are being kept under surveillance by AO's, OP's at (BT 069711) and (BT 075710), and by TPS/21's being employed in various positions. The 1st Battalion plans to increase the number of patrols and ambushes in these areas.

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B. 3d Battalion. The 3d Engineer Battalion will send an instruction team to Company "I" from 060900H to 061200H, Company "L" from 050900H to 051200H and Company "M" from 070900H to 071200H. The team will instruct the companies in the use and employment of the claymore mine.

C. Box Score of Operation Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	2	2	4	
3d Bn	0	1	1	6	3	11	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	4	0	0	16	
3d Bn	0	8	8	0	0	16	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	12	4	2	2	21	
3d Bn	0	9	9	6	3	27	

4. Miscellaneous. None.5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668 and (BT 048668). Five Medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Kilo Company corpsmen treated three adult females and thirteen children for skin ulcerations at (AT 992667 Lima Company corpsmen treated three adults females and nine children for minor ailments at their CP (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated twenty-three adult females and forty-two children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	19
Danang	3/9	93

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D. PSY-WAR. 3d Battalion. The Battalion Civil Affairs/PSY-WAR Officer gave a lecture on the importance of civil affairs and PSY-WAR and what the individual Marine can do in each area. Company "K" patrols passed out leaflets today depicting the damage U.S. planes have inflicted in North Vietnam.

Late Entries. Two platoons of "M" Company, 3d Marines, part of the Division Mobile Strike Force, was placed under the OPCON of the 9th Marines in order to increase security for the ammunition dump (AT 988732).

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To:: CG, Third Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 120 as of 051000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	2	2	7	7
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	5	3	8	8
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	10	0	4	0	0	15	15
3d Bn	0	7	0	6	0	0	13	13
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3d Bn	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	3	11	0	4	2	2	25	25
3d Bn	2	8	0	6	5	3	24	24

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (AT 971662)	PATROL	050700H	CO"3" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 955646)	PATROL	051145H	CO"3" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 025657)	OPER.	051000H	CO"1" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 120634)	PAT/AMB	050800H	CO"B" 1/9/1 KIA	UNK/1 KIA (PROB)

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B. Operational Highlights. Four VCS were apprehended today during operations conducted by 3d Battalion. One VC was killed and one Marine was KIA during a fire fight at 050800H. in the vicinity of (BT 120634).

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remains at the Battalion CP site and maintains the responsibility of Battalion security company.

(2) Company "B". At 050800H a patrol designated Redwood Bravo 4B was in the process of establishing an ambush at (BT 120634) when they received sporadic rifle fire. One Marine was killed as a result of the enemy fire. Two tanks with one squad of infantry were dispatched from Company "B" 's CP to reinforce the patrol. The patrol observed a VC running across a rice paddy in the vicinity of where the enemy fire originated and shot and killed the VC. Two frag grenades were found in the area from which the VC were firing.

(3) Company "C". The 3d platoon of Company "C" continued to patrol the area west of the Battalion CP. Squad size patrols were conducted in grid squares (BT 0571) and (BT 0572) between the hours of 042100H and 050630H. The platoon swept grid squares (BT 0571) between 050630H and 051200H. No contact was made with the enemy. At 051230H the 1st platoon of Company "C" relieved the 3d platoon in the vicinity of (BT 058718). The 1st platoon continued to patrol in grid squares (BT 0471), (BT 0571), (BT 0470) and (BT 0570).

(4) Company "D". At 050830H the 1st platoon (-) of Company "D" commenced a search and clear operation of TU CAU (2), (BT 035650). The search elements completed the operation and returned to their CP at 051300H without making contact with the VC.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". A two platoon force conducted an S&C operation between Highway #1 and the SONG VINH DIEN from (BT 024640) to (BT 036633). The operation commenced at 050914H and was completed by 051105H. One black list VCS was apprehended at 051000H near (BT 025657). He was taken to 3d ITT. At 051255H the 3d platoon was dispatched to MIEU DONG (BT 016680) as requested by the 9th Marines to participate in a combined S&C operation in the HOA DA village (BT 025725).

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(2) Company "K". The 2d platoon (rein) remained overnight at Hill 55, (AT 979621) to protect the tank that was stuck as a result of yesterdays blocking operation. The tank and platoon returned at 051230H. The company did not make enemy contact during this reporting period.

(3) Company "L". At 042035H the Company CP (AT 971663) received two rounds of small arms fire from an unknown source. No fire was returned. At 042135H a med-evac was called for two ill Marines. The HU-1E's were overhead at (AT 971663) when they and the Company CP received twenty small arms rounds. The CP also received what was believed to have been two rifle grenades from a structure at (AT 971662). The structure was destroyed. At 042120H an IP fired 150 rounds of small arms fire at one VC at (AT 971664). At this time the IP received fire from the right and left flanks at close range. The VC broke contact and the IP returned to the Company CP. A fire team (rein) returned to the same area and established an ambush but was not able to make contact. At 050700H one VCS was apprehended near (AT 971662). The VCS had an old French mess can and a French uniform in his possession. The VCS was taken to 3d ITT. At 051145H the platoon (-) (rein) patrol IP4C received heavy automatic rifle fire from (AT 955645). The patrol returned the fire and an estimated twelve to fifteen VC withdrew. One Marine was wounded and evacuated at 051300H. At 051230H the patrol again received twenty to thirty rounds of small arms fire from (AT 958653). The fire was returned by small arms fire and six 81mm mortar rounds. The patrol returned to the Company CP with no further casualties. VC casualties could not be determined. Two VCS had been apprehended at 051235H near (AT 956642) by the patrol and were taken to 3d ITT.

(4) Company "M". At 042115H five rounds of small arms fire were received at Bridge #3 (AT 993684) from (AT 995680). Fire was not returned because of RF in the near vicinity. Company "M" (-), 3d Battalion, 3d Marines reinforced with a section of 81mm mortars, came under the OPCON of the 3d Battalion and reinforced Company "M", defending the FLSG ammunition dump.

C. 1st Battalion and 3d Battalion. At 051400H Company "A" reinforced by the 1st and 3d platoons of Company "C" commenced a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares

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(BT 0770), (BT 0472), (BT 0367), (BT 0567) and (BT 0667) in conjunction with a Regional Force Operation. The RF unit together with a platoon from the 3d Battalion, was conducting a similar operation from west to east in grid squares (BT 0268), (BT 0239), (BT 0371) and (BT 0372). When their objectives have been secured the Regional Forces will move to the western bank of the river and block for the 1st Battalion at (BT 045722), (BT 038708), (BT 030692), and (BT 030680). 1st 051532H Company "A" was at (BT 068673) to (BT 068687). The 1st Platoon of Company "C" was in H.I. MN (BT 056677) and the 3d platoon Company "C" was in the vicinity of MN LUU (BT 037677). None of these elements had made contact with the VC.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. No operations are planned during the next twenty-four hours. The 1st platoon will continue to patrol and search the area west of the Battalion CP.

B. 3d Battalion. There are no operations planned for the next twenty-four hours.

### C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>						
1stBn	0	0	0	5	2	7
3dBn	0	0	0	5	4	9
<u>Squad</u>						
1stBn	0	13	8	0	0	21
3dBn	0	10	16	0	0	26
<u>Platoon</u>						
1stBn	0	1	0	0	0	1
3dBn	0	1	0	0	0	1
<u>Company</u>						
1stBn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3dBn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1stBn	0	14	8	2	2	26
3dBn	0	19	16	5	4	30

4. Miscellaneous. Major General WALT visited the Ninth Marines C. today.

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5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five Medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. India Company corpsmen treated 1 child for a minor ailment at (BT 002638). Lima Company corpsmen treated 3 children for skin ulcerations at (AT 970661). Also treated was an adult female for a bullet wound in her shoulder which she received a week ago. The USMC aid station for civilians treated 10 adult females and 22 children for a variety of ailment at (AT 989678). The Civil Affairs Officer lectured to 100 men at Kilo Company and 120 men at Lima Company on "The Importance of Civil Affairs and Psychological Warfare to the Individual Marine." The Battalion Chaplain, LT P.D. MacLEAN, has received 4 boxes of toys from Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville, New York. Lima Company CO and XO met 2nd LT. MIEN and Political Action Team (17 men and 2 women) and arranged for secure living quarters for the PAT at (BT 024658). The Executive Officer and 4 Marines of India Company distributed 34 CARE school kits to a private school in GIANG NAM (BT 025658). The teacher and children were very appreciative.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	32
Danang	3/9	36

D. Psy-War.

(1) 3d Battalion. Companies "I", "K", and "L" distribute a variety of handouts during daylight patrolling activities.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 121 as of 061000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1stBn	0	0	0	11	2	13	
3dBn	0	0	0	5	3	8	
<u>Squad</u>							
1stBn	0	13	8	0	0	21	
3dBn	0	9	9	0	0	18	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1stBn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3dBn	1	2	0	0	0	3	
<u>Company</u>							
1stBn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3dBn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1stBn	1	14	8	11	2	36	
3dBn	1	11	9	5	3	29	

(2) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 099658)	061000H	Patrol	CO "B" 1/9/NONE UNK/4KILLED 1VAN ALVCS	

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<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (AT 994656)	PAT/AMB	052040H	CO "K" 3/9/NONE UNK/2WIA'S 1KIA	1KIA 2WIA
QUANG NAM/ (AT 969649)	PATROL	061130H	CO "L" 3/9/1WIA UNK/NONE	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 032663)	SECURITY FORCE	061330H	CO "I" 3/9/NONE UNK/3VCS	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 035644)	PATROL		CO "B" 3/9/NONE UNK/11VCS	

B. Operational Highlights. At 061000H, a patrol from "B" Company encountered a Viet Cong force of eight men and proceeded to take them under fire and kill four of them in the vicinity of (BT 099658). During this reporting period fifteen VCS were apprehended and two Viet Cong were reported as probably wounded in a fire fight at (AT 994656). There was one MP and one WIA today.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained at the Battalion CP site and maintained the responsibility of Battalion security company but did not make enemy contact during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "B". One platoon from Company "B" occupied blocking positions to the east and south of grid squares (BT 0567) and (BT 0667) between 060905H and 061200H in support of a search and destroy operation being conducted in that area by Company "C" (-). The platoon secured at 061200H and returned to their CP without making contact with the VC. At 061000H a patrol dispatched by Company "B" observed eight VC moving from the low ground in the vicinity of (BT 099658) to the high ground. The patrol immediately deployed and took the VC under fire. The VC scattered after being taken under fire and four of the VC fell under the Marines heavy small arms fire. Two of the bodies were drug away by the remaining VC. The other two bodies were recovered by the patrol and returned by trucks to the water point at (BT 071710) for burial. The patrol continued to search the area for the remaining VC and VC bodies. One VCS was captured during the search. One sub-machine gun and five hand fragmentation grenades were also captured. Two of the patrol members observed one of the VC wearing a grey uniform with a helmet. This VC was believed to be an advisor. The captured VCS was taken to 3d ITT.

(3) Company "C". After securing from a search and destroy operation at 051730H the 1st platoon of Company "C" continued its patrol mission to the southwest of the 1st Battalion's CP site. A platoon patrol base was established at (BT 053717) for the period 051900H to 060600H. Patrols were conducted in grid squares (BT 0471) and (BT 0571) during the hours of darkness. At 052245H the 1st platoon of Company "C" received fifteen rounds of small arms fire at (BT 054718). Fire was returned with small arms and the enemy broke contact. No friendly casualties were sustained. At 060905H Company "C" (-) reinforced by one platoon of Company "A", two tanks, and a nine clearing/demolition team from Company "C" 3d Engineer Battalion, commenced a search of grid square (BT 0567), (BT 0667), (BT 0668) and (BT 0669). This was a continuation of a search and destroy operation conducted in that area on 05 November in search of VC elements reported being in the area. One platoon of Company "B"

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occupied blocking positions to the south and to the east. At 061125H the search elements were at (BT 067694) and had apprehended one VCS who was later released. Company "C# (-)" returned to the Battalion CP site at 061200H. The blocking forces from Company "B" were secured and returned to their positions shortly thereafter. Three suspicious Vietnamese civilians were apprehended during this operation but were all released after being cleared by the ARVN with the search element. The 1st Platoon continued to patrol in grid square (BT 0572). The 1st Platoon will return to the Battalion CP site on the morning of 7 November.

(4) Company "D" continues to occupy forward positions in Battalion TAOR. The Company made no contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 052305H India Sierra 5, located at (BT 028656), received five rounds of semi-automatic small arms fire. The Marines returned ten rounds of semi-automatic fire and observed two VCS at (BT 028656) fleeing in an easterly direction. The Marines pursued aggressively, but failed to apprehend the two VCS. At 051930H a squad (rein) patrol, India Papa 5B located at (BT 027646) observed a light blinking at (BT 025655). Upon reaching (BT 026650) the patrol received a total of twenty-five rounds of automatic and semi-automatic fire from (BT 027651), (BT 028651), and (BT 027644). The Marines returned the fire with sixty rounds of small arms fire, four M-79 rounds, and two 81mm mortar rounds. At 061330H a squad (rein) river blocking force apprehended one male and one female VCS in a boat in the vicinity of (BT 032663). The two VCS had no identification cards. A second male VCS was apprehended at the same location at 061335H. All the VCS were turned over to 3d ITT. At 061500H the squad (rein) river blocking force, located at (BT 031662), apprehended 26 Vietnamese civilians who claimed to be refugees on the way to Danang. The Vietnamese authorities at MIEU BONG (AT 017681) were contacted for assistance in handling the suspects.

(2) Company "K". At 052000H a squad (rein) patrol, Kilo Papa 5A, heard signaling while enroute to an ambush sight at (AT 994656). After waiting in ambush for forty minutes one VC was observed running from a house at (AT 999557). The Marines fired twenty rounds of small arms fire at the VC as he was joined by three other VC. Shortly after this, the patrol received one hand grenade and withdrew to a second ambush sight at (AT 990557). At this time seven VC were observed moving in a tree line at (AT 998656). The Marines took them under fire and two VC were seen falling. Both ambush sites were thoroughly searched but nothing was found. There were no Marine casualties.

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(3) Company "L". At 060845H a squad (rein) patrol, Lima Papa 5C, located at (AT 964650) received heavy small arms fire from (AT 967648) and (AT 966645). The Marines returned the fire with 60mm and 81mm mortar fire and heavy small arms fire. A search of the immediate area produced negative results. At 061130H the same patrol, located at (AT 969649), received five rounds of small arms fire from an unknown enemy position. One Marine was WLI and evacuated. At 061200H the patrol was again fired on in the vicinity of (AT 967646). The Marines returned the small arms fire at three uniformed VC's fleeing south but were not able to inflict any casualties. At 060920H the 2d platoon of Company "L" established a blocking position for the Regional Forces conducting an S&C operation at YEN NE (4) and LE SONG (1), grid square (AT 9767) from 060700H to 061500H. This force did not make contact with the VC however they did destroy two large caves.

(4) Company "M" continued to provide security within the 3d Battalion T.O.R and patrolled extensively within the Company "M" sector.

(5) Yesterday at 051200H, the patrol Lima Papa 4C killed three Viet Cong in the vicinity of (AT 956643). The patrol confirmed these kills by a body count and civilians in the area buried the bodies.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Tomorrow morning commencing at 070600H Company "C" and Company "I" (-) will conduct a search and clear operation between east west grid lines (T70) and (T72) and north south grid lines (B04) and (B06). Elements of Company "B" and Company "D" will occupy blocking positions to the south of the areas being cleared. The 59th RF Battalion will occupy blocking positions from (BT 037704) to (BT 042709), and from (BT 042714) to (BT 043718). These positions will be occupied by 070615H.

B. 3d Battalion. The company positions have been consolidated in preparation for the establishment of Company Patrol Bases from which platoons will operate for extended periods of time.

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C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1stBn	0	0	0	5	2	7	
3dBn	0	0	0	7	3	10	
<u>Squad</u>							
1stBn	0	13	6	0	0	19	
3dBn	0	8	8	0	0	16	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1stBn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3dBn	0	2	0	0	0	2	
<u>Company</u>							
1stBn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3dBn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1stBn	1	14	6	5	2	28	
3dBn	0	10	8	7	3	28	

4. Miscellaneous

A. Brigadier General PLATT visited the 9th Marines CP today along with the 1st and 3d Battalion's CP and front line positions.

B. 3d Battalion. Companies "L", "K" and "I" consolidated their positions today and are now located at the following positions: Company "L" - (AT 967660), Company "K" (AT 993666) and Company "I" - (BT 023657).

C. 9th Marines. Company "L", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, was placed under the OPCON of the Ninth Marines today.

D. The river block on the SONG VINH DIEN at (BT 032662) was completed today and now serves as an effective block to control all river traffic. Squads from the 1st and 3d Battalion's are providing continuous security on both sides of the river for this block.

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. MedCap treatment was given at (BT 032681) and (BT 048668) and (BT 054746). One doctor and ten corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

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B. 3d Battalion. Kilo Company corpsmen treated eleven children for skin ulcerations at (AT 992667). Lima Company corpsmen treated three adult females and seventeen children for skin ulcerations and minor ailments at (AT 970661). Mike Company corpsmen treated one child for a skin ulceration at (AT 997704). The USMC aid station for civilians treated five adult females and twenty-four children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678). Kilo Company distributed a can of C-rations and a bag of candy to each child treated at sick call. The Civil Affairs Officer met with Mr. Luong HOA THAI Village Chief, and assisted in verifying claims for five families in the village. Also discussed was ways in which the USMC might assist villagers of HOA THAI. A followup meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Luong.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	13
Danang	3/9	61

D. PSY-WAR. 3d Battalion. Company "I" reported that the Political Action Team was active in NHON THO (BT 016657) and BO MUNG (1), (BT 025657). The company commander of Company "I" discussed the effectiveness of psychological warfare with the FAT commander. The I Corps Psychological Warfare Battalion Audio Team presented an audio/visual program in the vicinity of Company "K" (AT 993666) today. The corpsmen held sick call for the audience. Companies "I", "K" and "L" distributed appropriate handouts during daylight patrols today and at the same time conducted face to face persuasion. The PSY-WAR bulletin board at MIEU DONG (BT 017685) was brought up to date today.

Late Entries

4. This afternoon during the search of the area in and around the lepersarium in the vicinity of (BT 115644) a patrol dispatched by Company "B" apprehended eleven VCS. The VCS were taken to Company "B" 's CP where they will be held until 07 November when they will be turned over to ITT. No other details are available at this time.

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B. Elements of Company "D" are now located at the following coordinates:

Company "D" CP and 3d Platoon - (BT 048667)  
1st Platoon - (BT 033663)  
2d Platoon - (BT 051687)

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9th Marines SITREP Number 122 as of 071000Z 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout Posts	Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	5	2	7	
3d Bn	0	0	0	7	2	9	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	6	0	0	19	
3d Bn	0	9	8	0	0	17	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	14	6	5	2	23	
3d Bn	2	9	8	7	2	30	

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOCATED</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 047672)	061925H	PATROL	CO'D"1/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 055713)	070740Z	SAC 041 CO'D"2/3/2WIA	UNK/NONE	
QUANG NAM/ (BT 052715)	071030Z	WAC 01N CO'D"1/9/NONE	UNK/11 VC	

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QUANG NAM/ (BT 972682)	062120H	SECURITY	CO" L"3/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (AT 967647)	071015H	PATROL	CO" L"3/9/1WIA	UNK/3 VCS (WIA)
QUANG NAM/ (AT 959658)	071305H	SECURITY	CO" I"3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 049633)	071325H	S&C	CO" I"3/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 054634)	071415H	S&C	CO" I"3/9/NONE	UNK/5 VCS

B. Operational Highlights. During this reporting period twenty-one VCS were apprehended. Three VCS were seriously wounded as a result of the fire of a Lima Company patrol in the vicinity of (AT 967647). There were six Marines WIA during the past twenty-four hours.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained at the Battalion CP site and maintained the responsibility of Battalion security Company but did not make enemy contact during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "B" Continued to occupy the south east portion of the Battalion's TAOR without making contact with the enemy during the last twenty-four hours.

(3) Company "C". At 070530H Company "C" (-) moved to (BT 055717) by AMTRAC and joined the 1st Platoon of Company "C" who had been operating in that general area since 5 November. At 070600H Company "C" crossed the LOD between (BT 045720) and (BT 060720) commencing a detailed search and clear operation. They moved through the area from west to east starting at (BT 057712) and moving through (BT 045709) and (BT 056705). They then cleared southwest to (BT 049702) and east to (BT 060699). The 59th RF Battalion occupied blocking positions between the hours of 070600H and 071400H in the vicinity of (BT 038707) and (BT 042716). AMTRAC's blocked between (BT 060717) and (BT 065705) between 070600H and 071100H. One platoon of Company "D" occupied blocking positions at (BT 062696) starting at 070600H and remained in position until the operation was completed. At 070750H a member of the search element detonated a booby trap in a hedgegrow at (BT 055716). Two Marines were wounded and evacuated by helicopter. The hedgegrow was blown with demolition. At 071100H the search elements were at (BT 047715) and had not made enemy contact. Security elements at (BT 053714) had blown several hedgerows and caves in that area. At 071400H Company "C" was in the process of searching the vicinity of (BT 045715) and (BT 059715). The security elements were at (BT 050714). During the course of the operation eleven VCS were apprehended by the search elements and were returned to the Battalion CP by AMTRAC's. These VCS were interrogated at the Battalion CP and later turned over to the HOA VANG District Headquarters.

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(4) Company "D". At 061925H a member of a patrol designated Redwood Delta 2 Alpha stepped on a booby trap at (BT 047672) but was not injured. Another Marine nearby however was hit by shrapnel. The Marine was taken back to Company "D"'s CP where he was evacuated by helicopter. One platoon of Company "D" occupied blocking positions at (BT 062696) in support of a search and clear operation that was conducted by Company "C". The platoon was in position by 070600H and remained in position until the operation was completed.

(5) Company "L", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. The 1st elements of Company "L" arrived at Marble Mountain at 061750H. The final elements arrived at 061855H and the Company went under the OPCON of the 1st Battalion at that time. By 070034H the entire company occupied defensive positions at the Marble Mountain Airfield, where they will remain until further order.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I" continued to improve its company patrol base at (BT 023658). One squad (rein) will remain at (AT 959658) indefinitely as a river blocking force. At 071015H the 2d platoon of Company "I" and the 2d platoon of Company "M" departed from the Company "I" CPB by trucks for the vicinity of (BT 038629). At 071045H the two platoons began sweeping east from the dismount point to the LOA, the VINH DIEN River. At 071325H one Marine was med-evac'd due to a punji-stake wound. At 071400H the two platoon force began their return to their front lines positions of instant Company "I". At 071215H the Company "I" river blocking force (AT 959658) apprehended sixteen suspicious persons. GVN officials at MIEU DONG (1) (BT 017681) were notified and will interrogate these people. At 071305H the river blocking force apprehended one VCS whose name appeared on the 3d Battalion "black list". At 071700H the 1st and 3d platoon of Company "I" left the CP enroute to AN TU (1) (BT 0263) where a search and clear operation will be conducted prior to the establishment of a two platoon patrol base for operation tonight.

(2) Company "K" established a Company Patrol Base at (AT 984661) and aggressively patrolled during the past twenty-four hours but did not make enemy contact.

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(3) Company "L" continued to improve its company patrol base located at (AT 972662). At 062120H the CPB received one round of small arms fire. The Marines returned six rounds of small arms fire. One Marine was wounded but did not require evacuation. At 071015H the reinforced platoon patrol Lima Papa 6C, encountered an estimated twenty-five VC in the vicinity of (AT 967647). The Marines received heavy small arms fire to include 50 caliber machine gun fire and responded with an equal amount of firepower. After an artillery mission was called in on (AT 961649), the VC broke contact. The Marines were unable to observe the direction of withdrawal. One Marine who had been acting as point prior to the fire fight was wounded when he triggered a booby trap. This Marine was evacuated with three seriously wounded VC's who were apprehended during a detailed search of VC positions after the fire fight. At 071030H Lima Papa 6C was reinforced by the 1st platoon of Company "C". Lima Papa 6C and the reinforcing platoon returned to the Company "L" CPB at 071400H after a thorough search of LE SON (4) (AT 961649).

(4) Company "M" in conjunction with Company "M", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continued to provide security at the 9th Marines ammo dump (AT 984732). At 071000H the 2d platoon off Company "M" was attached to Company "I" for an S&C operation in the vicinity of (BT 038629).

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Company "G" will remain in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0571) and (BT 0470) tonight and conduct patrols in that area along with a search on 8 November.

B. 3d Battalion. Prior to darkness two platoons (rein) from Company "I" will establish a patrol base in the vicinity of (BT 021659) for patrolling and ambush operations tonight and a search and clear operation tomorrow in the vicinity off grid square (BT 0263). Tonight, one squad (rein) from Company "M" will be attached to Company "I" to increase CPB perimeter security. Tomorrow morning a squad (rein) from Company "I" will establish a blocking position in the vicinity of (BT 032662). ARVN forces will be conducting an S&C operation in (BT 0306). Tomorrow morning the 3d platoon, Company "K" will conduct an S&C operation in grid square (AT 9965) and upon completion, a PIB will be established at (BT 002659) for the conduct of night patrolling and ambush activities. Tomorrow morning the 1st platoon of Company "K" will proceed to the vicinity of (AT 945648) and then move west through LE SON (4) (AT 961648) in an S&C operation. Company "L" will provide a platoon (rein) as a blocking force in the vicinity of (AT 955648).

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C. Box Score Summary of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Opsns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	5	2	7	28
3d Bn	0	0	28	0	0	0	28
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	36	0	0	0	42
3d Bn	1	0	97	0	0	0	10
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	36	5	2	496	442
3d Bn	7	0	35	0	0		

4. Miscellaneous

A. FLSG - ASI#1 - Company "M", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and Company "M", 3d Battalion, 9th Marines are continuing to improve the defensive position of the ammunition dump. Today they worked on the double apron fence surrounding ASI#1 and a bulldozer from the 3d Engineers worked all day skimming a barrier line. The FLSG S-3 visited the site and reconned the area with the Company Commander from "M" 3/9.

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Kilo Company corpsmen treated one adult male and one child for severe burns received from white phosphorus at (AT 974654). Both were then evacuated to C&C for further treatment. Lima Company corpsmen treated seven adult females, two adult males and seven children for a variety of ailments at (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated one adult female and thirty-seven children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678). Kilo Company presented a hundred pound bag of wheat and a box of

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cooking oil to an eighty-seven year old Vietnamese male whose rice crop was destroyed by a tracked vehicle. A Psychological Warfare Team accompanied Company "K" on this and took pictures.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	27
Danang	3/9	56

D. Psy-War.

A. 3d Battalion. The I Corps Psychological Warfare Battalion Audio Team proceeded to the Company "I" CPB where they were provided with one interpreter and one company corpsman. They then accompanied a GVN Pacification Team to NHON THO (2) (BT 014655). Sickcall was held in conjunction with the audio-visual program. Companies "I" "K" and "L" distributed appropriate handouts on daylight patrols today. Three hundred and sixty packages of candy were given to the Battalions civil affairs officers today for distribution throughout their Marine TAOR.

Late Entries

A. 1st Battalion. The Police Chief of HOA LONG Village reported to the 1st Battalion that at 071200H three VC abducted the HOA LONG Village Chief and fled south with him. The Village Chief's children reported this activity to the Police Chief who in turn pursued the VC until he lost their trail at the hamlet of TAN LUU (BT 084705). Because of the proximity of the ocean it is believed that the VC used boats to escape. A Marine squad was sent to the same area but could not find any trace of the VC.

B. 3d Battalion. The 2d Platoon, Company "I" and the 2d Platoon Company "MM" while returning from an S&C operation, searched a house at (BT 054634). Medical supplies and eight cartridges cases were found. The five inhabitants of the house were sent to ITT for investigation. Upon reaching (BT 056633) the returning Marine force received small arms fire from (BT 057632). The Marines fired nine 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position but could not determine the results. The unit returned to friendly lines at 071500H.

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**1. Ninth Marines Highlights**

**A. Box Score**

**(1) Activities**

	S&C	Cons	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
3d Bn	0	0	27	0	0	1	28
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	36	0	0	0	49
3d Bn	1	3	6	0	0	0	10
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	14	36	5	2	0	58
3d Bn	5	4	33	0	1	0	43

**(2) Contacts**

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 026673)	072015H	PAT/AMB CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1KIA, 5WIA	
QUANG NAM/ (AT 969657)	072100H	LF	CO "L" 3/9/NONE	UNK/4WIA

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QUANG NAM/  
(AT 969657) 071845H SAF CO"K"3/9/NONE UNK/1VCC

QUANG NAM/  
(AT 985732) 081300H SEC CO"M"3/9/NONE UNK/2VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(AT 969649) 081500H PATROL CO"L"3/9/1WIA UNK/NONE

B. Operational Highlights. An ambush and a listening post were responsible for killing one Viet Cong and for wounding nine more. All nine bodies were observed being dragged away. Approximately twenty other VC's were probably wounded or killed during these actions. In another action, one Viet Cong was captured. Two VCS were apprehended today. There was one Marine SWIA during this reporting period.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained in the vicinity of the Battalion CP and maintained the responsibility of Battalion security company. As of 080800H the 3d platoon of Company "A" relieved the 2d platoon of the security of the bridge and water point at (BT 072702) and the bunker position at (BT 083697). The 3d platoon will also man the OP at (BT 067711). Company "A" provides one reinforced platoon as a Battalion reaction force and one reinforced squad as security for Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines at (BT 064681).

(2) Company "B" Company "B" continues to patrol in their assigned areas. The 2d platoon of Company "B" occupies positions in the vicinity of (BT 073669) and patrols in Company "B"'s area to the west of the CAN BIEN River. Company "B"'s CP and the 1st platoon are located at (BT 092667) with the 1st platoon patrolling south and west. Today at 081300H the 3d platoon of Company "B" commenced a three-day patrol in grid squares (BT 0867), (BT 0868), (BT 0869), (BT 0967), (BT 0968) and (BT 0969). The platoon had made no enemy contact at the last report.

(3) Company "C" continues its search and destroy mission in the HAI AN Peninsula. Today the Company operated in the vicinity of (BT 050712) and (BT 054713) and then moved to the vicinity of (BT 048708). Since 070600H this operation has resulted in the blowing up of five tunnels, five hedgerows, forty-four gates, three caves, twenty-four miscellaneous holes, five Chinese Communist grenades, and the dismantling of seventeen haystacks. Sixty-nine houses were searched in detail and sixty-seven people were interrogated by the interpreter with the company.

(4) Company "D". Company "D" continues its patrol activities in the assigned areas. This morning elements of Company "D" occupied blocking positions in the vicinity of (BT 032665) to (BT 040671) between the hours of 080700H and

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081220H in support of an operation being conducted by the 11th ARVN Ranger Battalion in the THI AN (BT 0367) area. At 081100H the ARVN were continuing the search of the area without making contact with the enemy. The operation was completed at 081220H and resulted in the capture of one VC and six VCS. The blocking elements were withdrawn at this time.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". At 072015H the squad (rein) ambushed, India Papa 7B, opened fire on seven VC moving along a trail to a point within twenty-five meters of the Marine ambush position at (BT 020673). Six VC fell under the fire. Eighty-one mm and sixty mm mortar fire were called in on the VC as the patrol withdrew. Shortly afterwards the patrol returned to investigate the killing zone and found one VC body, a K-50 machine gun, a cartridge belt, some khaki clothing and a poncho. There were no Marine casualties. At daylight another investigation of the ambush scene revealed a booby-trapped 60mm mortar round, several more articles of equipment and extensive trail signs. The trail signs indicated the possibility of approximately twenty bodies having been dragged away from the ambush site. From 080600H to 081330H one squad (rein) from Company "I" maintained a blocking position for the 11th RVN Ranger Battalion S&C operation in grid square (BT 0306). Beginning at 080600H two platoons of Company "I" began an S&C operation in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0263). As of 081600H no enemy contact had been made.

(2) Company "K". At 071845H an M274 moving west at (AT 990663) received rifle fire from one VC located fifty meters to the north. Four Marines dismounted, gave pursuit, and apprehended the VC. The Marines were unable to retrieve the VC's weapon which he had dropped in a deep tunnel. Two grenades were detonated to destroy the tunnel and the weapon. The VC was evacuated to ITT for interrogation. At 072120H the squad (rein) patrols Kilo Papa 7A and Kilo Papa B were moving together at (AT 990657) when they heard movement to the southeast. Kilo Papa 7A established an ambush while Kilo Papa 7B moved east in an attempt to outflank the VC. Kilo Papa 7B received small arms fire at (AT 991657). When the Marines

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returned the fire two VC were seen running southeast. A search of the immediate area produced negative results and both patrols returned to the company patrol base. From 081330H to 081600H the 2d platoon (-) searched and occupied QUANG CHAU (1), (BT 008694) in conjunction with the ARVN security plans for the Commanding General of I Corps, who visited DUONG SON (1), this afternoon. At first light the 3d platoon (rein) began heavy patrolling activities in grid square (AT 9965). As of 081400H there had been no enemy contact.

(3) Company "L". At 072100H the fire team (rein) listening post, Lima Sierra 7A, ambushed six VC moving east at (AT 969657). Four VC fell under the fire, and were seen being dragged over a rice paddy dike. The area was searched after the fire fight but the Marines could not find any bodies. At 081500H the point of the platoon (-) patrol, Lima Papa 7D, was WIA by an explosive/tripwire booby-trap at (AT 969649). The Marine was med-evac'd to C&C.

(4) Company "M" in conjunction with Company "M" 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continued to provide security for the FLSG ASP #1 at (AT 984732). One fire team from Company "M", 2d platoon, assisted Vietnamese police in the operation of the MIEU DONG check point (BT 017685) from 081300H until 081800H. The 2d platoon (1) searched and occupied QUANG CHAU (2), (BT 005688) from 081400H to 081600H in cooperation with the ARVN security plans for the Commanding General I Corps, who visited DUONG SON (1) this afternoon. At 081300H two VCS were apprehended by Marines in Company "M" when they approached the FLSG ASP #1. The VCS did not have ID cards and were sent to ITT for interrogation.

(5) 59th Regional Force Battalion-Pacification Program At 071830H the 594th Company made contact with an estimated twenty VC in the vicinity of (BT 003670). There were no friendly or enemy casualties reported. At 081000H the 591st Company made contact with approximately sixteen VC. There was one friendly WIA. There was no estimate of VC casualties. At 081145H, a Political Action Team cadre operating in the hamlet of AN TRACH, reported finding five VC secret caves, two of which contained equipment, located at (AT 969663). The

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pacification program being conducted by the 59th RF Battalion is progressing ~~slowing~~ during the initial familiarization period. The villagers are slowly accepting the presence of the Pacification Cadres and are receptive to the propaganda literature which is now being distributed.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d platoon of Company "B" will continue to patrol in grid squares (BT 0867), (BT 0868), and (BT 0869). This patrol commenced at 081300H and will continue for three days. Tonight the platoon will establish a platoon patrol base and patrol in grid square (BT 0868). Company "C" will continue its search and clear mission in the HAL AN peninsula. A company base will be established in the vicinity of (BT 048708) and patrols will be dispatched from this base. The company will continue its search and clear mission at first light on 9 November. Plans are being made for the use of boats with outboard motors in conjunction with LVT river searches.

B. 3d Battalion. Platoon patrol bases will be established prior to darkness at (BT 008653), (BT 000656) and (AT 958654) by Companies "I", "K" and "L", respectively. Company "M" will provide one fire team on a continuous bases to assist the Vietnamese National Police in the operation of the MIEU DONG check point (BT 017684) from dawn to dusk.

### C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

	S&C	Opsns	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	4	2	6	
3d Bn	0	0	7	8	3	18	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	7	0	0	20	
3d Bn	0	7	0	8	0	15	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3	

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Company

1st Br	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	1	14	7	4	2	28
3d Bn	0	10	7	16	3	36

4. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Platoon Company "B" is now located at (BT 073666).

B. The Commanding General of I Corps visited DUONG SON (1) (AT 999688) today in conjunction with the Regional Force pacification program in that area.

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company corpsmen treated eight adult females and twelve children for skin ulcerations at (AT 970661). Also treated at the same location for bullet wounds were three adult males, one adult female and one child. The USMC aid station for civilians treated three adult males, eight adult females and twenty-four children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678). An India Company patrol reported that villagers in THANH QUIT (3) (BT 054633) were overtly unfriendly. One woman told the Marines to get out of the village and made unfriendly gestures. India Company will investigate this with a interpreter since there was not a interpreter with the patrol. Lima Company distributed clothing and four rubber balls to villagers in the vicinity of their CP (AT 970661).

C. Medical Treatment

PAOR	UNIT	NO. TREATED
Danang	1/9	22
Danang	3/9	60

D. Psy-War. 3d Battalion. Company "K" is organizing a company civil affairs/Psy-War Team which will be used daily on patrols and when feasible, on other types of operations. Corp Companies "I", "K" and "L" distributed appropriate psy-war handouts during daylight patrolling activities. Tomorrow, the Marine Air Wing Psychological Warfare loudspeaker helicopter, will broadcast to all the major hamlets in the Battalion's AO. A leaflet drop will also be conducted in the populated areas in front of the MR.

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

4. Box Score

(1) Activities

	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	4	2	6
3d Bn	0	0	0	14	3	17
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	13	7	0	0	20
3d Bn	0	6	6	0	0	12
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	1	00	0	0	1
3d Bn	2	5	0	0	0	7
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	1	14	7	4	2	28
3d Bn	2	11	6	14	3	36

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 002657)	081820H	L	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/1WIA
QUANG NAM/ (AT 992679)	090800H	DEF	COH&S3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 985661)	091100H	DEF	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 966649)	091500H	PATROL	CO"L"3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (AT 999683)	091500H	DEF	CO"K&S"3/9/NONE	UNK/3VCS

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B. Operational Highlights. Both the 1st and 3d Battalions continued to operate using company and platoon patrol bases. The platoon patrol bases change nightly and extensive patrolling is carried on after the change of location has been effected. During this reporting period one Viet Cong was wounded as a result of Marines' small arms fire in the vicinity of (BT 002657). The Marines observed the body being dragged away. Five VCS were apprehended today and one Marine was WIA.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A" remained in the vicinity of the Battalion CP site and maintained the responsibility of Battalion security Company but did not make contact with the enemy during the last twenty-four hours.

(2) Company "B" continued to occupy the southeast portion of the Battalion's TAOR without making contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours. The 3d Platoon continued to patrol in grid squares (BT 0867) and (BT 0868) without making enemy contact.

(3) Company "C" continued to conduct search and clear operations in the HAI AN peninsula. Last night during the hours of darkness the company set up separate platoon patrols bases and conducted patrols covering areas within a thousand meters of the patrol base. The 1st and 2d Platoon's patrol base was located at (BT 052713) while the 3d Platoon occupied a platoon patrol base in the vicinity of (BT 050712). At first light this morning the company continued its search and destroy mission in the HAI AN Peninsula but did not make contact with the VC.

(4) Company "D" continued to occupy and patrol its assigned portions of the Battalion's TAOR but did not make enemy contact.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "I". A platoon patrol base was established at (BT 031655) but no contact was made with the Viet Cong.

(2) Company "K". At 081820H the 3d platoon LP (BT 000659) observed two groups of four VC near (BT 002657). The VC fired one round from a carbine and the Marines returned fire with two machine gun bursts. One VC was wounded and dragged away by his comrades. 81mm mortars were fired at the VC with undetermined results. The VC withdrew to the south.

At 082130H the LP at (AT 982657) observed movement about 100 meters to the front by two VC. Three rounds of small arms fire were received. The Marines returned sixty rounds of small arms fire on two separate occasions with no apparent effect on the enemy. The LP returned to the CP and a squad (rein) was dispatched to the area to set ambushes in the near vicinity. No further enemy contact was encountered during the night. The 3d platoon established a "U" shape block in the vicinity of (BT 003663) in support of the 59th RF Battalion operation in QUA GIANG (2) (BT 003665).

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d platoon Co. "B" will patrol in grid square (BT 0869) and will return to their CP early 10 November. Company "C" returned to the Battalion CP at 091600H and will not continue the search of the HAI AN Peninsula as planned. A platoon of Company "A" will enter the Peninsula at 100630H tomorrow to conduct a three-day patrol in that area until the 12th.

B. 3d Battalion. Company "K" will establish a platoon patrol base at HA DONG (AT 998643). Company "I" will establish a platoon patrol base at NHON THO (2), (BT 013653) and Company "L" will have a platoon patrol base at (AT 959652). All patrol bases will be manned during the night and the platoon will patrol in that area during the daylight hours.

C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	
<u>Squad</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	13	7	0	0	0	20	
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	10	8	0	0	0	18	
<u>Platoon</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	1	14	7	4	1	27		
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	14	8	3	4	29		

4. Miscellaneous. The FLSG - ASI#1 is employing forty SID devices around the perimeter of the ammunition dump. To date, fifteen hundred meters of barbed wire has been emplaced around the perimeter. However further perimeter has been laid in the form of 100 alert stakes.

5. 1st Battalion. Today at 091200H the 2d Platoon Company "B" moved its CP to (BT 071669).

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5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. There were no significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company treated three adult females and three children for skin ulcerations and minor ailments at their CP (AT 970661). Mike Company corpsmen treated one child for a laceration on the foot at their CP (AT 997704). The USMC aid station for civilians treated one adult female and seven children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>T4OR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	38
Danang	3/9	18

D. PSY-WAR.

A. 1st Battalion. The 1st Platoon of Company "A" will conduct a three day patrol in the HAI AN Peninsula area and emphasis will be placed on face to face persuasion. Propaganda leaflets will be distributed to the villagers.

B. 3d Battalion. The Corps Psy-War Battalion Audio Team visited the Company "K" CP from 091100H to 091400H. The team presented movies and tapes to the villagers and passed out propaganda leaflets. All 3d Battalion patrols passed out propaganda leaflets today.

Late Entries

(1) At 091300H the 2d platoon of Company "A" commenced a search of the hill mass in the vicinity of (BT 068705) for seven VC reported hiding in caves in that area. A local Vietnamese guide was being used. At last report no enemy contact had been made.

(2) At 091500H the patrol designated Lima Papa 8C, received five rounds of automatic carbine fire while in the vicinity of (AT 964654). One Marine was WIA as a result of the fire which came from (AT 966649). The patrol moved to a landing zone in the vicinity of (AT 965657) in order to evacuate the wounded Marine. A squad size reaction force was sent to secure the LZ.

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(3) At 091500H, three VCS were apprehended at (AT 999683) by Marines from H&S Company. One VCS had attempted to run from the Marines and the other two possessed a new Navy blanket. All three were sent to ITT.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 125 as of 101000Z November 1965.

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Opps	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	4	1	6	
3d Bn	0	0	0	3	4	7	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	7	0	0	20	
3d Bn	0	9	9	0	0	18	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	14	7	4	1	26	
3d Bn	1	12	9	3	4	29	

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 098660)	091950H	PATROL	CO"B"1/9/2WIA's	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (AT 068658)	092320H	PATROL	CO"L"3/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (AT 992653)	100715H	S&C	CO"K"3/9/1KIA	UNK/NONE

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B. Operational Highlights. No traffic approached the river block (BT 032663) today indicating that indigenous personnel realize the significance of the barrier. There were 3 Marines WIA and 1 KIA during this period.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company "A". At 100630H one plt entered HAI AN Peninsula to commence 3 day combat patrol. At last report no enemy contact.

(2) Company "B". Patrol Redwood Bravo HQ was reentering CP at 091950H when they received 5 rounds of 60 mm mortar fire in vicinity of (BT 098660) from southwest. At same time CP received 50 rounds of small arms fire from northwest. Two sqds and 2 tanks were sent to assist and VC broke contact. An 81mm mortar mission was fired on suspected VC positions. Results unknown. Two Marines received minor wounds from mortar fire.

(3) Company "C" remains at Bn CP and maintains responsibility of Bn reserve Co.

(4) Company "D" continues to occupy and patrol southwest portion of Bn TAOR with no contact.

(5) Company "L", 3/3 remains under OPCON of 1/9 and occupies positions at Marble Mountain Airfield. Co "L" also has responsibility of security for MCB-8 and MCB-9. No enemy contact.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Company "H". Prior to darkness 2d plt (rein) established FPB at (BT 015658). No enemy contact.

(2) Company "K". Prior to darkness plt (rein) established FPB at (BT 001658). No enemy contact. From 100500H to 101000H Co (-) S&C operation in GS (BT 9965). One KIA by unknown explosive device at (AT 992653).

(3) Company "L". At 092320H sqd(rein) patrol LF9B received S/A fire at (AT 968658). 1 WIA evac'd 100700H C&C. Plt (rein) patrol LF9C departed CIB 100600H. Patrolling GS (AT 9564), (AT 9565), (AT 9665), (AT 9664), (AT 9766). LF8C plt (rein) departed CIB 080600H and patrolled GS (AT 9766), (AT 9664), (AT 9565), (AT 9765), (AT 9766), (AT 9764) until 100600H. Prior to darkness 9 Nov FPB established at (AT 959653). No enemy contact.

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(4) Company "M" continued to provide security for FLSG-ASP#1 and for rear portion of Bn TAO. Also assisted National Police at MIEU DONG check pt. (BT 017685) during daylight. Co "M" 3/3 also provides security for FLSG-ASP#1.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. One plt Co "A" will patrol in HAI AN Peninsula. FB will be established tonight and patrols conducted in vicinity of PPB throughout next reporting period. At 110800H Co "C" will commence on position relief of Co "D". At 111200H Co "D" will commence relief of Co "A" at the bridge, and waterpoint (BT 072702), French Bunker (BT 082697), OP at (BT 064682). Co "D" will also assume responsibility of rear area security. Co "A" (-) assumes mission of Bn reserve when relief completed.

#### B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Company "I". 1st plt (rein) will establish FB at (BT 040645) prior to darkness for conduct of night patrols in MSS (BT 0264), (BT 0364), (BT 0263), (BT 0363). Plt secures 110700H.

(2) Company "K". 1st plt (rein) plans S&C opn GS (AT 9965) and (BT 0065) from 110800H to 120800H with night PPB at (AT 996658). From 120800H to 121300H Co (-) (rein) S&C opn GS (AT 9964).

(3) Company "L". Prior to darkness plt (rein) will establish FB at (AT 955643) for night patrolling and ambushes. Plt (rein) will depart CPB at 110600H to conduct 24hr patrol activities in LE SON/ANTRACH area (AT 963648) with night PPB at (AT 963659). Platoon will secure 120600H.

(4) Company "M" will be relieved of its mission of providing security for FLSG-ASP#1 upon arrival of remaining elements Co "M" 3/3 (ETA 101800H). Co "M" CP and 1-plt will displace to Bn CI 11 Nov. Plt will provide perimeter security for Rural Construction Area on coordinated basis with 59th RF Bn; special emphasis on QUA GIANG (2) (BT 002665) and YEN NE (4) (BT 977677). Another plt will be prepared to provide security for remaining Rural Construction Area as required.

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C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	4	2	6	
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	4	8	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	13	8	0	0	21	
3d Bn	0	7	7	0	0	14	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	1	2	1	0	0	4	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	14	8	4	2	28	
3d Bn	2	9	8	4	4	27	

4. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. At 101300H Bn Area Security Council met to discuss security of village officials and their families. Also discussed was resupplying front-line companies by truck/tank convoys.

B. 400 yds of barbed wire were emplaced around FLSG-ASD#1 today.

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668 and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company treated 4 adult females, 4 adult males and 6 children for minor ailments at their aid station (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated 2 adult females and 6 children for minor ailments at (AT 989678). India Company distributed 1 case of C- rations to the Pacification Team at NHON THO (2) (BT 021656). India made arrangements for secure living quarters for the Pacification Team at NHON THO (2) (BT 021656). India also reported that villagers in MIEU DONG (1) (BT 022678) are very friendly.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	36
Danang	3/9	22

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D. PSY-WAR

(1) 1st Battalion. At 091400H Vietnamese boy came to Bn CP with bullet wound in leg. Boy claimed VC shot him. He was treated and taken to PHAN NUC village where people were told of VC brutality.

(2) 3d Battalion. Company "K" patrols distributed 4 types psy-war material: VC Letter, sample VC Script, President Johnson's message on American Forces In Viet Nam, leaflets asking villagers to help in locating VC.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 126 as of 11000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

4. Box Score

(1) Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Opsns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	6
3d Bn	0	4	2	0	2	2	2	8
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	13	8	0	0	0	0	21
3d Bn	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	18
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	14	8	0	4	2	2	28
3d Bn	1	15	11	0	2	2	2	29

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES/ MAP</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 028660)	111100H	PATROL	CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 028660)	111100H	PATROL	CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 000656)	111100H	PATROL	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 986660)	111100H	DEF	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS

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B. Operational Highlights. For 2d day in succession no traffic approached the river block (AT 032663). Three VCS were apprehended today. One of them was on blacklist.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Company Second plt continued to patrol in village of HOA PHOUNG GS (BT 0371). Last night plt established a patrol base (PB) at (BT 048717) and conducted patrols within 1000 meters of platoon patrol base (PPB). This morning at first light plt continued mission in HOA PHOUNG. After completion of relief between Co C and Co D, Co A assumed mission of Battalion reserve.

(2) Co B. continued to patrol southeast portion of Bn TAOR without contact during this reporting period.

(3) Co C. At 110800H first elements of Co moved by AMTRAC's to vicinity of (BT 033668) and (BT 035689) where they began on position relief of Co D. Relief was completed by 1200H.

(4) Co D. At 110800H first elements of Co started to move by AMTRAC back to Bn CP after being relieved by Co C. At 111200H Co D commenced relief of Co A at bridge and waterpoint (BT 072702), French Bunker (BT 082697), and OP pt (BT 064682). Co D also provides rear area security. The relief was completed by 1600H.

(5) Co L, 3/3 remains OPCON of 1/9 and provides security for Marble Mountain (Danang East) area, including MAG-16, MCB-8, MCB-9, and hospital construction site. Co L patrolled north to Danang bridge without contact.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co F. Plt (rein) patrol, IP10C, established a PB at (BT 037647) prior to darkness. Patrols were conducted in GS (AT 0165), (AT 0265), and (AT 0364). Recon patrol was conducted from 110900H to 111130H in vicinity of (BT 015652). On return route, at 111100H, one VCS was apprehended at (BT 028660) when ID check revealed he was on blacklist. He was sent to ITT.

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(2) Co K continued to patrol in GS (AT 9865). First plt (rein) conducted S&C opn in vicinity of (AT 9965) which began at 110800H. At last report there was no enemy contact.

(3) Co L. Plt (rein) patrol, LP9C, established a PB at (AT 955645) prior to darkness and conducted patrols in GS (AT 9564). Co patrols covered GS (AT 9666), (AT 9667), (AT 9766) and (AT 9767).

(4) Co M continued to provide security for rear portion of Bn TAOR. First and 2d plt's comprise Bn reserve. One fireteam assisted National Police during daylight hrs at MIEU DONG check point (AT 016685).

(5) Co M 3/3 continued to provide security for ASP#1 (AT 983734).

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. At 120630H Co A (-) will depart Bn CP with three AMTRAC's to conduct detailed search and destroy opn in AN LUU (DT 035678), MAN QUAN (1), (BT 0368) and MAN QUAN (2), (BT 0468) and KHAI TAY (1), (BT 0468). Second plt of Co A which is now patrolling village of HOA PHUONG, will join Co A (-) in vicinity of MAN QUAN (1) (BT 0368) to assist in search and destroy mission. Co A will establish company patrol base (CPB) at MAN QUAN (2), (BT 045684) on night of 12-13 Nov and conduct patrols and ambushes from patrol base. The Bn plans to experiment in use of aluminum boats and outboard motors in conjunction with AMTRACS on river between (BT 059718) and (BT 068703) sometime during next twenty-four hrs. Commencing at 111800H Co L 3/3 will assume responsibility of patrolling area from MCB-8 to bridge at (BT 045761) and between the SONG NH River and the road from (BT 048765) to (BT 067723). Tomorrow at 120700H elements of Co A will occupy blocking positions from (BT 038700) to (BT 031692) in support of S&C opn being conducted by company from 59th RF Bn.

B. 3d Battalion. Co I plt (rein) patrol LP11A will establish PB at (BT 014651) prior to darkness Co K plt patrol K-1 will establish PB at (AT 997653) prior to darkness. Co L plt (rein) patrol LP10C will establish PB at (AT 963639) prior to darkness Co K (-) (rein) will conduct S&C opn in vicinity of H4 PONG GS (AT 9964) from 120800H to 121300H.

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C. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	7	2	9	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	0	30	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	34
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	1	12	0	30	7	2	52	
3d Bn	0	3	0	34	4	3	44	

4. Miscellaneous.

A. The following CP's have been relocated as follows;

(1) 1st Battalion

Co C CP - (BT 033668)  
 1st Plt - (BT 034664)  
 2nd plt - (BT 055689)  
 3rd plt - (BT 033688)  
 Co D (-) - (BT 067713)

(2) 3d Battalion

Co M CP, 1st plt, 2d plt - (AT 993677)

B. At 111030H, elements of 703d RF Co, which have been attached to supporting 3d Bn, 9th Marines were attached on temporary basis to 59th RF Bn. The 703d RF Co contingent will allow protection for hamlet pacification teams at LIEM LAC (1) (BT 023686), NHON THO (1) (BT 002644), and CO MAN (BT 227690). At 102130H, ambush at (AT 973686) by 593d RF Co killed one VC and captured four VCS, three of whom are women. One chicom submachine gun and hand grenades were captured by the RF unit.

C. Co M 3/3 completed 500 meters of double apron fence around ASP#1 today.

D. SID Devices

(1) 1st Battalion employs 14 SID devices with front line companies and eight in the Bn rear area.

(2) 3d Battalion employs 19 SID devices with front line companies and three in the Bn rear area.

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5. Civil Affairs ( For details see daily Civil Affairs Report)

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report. Today at 111000H HOA LONG (BT 0770) Village Chiefs and Bn staff officers held meeting at Bn CP to discuss security of village officials and their families. It was decided that all trees in and around village will be cut. PF's will be used to guard village officials and families. Village officials will be accompanied by at least two PF's whenever leaving village. PF's will be used to guard school while is in session. Village chiefs and families will establish residence in the Bn CP 12 Nov.

B. 3d Battalion. Lima Company treated one male for a schrapnel wound in the stomach at (AT 970661). Also treated at the same location for skin ulcerations were two ARVN's. The USMC aid station for civilians treated four adult females and ten children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

TACR	UNIT	NO TREATED
Danang	1/9	29
Danang	3/9	66

D. Psy War.

(1) 1st Battalion. This morning I corps psy war team went into hamlet of TAN LUU (BT 077703) and showed Pro-American movies, passed out magazines and propaganda pamphlets. They also passed out surrender pamphlets for villagers to pass on to VC. Patrols also passed out surrender pamphlets throughout Bn TACR.

(2) 3d Battalion. CO "K" distributed copies of VC letter and anti-communism posters in GS (AT 9865).

## LATE ENTRIES:

1. At 111100H, one VCS was apprehended by CO "K" patrol in vicinity of (BT 000656). He was taken to ITT.
2. At 111100H, one VCS was apprehended by CO "K" near the CO CP (AT 986660) for having a faulty ID. VCS was sent to ITT.

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	7	2	9		
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	22	0	4	26		
<u>Squad</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	11	30	0	0	41		
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	8	0	0	8		
<u>Platoon</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	1	00	0	0	1		
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	33	0	0	0	3		
<u>Company</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	1	0	0	0	0	1		
<u>3d Bn</u>	1	0	0	00	0	1		
<u>Total</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	1	12	30	7	2	52		
<u>3d Bn</u>	1	3	30	0	4	38		

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 023667)	111115H	SECURITY	CO" I" 3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (BT 963657)	112115H	SECURITY	CO" L" 3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (BT 997657)	121110H	S&C	CO" K" 3/9/2WIA	UNK/2WIA
QUANG NAM/ (BT 105649)	120700H	PATROL	CO" B" 1/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE

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B. Highlights

A. Co A, 1st Bn, used six 14 foot aluminum boats on the CAU DO River today between (BT 059718) and (BT 068703). The boats are powered by five  $2\frac{1}{2}$  HP and one 40HP engines. The boats are being tested for their effectiveness and may be used for river operations in the future.

B. Co K, 3d Bn, contacted the TAN HANH Village Spokesman (AT 997654), Mr. PHAM NANG, who passed on information concerning VC activities. He said that 10-20 VC came there every night. He said the VC route is from HI DONG (AT 995645) north to AWTAN HANH and east to NE TAN HANH. He stated that they usually leave to the east. He reaffirmed that the VC collect taxes in March, August and December according to the lunar calendar.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~2. Operations.A. 1st Battalion.

(1) Co A. At 120630H, Co A (-) departed Bn CP with three AMTRAC's to conduct a detailed S&C opn in AN LU'U (BT 035678), MAN QUAN (1), (BT 0368), and MAN QUAN (2), (BT 0468), and KHAI TAY (1), (BT 0468). The second Plt, which has been patrolling in village of HOA PHUONG GS (BT 0372) and (BT 0472) established Platoon Patrol Base (PPB) at (BT 048708) last night and patrolled in grid square (BT 0470) and (BT 0570). This morning the second plt joined Co A (-) in vicinity of MAN QUAN (1), (BT 0368), and assisted in S&C mission. At 120700H, elements of 59th RF Bn occupied blocking positions from (BT 028700) to (BT 031692) in support of S&C opn being conducted by Co A. This blocking position was manned until 121200H. (See below for supporting units.)

(2) Co B. At 120700H, a patrol designated Redwood Bravo Homer 11A was entering HA QUANG (4) Hamlet (BT 105649) when they received sporadic fire from four automatic weapons and three semi-automatic weapons. One Marine sustained a minor wound from enemy fire and was not evacuated until after patrol returned to Co B CP. Two tanks and one squad of infantry were dispatched from Co B CP to assist the patrol. The reinforcing element searched the village and found expended .30 caliber cartridges throughout the area. The patrol returned to the Co CP (BT 091667) without further contact.

(3) Co C. At 120220H, a LP at (BT 049665) observed figures moving north to east at (BT 046666). LP fired 30 rounds 7.62mm and received three rounds fire in return before the ten VC fled. 81mm Mortar Section at Co C CP (BT 053668) fired several rounds illum, but the LP did not observe any activity in the area. A squad was sent out at first light to check area but found no bodies or evidence of enemy casualties. At 120930H, Redwood Charlie patrol apprehended one female VCS at (BT 037675) who was 20 years old and had no ID card. She was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(4) Co D. Provided security for Bn CP without making enemy contact.

(5) Co L 3/3. Provides security for MAG-16 at Marble Mountain Airfield. One squad in position between hospital and MCB-9 at (BT 060735). No enemy contact was made during the last twenty-four hours.

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B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I. Conducted patrols and ambushes last night and today in grid squares (BT 0165), (BT 0265), (BT 0365), (BT 0266) and (BT 0366). 1st Plt, IPLLH, established Plt Patrol Base (PPB) prior to darkness last night at (BT 012648). At 111925H, one Marine, a member of a detail positioning trip flares in the vicinity of (BT 023656), was WIA by a fragmentation grenade thrown by VC positioned nearby. Two 40mm grenades were fired into the area suspected of harboring the VC, but they broke contact. The wounded Marine did not need to be evacuated.

(2) Co K. Patrolled and established ambushes in grid squares (AT 9666), (AT 9665), (AT 9766) and (AT 9765) last night and today. The 1st Plt (K11C) established PPB at (AT 997653) last night prior to darkness. From 121000H until 121500H, Co K (-) reinforced by the 1st Plt, Co M, conducted S&C opn in GS (AT 9964). At 121110H, two Marines were WIA by a booby-trap at (AT 997647). The type of booby-trap is not known. The wounded were evacuated by helicopter. At 121115H, a booby-trapped ChiCom grenade discovered at (AT 993643) was blown in place. A similar booby-trapped grenade was blown in place vicinity (AT 995645) at 121258H.

(3) Co L. Patrolled and established ambushes last night and today in grid squares (AT 9765), (AT 9965) and (AT 9967). The 3d Plt patrol (L11C) established a PPB at (AT 963657) last night prior to darkness.

(4) Co M. Provides security for the bridges at (AT 994656), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). One Fire Team, 2d Plt, provides security MIEU DONG Check Point (BT 018685) during daylight. Two platoons are held in Bn reserve. Co M patrolled GS (AT 9967) last night and today.

(5) Co M 3/3. Provides security for ASI #1 (AT 983734).

C. Friendly Forces. NGU HANH SON (Five Mountains) Operation.

(1) 59th RF Bn. Continues pacification operation in 9th Marines T/AR. 9th Marines provides combat support and limited administrative and logistical support.

(a) At 120600H, one Company of the 59th RF Bn departed Bn CP at LO GIANG (1), (AT 025705), moved through LIEM LAC (2), (BT 024697) to CO MAN (BT 028691), established blocking positions (BT 027690) to (BT 033668) supporting S&C opn east of river being conducted by 1st Bn, 9th Marines. Blocking positions were established by 120730H and remained in position until 121200H and returned Bn CP without having made enemy contact.

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(b) 593 RF Co. At 121000H located cave being used to cache VC supplies at (AT 969696). The following materiel was found: 50 .30 cal. MG rounds loose, 100 SMG rounds, one case of M-36 cartridges, one belt 1.5 meters long of LMG ammo, one meter of electric wire, tools for 60mm mortar, shoes and sandals.

3. Plans Summary.

A. 1st Battalion. Tonight Co A will establish a Co Patrol Base (CPB) in MIN QUAN (2), (BT 045684), and will conduct patrols and establish ambushes in grid squares (BT 0468), (BT 0568), (BT 0368) and (BT 0469). After operations in KHAI TAY (1), (BT 050686), are completed tomorrow, Co A (-) will return to Bn CP and become Bn reserve while one plt will patrol to north of grid line (T70) in the HOA PHUONG area grid square (BT 0372) and (BT 0472).

B. 3d Battalion. 3d Plt, Co I, (III1A), will establish PIB at (BT 031642) prior to darkness. 2d Plt, Co K, (K11D), will establish PIB at (AT 998638) prior to darkness tonight, and 3d Plt, Co L, (III1C), will establish PIB at (AT 966643) prior to darkness.

C. Friendly Forces.

(1) 59th RF Bn. Has not announced plans for tomorrow as of yet.

D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans.

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout	Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
3d Bn	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	26
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	5	0	0	0	0	17
3d Bn	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	13
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	1	12	5	6	2	2	0	26
3d Bn	1	11	31	0	0	0	0	43

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4. Miscellaneous. 2d Ilt, Co M, CI relocated (AT 997703).

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Medical assistance was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668) by five corpsmen and fifteen bars of soap were handed out. The Buddhist Monastery (BT 072702) has requested assistance to complete a pagoda. The village will investigate the needs of the monks. The village chief of HOA LONG has agreed to support a campaign to clear up the streets of Marble Mountain, using trash barrels donated by 1st Bn.

B. 3d Battalion. Medical assistance was administered by corpsmen at TAN HANH (AT 999654), Co L CR (AT 970661), (AT 997704) and at a civilian aid station at (AT 989678). Toys were distributed to 100 boys and clothing to adults at GIANG NAM (BT 025656). Co I reported the villagers are moving out of VIEN TAY, (BT 017646) where the VC reportedly are planning a mortar attack. Co K talked to PMAM HANG, TAN HANH Village spokesman at (AT 999654). He passed on information of VC activities in this village and expressed a desire that the government can re-establish control over this village soon. (See the 9th Marines Civil Affairs Report.)

C. Medical Treatment

<u>T/MR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	15
Danang	3/9	47

D. Psy-War

(1) 1st Bn. None

(2) 3d Bn. Co K distributed pamphlets which told the VC to surrender to receive medical aid, food and shelter in grid squares (AT 9964) and (AT 9965).

Late Entries. 1st Battalion. At 121410H, Redwood Charlie 32 patrol received ten rounds of fire at (BT 036661) from vicinity (BT 037661). Patrol returned 200 7.62mm rounds, one 3.5 inch W round and four 40mm grenades. The enemy broke contact and the patrol continued its planned route.

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1. Ninth Marines HighlightsA. Box Score(1) Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Onns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	22	0	4	26
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	12	5	0	0	17
3d Bn	0	0	8	0	0	8
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	1	13	5	6	2	27
3d Bn	0	3	30	0	4	37

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM (BT 105651)	130640H	PATROL	CO "B" 1/9/1 WIA	UNK/1 WIA (1 RCB)*

\*Reference Para 2,4, (2)

B. Operational Highlights

(1) Two AMTRAC's were used for cover in support of two aluminum boats with Co D searching Vietnamese boats between coordinates (BT 060724) and (BT 041761).

(2) One Marine was wounded as a result of S/A fire at (BT 108647) and was helicopter evacuated to C&C.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. Last night after searching MAN QUAN (2), (BT 045684) Co A established a Co Patrol Base (CPB) at (BT 048685) and conducted patrols and established ambushes in grid squares (BT 0468), (BT 0568), (BT 0368) and (BT 0469).

This morning at first light the Co moved out and conducted a search of KHAI TAY (1), (BT 050686). The Co completed the search without making enemy contact and the Co (-) returned to the Bn CP at 130800H and assumed Bn reserve. The third plt remained in the area and will patrol grid squares (BT 0569), (BT 0570) and (BT 0571) today and tonight. At last report the plt had made no enemy contact.

(2) Co B. At 130640H patrol dispatched by the third Plt Co C was at (BT 105651) moving into position to search HA QUANG (4) hamlet (BT 108647) when they received 250 rds of S/A fire from six VC in a covered trench line near the village. VC were armed with 2 automatic weapons and four semi-automatic weapons. Patrol returned fire with 500 rds of S/A and one 3.5 WP round. The VC broke contact. The patrol searched the area and found a large pool of blood in VC firing position. One Marine was WIA and evacuated by helicopter. Patrol continued its mission without making further enemy contact.

(3) Co C. Continued to occupy the south west portion of the Battalion's TAOR without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co D. At 122030H elements of Co D occupying positions at the bridge and water point (BT 071701) received two rounds of semi-automatic S/A fire from tree line south of their position. The weapon sounded as if it was equipped with a silencer. After the two rounds of small arms were fired, a hand grenade exploded about 30 meters outside the perimeter. The Marines returned ten rounds of 7.62 fire. A fireteam was later sent out to investigate the area but found no evidence of enemy casualties. Today, between 131230H and 131600H a squad from Co D experimented with two 14 foot aluminum/outboard motor boats and two AMTRAC's in the river between (BT 061724) and (BT 061761). The two AMTRAC's were used to cover the aluminum boats as they searched Vietnamese boats.

(5) Co E 3/3 continued to occupy positions at the Marble Mountain Airfield without making enemy contact during the last twenty-four hours.

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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I. Patrolled and established ambushes in grid squares (BT 0165), (BT 0265), (BT 0266), (BT 0365), (BT 0366) during this reporting period. At 131415H Co I CP (AT 023656) received 20 rounds of semi-automatic fire from (BT 016654). Marines returned 3.5, 81mm and small arms fire. A physical search of VC positions produced negative results.

(2) Co K. Conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 97 9864), (AT 9865), (AT 9866), (AT 9964) and (AT 9965) during the past 24 hours. Co K 3d plt patrol KP12A established PFB at (AT 980659) prior to darkness.

(3) Co L patrolled and established ambushes in GS (AT 9664), (AT 9764), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766) during the past 24 hours. Co L, 2d plt patrol KP11C established PFB at (AT 966642) prior to darkness.

(4) Co M provided security for the bridge at (AT 994624), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). One fireteam, 2d plt, provides security MIEU DONG Check Point (BT 018685) during daylight hours. Two plts are held in Bn reserve.

(5) Co M 3/3 provides security for ASR#1 (AT 983734). Co M 3/3 constructed 350 meters of double apron tactical wire and were employed for clearing and grading.

(6) Friendly Forces. The 11th Ranger En, ARVN began operations in the area bounded by (BT 023634), (BT 042642), (BT 032618) and (BT 052625). They will remain in this area until 16 Nov.

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The third plt, Co A will continue to patrol in the vicinity of HOA I HUONG tonight. A Patrol Base (PFB) will be established tonight at (BT 054713). At 140630H the third plt will move out of the Platoon Patrol Base (PFB) and patrol to the northwest. At 141200H the Third Plt will be relieved by the First Plt in the vicinity of (BT 062717). The First Plt will continue to patrol HOA I HUONG area until 17 Nov.

B. 3d Battalion. Co I, 1st plt patrol KP13A established PFB at (BT 010645) prior to darkness. Co K, 2d plt patrol KP13B will establish PFB at (AT 995645) prior to darkness. Co L, 1st plt patrol KP12C will establish PFB prior to darkness.

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C. Friendly Forces

(1) 59th RF Battalion. Normal patrols will be conducted during the next 24 hours.

D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ons</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Arbushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	5	2	2	7	6
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	6
<u>Squad</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	9	26	0	0	0	35	35
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	8	5	0	0	0	13	13
<u>Platoon</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
<u>Company</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	10	26	5	2	2	43	43
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	11	5	4	2	0	22	22

4. Miscellaneous

## A. CR Location as of 13 November.

9th Mar - (AT 996725)  
 1/9 (BT 068715)  
 Co A (BT 068715)  
 Co B (BT 092667)  
 Co C (BT 053668)  
 Co D (BT 068715)  
 3/9 (AT 992678)  
 Co I (BT 023657)  
 Co K (AT 993666)  
 Co L (AT 967660)  
 Co M (AT 983677)  
 Co M 3/3 (AT 985713)  
 Co L 3/3 (BT 063738)

B. 59th RF Battalion. Reported no enemy contact during the night of 12-13 Nov. Today at 130800H two plts of the 703 RF Co were temporarily detached from the 9th Marines. One plt (-) moved to (BT 038725), one plt (-) and headquarters group moved to (BT 025704). Fifteen RF remains at (BT 015679) and provides security for the CR. At 131210H small arms fire from (AT 975667) wounded one civilian. Two platoons of RF searched the area where the fire originated but made no contact with the VC.

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5. Civil Affairs (For details see daily Civil Affairs Report)

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. India Company corpsmen treated five adult females and fifteen children for minor ailments at GIANG NAM (BT 025656). Kilo Company corpsmen treated one adult female and ten children for minor ailments at (AT 985661). Also treated were four adult females, one adult male and eight children for skin ulcerations at (AT 978650). Lima Company corpsmen treated two adult females and nine children for a variety of ailments at their CP (AT 970661). Also treated was an adult female for a bullet wound in the leg at the same location. The USMC aid station for civilians treated seven adult females and twenty-four children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678). Three medical workers from the Pacification Team working in the vicinity of Lima Company treated sixty-four civilians over the past three days.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	24
Danang	3/9	66

D. Psy-War

(1) 3d Battalion. The Corps Psychological Warfare Radio Team presented an audio program and distributed appropriate psy-material at BO MUNG (1) (BT 024656). The two themes stressed were: Support the GVN; GVN Hamlets offer a happy life. India Company provided security.

Late Entries VIP

A. LT GEN RIENTGES, USA, DEPUTY COMUSMACV accompanied by MGEN WALT, were briefed by COL GORMAN and staff at the 9th Marines CP.

B. Marines were entertained by MARTHA RAYE, star of stage and screen, at the Regimental CP and front line CP.

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I. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Onns	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	9	0	26	0	0	35
3d Bn	0	8	0	6	0	0	14
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	0	26	5	2	43
3d Bn	1	11	0	6	4	2	24

(2) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 08168)	132100H	TFB	CO"B"1/9/3 WIA's	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 082687)	132120H	AMBUSH	CO"B"1/9/NONE	UNK/1 KIA (1 CODY C.) 3 WIA's (2 R) 1 RUSSIAN R

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QUANG NAM/  
(BT 072701) 132215H SECURITY CO "D" 1/9/1 WIA UNK/NONE

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 043677) 140830H PATROL CO "C" 1/9/NONE UNK/1 VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 010647) 140630H PATROL CO "I" 3/9/NONE UNK/9 VCS

B. Operational Highlights

(1) A coordinated Air Strike/Artillery TOT between 1800-1830 at Hill 42 (AT 948597). Four 1000# Naplam tanks and 28 5" Zuni Rockets were delivered by two F4B's from MAG-11. Ninety rds of 105mm were fired by L Batt 2/12. Results of this mission were two buildings left burning, secondary explosions and the south side of Hill 42 neutralized. At 1900 a leaflet drop (pattern#22-65) was dropped over the target area.

(2) Three friendly (USMC) from Co B, 1/9 were wounded as a result of VC grenade. These 3 WIA were Medevac'd to C&C. Ref para 2 A (2).

(3) One VC KIA and three VC WIA (prob) were the account of the ambush by Co B, 1/9. One Russian rifle was recovered from this ambush. Ref 2 A (2).

(4) One friendly (USMC) WIA from Co D 1/9 as a result of enemy grenade explosion near bridge at QUANG NAM. Ref 2 A (4).

(5) Today the 1st Bn reported that as result of their experimenting with two 14 foot aluminum/outboard motor boats on 13 Nov. in the river between (BT 060724) and (BT 041743) 30 boats were checked and one suspicious person apprehended. It was reported that the boats would be very effective in river/boat searches providing more coverage and security could be afforded. It was concluded that two boats with motor could be conviently carried in an AMTRAC and that five Marine could occupy one boat. During this reporting period Co's A and B completed an M-18 mine warfare school being conducted during the past week.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion.

(1) Co A remains at the Battalion CP site and is Bn reserve. Co A made no enemy contact during this reporting period. The 3d plt which is patrolling in the HOA PHUONG area established a Patrol Base at (BT 054713). This morning at 140630H the plt moved out of the Patrol Base (PB) and patrolled to the northwest. The 3d plt was not relieved by the 1st plt today as planned, but continued to patrol the HOA PHUONG area without making enemy contact.

(2) Co B. At 132100H three hand fragmentation grenades were thrown into the perimeter of a Platoon Patrol Base (PPB) at (BT 081689) by an estimated seven VC wounding three Marines. The VC fled to the southwest and ran into a Co B ambush established at (BT 082787). The ambush opened fire on the fleeing VC with approximately 250 rds of S/A and four hand grenades, killing one VC (body count) and possibly wounding three others. One VC weapon, described as a Russian rifle, was recovered. The three Marines sustained minor wounds and were evacuated by helicopter. No other Marine casualties were reported.

(3) Co C. At 140830H patrol designated Redwood Charlie 14B apprehended one VCS 28 years of age at (BT 043677). The VCS had ID card but was caught throwing away pieces of paper that contained headlines about MAG-16. The VCS was taken to 3d ITP. VCS captured 13 November identified this VCS as VC guerrilla.

(4) Co D. At 132200H elements of Co D manning OP at Marble Mountain (BT 075711) reported observing an undetermined number of VC moving in vicinity of (BT 076708). Twelve 81mm mortar illumination rds were directed into the area but no further VC activity was observed. At 132215H elements of the 1st plt occupying positions at the bridge and water point (BT 072701) received one hand fragmentation grenade in their perimeter. One Marine was wounded in the left knee. An ambulance, accompanied by a fireteam and other vehicle, was dispatched by the Bn Aid Station to evacuate the wounded Marine. The Marine directed fire on the suspected VC position with no obvious results. Thirty-one 81mm mort. illumination rds were directed into the area but no VC activity was observed.

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(5) Co L 3/3. At 132000H Co L observed three unidentified men moving under the illumination of a flare at (BT 062738). The Marines fired one 40mm rd and two 7.62 rds. A patrol was dispatched to investigate area but found no evidence of VC activity.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0164), (BT 0265) and (BT 0366) during past 24 hours. First plt established PPB at (BT 012645) prior to darkness. At 132000H IAI3A, a squad ambush operating out of 1st PPB, opened fire on one VC approaching from the southeast. Afterward, the immediate area was physically searched with negative results. Concurrent with this action an estimated nine VC commenced firing on 1st plt PB (BT 013645). Small arms fire was exchanged and Marines employed arty illum and 81mm WP. A physical search produced negative results. At 140630H, as 1st plt, IPI3A, was returning to Co I CP, nine VCS were apprehended at (BT 010647) and evacuated to ITT.

(2) Co K patrolled and established ambushes in GS (AT 9664), (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765) and (AT 9767) during reporting period. Second plt established PPB at (AT 995645) prior to darkness.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9664), (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). Third plt established PPB at (AT 995645) prior to darkness. At 131845H Co L CP (AT 967660) received small arms fire. By contacting the Marine liaison officer with the 59th Bn, Co L Cmdr coordinated withdrawal of RF units to positions north of eastwest grid line (T675). Marine mortar, arty and small arms fire was brought to bear on (AT 969661). A daylight search revealed negative results. At 131925H squad patrol IAI2C received two or three twenty-round bursts of machine gun fire (AT 969647). They returned small arms fire and VC broke contact. At 140615H squad patrol IPI3C blew one booby-trapped mine in place at (AT 959646). At 141234H a grenade and trip flare were destroyed in the vicinity of (AT 967649).

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(4) Co M conducted an ambush in GS (AT 9967). Second plt provided security for the bridge at (AT 994686), (AT 999699) and (AT 998704). The fire team assisting VN National Police at MIEU DONG Check Point (BT 026658) during daylight hours reported several irregularities occurring yesterday. Many vehicles were not thoroughly checked. Some vehicles were not even stopped. The National Police allowed one vehicle carrying a large quantity of corn and gasoline to continue south. The driver of a vehicle carrying 500 20mm rounds and 100 #10 cans was taken to HOA VANG. Two men carrying four large rolls of light gauge wire and a large box of cigarettes were stopped by the National Police, but released by an ARVN Officer. At 140720H two Vietnamese civilians driving northeast in a willys Jeep struck a TNT mine located at (AT 995691). The injured Vietnamese were rendered first aid and evacuated to ARVN hospital. Attached eng. units conducted detailed sweep of MSR. First plt, Co M conducted an S&C opn from 141200H to 141600H in GS (AT 9967).

(5) Co M 3/3 provides security for ASP#1 (AT 983734). Co M 3/3 continued to prepare minefield on site.

#### C. Friendly Forces

(1) At 131930H the 592d Co and Co L 3/9 were brought under fire from an estimated 30 Viet Cong from (AT 973670) and (AT 967675). An east west phase line was established along trail at (AT 975675) and all Regional Forces, PAF, and pacification Teams moved north of that line. Co L fired south of this line in support of Co 592. Contact was broken at 132000H with no friendly or enemy casualties reported. At 140200H 591 RF Co made contact with an estimated platoon of VC at (BT 033703). No casualties were reported for either side.

#### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d plt, Co A will establish a Patrol Base (PB) tonight and at first light 15 November will continue to patrol HOA THUONG area. Tonight's PFB at (BT 054712).

B. 3d Battalion. The 2d plt, Co I will establish a PFB at (BT 031643) prior to darkness. The 3d plt, Co K will establish PFB at (AT 985633) prior to darkness. The 3d plt, Co L will establish PFB at (AT 978651) prior to darkness.

C. 59th RF Bn. Normal patrols and ambushes will be conducted within the hamlets being defended. No other operations are planned.

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D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	7	2	9	
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	2	4	6	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	8	0	25	0	0	0	33
3d Bn	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	12
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	9	0	25	7	2	43	
3d Bn	0	11	0	8	2	4	25	

4. Miscellaneous

A. VII Congressman CORMAN (Calif) and Judge FERGUSON (Calif) visited the 9th Marines CP and were escorted on a tour of front line units by Col GORMAN.

5. Civil Affairs ( For details see daily Civil Affairs Report).

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668). Five medical corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. India Company corpsmen treated two adult females and ten children for minor ailments at GIANG NAM (BT 025655). Kilo Company corpsmen treated two children for skin ulcerations at (AT 985661). Also treated were twenty-eight children for a variety of ailments at (AT 981659). Lima Company corpsmen treated six adult females, two adult males and three children for minor ailments at their CP (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated eight females and fourteen children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TACR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	17
Danang	3/9	75

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D. Psy-War. 3d Battalion. Co K distributed 20 surrender leaflets in vic (AT 993658). 3d Bn Psy-War officer made liaison with Capt Frost, CA/Psy-War advisor for operation Five Mountains. Broadcasts of Psy-War materials were exchanged and plans were made for coordinated leaflet drops and helo-broadcasts.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 130 as of 151000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st En	0	0	0	7	2	9	
3d Bn	0	0	4	2	4	10	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	8	25	0	0	33	
3d Bn	0	8	4	0	0	12	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	2	0	0	0	2	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	25	7	2	44	
3d Bn	0	11	8	2	4	25	

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 090688)	141900H	PATROL	CO "B" 1/9/NONE	UNK/6 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 985634)	141930H	SECURITY	CO "K" 3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (AT 971666)	150615H	PATROL	CO "L" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2 VCS

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B. Operational Highlights

(1) Six VCS were apprehended as a result of an area search by Co B 1/9. Ref para 2A (2).

(2) One Marine WIA non-medevac as a result of fire fight between Co K 3/9 and VC. Ref para 2B (2).

(3) Two VCS were apprehended by Co L 3/9 and were sent to ITT. Ref para 2B (3).

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. The 3d plt continued to patrol the HOA PHUONG area. A platoon Patrol Base (PPB) was established at first dark at (BT 054712). Patrols were conducted within close proximity of the PPB. This morning at first light the plt continued to patrol the area. At 151110H the 3d plt was relieved by the 2d plt. The 3d plt returned to Bn CP at approximately 151140H. The 3d plt continued to patrol HOA PHUONG area without making contact with VC during this reporting period.

(2) Co B. At 141900H 1st Plt Co B pursued one male VC dressed in green pajamas in vicinity (BT 090688). Approximately 25 rds were directed at the fleeing VC. A stray rd hit and wounded a Vietnamese boy who was evacuated by helicopter. The area was searched but the VC that was being chased was not found. Six other VCS were apprehended in the same area and turned over to 3d ITT.

(3) Co C. At 141850H patrol designated Redwood Charlie 32 received four rds of S/H fire from the south at (BT 051661). Patrol returned fire with 30 7.62mm rds and two 40mm rds. The VC broke contact. No casualties were taken on either side. The patrol continued its mission without making further enemy contact.

(4) Co D. remained in the vicinity at the Bn CP and made no contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(5) Co L 3/3 continued to occupy positions at the Marble Mountain Airfield without making enemy contact during this reporting period.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I. Conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0166), (BT 0265), (BT 0362) and (BT 0463). Second plt established PPB at (BT 031643) prior to darkness.

(2) Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9863), (AT 9864), (AT 9865) and (AT 9965). First plt established PPB at (AT 985634) prior to darkness. At 141930H PPB received 20 rds small arms fire from (AT 980635). Marines returned small arms fire, 3.5 and 60mm HE rds, and enemy broke contact. One Marine WIA did not require med-evac.

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(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). Third plt established FPP at (AT 978651). At 150615H Co L CP local security apprehended two VCS at (AT 971666). One male VCS had recent headwound and traces of blood were found leading to his house. The female VCS claimed to be wife of a VC. VCS sent to ITT.

(4) Co M provided security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). At 142035H 2d plt Co M fire team patrolling between Bn CP (AT 991679) and bridge at (AT 994686) fired five rounds from (AT 992660) at one VC moving north at (AT 966692). Immediate area was searched with negative results. At 141700H two women were fined at MIEU DONG check point (BT 018685) for transporting four five-gallon cans of gasoline. The gasoline was not confiscated, and the women released.

(5) Co H&S providing perimeter security for Bn CP (AT 993678), reported halting, illuminating, and firing at two VC at (AT 998678). The enemy returned one round and broke contact. A physical search revealed negative results.

(6) Co M 3/3 provides security for ASP#1 (AT 983734). Co M 3/3 constructed 300 meters of double apron tatical wire and bulldozer continued to prepare mine-field area.

#### C. Friendly Forces

##### (1) 59th RF

(a) At 142030H Co 592 made contact with 3-4 VC at (AT 973670) and (AT 975668). 81mm mortars from 3/9 illuminated the areas. There were no reported casualties reported from this action.

(b) At 150930H a civilian bus struck a mine on Hwy #1 at (BT 032643). Two civilians were killed, one PVT was killed and four civilians were wounded as a result of this incident.

(c) At 142204H Co 591 contacted 10-15 VC at (BT 033703). No casualties were reported from this action.

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d plt, Co A will continue to patrol in the HOA PHUONG area. Tonight at first dark a Platoon Patrol Base (PPB) will be established in vic (BT 657779) At first light 16 Nov the plt will depart its (PPB) and continue its mission.

B. 3d Battalion. Co I, 3d Plt will establish PPB at (BT 032661) prior to darkness. Co K, 2d Plt will establish PPB at (BT 000654) prior to darkness. Co L will establish PPB at (AT 979671) prior to darkness. Co M will conduct fire team patrols between Bn CR (BT 991679) and bridge at (AT 994686) and between bridges at (AT 999689) and (AT 998704) at night prior to moonrise. Co M will conduct a squad ambush at (AT 997678). From 160800H until completion one plt Co M and two plts (-) from Co I will conduct S&C opns in vic of GS (BT 0463).

C. 59th RF Bn. Normal patrols and ambushes will be conduct within the hamlets being defended. No other operations are planned.

D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	7	2	9
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	0	4	2	4	10
<u>Squad</u>						
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	7	24	0	0	31
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	9	1	0	0	10
<u>Platoon</u>						
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	1	0	0	0	1
<u>3d Bn</u>	0	3	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>						
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>3d Bn</u>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Total</u>						
<u>1st Bn</u>	0	8	24	7	2	41
<u>3d Bn</u>	1	12	5	2	4	24

4. Miscellaneous. None.

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## 5. Civil Affairs (For details see daily Civil Affairs Report)

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 048668) and (BT 092668). Five corpsmen provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. Kilo Company corpsmen treated two children for minor ailments at (AT 985661). Lima Company corpsmen treated one adult male and three children for minor ailments at their CP (AT 970661). The USMC aid station for civilians treated four adult females and seven children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	31
Danang	3/9	15

D. Psy-War. 3d Battalion. A total of 50,000 VC letters were dropped in GS (AT 9564), (AT 9664), (AT 9764), (AT 9803), (AT 9963), (BT 0064), (BT 0164), (BT 0165) and (BT 0166).

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9th Marines SITREP Number 131 as of 161000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

4. Box Score

(1) Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st En	0	0	0	7	2	9
3d En	0	0	4	2	4	10
<u>Squad</u>						
1st En	0	8	24	0	0	32
3d En	0	9	1	0	0	10
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st En	0	1	0	0	0	1
3d En	0	3	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>						
1st En	1	0	0	0	0	1
3d En	1	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	1	9	24	7	2	43
3d Bn	1	12	5	2	4	24

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 105675)	161245H	PATROL	CO "D" 1/9 / NONE	UNK/4 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 065715)	161330H	PATROL	CO "A" 1/9 / NONE	UNK/3 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 062675)	161130H	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9 / NONE	UNK/1 VCS

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QUANG NAM/  
(BT 022637) 161200H S&C CO "I" 3/9/1WIA NONE/NONE

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 018638) 161250H S&C CO "I" 3/9/1WIA UNK/UNK

QUANG NAM/  
(AT 995689) 161430H SECURITY CO "M" 3/9/NONE UNK/1 VCS

B. Operational Highlights

(1) One Ontos from Co C, 3d AT Bn struck a landmine while supporting Co I, 3/9. Ref para 2B (1). No casualties.

(2) One Marine was WIA and evacuated as result of sporadic small arms fire. Ref para 2B (1).

(3) Co A 1/9 apprehended four VCS as a result of a beach/sea search utilizing AMTRAC's. Ref 2A (1).

(4) Co M apprehended one female VCS who was carrying information about U.S. Naval Forces. Ref para 2B (4).

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion.

(1) Co A. The 2d plt continued to patrol in the HOA PHUONG area. At dusk last night a PFB was established at (BT 057709) and the plt operated in grid squares (BT 0470) and (BT 0570). At first light this morning the plt departed its PFB and continued to patrol north. Commencing at 160700H one squad of the 3d plt, Co A used two AMTRAC's to search civilian boats along coast from vicinity Marble Mountain (BT 075710) south about 5000 meters. The search was conducted about 1,000 meters out from the beach. At 161245H this squad observed a boat in the water at (BT 105675) with five Vietnamese males in it. The five men were investigated and four of them were without ID cards. One was released and the other four were retained and turned over to 3d ITT. At 161300H two squads of the 2d plt Co A searching hamlet at (BT 050713) received three rds S/A fire from (BT 058710). The Marines returned fire with 42 rds 7.62mm and one 3.5 inch WP round. Two Vietnamese children were wounded in the exchange of fire and were evacuated by helicopter. The area was searched and blood was found in building from which VC were firing. The patrol continued its mission. At 161330H a patrol dispatched by the 1st plt Co A observed three Vietnamese males of military age at (BT 065715). The men were investigated and found to have no ID cards. The men were apprehended and turned over to 3d ITT. The patrol continued its mission.

(2) Co B continued to occupy the southeast portion of the Bn TAOB without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co C continued to occupy the southwest portion of the Bn TAOB. At 161130H a patrol dispatched by the 1st plt Co C apprehended one VCS at (BT 062675). The man did not have an ID card and was turned over to HOA VANG District Headquarters.

(4) Co D continued to occupy positions in the vicinity of the Bn CP.

(5) Co I 3/3. This morning at 160630H Co I commenced a search and clear operation in area between (BT 058730) and (BT 060725) from south to north. Elements of the Co occupied blocking positions at (BT 064725) and (BT 056740). Search elements moved by boat from vicinity (BT 050744) and moved south to (BT 060725) which was the assembly area. The op was completed at 161500H. No enemy contact was reported.

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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0163), (BT 0164), (BT 0165), (BT 0265) and (BT 0163). First plt established PPB at (BT 032661) prior to darkness. At 160745H 1st and 2d plt's Co M proceeded by truck to (BT 025657) where they joined 2d and 3d plt's Co I and a light section of ontos. This, under OPCON Co I commander, proceeded south on foot on Route one to (BT 032643). At 160830H Co I (-) (rein) began searching southwest on a route projected through AN TU (1) (BT 03638) and PHONG LUC (2) (BT 012632). At 161058H one ontos traveling in trace of an engineer searchingteam detonated a mine at (BT 026632). No casualties resulted but the ontos was rendered inoperable. Light section of ontos returned to Co I CP (BT 023657), from where the damaged vehicle was taken to maintaining unit for repairs. At 161200H one engineer was WIA while blowing a bunker at (BT 022637) and was evacuated by helicopter. At 161230H Marines located at (BT 019639) began drawing sparcadic small arms fire from PHONG LUC (2) (BT 013632) and AN TU (2) (BT 023628). At 161250H one Marine WIA by small arms fire was evacuated by air. At 161400H 2d plt Co I, 1st plt and 3d plt Co M, under OPCON Co M cntr, established a patrol base at (BT 012632) and 1st plt Co I departed Co I CP (BT 024657). After conducting S&C opn in GS (BT 0164), 1st plt Co I arrived Co I CP at 161515H.

(2) Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9764), (AT 9765), (AT 9864), (AT 9865), (AT 9964), (AT 9965). Second plt established PPB at (BT 000654) prior to darkness.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9664), (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). First plt established PPB at (AT 976643) prior to darkness.

(4) Co M provided roving and fixed security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704) and established an ambush in (AT 9967). Having established a patrol base at (BT 012632), 2d plt Co I and 1st plt Co M reverted to OPCON Co M commander at 161400H. At 161430H one female VCS was carrying a list of US Naval Ships in the Pacific and their captains, was apprehended at (AT 995689) and evacuated to AT.

(5) Co M 3/3 provided security for ASP#1 (AT 983734). Excepting the high ground, ASP#1 is now enclosed with tactical wire. Co M 3/3 cut 1000 short stakes for use in construction of double apron fences. Engineers surveyed minefield site currently being prepared.

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C. Friendly Forces. 59th RF Bn reports no enemy contact last 24 hours.

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Co A will continue to patrol in the HOA PHUONG area. A Platoon Patrol Base (PPB) will be established tonight at (BT 035718) and the platoon will patrol in GS (BT 0471) and (BT 0571). The plt will depart the PPB at first light and continued its mission. On the morning of 17 Nov Co B will conduct a search and clear opn from vicinity (BT 095665) south to vicinity (BT 110645). Two squads on five tanks will move from (BT 093667) to (BT 105644) where they will establish blocking positions between (BT 105644) and (BT 116648). Two squads of the 2d plt Co B will occupy blocking positions vicinity (BT 095655). When all blocking elements are in position the search elements will cross LOD between (BT 093663) and (BT 100667) and search through the objective area to LOD between (BT 105644) and (BT 116648).

B. 3d Battalion. Third plt Co K will establish PPB at (AT 975643) prior to darkness. Second plt Co L will establish PPB at (AT 969648) prior to darkness. By 170700H the following blocking positions will be established: 2d plt, Co I from (BT 006644) to (BT 010640), 1st plt (-) Co K, 1st section ontos, 1st section tanks from (AT 989643) to (AT 986642); 3d plt Co K from (AT 984636) to (AT 984627). By 170830H 2d plt Co K will establish a block from (AT 994641) to (BT 003645) after conducting S&C opns in GS (AT 9966) and (AT 0065). At 170700H 1st plt Co I, 1st plt and 3d plt Co M will move into position along trail from (BT 020638) to (BT 000633) as driving forces. The S&C opn will commence at 170830H.

C. 59th RF Bn. Normal patrols and ambushes will be conducted within the hamlets being defended. No other operations are planned.

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D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Opsns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	8	2	10	
3d Bn	0	0	0	2	4	6	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	25	0	0	35	
3d Bn	0	6	4	0	0	10	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	2	0	0	0	2	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	11	25	8	2	47	
3d Bn	1	8	4	2	4	19	

4. Miscellaneous

A. Representatives Saylor (R-1ENN) and Edmundsen (D-1LL) visited the 9th Marines CI and talked and dined with Marines from their respective home states. Later the two dignitaries visited frontline units of 1/9.

5. Civil Affairs (For details see daily Civil Affairs Report)

A. 1st Battalion. Medcap treatment was given at (BT 092668), (BT 073703) and (BT 048668). Five corpsmen and one doctor provided the treatment. No significant cases to report.

B. 3d Battalion. India Company corpsmen treated a child brought into their CI (BT 023657) who had been badly beaten by his father. After administering first aid he was evacuated to the USOM Hospital in Danang. Kilo Company corpsmen treated three adult females and fourteen children at (AT 985629) for minor ailments. Also treated were three adult females and 20 children for minor ailments at (AT 986661). Lima Company corpsmen at (AT 970661) treated five adult females and seven children for a variety of ailments. Also treated was a small child who was burned severely by a lamp overturned. The USMC aid station for civilians treated six adult females and seven children for a variety of ailments at (AT 989678).

C. Medical Treatment

<u>T/Or</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>No Treated</u>
Danang	1/9	78
Danang	3/9	69

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D. Isv-War. Co K distributed 150 pamphlets in BIC H BLO Hamlet (AT 985630). The pamphlets contained a message from President Johnson explaining the American mission in Viet Nam. A helicopter leaflet drop of 50,000 VC letters was made over GS (AT 9760), (AT 9759), (AT 9860), (AT 9859), (AT 9960), (AT 9959), (BT 0059), (BT 0060), (BT 0061), and (BT 0362). The letter was written by a young VC who escaped the Battle of Chu Lai. In this letter he expresses beliefs in GVN/USA victory and pleads with his mother not to allow his two brothers to join the Popular Front. The original copy of this letter was found six weeks ago in the vic of VIEM TAY (3) (BT 032637) during a 3d Bn S&C opn. It has since been reproduced for mass distribution.

Late Entries. 1st Battalion. The 1st Bn reinforcing temporarily security of Naval Support Activity vic (BT 063825). Ambushes are being provided by elements of 3d Recon Bn during 15 and 16 Nov. Ambushes are being established in vic of (BT 064826) and (BT 064825). No VC contact was reported during the last twenty-four hours. Ambushes are being established west of MCB-8 and MCB-9 by elements of Co L 3/3. No enemy contact has been reported.

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	8	2	10	
3d Bn	0	0	4	2	0	6	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st En	0	10	25	0	0	35	
3d En	0	2	2	0	0	4	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	3	0	0	0	0	3	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	11	25	8	2	47	
3d Bn	3	3	6	2	0	14	

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 053657)	161830H	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/1KLA*
QUANG NAM/ (BT 018638)	161300H	S&C	CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 011634)	161100H	S&C	CO "I" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS

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QUANG NAM/ (BT 025690)	161700H	S&C	CO" I"3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 010633)	161700H	S&C	CO" M"3/9/2KIA, 4WIA CO" I"3/9/1WIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (BT 001642)	170645H	S&C	CO" K"3/9/NONE	UNK/2KIA
QUANG NAM/ (BT 991635)	171045H	S&C	CO" M"3/9/1KIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 112648)	171100H	S&C	CO" B"1/9/NONE	UNK/7 VCS

\* The following items of equipment were captured: one US .30 Carbine, one cartridge belt, five Carbine magazines, two CHICOM stick grenades, one M4A1 Trip flare, one 4.5V battery, one camouflage cover, and one pair black trousers.

B. Operational Highlights. The 3d Bn completed a two day S&C opn this afternoon. Four VCS were reported apprehended and two VC were killed during this reporting period. A patrol from Co B killed one VC at 161830H at (BT 053657) and recovered his equipment. While conducting an S&C opn ~~today~~ Co B destroyed numerous VC fortifications and apprehended seven VCS.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. The 2d plt continued to patrol in HOA PHUONG Village. A PPB was established last night at (BT 055100) and the plt patrolled in GS (BT 0471) and (BT 0571). This morning at dawn the plt departed the PPB and continued to patrol the area until 171100H when relieved by 2d Plt, Co D, at (BT 040517). 2d Plt, Co A, returned to the Bn CP.

(2) Co B. At 170625H Co B departed its CP and moved to vicinity (BT 093667). From this point two squads moved on five tanks to vicinity (BT 105644) and established blocking positions between (BT 105644) and (BT 116648). Two squads of the 2d plt moved to (BT 095655) where they established blocking positions. After all blocking elements were in position the Co (-) crossed the LOA between (BT 093663) and (BT 100667) commencing a S&C opn south to a LOA between (BT 105644) and (BT 116648). During this opn, Co B destroyed 250 yards of freshly dug trench line at (BT 106664). Fifteen bunkers were destroyed in same area. Four hundred yards of fence was destroyed from (BT 109654) east to the beach. One hundred yards trench was destroyed at HA QUANG (4), (BT 112640) and 300 yards of trench line and punji stakes were destroyed from (BT 110650) east to the beach. Seven VCS were apprehended at HA QUANG (4), (BT 112648), who were turned over to 3d ITR. The Co returned to the CP at 171230H without making further enemy contact.

(3) Co C. At 161830H Redwood Charlie 17B patrol received three rds fire from one VC at (BT 053657). The patrol returned fire with small arms fire and pursued the VC, killing him. One U.S. Cal. 30 Carbine, a cartridge belt containing five magazines, cleaning gear, two CHICOM stick grenades, one M4A1 trip flare, one 4.5 volt battery, one camouflage cover and a pair of black trousers were found on the body. At 162210H an ambush established at (BT 050659) by elements of the 1st Plt, Co C, fired at two VC approaching from the west. The VC returned fire and one attempted to flank the ambush. The ambush continued to fire on the VC and 81mm mortar HE and illumination were fired at the VC position. The VC broke contact. No friendly casualties were sustained and there were no known VC casualties. The Marines returned to their PPB without further contact. At 170900H elements of Co C were investigating the area of last night's ambush at (BT 050659) when they observed villagers carrying a female on a stretcher. The woman had fragmentation wounds in the head. The woman was taken to Co C CP (BT 053673) and evacuated by helicopter.

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(4) Co D. At 171100H the 2d plt relieved the 2d Plt, Co A, of its responsibility of patrolling the HOA PHUONG Village at (BT 040517). The 2d Plt, Co D, continued to patrol the area without making enemy contact.

(5) Co L 3/3. One squad of Co L in position at (BT 060733) received three rds fire from village at (BT 071733). The squad returned fire with eight rds fire. The enemy fire ceased and no further contact was made.

B. 3d Battalion. Continued Battalion S&C operation south of BAU XAU River in grid squares (AT 9963) and (BT 0663).

(1) Co I. The 3d plt remained in defensive positions. The 1st plt was attached to Co M for the S&C Opn today. The 2d plt blocked from (BT 007646) to (BT 011643) from 170645H until 171530H when the plt returned to the Co CP at (BT 023657). Yesterday afternoon 1st Plt, Co I, apprehended two VCS at (BT 018638) at 161300H and one VCS at (BT 011634) and one VCS at (BT 025690) at 161730H which were not reported on yesterdays Sitrep. These VCS were evacuated to ITT today.

(2) Co K. The 1st plt remained in defensive positions today vicinity (AT 988662). The 2d plt departed defensive positions at first light this morning and moved south to the BAU XAU River and established a block from (AT 996641) to (BT 003644) until 171100H when they moved south of the river using the bridge at (AT 991642) and swept the south bank of the river in grid squares (BT 0064) and (AT 9963). The 2d plt returned to the bridge where they maintained blocking positions until 171545H when they withdrew under cover of an airstrike at (AT 995617) and returned to Co K positions. At 170630H 3d plt departed PPB at (AT 979546) and moved to the west bank of BAU XAU River vicinity (AT 999630) where they blocked during the S&C Opn returning to the Co K positions at 171545H. At 170645H the 2d plt observed two VC in the river at (BT 001642) and killed both with small arms fire. One body was recovered from the water along with a bundle containing one carbine magazine and documents which were not described.

(3) Co L. The 2d plt established a PPB prior to darkness last night at (AT 969648). The Co patrolled and established ambushes last night and today in grid squares (AT 9665), (AT 9765), (AT 9766) and (AT 9766) and (AT 9866). The 1st and 3d plts were held in reserve today for the Battalion S&C Opn.

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(4) Co M. The 2d plt provides security for the Bn CP and bridge at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). Co M (-) was moving to night defensive position vicinity (BT 010633) when the 1st plt at (BT 008633) was engaged by 20-30 VC who layed down a heavy volume of small arms fire from three positions (BT 007633), (BT 005631) and (AT 996635). The plt also received 60mm mortar rounds. The Marines returned fire with M-14's, M-60 MG's, 60mm mortars, M79's and requested artillery fire which was delayed for a med-evac mission. While the med-evac was in progress, armed helicopters made strikes on the enemy positions. After the airstrike, artillery mission were fired at (BT 008640) and (BT 004635). Fourty-nine rounds 105mm HE were expended between 161820H and 161900H.

Two Marines were killed (DOW) and five were wounded. At 170730H Co M (-), reinforced by the 1st plt Co I departed (BT 010633) and moved west through grid squares (BT 0063) and (AT 9962) to the BAU XUA River and then moved north through BIC NAM (BT 991635) where a detailed search was made of the hamlet and railroad bed. At 171045H heavy fire was received from an undetermined number of VC at (AT 996631) killing one Marine. An artillery mission was fired at 171050H and 36 rounds 105mm HE were expended at (AT 996631). The VC broke contact and a search of the target area did not reveal evidence of VC casualties. At 171530H, after completing search of BIC NAM Hamlet, Co M crossed railroad bridge and returned to company positions.

(5) Co M 3/3. Provides security for ammo dump at (AT 983734, with ASP#1. The Co layed 1500 meters of defensive wire today.

(6) A light section of tanks from Co B, 3d Tank Bn, with a squad from 1st Plt, Co K, moved to (AT 990643) at 161930H and remained there during the S&C opn today.

C. Friendly Forces. At 170400H RF Co 592 received spodic fire at (AT 955675) and one PAT member was WIA. The RF Co returned fire and the enemy broke contact. Enemy casualties were unknown.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Plt, Co D will continue to patrol the HOA PHOUNG Village during the next 24 hours. At dusk a PFB will be established at (BT 044715). The 1st squad will be at (BT 056711), the 2d Squad at (BT 048712) and the 3d Squad at (BT 051717). Nine ambushes will be established throughout the area. At dawn tomorrow the platoon will depart its PFB and continue its mission.

B. 3d Battalion: The 1st Plt, Co K, will establish a PFB at (AT 998654) prior to darkness tonight. 1st Plt, Co L will establish a PFB at (AT 969646) prior to darkness tonight.

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C. 59th RF Bn. Continues Operation Five Mountains. Will provide security for PAT teams and conduct patrols and ambushes in hamlets being defended.

D. Box Score Summary of Operation Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	9	5	2	16		
3d Bn	0	0	4	4	5	13		
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	10	29	0	0	39		
3d Bn	0	2	9	0	0	11		
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1		
3d Bn	0	2	0	0	0	2		
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	38	5	2	56		
3d Bn	0	4	13	4	5	26		

4. Miscellaneous

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d Plt, Co B, CP moved to (BT 092687)

5. Civil Affairs

A. 1st Battalion. Five corpsmen gave medical treatment at (BT 092668) and (BT 048668) distributed food and gave out 37 bars of soap. Clothing was given to 110 persons in the village of NUI KIM SON Hamlet (BT 073704).

B. 3d Battalion. None Reported.

C. Medical Treatment

<u>T&amp;OR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TREATED</u>
Danang	1/9	37

D. Psy-War

(1) 1st Battalion. The Battalion Psy War Officer attended a Psy War seminar today being held at III MAF Theater. This is a two-day seminar being held 17-18 November.

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(2) 3d Battalion. Co I provided security and a company corpsman in support of the I Corps Psy-War Audio Team in BO MANG (1), (BT 027657). From 161500H to 161800H the Audio Team held sick call and presented an audio-visual program to 65 villagers. At the close of the program thirty copies of a Vietnamese agricultural Magazine were distributed.

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To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 133 as of 181000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

a. Summary of Activities

	S&C	Opsns	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	3	5	2	16	
3d Bn	0	0	4	4	5	13	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	11	23	0	0	40	
3d Bn	0	2	9	0	0	11	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	2	0	0	0	2	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	3	0	0	0	0	3	
3d Bn	0	0	0	00	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	38	3	2	57	
3d Bn	3	4	13	4	5	29	

(B) Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM/ (BT 093643)	180900H	PATROL	CO "B" 1/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (AT 969649)	180930H	PATROL	CO "L" 3/9/2WIA	NONE/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 003643)	181046H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 KIA
QUANG NAM/ (AT 979623)	181140H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 P

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C. Operational Highlights

(1) The 3d Bn supported the ARVN search and destroy operation in the 9th Marines TAOR today. Co K, in blocking positions, killed two VC. Co I and Co M, 3/3, moved to reinforce the ARVN this afternoon.

(2) A VC defector from THON CON DAU Hamlet (BT 034777) surrendered to the 59th RF Bn at MIEU DONG (BT 017681) this afternoon.

(3) At 171820H, the 9th Marines Liaison Officer attached to the RF Headquarters at MIEU DONG (1), (BT 017681), reported a fourteen year old boy from CO MAN Hamlet (BT 028691) turned in two .30 cal (carbine) rifles, four grenades, one VC ID card and various unidentified documents to the RF Headquarters. The boy will be rewarded.

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2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion. At 172315H the western sector of the Battalion CP perimeter received ten rounds of S/A fire at (BT 068715) from an estimated eight VC. Marines manning the perimeter returned fire with 100 rds of S/A and 14 81mm mortar rds were fired on the enemy positions. One VC was believed to be hit. The VC broke contact and moved north toward the dike at (BT 061718). At about 162400H Marines on the CP perimeter (BT 068715) noticed more movement to the west and an AO observed approximately seven boats in the river west of the perimeter. Armed helicopters made two rocket runs on boats. Damage on boats was not assessed. At 180010H MCB-8 (BT 061728) received four incoming S/A rds. They returned the fire with S/A and the enemy fire ceased. At 180014H a squad size patrol was dispatched from the 1st Battalion CP. The squad departed the CP and searched 400 meters north and south of CP along river. The patrol observed five boats adrift along river but was unable to investigate them. Patrol reported finding no evidence of VC casualties. The patrol returned to the CP at 180140H. At 180145H the En perimeter was placed on 50% alert. All illumination ceased at 180135H. A total of 110 rds of 81mm mortar illumination rds were fired and two rds of 105mm illumination. No friendly casualties were sustained.

(1) Co A remained at the Bn CP site as Bn reserve. No enemy contact was made during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co B. At 180900H a patrol Redwood Bravo 17G received 100 rds S/A fire from approximately six VC at (BT 093643). The patrol returned fire with S/A and the VC broke contact. One Marine was wounded in the shoulder and was evacuated to C&C by helicopter.

(3) Co C. conducted patrols and established ambushes in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co D. The 2d plt continued to patrol in HOA PHUONG Village. At dusk a PPB was established at (BT 044715). The 1st squad was at (BT 056711), the 2d squad at (BT 048712) and the 3d squad was at (BT 051717). Nine ambushes were established throughout the area. At dawn this morning the platoon departed its PPB and continued its mission.

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(5) Co L 3/3 remained in position at the Marble Mountain Airfield and conducted patrols and established ambushes along the river west of MCB-8 (BT 063725) and MCB-9 (BT 057737) without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0165), (BT 0265) and (BT 0366). At 171620H, 2d plt, Co I located at (BT 010642) was returning from Bn S&C opn when they observed 20 VC in the open at (BT 007633). Battery was fired for effect but results are unknown. At 181400H Co I, minus the 3d Plt, moved southwest to establish a blocking position from (BT 006644) to (BT 010640) in support of the ARVN forces engaged with a VC unit vicinity (BT 995633). The VC reportedly were attempting to escape to the east.

(2) Co K. The 3d plt established a PPB last night prior to darkness at (AT 975643). Co K (-) the 2d plt, reinforced by the 1st plt, Co M, moved out prior to light this morning and by 180450H was in blocking positions from (AT 986636) to (AT 985029), and from (BT 004646) to (BT 000642), and (AT 989625) to (AT 985621) in support of the ARVN search and destroy operation today south of the BAU XIU River. At 181046H the 1st plt, Co K, killed one VC at (BT 003643). The body was across the river and could not be recovered. At 181140H, the 3d plt killed one VC at (AT 979623). The body was recovered but he had no weapon. A large tunnel (dimensions not indicated) was found at (AT 983620). The tunnel had dugout shelves lined with plastic and apparently had been used for ammunition storage. No materiel was found.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9865), (AT 9965) and (AT 9767). The 3d plt established PPB at (AT 962658) prior to darkness. At 172400H Co L (AT 962658) detected movement at (AT 962658) and heard drums and bugles. The VC fired small arms and an explosion was heard. Marines returned small arms and one 81mm HE rd at (AT 963654). VC broke contact moving south. At 180930H two Marines on a patrol at (AT 969649) were WIA by a booby-trapped grenade. Both Marines were evacuated. A similar booby-trap was found at (AT 969649) and blown in place at 150930H.

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(4) Co M provides security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). At 080230H 3d plt, under opcon Co K, departed Bn CP for Co K CP and was attached for todays operation.

(5) Co M 3/3 continues to provide security for ASP#1 (AT 983734). At 181400H Co M (-) moved by truck to the 3d Bn CP and then began moving by foot to establish a blocking position from (BT 006644) to (BT 010640).

(6) H&S Co Nine 60mm mortar rds at 172130H on the Battalion CP perimeter (AT 991677). The mortars were fired by ARVN at (AT 975674) in support of a PAT at (AT 983682). Marines had seen blinking lights at 2100H and this information was relayed to ARVN units. PAT incorrectly identified Bn CP as the target.

#### C. Friendly Forces

(1) 59th RF Bn. Continues Five Mountains Operation in the 9th Marines TAOR. At 172130H the PAT Flt in YEN NE (2) and (3) Hamlets received light small arms fire from (AT 982683) from an undetermined number of VC. Four rds of fire was returned under 81mm mortar illumination fired by 3d Bn, 9th Marines. No enemy were sighted. At 180900H a plt of the 591 RF Co working in CO MAN Hamlet (BT 028691) discovered a cave (coordinates not given) in which was found one carbine, two hand grenades, one mine, four magazines and one cartridge belt. At 181000H a school was opened in the THON CAM DAU Hamlet (BT 034726) for the first time in many months. The pacification team has distributed propaganda widely in this area. The attitude of the people towards the government is good, and the opening of the school created enthusiasm among the adults and children. At 180900H the PAT in QUANG CHAU (2) Hamlet (BT 005688) continued its propaganda program. The PAT formerly in CAM NE (2), (AT 980680), moved to DUONG SON (3), (AT 993673), in order to work in LE SON (1), (AT 980660), YEN NE (1), (AT 988663) and DUONG SON (2), (AT 993673). Patrols will be sent to CAM NE (1) and (2), but no attempt will be made tp pacify the villagers since they eventually will be moved to a New Life Hamlet.

(2) At 1800H ARVN Bn (-), two RF Companies (TAY HO), and the 5th Troop, 4th Armored Bn, conducted a search and destroy operation in the 3d Bn, 9th Marines TAOR south of the B4U XAU River. Co K (-) reinforced by the 1st Plt, Co M, blocked along the railroad track. At 181230H the Division reserve was put on alert to move to reinforce the ARVN units which reportedly had a VC unit engegeed in the vicinity (AT 988663). Co I, 3/9 and Co M 3/3, began moving to reinforce. By 181400H Co M (-) had moved by truck to the 3d Bn CP. Details of the ARVN engagement are not known at this time.

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Beginning at first light on 19 Nov the 1st Bn (-) will conduct search and destroy operation in the southeastern portion of the 9th Marines TAOR to locate, engage and destroy elements of a reported VC Bn believed to be located in the area between grid lines (T62) and (T65) and east of grid line (B09). Commencing at first light, elements of Co C with the mission of blocking to the west of the HA XAU River, and Co A (Rein) with the mission of searching the populated area in GS (BT 1262), will cross separate LOD's and move to their positions on separate axes. Co A will move down South China Sea coast to a point just east of the objective area and then deploy and move west to secure objective 1 in GS (BT 1262) and provide block for Co B. Elements of Co C will depart last positions just west of HA XAU River. Co B will assemble and cross the LOD between (BT 105650) and (BT 113650) at about 190700H to commence the search and destroy mission towards the southeast within the "horseshoe" formed by the HA XAU River and the South China Sea, to the LOD. A forward command group with a section of 81mm mortars, and accompanied by remaining tanks and LVT's will move to positions between (BT 120635) and (BT 117637). The 2d Plt, Co D, will continue to patrol the HOA PHUONG Village, operating out of a PPB at (BT 044715). At dawn tomorrow the platoon will continue its mission.

B. 3d Battalion. 3d Bn and 51st RF Bn will continue coordinated S&C opns in the area between grid lines (T61) and (T64) and route 1 on the east and the BAU XAU River on the west. The 1st plt will establish PPB at (AT 959649) prior to darkness.

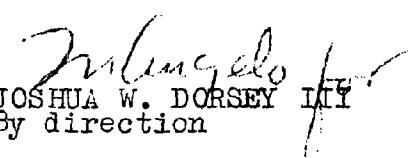
D. Box Score Summary of Operational Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	7	3	14	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	0	27	0	0	0	38
3d Bn	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3d Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	3	12	0	27	6	2	50	
3d Bn	3	7	4	4	7	3	24	

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4. Miscellaneous. None.5. Psy-War.A. 1st Battalion. None

B. 3d Battalion. The bulletin board in MIEU DONG (BT 017685) was brought up to date. A total of 150,000 leaflets of five different types, were delivered to Captain FROST, USA, S-5 advisor to QUANG NAM Special Sector, for use in Operation Five Mountains. The leaflets are a curfew notice, a plea to VC women to call their husbands home, an announcement of civilian collection point, a surrender plea and an advertisement of Marine and ARVN medical care for civilians.

  
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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

4. Box Score

(1) Activities

a. Summary of Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Onns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	4	0	4	2	10	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	27	0	0	0	38	
3d Bn	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
3d Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	3	12	27	6	2	580		
3d Bn	3	6	4	4	2	19		

(2) Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 128623)	190830H	S&C	CO"4"1/9/NONE	UNK/7VCOS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 989623)	181700H	S&C	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/6KIA 1VCC
QUANG NAM/ (AT 989623)	182000H	S&C	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCOS

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QUANG NAM/  
(AT 994636) 182000H S&C 00" M" 3/3/1 WIA NONE/NONE

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 104636) 190840H S&C 00" B" 1/9/NONE UNK/7VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 102632) 190930H S&C 00" B" 1/9/NONE UNK/NONE

B. Operational Highlights

(1) First Bn conducted a Bn (-) size opn in the southeastern sector of the 9th Marines TAOR. Ref para 2.

(2) First Bn (-) captured 14 VCS as a result of their opn today. Ref para 2A (1) (2).

(3) C6 B, 1st Bn discovered a VC field hospital and in turn was destroyed. Ref para 2B (2).

(4) Six VC KIA, 1 VCC and 1 VCS, were a result of Co K, 3/9 action against the VC. Ref para 2B (2).

(5) Advance elements of Co I 3/3 were night heli-lifted into DANANG Airfield. The remainder of Co I are being surface lifted via Navy Shipping today.

(6) Co H 2/3 relieved Co M 3/3, of responsibilities as ASR#1, who in turn were attached to 3/9 in a coordinated ARVN/US opn in the southern portion of the 9th Marines TAOR. This relief was effected at 191400H.

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2. Operation

A. 1st Battalion. At 190545H a forward command group departed the Bn CP, supported by a section of 81mm mortars, AMTRAC's and tanks, and moved to positions between (BT 120635) and (BT 117637). Command was shifted to the forward command group at approximately 190650H.

(1) Co A participated in the Bn (-) opn today being conducted in a triangular area to the east of the HA XAU River between north-south grid lines (T62) and (T65) and generally east of grid line (B09). On order the Co departed the vicinity of the Bn CP (BT 068715) and moved down the South China Sea coast to a point just east of the objective area and then deployed, and at 190640H moved west to secure objective (1) in GS (BT 1262) and provided a block for Co B in the vicinity of (BT 123630). At 190830H Co A was at (BT 128623) and reported that they had captured seven VCS. At 191530H Co A had started to move back their original positions without further contact.

(2) Co B. At about 190700H Co B assembled and crossed the LOD between (BT 105650) and (BT 113650) as part of the Bn (-) search and destroy operation being conducted in a triangular area to the east of the HA XAU River between north-south grid line (T62) and (T65) and east of grid line (B09). Co B searched the area within the "horseshoe" forward by the HA XAU River and the South China Sea, to the LON. At 190745H Co B received sporadic automatic S/A fire at (BT 106645). The search elements returned fire with small arms and the VC broke contact. At 190840H Co B apprehended seven VCS in vicinity (BT 104636). At 191010H 2d plt, Co B discovered a VC field hospital at (BT 103628). This was believed to be an ammo supply point also due to the fact that a unusual amount of expended cartridges of various caliber were found in the area. All material that was not destroyed was captured and returned to the Bn CP. At 190930H elements of 3d plt Co B received heavy automatic S/A fire from several directions at (BT 102632). Approximately 300 rds were received. The Marines returned fire with 400 rds of S/A fire and five 40mm rds. VC fled to south. Three Marines were wounded and were evacuated to C&C by helicopter. The plt continued its mission. Co B reached forward positions at 191420H and had apprehended 12 Vietnamese males and an unknown number of suspicious personnel. At 191530H Co B had completed the initial search and was moving north toward their original positions. Details on the VC field hospital are not available at this time. More details will follow this report.

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(3) Co C. At first light 1st Plt Co C moved by AMTRAC's and tanks to vicinity (BT 094635) deployed and established blocking positions between (BT 097627) and (BT 095637) in conjunction with search and destroy operation being conducted by the 1st Bn (-) today. Blocking elements were in position by 190650H. The 1st Plt secured from blocking positions at 191300H without making enemy contact.

(4) Co D. The 2d plt continued to patrol the HOA PHUONG Village. At dusk a PPB was established at (BT 044715) and patrols and ambushes were conducted throughout the immediate area. At dawn the plt departed its PPB and continued its mission. No enemy contact was made during the last 24 hours.

(5) Co L 3/3 remained in position at the Marble Mountain Airfield and conducted patrols and established ambushes along the river west of MCB-8 (Bl 061731) and MCB-9 (BT 058738) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0165) (BT 0166), (BT 0265) and (BT 0356). The 2d plt remained in defensive position today. At 191011H Co I (-) left CP and by 191100H had set in a blocking position from (BT 040643) to (BT 050638) for USMC/ARVN coordinated S&C opn. At 180100H Co I (-) began a sweep of GS (BT 0463) and (BT 0363). At 191430H a block from (BT 031630) to (BT 039622) was established.

(2) Co K. 2d Plt(-) maintained CP perimeter while one rifle squad and onelight section established a block at (AT 990642) for Bn S&C opn. Co K (-), the 2d plt, established blocks facing east from (AT 994621) to (AT 999626) and from (AT 985621) to (AT 989625). At 181700H 1st plt sighted and fired small arms at twenty VC at (AT 989623). Afterwards six VC bodies were seen floating down the river to their fronts. One VCS was apprehended at (AT 989623). He was not evacuated to ITT this morning. At 191030H 1st plt moved from block (AT 985621) to (AT 989625) to BICH BAC (AT 985630) and conducted S&C opn from 191000H to 191230H. At 191505H Co K (-) returned to Co CP.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). The 1st plt established PPB at (AT 959649) prior to darkness.

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(4) Co M. 2d plt continued to maintain roving and fixed security for bridge at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). Co M (-) established blocks from (AT 988643) to (AT 991644) and at (AT 985632). At 190700H 1st plt moved from block (AT 985632) to relieve 3d plt in place. 3d plt returned Co CP. At 191100H 1st plt placed under OIFCON M 3/3.

(5) Co M 3/3 occupied (AT 993636) during the night. At 182000H one Marine at IP was WIA when mistaken for enemy at (AT 991636). Marine required med-evac. At first light Co M 3/3 established a block from (AT 994630) to BT 004636), where it was joined by Co M 3/9 at 191200H. At 191330H moved east, sweeping between GL (T63) and (T64). At 191400H Co M 3/3 was relieved of perimeter defense of ASE#1 (AT 983734) by Co H 2/3.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Plt, Co A will continue its mission in HOA PHUONG. A PFB will be established tonight. The plt will continue its mission on 20 Nov.

B. 3d Battalion. Co E will establish PFB at (BT 012651) prior to darkness. Co K will establish PFB at (AT 984639) prior to darkness. Co L will establish PFB at (AT 958648) prior to darkness. Tomorrow Co M (-), 2d plt, will conduct S&C opn along west bank of river between (BT 026700) and (BT 042715) and along south bank of river from (BT 043718) to (BT 016720). Co M (p) will be reinforced by one squad 3d Engineers, one plt 3d Recon Bn, and one section 3d ANTRAC Bn.

### C. Box Score Summary of Operational Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Shipper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	5	2	7
3d Bn	0	0	4	5	3	12
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	11	28	0	0	39
3d Bn	0	7	0	0	0	7
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	1	00	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	12	28	5	2	47
3d Bn	0	10	4	5	3	22

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4. Miscellaneous. None.

5. Psy-War. 3d Battalion. Co L reports that since PAT and Psy-War teams (GVN and USA) have started working in the AM TRACH (1) area (AT 969643) villagers are more friendly, many men have returned to work in the fields, and several punji stakes have been dug-up and turned over to Marines.



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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

(A) Summary of Activities

	S&C	Opsns	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	4	2	10	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	11	28	0	0	39	
3d Bn	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	
3/3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	
3d Bn	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	
3/3	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	1	1	12	28	5	2	48	
3d Bn	0	0	7	4	4	2	17	
3/3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (AT 982629)	191830H	SECURITY	CO "K" 3/3 / NONE	UNK/3 KIA (FRONT)

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QUANG NAM/ (AT 967667)	201005H	S&C	CO "L" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 051640)	200900H	S&C	CO "L" 3/9/1KIA	UNK/UNK
QUANG NAM/ (AT 993619)	211610H	ARTY	2/12/NONE	UNK/8KIA 6 BUILDINGS DESTROYED

C. Highlights

(1) The 3d Bn (-), 3d Marines, arrived in the Danang area and came under OPCON 9th Marines 191830H. 3d Bn, 3d Marines, was put on 12 hour alert status.

(2) The 3d Bn conducted S&C operations on the YEN River, the VINH DIEN River and the SUOI MAU QUAN and apprehended one VCS.

(3) HQ Co, 9th Marines, 2/12, 3d Tank Bn, 3d Bn, 3d Marines, HOA VANG District Headquarters and HOA CAM Training Center conducted coordinated patrols in the 9th Marines rear area. No contact was made.

(4) At 201610H the 2d Bn, 12th Marines, massed fires on VC working in the trench line at (AT 993619). The AO reported eight VC KIA and six buildings destroyed.

(5) 3d Bn killed three VC with a 81mm mortar mission in support of RF forces at (AT 975673). Last night.

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2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion. At 192103H three men were observed near the Bn CP perimeter at (BT 067715). Marines on the perimeter fired 75 rds at the three men and screams were heard as they fled. Shortly before this incident, an OP at (BT 069717) observed three men in a boat in the river west of the Bn CP. After the firing and the 81mm illumination the OP reported seeing the boat again, but this time there were only two men in the boat. At 192200H a IP at (BT 067714) reported hearing wire being cut 30 meters to the front and requested 81mm illumination be fired. One round of illumination was fired and the sound ceased. The sound was heard again. The IP threw one hand grenade in the area where the sound was heard and the sound ceased. There was no evidence of VC casualties.

LATE ENTRY. A search and destroy operation was conducted the 1st Bn (-) in the "horseshoe" area (BT 1064) on 19 November between 190700H and 191530H. The operation resulted in an apprehension of 40 VCS who were turned over to 3d ITT for investigation, and one suspicious person who was evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation. One hundred villagers were screened and released. Five VC were killed and one was WIA. Three Marines WIA were sustained as a result of a booby-trap at (BT 102632). An installation described as a VC field hospital was discovered at (BT 103628). The installation was destroyed. No type of equipment found.

Investigation was completed.

(1) Co A. Provided security for the Bn CP site without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co B. conducted patrols and established ambushes in the southeast portion of the Bn TAOR without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co C. The 1st Plt Co C conducted an S&C opn east of the VINH DIEN River from grid line (T 649) south to the LOA between (BT 060634) and (BT 063635) in conjunction with a S&C opn being conducted west of the VINH DIEN River by Co M, 3/9, between 200730H and 201130H. At 201000H a tank from Co B, 3d Tank Bn, in support of the 3d plt hit a mine at (BT 063645). No casualties were sustained. One squad remained with the tank as security and another tank was dispatched from the Bn CP to assist the damaged tank. The damaged tank was returned to Co B, 3d Tank Bn, CP.

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(4) Co D. The 2d plt continued to patrol in the HOA PHUONG, Village grid square (BT 0372) and (BT 0472) without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(5) Co L 3/3. Provides security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility and conducted patrols and established ambushes along the river west and northwest of MCB-8 (BT 061731) and MCB-9 (BT 058738) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I. conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0064) (BT 0165), (BT 0265), and (BT 0366). Co I, minus the 3d plt, departed ~~at~~ 200645H to set in block from (BT 093624) to (BT 057629) for Co M (-), 3/3, S&C opn. Block was maintained from 200750H until 201130H when the Co returned Co CP arriving at 201315H.

(2) Co K. The 2d Plt, Co K, established PPB at (AT 997643) prior to darkness. At 191830H Co K CP began receiving heavy small arms fire from (AT 982629), occupied by six to eight VC, and from (AT 980662), occupied by four to five VC. Marines took both targets under fire with small arms, 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars, and 90mm cannister rounds. There were no Marine casualties. Enemy losses were not confirmed, but three VC were observed with a telescope sight being blown in the air and were presumed killed.

(3) Co L. patrolled and established ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). 1st plt established PPB at (AT 958648) prior to darkness. At 191830H Co L CP began receiving heavy small arms fire from (AT 982629) and (AT 980662). Co L returned small arms fire. Co K, receiving fire from the same location, used supporting arms. At 192300H the squad patrol LP18E heard noises, drums and movement at (AT 959644). An artillery mission was fired on the target and eight 105mm HE rounds were expended. A search was made of the area but there was no evidence of enemy casualties. At 200845H Co L minus the 1st plt crossed IOD moving north at (AT 968660) for S&C opn along east bank of Yen River to ARVN block at (AT 964688). Co A ~~44~~ from the east bank simultaneously. At 201005H a tunnel network (extent unknown) and one booby-trap grenade at (AT 967667) were destroyed by demolition charges. One VCS apprehended at the same coord. was evacuated to ITT. Two more tunnels (dimensions unknown) were destroyed at (AT 967670) by 201113H. Co L conducted S&C opn and returned to CP at 201700H.

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(4) Co M. 2d Plt, Co M continued to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704). Co M (-), reinforced by one squad 3d Engineers, five LVT's from 1st AMTRAC Bn, and one plt 3d Recon Bn, conducted a river S&C opn between 200900H and 201700H. the sweep included both banks of the river between (BT 026720) and (BT 043719) and both banks of the SUOI MAU QUAN Between (BT 042716) and (BT 030704).

(5) Co M 3/3. established CP at (AT 029640). At first light Co M departed CPB for LOD in S&C opn. Co M crossed LOD (BT 031647) at 200730H and searched along VINH DIEN River to Co I (-). 3/9, block at (BT 043624-BT 057629). The 1st Plt, Co C, 1/9, swept the east bank simultaneously. At 200900H Co M located at (BT 051640) received 15 rds fire from (BT 054640). One Marine was KIA. 1st Plt, Co C, searched enemy position with negative results. The search was completed at 201122H and Co M, 3/3, proceeded to Co I CP for transportation to 3/3 CP (AT 973709). All units arrived 3/3 CP by 201700H and Co M 3/3 reverted to OICON 3/3.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. At 191830H, the Bn (-) arrived in the 9th Marines TAOR. The BLT was dissolved and the Bn came under operational control of the 9th Marines. The Bn, minus Co M, was placed on 12 hour alert status at 192040H for possible employment outside the Regimental TAOR.

(1) Co I. provides security for FLSG ammunition dump (AT 987737) in coordination with ASI #1. Conducted one squad size patrol today in grid squares (AT 9773) and (AT 9873) assisted by two RF troops from HOA CAM Training Center. No contact was made.

(2) Co K. Arrived at Bn CP (BT 973707) at 191830H. Conducted one daylight squad size patrol today in grid squares (AT 9671), (AT 9771) and (AT 9772). Patrol was assisted by two RF troops from HOA CAM Training Center. No enemy contact was made.

(3) Co L. OICON 1/9 for security of Danang East Air Facility.

(4) Co M. OICON 3/9 today for S&C Opn. Will go OICON 3/3 prior to 201800H.

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D. Friendly Forces(1) 59th RF Bn. Continues Operation Five Mountains

At 191800H, the 591 RF Co discovered a cave in the hamlet of CO MAN (BT 028692) in which was found a packet of Viet Cong documents (not described) and four hand grenades. The documents indicated they belonged to a VC of some importance. At 191830H, the 592 RF Co made contact at (AT 972670) with an estimated VC plt and at (AT 964676) with an estimated VC squad. 3d Bn supported the Co with 81mm HE fire. Two WIA were sustained by the RF Co. Again at 2100H the Co came under fire and 3d Bn fired 81mm illumination followed by HE at a VC plt reported moving east in a paddy at (AT 975673). 26 rounds of illumination and 29 rounds of HE were expended. 59th RF Bn HQS conferred two VC KIA by body count. At 200500H, a Plt of 591 RF Co in the TRUNG LAM (1) Hamlet (BT 033703) was attacked by a small VC force (4-5). RF sustained two KIA and 6 WIA. The 59th RF Bn reported that its believed all personnel were seized when attacked, and escaped across the VENN DLEN River. The 1st Plt, 592Co, provided a blocking force east and west on the northern end of LA BONG (3) for the Co L. 3/9, sweep to the north. Ten RF troops were attached to Co M, 3/9, for the river sweep opn starting at (BT 1026719).

(2) HOA VANG District Headquarters, in conjunction with the patrol effort in the 9th Marines rear area, conducted daylight patrols in grid square (AT 9971).

(3) 3d Tank Bn conducted a patrol today in grid squares (AT 9870) and (AT 9871) without contact.

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Plt Co D will continue its mission in the HOA THUONG Village, establishing ambushes and patrolling in grid squares (BT 0372) and (BT 0472). There are no operations planned.

B. 3d Battalion. Co I will establish PFB at (BT 044647) prior to darkness. Co K will establish PFB at (AT 961649) prior to darkness. Co M, 3/3, will be dropped to operational control of 3/3 approximately 201800H.

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D. Box Score Summary of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	4	4	7	15
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	11	32	0	0	43
3d Bn	0	7	0	0	0	7
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	12	32	6	2	52
3d Bn	0	10	4	4	7	25
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0

4. MiscellaneousA. 3/3

Bn CP (AT 973707)  
 Co I 3/3 CP (AT 981731)  
 Co K 3/3 CP (AT 973707)  
 Co M 3/3 CP (AT 973707)

B. 1st Bn

Bn CP (BT 068715)  
 Co A (BT 068715)  
 H&S Co (BT 068715)  
 Co D (-) (BT 068715)  
 81mm Mortar (BT 068715)  
 Plt.  
 106 Plt (BT 068715)  
 Co B (BT 092667)  
 Co C (BT 048670)

C. 3d Bn

Bn CP (AT 992678)  
 Co I (BT 023657)  
 Co K (AT 985661)  
 Co L (AT 971663)  
 Co M (-) (AT 992678)  
 1st Plt, (AT 977704)  
 Co M

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5. Psy-WarA. 1st Battalion. None

B. 3d Battalion. A total of 50,000 leaflets were dropped over GS (AT 9663), (AT 9763), (AT 9563), (AT 9963), (AT 9662), (AT 9762), (AT 9862), (AT 9962), (AT 9861), (AT 9961), (BT 0061), (BT 0161), and (BT 0162). The leaflets were a plea to VC women to call their husbands and sons home.

C. 3/3. NoneLate Entry

A. At 201100H patrol Redwood Bravo 19C received ten rds S/A fire at (BT 095658) from an estimated one VC. The patrol directed 20 rds of S/A on the VC position and the enemy fire ceased. Patrol searched area but found no evidence of VC Casualties. At 201415H Vietnamese civilian brought a Vietnamese woman to Co B CP with bullet wound in left shoulder. It was not determined how the wound was sustained. Woman was evacuated.

B. At 201610H the 2d Bn, 12th Marines fired a Bn mission, five volleys, at enemy troops working on French line at (AT 993619). Rounds expended were 153 HE VT, 50 HE QT, and 29 WR, 40 reported eight VC KIA (body count) and five buildings destroyed and one CPT in flames.

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I. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score

(1) Activities

(A) Summary of Activities

<u>Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8		
3d Bn	0	0	4	6	4	14		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	32	0	0	43		
3d Bn	0	6	6	0	0	12		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1		
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	32	6	2	52		
3d Bn	0	9	10	6	4	29		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (PT 041650)	201415H	S&C	CO "C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS

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QUYNG NAM/ (BT 039652)	201430H	S&C	CO" C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUYNG NAM/ (BT 967670)	201500H	S&C	CO" L" 3/9/NONE	UNK/2VCS
QUYNG NAM/ (BT 037663)	201530H	S&C	CO" C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/3VCS
QUYNG NAM/ (BT 088672)	211300H	PIRROL	CO" A" 1/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS

C. Highlights

(1) The 3d Bn, 3d Marines, went on six-hour alert status at 211157H for Operation Quick Time.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. At 210800H the first elements of Co A moved by AMTRAC's to Co B's front line positions to commence an on-position relief of Co B. The relief was completed by 211300H.

(2) Co B. At 210800H elements of Co B were relieved by elements of Co A and moved by AMTRAC to the Bn CP site. The relief was completed by 211300H and Co B relieved Co D as security Co. Co B now provides security from Bn supply point at (BT 071708), the bridge at (BT 071701) the french bunker at (BT 081697), Battery D at (BT 064679) and occupies an OP at (BT 075710).

(3) Co C. (Recap) On 20 Nov the 1st and 3d plts of Co C conducted S&C opns east of the VINH DIEN River from grid line (T649) south to the LOA between (BT 060634) and (BT 063635) in conjunction with an S&C opn being conducted west of the VINH DIEN River by Co M, 3/9. At about 201000H, the 3d plt found a freshly dug trench line along the river in vic (BT 045648). At 201100H the 3d plt received one rd of fire at (BT 057635). The plt returned fire and the VC broke contact. At about 201130H, the 3d plt discovered a CHICOM grenade emplaced one foot above the ground with a string tied across the trail at (BT 060634). The grenade was destroyed. As the plt continued to advance south, they received two rds from the northwest in the vic (BT 061633). The plt returned fire with an M-60 Machine gun and observed a young Vietnamese woman fall. The woman's body was taken to Co D CP. A large booby trap consisting of a metal tip on a punji stick was found at (BT 049647). The trap was destroyed. The plt continued to move south and occupied blocking positions from (BT 044657) to (BT 044657) to (BT 042650) while the 1st plt, Co C, searched the area south from (BT 086744) to (BT 041650). At 201415H the 3d Plt apprehended one VCS without an ID card while occupying blocking positions. At 201430H, the 1st plt apprehended one VCS without an ID card in a house at (BT 039652). At 201530H three VCS were apprehended by the 1st plt at (BT 037663). One had no ID card and the other two had unusual amount of rice and tobacco in their possession. All VCS apprehended were taken to 3d ITT. Many signal sevices, a drum, a .50 cal. ammo box, and assorted documents were found in a house at (BT 039652). One drum was taken to Co C CP to be taken to the Bn S-2. All other materiel was destroyed. The opns were completed at 201600H and both plt's returned to their PDB's without making further enemy contact.

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(4) Co D. At 202000H a squad of Co D providing security for Battery D, 2d Bn, 12th Marines at (BT 064679) received 15-20 rds of fire from six different positions in vic (BT 066681). It was estimated that six-ten VC occupied these positions. An M-14 rifle was shot out of the Marines hand, but the Marine was not wounded. The Marines returned fire with 150 rds of 7.62mm and one 90mm HE rd. The VC broke contact. At about 211300H Co D was relieved of responsibility of Bn security by Co B and is now Bn reserve. The 2d plt continued to patrol in the HOA LUONG Village. During the last 24 hours the plt patrolled and established ambushes in grid squares (BT 0372) and (BT 0472) but did not make contact with the VC.

(5) Co L 3/3. Provided security for the Marble Mountain Air Facility and patrolled and established ambushes along the river west of MCB-8 (BT 061731) and MCB-9 (BT 058738) without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0165), (BT 0265) and (BT 0366).

(2) Co K. The 2d plt established PPB at (AT 983639) prior to darkness. Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9863), (AT 9964) and (AT 9965).

(3) Co L. The 3d plt established PPB at (AT 962653) prior to darkness. Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765), and (AT 9767). At 201500H upon concluding S&C opn Co L (-) apprehended two females VCS at (AT 967670). Members of the 592d RF Co stated the VCS were VC wives and paroled her. Both VCS evacuated to ITT.

(4) Co M. The 2d plt continues to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704). The 1st and 3d plts remained at BN CP as Bn reserve.

C. 3/3. At 211157H, the Bn went on six-hour alert status for Operation Quick Time (See 9th Marines Operation Order 350-65).

(1) Co I. At 211000H was relieved on position by Co M and moved to (BT 975707).

(2) Co K. Remains at (BT 975707).

(3) Co L. Under OPCON 1/9.

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(4) Co M. Returned to OPCON 3/3 201800H and moved to the FLSG ammunition dump and manned positions with Co I. Relieved Co I of security for the dump 211000H. Yesterday Co I completed the four-strand fence for the minefield and put up mine signs for 300 meters. Engineers were ordered to increase the density of the minefield by increasing the mine clusters to three instead of one mine.

D. 59th RF Bn. From 210615H until 211130H, one plt 593 RF Co blocked from (AT 972698) to (AT 968692) for a S&C opn being conducted by 1/1, 3d Marines.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 2d Plt, Co D, will continue patrolling the HOA PHUONG Village area, grid squares (BT 0372) and (BT 0472)

B. 3d Battalion. 1st Plt, Co I will establish PPB at (BT 033659) prior to darkness. 3d plt, Co K will establish PPB at (BT 003663) prior to darkness. 3d Plt, Co L will establish PPB at (4T 973654) prior to darkness.

C. 59th RF Bn. No opns are planned. Will patrol and establish ambushes.

### D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	44	4	7	15
3/3 Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	5	24	0	0	29
3d Bn	0	7	7	0	0	14
3/3 Bn	0	00	0	0	0	0
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	33	0	0	0	3
3/3 Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3 Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	6	24	6	2	38
3d Bn	0	10	11	4	7	32
3/3 Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0

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4. MiscellaneousA. 1/9

Co B CP (BT 068715)  
Co A CP (BT 092667)

B. 3/9. NoneC. 3/3

Co I CP (BT 975705)  
Co M CP (AT 981731)

5. Psv-War. None.Late Entry

A. 1st Battalion. At 211300H a local security patrol from the 1st Plt, Co A, observed eight to ten men running from (AT 088672) to (BT 084612). The patrol went into the area to investigate and received several rds of fire from (BT 084612). The patrol returned fire and ~~withdrew after~~ the enemy fire ceased. One VCS was apprehended at (BT 088672) and evacuated to 3d ITT at 211335H. The patrol continued its mission without further VC contact.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 137 as of 221000Z November 1965

1.. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score Summary of Activities

	S&C	Onns	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	8
3d Bn	0	0	4	4	0	7	0	15
3/3	0	0	0=	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	5	24	9	0	0	0	29
3d Bn	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	14
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	1	6	24	6	2	2	39	
3d Bn	0	10	11	4	7	7	32	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 059740)	212030H	PATROL	CO "L" 3/3 / NONE	UNK / 1 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 079709)	220001H	PATROL	CO "B" 1/9 / 1 WIA	UNK / NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 039652)	220900H	S&C	CO "C" 1/9 / NONE	UNK / 1 VCS

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QUANG NAM/  
(BT 045658) 221000H S&C CO"C"1/9/NONE UNK/1VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 043663) 221030H S&C CO"C"1/9/NONE UNK/1VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(BT 042705) 221235H PATROL CO"D"1/9/NONE UNK/2VCS \*

\* Two CHI COM grenades, one VC mess gear, a map of TRUNG THAN District, assorted books, and several blankets were captured.

C. Highlights

(1) During S&C opns today in grid squares (BT 0466) and (BT 0367), Co C, 1/9, apprehended five VCS. Two VCS were apprehended and VC equipment was recovered by a patrol from Co D at (BT 042705).

(2) At 221400H, 3/3 went on three-hour alert status for Operation Quick Time.

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2/ Operations

A. 1st Battalion. At 212105H Marines manning two bunkers on the Bn CP perimeter in vic (BT 068713) observed two figures on MSR at (BT 071714). The Marines fired six rds at the figures. One of the figures dropped as the other one fled. A fire team was dispatched to investigate the area but found no evidence of VC casualties.

(1) Co A. Based on intelligence report that VC had laid mines, ~~incamouflaged~~ with green plastic in vic (BT 087677) and that two main force VC plts were located in vic (BT 085685) and (BT 085705), Co A dispatched a squad patrol, reinforced with one machine gun team and one rocket team, and a Detection & Clearing Team, to investigate the area. The area was thoroughly searched without finding any mines or making contact with the VC.

(2) Co B. At 220001H Redwood Bravo 22 patrol received eight to nine rds of fire from an estimated four VC at (BT 079709). Patrol returned 200 rds fire and one 40mm grenade and the VC broke contact. One Marine was WIA and evacuated.

(3) Co C. At 220630H the 2d Plt, Co C, occupied ~~blockaded~~ between (BT 033663) and (BT 038666) while the 1st Plt and the 3d Plt (-) conducted S&C opns from the LOA between (BT 041650) and (BT 049655) north to the LOA between (BT 035662) and (BT 039665). The opn commenced at 220700H. At 220900H the 3d plt apprehended a 55 yera old, male VCS who did not have an ID card in a building at (BT 039652). At 221000H the 3d plt apprehended one male and one female VCS in a building at (BT 037661). The man, whenwas about 65 years of age, had no ID card; and the woman, who was about 18 years of age, had an invalid ID card. At 221000H the 1st plt apprehended one VCS in a house at (BT 045658). This man was about 25 years old and had no ID card. At 221030H the 1st plt apprehended a female VCS, 35 years of age, in a house at (BT 043663). All VCS were evacuated to 3d ITT. All elements of Co C returned to their original position at 221130H without making further VC contact.

(4) Co D. At 211500H the 2d Plt was relieved by the 3d Plt in GS (BT 0472). The 2d plt returned to the Bn CP. The 3d plt continued to patrol the HOA PHUONG Village area, grid squares (BT 0372) and (BT 0472). At 221235H the 3d plt apprehended two female VCS in BA TUNG (3), (BT 042705). One building in the area appeared to be a VC rest area. This building contained bunks and blankets, and food was cooking inside but no one was around. Also found in the area were two CHI COM grenades, VC mess gear, a map of TRUNG PHAN District and several expended .50 and .30 Cal. shells. A patrol was dispatched from the Bn CP to pick up the VCS and captured material and return them to the Bn CP. The VCS were later evacuated to 3d ITT.

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(5) Co L 3/3. At 211915H MAG-16 S-2 reported to Co L, 3/3, that the driver of a 3/4 ton ambulance which stalled north of MCB-8 at (BT 059740) had received three rds from VC in the area where the vehicle stalled. At 211930H, Co L dispatched a squad size patrol to the area where the vehicle was stalled. Upon arrival the squad discovered that the vehicle was out of oil and another vehicle was dispatched at 212020H to assist. One VCS was apprehended in the vic (BT 059740). The vehicle was returned to Danang East at 212045H with the VCS. The VCS was turned over to MAG-16 S-2 for further action.

B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I. The 1st plt established PFB at (BT 044647) prior to darkness, Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 0165), (AT 0265), (AT 0364) and (AT 0365).

(2) Co K. The 1st plt established PFB at (AT 996639) prior to darkness. Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9862), (AT 9863), (AT 9865), (AT 9963), (AT 9964), (AT 9965), (AT 9966), and (BT 0065).

(3) Co L. The 2d plt established PFB at (AT 969641) prior to darkness. Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9565), (AT 9564), (AT 9664), (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9764), (AT 9766). The 3d plt conducted an S&C opn in GS (AT 9767) from 220900H to 221100H. The 1st plt, 592d Co, RF blocked vic (AT 970681). No signs of enemy occupation was discovered.

(4) Co M. The 2d plt continued to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). At 211930H squad patrol M214 fired small arms at three VC in vic (AT 986668). After searching the immediate area the patrol continued to (AT 985688) and established an ambush. At first light M214 secured ambush and conducted a search north to south through YEN NE (1), (AT 989661), to Co K CP. M214 returned Bn CP 200800H.

C. 59th RF Bn. Continues Operation Five Mountains. There was no contact during the night of 21-22 Nov. From 220700H until 221100H, one plt of 592d RF Co blocked for Co L, 3/9, from (AT 974671) to (AT 981671).

D. 3/3. Continues on six-hour alert status for Operation Quick Time.

(1) Co I. Remains at (AT 975707).

(2) Co K. Remains at (AT 975707).

(3) Co L. ODCON 1/9.

(4) Co M. Provides security for the [redacted] SG ammunition dump (AT 985733).

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. The 3d Plt, Co D, will continue patrolling in the HOA THUONG Village area, grid squares (BT 0472) and (BT 0572). No operations are planned during the next 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion. The 2d Plt, Co I, will establish PIB at (BT 013649) prior to darkness. The 1st Plt, Co K, will establish PIB at (AT 979658) prior to darkness. The 1st Plt, Co L, will establish PIB at (AT 969649) prior to darkness.

C. 3/3. Will continue on 3-hour alert status.

D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	S&C	Opps	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	0	5	4	7	16	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	27	0	0	0	38	
3d Bn	0	8	9	0	0	0	17	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	27	6	2	47		
3d Bn	0	11	14	4	7	36		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>4. Miscellaneous</u>								
Miscellaneous	None							

5. Psy-War. None. Will continue on 3-hour alert status.

Late Entries

A. 1st Battalion. At about 220015H a Marine from MAG-16 who was in an ambush position north west of MAG-9 with a squad from Co B, 3/3, was killed by an accidental discharge from an M-14 rifle carried by one of the members of the ambush. An investigation is being conducted by the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

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B. At 221400H 3/3 was placed on three-hour alert status for Operation Quick Time. Co L, 3/3, was relieved of OPCON 1/9 and began moving to the 3/3 CP. Units in 3/3 (C) task organization moved to 3/3 CP. Co B, 1/9 will assume security mission for Danang East.

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score Summary of Activities

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Opsns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	5	7	0	4	16	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	27	9	0	0	38	
3d Bn	0	8	9	0	0	0	17	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	27	6	2	47		
3d Bn	0	11	14	7	4	36		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 013649)	221845H	AMBUSH	CO "I" 3/9 / NONE	UNK / 2 KIA (BODY COUNT)
QUANG NAM/ (AT 984966)	230900H	PATROL	CO "L" 3/9 / NONE	UNK / VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 105652)	231005H	PATROL	CO "A" 1/9 / NONE	UNK / 1 KIA (BODY COUNT)

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C. Highlights

- (1) Co A patrol killed one VC at (BT 105652).
- (2) Co I patrol ambushed three VC at (BT 013649) killing two VC.
- (3) Co L patrol apprehended one VCS at (AT 984966).

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2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion. At 221400H the 1st Bn was relieved of the OPCON of Co. L 3/3. The 1st Bn now provides company size force for security of the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

(1) Co A. At 222325H patrol Redwood Alpha 22D spotted three VC on road at (BT 101665). There were no houses within 200 meters of this area. The three men appeared to be checking the road. The patrol fired 20 rds of S/A at the men and they fled. The patrol investigated the area but found no evidence of VC casualties or digging. At 231005H patrol Redwood Alpha 22Y received four rounds of S/A fire at (BT 105652) from tree line about 300 meters to their south. The patrol returned fire with 30 rds of 7.62mm and one 40mm rd. Four VC were observed running away from the tree line into a paddy southwest of the tree line. One VC was KIA and one of the fleeing VC picked up the dead VC's weapon and fled with it. The patrol continued its mission.

(2) Co B. At 221630H one reinforced Plt of Co B was sent to the Marble Mountain Air Facility to replace Co. L 3/3 and provide security for the air field. At 222240H patrol Redwood Bravo 3C received 40 rds of S/A fire from AN TRA (2), (BT 089696) as they were approaching the hamlet. The patrol spotted six VC moving east to west in the vicinity of the village. Patrol also received 30 rds of S/A fire from (BT 079695), and spotted nine VC moving south. The patrol returned fire with 120 rds of S/A and three 40mm rds. The VC broke contact. There were no casualties on either side. Patrol continued mission without further contact. Elements of Co B reported that at 230930H a truck from MCB-8 going south along MSR detonated an explosive charge estimated to be 25 pounds of TNT with pressure electric detonator. The road had been swept by a mine clearing team earlier this morning. The rear under body of the truck was damaged. A retriever was sent to the area and the truck was returned to MCB-8. No casualties were sustained.

(3) Co C. continued to occupy the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR without making contact with the VC during the last twenty-four hours.

(4) Co D. The 3d plt continued to patrol in the HOA PHUONG Village area, grid squares (BT 0571) and (BT 0471). At dark last night a PPB was established at (BT 053717). The plt departed the PPB at dawn and continued to patrol the area until 231600H when they returned to the Bn CP and was later dispatched to the Marble Mountain Air Facility to provide security for the air field.

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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0064), (BT 0164), (BT 0165), (BT 0265), (BT 0266) and (BT 0366).

The 2d plt established PPB at (BT 013649) prior to darkness. At 221845H when three VC approached (BT 013645), 2d plt patrol IP 22 initiated an immediate ambush resulting in two enemy KIA's. Both KIA's were recovered but the 3d VC fled south.

(2) Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9763), (AT 9764), (AT 9863), (AT 9865), (AT 9866), (AT 9963) and (AT 9965). The 1st plt established PPB at (AT 979658) prior to darkness until first light. The plt returned to CP 230800H.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665) (AT 9666), (AT 9765), and (AT 9766). The 1st plt established PPB at (AT 969647) prior to darkness. At 230900H the 2d plt patrol IP230 apprehended one male VCS at (AT 984661) for failing to have an ID card. VCS was sent to ITT. First plt returned to CP 230800H.

(4) Co M continued to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). At 221730H Echo Battery (AT 985669) reported receiving intermittent small arms fire from vic of YEN NE (2) (AT 987680). At 221800H Co M squad patrol sent to search the area discovered one mine near a bamboo fence in vic of (AT 982676). One Marine was WIA by fragments when mine was blown in place but med-evac was not required. After clearing mine two VC were observed running west in the vic (AT 982676). Enemy broke contact when fired on with small arms. At 231212H Co M (-) was designated Rgt reserve. (AT 989675) was selected as helo pick-up point.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Bn (-) remains on three-hour alerts as element of Division Mobile Reserve. Task Organization units remain in 3/3 CP. (AT 975707).

(1) Co I. Remains at CP (AT 975707)

(2) Co K. Remains at CP (AT 975707)

(3) Co L. CHOPPED to 3/3 221400H Nov. Arrived 3/3 CP (AT 975707) at 222100H.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASR#1 (AT 985733) and installed 200 mines to complete 200 meters of barrier and minefield.

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D. 59th RF Bn. Made contact at 222100H at (BT 033706) with unknown number of VC. At least one BAR was identified. Two VC boats sunk and one body recovered. Enemy material captured was four stick grenades, one M-26 grenade, one flashlight, pistol belt, field pack, VC uniform and numerous documents. No friendly casualties reported. The action was supported by artillery illumination from Echo Battery 2/12.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. At 240630H Nov Co C will cross the LOD between (BT 058630) and (BT 065635) commencing a search and clear opn south to the LOA between (BT 058618) and (BT 072622). Co I (-), 3/9 will occupy blocking positions between (BT 055617) and (BT 056628) in support of the operation. One plt of Co D will blank between (BT 070636) and (BT 073632). A mobile blocking force consisting of a heavy section of tanks will occupy positions between (BT 075615) and (BT 079628). The operation is expected to be completed at 241300H. One plt of Co D will be dispatched to patrol the HOA PHUONG Village area on the afternoon of 24 November.

B. 3d Battalion. The 1st plt Co I will establish PFB at (AT 030645) prior to darkness. The 2d plt Co K will establish PFB at (AT 001653) prior to darkness. The 2d plt Co C will establish PFB at (AT 975663) prior to darkness. Co I (-) will provide a block in vic (BT 057623) from 240700H until completion of 1st Bn S&C opn.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Remain three-hour alert as element of Division Mobile Reserve. M Co will continue installation of mine and completion of barrier for FLSG ASF#1.

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D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	3	2	5	
3d Bn	0	0	4	2	4	10	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	7	29	0	0	36	
3d Bn	0	9	10	0	0	19	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	1	0	0	0	0	1	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	1	7	29	3	2	42	
3d Bn	0	12	14	2	4	32	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	

4. Miscellaneous. None5. Psy-War. NoneJOSHUA W. DORSEY III  
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24 Nov 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 139 as of 241000Z November 1965

## 1. Ninth Marines Highlights

4. Box Score Summary of Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	3	2		5	
3d Bn	0	0	22	6	2		30	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0		0	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	7	29	0	0		36	
3d Bn	0	5	6	0	0		11	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0		0	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0		0	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0		3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0		0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0		0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	9	0		0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0		0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	7	29	3	2		41	
3d Bn	0	8	28	6	2		44	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0		0	

B. Contacts. None

C. Highlights. Flooded conditions in 9th Marines TAOR have restricted movement and operations, precluding any activity other than local security, patrols and ambushes. There was no VC contact during this reporting period.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A continued to patrol and establish ambushes in the southeast portion of the Bn TAOR without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co B continued to provide security for the vicinity of the Bn CP, and Marble Mountain Air Facility but did not make contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co C continued to establish ambushes and conduct patrols in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR but did not make contact with the VC during the last 24 hours. The SMC opn scheduled to be conducted by Co C today was cancelled due to flood conditions in area of opn.

(4) Co D, At 231900H the 1st Plt, Co D was sent to (AT 038667) to provide security for four AMTRAC's stuck in that position. The plt remained in position with the AMTRAC's throughout the night. At daylight this morning an effort was made to retrieve the stuck vehicles. The plt will remain in position until all vehicles have been retrieved.

B. 2d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0165), (BT 0265), (BT 0364) and (BT 0366). The 1st plt maintained a PFB at (BT 030645) from last light to first light. Plt patrol returned Co I CP 240745H. The 2d plt maintained a block in vic of (BT 030642) in support of RF clearing route #L.

(2) Co K conducted patrol and ambushes in GS (AT 9865), (AT 9866), (AT 9965), and (BT 0065). The 2d plt maintained a PFB at (AT 001655) from last light to first light for ambush activities. Plt patrol returned Co K CP 240800H.

(3) Co L established 23 Fire Team ambushes during hours of darkness in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765), and (BT 9765).

(4) Co M continued to provide roving and fixed security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704).

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C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. At 241200H the 3d Bn went from a three hour alert status to 12-hour status. All tasks organization elements were detached at this time.

(1) Co I. Remained at the Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co K. Remained at the Bn CP site (BT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co L. Remained at the Bn CP site (BT 975707) without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASI#1 (AT 985733) and installed 400 mines in completing 400 meters of ASI#1 barrier.

### 3. Plan Summary

A. 1st Battalion. No operations are planned during the next 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion. The 3d plt Co I will establish PPB at (BT 013653) prior to darkness. The 1st plt Co K will establish PPB at (AT 995655) prior to darkness. The 1st plt Co L will establish PPB at (AT 974648) prior to darkness.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Co M will continue to install mines at FLSG ASI#1 (AT 985733). No operations are planned during the next 24 hours.

### D. Box Score of Operational Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	4	2	2	8
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	3
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	10	24	0	0	34
3d Bn	0	10	9	0	0	19
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	10	24	6	2	42
3d Bn	0	13	13	2	2	30
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	3

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4. Miscellaneous. None5. Psy-War

A. The I Corps 1st Psy Ops Field Detachment (Prov) visited TAN LUU (BT 077705) with Medical Team from 241000H to 241230H. Approximately 150 villagers gathered to listen to tapes and receive magazines.

B. A leaflet drop was made over the 1/9 TAOR. A total of 12,000 leaflets were distributed by aircraft.

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25 Nov 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 140 as of 251000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines HighlightsA. Box Score Summary of Activities

Fire Team	S&C Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	Scout			Total
				List	Posts	Sniper	
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
3d Bn	0	0	4	2	2	0	8
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	24	0	0	0	34
3d Bn	0	10	9	0	0	0	19
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	24	6	2	0	42
3d Bn	0	13	13	2	2	0	30
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3

B. Contacts. None

C. Highlights. Flooded conditions in 9th Marines TAOR have restricted movement and operations, precluding any activity other than local security, patrols and ambushes. There was no VC contact during this period.

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. Continued to patrol and establish ambushes in the southeast portion of the TAOR without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co B. At 242035H patrol Redwood Bravo 24 received 50 rds of S/A fire at (BT 070696) from due west from an estimated 12 VC with one automatic weapon and several semi-automatic weapons. The patrol returned fire with 10 rds of S/A and searched the area but found no evidence of VC casualties. At 250030H a hand grenade was thrown from the northeast of the 1st Plt's perimeter at (BT 071701), landing about 30 meters in front of a machine-gun position. The area from which the grenade was thrown was taken under fire by 40 rds of machine-gun fire and two 40mm rds, and 81mm mortar illumination rds were fired. A man was seen on trail in area illuminated and was taken under fire with 20 rds 7.62mm and one 40mm rd. Results were unknown. On 24 November the 2d plt was relieved of security of the Marble Mountain Air Facility by the 1st Plt Co D and entered the HOA PHONG Village area vicinity (BT 050710) with the mission of patrolling the peninsula. The plt returned to the Bn CP at 251200H due to flooded conditions.

(3) Co C. continued to establish ambushes and patrols in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co D. At 241420H the last of the AMTRAC's that were stuck at (BT 037667) was retrieved and the 1st Plt, which was providing security for the AMTRAC's returned to the Bn CP and at 241500H was sent to the Marble Mountain Air Facility to relieve the 2d Plt, Co B. The 2d Plt, Co D, was relieved of security of Battery D at 241100H and returned to the Bn CP and is now Bn reserve.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0165), (BT 0265) and (BT 0366). The 3d plt established PPB at (BT 013653) from last light to first light for night patrols and ambushes. The 3d plt returned Co I CP at 250745H.

(2) Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9864), (AT 9865), (AT 9866), (AT 9965), and (BT 0065). The 1st plt established PPB at (AT 995655) from last light to first light for night patrols and ambushes. The 1st plt returned Co K CP 250815H.

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(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765), and (AT 9766). At 241830H, upon reaching (AT 978640), the 1st plt patrol LP24C received small arms fire from an estimated six to eight VC with two automatic weapons. The VC fired from (AT 978635), (AT 983638), and (AT 971636). The patrol returned small arms fire and four 60mm HE mortar rds. The enemy broke contact. Enemy positions were searched, but enemy was not sighted. The 1st plt continued to (AT 974684) and at 242015H established PPB for night patrols and ambushes. At first light 1st plt departed PPB, arriving Co K CP at 250810H.

(4) Co M conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9866), and (AT 9967). The 2d plt continued to provide roving and fixed security for the bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704). At 242310H squad patrol MA24A initiated an ambush in the vic of (AT 982667) when three VC were observed moving west to east at (AT 982666). The VC broke contact without returning Marines' small arms fire. Employing four rds 81mm illum, Marines searched the enemy location, finding extensive blood stains. MA23A returned to Co M CP at 242330H.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Remained on 12-hour alert as Division Mobile Reserve.

(1) Co I. Remained at the Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co K. Remained at the Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co L. Remained at the Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASP#1 (AT 985733) and installed 250 mines in completing 200 meters of ASP#1 barrier.

### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. As soon as flood conditions permit a plt will be dispatched to patrol the HOA PHUONG Village area (BT 050710). Maximum number of ambushes will be established in grid squares (BT 0770) and (BT 0870).

B. 3d Battalion. The 1st plt Co I will establish PPB at (BT 036638) prior to darkness. The 2d plt Co K will establish PPB at (BT 013638) prior to darkness. The 2d plt Co L will establish FFB at (BT 969649) prior to darkness.

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3d C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Will remain Division Mobile Reserve. Company M will continue installation of minefield at ASP#1 (AT 985733). No operations are planned during the next 24 hours.

D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	5	2	7	
3d Bn	0	0	4	5	3	12	
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	3	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	26	0	0	36	
3d Bn	0	11	11	0	0	22	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	10	26	5	2	43	
3d Bn	0	14	15	5	3	37	
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	3	

4. Miscellaneous. None5. Psv-War

A. The leaflet drop and broadcast scheduled by the 1st Bn today in the Bn TAOR between 250730H and 250900H was cancelled due to unavailability of helicopters. Tomorrow the I Corps 1st Psy Ops Field Detachment (Prov) Audio team will hold tape broadcasts, movies, and will hand out leaflets and magazines in the hamlet of HAI AN (BT 056712) between 260900H and 261200H.

B. The 3d Bn will make a leaflet drop in GS (AT 9564), (AT 9664), (AT 9764), (AT 9964), (AT 9963), (AT 9863), (AT 9762), and (AT 9662). The leaflets to be dropped are copies of President Johnson's message explaining the mission of US forces in Vietnam.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 141 as of 261000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score Summary of Activities

	<u>St-C</u>	<u>Onns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	
3d Bn	0	0	4	0	5	3	12	
3/3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	10	26	0	0	0	36	
3d Bn	0	11	11	0	0	0	22	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	10	26	0	5	2	43	
3d Bn	0	14	15	0	5	3	37	
3/3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 093668)	252130H	IP	CO "A" 1/9/1 WIA 1 KIA	UNK/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (BT 052679)	260830H	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/2VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 048685)	260830	PATROL	CO "C" 1/9/NONE	UNK/2VCS

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C. Highlights. Flooded conditions in the 9th Marines T40R continue to restrict movement. As a result units have placed greater emphasis on patrols, listening posts and ambushes. Co C captured four VCS at 260830H as a result of patrol activity. Two VCS at (BT 052679) one had no ID card and the other had a gunshot wound in the foot. Two of the other VCS were apprehended at (BT 048685) for invalid ID cards.

2. Operations

A. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. At 251955H a SID employed with a LP at (BT 092667) picked up activity 30 meters northwest of their position. Three rds of 81mm mortar HE and ten rds of S/A were fired at two men seen fleeing from the area with negative results. At 252115H a LP established at (BT 093668) heard movement to their front and received two rds of S/A. The LP returned the fire with S/A and received more S/A fire from their flank. Four fire teams were sent out to assist the LP. One of the fire teams was involved in a fire fight in the vicinity of (BT 093668). The LP sustained one WIA and one KIA. Both casualties were evacuated to C&C.

(2) Co B. Remained in the vicinity of the Bn CP and provided security for vital areas. No contact was made with the VC during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co C. At 260830H patrol Redwood Charlie 1A apprehended two VCS at (BT 052679). One of the VCS, who was about 55 years old, had no ID card and the other had a gunshot wound in the right foot. The VCS were returned to Co C's CP. At 260830H patrol Redwood Charlie 1B apprehended two VCS with invalid ID cards at (BT 048685). Both VCS were taken to Co C's CP.

(4) Co D. At 252040H a machine gun team in an ambush position at (BT 084709) heard noises about 100 meters away on trail leading to their position about 15 minutes after establishing their ambush. The Marines fired on the area where the noise was heard and the noise ceased. About 15 minutes later more noise was heard in the same area and the Marines opened fire again. The noise ceased. The ambush was ordered back to the Bn CP after contact and searching the area.

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B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0063), (BT 0064), (BT 0163), (BT 0164), (BT 0265), (BT 0163), (BT 0366) and (BT 0463). The 1st plt established PFB at (BT 036638) from last light to first light for night ambushes and patrols. The 1st plt returned to Co I CP at 260800H.

(2) Co K conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9763) (AT 9764), (AT 9863), (AT 9864), (AT 9865), (AT 9965) and (AT 9966). The 2d plt established PFB at (BT 013638) from last light to first light for night ambushes and patrols. The 2d plt returned to Co K CP at 260815H.

(3) Co L conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9666), (AT 9765), (AT 9766), (AT 9867), (AT 9967). At 251815H in the vic of (AT 969645) the 2d plt patrol M-25C received 40 rds carbine fire from (AT 966648). The Marines returned small arms, M-79 and 60mm mortar fire. The enemy broke contact moving east. The 2d plt proceeded to (AT 969649) and established PFB for night patrols and ambushes. At first light the 2d plt departed PFB, arriving Co I CP at 260830H.

(4) Co M conducted patrol and ambushes in GS (AT 9967), and (AT 9867). The 2d plt continued to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704). Co M (-) remained in the status of regimental reserve. The 3d plt conducted S&C opn in DUONG SON (2) (AT 998678) from 261300H to 261700H.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Remained on 12-hour alert as Division Mobile Reserve.

(1) Co I. Remained at Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(2) Co K. Remained at Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(3) Co L. Remained at the Bn CP site (AT 975707) without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASR#1 (AT 985733) and installed 270 mines, 450 yards of cow fence and 150 yards double apron fence.

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. From 270800H to 271300H one squad of the 2d plt, Co D will operate on the CAN BIEN River between the bridge and water point at (BT 071701) and grid line (T67) with two AMTRAC's and two 14 foot aluminum boats powered by two 2½ horse power motors. First squad will check boats, isolated areas, and will look for underwater crossings and bridges.

B. 3d Battalion. The 3d Plt, Co L will establish HIB at (AT 960655) prior to darkness. Tomorrow afternoon Co K (-) will conduct S&C opn in BICH BAC (AT 986634).

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Will remain Division Mobile Reserve. Co M will continue installation of minefield at ASE#1 (AT 985733). Co I will conduct patrols in grid squares (AT 9570) and (AT 9670) during the next 24 hours.

D. Box Score of Operational Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Opns</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	3	7
3/3	0	0	0	3	0	3
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	11	30	0	0	41
3d Bn	0	8	15	0	0	23
3/3	0	2	1	0	0	3
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	1	0	0	0	1
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	1	1	0	0	0	2
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	11	30	6	2	49
3d Bn	1	9	15	4	3	32
3/3	0	2	1	3	0	6

4. Miscellaneous. None

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5. Psy-War

A. 1st Battalion. Today between 260900H and 261200H the I Corps 1st Psy Ops Field Detachment (Prov) Audio team held tape broadcasts, movies, and handed out leaflets and magazines in the hamlet of HAI AN (BT 056712).

B. 3d Battalion. Co K Civic Action/Psy-War Team will hold sick call, distribute candy and salt, and pass out appropriate leaflets in conjunction with Co K (-) S&C opn in BICH BAC (AT 986634) 27 November.

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9th Marines SITREP Number 142 as of 271000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines HighlightsA. Box Score Summary of Activities

	S&C	Opsns	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	
3/3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	0	30	0	0	0	41
3d Bn	0	8	0	15	0	0	0	23
3/3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	11	0	30	6	2	0	49
3d Bn	3	9	0	15	4	3	0	34
3/3	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	7

B. Contacts

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
QUANG NAM (BT 095660)	271245H	SECURITY	CO"A"1/9/1WIA	UNK/NONE

C. Highlights

(1) A patrol was conducted 270800H to 271300H on the SONG CAN BIEN by a Delta Company squad reinforced by AMTRAC's aluminum boats. Twenty boats were searched, one foot bridge destroyed. Route reconnaissance indicates that the waterways are negotiable for resupply/reinforcement of front line companies.

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(2) A S&C opn was conducted by K Co (-) in the vicinity of BICH BAC (AT 987630). 271300H to 271800H.

(3) I 3/3 went OPCON of 3/9 at 271415H. The co moved by truck to I 3/9 CP (AT 971663) operate in GS (AT 9664).

(4) L 3/3 went OPCON of 3/9 at 271600H. The co moved by truck to I 3/9 CP (BT 023657) operate in GS (BT 0263).

## 2. Operations

### 4. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. At 271140H elements of Co A found and destroyed one CHICOM grenade at (BT 094666). At 271245H local security for a supply helicopter landing zone at (BT 095660) received three rds of carbine S/A fire from (BT 094659). One man was WIA in the lip but did not require evacuation. VC broke contact after firing. At 271415H Iepers brought in a 12 year old VN boy who had been wounded by a mine at (BT 092652). Med-evac.

(2) Co D. Between 270800H and 271300H one squad of the the 2d Flt, Co D, reinforced by four AMTRAC's and two 14-foot aluminum boats powered by 9½ horsepower motors conducted a river patrol on the SONG CAN BIEN between the bridge and water point at (BT 071701) and grid line (BT 67). The four AMTRAC's moved down the middle bf the river as the boats moved on the flanks. Five Marines occupied each boat. These five men consisted of a fire team and a coxswain. Twenty boats were searched, and a foot bridge, believed to be used by VC to cross the river, was destroyed at (BT 082676). As a result of this patrol it was found that due to high water the waterways in the Bn TAOR were very negotiable by AMTRAC's and made it highly feasible to reinforce and resupply front line companies along waterways by AMTRAC's. Boats proved to be very effective in conducting river patrols. The patrol returned to the Bn CP at about 271330H without making contact with the VC.

(3) Co C continued to conduct patrols and establish ambushes in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR. No VC contact was made during the last 24 hours.

(4) Co B. Remained in the vicinity of the Bn CP without contact with the VC during the last 24 hours.

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B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I. At 271430H the 1st plt departed Co I CP for an S&C opn in NHON THO (2) (BT 017656) and VIEM TAY (4) (BT 013648).

(2) Co K. At 270432H 593d Co, RF requested a Marine block from (AT 988660) to (AT 008658) to canalize VC withdrawing from a raid on 593d Co CP (AT 994672). At 270500H Co K established ambushes at (AT 988657), (AT 993652) and (BT 001657). Squad patrol KA26 remained in place at (AT 997654). These ambushes were so situated to cover those avenues of approach to the north which were not severely flooded. At 260630H the 1st plt established a block from (AT 996655) to (BT 001654). All Co K embushes secured and returned to Co K CP by 260800H. From 271350H to 271800H Co K (-) conducted an S&C opn in BICH BAC (AT 987630). At 271800H 2d plt returned to Co K CP, leaving 1st plt to establish PFB at (AT 986624).

(3) Co L. The 3d plt established PFB at (AT 960655) from last light to first light for patrolling and ambush activities. The 3d plt returned Co L CP at 270830H.

(4) Co M established ambushes in GS (AT 9967). The 2d plt continued to provide security for the bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). The 1st plt remained at Co L CP (AT 974662) under OPCON Co L.

C. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Co I. OPCON 3/9 at 271415H. Moved by truck from (AT 975707) to LIMA 3/9 CP (AT 971663)

(2) Co K. OPCON 3/9 at 271500H. Moved by truck from (AT 975707) to I 3/9 CP at (BT 025655)

(3) Co L. Remained at Bn CP (AT 975707) providing security for Bn CP. At 262000H an IP from Co L observed a VC moving back and forth on a bike at (AT 975700). Illuminot was requested and the VCS was observed trying to hide in a bus. Eight rds S/A fired at bush. Dispatched a patrol with negative results. A possible enemy OP overlooking 3/3 positions was discovered at (AT 974701) and will be kept under observation.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASH#1 (AT 9857) and installed 250 mines completing 300 meters of barrier. An additional 300 meters of double apron fence was completed.

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Patrols and ambushes will be continued throughout the Bn TMAOR. Further opns will be planned in the HOA THUONG Village area (BT 0571) as soon as flood conditions allow.

B. 3d Battalion.

(1) Co I. The 1st plt will establish a CPB at (BT 0166) from last light to first light. At first light Co I (-) will establish a block along Highway #1 at (BT 004624) for Co K, 3/3 S&C opns.

(2) Co K. The 2d plt will rejoin 1st plt at CPB (AT 986624) and conduct as S&C opn in GS (AT 9862) and (AT 9865).

(3) Co I(-) will conduct S&C opns in GS (AT 9764) and (AT 9867).

(4) Co M. The 3d plt will conduct an S&C opn in GS (AT 9867).

(5) Co I 3/3 will establish a CPB from last light to first light at (AT 967642). Tomorrow Co I. 3/3 will conduct an S&C opn in GS (AT 9663), (AT 9662), and (AT 9762).

(6) Co K 3/3 will establish CPB from last light to first light at (BT 021637). At first light Co I 3/3 will begin S&C opn to cover GS (BT 0263), (BT 0363), (BT 0262) and (BT 0362) with I 3/9 blocking.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

Co M will continue installation of minefield at ASW1 (AT 985733). Co L will continue to defend the Bn CP area and patrol and ambush grid square (AT 9770). Co I and Co K will remain OIFCON 3/9.

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D. Box Score of Operational Plans

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	0	2	4	6
3/3	0	0	0	1	0	3
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	8	27	0	0	35
3d Bn	0	1	10	0	0	11
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	4
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	1	4	0	0	0	5
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	5	0	0	0	0	5
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	8	27	6	2	43
3d Bn	6	5	10	2	4	27
3/3	0	2	2	3	0	7

4. Miscellaneous. 59th Bn RF. At 270200H an unknown number of VC entered 593d Co CP (AT 994672), threw one hand grenade and fired small arms. The RF's drove off the VC with small arms fire and hand grenades. Friendly losses were; 5 KIA; 4 WIA; 2 MIA. Two KIA were members of the Special GVN Psy-War Team. The two MIA were women also working for the Psy-War Team. At 270430H elements of 59th Bn reinforced the 593d, searching the immediate vicinity of the CP. From 270930H to 271100H an ARVN Ranger Co conducted a S&C opn in GS (AT 9966), (BT 0066), (AT 9965), (BT 0065). Co K 3/9 provided a blocking force.

5. Psy-War. In conjunction with 3d Bn S&C opns a total of 50,000 leaflets was dropped over GS (AT 9665), (AT 9664), (AT 9663), (AT 9662), (AT 9762), (AT 9763), (AT 9764), (AT 9862), (AT 9863), (AT 9861) and (AT 9550). The leaflets dropped, a message from President Johnson, explained the mission of American forces in Viet Nam. The Co K Psy-War/Civic Action Team distributed food, clothing, and candy from 271400H to 271530H in BICH BAC (AT 987632). The team distributed 100 copies of a leaflet explaining the availability of food from the GVN.

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To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 143 as of 281000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines HighlightsA. Box Score Summary of Activities

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List	Losses	Sniper	Secut-	Int'l
<u>Fire Team</u>									
1st En	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	
3d En	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	
3/3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	
<u>Section</u>									
1st En	0	8	27	0	0	0	0	35	
3d En	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	11	
3/3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
<u>Platoon</u>									
1st En	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d En	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>									
1st En	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d En	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>									
1st En	0	6	27	0	6	2	0	43	
3d En	6	5	10	0	2	4	0	27	
3/3	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	

B. Contracts

1. LOCATION/ COORDINATES	TIME	TYPE	FRIENDLY LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
JIANG HAM/ (PT 055653)	271800H	Patrol	CO"0"1/NONE	UNK/1
JIANG HAM/ (B1036644)	272335H	Ambush	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/1
JIANG HAM/ (419a6623)	280730H	S&C	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/10
JIANG HAM/ (41056654)	280845H	Patrol	CO"0"1/9/NONE	UNK/1

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QUANG NAM/ (AT 964648)	280830 H	S&C	CO "L" 3/9/1 WIA	NONE/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (AT 986625)	280845 H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/10 VCS
QUANG NAM/ (AT 986623)	280859 H	S&C	CO "K" 3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VC
QUANG NAM/ (AT 055653)	281000 H	Patrol	CO "C" 1/9/1 WIA	UNK/NONE

### C. Highlights

(1) A platoon patrol from C/1/9 apprehended 2 VCS. One at 271800H vic (BT 058651) for not having ID card. One 280845H vic (BT 053654) as suspicious person.

(2) During the S&C of BICH BAC (AT 987627), 15 VCS were apprehended by K/3/9 from 280730H to 280900H. VCS were evacuated to ITT.

(3) In reaction to intelligence information received from G-2 special patrols were conducted in the following areas to locate enemy mine cache: (BT 042645), (BT 056705), (BT 053743), (BT 072683), & (BT 084680).

### 2. Operations

#### A. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. At 272345H Co A reported observing a great deal of activity to the south east and north east of the Co CP (BT 092667) at a distance of about 50-100 meters away. Several rds of 82 mm mortar illumination, 40 mm, 7.62mm, and rifle grenades were fired into the area where activity was observed. A patrol was dispatched to investigate the area but no evidence was found of VC casualties. Elements of Co "A", acting on intelligence report, searched the area in the vicinity (BT 084680) to locate a large number of mines reported being in that area. Returned at 281600H with negative results.

(2) Co B. Remained in the vic of the Bn CP without making enemy contact during the last 24 hours. This afternoon, acting on intelligence information Company "B" dispatched a squad size patrol to the vicinity of (BT 072683) in search of a cache of six mines reported being stored in that area. At 281515H patrol found tunnel in house at (BT 072685) and destroyed it with two blocks of composition "B" found inside. In a house at (BT 073689) patrol found what appeared to be 105 cannister with a USMC utility cover inside. Patrol returned without locating any mines.

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(3) Co C Last night the 3d plt concentrated their opns in GS (BT 0665). Today the plt operated in GS (BT 0565). At 271800H the 3d plt apprehended one VCS without ID card at (BT 058651). At 280845H the 3d plt apprehended one VCS at (BT 053654). The man had an ID card but acted extremely suspicious. The VCS will be evacuated to the Bn CP where they will be interrogated. At 281000H the 3d plt received 15 to 20 rds of automatic carbine S/A fire at (BT 055653) from the vic of (BT 053650). The plt returned fire with 100 rds 7.62mm, one 3.5 WP rd, and three 40mm rds. The enemy fire ceased. Patrol was unable to investigate sniper position due to deep water (about five feet deep and 200 feet wide) between the patrol and the sniper position. One Marine was wounded and evacuated by helicopter. The plt continued its mission in that area.

(4) Co D. The 2d and 3d plts remained at the Marble Mountain Air Facility while the 1st plt remained at the Bn CP without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours. Acting on an intelligence report received today two squad sized patrols were dispatched this afternoon to search the area in the vicinity of (BT 056705), where a cache of 56 mines were reported, and (BT 053743), where a cache of 16 AT and AI mines were reported. Returned 281616H with negative results.

#### B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I. The 1st plt established a PFB at (BT 016655) from last light to first light, returning to Co I CP at 280800H. Co I (-) maintained a block along Highway #1 at (BT 040624 for Co K, 3/3 S&C opn. The 1st plt departed Co I CP at 281400H to investigate reports of a mine cache in the vic of (BT 042645), returning at 281600H with negative results.

(2) Co K. From 271600H to 281030H the 2d plt maintained a clandestine block in the vic of (AT 985625) for 1st plt S&C opn. At 280700H the 1st plt, reinforced by one light section tanks, departed Co K CP. Leaving the tanks section in the vic (AT 990642) as a block/reaction force, the 1st plt commenced a north to south sweep of BICH BAC (AT 987630) at 280840H. Between 280730H and 280900H the 2d plt apprehended 15 VCS in the vicinity (AT 987627). The VCS were subsequently evacuated to ITT for interrogation. At 281030H the 1st and 2d plts rendezvoused in the vic of (AT 987627) and proceeded to tank block at (AT 990642). Co K (-) (rein) arrived at the Co K CP at 281330H.

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(3) Co L (-) conducted S&C opns in GS (AT 9764) and (AT 9963) from first light until 280900H. From 280915H to 281030H Co L (-) maintained a block in the vic of (AT 979638) fcr C6 K (-) S&C opn. Co L (-) returned to Co L CP at 281300H. At 280830H one Marine was WIA by an unknown explosive device at (AT 964648). Med-evac.

(4) Co M. The 2d plt continued to provide security for bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689) and (AT 998704). The 1st plt remained under OCON Co L, assuming the mission of Co L CP perimeter defense. The 3d plt conducted an S&C opn in GS (AT 9866) beginning 281205H.

(5) Co L, 3/3 established a CPB at (AT 970642) prior to darkness. At 271835H and 272014H the CPB received sporadic small arms from an unknown position to the south. From first light until 280900H Co L 3/3 conducted S&C opns in GS (AT 9663), (AT 9662), and (AT 9762). From 280900H to 281030H Co L maintained a block in the vic of (AT 980630) for Co K (-), S&C opn. At 281300H Co I, 3/3 returned to Co K, 3/9 CP. Co CHANGED from 3/9 to 3/3 at 281340H.

(6) Co K, 3/3 established a CPB in the vic of (BT 028640) prior to darkness. At 272014H Co K, 3/3 received sporadic small arms fire from (BT 030637). The enemy broke contact when Marines returned small arms fire. At 272335H a squad ambush in vic of (BT 036644) received one hand grenade. Small arms fire was returned and the area was searched with negative results. One Marine WIA did not require med-evac. At 280800H Co K, 3/3 commenced S&C opns to search GS (AT 9663), (AT 9662), (AT 9762). At 281234H Co K 3/3, located at (BT 023627), received 20 to 30 rds of small arms fire from (BT 022628). At 281355H Co K 3/3, located at (BT 025620), received ten rds of small arms fire from (BT 025619). In both instances the enemy broke contact when Marines returned small arms fire.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I. OCON 3/3 at 281340H. Moved by truck from (AT 971663) to 3/3 CP (AT 975707).

(2) Co K. OCON 3/9.

(3) Co L. Remained at Bn CP (AT 975707) providing security for Bn CP.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG #1 (AT 985733) and installed 250 mines, completing 200 meters of barrier.

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3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Normal ambushes and patrols will be conducted.

B. 3d Battalion. The 3d Bn will establish a TFB at (BT 042645) immediately following last light.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I will assist in the preparation of the Bn CR defensive positions.

(2) Co K will assist in the preparation of the Bn CR defensive positions.

(3) Co M will continue installation of minefield at ASP#1 (AT 985733).

(4) Co L will continue to defend the Bn CR area by patrolling and establishing ambushes in grid square (AT 9770).

D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	<u>S&amp;C Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Fire Team</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8
3d Bn	0	0	0	2	4	6
3/3	0	0	0	4	0	4
<u>Squad</u>						
1st Bn	0	8	31	0	0	39
3d Bn	0	9	18	0	0	27
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	4
<u>Platoon</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	2	0	0	0	2
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>						
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>						
1st Bn	0	8	31	6	2	47
3d Bn	0	11	18	2	4	35
3/3	0	2	2	4	0	8

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4. Miscellaneous. 59th Bn RF, At 280200H the IAT platoon in QUA GIANG (1) (BT 015665) received small arms fire from an estimated 3 to 4 VC. No casualties.

5. Psy-War

A. 3d Battalion. Has scheduled a leaflet drop and helo-broadcast over major hamlets in TAOR forward of the MLR to take place from 290730H to 290900H.

B. 1st Battalion. From 290900H to 291200H the I Corps Psy-War team will hold a tape news broadcast (to include local news), show a news reel, propaganda movie, and a cartoon at TAN LUU (BT 084707). A local official will speak to the people. Leaflets and magazines will be distributed.

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By direction

Late Entry- At 281630H, Kilo 3/3 OPCON 3/9 was located at (BT 038623) and received 29 rds S/A fire from (BT 030617) resulting in 2 WIA Med Evac. Returned fire 60 rds S/A and 4 rds M-79.

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1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score Summary of Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8		
3d Bn	0	0	0	3	4	7		
3/3	0	0	0	4	0	4		
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	8	31	0	0	39		
3d Bn	0	9	12	0	0	21		
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	4		
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3d Bn	2	1	0	0	0	3		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0		
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	8	31	6	2	47		
3d Bn	2	10	12	3	4	31		
3/3	0	2	2	4	0	8		

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (BT 047676)	280930H	PATROL	CO"A"1/9/NONE	UNK/1VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 032655)	290730H	PATROL	CO"I"3/9/NONE	UNK/9VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 003669)	290800H	S&C	CO"K"3/9/NONE	UNK/7VCS
QUANG NAM/ (BT 997641)	290800H	S&C	CO"M"3/9/NONE	UNK/2VCS

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C. Highlights

(1) K 3/9 conducted S&C of QUA GIANG (2) (BT 003669) 290630H to 290930H with plt of 594th Co RF blocking at (BT 004663). Seven VCS were apprehended and taken to ITT.

(2) 3d Plt, M 3/9 conducted S&C west to east through DUONG SON (3) (AT 997641) 290630H to 290930H. Seventeen suspicious persons were screened and two VCS were evacuated to ITT.

2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. At 291030H two wounded civilians from HA QUA (4) (BT 105652) were brought to Co CP (BT 092667). They said there were four male KIA in the village. Med evac completed 291105H. At 280930H patrol RW 13 discovered a man trap at (BT 047676) and destroyed it. One 35 year old VN who attempted to avoid the patrol at the site was apprehended and evacuated to Bn CP for interrogation.

(2) Co B. Provided security, patrols and ambushes for the Bn CP area.

(3) Co C. Continued to establish ambushes and patrol in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR without making contact with the VC.

(4) Co D. The 1st and 2d plt's remain at the Marble Mountain Air Facility while the 3d plt remains at the Bn CP and is Bn reserve. No enemy contact was made during the last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I. At 290730H a Co I patrol apprehended nine VCS at (BT 032655). As a result of Bn S-2 screening all VCS were taken to 3d ITT. The Co patrolled GS (BT 0366), (BT 0365), (BT 0266), (BT 0265), (BT 0263), (BT 0364), (BT 0165) and (BT 0164).

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(2) Co K. In response to the VC attack on the RF platoon at QUA GIANG (2), (BT 003669) the 2d plt conducted a S&C opn thru QUA GIANG (2) from PPB vic (BT 003658) from 290630H to 290930H. A plt of the 594th Co RF established a block vic (BT 004663) in support of Co K. Seven VCS were apprehended and taken to 3d ITT. The Co patrolled GS (BT 0065), (BT 0064), (AT 9866) and (AT 9865).

(3) Co I patrolled GS (AT 9765), (AT 9766), (AT 9666) and (AT 9565) without enemy contact.

(4) Co M. Establish ambush at GS (AT 9967) night of 28 Nov. The 3d plt conducted an S&C opn from 290630H to 290930H thru DUONG SON (3) (AT 997641) from west to east. Seventeen suspicious persons were apprehended and interrogated by the Bn S-2. Two were retained as VCS and were evacuated to 3d ITT. The remaining 15 were released.

(5) Co L 3/3. At 291445H Co L came under the OPCON of the 3d Bn. The Co will be used to reinforce the 59th Bn, RF forces in the pacification area.

#### C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I continues to improve defensive positions around Bn CP (AT 975705).

(2) Co K. OPCON from 3/9 281830H. Continues to improve defensive positions around Bn CP (AT 975705).

(3) Co L. Provided security for Bn CP. Conducted patrols and ambushes in grid square (AT 9770). OPCON 3/9 as of 291445H.

(4) Co M. Provides security for ASP#1 (AT 985733), installed 258 mines, 200 yards of cow fence and 200 yards double apron wire.

#### 3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion. Tomorrow at 301200H Co A will relocate the CP with one plt in the vicinity of (BT 083697). One plt will remain in mobile PPB south of GL (T 68). One plt will conduct patrols in populated areas between grid lines (T 70) and (T 68) east of SONG CAN BIEN. The 3d Plt Co C will establish a PPB at (BT 068649).

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B. 3d Battalion. Co L 3/3 will remain as security within the pacification area. Patrols and ambushes will continue to be conducted within the 3d Bn TAOR. Company K will establish PPB at (BT 002659).

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I. Provide security for Bn CP (AT 975705) and conduct patrols and ambushes in grid square (AT 9770).

(2) Co K. Will continue to improve defensive positions around Bn CP (AT 975705).

(3) Co L. OPCON 3/9.

(4) Co M. Will continue installation of minefield at ASP#1 (AT 985733).

D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	S&C	Ops	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	1	3	3	4	11	
3/3	0	0	0	2	0	2	
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	27	0	0	39	
3d Bn	0	10	3	0	0	13	
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	4	
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	27	6	2	47	
3d Bn	0	11	6	3	4	24	
3/3	0	2	2	2	0	6	

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4. Miscellaneous

## A. Special Report on 3/9 Operations 27-28 Nov 65.

Co K (-) proceeded south from the Co base camp toward BICH BAC (AT 986623) in three plt size columns each converging on the hamlet from a different direction on the morning of the 27th. The real mission of the Co was to covertly drop a plt south of BICH BAC to act as a blocking force for the three company S&C opn to follow the next morning. The company conducted extensive civil affairs and psy-war work as a cover for their real mission. The plt that was to stay in the hamlet thoroughly reconed their patrol base during the day and at 271230H the Co began moving in and around the cane field where the platoon was to hide. Upon a prearranged signal the Co began a seemingly unorganized withdrawal toward the Co patrol base. The platoon remained behind hidden and camouflaged in the cane field. Approximately one hour after the co (-) departed, the villagers sounded the all clear by the use of bamboo drums. The patrol remained hidden and the following morning ten VCS were apprehended as the Bn (-) began their southward movement. Three of the ten were confirmed as VC during Bn interrogation.

B. 59th Bn, RF. A plt of the 594th Co was in position at QUA GIANG (2) (BT 003670). The Pacification Team in the hamlet went back to 594th Co CP at GIANG DONG (BT 006677) because they were afraid of reports of VC. At 1900 plt in QUA GIANG (2) (BT 003670) received report from villagers that two VC plts were moving north from NHON THO (1) (BT 002665). At 281915H 594th Plt made contact at (BT 003670). At 281935H the Plt Cdr began a move to (BT 011673). The plt was ambushed at (BT 007671) by an estimated 15 VC with one BAR. The VC wore farmers raincoats for camouflage. The plt moved back to the 594th Co CP (BT 007677). Upon arrival they were missing six RF soldiers. 3/9 provided illumination. RF saw three bodies. Sent detail to pick up three KIA. 29 Nov they searched area, found two RF's hiding in paddies who had become lost in ambush. One RF still MIA. One RF WIA. Weapons lost: three M-1's and one sub machinegun.

5. Psy-War. 1st Battalion. Psy-War planned for today was cancelled because Psy-War team did not arrive as scheduled. From 300730H to 300900H an aerial broadcast and leaflet drop will be made over major population centers throughout the Bn TAOR.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: CG, 3d Marine Division

9th Marines SITREP Number 145 as of 301000Z November 1965

1. Ninth Marines Highlights

A. Box Score Summary Activities

<u>Fire Team</u>	<u>S&amp;C</u>	<u>Ops</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Scout-Sniper</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	6	2	8	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	3	4	7	
3/3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	
<u>Squad</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	27	0	0	0	39	
3d Bn	0	3	6	0	0	0	9	
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	
<u>Platoon</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	2	7	0	0	0	0	9	
3/3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	
<u>Company</u>								
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<u>Total</u>								
1st Bn	0	12	27	6	6	2	47	
3d Bn	2	10	6	3	3	4	25	
3/3	0	2	2	3	3	0	7	

B. Contacts

<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM/ (AT 985630)	292130H	PATROL	CO "K" 3/9/4 WIA 5 WIA	NONE/NONE
QUANG NAM/ (AT 969649)	300840H	S&C	CO "L" 3/9/1 WIA	UNK/UNK

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QUANG NAM  
(AT 980639) 301000H PATROL CO "K" 3/9/NONE UNK/2VCS

QUANG NAM/  
(AT 970639) 301115H S&C CO "L" 3/9/1WIA UNK/UNK

QUANG NAM/  
(AT 978635) 301345H S&C CO "L" 3/9/1WIA UNK/UNK

C. Highlights

(1) 3d plt K Co was moving to PPB at (AT 980624). Entered enemy mine area 75 meters long and 50 meters wide at (AT 983632). Detonated four mines. Co Cdr reinforced unit with 1st plt and light section tanks. Co (-) remained in area to conduct search at first light. At 301000H two VCS were apprehended at (AT 90639). The company returned 301545H.

(2) Co L conducted S&C opn at GS (AT 9662), (AT 9663), (AT 9763), and (AT 9862) from 300710H to 301800H. A booby-trap was destroyed at (AT 969649) and five tunnels were destroyed in GS (AT 9664).

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2. OperationsA. 1st Battalion

(1) Co A. Continued to ambush and patrol in the southeast portion of the Bn TAOR without making contact with the VC during the last 24 hours. At 301200H Co A relocated the CP with the 1st plt in the vicinity of (BT 083697). The 2d plt will remain in mobile PPB south of GL (T68). The 3d plt will conduct patrols in populated areas between gridlines (T70) and (T78) east of SONG CAN BIEN.

(2) Co B. At 292210H an ambush which was part of patrol Redwood Bravo 29 in position at (BT 070703) spotted two VC, one with a weapon, out front of the ambush site. The ambush fired 15 rds of S/A and two 40mm rds at the VC. The area was searched with negative results.

(3) Co C. Continued to patrol and establish ambushes in the southwest portion of the Bn TAOR without making enemy contact. The 3d plt established a PPB at (BT 068649) at dusk.

(4) Co D. The 1st and 2d plt's remained at the Marble Mountain Air Facility while the 3d plt remains at the Bn CP and is Bn reserve. No contact was made with the VC during last 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion

(1) Co I conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (BT 0063), (BT 0164), (BT 0165), (BT 0264), (BT 0265), (BT 0365) and (BT 0366). The 1st plt established a PPB at (BT 012639) prior to darkness. At first light the plt departed PPB, returning Co I CP at 300745.

(2) Co M. The 1st plt moved from Co I to Co K CP at 290800H, reverting from OPCON Co I to 3d Bn Reserve. The 1st plt served as a reaction force for Co I S&C opn. The 2d plt continued to provide security for the bridges at (AT 994686), (AT 999689), and (AT 998704). Beginning at 291800H the 3d plt provided security for the Pacification team working in the vicinity of QUA GIANG (1) (BT 004669).

(3) Co L, 3/3. OPCON 3/9. Beginning at 291600H Co L, 3/3 provided security for the Pacification Teams for Operation Five Mountains. Reinforced plts provided security forces at (AT 963677), (AT 970695) and (AT 995670).

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(4) Co L. Conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9665), (AT 9764), (AT 9765) and (AT 9766). At 300740H Co L (-) crossed the LOD (T660) commencing an S&C opn to cover GS (AT 9662), (AT 9663), (AT 9763) and (AT 9862). At 300828H one booby trap of unknown type was destroyed in place at (AT 969649). At 300840H in the vic of (AT 969649) Marines received heavy S/A fire from an estimated 15 VC at (AT 968648). When Marines returned small arms, 3.5, M-79, and 81mm fire, the enemy broke contact moving south. Co L (-) sustained one WIA, who was evacuated to C&C. Between 300840H and 301015H Marines destroyed five tunnels (of unknown extent) in GS (AT 9664). At 301115H Co L (-) located at (AT 970639) received moderate small arms fire from (AT 970637). 81mm mortar fire was directed at the VC positions and Marines returned S/A fire. The enemy broke contact. At 301345H Co L (-) located at (AT 978635) received automatic weapons fire from (AT 970640). Marines returned small arms fire, four rds 60mm mortar, 37 rds artillery. A search of the area produced negative results.

(5) Co K. Conducted patrols and ambushes in GS (AT 9865), (AT 9866), (AT 9964), (AT 9965), and (BT 0065). At 292130H the 3d plt was moving south to a PPB at (AT 980624). In the vic of (AT 983632) four mine devices were detonated. At 292145H the Co K Commander, the 1st plt, and a light section of tanks departed Co K CP to reinforce. Having left the tanks at (AT 990642) as a reaction, blocking force, the 1st plt joined the 3d plt at 292230H to assist in evacuation of casualties. 3d plt sustained three KIA and five WIA with one reported MIA. Continuous illumination was provided and a battlefield search for the MIA was conducted with negative results.

At first light Co K (-) searched the ~~mine~~ area. The MIA was found KIA by fragmentation wounds. The search also revealed the following information. The ~~mine~~ devices were positioned in an area 75 meters long by 50 meters wide. The trail bisecting the area was marked on either side by signs on bamboo to the northeast and the southwest. The first detonation was a Bouncing Betty type mine. The other three detonations were from ~~unknown~~ devices. Co K (-) (rein) returned to Co K CP at 300900H. From 301030H to 301545H Co K (-) reinforced by one squad engineers conducted another search of the ~~mine~~ area. No additional information was obtained. At 301000H two VCS were apprehended in the vic of AT 980639). The VCS were evacuated to ITT and Co K (-) (rein) returned to Co K CP at 301545H.

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C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I. Provided security for Bn CP (AT 975705). Patrolled and established ambushes in grid square (AT 9770).

(2) Co K. Continues to improve defensive positions around the Bn CP (AT 975705).

(3) Co I. OPCON 3/9.

(4) Co M. Provides security for FLSG ASP#1 (AT 985733) and installed 300 mines.

(5) H&S Co. Elements provided security for Engineers at construction site River Block (AT 971699). Received three rds S/A fire 301410H from vic (AT 968697). Fire was not returned and ceased.

3. Plans Summary

A. 1st Battalion Normal patrols and ambushes will be conducted during the next 24 hours.

B. 3d Battalion will conduct normal patrolling, ambush and security activities.

C. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Co I. Displaces from (AT 975705) by helo to (AT 969665) at 01100H Dec. Final coordination will be effected prior to I Co assuming the responsibility to 3/9 on 021200H Dec.

(2) Co K. Provides security for Bn CP (AT 975705). Will establish ambushes and patrol grid square (AT 9770).

(3) Co I. OPCON 3/9

(4) Co M. Will continue installation of minefield at ASP#1 (AT 985733).

(5) H&S Co. Elements of H&S will continue to provide security for Engineers at construction site (AT 971699).

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## D. Box Score of Operational Plans

	S&C	Opps	Patrols	Ambushes	List Posts	Scout-Sniper	Total
<u>Fire Team</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	5	2	7	7
3d Bn	0	0	0	4	3	3	3
3/3	0	0	9	3	0		3
<u>Squad</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	27	0	0	0	39
3d Bn	0	10	15	0	0	0	25
3/3	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
<u>Platoon</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Company</u>							
1st Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d Bn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>							
1st Bn	0	12	27	5	2	46	
3d Bn	0	10	15	4	3	32	
3/3	0	2	11	3	0	16	

4. MiscellaneousA. 1st Battalion

Co A (BT 083697)

B. 3d Battalion

Co L, 3/3 (AT 963677)

Psv-War

From 010900H to 011200H a tape news broad cast, news reel, propaganda movie, and a cartoon is scheduled to be held in the hamlet of TAN LUU (BT 084707). A local official will speak to the population and magazines and leaflets will be handed out.

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