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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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 ✓(5) S-5 Chronology  
 ✓(6) Air Support Chronology  
 ✓(7) Medical and Dental Chronology  
 ✓(8) Communication-Electronics Chronology  
 ✓(9) Fire Support Chronology  
 ✓(10) Supporting Documents (with original only)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the 9th Marines Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 1966 is submitted.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Reporting Unit. 9th Marines (Rein), 3d Marine Division

2. Reporting Period. 1-31 March 1966

3. Date of Submission. 19 April 1966

4. Commanding Officer

Colonel Edwin H. SIMMONS 1-31 March 1966

5. Location of Command Post During Reporting Period. (AT 324723)

6. Maps. AMS series L701 Sheets 6658 I & IV, 6659 II & III

7. Staff Assignments

a. Executive Officer	1-31 March 1966	LtCol P. C. TRAMMEL
b. S-1	1-20 March 1966	Capt H. B. WEST
	21-31 March 1966	Capt D. S. RILLING
c. S-2	1-31 March 1966	Maj C. WARD
d. S-3	1-31 March 1966	Maj V. T. BLAZ
e. S-4	1-31 March 1966	Maj G. H. GRIMES
f. S-5	10-31 March 1966	1stLt J. M. STONE

8. Subordinate Commanders

a. Headquarters Company	1-31 March 1966	Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
b. 1st Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 March 1966	LtCol W. F. DOEHLER
c. 2d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 March 1966	LtCol W. F. DONAHUE
d. 3d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 March 1966	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
e. 3d Battalion, 3d Mar	1-31 March 1966	LtCol J. W. DORSEY III

9. Attachments

a. Liaison Team, I Corps, RVN	1-31 March 1966
b. Interpreter Team III MAF	1-31 March 1966

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1. Personnel  
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Normal strengths (average)

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
142	4115	14	211

<u>b. Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle Casualties</u>
33 - KIA 269 - WIA 1 - MIA	18

c. Rotation during month

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
6	168	0	12

d. Replacements received

<u>MC Off</u>	<u>MC Enl</u>	<u>Navy Off</u>	<u>Navy Enl</u>
15	608	0	13

e. Personnel Summary. There is a lack of replacements resulting in a personnel shortage throughout the Regiment.

f. Periodic Personnel Reports. None.

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.

3. Local News Papers. None.

4. Photographs. None.

5. Journal. None.

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours.

a. Courts-Martial

4 Summary Courts-Martial completed  
12 Special Courts-Martial completed and  
10 pending  
2 General Courts-Martial pending

b. Bn Cmdr OH

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c. Co Cmdr OH

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SECRET7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R.

- a. Morale in this command is considered to be excellent.
- b. PX service is considered satisfactory.
- c. Mail service is very good.
- d. R&R quotas for Okinawa, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Saigon, Tokyo, Taipei and Manila are considered adequate.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules.

- a. During the month of March, the Regimental Chaplain celebrated 12 Sunday Masses with 484 men attending; 11 Masses were celebrated during the weeks for Regimental units with an overall attendance of 168.
- b. 4 Sunday Masses were offered at the Regimental Headquarters; the average attendance was 47, a slight increase in attendance at Catholic Services for the month.
- c. Protestant Divine Services at this headquarters were provided by Chaplain Hansen of 12th Marines. He conducted four Sunday worship services with an average attendance of 10. On Sunday, 27 March, LtGen Walt, CG, III MAF attended Protestant Services at the Regimental Chapel.
- d. The Regimental Chaplain held one Memorial Service at "L" Company, 3dBn, 9thMar. 62 men attended this service.
- e. The Regimental Chaplain delivered two moral guidance lectures as part of the Regimental Leadership Program. 24 men attended the lectures.
- f. A program of indoctrination for all members of the Regimental Staff and the Headquarters Company on the "Religions in Vietnam" was begun on 14 March. The Regimental Chaplain gave a total of eight lectures of the basic Religions in Vietnam to approximately 99% of this Command.
- g. Five periods of religious instruction were given by the Regimental Chaplain to five men of Headquarters Company.
- h. The Chaplain conducted the Regimental Commander's Inspection of Chaplains Activities at all four battalions in the Regiment. Chaplain Lionberger conducted the CG, 3d Marine Division Inspection of the Regimental Chaplain's activities on 22 March.
- i. There were three III MAF Chaplains Conferences; two 3d Marine Division Chaplains meetings held during the month. The Regimental Chaplain was present at all of these and at a religious day of recollection held at the Seminary in East Danang.
- j. At the request of the Regimental S-1, the Chaplain submitted recommendations to improve the Regimental "Venereal Disease Control Program" and discussed them with the Regimental Commander.

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k. The Regimental Chaplain visited wounded battalion personnel at 3d Med Battalion, and the NSA Hospital in East Danang.

l. This office received one small box of clothing from the U. S. for distribution to the Vietnamese people. It was turned over to the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer. A sum of \$60.00 received as a donation from a Catholic Charitable Organization in the U. S. was given to the Battalion Chaplain of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to pay teachers' salaries at the schools in the village of An Trach.

m. "Project An Trach Adopt," a joint civic affairs activity of the people of Willimantic, Connecticut and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines through the letter's representative, SSgt John R. KNAPP, turned over to the Regimental Chaplain, approximately \$1,000.00 of ecclesiastical furnishings and equipment to be used in the Catholic Church in An Trach, coordinates (972662).

n. The memorial bell for the 9th Marines' Regimental Chapel was engraved and its housing is still under construction, even though work on the Chapel itself is presently at a standstill.

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**SECRET**S-2 Chronology1. Area of Operations.a. Location.

(1) The regimental area of operations is located on the east coast of South Vietnam in the TOURANE area, and includes the area between the sea coast (South China Sea) west to the secondary road which serves HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689) to coordinates (AT 898545); the southern boundary generally follows the north shoreline of the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON trace (with exception of the eastern portion where the boundary intersects the sea coast at coordinates (BT 131630); the northern boundary generally follows the trace of the SONG CAU DO.

(2) The area of operations does not include the city of DA NANG, DA NANG Airbase, or the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

(3) Operations KINGS (19-28 March) served to extend the boundaries of the battalions' zones of operation to the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON trace. This was not an extension of the 9th Marines area of responsibilities however, as, technically, this area was already included in the Regimental TAOR. Operation KINGS was the initial 9th Marines effort in that portion of the region situated to the south of Highway #14, and served to open the area south of the SONG LA THO to USMC influence and control.

b. Description of the Area.

NOTE: The following description is quoted from the February chronology and is included here, with minor corrections, for the convenience of individuals/organizations utilizing this report.

(1) The area of operations is generally flat, marshy (with light wooded areas), and with the heaviest population centers situated along the roads. Rice cultivation results in much of this area being continually flooded. Vegetation varies from areas of sparse vegetation along the coast to heavily vegetated areas found in the vicinity of the population centers. While much of the terrain is flat and open, elevated vantage points are few and observation is generally poor. The exception is the southwest portion of the area of operations, in the vicinity of the SONG LA THO and SONG YEN, where several hills, principally Hill 55, coordinates (AT 970620), and Hill 42, coordinates (AT 948598), provide excellent observation of the area.

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(2) The area of operations is situated primarily on a low sandy plain and occupies an area of approximately ninety-six square miles.

(3) The area of operations includes an estimated population of one hundred forty one thousand (note: this does not include the population of DA NANG city, which is not a part of the area of operations). Several areas and villages have only recently returned to GVN control or have been otherwise inaccessible, therefore there has not been an accurate census made in recent years, but this figure is believed to be reasonably accurate. Statistical data reflecting the ethnic and religious make-up of the area is meager, but available sources indicate that Vietnamese comprise about 92% of the population, with the balance being distributed between a mixture of Chinese, Indians, Pakistanis, Cambodians, French, and others. Buddhism has traditionally been the major religion, and about 80% of the people of this area are nominally buddhists. Catholics comprise about 10% of the population with the balance consisting of the adherents of the Cao Dai sect and other religions.

(4) About 90% of the people are subsistence farmers and rice is the chief crop. Industry is primarily of the "family industry" or handicraft type. Although this region is a major rice producing area, the influx of large numbers of refugees, Viet Cong interference with harvesting and transport, antiquated farming methods, and "dual" (GVN and Viet Cong) taxation burdens this agricultural economy, and, at the present time, the area must import rice to feed the populace.

(5) National Highway #1 provides the main land route through the area of operations, and extends north to south, running parallel to the South China Sea coast at an average distance of four miles inland. National Highway #1 is two-lane except for the occurrence of several single lane bridges. The highway surface is all-weather and averages 4.4 meters in width. Highway #14, running east to west generally parallel to the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON, is the major secondary route within the area of operation, connecting HOI AN with the TAM HOA population center. Secondary roads/trails connect the populated areas but usually will accommodate only foot traffic or small "combat" vehicles.

(6) Although the area of operations is traversed north to south by a narrow-gauge railroad, Viet Cong destruction of over-passes and bridges, and removal of track, have rendered the line inoperable. The portion of the roadbed from PHONG LE bridge, coordinates (AT 999705), to HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 990641), has been converted into a military road by the removal of the railroad tracks and ties and serves the regiment as a main supply route (MSR).

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(7) The TAOR embraces an extensive and vital series of rivers, streams, and other waterways which materially affect the conduct of military operations as well as determine the economy of this region. There are in excess of one hundred fifty miles of what is considered "navigable" waterways within the confines of this regiment's TAOR. The most important of these waterways are the SONG CAU DO, the SONG VINH DIEN, the SONG YEN, and the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON. Minor waterways include the SONG CAU DAI, the SONG BAU XAU, and SONG LA THO. The waterways are considered navigable during all but the severest portion of the dry season, but flooded conditions during the monsoon season also serve to hinder navigation. The waterways provide a natural avenue for the movement of supplies but Viet Cong abuses have led to the restriction of traffic in most river areas.

c. Weather.

(1) March began the spring transitional period between the relatively cool and wet northeast monsoon and the hot and dry southwest monsoon. Precipitation was minimal although "crachin" weather (periods of drizzle or light rain, with low stratus cloud ceilings and restricted visibilities) was experienced. There was no influence by the weather on trafficability during this reporting period.

(2) Weather Summary.

Number of days with measurable rainfall.....	1
Total rainfall received.....	.05 in.
Maximum rainfall in a 24 hour period.....	.05 in.
Maximum temperature during reporting period.....	103°
Minimum temperature during reporting period.....	71°
Average winds during reporting period.....	EENE 6 kt
Number of days with less than 5 miles visibility.	6

2. Viet Cong Strengths, Dispositions, and Tactics.

a. General. The Viet Cong use of cover designations for their units on a frequent, and irregular basis, and frequent displacement of Viet Cong units to new locations within a general operating area, make it extremely difficult to identify and locate Viet Cong units for extended reporting periods such as reflected in this chronology.

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**SECRET**b. Order of Battle Intelligence.

(1) Information derived from prisoner interrogations, formalized intelligence sources, both U. S. and GVN, local officials and civilian reports, after-action reports, patrol de-briefings, and other sources indicate that the Viet Cong forces operating in the 9th Marines Area of Responsibility during this reporting period consisted of the following:

Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
R.20 Bn* (Main Force)	270	(AT9556)	NGUYEN DINH	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 3-LMG	Confirmed

NOTE: \*Consists of  
BnHq  
U/I Protection Co  
U/I Combat Engr Co

101stBn** (Main Force) AKA 39thBn	205	(BT0760)	VO XUA LAM	1-81mmMort 3-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-LMG	Confirmed
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NOTE: \*\*Consists of  
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U/I Co

V.25 Bn*** (Local Force) AKA 5thBn	130	(AT9154)	NGUYEN LANG MAC KHU TUNG	1-81mmMort 3-60mmMort 3-LMG	Possible
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NOTE: \*\*\* Consists of  
BnHq  
V.27 Co

R.21 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	(BT0056)	NGUYEN DJC	1-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 5-LMG	Confirmed
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R.22 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	(AT9760)	DUNG	2-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR	Confirmed
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R.23 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	100	(BT0159)	VO DE	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-LMG	Confirmed
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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
Q-15B Co (Local Force)	150	(BT0355)	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 2-LMG	Confirmed
Q-16 Co (Local Force)	120	(AT9464)	UNK	1-60mmMort	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	100	(BT1162)	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-LMG	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	90	(BT0367)	TRAN DOA	3-81mmMort	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	UNK	(BT0764)	UNK	UNK	Probable
R.24 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20 Bn	120	(AT9556)	LE VAN KHOI	UNK	Possible

(2) Of the total forces shown in sub-paragraph (1) above, the maximum Viet Cong strength (excluding local guerrilla forces) believed to have been operating at any one time in the 9th Marines Area of Responsibility during this reporting period was approximately 1,500 men, organized into elements of two battalions (approximately 800 men), and five separate companies (approximately 600 men), and several 'special mission' units (100 men). Additionally, local guerrilla forces, organized in irregular units up to company strength (60-120), were operating in various locations. In some hamlets the Viet Cong force consists of little more than a "cell" of four or five local sympathizers, while in other Viet Cong dominated hamlets, the local Viet Cong force is estimated to consist of a well integrated, directed unit of full company strength (120 men) and equipped with a fair assortment of automatic and crew-served weapons. An approximate total of six hundred local Viet Cong (guerrillas and political activists) were estimated to have been operating in the 9th Marines Area of Responsibility. This force provided the regular (Main Force) Viet Cong units with exceptional protective surveillance, provided information of USMC operations, strengths, and dispositions, constituted a ready source of replacements to the Viet Cong ranks, and provided secure areas which magnified the difficulties in locating and restricting Viet Cong movements.

c. Tactics.

(1) A series of actions which occurred in the vicinity of the SONG LA THO and Highway #14 in the western portion of the regimental area of operations which resulted in and included Operation KINGS (19-28 March) exerted a material influence on the statistical resume of enemy contacts for the period. The following table graphically demonstrates this influence:

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	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	
Sniping incidents	68	31	54% decrease
Small unit contacts	150	268	87% increase
Major unit contacts	0	3	300% increase
Mortar activity	3	11	367% increase
Mines and booby traps	88	72	22% decrease

This change is attributed to the relatively fast moving and aggressive nature of these actions which brought the Marines in frequent contact with the enemy but reduced the Viet Cong's opportunities for employment of "harassing" tactics, such as sniping and mining. However, the frequency of mortar incidents would reflect an increase even if Operation KINGS' actions were excluded, and must be attributed to a material increase in Viet Cong mortar capabilities in this area.

d. Significant Actions.

(1) The series of actions which occurred in the vicinity of highway #14, between the SONG LA THO and the SONG KY LAM/SONG THU BON, which resulted in and included Operation KINGS were the most significant incidents which occurred during this reporting period.

(2) Operation KINGS had its inception in a 22 February 1966 Viet Cong night attack on ARVN forces positioned at BINH LONG bridge, coordinates (BT 012569), and the subsequent daytime battle on the same date between an ARVN reaction force and at least one, perhaps two, Viet Cong battalions. ARVN casualties totalled 108. Viet Cong casualties included 114 KIA (body count). Examination of documents and personal identification recovered from the bodies of the enemy dead indicated that the attack was perpetrated by elements of the 70th Battalion (subordinate to the 1st Viet Cong Regiment), and perhaps elements of the Viet Cong V.25 Battalion, as well. The V.25 Battalion was known to be operating in this area but the presence of the 70th Battalion had been rumored but had not previously been confirmed.

(3) Smaller contacts continued in March; usually small arms and/or mortar fire directed at the ARVN outpost positions in the area to the west of DIEN BAN District Headquarters along highway #14. These attacks were generally of the type that may be termed "harassing attacks", and were attributed to Viet Cong local or guerrilla units.

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(4) Intelligence reports however, indicated the presence of several Main Force units in the area, and suggested that a major Viet Cong attack was in the offing. The most likely targets were (again) the BINH LONG bridge, the ARVN outposts in the area, or the DAI LOC or DIEN BAN District Headquarters.

(5) On 10 March the ARVN outpost at GIAO AI, coordinates (AT 948584), received a mortar attack.

(6) On 11 March, GIAO AI was attacked by a Viet Cong force estimated as one battalion in strength, employing 57mm recoilless rifles, 60mm and 81mm mortars.

(7) On 12 March, Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, positioned to the north of the SONG LA THO, received eight 81mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south of the river.

(8) During the early morning hours of 17 March, Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, occupying blocking positions on the SONG LA THO, was attacked by an estimated company of Viet Cong, who employed mortars, grenades and automatic weapons. During the evening and night of 17 March, Company I received a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire.

(9) Operation KINGS was designed to alleviate the pressures against the ARVN outpost positions and district headquarters and to extend the area of operations of the 9th Marines (see paragraph 1.a.(1) for discussion). Planning involved liaison with GVN and ARVN officials and the operation was scheduled to commence on 21 March. The tempo of activity in that area further increased however, resulting in a change of schedule.

(10) At 181730H, Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, conducting a search and destroy operation along the north bank of the SONG LA THO, made contact with a Viet Cong force estimated to exceed 100 men, who employed automatic weapons and mortars. With the presence of a large, active enemy force confirmed by this recent contact, the decision was made to initiate Operation KINGS immediately.

(11) Operation KINGS is discussed in detail in the OPERATIONS portion of this chronology, but mention should be made here of the happenings of 25 March, which had special intelligence import.

(12) The action began at 250030H, when a Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines listening post reported detecting the movement of Viet Cong who were attempting to infiltrate the Marines' positions. In the resultant exchange of small arms fire, two Viet Cong were killed. A second listening post also detected movement and a grenade was thrown at the intruders. Both reports indicated that the Viet Cong had utilized water buffalo to screen their movements so as to infiltrate the area.

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(13) At 250100H, Company E was attacked by a enemy force estimated as at least two companies in strength, who utilized a heavy mortar barrage to close with the Marine defenders. Hand grenades, rifle grenades, and explosive charges were employed by the Viet Cong in an attempt to penetrate the east and southeast portion of the Company E perimeter.

(14) Company M, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, situated to the southeast of Company E, also reported that they were under attack. The attack on Company M consisted of a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire which served to fix the Marines in place.

(15) The enemy attack was concentrated on Company E, which received in excess of seventy mortar rounds in position, as well as received the brunt of several strong and persistent infantry attacks designed to penetrate the Marines' positions. USMC artillery fired over one thousand rounds in support of the hard-pressed Marines. The Viet Cong attack persisted until 250210H, but USMC artillery continued its interdiction of the area throughout the night.

(16) Daylight revealed forty three Viet Cong bodies still remaining on the battlefield. Indications were that perhaps eighty or more additional Viet Cong had been killed, but their bodies had been retrieved from the area. Total enemy casualties were not assessed but the DAI LOC District Chief relayed a report from villagers that over one hundred Viet Cong casualties were observed passing through this one area.

(17) Examination of personal identification papers and devices and documents recovered from the Viet Cong bodies established that the Viet Cong force included at least three companies subordinate to the Viet Cong R.20 Battalion. It is probable that additional units, perhaps the remaining elements of the R.20 Battalion, also participated, as not all the bodies were identified and the enemy force which confronted Company M was not identified.

(18) The confirmation of the R.20 Battalion as the enemy force provided special significance to this attack. The R.20 Battalion, also known as the DOC LAP Volunteer Battalion and the QUANG NAM/DA NANG Independence Battalion, is a Main Force unit. It was remembered that this was the battalion which perpetrated the attack of Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on Hill 22, coordinates (AT 953667), on 30 October 1965.

(19) It is possible to draw several similarities between the attack of Company E on 25 March and the earlier attack on Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, at Hill 22.

(a) The tactics were similar. Infiltration was attempted prior to the initiation of the primary attack and mortar fire was employed to pin down the defenders;

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(b) Both attacks were initiated at the same time of night;

(c) The Viet Cong strengths were similar, in that both attacks saw the employment of two or more companies in the primary effort while a smaller force (one company?) made the secondary attack;

(d) In both attacks, the Viet Cong forces were concentrated in an attempt to penetrate one portion of the Marines' perimeter; and

(20) The preliminary contacts, sequence of the attack, scheme of maneuver, large-scale employment of mortars, use of a diverting force, the speed and ferocity of the attack once the battle was joined, and the very evident seeking out of specific, key targets and objectives during the attack, all indicate that this was a well-planned, deliberately executed, and hard-fought action conducted by seasoned, well-trained Main Force Viet Cong troops.

(21) A general summation of the results achieved by Operation KINGS would necessarily highlight the enemy casualties.

Viet Cong KIA (body count)	60
Viet Cong KIA (possible)	123
Viet Cong WIA (possible)	40*
Viet Cong Suspects Apprehended	57

NOTE: \* This figure does not represent an assessment of total Viet Cong WIA(possible) as casualties of this nature were not determined.

(a) The Marines destroyed numerous positions, fortifications, trenchlines, bunkers, fighting holes, caves, tunnels, etc. in the operating area.

(22) Operation KINGS was a significant success. The Marines penetrated an area under Viet Cong domination, successfully resisted a major enemy attack, cleared a substantial portion of the area of enemy fortifications and defenses, extended the boundaries of the battalions' zones of operation, and went far towards preparing the region for the reassertion of GVN influence and control.

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**SECRET****3. Viet Cong Casualties.**

a. Along with a substantial increase in the incidence of enemy contacts during this reporting period, there was a corresponding increase in enemy casualties. Although a substantial portion of these casualties are directly attributable to Operation KINGS (see paragraph 2.d, above), the figures reflect an evident acceleration of enemy activities throughout the entire period covered by this chronology.

Viet Cong KIA (Confirmed)	152
Viet Cong KIA (Possible)	150
Viet Cong Captured	17
Viet Cong Captured (WIA)	5
Viet Cong Suspects Apprehended	277
Returnees	2

**4. Sources of intelligence.**

a. The primary source of usable military intelligence was the units in contact with the Viet Cong. Contact reports, patrol reports, after-action reports, and observations by frontline troops continued to be the major, and most reliable source of information.

b. Periodic and special reports provided by U. S. and GVN military and civilian sources were the primary source of information of Viet Cong displacements, unit identifications, and intentions. The major difficulty experienced in evaluating reports of this nature was the lack of an adequate basis for estimating the credibility of the report's source, which was frequently an unidentified agent. In several instances, the information contained in intelligence reports were confirmed by subsequent frontline contacts and follow-up action, based on other portions of the report, was possible. Operation KINGS (19-28 March) was itself a product of intelligence reports and enemy contacts that indicated that a build-up of enemy forces was occurring in the area. Reports that identified the presence of the Viet Cong R.20 Battalion were subsequently validated by intelligence material recovered from the site of the 25 March action. As is indicated in paragraph 2.a, the Viet Cong use of cover designations and frequent displacements make it extremely difficult to evaluate and utilize intelligence reports that attempt to identify and locate enemy units.

c. ITP prisoner interrogation reports provided information of Viet Cong procedures, locations, personalities and morale, and the impact and influence of Viet Cong and friendly operations

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on the local civilian population. IIT screening of suspects apprehended during the reporting period identified the majority of these Viet Cong who are shown as captured in paragraph 3. above.

5. Electronic Surveillance Devices. During March, the regiment employed the following electronic surveillance devices as indicated:

	<u>AN/TPS-21</u>	<u>SID-150</u>	<u>INTRA-RED DEVICES</u>
HqCo, 9thMar	2	8	6
1stBn 9thMar	2	22	16
2dBn 9thMar	2	20	15
3dBn 9thMar	2	30	17
3dBn 3dMar	2	21	16

APPENDIXES

S-2 INTSUMS No. 60-91

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SECRETS-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. General. During the month of March, the 9th Marine Regiment in addition to routine operations in its zone of action, had two companies committed in the HUE PHU-BAI TAOR, conducted two ROUGH RIDER operations, supported the rice harvest in GOLDEN FLEECE II, executed four COUNTY FAIR operations, and conducted two battalion-size operations: KINGS and ALABAMA. Viet Cong forces reacted to the heightened pressure being exerted against them by exhibiting a greater inclination to attack USMC forces in a seemingly desperate attempt to regain the initiative. The Viet Cong suffered heavy casualties, especially the R-20 (DOC LOP VOLUNTEER) Battalion which lost the equivalent of one full company in an attack against Co E/2/9 on 25 March.

2. Forward Positions. Realignment of forward battalions into a diamond formation, consisting of one mobile company forward, two companies abreast near center of zone and one company to the rear, took place during March. Organization of the ground placed emphasis on digging-in all defensive positions, use of connecting trenches, and separation of fighting holes from sleeping positions.

3. Hill 55. On 1 March, two platoon Co I/3/3 occupied Hill 55 (AT 9661). Extensive use of LVTE-1 line charges was required to clear Hill 55 of more than 130 VC implanted mines. Upon clearing the majority of the hill mass, work was begun to "harden" Hill 55 upon which to anchor the right flank battalion's defensive positions. As of 31 March, USMC units on Hill 55 had increased to one battalion command group (3d Bn, 3d Marines) one rifle company, one 107mm Mortar battery, one platoon of tanks, one section of ONIOS, and one platoon LVT's. Construction of a regimental tactical CP commenced on 29 March.

4. SPARROW HAWK. The SPARROW HAWK concept of an air nobile reinforced squad for employment as a strike force to exploit enemy contacts was used 12 times during March. The concept was modified to the extent that each battalion furnishes its own SPARROW HAWK squad which is familiar with the area of operations, rather than utilizing a regimental squad in all battalion zones of action. This variation has proven worthwhile primarily because SPARROW HAWK squads now operate in their own areas and are frequently retracted by foot over familiar country thus releasing SPARROW HAWK aircraft for other missions. A classic use of SPARROW HAWK occurred on 30 March. An aerial observer spotted 15 to 20 VC and notified units concerned. Elements of two companies converged from the north, west and east and SPARROW HAWK was inserted from the south. Nine VC were killed as a result of this action.

5. COUNTY FAIR. The COUNTY FAIR concept was tested on a pilot basis in February. During March the concept was refined and was established as a standard operation within the 9th Marines. COUNTY FAIR is a USMC-GVN

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coordinated operation specifically designed to destroy VC infrastructure and to introduce GVN influence into isolated hamlets and villages. USMC forces cordon a community which is then searched by GVN forces. All villagers are evacuated to a central location where they are interrogated, treated, fed, processed for identification, tabulated and exposed to propaganda lectures. While the above is being accomplished, the vacated community is searched in detail for hidden tunnels, food and munitions caches, etc. This technique has proven very successful in every locale where the concept has been properly executed and applied by the participating forces. Four COUNTRY FAIR operations were conducted during the month of March.

6. OPERATION KINGS. Operation KINGS (19-28 March), was conducted in the southwest corner of the regimental zone of action. This area had technically been the 9th Marines' responsibility for some months. However, prior to Operation KINGS, the 9th Marines did not ordinarily operate south of a line delineated, in general, by the LA THO-THANH QUIT rivers.

a. The purposes of the operation were to:

(1) Relieve pressure on the ARVN outposts along Route 14. There were four of these: District Headquarters at DAI LOC, a company at GIAO AI, a battalion minus at PHUNG THU, and a company at BINH LONG bridge.

(2) Extend the area of 9th Marines influence and operations south to the major rivers, THU BON and KY LAM.

b. In the course of this operation a total of eight companies were employed, although not more than four were committed at any one time. Two battalion command groups were used; first, the 2d Bn, 9th Marines, and then as the action shifted to the westward, control was passed to the 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

c. From the point of view of tactics, the operation demonstrated:

(1) The importance of a good defensive fire plan, particularly as a counter-mortar measure. Effective artillery fire was largely responsible for breaking up the DOC LAP Bn attack against Co E/2/9.

(2) The validity of the basic concept that operations of this sort should be a deliberate, systematic, searching out and clearing. We see it as a sort of scrubbing action where we go back and forth to rub out, eradicate the VC infrastructure as well as to drive out the VC main force units.

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- 1 Mar - Co K/3/9 executed ROUGH RIDER south to TAM KY. Co K/3/3 and Co F/2/9 remain under OPCON 2/1 PHU BAI TAOR. 3/9 CP displaced to (BT 073656). (SITREP #60)
- 2 Mar - 3/9 (-) conducted S&D between GS (BT 1064) and (BT 1360). (SITREP #61)
- 4 Mar - Co K/3/3 from OPCON 2/1 to OPCON 1/1. (SITREP #63)
- 6 Mar - 3/9 (-) conducted S&D in area bounded by (BT 053644-074648-086617-070605). (SITREP #64)
- 6 Mar - 3/3 (-) conducted S&D both banks SONG YEN from (AT 9361) to (AT 9564). (SITREP #64)
- 7-8 Mar - 2/9 (-) conducted COUNTY FAIR 2 vic DUONG SON (2) (AT 993677). 5 VC KIA (BC). (SITREP #66 & 67)
- 9 Mar - Co F/2/9 returned from HUE PHU-BAI. 2/9 resumed OPCON. 3/9 (-) conducted S&D from N-S GL 68-64 and E-W GL 06-03. (SITREP #68)
- 10-11 Mar - 3/3 (-) conducted COUNTY FAIR 3 vic CAM NE (6) (AT 9768). (SITREP #70 & 71)
- 12 Mar - 3/9 (-) conducted S&D in area bounded by N-S GL 66-62 and E-W GL 13-09. (SITREP #72)
- 14-15 Mar - 3/9 (-) conducted COUNTY FAIR 4 vic TRUNG LUONG (BT 040723) 3 VCS. 1397 persons registered, 590 persons treated. (SITREP # 73 & 74)
- 15 Mar - 3/3 (-) conducted S&D with 5 CHIEU HOI returnees. 2 VC surrendered, 5 VC apprehended. (SITREP #74)
- 17 Mar - 3/3 (-) conducted COUNTY FAIR 5 vic CAM NE (4) (AT 969695). 2 VC KIA (BC), 13 VCS, 1 VCC, 2 deserters apprehended. (SITREP #76)
- 18 Mar - Co F/2/9 made contact with est VC company. 3 VC attacks on perimeter repulsed. 10 VC KIA (BC). (SITREP #77).

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- 19 Mar - 2/9 commenced Operation KINGS with Co F/2/9 and Co K/3/9. 7 VC KIA on 1st day in addition to 10 VC found around Co F/2/9 position from previous night's attack. (SITREP #78)
- 19 Mar - Co M/3/3 conducted COUNTY FAIR 6 vic CAM NE (3) (AT 9668). Results were 2 VC KIA (BC), 7 VCC Captured, 8 VCS apprehended and 4 individual weapons captured. 284 citizens were registered and 6 hidden tunnels were destroyed. (SITREP #78)
- 20 Mar - Operation KINGS continued under OPCON 2/9. Co E/2/9 conducted helilift into LZ (BT 009570) secured by GVN forces. Operation KINGS forces conducted extensive S&D in eastern portion KINGS ZOA. Results were 5 VC KIA (BC). (SITREP #79)
- 21 Mar - Operation KINGS completed third day with minimal VC contact and extensive destruction of VC fortifications. (SITREP #80)
- 22 Mar - Operation KINGS completed fourth day. Co M/3/9 relieved Co K/3/9. Co E/2/9 conducted helilift from LZ (AT 998603) to LZ (AT 947588). Results were 6 VC KIA (BC) and extensive destruction of VC fortifications. (SITREP #81)
- 23 Mar - 3/3 assumed responsibility for Operation KINGS which continued through fifth day with light contact. (SITREP #82)
- 24-25 Mar - Co L/3/3 conducted ROUGH RIDER North to HUE PHU-BAI and return. Co K/3/3 returned to Danang from HUE PHU-BAI. (SITREP #83 & 84)
- 24 Mar - Operation KINGS completed sixth day with light contact. Results were 2 VC WIA (POSS). (SITREP #83)
- 24 Mar - 3/3 Tactical CP displaced forward to Hill 55 (AT 974621). (SITREP #83)
- 25 Mar - Operation KINGS completed seventh day. Co E/2/9 was attacked during early morning of 25th by Co's R-21, R-22 and R-23 of the R-20 (DOC LAP VOLUNTEER) Battalion. The VC attack was repulsed with 43 VC KIA (BC), 40 VC KIA (POSS), 10 weapons captured. (SITREP #84)

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- 26 Mar - 3/9 commenced GOLDEN FLEECE II operations in ZOA. (SITREP #85) Operation KINGS completed eighth day. Co's K and L/3/3 helilifted into KINGS ZOA. Results were 2 VC KIA (BC) and 15 VC KIA (POSS). (SITREP #86)
- 27 Mar - Operation KINGS completed ninth day with Co M/3/9 and Co E/2/9 retracting from KINGS ZOA. Results were 15 VC KIA (POSS). (SITREP #86)
- 28 Mar - Operation KINGS terminated with retraction of Co K/3/3 from KINGS ZOA at 210800H. (SITREP #87)
- 29 Mar - 3/9 (-) commenced operation ALABAMA in area bounded by (BT 058630-090630-058583-090583). Light resistance encountered. (SITREP #88)
- 30 Mar - Operation ALABAMA terminated 301340H. No resistance during second day's action. (SITREP #89)
- 31 Mar - 3/3 conducted coordinated USMC/GVN search and destroy vic TU CAU (2) (BT 035650). (SITREP #90)

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## 1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. LT GEN V. H. KRULAK, CG FMF PAC, VISITED 9TH MARINES CP AND THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM HEADQUARTERS, BO MUNG (1) (BT-023659) WHERE HE MET WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT, LT COL LAP AND THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF, DR. CHI. OTHER 9TH MARINES AREAS VISITED WERE 3/9 CP (BT 072657) AND CO 1/373 ON HILL 55 (AT 968615).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 75-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

## 3. EXECUTION

A. THIRD BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZE AND DESTROY OPERATIONS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS VIC (BT 047650), (BT-058626), (BT 055697).

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES. FURNISH 7 GUARDS TO PROVISIONAL NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND SUPPORT ACTIVITY PERIOD 16-31 MARCH 1966.

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) COMMENCING 170600H CO M/JN COORDINATION WITH 1ST CO, 3D BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT AND TWO ARVN COMMANDO PLATOONS CONDUCT "COUNTY FAIR 5" VIC CAM NE (4) (AT 969695) AND CAM NE (5) (AT 978698). MARINE CO OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS (AT 970699-993701), (AT 966693-968698), AND (AT 971699). TWO LVT-1S WILL PATROL RIVER. RVN OFFICIALS AND FORCES WILL CONDUCT CIVIC AND MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE TWO HAMLETS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON (REIN) SEARCH AND DESTROY BICH BAC (AT-986631). AT CONCLUSION OF SEARCH CONDUCT COMBAT PATROL THROUGH THAI CAM (3) (AT 975627), XUAN-DIEM (2) (AT 971629).

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SECRETS-4 CHRONOLOGY

1. Supply. Priority O2 and O5 requisitions continue to be traced in accordance with current directives to the supply sources who were the last known holders.
2. Butler Building. Construction is just about complete for the Butler Building for HQ Company Supply.
3. Bunkers. Construction has commenced on the Regimental Forward CP Bunker on Hill 55.
4. Evacuation and Hospitalization of POW's. N/A.
5. Communications. Submitted separately by Communications Officer.
6. Transportation. N/A.
7. Employment of Indigenous Personnel. RVN civilian war widows are employed as laundry girls. In addition, the Officers Mess and the Staff NCO Club have hired women as waitresses.
8. Embarkation. N/A.

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## S-5 CHRONOLOGY

1. The S-5 Section was created on 10 March 1966 with 1st Lt. Jimmie M. STONE, 088990/0302/5702, USMCR, assigned as S-5, (Civil Affairs Officer/Psychological Warfare Officer). Prior to 10 March Civil Affairs was under the cognizance of the S-1 Section while Psy-War was an S-2 function. The S-5 Section has one clerk, one driver and a Civil Affairs/Psy-War Officer.

2. Areas of Activity:

a. Education: During March the command directly supported four elementary schools in the Regimental zone of action and began construction on another while giving limited aid to GVN operated schools in the Five Mountains Pacification Area. Construction of an additional 11 two-room schools was approved by Provincial authorities for the five villages in the Pacification Area. In the four schools receiving direct support Marines paid teachers' salaries with cash or commodities, provided security, engaged in construction work on the schools, and provided school kits, desks and benches. GVN operated schools benefited from the donation of school kits and frequent visits by MEDCAP Teams.

b. Public Works:

(1) Irrigation: Progress was made in improving the existing irrigation system in HOA LOI Village near AN TRACH, (AT 972662). Canals were cleaned, deepened and widened using local labor and tools. Marines provided security and paid the workers in commodities.

(2) Protective Fencing: A bamboo and barbed wire fence was erected in AN TRACH hamlet. The villagers constructed the fence and Marines provided some of the materials, primarily barbed wire. Five hamlets in the Five Mountains Pacification Area constructed similar protective fences under the supervision of GVN Pacification personnel. These hamlets are NHON THO (1), (BT 001661), LO GIANG, (BT 025705), DUONG SON (1), (AT 997687), QUA GIANG, (BT 015665) and CAM NAM, (BT 013705).

(3) Roads: Road building and repairing was limited to those projects related to logistical or tactical necessity. However, steps were taken to open the 2/9 MSR from AT 99699 south to AT 987663 to limited civilian traffic.

(4) Markets: No market construction was performed.

(5) Public Health: Continuous medical assistance was rendered throughout the month of March. Permanent civilian aid stations were maintained in three locations while MEDCAP teams made daily visits to hamlets and schools throughout the zone of action. Navy Corpsmen working in the Five Mountains Pacification area reported an improvement in the cleanliness of the people and in their understanding of basic health practices.

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(6) Commodity Distribution: Foodstuffs, clothing, tools, toys and candy were widely distributed to families in the 9th Marines area. The practice of giving these items in return for labor was established as was the practice of using local GVN officials to effect equitable distribution.

c. Contact with GVN Officials:

(1) Wherever possible all Civic Action was coordinated with local officials. In the 3/3 and 2/9 zones of action where village and hamlet chiefs have taken office and live in their villages, nearly all commodity distribution was supervised by those officials.

(2) On 31 March the Village Chief of HOA HAI Village opened an office in his village and became the only GVN official performing his duties on a daily basis in the 3/9 zone of action.

3. Pacification Progress:

a. The Five Mountain Pacification Area included HOA DA, HOA CHAU, HOA PHUOC, HOA THAI and HOA LOI Villages of HOA VANG district. This area is bounded on the west by the SONG YEN River, on the north by the SONG CAU DO on the east by the SONG VINH DIEN and the south by the DIEN-BAN - HOA VANG district boundary.

b. During March the hamlet governments of NHON THO, DUONG SON (1) QUA GIANG, LO GIANG and CAM NAM, (locations shown in par. 2, b, (2) showed increased strength by forming teams of workers to receive self help materials when they arrive and to immediately start work on assigned projects. The QUANG NAM Province Committee for Rural Development has acknowledged the findings of the Census Grievance Teams with regard to self-help project selection. These projects vary in number and kind according to the needs of individual hamlets as determined by the Census Grievance Teams. LIEU LAC and CO MAN hamlets, GS (BT 0268), received the first shipments of building materials for self-help projects during the last days of March.

4. Statistical Summary:

a. Schools directly supported by Marines:

<u>Hamlet</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>No. of Teachers</u>	<u>No. of Classrooms</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
(1) AN TRACH	193	3	3	AT 972662
(2) LA BONG	53	1	1	AT 972667
(3) DUyen SON	95	1	1	AT 947662
(4) YEN NE	60	1	1	AT 987664

SECRET:b. Schools Under Construction:

1 classroom at HA DONG, (AT 997642). To open 8 April 1966.

c. Commodity Distribution:

(1) The following commodities were made available to the Battalions for use in the Civil Affairs Program.

(a)	Wheat.....	18,000 lbs
(b)	Rice.....	8,000 lbs
(c)	Cornmeal.....	4,000 lbs
(d)	Salt.....	36 lbs
(f)	Textile Kits.....	816
(g)	Clothing.....	900 lbs
(h)	Toys.....	2,100 lbs
(i)	CARE Primary Education Kits.....	2,000
(j)	CARE Physical Education Kits.....	20
(k)	CARE Carpenter Kits.....	20

5. Psychological Operations:a. Statistical Summary:

(1)	I Corps Psy-Ops Center Audio Team:	13 patrols
(2)	1st MAW Psy-Ops Helicopter:	8 flights
(3)	Leaflets dropped:	120,000

SECRETAIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Operational Highlights.

A. Operation KINGS. Five Marine rifle companies were helilifted into non-sterile landing zones. Two of the five landing zones were prepped by air and artillery, two were secured by ARVN units and one was not prepped. All landings were accomplished without incident.

B. SPARROW HAWK was requested fifteen times; employed twelve times. Three mission were cancelled due to unavailability of aircraft.

C. The CH-46A helicopter was introduced and utilized by the Regiment during the month of March. It handles twice the number of troops that the UH-34D is capable of carrying and, likewise, doubles its lift capacity.

2. Facilities Provided. No change.3. Personnel and Equipment

A. Three air officers were transferred and two were joined, leaving the Regiment short one air officer during March.

B. One air officer is scheduled for transfer during April. No scheduled relief.

C. FRC-41 radios and BB-451 batteries remain in a shortage status. Back up FRC-41 equipment is virtually non-existent.

4. Helicopter Support

A. Helicopter support during Operation KINGS was limited to general support. Command ships and psy-war helicopters were unavailable. Armed UH-1E helicopters were available for escort of troop carrying helicopters only.

B. The need for more armed UH-1E support was demonstrated repeatedly during this reporting period. In many instances, resupply choppers could not land because of harassing small arms fire. Fixed wing aircraft was often suggested and launched as a means of suppressing hostile fires. In more cases than not, however, jet aircraft CAS was not considered suitable for suppressing isolated harassing fire from small VC units.

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C. The CH-46A helicopter was introduced and utilized by the Regiment during the month of March. It handles twice the number of troops that the UH-34D is capable of carrying and, likewise, doubles its lift capacity.

5. Fixed Wing Support. CAS missions were relatively high during this reporting period. Twelve airstrikes were executed in support of ground units with a total of 32 napalm tanks, 50 250-pound GP bombs, 16 500-pound GP bombs, 64 5" ZUNI rockets and 1000 rounds (approx) 20mm cannon fire directed at enemy troops and installations. Thirty VC KIA (POSS) resulted from these airstrikes.

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SECRETMEDICAL CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events

a. Due to the unavailability of a medical officer, Headquarters Company, 2d Bn, 12th Marines utilized the services of the Regimental Surgeon. Ninety five referrals were seen by the Medical Officer.

b. Commanding General's inspection conducted on 26 March 1966.

2. New Developments. None reported.

3. Problem areas. None reported.

4. MEDCAP

a. Treatment of 114 civilian Vietnamese patients at DONG SON (2) and Regimental Aid Station accomplished by the medical section. The majority of complaints consisted of ulcerations, skin disorders, lacerations, upper respiratory infections, headaches, and stomach disorders.

b. Monthly requisition for medcap supplies for use by the Ninth Marines submitted in accordance with current directives to III MAF Civil Affairs Officer. Upon receipt, the medical supplies were distributed to the Battalion Medical Officers according to their requirements.

5. Patient Statistical data.

a. Number of patients seen - 150

b. Referrals to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn - 8

c. Referrals to NSA, DANANG - 9

d. Admissions to Sick list - 1

e. Dental referrals - 8

f. Physical examinations - 2

g. Majority of treatment included skin disorders, diarrhea, upper respiratory infections, and injuries. However, these disorders have not impaired functional capacity of the unit.

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## h. Number of emergency treatments and type:

- (1) Dog bite from rabid animal, rabies shots instituted - 1
- (2) Insect bite - 2
- (3) Lacerations - 7
- (4) Burns - 1
- (5) Contusions - 2
- (6) Foreign bodies, eye - 2

6. Innoculations and Prophylactic Medicine Administered

- a. Immunizations - 258
- b. Malaria prophylactic - 800

SECRETCOMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. During the month of March the following events took place:
  - a. An AN/TRC-27 radio relay link was established between the Regimental Command Post and Hill 55. As this hill provides maximum observation of the Regimental ZOA plans have been made to establish a tactical OP in conjunction with a battalion command post.
  - b. A helicopter messenger delivery service has been established twice daily to relieve the overload of message traffic being sent by electric means. Over 3,500 messages were processed by the Regimental Communication Center.
  - c. Twenty communication personnel augmented the Regimental Headquarters Company provisional rifle platoon for seven days. Two radio operators were assigned to an ARVN outpost to provide coordination and control communications during Operation KINGS. One radio operator continues to provide liaison communications to the pacification headquarters at BO MUNG.
  - d. The AN/MRC-62 radio relay link to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP continues to provide good communications.
  - e. All battalions and the Headquarters Company of the 9th Marines were inspected by the Commanding General's representative in communication-electronics and each unit was found satisfactory.
2. The personnel picture has improved in Communication Officers, but the projected shortages in wireman 2511 and radio operators 2533/2531 still remain high during the next 60 days with no known input at this time.
3. Generator support for the AN/TPS-21 radar sets and the AN/TRC-27 radio relay sets has improved to 90% availability. However, the PU-613 generator, designed to operate within specially vented housing to reduce the noise level, has not proved successful in Viet Nam.

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SECRETFIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events

a. Operation KINGS. This operation dominated the highlights of artillery support during the month. The assault upon the defensive position of F/2/9 on 18 March, which precipitated the operation, found artillery responding with 803 rounds of ammunition. Again, in response to an assault upon the positions of E/2/9 and M/3/9 on 25 March, the artillery expended 1080 rounds of ammunition. Significantly, in affecting these fires all available artillery was utilized; 105mm howitzer, 107mm howtar, 155mm howitzer, SP, 155mm gun, SP, and the LVTH-6 (105mm howitzer).

b. Response to Hostile Mortars. On 26 March H/2/9 was subjected to a hostile mortar attack from VU positions which could not be positively located. In response preplanned artillery hostile mortar concentrations were fired on suspect positions. This counter fire consisting of 105mm, 155mm and 4.2" rounds silenced the enemy mortars. This was the first employment of these preplanned fires in the 9th Marines Zone of Action. These fires have been subsequently repeated on other suspect hostile mortar positions with equal effectiveness.

c. Number/Type of Missions Fired during March 1966.

H&I	3442
Observed Missions	317
Unobserved Missions	54

d. Number of Rounds Fired by 2d Bn, 12th Marines.

105mm Howitzer	6318
155mm Howitzer	711
107mm Howtar	2291
LVTH-6 (105mm Howitzer)	62

e. Observation. Two observation posts are employed by 2d Bn, 12th Marines on a 24-hour basis. These OP's, located at coordinates (BT 075710) and (AT 973737), continue to provide excellent observation and information on actions within the 9th Marines Zone of Action.

f. H and I Fires. For the period 1-31 March 1966, H&I fires were conducted nightly. Most missions were fired "1 gun, 1 round," two or three times at random during the night. About 60% were fired "fuze quick" and 40% were fired "fuze VT."

2. Naval Gunfire. One naval gunfire support ship, the cruiser Galveston, was on station for Operation KINGS on 20 and 21 March 1966. No rounds were fired.

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SECRETSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following documents are submitted with original copy of the 9th Marines Command Chronology for March 1966.

*in pt I* a. ✓ S-2 ISUMS 60-90

*in pt II* b. ✓ S-3 SITREPS 60-90 [68; Part of 74 NIE]

c. ✓ S-4 Journal 1-31 Mar 1966

d. ✓ 2d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Mar 1966

*filed reports* e. ✓ 3d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology Mar 1966

f. ✓ 3d Bn, 3d Marines Command Chronology Mar 1966

h. ✓ 9th Marines Frag Orders 60 through 90-66

g. ✓ Operation Overlay, Location of 9th Marines units and supporting units as of 31 Mar 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #60, Period ending 011000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
2 Mar	0642	0704	1855	1919	1356	0233	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Special Reports.

a. At 282010H, G-2 reported that Battery E, 12th Marines received small arms fire in the battery positions, coordinates (AT 987672). The report stated that the enemy fire, believed to include the fire from one machine gun (caliber not indicated) had emanated from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985680). The report stated that the Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and twenty five caliber .50 machine gun rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

b. At 282130H, the Regimental FSCC relayed a report from Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, that sounds, described as digging noises (metallic), were heard emanating from the direction of coordinates (AT 953650). The report indicated that inquiry revealed no friendly activity in that area, and artillery support was requested. A total of twenty six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the suspected location and the noises ceased. No additional information was provided.

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c. At 282230H, the 9th Marines Liaison NCO assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 028650), was receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned to the east of Highway #1 (the exact location was not indicated). The report did not provide additional details nor indicate casualties, if any. The report added that a Viet Cong propaganda address was occurring in MAN QUANG (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 032688) but again provided no details.

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Entry. At 280800H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068627), reported receiving approximately three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 067625). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. A fire team was dispatched to pursue the enemy but reported negative results. No casualties were reported.

b. At 281345H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090693) reported receiving an estimated seven to eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 091689). The Marines directed thirty to forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but lost contact. Two Marine WIA were reported.

c. At 281440H, a fire-team-sized Company M patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (BT 083674). The report described the device as probably a fragmentation grenade, and stated that it was rigged with a trip wire actuator. Two Marine WIA were reported.

d. At 281530H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075621) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 073621). The Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round and twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the north, and the Marines pursued until contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

e. At 281700H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089638), reported receiving an estimated thirty small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in a treeline at coordinates (BT 085630). The Marines directed approximately seventy small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire ceased, the Marines assaulted the treeline position and reported finding four Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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The report stated that the Viet Cong casualties were all males, twenty-thirty years of age, dressed in black shorts and shirts. The report added that one cartridge belt with canteen, one carbine magazine pouch, without magazine and one CHICOM grenade was recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 282320H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a series of reports from the HOA HAI Village Chief concerning Viet Cong activities in the Battalion Zone of Action. The reports are reproduced below (comments and credibility ratings added):

(1) Four Viet Cong cadre visited XUAN TRA hamlet, coordinates (BT 065696), on 25 February and instructed villagers to cease cutting trees in the area. The Village Chief had earlier instructed villagers to cut the brush. Cadre names: NGUYEN CHU THUY and NGUYEN MAT. MAT lives at the above coordinates and is an assassination leader who has killed fifty to sixty people. (Battalion S-2 Comment: NGUYEN MAT is listed as guerrilla platoon leader on the National Police black list. Rated E-6).

(2) Two Main Force platoons are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083672), and are engaged in digging tunnels. These Viet Cong units have four machine guns and plan to ambush Marine units. (Battalion S-2 Comment: On 12 February ten armed Viet Cong were observed moving into CAU HA (2) hamlet, at the above coordinates. Rated E-3).

(3) A Viet Cong platoon operating in the vicinity of TRA KHE (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 074683) is organizing children for intelligence purposes. The children are instructed to shout "OK" when large units approach, and "HELLO" when smaller units approach. (Battalion S-2 Comment: An accepted Viet Cong tactic. Rated E-3).

(4) Marines killed three Viet Cong on 20 February in the BA TUNG (2) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 045692). Three Viet Cong escaped. (Battalion S-2 Comment: No report of USMC contact with Viet Cong on 20 February in the area indicated. Rated E-5).

(5) Company M killed four Viet Cong on 18 February. The Viet Cong, armed with two grenades, one sub-machine gun, and Russian rifle, were killed at coordinates (BT 071684). Guerrilla base camp is located at coordinates (BT 075681) and their primary mission is to position mines in the area. (Battalion S-2 Comment: There were mining incidents reported within 2,000 meters of the indicated area on 14, 19, 20, 21, and 24 February. Company M did kill one Viet Cong armed with an U. S. sub-machine gun (M3A1) at coordinates (BT 075683) on 18 February. Rated E-3).

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(6) One Viet Cong battalion, with four companies, presently located in the vicinity of DONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995678) will displace to the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Zone of Action. This the Viet Cong force which attacked the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Post on 21 February. Rated E-6).

g. At 010300H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending fourteen Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087697). The report stated that the Marine patrol had previously observed six males, who appeared to be armed, enter AN TRA (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 087697). The Marines sighted the men entering a building in the hamlet, and maintained surveillance until a group of men exited from the building. The report stated that the Marine patrol followed this group to the beach area to the east, where apprehension was accomplished. The report indicated that the suspects, fourteen in number, were not armed. The report did not indicate whether the building from which the suspects had exited was searched for weapons or additional suspects. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

h. At 060700H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073655) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 078676). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact and attempted to elude the Marines. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by small arms fire, wounding one. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong was captured and evacuated to "C" Mod for treatment and interrogation. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong captured (WIA).

(3) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 280800H, a Company I patrol reported detonating an explosive device, described as a 155mm artillery round (dud) at coordinates (AT 967635). The report indicated that the artillery round was placed in the bottom of a punji trap, and was rigged with a trip wire. The report stated that a Marine tripped the wire activating the explosive, but escaped injury by quickly taking cover indicating that the device was equipped with a "delay" fuse. No casualties were reported.

b. At 281120H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a suspected booby trapped gate at coordinates (AT 953653). No secondary explosions were reported.

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c. At 281125H, a Company L patrol reported destroying two CHICOM grenades, rigged with trip wires, at coordinates (AT 953651). No casualties were reported.

d. At 281140H, a Company L patrol reported the detonation of what was believed to have been an electrically detonated explosion at coordinates (AT 955653). The report indicated that the nearest Marine was a full twenty meters from the site of the explosion, and it is doubtful that any USMC activity served to detonate the device. The report stated that a search produced no wire or other identifiable means of detonation. The report added that a crater, one and one half feet deep, and four feet in diameter, resulted from the explosion. Three Marine WIA were reported.

e. At 281140H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955653), reported receiving sixty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 952651) and (AT 954653). The Marines directed 60mm mortar rounds, and small arms fire at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from position. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. One Marine WIA (DOW) was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

f. At 281145H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943633), reported receiving seventy five rounds of what was described as automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 945635), and (AT 951643). The report stated that the Marines directed 60mm mortar rounds and small arms fire at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cane field. The report stated that as the Marines were pursuing the Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 945635), they received additional fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 951643). The report stated that the Marines engaged this new Viet Cong group until they too broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

g. At 281203H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a CHICOM grenade positioned at coordinates (AT 953653). The report stated that the grenade was rigged with a trip wire. No casualties were reported.

h. At 281210H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 953651). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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i. At 281220H, a Company M patrol reported destroying a CHICOM grenade at coordinates (AT 970659). The report indicated that the device was rigged with a trip wire extending across the trail.

j. At 281245H, a Company M patrol reported destroying two tunnels, approximately two feet by three feet by ten feet in length, at coordinates (AT 962649). The report stated that a third tunnel, two feet by three feet by ten feet in length was also destroyed by the Marines at coordinates (AT 959654).

k. At 281925H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 961661) reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 958658). The Marines directed six small arms rounds, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that a patrol was dispatched to physically pursue the Viet Cong, and reported hearing what was described as "metallic" sounds, and sounds of movement which the Marines believed may have indicated a possible Viet Cong ambush site. Artillery support was requested, and twenty six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the suspected position with a reported excellent effect on target. The report stated that a search of the area will be made at first light on 1 March. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

l. At 282350H, a Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 959626) reported observing two Viet Cong moving to the south along the river bank at close range. The report stated that the Marines withheld their fire because of the possible presence of other friendly troops in the area. The report stated that the Viet Cong sensed the presence of the Marines and threw one grenade at the ambush site, wounding one Marine. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the enemy, directing a total of forty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, until contact was lost. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 010830H, the Battalion S-2 provided the following report originally received by Company M from an unidentified villager in LE SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 960646), at 281400H.

(1) The names of the two Viet Cong killed by Company M on 26 February were LE NGAN, 26 years old, and equipped with one grenade, and LE LIEU, 16 years old and equipped with two grenades. (See 260830H entry, INTSUM #57).

(2) On 29 December, Company M killed two Viet Cong with small arms fire whose bodies were carried away. The names of these Viet Cong were TRAN HA, and NGOYEN XANG. (An increase of

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two Viet Cong KIA(possible) will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM, based on this report). (See 290900H entry, INTSUM #174). This report also stated that villagers in LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 976646), informed Company M at 281500H, that on 11 February, Company M's operations resulted in one Viet Cong KIA, one TRAN DINH HO, who was killed by 106 recoilless rifle fire, and one Viet Cong WIA, one LE LY. The report stated that both Viet Cong casualties were evacuated by the enemy. (One Viet Cong KIA(possible) and one Viet Cong WIA(possible) will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a result of this report).

(4) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 281948H, the Battalion S-3 reported that what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire was received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 990678), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987678). The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that it was believed that the Viet Cong who initiated the fire were attempting to precipitate an exchange of fire between Marines and GVN military personnel operating in the area.

b. At 282010H, Company G elements positioned at the HA DONG bridge, coordinates (AT 990642), reported hearing what was described as a woman's voice, believed to have been emanating from a loudspeaker system, positioned at a considerable distance from the Marines' location. The report stated that the contents of the woman's message could not be discerned because of the extreme range of the transmission.

c. At 010710H, the Regimental FSCC reported that Company G, (location not indicated) had observed an undetermined number of Viet Cong moving through a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989615), and had requested artillery support. A total of eighteen 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the area with undetermined results. Additional information will be provided when available. (S-2 Comment: A subsequent report indicated that Company G elements had received two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the treeline. No Marine casualties have been reported.).

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 010830H entry, this INTSUM.

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D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	4	618
KIA(Possible)	3	618
VC Captured	0	224*
VC Captured(WIA)	1	8
VC WIA(Possible)	1	197
VC Suspects Apprehended	18	1368
VC Rallyers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

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

Name: LE DIEU  
Age: 61  
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member

Capturing Unit: E-2-9 on 25 Feb 1966  
ITT Report #193-2-66

Name: NGUYEN THI NGA /KA NGUYEN THI MAI  
Age: 20  
Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: F-2-9 on 25 Feb 1966  
ITT Report #27-2

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Belt, web, cartridge	28170CH
1	Canteen	-do-
1	Pouch, magazine w/o ammo	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	281125H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	281208H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	281220H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Gate(believed boobytrapped)	281120H
3	Tunnels	281245H

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3dMar	(1)	3/3	(2)	S-3	(4)	B Co Tanks	(1)		

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #61, Period ending 021000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
3 Mar	0641	0704	1855	1908	1459	0335	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 011010H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG Sub-Sector that members of a Viet Cong Political Cadre, augmented by approximately twenty Viet Cong guerrillas, are operating in the vicinity of the CAM NE hamlet complex, coordinates (AT 983698), inciting the villagers to demonstrate against the clearing of the underbrush in the vicinity of the New Life hamlet, and to protest the positioning of mines by GVN military units and by Marines in the area. The report continued that this same Viet Cong Political Cadre group were in the vicinity of HAI AN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 058675), attempting to organize the villagers to protest the shelling (mortaring) of the area by Marines. G-2 rated the report F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

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b. At 012101H, the Marines Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MING reported that GVN military elements operating in the vicinity of the THAN CAN DAU village area as part of the pacification program reported receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 039720) and (BT 045726). USMC artillery support was requested and a total of thirty 105mm rounds were delivered into the target area. The report did not provide additional details nor the results of the artillery fire but indicated that a patrol would be dispatched to investigate.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 011045H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 939610). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended when a search revealed fifty punji stakes in the captives' house, and when contacted, the captive was found to be in the process of fashioning additional such devices. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 011045H, a Company I patrol reported destroying one tunnel, approximately four feet by four feet by ten feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 943613). The report added that two punji traps were destroyed by the Marines at coordinates (AT 955600), and that one additional punji trap was destroyed at coordinates (AT 955608).

c. At 011830H, a Company I element positioned at a river block at coordinates (AT 973611) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the south of the SONG AI NGHIA river. The fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be discerned. No casualties were reported.

d. At 011915H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973655) reported receiving an estimated eighty rounds of what was described as automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 969655), (AT 973656), and (AT 974655). The Marines directed twelve 81mm mortar rounds, and two hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost because of darkness. No casualties were reported.

e. At 012212H, Company L reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 951665), detected movement. The

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Marines activated one claymore mine, positioned to cover the suspected area and a patrol was dispatched to investigate. The report stated that the patrol heard sounds of movement in heavy brush in the area and threw one grenade at the position. The Marines quickly assaulted through the suspected enemy position, but a search produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 010700H, a Company G element, positioned at coordinates (AT 990615) reported receiving five small arms rounds, described as "harassing fire", from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989615). The report indicated that artillery support was requested but subsequently cancelled when the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

b. At 010900H, Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 992637). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in the area and was evasive and uncooperative. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 011140H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011635) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 005635). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and four 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. Artillery support was requested and eight 155mm rounds, and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. A subsequent report at 011410H stated that a search of the suspected enemy location revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and two buildings destroyed. The report indicated that the dead Viet Cong was a male of military age, and his body was found within a building from which the enemy small arms fire had emanated. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 011225H, Company G, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999622) reported receiving an estimated fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002628). The report stated that the enemy fire ceased before the Marines could return the fire and the exact enemy location could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

e. At 011915H, Company G reported that a USMC vehicle (M-422) returning to the company Command Post positions received six small arms rounds while at coordinates (AT 987648) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993637). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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a. Late Report. At 010900H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from an estimated five to six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 075616). The Marines directed two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, (WP), four 81mm mortar (HE) rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and approximately seventy five small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position, and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines searched the area and apprehended one female Viet Cong Suspect who had what was described as an assortment of expended cartridge casings in her house. The report continued that an aerial observer operating in the battalion's zone of action requested an artillery mission (amount and type rounds not indicated) into the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070613) suspected as being the location to which the Viet Cong had displaced. The report did not provide details of the effect of the artillery fire. A subsequent report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect was later released when the investigation revealed that the expended cartridges had been collected by children. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. (S-2 Comment: A subsequent report indicated that a total of eighteen 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the suspected location with undetermined results.

b. At 011130H, Company M, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CAU HA (2) hamlet, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 086667). The report described the device as a fragmentation grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator. One Marine WIA was reported. The report added that three Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the area, but later released upon investigation.

c. At 011325H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol reported destroying what was described as a "rake-shift" booby trap. The device was described as a mouse trap rigged with a trip wire in such a way as to detonate a 7.62mm small arms round. The report indicated that the device was located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073689).

d. At 011400H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068614) reported receiving approximately thirty rounds of what was described as automatic weapons fire from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 067614). The Marines directed fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds and three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. The report stated that a search of the Viet Cong position revealed

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one Viet Cong KIA (body count) age 25-35 years old, two (small) bottles of streptomycin (American manufacture) and one M-14 magazine with six rounds. The report indicated that the dead Viet Cong did not possess an identification card. Marines also found two separate blood trails in the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 011540H, Company M reported the completion of a search and destroy operation in grid squares 0866 and 0867. The report stated that the Marines destroyed a total of one hundred thirty three bunkers and fighting holes (no differentiation made) one 81mm mortar round (dud), one 105mm artillery round (dud), one fifty foot trenchline at coordinates (BT 083673), and six (M-26) fragmentation grenades, rigged with trip wire activators.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	2	620
KIA (Possible)	0	838
VC Captured	0	221
VC Captured (WIA)	0	18
VC WIA (Possible)	2	199
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1370
VC Rallyers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INVSUM ENTRY NUMBER
52	Stakes, punji	011045H
1	Device, explosive (grenade)	011130H
1	Mouse trap type booby trap	011325H
2	Bottles (Streptomycin) (US)	011400H
1	Magazine, M-14 with six rds	011540H
1	81mm mortar round (dud)	-do-
1	105mm artillery round (dud)	-do-
6	Grenades, (M-26) (booby trapped)	-do-

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Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

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| 1   | Tunnel (size and extent not indicated)       | 011045H         |
| 2   | Buildings (size not indicated)               | 011140H         |
| 133 | Bunkers/fighting holes<br>50 feet trenchline | 011540H<br>-do- |

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #62, Period ending 031000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
4 Mar	0640	0703	1855	1908	1605	0436	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 9th Mar

a. At 021330H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994646) reported observing a male who, upon sighting the patrol, quickly ran in what appeared to be an attempt to evade the Marines. The report stated that the Marines ordered the fleeing man to halt and fired warning shots into the air. When the man again ignored the warnings to halt, the Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing suspect and wounded him. The report stated that a search of the wounded Viet Cong Suspect revealed that he lacked adequate identification papers. The suspect was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation.

b. At 022030H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016647) reported hearing what was described as the sound of wooden blocks (or bamboo sticks) being

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struck together as the patrol proceeded on its route. The report stated that the sounds were believed to have been a signal warning the Viet Cong of the Marines approach. The report continued that, at 022145H, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013640), the patrol received seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017638). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

c. At 022230H, a Company H fire team-sized element occupying a outpost position at coordinates (BT 028651) reported hearing what was described as the sounds of movement emanating from a treeline approximately fifty meters from the position. The Marines directed five small arms rounds and one grenade at the suspected location, but a check of the area produced negative results.

d. At 030755H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a fire team-sized patrol dispatched by Company H to investigate the failure of a Marine listening post to retract as instructed at first light, found all three members of the Marine listening post KIA. The report stated that the Marines had apparently been killed by the enemy in an encounter which had escaped notice during the night. The report indicated that Marines manning a river-block position in close proximity to the listening post did hear what was described as a burst of fire at approximately 030130H, but believed that the fire was occurring to the east of the SONG VINH DIEN, in the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines area, and had not connected this fire with the listening post which they knew was positioned to the west of the river, at (BT 033653). The report provided no additional details.

e. Late Entry. At 021403H, Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953631) reported receiving an estimated fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955634). The report stated that artillery support was requested and a total of nine 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not reported.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 021313H, Company I Marines manning a river block at coordinates (AT 973611) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 975612). The Marines directed nine 90mm (tank) rounds, ten 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two hundred fifty caliber .50 machine gun rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire was not repeated. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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b. At 020905H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 939613) reported receiving a total of eleven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932613). The report stated that the Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the Marines could not pursue the enemy because the fire had emanated from the far (eastern) side of the SONG YEN river. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 021600H, Company M reported that what was described as five fighting holes, three feet by three feet by three feet, and five bunkers, three feet by three feet by five feet in depth, were located and destroyed by the Marines in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962648). The report indicated that four caves, approximately two feet by three feet by five feet in depth located at coordinates (AT 963646) were also destroyed.

d. At 022030H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company I patrol conducted on 2 March 1966. The report included the following incidents:

(1) Destroyed a CHICOM grenade, rigged with trip wire which had been attached to a tree, at coordinates (AT 954655).

(2) Destroyed a CHICOM grenade, rigged with trip wire at coordinates (AT 953652).

(3) Destroyed a CHICOM grenade, rigged with trip wire, positioned in a hedgerow at coordinates (AT 954652).

(4) Destroyed one tunnel (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 953651).

(5) Destroyed a CHICOM grenade positioned in a punji pit so as to detonate when disturbed, at coordinates (AT 954650).

(6) Destroyed an explosive device, described as a shaped charge, consisting of approximately ten pounds of explosives at coordinates (AT 951647). The report indicated that the device was rigged with a trip wire actuator.

(7) Destroyed a Chinese grenade, described as a "potato masher" type, at coordinates (AT 951647). The report stated that the grenade was rigged with a trip wire activator.

(8) Destroyed one (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire, at coordinates (AT 953647).

(9) Destroyed one tunnel (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 948634).

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(10) Destroyed a cave (size not indicated at coordinates (AT 947620), and a second cave (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 954628).

(11) While operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948627), the patrol reported receiving one hundred rounds of what was described as automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 940629) and (AT 950631). The report stated that the Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The report indicated that one of these two Viet Cong was observed to have fallen into the river while attempting to flee, and his body was sighted in the water. The report stated that the Marines then received seventy five rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 954625) and (AT 953626). The Marines directed six LAW (M-72) rounds, and two hundred rounds (M-60) machine gun fire at the enemy positioned in a building and trench line, and reported destroying the building. The report stated that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire and believed KIA. A second Viet Cong was observed falling at coordinates (AT 954625) and believed WIA. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong, but a search of the area revealed no Viet Cong bodies. The report continued that the Marine patrol then received five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a cane field at coordinates (AT 953633). Artillery support was requested and a total of thirteen 105mm artillery rounds, weredirected at the enemy location. Twenty 60mm mortar, and four 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds (WP) were delivered into the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. The report indicated that the Marines could not search the enemy position since the fire came from the far (eastern) side of the SONG YEN river. No Marine casualties were reported. One Viet Cong KIA (body count), one Viet Cong KIA (possible), and four Viet Cong WIA (possible) were reported.

(12) Located what was described as a possible Viet Cong crossing area in the SONG YEN river at coordinates (AT 953633). The report indicated that the crossing point is a sand bar and that it could afford crossing the river in mass movement.

(13) Located what was described as a fording point and boat landing at coordinates (AT 953631). The report indicated fresh tracks were found in the area, indicating recent use of the area, but no contact was made.

(14) Discovered a trenchline which began at coordinates (AT 953631), and extended approximately eight hundred meters to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952622). The report stated that two large fighting holes, approximately six feet by six feet by four feet in depth were discovered at one end of the trench line. The report noted that all of the positions will be destroyed at a later date.

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e. At 022030H, Company L patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AT 952679). The device was described as a U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire activator, and the detonation resulted in one Marine WIA.

f. At 022045H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 952679) reported observing one Viet Cong running in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955678). The report stated that the Marines directed thirteen 81mm mortar rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong and physically pursued him until contact was lost due to darkness. No casualties were reported.

g. At 022100H, Company M reported that (unidentified) villagers from LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 977646) informed Company M Marines that the mortar rounds directed into the area by Company M on 1 March (See 011915H entry INTSUM #61) seriously wounded one of the three Viet Cong who were engaged in firing at the Marines. The villagers stated that the Viet Cong WIA one DANG DI, approximately twenty five years of age, was the Autonomous Committee Chairman for the area. The report stated that the villagers indicated the two remaining Viet Cong fled the area carrying their wounded comrade.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 021350H, Company M element providing security for two vehicles (OPTORS) enroute to MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, to evacuate a cache of rice discovered in the area reported making contact with an estimated five Viet Cong, one of whom was armed with a rifle, at coordinates (BT 043684). The report stated that one of the vehicles had become immobilized in that location and two Marines had been dispatched to reconnoiter the area, while awaiting the extrication of the vehicle. The two Marines sighted the Viet Cong and directed four small arms rounds at them, killing one (body count). The other Viet Cong fled in the direction of MAN QUAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 035686), and escaped. The report indicated one of the Viet Cong who escaped appeared to have been struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that one U. S. rifle, caliber 7.62mm (M-14), one cartridge belt, miscellaneous documents, and two CHICOM grenades were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were sustained as the armed Viet Cong was killed before he could return the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 021500H, Company I reported that an IWP-5 detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 055662), resulting in what was described as moderate damage to the vehicle. The device was described as a mine rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report stated that the extensive crater caused by the detonation indicated that the explosive charge may have consisted of as much as seventy five pounds of explosives. No Marine casualties were reported.

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c. At 030405H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the coast, coordinates (BT 084707), reported observing four men engaged in launching a boat in to the ocean. The report stated that the Marines challenged the men, and ordered them to halt, but the men succeeded in launching their craft. When the Marines' warning were ignored, the patrol fired one small arms round in front of the boat, as an additional warning. The report stated that this round was returned by what was described as two carbine rounds, fired from the boat. The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the craft which appeared to drift out of both range and observation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 030845H, the Battalion S-2 provided a recapitulation of the Battalion (-) search and destroy operation conducted during the period 020800H - 021600H in the area bounded by coordinates (BT 113652), (BT 095630), (BT 117607), and (BT 142621). The report stated that Company I destroyed two gates in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 118637). The report stated that the destruction of the gates by demolitions resulted in secondary explosions indicating that the gates were rigged with booby traps. Company I also apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect in the area, when it was observed that he appeared to be overly nervous and attempted to evade the Marines. Company L reported destroying ten bunkers, ranging in size from two feet by four feet to six feet by two feet, all of which were reinforced with bamboo, brick or cement. The bunkers were located in grid square (BT 1054). Company L also reported apprehending eleven Viet Cong Suspects in the area when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. Company K reported destroying three bunkers in the vicinity of grid square (BT 1262) and utilized an LVTR to cover a twenty three foot long trench at coordinates (BT 129622). Company K also apprehended three Viet Cong Suspects in this locality for lack of adequate identification.

e. At 030845H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HQ. HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong companies (designation not indicated) are located in THANH SUOI (1) and THANH QUE hamlets, grid square (BT 1359). The report stated that these Viet Cong units are equipped with one 81mm mortar and have a mission of directing mortar fire against the battalion Command Post.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 021600H, G-2 reported that at 010630H, a Vietnamese (civilian) bus travelling on Highway #1, detonated an explosive device, described as a mine, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 130477). The report stated that six to eight civilians were seriously injured by the detonation. The report continued that a Vietnamese-language message written on the asphalt surface

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of the highway warned that all busses using the highway would be destroyed. The report added that a sign affixed to a bamboo stake found in the area stated (as translated from Vietnamese language), that busses should not use this highway during the period 25 February to 20 March. The report commented that the site of this incident was close to where USMC convoys (ROUGH RIDER) have received small arms fire. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 030740H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC Sub-Sector that three Viet Cong companies, under the command of one AN MY, are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949621), (AT 949620), and in an area extending from coordinates (AT 932608) to (AT 938620). The report stated that these units are equipped with one 81mm mortar, three 60mm mortar, and three machine guns, and may be planning to attack Hill #41, Hill #42, and the YEN bridge, located at coordinates (AT 959630). The report was rated C-2 by HIEU DUC Sub-Sector Headquarters. S-2 rates the report F-3.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 022100 entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	2	622
KIA (Possible)	1	839
VC Captured	0	224
VC Captured (WIA)	0	8
VC WIA (Possible)	5	204
VC Suspects Apprehended	16	
VC Ralliers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER
5	Grenades, CHICOM	022030H
1	Device, explosive, shaped-charge	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
1	U.S. Rifle, cal 7.62 (M14)	021350H
1	Bolt, cartridge, web	-do-
2	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
UNK	Documentants (Vietnamese language, uneval)	-do-

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	022030a
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	-dc-
1	Cave (size not indicated)	-dc-
1	Building destroyed	-dc-

(See 021600H and 022030H entries, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, and 030845H for 3d Battalion, 9th Marine, during this reporting period).

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #63, Period ending 041000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
5 Mar	0639	0702	1855	1908	1713	0533	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 031005H, Company I reported that a helicopter operating in support of the company had received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in a cane field at coordinates (AT 965635). The report stated that Company I patrol operating in the vicinity heard the firing, and directed twenty five small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the suspected enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that a search of the area produced one wounded Viet Cong suspect who was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for treatment and investigation. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

b. At 031600H, a Company I patrol reported destroying three tunnels, approximately three feet by four feet by eight feet in depth at coordinates (AT 958625), and also destroying two tunnels approximately four feet by four feet by ten feet in depth at coordinates (AT 961625).

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c. At 032004H, Company I reported that a tank positioned at coordinates (AT 963609), in support of the company observed, by the illumination provided by the tank light, one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 963604). The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) round at the enemy position and reported killing the Viet Cong. The report stated that the Viet Cong KIA was confirmed by observation but the Marines could not recover the weapon (unidentified). (The Viet Cong was positioned on the far bank (south) of the river.) No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 040355H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 955625) reported observing what was identified as a Viet Cong swimming in the river at close range. The report indicated that the Viet Cong had been swimming underwater and had emerged for air in close proximity to the ambush site. The Marines directed three (M-26) grenades at the enemy, killing him (body count). The report indicated that the body was not recovered.

e. At 040830H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters, that a force (strength not indicated) of GVN Popular Force soldiers operating out of HIEU DUC District Headquarters, at 030900H, discovered a cave at coordinates (AT 960688) in which was hidden one Viet Cong, armed with what was described as a K-44 rifle (CHICOM Mossin Nagent, Model 53, 7.62mm carbine?), and two grenades. The report indicated that the GVN soldiers killed him, and the weapon and grenades were recovered and returned to HIEU DUC District Headquarters. No friendly casualties were reported.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 030940H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996647) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996646). The report indicated that the Viet Cong were observed moving south towards the SONG BAU XUA, to the east of the HA DONG bridge. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery support. Four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy, who by this time had displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000640). A "Sparrow Hawk" element was heli-lifted into the area to assist but the Viet Cong succeeded in breaking contact. A search of the area including the south bank of the river, produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended by Company G in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996644) and evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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b. At 031401H, a Company G patrol reported the detonation of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 995643). The report stated that the device was believed to have consisted of an artillery round (dud), 105mm or 155mm, but provided no details as to the manner of detonation or detonating mechanism (fuse) employed. The report added that the device was positioned in the road ruts on a trail frequented by CNTOS vehicles and was probably intended to function as an anti-vehicular mine. One Marine WIA (DOW) was reported.

c. At 031410H, a Company G patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 997648). The device was identified as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and the report indicated that it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

d. At 032000H, Company G reported receiving five small arms rounds (one burst of automatic weapons fire) in the company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 990643) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979642). The report stated that the Marines illuminated the area with 60mm mortar illumination and the enemy fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

e. At 040100H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993677) reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996677). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. Additional Information. At 040815H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the incident which occurred on 3 March in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033653) which resulted in three Marines KIA. (See 030755H entry, INTSUM #62). This later report added an investigation of the incident revealed that two U. S. rifles, caliber 7.62mm (M-14) and one (M-14) modified) were missing and presumed captured by the enemy. The report provided no additional details.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 031030H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083648) reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect who attracted the attention of the Marines by what was described as his extreme nervousness upon the Marines' approach. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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b. At 031030I, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050658), reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that although the interrogation by the Battalion S-2 revealed the Viet Cong Suspect to be only fifteen years old, it also appeared that the boy knew much about Viet Cong activities in the TU CAU hamlet area. The report added that the Viet Cong Suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 031145H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045657) reported receiving an estimated forty small arms rounds from five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040657). The report indicated that, at the time the enemy fire was received, the Marine patrol had just sighted a small group of men gathered about a small foot bridge at coordinates (BT 044657), and were in the process of investigating the assemblage. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and deployed to envelop the enemy position. The enveloping element however, detonated an explosive device, believed to have been a U. S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire, at coordinates (BT 040657), and sustained one Marine WIA. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marine patrol, augmented by two squads dispatched to exploit the contact, pursued the withdrawing Viet Cong, and reported again receiving enemy small arms fire from the Viet Cong, now positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043653) and (BT 038653). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased, the Viet Cong withdrawing from position. The Marines continued the pursuit but the enemy evaded the Marines and contact was broken. The report added that a subsequent search of the Viet Cong position at coordinates (BT 040657) revealed two pools of blood and what was described as "drag marks" indicating at least two Viet Cong WIA (possible). No Marine casualties (with the exception of the one Marine wounded by the grenade positioned at coordinates (BT 044657)) were reported. The report also stated that the Marines apprehended three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044657). The suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 031430H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported detonating an explosive device in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084646). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire activator. Three Marines WIA were reported. The report added that the Marines subsequently discovered a second grenade, similarly positioned, in the area and destroyed it in place.

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e. At 031515H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031515) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 031750H, Company M reported that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071708) when the HQ4 HAI Village Chief informed the Marines that the man was a Viet Cong. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 032240H, a Company K listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 039718) reported observing three figures moving among several buildings situated in close proximity to the Marines position. The report stated that the Marines initially attempted to apprehend the intruders, but finally directed small arms fire at them when they ignored the Marines' warnings and attempted to flee. The report stated that the intruders succeeded in escaping apprehension. During a subsequent investigation of the buildings where the men were observed, the Marines detected what was described as a strong odor of gasoline. The report added that People's Action Team members positioned in the locality suggested that the intruders were Viet Cong attempting to set fire to the buildings to destroy the contents. The report indicated that a more comprehensive search of the area will be conducted and the contents of the buildings investigated on 4 March. No casualties were reported.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 031230H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong battalion, which had been positioned in the vicinity of DAI LOC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 917582), had displaced to the vicinity of grid square (AT 9362), (AT 9462), and (AT 9562). The report added that the enemy battalion, commanded by one TUNG, is accompanied by what is identified as a USSR advisor. HIEU DUC District Headquarters rated the report C-2. G-2 did not rate the report. (S-2 Comment: One TUNG was previously reported as the commander of a PAVN unit (not identified) in this area. The presence of a Viet Cong unit of battalion strength in the area indicated is doubtful (F-4). The presence of a company-sized unit is rated F-3).

b. At 031925H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that a patrol from the 51st ARVN Regiment observed an estimated ten armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031925). The report stated that the ARVN force directed small arms, 40mm (M-79)

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and 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy location, with undetermined results. The report indicated that the ARVN element and Viet Cong were positioned on opposite sides of the SONG VINH DIEN and physical pursuit could not be accomplished. No additional information was provided.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 66.

KIA(Confirmed)	2	624
KIA(Possible)	1	840
VC Captured	0	224
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	2	206
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1394
VC Ralliers(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
1	Shell, artillery(105mm or 155mm)(dud)	031401H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) with trip wire	031410H
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26) with trip wire	031430H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) with trip wire	031145H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

3	Tunnels, 3x4x8 ft	031600H
2	Tunnels, 4x4x10 ft	-do-

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1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

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

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
6 Mar	0638	0701	1856	1909	1818	0625	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 040900H, a Company I patrol reported destroying five punji traps, approximately one foot by one foot by one foot in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967610).

b. At 041250H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified HIEU DUC District intelligence agent that a twelve-man Viet Cong squad had moved into PHU SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 951613). In response to this report, a Marine patrol was dispatched to search the area, and at 041000H, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951653) reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects, who were observed attempting to evade the Marines. The report indicated that both suspects were of military age, and appeared to be strangers to this area. The report added that two what was identified as French jackets, a gas mask, a

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needle, and what was described as bandages, were also found in the same area and will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. The two suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. 041841H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 951665). The report indicated that the suspects appeared to be strangers and could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 042010H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956667) reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 957678). The Marines illuminated the area with twenty one 81mm mortar illumination rounds, and pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

e. At 050300H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 958659) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed two small arms rounds and two (M-26) grenades at the suspected enemy position, then searched the site with negative results. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 041410H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 996646). The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade but provided no information as to how it was rigged for detonation. (An earlier report identified the device as a mine). Three Marine WIA were reported. The report added that a search of the area produced two additional grenades, one an U. S. (M-26), and one a CHICOM grenade, both of which were rigged with trip wire activators. The Marines destroyed both grenades in place.

b. At 042020H, a Company H ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 026637) reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023637). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 042150H, a Company H ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 038642) reported making contact with four or five Viet Cong moving down a trail in close proximity to the ambush site. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who returned the fire with two grenades. The Marines directed

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an additional thirty small arms rounds at the withdrawing enemy but the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the ambush site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 042330H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Marines providing security for Bridge #1, coordinates (AT 998707), sighted what was described as Viet Cong flags, positioned on two logs floating on the surface of the river and moving in the direction of the bridge. The report stated that the Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the logs but the results of the fire were not determined.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 040820H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of PHONG HO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 064630) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068630). The report indicated that the patrol immediately deployed and moved through the area but the enemy fire was not repeated and contact could not be regained. The report added that one Vietnamese male was apprehended but subsequently released after interrogation. Marine casualties were one Marine WIA. (S-2 Comment: The initial report regarding the apprehension of the suspect identified the man as a Viet Cong, and stated that the suspect was caught attempting to change out of what was presumably incriminating clothes. The subsequent addition to this report, indicating his release, was not received until 050830H).

b. At 040940H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035659) reported sighting two people, one male and one female, walking down a trail in close proximity to the Marine patrol. Closer scrutiny revealed that the male was carrying a rifle. The report stated that upon sighting the Marines, the armed male immediately ran to escape the patrol. The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, wounding him, but he succeeded in gaining cover in a nearby area of brush. The report stated that the Viet Cong threw one grenade at the encircling Marines, wounding one, but the Viet Cong apparently succumbed to his wounds before a further exchange of fire was necessary. The report stated that one U. S. rifle, caliber .30, M-1903, twenty rounds of caliber .30 ammunition, two M16C1 grenades, and what were described as miscellaneous personal articles were recovered from the body of the Viet Cong. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report added that the female who was observed walking down the trail with the Viet Cong was interrogated and subsequently released when it became apparent that she was not accompanying the Viet Cong and knew nothing of his activities.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ c. At 041145H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064671) reported sighting a man who was apparently attempting to evade the Marines by running away. The report indicated that the suspect was approximately two hundred fifty to three hundred meters distant, and the warnings to halt shouted by the Marines failed to deter him. The report stated that the Marines fired warning shots in the air, then directed small arms rounds at the suspect when he ignored the warnings, and continued his flight. The Marines' fire killed the fleeing man. The report added that the dead man was of military age, and possessed no identification papers. A coil of nylon cord found on the body was identified as the type frequently utilized by the Viet Cong in fashioning booby-traps. The Battalion S-2 commented that he is satisfied that the dead man was a Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

d. At 050430H, a Company M security element positioned at the bridge, coordinates (BT 073702), reported the impact of two what were described as 60mm mortar rounds or rifle grenades in close proximity to the Marines' position. No casualties were reported, and the report stated that the site would be examined at daylight and further details provided. (S-2 Comment: As of the termination of this reporting period, the patrol dispatched to investigate this report had not yet found any indications of a detonation or signs of impact. The area indicated is in close proximity to the SONG CAN BIEN and it is possible that the unidentified rounds impacted in the water. Additional information will be provided when available.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	2	590**
KIA (Possible)	0	840
VC Captured	0	238*
VC Captured (ETA)	0	8
VC WIA (Possible)	0	206
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1398
VC Ralliers (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

\*\* Decrease of 36 KIA (body count) based on the correction of a typographical error made in INTSUM #54 dated 23 February 1966.

\* Increase of 14 VC Captured based on 3d ITT reports as appended to this INTSUM.

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
5	Traps- punji	040900H
2	Jackets (identified as French military)	041250H
1	Mask, gas, (description not provided)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	041410H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Rifle, U.S. Cal.30 M-1903	040940H
20	Cartridges, Cal .30	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
UNK	Miscellaneous personal articles	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

No reports received during this reporting period.

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✓ APPENDIX 1 (Prisoner Interrogation Reports)

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ITT # 327-2-66

Name: HUYNH QU  
 Age: 30  
 Status: VC Guard

Capturing Unit: 3/9 (date not indicated)

ITT Report dated 28 Feb 66

Name: HO NHU  
 Age: 39  
 Status: VC Guard

Capturing Unit: K-3-9 on 271520H Feb 66

ITT #335-2-66

Name: VO HOANG  
 Age: 25  
 Status: VC Education Cadre

Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 271500H

ITT #336-2-66

Name: NGUYEN THANH NHI  
 Age: 27  
 Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 271500H

ITT #334-2-66

Name: HUA CUU  
 Age: 21  
 Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 271500H

ITT #333-2-66

Name: NGUYEN LIEU  
 Age: 22  
 Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 221506H

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ITT #330-2-66

Name: VO HY  
 Age: 31  
 Status: VC Farmer's Association member

Capturing Unit: I-3-9 on 271500H

ITT #331-2-66

Name: HUA LUONG  
 Age: 18  
 Status: VC Hanlet Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 (date not indicated)

ITT #350-2-66

Name: NGUYEN BO  
 Age: 26  
 Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: 3/9 (date not indicated)

ITT #42-2

Name: NGUYEN NGOC LY  
 Age: 26  
 Status: VC Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 260930H

ITT #43-2

Name: HUA LUONG  
 Age: 18  
 Status: VC Hanlet Guerrilla

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 (date not indicated)

ITT #14-3-66

Name: LE DIET  
 Age: 33  
 Status: VC Guard and VC Farmer's Association member

Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 021200H

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ITT #3-3-66

Name: NGUYEN THI  
Age: 56  
Status: VC Old Man's Association member

Capturing Unit: G-2-9 on 011630H

ITT #7-3-66

Name: DUONG TAI  
Age: 48  
Status: VC Old Man's Association member

Capturing Unit: I-3-3 on 021307H

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

2: CW: crm  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #65, Period ending 061000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TACR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BHCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
7 Mar	0638	0701	1856	1909	1920	0613	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn: 3dMar

(a) At 051020H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9862) reported finding two tunnels, described as two feet by four feet by five feet in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 989625), and a third tunnel, described as three feet by four feet by eight feet in depth, and reinforced with wood, at coordinates (AT 988623). The report stated that the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines by the employment of demolitions. The report added that prior to destroying the tunnels, the Marines employed smoke to insure that the tunnels were unoccupied.

(b) At 051630H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from HIBU DUC District Headquarters that a source (unidentified) had stated that a seven-man Viet Cong group is now located in PHU SON (4), coordinates (AT 945634). The report stated that these Viet Cong are armed with U. S. rifles (M-1). The report was rated C-3. The Battalion S-2 rated the report C-2. S-2 rates it C-3.

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c. At 052230H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that a GVN military element, (not identified, but believed to have been a Popular Forces unit), occupying an ambush position at coordinates (AT 944687), made contact with a Viet Cong force estimated as one squad in strength. The report indicated that the Viet Cong, located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950683) S-2 Comment: indicated range of seven hundred meters is questionable, were brought under fire by the GVN soldiery and the Viet Cong withdrew in an easterly direction (towards BO BAN (1) hamlet). The report provided no additional details. Friendly and enemy casualties were not indicated.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 050810H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993684) reported the discovery of what was described as two lengths of detonating cord, approximately four feet in length, with blasting caps (mechanical) affixed to the end of each length of cord. The report stated that the material was recovered and was evacuated to G-2 for evaluation.

b. At 051110H, Company G, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992624) to (AT 995624), reported finding what was described as an extensive tunnel system in that area. The report stated that the tunnel system appeared not to be of recent origin and did not seem to have been recently occupied. The report added that the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines utilizing demolitions.

c. At 051300H, Company G reported the discovery of a tunnel, extent not indicated, at coordinates (AT 993623). The report indicated that the tunnel, reinforced in some places with what was identified as railroad ties, appeared not to have been recently occupied. The report continued that a pair of wool trousers, olive-drab in color, were found in the tunnel and recovered. The report added that a second tunnel was discovered running perpendicular to the other, larger, tunnel network. This second tunnel appeared to have been of more recent construction. The report stated that the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 051630H, Company G reported the discovery of a 105mm artillery shell (dud) at coordinates (AT 993640). The report indicated that the artillery round had not been rigged or positioned to operate as a mine and was not booby-trapped. The report added that one Marine was injured by fragments when the round was destroyed by the use of demolitions.

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a. Late Report - Additional Information. At 051100Z, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the two detonations observed by Company M at 050430H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073702) (See 050430H entry, INTSUM #64). This later report stated that a crater analysis indicated that the detonations were that of U. S. (M-26) fragmentation grenades. The report stated that it could not be ascertained whether the grenades had been thrown (by hand) or fired as rifle grenades.

b. Late Report. At 050930H, Company I, operating in grid squares (BT 0768) and (BT 0767) as part of a search and destroy operation in that area, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because the HOA HAI Village Chief informed the Marines that the suspect, a male of military age, was not a resident of the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report added that a total of twelve bunkers (dimensions not provided) were located in this area and destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 051100H, Company M, occupying a blocking position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080687) as part of the battalion (minus) search and destroy operation, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect, when it was observed that he had recently sustained a gunshot wound in his leg. The report stated that the HOA HAI Village Chief subsequently identified the suspect as a local Viet Cong guerrilla. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 051300H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0867) and (BT 0868) as part of the search and destroy operation being conducted by the battalion (minus), reported discovering what was described as a booby-trapped 81mm mortar round (the method of booby-trapping was not indicated and an inquiry indicates that the round was positioned to be employed as a mine). The report stated that the mortar round was destroyed by the use of demolitions. The report added that twenty nine bunkers (dimensions not provided), sixteen tunnels (extent not indicated), and one punji trap was located in the area and destroyed by the Marines. Company L also reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects in the area, but later reported releasing four of the suspects after interrogation. The report stated that, during interrogation, the fifth suspect admitted having assisted the Viet Cong in gathering intelligence information. The report provided no additional details, but stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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e. At 051850H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091651) reported receiving approximately fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned in a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093651). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but contact could not be regained. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 052045H, Company L reported receiving two small arms rounds in the company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 098659) from Viet Cong positioned in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095661). The report indicated that the Marines sighted one Viet Cong armed with a rifle at that location, by use of binoculars. The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report added that a patrol was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions but produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	0	590
KIA(Possible)	0	840
VC Captured	0	238
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	0	206
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	1398
Returnees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
2	Cord, detonating, 4 feet in length, blasting caps affixed	050810H
1	Shell, mortar, 81mm booby-trapped?	051300H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
2	Tunnels, 2x4x5 ft	051000H
1	Tunnel, 3x4x8 ft	-do-
1	Tunnel System(extent not indicated)	051110H
2	Tunnels(extent not indicated)	051300H
12	Bunkers(dimensions not indicated)	050930H
29	Bunkers(dimensions not indicated)	051300H
16	Tunnels(extent not indicated)	-do-
1	Trap, punji	-do-



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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

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 7 March 1966

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #66, Period ending 071000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the TAOR remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
8 Mar	0637	0700	1856	1909	2020	0758	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 061745H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999700) reported apprehending one suspicious person, when he attracted the attention of the Marines because he was not recognized by the Marines as a local villager. The report stated that, during interrogation, the suspect claimed to be an intelligence agent for HOA VANG District Headquarters but he could not produce confirming documentation. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 061800H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company I, L, and M search and destroy operation conducted on 6 March. The following incidents were reported:

(1) Destroyed what was described as a "rope bridge" approximately fifty feet long at coordinates (AT 937620). The report indicated that the rope bridge was found rolled up in an empty building at that location.

(2) Destroyed three man traps, approximately three feet by three feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 944812). The report indicated that the traps contained punji stakes approximately three feet long. The report added that one trap contained what was described as a "home-made" explosive device which was attached to the top of the trap and rigged to detonate with a trip wire. The unidentified device was described as ten feet long, four inches in diameter, and was covered with a plastic material. No additional information was provided.

(3) Destroyed one tunnel, three feet by three feet by fifteen feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 954644).

(4) Destroyed two tunnels, approximately three feet by three feet by fifteen feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 953642).

(5) Destroyed one bunker, described as approximately four feet by four feet by ten feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 955642). The report added that the bunker was reinforced with bamboo.

(6) Destroyed two caves, one foot by one foot by ten feet in depth at coordinates (AT 955625).

(7) Destroyed one tunnel, three feet by three feet by fifteen feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 956641).

(8) Destroyed two caves, approximately two feet by three feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 953628).

(9) Destroyed one bunker, described as four feet by eight feet by eight feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 955645). The report indicated that the bunker was reinforced with bamboo.

(10) Destroyed one fighting hole, three feet by three feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 955645).

(11) Destroyed one CHICOM grenade at coordinates (AT 954649). The report stated that the grenade was rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator.

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(12) Destroyed one punji trap, two feet by two feet by one foot in depth, at coordinates (AT 958604).

(13) Apprehended twelve suspicious persons in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9464) and (AT 9564) (basis for apprehension was not indicated). The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

(14) Discovered a trench line at coordinates (AT 950633). The report described the trench line as eighty meters long and six feet deep, running north and south in that area.

(15) Destroyed six caves, approximately three feet by four feet by fifteen feet in depth in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955638).

(16) Destroyed two caves, two feet by three feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 954638).

(17) Destroyed four caves, approximately two feet by three feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AT 955645).

b. At 061645H, a Company L patrol operating along the west bank of the SCNG YEN in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949638) reported observing three Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 955630). The report indicated that the three men, dressed in what was described as green uniforms, were partially immersed in the river, apparently engaged in washing articles of equipment (a poncho was specifically noted). The report indicated that no weapons were observed. The report stated that the Marines fired two warning shots in the air, and the three men quickly turned and attempted to clamber out of the river. The Marines then directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing all three men. The report indicated however, that the bodies remained in the river close to the far (east) bank and recovery was not deemed practical because of the possible presence of additional Viet Cong. The report added that the Marines sighted additional equipment (not identified) on the bank of the river and maintained surveillance of the area so as to snare Viet Cong who might attempt to retrieve the equipment. A subsequent report indicated that, at approximately 061800H, the Marines observed one man, described in the report as a Viet Cong, emerge from the cover of brush along the river bank and attempt to retrieve the Viet Cong equipment which lay on the river bank. The report stated that the Marines directed six 60mm mortar rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, and observed him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines were unable to pursue however, due to the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible). No equipment was reported recovered.

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c. At 061743H, a Company M patrol reported detonating what was described as a CHICOM grenade rigged with a trip wire activator at coordinates (AT 975674). One Marine WIA (later DOW) was reported. The report indicated that a second CHICOM grenade also rigged with a trip wire, was found in the same area and destroyed in place.

d. At 062130H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 959661) when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification, and they appeared to be strangers to this area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 7 March when transportation becomes available,

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 061215H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045642) reported observing one Vietnamese male who appeared to be running from the Marines' approach. The report described the male as being of military age and wearing black clothing. The Marines directed three small arms rounds at the fleeing man and searched the area with negative results.

b. At 071240H, the Battalion S-2 provided a recapitulation of the Battalion (-) search and destroy operation in the vicinity of PHONG HO Village complex, grid squares (BT 0760), (BT 0761), (BT 0662), and (BT 0663) conducted on 6 March 1966. The report stated that at 060920H, Company L, occupying blocking positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068607) sighted one Viet Cong in a rice paddy at coordinates (BT 065608) who was attempting to crawl from the area so as to escape to the SONG VINH DIEN to the west. The Marines fired approximately fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong killing him. The report stated that the Viet Cong was a Vietnamese male approximately twenty five years of age, dressed in black shorts. The report continued that at 061130H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068600), sustained four Marine WIA when a Viet Cong, hiding in a small bush threw two fragmentation grenades at approaching Marines. The Marines fired ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong at close range killing him. At the same time, Company I, operating in the same area, captured one Viet Cong who was found hiding in a rice paddy at coordinates (BT 068607), and killed one Viet Cong who ran from a hiding place in the same area. The report indicated that the captured Viet Cong and Viet Cong KIA both wore black shorts and shirts and possessed no identification. A basket containing assorted documents and clothes, one U.S. cartridge belt, with CHICOM grenade attached, and what was described as a foreign-made canteen cover were found in the vicinity of the Viet Cong KIA. The report added that Company L destroyed twenty one bunkers, five tunnels, three man traps, and three punji traps in the vicinity of

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grid squares (BT 0760) and (BT 0761). Company I operating in grid squares (BT 0662) and (BT 0663) destroyed approximately six thousand meters of trenchline (utilizing LVME's to fill in the trenchline), one M-26 grenade, and sixty seven bunkers. (The report also stated that six Viet Cong were captured, nine Viet Cong sympathizers apprehended, and an additional nine Viet Cong Suspects apprehended during the operation. Until the status of all the captives are determined by the 3d IIT, a total of twenty five Viet Cong Suspects, including the Viet Cong captured by Company I at coordinates (BT 0663), apprehended will be shown in paragraph D. of this INTSUM. Viet Cong confirmed by 3d IIT will be claimed in subsequent INTSUMS). The report stated that Marine casualties for the operation were four WIA. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA (body count), seven Viet Cong Captured, nine Viet Cong sympathizers, and nine Viet Cong Suspects.

c. At 061830H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Battery D security patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 0693) received approximately thirty small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 072683). The Marines directed an undetermined number of small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact, and a Company M squad-sized patrol was immediately dispatched to search the area, which produced negative results. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA (Battery D). Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 062330H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038673) reported hearing voices emanating from a house in that locality. The report stated that when the patrol approached the house, the men (number not indicated) fled, using a back exit. A search of the house and surrounding area revealed negative results. The report stated that the owner of the house, a woman, was apprehended as a Viet Cong Suspect and will be delivered to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 7 March.

e. At 062330H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033661) discovered and destroyed two explosive devices, described as CHICOM grenades, rigged with trip wire activators. The report indicated that the Marines used demolitions to blow the grenades in place.

#### (4) Late Reports.

a. At 070910H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995645) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997643). The report stated that the Marines returned the enemy fire and were proceeding to engage the enemy when an explosive device was detonated

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at coordinates (AT 995645), wounding one Marine. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew from the position. Enemy casualties were not indicated. One Marine WIA (as the result of the explosive device) was reported. At the termination of this reporting period a description or identification of the explosive device was still not available.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	6	596
KIA(Possible)	0	840
VC Captured	0	238
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	2	208
VC Suspects Apprehended	28	1426
Returnees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Bridge, rope, 50 ft long	061800H
3	Traps, man 3x3x7(booby-trapped)	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Trap, punji 2x2x1 ft	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	061743H
UNK	Documents	071240H
1	Belt, cartridge, U.S.	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Cover, canteen, foreign-made	-do-
3	Traps, punji	-do-
3	Traps, man	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	062330H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

- a. See 061800H entry, this INTSUM for recapitulation of destroyed enemy positions/fortifications by 3dBn 3dMar.
- b. See 071240H entry, this INTSUM for recapitulation of destroyed enemy positions/fortifications by 3dBn 9thMar.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #67, Period ending 081000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EBCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
9 Mar	0637	0700	1856	1909	2119	0841	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 070945H, Company H reported that a USMC vehicle (truck, M-35) detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 026638). The report described the device as a "booster charge" consisting of a small mine (tentative identification was that of a "shoe mine"), positioned with a main charge of approximately ten pounds of explosive. The report indicated that the main charge failed to detonate. No casualties were reported. No noticeable damage to the vehicle was reported.

b. At 071000H, E Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997644). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when the Marines found him in an area from which small arms fire has frequently emanated and he could not adequately explain his presence. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 071030H, Headquarters and Service Company, occupying a blocking position in support of a combined USMC/GVN search and clear operation in the vicinity of DUONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995676), reported that GVN Regional Forces soldiers searching the area as part of the operation made contact with two Viet Cong positioned in a cave, at coordinates (AT 996678). The report stated that the Regional Forces personnel killed the two Viet Cong (body count). One pistol, (German Service Pistol, "Luger" M-1908), one Viet Cong flag, a compass, documents, and personal articles were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. The initial screening of the documents indicated that one of the dead Viet Cong may have been the commander of a Viet Cong platoon, equipped with two 60mm mortars, which has been operating in the DUONG SON hamlet area. No friendly casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) (will not be included in paragraph D of this INTSUM).

d. At 071210H, Headquarters and Service Company, participating in a combined USMC/GVN Regional Forces operation in the vicinity of DUONG SON hamlet, reported that Marines searching caves at coordinates (AT 995676) discovered the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA. The report indicated that the enemy casualties were as the result of an earlier contact with GVN Regional Forces soldiers, but provided no additional details. The report added that the Marines employed a smoke generator to insure that the tunnels were not occupied prior to destruction by demolitions. No friendly casualties were reported. One CHICOM Mossin Nagent carbine Model 53, 7.62mm was recovered from the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report added that three Viet Cong Suspects were found hiding in a house in the same area and were apprehended by GVN regional Force troops.

e. At 072000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Marines manning perimeter security posts, bunkers #31, 34, and 38, reported receiving four small arms rounds in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 993678). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 072315H, Headquarters and Service Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 999678) reported making contact with one armed Viet Cong who was attempting to enter DUONG SON (2) hamlet. The report indicated that the Marines directed small arms rounds at the intruder who was at close range, killing him. The report indicated that the Marines' fire caused the detonation of a grenade carried by the Viet Cong. One U. S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-2), three grenades, a cartridge belt, and documents (unevaluated) were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. (S-2 Comment: This incident should be considered as part of the combined USMC/GVN Regional Forces search and clear operation which was being conducted in DUONG SON (2) hamlet area).

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g. At 072340H, Headquarters and Service Company elements positioned at coordinates (AT 999678) reported observing three Viet Cong moving in a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997676). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy and the Viet Cong withdrew from the area without returning the Marines fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 071015H, the Company I element manning a river block position at coordinates (AT 973612), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 973611). The Marines directed three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

b. At 071415H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a cave, described as two feet by three feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AT 943634).

c. At 072130H, Company L reported receiving two small arms rounds in the company Command Post positions at coordinates (AT 953667), from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960673). The report stated that the fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy position could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

d. At 080845H, the Battalion S-2 provided information regarding a method introduced by the Viet Cong in this area for the employment of U. S. type grenades (M-26) against USMC mine-clearing personnel. According to this report (which apparently originated with the 3d Engineer Battalion) the device utilizes a grenade and ration can, buried approximately six inches below the surface of the ground. The report indicated that the spoon of the grenade is positioned so as to fit under the ration can and the can is tied by string or wire to the safety ring of the grenade. The report indicated that the extraction of the can from the ground by mine-clearing personnel will serve to detonate the grenade.

e. At 060850H, the Battalion S-2 reported that villagers (unidentified) of DONG PHU (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 949629) informed the Marines of Company L that the Viet Cong who fired on the Company L platoon patrol base on 6 March (see 061940H entry, INTSUM #66), had displaced to this area from the mountains in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930635). No additional information was provided.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 071000H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 104645). The report did not provide a description of the device but indicated that it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator. Additional information will be provided when available. One Marine WIA was reported.

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b. At 071300H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055697) reported observing two men described as Viet Cong wearing gray uniforms, running from a building in that area upon the approach of the Marines. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the fleeing Viet Cong, killing one. The report indicated that the second man took refuge in a hole, and refused to emerge. The Marines threw one grenade into the hole, killing the second Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count). Documents, (unevaluated) and what were described as "camouflage scarves, were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. The report added that the patrol apprehended two Viet Cong Suspects in the house from which the two Viet Cong had emerged. The two suspects, a woman and a boy, were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 071315H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an LVTE-1 employing line charges in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062653), unearthed a mine in that area. The report described the device as cylindrical in shape, approximately twenty five pounds in weight, painted green with yellow markings "M-L, L-20-765-NT". The report stated that the device was recovered by the 3d Engineer Battalion personnel and evacuated for examination. (The report added that two secondary explosions resulted from the line-charge detonations but the size or description of the secondary explosions were not provided).

d. At 072200H, a Company M listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 075703) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077705). The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 080850H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	3	599
KIA(Possible)	0	840
VC Captured	0	238
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	0	208
VC Suspects Apprehended	6	1432
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Explosive device, shoe-box type	070945H
1	U. S. Carbine, cal.30 M-2	072315H
3	Grenades, type undetermined	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge, U.S.	-do-
UNK	Documents(unevaluated)	-do-
1	Explosive device(type undetermined)	071000H
UNK	Documents(unevaluated)	071300I
UNK	Scarves, camouflaged	-do-
1	Explosive device, cylindrical in shape, 25 lbs	071315H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

6	Caves, size unknown	071030H
1	Cave, 2x3x6 ft	071415H

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #68, Period ending 091000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EBCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
10 Mar	0636	0659	1856	1909	2219	0923	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 080700H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of THAI CAM (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975646) reported observing what was described as two Viet Cong, dressed in green uniforms, positioned at coordinates (AT 978645). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 080730H, a Company M patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 975673). The report indicated that the device was a MICOM grenade, rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

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c. Late Report. At 080730H, a Company M patrol reported the discovery of a cave at coordinates (AT 975673). The report indicated that the cave was approximately twelve feet by fifteen feet by fifteen feet in depth and had an entrance hole approximately three feet by three feet. The report stated that the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 081000H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 958633). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was found making what was described as Viet Cong flags out of paper. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 081040H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental Area of Responsibility reported observing what were described as three Viet Cong flags at coordinates (AT 965643). No further description or information was provided.

f. At 081045H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 962628). The report indicated that the device was a CHICOM grenade rigged to detonate with a trip wire. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place. The report added that, when the device detonated, another explosive device, apparently buried close by (distance not known), also detonated, resulting in two Marine WIA. The second device was described as an U.S. (M-26) fragmentation grenade.

g. At 081215H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973612) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 975605). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. One Vietnamese male was observed in the tree line at coordinates (AT 975605). The Marines were unable to pursue the Viet Cong due to an intervening body of water (the SONG AI NGHIA). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 082015H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 963663) reported receiving what was described as one grenade (U.S. M-26) from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position. The Marines searched the site of the suspected Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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i. At 082015H, a Company L ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 933624) reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned at that area detected movement. The report indicated that the Marines detonated a "bangalore torpedo", and directed a directional mine (Claymore) (positioned to cover the SID), and four 60mm mortar rounds at the suspected area and the movement ceased. The report indicated that a search of the area revealed blood-soaked pieces of clothing, indicating one Viet Cong WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

j. At 090800H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company M that villagers (unidentified) of AN TRACH (1) hamlet informed the Marines that, at 061000H, one Viet Cong was killed when he detonated an explosive device. The report indicated that the Viet Cong had been hiding in a tree line one hundred meters east of the SONG YEN river in grid square (AT 9565), and upon hearing the approach of an unidentified person, fled, and inadvertently detonated his own device. The report stated that other Viet Cong in the area buried the dead Viet Cong near LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 976647). The villagers identified the dead Viet Cong as one PHAM TIEM.

k. 090840H, a Company I element occupying a blocking position on the SONG BAU XAU, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973610) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 977613). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 081400H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong companies (total strength 250 men) armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, two .30 caliber machine guns, one rocket launcher (unidentified), and normal small arms, displaced from the vicinity of DONG PHU hamlet area, coordinates (AT 954625) and moved to the vicinity of XUAN DIEM hamlet area, coordinates (AT 964627). The report stated that the commander of this Viet Cong force is one NGUYEN CONA TUNG. (S-2 Comment: See 081535H entry, this INTSUM, for a similar report of Viet Cong activity in the DONG PHU area. The original source of these reports is not known and the separate reports may be the result of one incident. The report was rated C-2. S-2 rates the report C-3).

b. At 081530H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 that one Viet Cong company, armed with 81mm mortars (number unknown), and an unspecified number of automatic rifles and carbines is located at coordinates (AT 937623). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates it C-3.

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c. At 081535H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 that one Viet Cong company (strength and weapons not specified) has moved from coordinates (AT 875625) to DONG PHU (1), (2), and (3) hamlets located in grid squares (AT 9462) and (AT 9562). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates it C-3.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 080645H, Company G reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995647). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a Marine fire team positioned to provide surveillance of a suspected sniper position, observed the three suspects enter the area and proceed to move through a trench system into a tunnel located in that area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 080925H, a Company G platoon, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994627), reported that an explosive device was detonated. The report described the device as an 105mm artillery round, positioned waist high in a hedgerow. The method of detonation was not conclusively determined, but believed to have employed a trip wire actuator. One Marine KIA and at least four WIA were reported. The report continued that approximately two minutes after this detonation, elements of this same platoon, proceeding on their mission approximately two hundred meters away from the first explosion detonated a second device, believed to have been a U. S. (M-26) grenade. This later report did not indicate the method of detonation of this device. A total of one Marine KIA, and eight WIA was reported as the results of these two explosions but an accurate breakdown of casualties was not provided.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 080730H, Company K, participating in a search and clear operation reported observing what was described as three Viet Cong crossing the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028682). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position, and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible). No additional information was provided.

b. At 081141H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 044665), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade, and stated that it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

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c. At 081530H, an Headquarters and Service Company security patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078666) reported receiving one small arms round, described as sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078668). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 081915H, the Battalion S-3 provided details of a battalion (minus) search and destroy operation conducted during the period 080700H - 081505H, in the northwest portion of the battalions area of operations, in grid squares (BT 0365), (BT 0366), (BT 0367), (BT 0368), (BT 0369), (BT 0465), (BT 0466), (BT 0467), (BT 0468), (BT 0469), (BT 0565), (BT 0566), (BT 0567), (BT 0568), and (BT 0569). The report indicated that the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of twenty nine bunkers (not described), twenty six man traps (rigged with punji stakes) eight of which were booby-trapped with grenades, two mines, (identified as anti-personnel, but no description was provided), one tunnel, and twelve grenades positioned for employment as mines. The report added that a line charge resulted in four secondary explosions but neither the location of the incident nor size or description of the secondary explosions were provided.

e. At 081915H, the Battalion S-3 reported that during the battalion (minus) search and destroy operation conducted during the period 080700H - 081505H, a total of fifteen Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended. The report did not provide details of the apprehension nor did it indicate the disposition made of the suspects. The report identified one of those apprehended as a "Viet Cong" but this captive will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as a Viet Cong Suspect until his status is established by ITT.

f. At 090630H, a Company L element enroute to an ambush position reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 108649). The device was described as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, positioned in a tin can so as to detonate when the can was disturbed. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

g. At 090650H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032681) reported receiving small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong. The report did not indicate the location of the enemy position. The report stated that the Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two WIA (possible). The report added that the Viet Cong were armed with U. S. rifles (M-1), and possibly one sub-machine gun or automatic (U.S.) carbine.

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n. At 090915H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035658) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong. The report did not indicate the location of the enemy, but stated that the Marines returned the fire and initiated physical pursuit and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 090800H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	0	599
KIA(Possible)	0	840
VC Captured	0	238
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	4	212
VC Suspects Apprehended	19	1451
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, CHICOM	080730H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	081045H
2	Mines, (AP)	081915H
12	Grenades (Unidentified)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	090630H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Cave, 12x15x15 ft	080730H
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(ADD: see 081915H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines during this reporting period.)

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #69, Period ending 101000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
11 Mar	0636	0659	1857	1910	2315	1007	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 090840H, the Company I element occupying a river block position at coordinates (AT 973610), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 977613). The report stated that the fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy location could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

b. At 091125H, Company L provided additional information regarding a platoon patrol conducted on 6 March. This later report stated that a search of the area, coordinates (AT 949629), on 7 March revealed expended carbine and M-14 cartridges, dried blood stains, and drag marks which the Marines believed indicated five Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report added that one Viet Cong was observed struck by the explosion of a 60mm mortar round, and that two additional mortar rounds impacted within twenty feet of the Viet Cong position, resulting in one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

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c. At 091215H, the Company I element occupying a blocking position at coordinates (AF 973611), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 976613). The Marines directed six small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Viet Cong withdrew from the position, but the report indicated that the Marines could not pursue the Viet Cong because of the intervening body of water (SONG AI NGHIA). No casualties were reported.

d. At 091235H, a Company L patrol reported detonating an explosive device at coordinates (AF 954664). The report indicated that the device was a mine, approximately five pounds of TNT, and was electrically detonated. One Marine WIA was reported.

e. At 091600H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 958634), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 965640). The Marines directed small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

f. At 091700H, a Company I patrol reported destroying what was described as a man trap, approximately three feet by three feet by six feet deep, at coordinates (AF 958640). The report indicated that the trap contained an undetermined amount of three-foot punji stakes.

g. At 091800H, a Company I element occupying a river block position at coordinates (AF 973612), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 975613). The Marines directed two 3.5 inch (WP) (rocket) rounds and two 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing from position. The report indicated that the Marines could not pursue the enemy because of an intervening body of water (the SONG AI NGHIA). One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

h. At 092005H, a Company M patrol moving to an ambush position in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 975673) reported receiving approximately three hundred fifty rounds of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire and ten what was described as rifle grenades or 40mm (M-79) rounds from an estimated ten to fifteen Viet Cong positioned in widely separated positions, two hundred meters northwest, seventy five meters east, and seventy five meters south, of the Marines position. The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds and twenty 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong positions. When the enemy fire continued, thirty 105mm (artillery) rounds and nineteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report added that two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines fire. A second Marine squad was dispatched from the Company M Command Post to assist, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the north and northwest. The report added that a helicopter evacuating Marine casualties received an undetermined amount of small arms fire from

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coordinates (AT 978678). The report indicated that the area was searched and the units moved into ambush positions for the remainder of the night. A detailed search of the area will be conducted at first light on 10 March. Marine casualties were reported as one KIA and two WIA. Enemy casualties were reported as two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

i. At 092200H, Company M reported that a SID positioned at coordinates (AT 968668) detected movement to the front of the Marines' position. The Marines directed twelve 81mm mortar rounds, and two 3.5 inch (WP) (rocket) rounds at the suspected enemy position, with undetermined results. The report continued that a second SID detected movement in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976661), and two Viet Cong were observed running away from the Marines' position. The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds at the fleeing men and observed both Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report added that an additional twenty eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at possible Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967672). Patrols were dispatched but were unable to gain contact with the Viet Cong, and were unable to recover any Viet Cong casualties. Two Viet Cong WIA (possible) were reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

j. At 100823H, a Company M patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 969685). The device was identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip wire actuator. The report stated that the device was recovered by the Marines.

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a. Late Report. At 090630H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 108649). The device was identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, positioned in a ration can, with a trip-wire activated. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

b. Late Report. At 090650H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating on the east bank of the SONG VINH DIEM in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033681) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned on the far (west) bank of the river, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031681). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire, but pursuit was restricted by the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as two WIA (possible)

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c. Late Report. At 090915H, a Company I platoon, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035655), reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south, and escaped in heavy brush. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA(DOW). Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 091100H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050697) reported sighting a group of approximately fifteen unidentified persons, who appeared to be fleeing in a westerly direction. Company K dispatched platoon-sized elements to the north and south so as to cordon off the area. The report stated that, as the Marines deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046713), they sighted what was identified as two Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049712). The Marines directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong, killing one (body count). The second Viet Cong escaped, fleeing to the north. (The report did not indicate the basis for the initial identification of the two men as Viet Cong, but stated that documents recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong were screened and identified as Viet Cong writings). The report added that a search of grid squares (BT 0470) and (BT 0570), conducted by the Marines in their attempts to locate the group of unidentified persons sighted fleeing to the west, produced thirteen Viet Cong Suspects, who were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

e. At 091100H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035680) reported receiving small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034679). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. Two Viet Cong were killed by the Marines' fire and an additional two believed wounded. The report indicated that the Viet Cong escaped by swimming across the SONG VINH DIEM. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count) and two WIA (possible). One U. S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-1), two U. S. (M-26) grenades, two cartridge belts, four (carbine) ammunition magazines, clothing, medical supplies, and documents (unevaluated) were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong.

f. At 091420H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 049701). The devices were identified as U. S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that the devices were destroyed in place. This same patrol later reported the discovery of a third U. S. (M-26) grenade at coordinates (BT 053713). The report indicated that this grenade was also rigged with a trip-wire activator and was destroyed in place. (S-2 Comment: U. S. (M-26) grenades are not being recovered by

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the Marines because there have been reports of the Viet Cong substituting "no delay" fuses in such devices and deliberately placing the grenades where they would be recovered by ARVN or U. S. military personnel. Several reports have been received of this technique having been employed in the 9th Marines area of operations, but these reports lack confirmation).

g. At 091810H, A Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042633) reported receiving an estimated one hundred fifty small arms rounds from seven Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west. The report stated that the Marines followed what was described as a "blood trail" which led to the banks of the SONG VINH DIEN, where contact was lost. No marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report continued that the Marines, continuing their search for the Viet Cong, detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 044660), resulting in two Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade positioned in a punji-pit, with a trip-wire activator. A third Marine was WIA when a similarly positioned grenade was detonated at coordinates (BT 044653). The report added that an aerial observer operating in the TAOR reported observing approximately seven men on the far side of the SONG VINH DIEN, at coordinates (BT 037647), who were running in what appeared to be an attempt to escape the Marines. The Aerial Observer marked the location with a smoke grenade, and the patrol directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the area, with undetermined results. (The total casualties for this patrol's operation were three Marines WIA, and one Viet Cong WIA (possible)).

h. At 091815H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085650) reported observing three armed Viet Cong, wearing packs, at coordinates (BT 093648). The report indicated that, upon sighting the Marines, the Viet Cong began running, so as to escape. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report added that the wounded Viet Cong escaped capture, but his injury was found at the spot where he was observed falling. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area by the Marines and will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

i. At 091900H, Company M reported receiving six small arms rounds (described as automatic weapons fire) in the company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 073702), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075698). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and dispatched a patrol to pursue the fleeing Viet Cong. The report continued that the patrol observed two men enter a building at coordinates (BT 075698), but a search of the

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building and adjacent area failed to produce the men. As the Marines began to withdraw from the area, an explosive device (believed to have been a grenade) was detonated, wounding one Marine. The report indicated that it could not be determined whether a grenade had been thrown at the Marines or that a mine had been detonated. Shortly afterwards, this same patrol reported contacting four Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073697). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, and observed one fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Viet Cong withdrew to the south, and the Marines were unable to maintain the contact. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

j. At 091920H, Company M reported that small arms rounds were received in the LVT park portion of the company Command Post area, coordinates (BT 073702), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073695). The Marines directed three hundred machinegun rounds and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 091930H, Company M again reported that small arms rounds were received in the LVT park portion of the company Command Post area, coordinates (BT 073702) from two or three Viet Cong now positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068698). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds, two 40mm (M-79) rounds, three LAW (M-72) rounds, and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 092055H, a Company M element manning a defensive position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074703) reported observing two or three Viet Cong to the northeast of the Marines' position, at undetermined range. The report indicated that the Viet Cong apparently tripped a ground illumination device and the resultant flash of light disclosed the enemies' presence. The Marines illuminated the area with 81mm mortar illumination and directed twenty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly fled the area. The report indicated that one Viet Cong was believed to have been wounded by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were reported as one WIA (possible).

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a. At 091210H, Company G reported that an explosive device was detonated on the periphery of the company Command Post, coordinates (AT 990644) when a Marine sentry apparently disturbed a trip-wire activator leading to the explosive. The report indicated that the explosive device had not been positioned by the Marines and described the device as a mine which was positioned at a point where the positions protective wire was in close proximity to the road. The report stated that the type of mine has not been determined but that residue of the explosive charge was recovered and will be evacuated for evaluation. Additional information will be provided when available. One Marine WIA was reported.

b. At 091830H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing what were described as seven Viet Cong Suspects in a graveyard at coordinates (AT 039645). The report added that no further action was taken due to impending darkness.

c. At 091955H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an estimated twenty five to thirty small arms rounds were received in the battalion's Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 988675), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981676). The report stated that muzzle flashes were observed by the Marines but the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 091920H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines manning security positions on the perimeter of the battalion Command Post, coordinates (AT 991679), reported hearing what was described as grenades detonating and small arms rounds being fired in the vicinity of YEN NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 981679). Four red star clusters were also observed. No further information was provided and investigation failed to disclose the origin of the sounds.

e. At 100150H, Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994679) reported sighting what was described as bushes moving in close proximity to the Marines' position. The Marines directed what was described as two bursts of small arms fire at the area and observed a figure quickly emerge from the bushes and flee in the direction of DONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 995678). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 100150H, Company G reported receiving what was described as eight 60mm mortar rounds in the company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 994629). Artillery support was requested and forty 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy mortar site, coordinates (AT 991632). A total of sixty two 81mm mortar rounds were also fired at the suspected area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. A subsequent crater analysis confirmed that the incoming

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projectiles were 60mm mortar rounds and indicated that they had emanated from a site positioned on a 160° magnetic azimuth from the Company G position. The report added that what was described as "flashes" had been observed occurring in this direction, at a range of approximately six hundred meters.

g. At 100830H, Company H reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005647). The report stated that the suspect, a Vietnamese male, seventeen years old, wearing what was described as worker's clothing, had sustained a gun-shot wound in his chest. The report indicated that the wound may have been sustained when elements of Company H fired on suspected Viet Cong fleeing the same area at 100810H. The report indicated that the suspect is undergoing medical treatment and his ultimate disposition will depend on his condition and the results of an initial interrogation.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 091500H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from a secret agent (unidentified) who apparently operates in the vicinity of the pontoon bridge, coordinates (AT 946700), that two Viet Cong companies, previously reported to be located in DONG PHU (1), (2), and (3) hamlets, grid squares (AT 9462) and (AT 9562) and HAI CHAU hamlet, grid square (AT 9562), moved from that area to the DAI LOC area (SW of the 9th Marines TAOR). The report stated that, at present there now remains in DONG PHU (1), (2), and (3) hamlets and PHU SON (3) and (4) hamlets, coordinates (AT 950640) and (AT 944635), only one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon of approximately forty armed men, with nine rifles (U. S. M-14). The report stated that the platoon sergeant of this unit is one TRAN TRANH. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates it C-3.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	3	602
KIA(Possible)	1	841
VC Captured	0	239*
VC Captured(WIA)	0	8
VC WIA(Possible)	12	224
VC Suspects Apprehended	15	1466
Returns(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

\*Increase of one Viet Cong based on IFF Prisoner Interrogation Report dated 8 March 1966:

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Name: PHAM GOC  
 Age: 45  
 Status: VC Force Laborer

Capturing Unit: K-3-9 on 061330H March 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Device, explosive 5lb TNT	091235K
UNK	Stakes, punji, 3 ft long	091700K
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26) with trip-wire	100823H
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26) with trip-wire	090630H
1	Carbine, U. S. Cal.30 M-1	091100K
2	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-de-
2	Belts, cartridge, U. S.	-de-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-de-
UNK	Medical supplies	-do-
3	Grenades, U. S. (M-26) with trip-wire	091420K
2	Grenades (type unknown) with trip-wire	091810H
1	Trap, punji, size not determined	091810K
1	Trap, man, 3x3x6 ft	091700K
1	Device, explosive (not identified)	091900K
1	Device, explosive (not identified)	091210K

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



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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #70, Period ending 110000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>DMGT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
12 Mar	0635	0658	1857	1910	2315(3/11)	1051 3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 100825H, a Company patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AT 969685). The device, identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, was destroyed in place by the Marines.

b. Late Report. At 100926H, a Company M patrol reported discovering two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 968686). The devices, identified as U. S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with trip-wire activators, were destroyed in place by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 100935H, a Company M patrol reported detonating an explosive device, at coordinates (AT 968686). The device, identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, was rigged to detonate with a trip-wire. One Marine KIA and two Marine WIA were reported.

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d. At 101040H, a Company M patrol dispatched to investigate the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 975673) where a Company M patrol had engaged an estimated twenty Viet Cong on 19 March (see 092005A) entry, INTSUM #59) reported discovering several blood-stained pieces of clothing, a quantity of expended and live small arms cartridges (various caliber and types), 40mm (M-79) rounds (both expended and live), one rifle magazine (unidentified), and documents (unevaluated). The items were recovered and will be evacuated for evaluation.

e. At 101130H, a Company M patrol reported destroying two ~~what was~~ described as covered punji traps, approximately one foot by one foot by two feet in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 969685). The report indicated that a CHICOM grenade had been positioned to the cover of one of the traps with a trip-wire so as to detonate when disturbed.

f. At 101130H, a Company M patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AF 962679). The device, identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, was destroyed in place by the Marines.

g. At 101130H, a Company M patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AF 958682). The device, identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, was destroyed in place by the Marines.

h. At 101420H, a Company I element occupying a river block position at coordinates (AF 973611), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 975609). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and twenty eight 90mm (tank) rounds, at the enemy position. The report stated that one 90mm (tank) round impacted directly on target and one Viet Cong seen running from a building in the target area, was observed falling as if struck by the Marines fire. A patrol dispatched to pursue the Viet Cong reported that a search of the area revealed the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report added that one U. S. rifle (M-1), one grenade, U.S. (M-26), one pistol belt, one flashlight (U.S.), two ammunition magazines, (carbine), three ammunition clips (M-1), and one ammunition pouch was recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

i. At 101520H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 951651) reported observing three men, identified in the report as Viet Cong, who upon being challenged by the Marines attempted to flee. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, and observed one fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The patrol pursued the enemy until contact was lost in a tree line. The report added that a search of the area revealed a trail of blood which indicated that at least one Viet Cong was wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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j. At 101520H, a Company L patrol operating along the west bank of the SONG YEN in the vicinity of PHU SON (1) hamlet, reported discovering a small quantity of medical supplies (not identified), one field uniform (green in color), one pair of khaki trousers, one 81mm mortar canister (empty), and one metal tube, approximately 57mm in diameter and twelve inches in length, which may be a container for an anti-tank round, in a building located at coordinates (AT 951651). The report indicated that the material will be evacuated for evaluation.

k. At 101545H, a Company I security element, utilizing a "BC" scope to maintain surveillance of the area from their position at coordinates (AT 968617), reported observing two Viet Cong (one of whom was armed with a rifle), in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976604). The Marines directed nine 90mm (tank) rounds, and ten 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position, and reported that both 90mm (tank) rounds and mortar rounds impacted on target. The report added that the Marines could not recover the bodies or search the area because of the intervening body of water (SONG AI NGHIA). Enemy casualties were reported as two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

l. At 101630H, Company L reported that a Vietnamese civilian (unidentified) led a Company L patrol to the location of a CHICOM grenade, which was rigged with a trip-wire activator, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952651). The report stated that the Marines destroyed the device in place. The report added that the informant indicated that he was afraid to return to his village, and temporary shelter was provided at the company Command Post. The report indicated that a suitable monetary reward will be presented to the informant for his cooperation.

m. At 102010H, a Company M reported that one grenade was received in the company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 968661), from Viet Cong located at close range. The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds, and one 40mm (M-79) round at the suspected enemy position with undetermined results. A search of the area produced no signs of Viet Cong casualties. No Marine casualties were reported.

n. At 102230H, Company M reported receiving one grenade in the company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 963658), from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed two grenades at the suspected enemy position and dispatched a patrol to search the area. The report stated that the patrol failed to contact the enemy but did find one U. S. directional mine (Claymore) which had been positioned by the Marines as part of the Command Post defenses, had been re-positioned so that it aimed inward at the Marines' positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 102245H, the Company I element occupying a river block position at coordinates (AT 973610) reported observing a boat, approximately twelve feet in length, approaching the river block location from the southeast. The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds and nine 40mm (M-79) rounds at the craft, and reported that it sank in the river. The report added that it could not be determined if the boat contained occupants or material.

p. At 110815H, a Company I squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 982626), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a CHISOM grenade employing a pull-type detonator. The report stated that when the Marines detonated the device, they were engaged in investigating a figure laying in a rice paddy. The Marines had progressed approximately half-way from the trail when the explosion occurred. The figure turned out to be a straw-filled dummy and may have been so positioned to bait the explosive trap.

q. At 110828H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company I that the villagers of LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975679), informed the Marines that, on the night of 9 March, eighteen Viet Cong were in the hamlet. The report stated that the Viet Cong confiscated a large quantity of rice from the villagers, and killed one young boy.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 101910H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from a secret agent (unidentified) that forty five Viet Cong were located in LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 982658). The report added that an additional nineteen Viet Cong were located in AN LUN hamlet, coordinates (AT 036680). The report stated that the Viet Cong, armed with automatic rifles and small arms (number not indicated), are collecting 300 \$VN (apparently a tax) from each villager. No additional information was provided. The report was net rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 102020H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from GVN military sources (unidentified) that the 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 51st Regiment, located at coordinates (AT 952584), had received small arms and mortar fire (type and amount not indicated) between the hours 1700-1800 from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 945574) and (AT 951575). USMC artillery support was requested and a total of eleven 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the suspected Viet Cong positions. The report stated that friendly casualties were one (GVN military) WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined. No additional information was provided.

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(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 100900H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077614) reported observing one armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076615), who had evidently sighted the Marines and was running from the area. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong was able to continue his flight and the Marines maintained their pursuit, until in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074615), the Marines again hit the enemy, this time killing him. The report stated that one CHICOM carbine, Mossin Nagent Model 53, one cartridge belt, three U. S. (M-26) grenades, and personal articles were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong and evacuated for examination. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

b. Late Report. At 100930H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073619) reported sighting three armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072620). The Marines fired one hundred small arms rounds, and directed a total of six 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy, who dispersed, withdrawing to the west. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that a search of the positions which had been occupied by the Viet Cong produced one suspicious person but a subsequent report stated that the suspect was then released. The patrol also reported discovering one explosive device positioned in the same location. The device, identified as a CHICOM grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, was destroyed in place by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 100930H, a Company I squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 052634). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when it was observed that he had recently sustained what appeared to be a gunshot wound in the leg and he could not provide an adequate explanation as to the origin of his wound. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 101030H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending three suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067682), because all appeared to be of military age, but two of the suspects were later released after interrogation. The report stated that the one remaining will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation, as a Viet Cong Suspect.

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e. At 101200H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 066642). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because he appeared to be of military age, and he could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 101515H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033683) reported sighting two men, described as Viet Cong, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034684), who appeared to be attempting to elude the Marines. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the two fleeing men, and reported killing one. The second man evaded the Marines and escaped in the area in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEN. The report added that an examination of the dead Viet Cong indicated that he was a male of military age, and a search of his possessions revealed that he lacked identification documents. No weapons or military equipment was reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

g. At 110030H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 075678), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not describe the device but indicated that it employed a trip-wire activator. The report stated that simultaneously to the detonation of the explosive device, an illuminating device was also ignited, and that both devices wounded one Marine. The illumination device was described as a ground illumination flare (U. S. trip flare, M-48 or M-49). The report added that a helicopter evacuating the wounded Marine received ten small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (BT 075675). The Marines on the ground directed approximately fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No additional casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 110030H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089619) reported receiving what was initially estimated as two mortar rounds and approximately fifty small arms rounds. The report stated that the fire was believed emanating from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 070615), and artillery support was requested. A total of six 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the suspected enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The initial report indicated that no casualties were sustained but this was later modified to read a total of eight Marines WIA, all of whom had sustained slight injuries (two of the wounded were evacuated for medical treatment). A subsequent report stated that a crater analysis revealed that a total of five mortar rounds had been received and identified the projectiles as 60mm (HE) mortar rounds. The crater analysis also indicated that the mortar firing position had probably been in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075609). Marine casualties were eight WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. Late Report. At 100845H, a Company H patrol report apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006648). The report stated that upon interrogation, the suspect admitted that he collects information about USMC activities for the Viet Cong and reports this information to one DUCG, who resides in BICH BAC (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 986614). The suspect also stated that there are six additional Viet Cong living in BICH BAC hamlet. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 101250H, Company H reported that a young Vietnamese boy (unidentified) informed Company H Marines that the Viet Cong had dispatched four young children into AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 024639) to distribute grenades to other children for employment against Marines. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 101440H, Company G reported that a total of fourteen gates (report did not indicate whether the gates were booby-trapped) and one fighting hole was destroyed and approximately one hundred meters of trenchline filled by Marines operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997639) to (BT 000639).

d. At 102145H, a Company G platoon operating in the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 007647), reported receiving one grenade from within a tunnel the Marines were investigating. The report stated that the grenade did not completely clear the tunnel entrance however, and fell back within the tunnel where it detonated. The report stated that sounds described as "means" were heard emanating from within the tunnel, but the occupants refused to emerge. Smoke and CS grenades were employed and the Marines finally had to dig within the tunnel to dislodge the occupants. The report stated that three wounded Viet Cong were captured and the bodies of three more Viet Cong KIA discovered within the tunnel. One CHICOM carbine, Mossin Nagent Model 53, 7.62mm and one CHICOM grenade was reported recovered from the tunnel. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA (body count), and three Viet Cong Captured (WIA). The three Viet Cong captives had received only slight wounds and were retained in position over night until evacuation was effected on 11 March.

e. At 102220H, the Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 919699) reported observing an estimated thirty lights (not described) being displayed in the area to the east of the bridge, in the vicinity of the junction of highway #1 and 1A, coordinates (BT 016685). The report provided no additional information.

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f. At 102200H, Marines providing security for bridge #3 coordinates (AF 997674), reported observing the occurrence of what was described as a "firefight". The report did not describe the volume of fire, but stated that the rounds were being exchanged between the occupants of a building (location not indicated) and an unidentified source located on the west side of the road (highway #1?). No additional information nor details were provided.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

- a. See 101630H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 110828H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 101250H entry, this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>Per 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	6	608
KIA(Possible)	2	843
VC Captured	0	239
VC Captured(WIA)	3	11
VC WIA(Possible)	1	225
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1470
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)(with trip-wire)	100823H
2	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)(with trip-wire)	100926H
UNK	40mm (M-79) rounds	101040H
1	Magazine, rifle, unidentified	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	101130H
2	Traps, punji, 1x1x2 ft	-do-
2	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)(with trip-wire)	-do-
1	Rifle, U. S. Cal.30 (M-1)	101420H
1	Pouch, ammunition	-do-
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	-do-
3	Clips, ammunition, .30 cal (M-1)	-do-
1	Uniform, field, green	101520H
UNK	Medical supplies	-do-
1	Cannister, 81mm	-do-
1	Tube, metal(approx 57mm, 12 in. long)	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM (with trip-wire)	101630H

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1	Grenade, CHICOM, (with trip-wire)	110015H
1	Carbine, CHICOM, Messin Nagant Mod. 53	100900H
1	Belt, web, cartridge, U. S.	-dc-
3	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-dc-
1	Grenade, CHICOM, (with trip-wire)	100950H
1	Carbine, CHICOM Messin Nagant Mod 53	102145H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-dc-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

14	Gates	101440H
1	Hole, fighting	-dc-
	100 meters trenchline filled in	-dc-

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #71, Period ending 121000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCP</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>DECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
13 Mar	0634	0657	1857	1910	0109	1229	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 110812H, the Battalion S-3 reported that ten small arms rounds were received in the battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 989678). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. A patrol was dispatched to search a suspected area but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 111000H, a Company G element conducting a search and destroy operation along the banks of the SONG XAU XAU reported the discovery of a trenchline at coordinates (BT 002640). The trenchline was described as approximately one hundred meters in extent. The report stated that the trenchline was filled in by the Marines.

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d. At 112150H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #1, coordinates (AT 999704) reported hearing what was described as a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire, and several detonations emanating from the vicinity of PHONG LE hamlet, coordinates (BT 004702). (S-2 Comment: See "Special Reports" 112150H entry, this INTSUM, for a report of the incident which precipitated this report).

e. At 112306H, Marines providing security for bridge #3, coordinates (AT 994688) reported hearing what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire and at least one grenade detonation emanating from what were identified as ARVN Ranger positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981687). The report stated that inquiry at 59th Regional Forces Battalion Headquarters at BO HUNG indicated that the GVN military unit located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981687) had received approximately three hundred small arms rounds and a total of thirteen grenades from a Viet Cong force of undetermined strength, but had not sustained any casualties and their positions remained secure. Enemy casualties were not determined. No additional information was provided.

(2) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 110815H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982626) reported detonating an explosive device. The device was identified as a CHICOM grenade rigged with a trip-wire activator. Three Marine WIA were reported.

b. At 111300H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person at coordinates (AT 951669) when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 111515H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948606) reported observing one armed Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 950608). The patrol directed sixty five small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines fire. When the area was searched however, the Viet Cong eluded apprehension and the Marines could not regain contact. One Viet Cong WIA (possible) was reported.

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d. At 111523H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a USMC vehicle being operated by 3d Engineer Battalion Marines detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 986637). The report described the device as a mine consisting of an undetermined amount of TNT or C-4 explosive, rigged with a pressure-type detonator (fuss). The report stated that the mine had been positioned on the dirt road which linked USMC positions on Hill #55, coordinates (AT 971621) with the MSR located along the railroad embankment. Three Marines WIA were reported.

e. At 111725H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947607) reported destroying two foot traps, approximately one foot by one foot by one foot in depth, which contained metal spikes (number not indicated). The report stated one man trap (size not indicated) containing four wooden and one metal stakes, was destroyed by the Marines in the same area.

f. At 111920H, Marines manning a tank position on the north shore of the SONG AI NGHIA, at coordinates (AT 963609), reported observing three armed Viet Cong to the south of the river, apparently seeking cover by running into a tree line at coordinates (AT 959599). The Marines directed five 90mm (tank) rounds and sixty rounds of machine gun fire at the enemy, and reported observing one fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The report stated that the Marines could not pursue the fleeing Viet Cong or recover the body and weapon of the enemy casualty because of the intervening body of water. One Viet Cong KIA (body count) (as observed through a "BC" scope) was reported.

g. At 112000H, Marines manning a tank position at coordinates (AT 963609), reported sighting the approach of a small river craft with two occupants identified as Viet Cong on the SONG AI NGHIA, at coordinates (AT 961604). The Marines directed three 90mm (tank) rounds at the boat, and reported that the craft was destroyed. The report indicated that enemy casualties were two KIA (possible).

h. At 112030H a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 963609), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 949605). The Marines directed three 90MM rounds, two hundred small arms and machine gun rounds, and eight 81MM mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 112037H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 958659) reported movement on a SID. The Marines directed one (M-26) grenade at the suspected position and searched the area. The report indicated that fresh footprints were discovered but there were no signs of enemy presence.

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j. At 112300H, a Marine manning a tank position at coordinates (AT 963609) reported observing four to five Viet Cong located in widely separated positions extending from coordinates (AT 962605) to (AT 959603). The Marines directed twelve 90MM (tank) rounds, and fifteen 81MM mortar rounds at the position and the Viet Cong abandoned the position, fleeing the area. No casualties were reported.

k. At 112130H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 970659), reported hearing movement to the front of their position. The Marines directed one claymore mine into the suspected area and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the explosion. A patrol dispatched to pursue the enemy reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970659). The Marines illuminated the area and directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area however, failed to reveal any Viet Cong casualties. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible), and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

l. At 120115H, a Company L patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AT 956676). The report indicated that the device was a mine of unidentified type and will be destroyed at first light on 12 March. Additional information will be provided when available.

m. At 120200H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 970662), reported hearing movement, what was described as a "bird-like noise" to the front of their position. The Marines directed one 3.5 inch W.P. round at the suspected enemy position, and the movement and sounds ceased. A search of the area failed to reveal any identification of Viet Cong presence. The report added that the backblast of the rocket injured one Marine.

(3) 3d Bn, 3d MAF

a. Late Report. At 110630H, a composite squad of Marines on patrol in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075682) reported the discovery of a total of six explosive devices, positioned at separate locations in the area. The report identified the devices as four U. S. (M-26) grenades and two CHICOM grenades, and indicated that all the devices were rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that the devices were destroyed in place.

b. Late Report. At 110700H, a composite squad of Marines patrolling in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076679) reported the discovery of a total of five punji traps in the area. The report described the traps as approximately four feet by four feet, and were rigged with punji stakes approximately one foot in length. The report added that the punji traps had been camouflaged so as to appear as grave mounds. The report stated that the traps were destroyed by the Marines.

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c. Late Report. At 110500H, a Company M patrol reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073703). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended based on the complaint of the HOA HAI Village Chief who informed the Marines that the suspects had been attempting to organize anti-USMC demonstrations. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 111030H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 035684). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 111120H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080610) reported receiving approximately two hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated twenty Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076608). The Marines directed six hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued artillery support was requested and sixteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 111130H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 067663). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because he was of military age and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 111300H, Company I reported that a tank detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 067633), resulting in what was described as severe damage to the tank but no casualties. The report described the device as a mine and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report did not indicate the size of the mine but stated that the explosion resulted in a crater three feet in depth and four feet in diameter.

h. At 111340H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084657) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085658). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the north. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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h. At 111400H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080610). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they could not adequately explain their presence in an area from which small arms fire had earlier emanated. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

i. At 111630H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 099556). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because he appeared to be of military age. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

j. At 111630H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 073703). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was pointed out by the 101 HAI Village Chief as the father of five Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

k. At 111700H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of ten (small) tunnels and three positions, described as bunkers, at coordinates (BT 094655). The report stated that the tunnels and bunkers were destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 111940H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068633) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064632). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and five 40mm(M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The report stated that, one Viet Cong was observed to fall as if struck by the Marines' fire and was sighted being carried from the area by the Viet Cong. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

m. At 112025H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079619) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085620). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 112350H, Company I reported receiving two mortar rounds in the company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 079618). No casualties were reported. A subsequent crater analysis, conducted on 12 March identified the rounds as 60mm mortar projectiles, and indicated that the rounds emanated from the vicinity of DONG TOI hamlet, coordinates (BT 098625).

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112045H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (BT 067633). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because his name appears on a Viet Cong black list compiled by local GVN authorities. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

q. At 120900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified U. S. advisor assigned to DIEN BAN District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Main Force company of approximately one hundred twenty men, armed with one 81mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun and small arms, and augmented by a local Viet Cong guerrilla platoon, had displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075625), (BT 065818), (BT 076604), and (BT 090610). The report stated that the mission of this enemy force is to confiscate a major portion of the VIEN XUAN village rice harvest. The report added that the commander of this Viet Cong company is one VO DE. The Battalion S-2 commented that on 11 March, Company L received five 60mm mortar rounds from the area reported as the location of this Viet Cong force. The report was rated R-3. S-2 rates the report R-3.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 112058H, the Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from ARVN I CORP'S G-2 that Viet Cong forces were located in the following areas: One Viet Cong company at coordinates (BT 000645), one Viet Cong company at coordinates (BT 015620), and one Viet Cong company at coordinates (BT 005621). The report provided no additional information and was un-evaluated. S-2 rates the report R-4.

b. At 112150H, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #1, coordinates (AT 999104), had heard what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire and several detonations emanating from the vicinity of PHONG LE hamlet, coordinates (BT 004702). The Marine Liaison officer assigned to HOA YANG District Headquarters subsequently reported that a political indoctrination meeting being conducted by local GVN authorities in PHONG LE hamlet, coordinates (BT 004702), had been attacked by a small force of Viet Cong. The report indicated that Viet Cong mingling with the local villagers at the scene of the rally, initiated the attack by throwing grenades into the crowd of people. Small arms fire, to include automatic weapons fire, was then directed at the people, and especially at RVN Popular Forces soldiers at the scene to provide security. Friendly casualties were reported as: one civilian killed, three GVN PF soldiers wounded, one policeman wounded, two hamlet chiefs wounded, and eight civilians wounded. The report added that one U. S. carbine caliber .30 (M-1) was reported captured by the Viet Cong. The report indicated that GVN Popular Forces soldiers at the scene offered resistance to the Viet Cong attack, but enemy casualties were not indicated.

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C. Reports of infamy of Viet Cong received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	1	609
KIA(Possible)	4	847
VC Captured	0	239
VC Captured(WIA)	0	11
VC WIA(Possible)	3	228
VC Suspects Apprehended	13	1453
Returns(Since 21Jan66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
2	Traps, foot (1x1) ft w/metal stakes	111725H
1	Trap, man (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Mine, (type unknown)	120115H
1	Mine, (type unknown)	111300H
1	Boat (small river craft)	112008H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Trench 100 meters in length	111000H
3	Bunkers (size not indicated)	111700H
10	Tunnels (small)	-do-

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #72, Period ending 131000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>MOON</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOON</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
14 Mar	0633	0656	1857	1910	0109	1229	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 30Mar

a. Late Report. At 120940H, Company I provided additional information regarding an action which occurred on 11 March in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 962605), (See 112300H entry, INTSUM #71). The report stated that a search of the area where the USMC tank and mortar fire had been directed revealed what were described as peels and trails of blood, indicating two Viet Cong WIA(possible).

b. At 121000H, a Company L patrol reported destroying one cave, described as two feet by two feet by eight feet in depth, and a second cave, two feet by two feet by fifteen feet in depth at coordinates (AF 952640).

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c. At 121853, Company I reported receiving what was described as eight 81mm mortar rounds in the company Command Post position, coordinates (AF 968617) from Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 953493), and (AF 942587). The Marines directed nineteen 90mm (tank) rounds, fourteen 155mm (artillery) rounds, and twenty 81mm mortar rounds at the suspected enemy positions, and the Viet Cong mortar fire was not repeated. One Marine MIA was reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

d. At 130717H, Company I elements conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of DUC KY (1) hamlet, coordinates (AF 975613), reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that all the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report also indicated that tunnels and caves (number and size not indicated) were destroyed by the Marines in this area.

e. At 130855H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of DUC KY (1) hamlet, vicinity of coordinates (AF 981611), reported receiving ten small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned on the far(south) side of the SONG AI NGHIA, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 981609). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that the Marines were unable to pursue the Viet Cong because of the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

f. At 121040H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 063623). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report added that the suspect was found to have in his possession a whistle. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 121040H, Company I patrol reported the discovery of what was identified as an 105mm artillery shell (dud) at coordinates (BT 710692). The report stated that the fuse assembly of the shell was found detached from the shell body, which may indicate that the shell had been tampered with. The report stated that the shell was destroyed in place.

h. At 121128H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 057645). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because his identification documents appeared spurious. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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d. At 121350H, two UH1H helicopters operating in the Regimental TAOR in support of Company I reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 075617) and (BT 084624). Company I Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, and one 90mm (tank) round at the suspected enemy position and reported that the Viet Cong were observed withdrawing from position. The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 121515H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069626) reported receiving three small arms rounds from a Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068627). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy, who broke contact withdrawing to the south. Marine casualties were reported as one MIA. No enemy casualties were reported.

f. At 121620H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of what was described as a series of six small interlocking tunnels and a bunker at coordinates (BT 095659). The report stated that the positions were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 121730H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075618) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from an estimated seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076614). The Marines directed three 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 121900H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085619) and (BT 076613). Artillery support was requested and seven 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 121931H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080613). Artillery support was requested and 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the artillery rounds impacted within the target area with excellent effect. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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j. At 121942H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving ten small arms rounds and what was described as seven 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074614). Artillery and mortar support was requested and a total of fifty 105mm rounds and eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marine patrol dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 122055H, Company M reported that Marines manning security posts on the company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 072701), reported observing what was described as five Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078699). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy, who reportedly fled from the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 122245H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086619). Artillery and mortar support was requested and a total of fourteen 105mm rounds and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 122340H, a Company M element providing security for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post area, coordinates (BT 076702), reported receiving six small arms rounds, described as carbine rounds, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063715). Marines manning a tank directed machine gun small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 130700H, Company I reported that a tank supporting the company in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of DONG THOI hamlet detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 100620). The report described the device as a mine, but did not provide details as to type, size, or means of detonation. No casualties were reported. The report added that damage to the tank was light.

o. Late Report. At 121310H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 067685), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade but did not state the manner of employment. One Marine WIA was reported.

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a. At 121205H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015622) reported receiving approximately twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in a woodline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015618). The patrol directed ten 50mm mortar rounds, three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and two hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire ceased. A search of the vacated enemy position produced a trenchline described as approximately one hundred meters in length running southeast to northwest, which was apparently utilized by the Viet Cong when they withdrew from the area. The report indicated that the trench was not destroyed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 122055H, a Company H ambush element enroute to its position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025636), reported hearing movement in a field a short distance to the west of the Marines' position. The Marines deployed and observed five figures moving to the north towards the southeast edge of the Company Command Post perimeter. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the intruders, who withdrew towards the southwest. The report stated that the patrol searched the area and found one Viet Cong WIA (who subsequently died of wounds). One CHROM grenade rifle grenade (unidentified), were also discovered. The report added that Company H directed ten 81mm rounds at suspected routes of withdrawal. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 130040H, a Company H ambush element dispatched to the site of the earlier encounter in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025636), reported discovering two additional Viet Cong KIA, evidently as the result of the Marines' initial fire. The report stated that two CHROM grenades and a cloth bag attached to a web cartridge belt, were also discovered. The report indicated that the Marine ambush element maintained surveillance over the area without subsequent contact with the Viet Cong. Enemy casualties were increased by two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. Reports of information received directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

<u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 66:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	5	612
KIA (Possible)	0	647
VC Captured	0	239
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	2	250
VC Suspects Apprehended	10	1495
Returns (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>IMPULSE BATTERY NO</u>
1	Grenade, CHICOM	122055H
2	Grenades, CHICOM	130140H
1	Bag, cloth (contents unknown)	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge, web	-do-
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (dud)	121040H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Cave, 2x2x3 ft in depth	123000H
1	Cave, 2x2x1.5 ft in depth	-do-
UNK	Caves, (Size not indicated)	130717H
UNK	Tunnels, (Size not indicated)	-do-
6	Tunnels, small interlocking	121620H

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(C-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #73, Period ending 141000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period,

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

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

(b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BHCP</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ELECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 130717H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975613) reported apprehending seven Viet Cong Suspects. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 130635H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981611) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 981609). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. Late Report. At 130945H, a Company L patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AT 954654). The device was identified as a U. S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report indicated that the grenade was found in a metal canister (size not indicated), that had been placed in a tunnel approximately three feet by three feet by six feet in depth at that location. Both the tunnel and explosive device were destroyed by demolitions.

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d. At 131320H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company I search and destroy operation conducted on 13 March in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976602). The following incidents were reported:

(1) Destroyed two tunnels and a trench line (size not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976602).

(2) Destroyed one bunker, two feet by 22 feet by three feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 978603).

(3) Destroyed one tunnel, five feet by five feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 978602).

(4) Destroyed one tunnel, two feet by four feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 980603).

(5) Destroyed two tunnels, three feet by three feet by fifteen feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 981602).

(6) Destroyed one tunnel (reinforced with wood), two feet by three feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 982603).

(7) Destroyed two freshly dug punji traps (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 987615).

(8) Discovered what was identified as one U. S. medicine bag at coordinates (AT 979614), which will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

The report indicated that the tunnels did not appear to have been freshly excavated, but appeared to have been occupied and maintained for some period of time.

e. At 131402H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACK reported observing what was described as a possible automatic weapons position (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 952582).

f. At 131710H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971681), reported observing what was described as three Viet Cong entering a tree line at coordinates (AT 966686). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, and the firing served to alert a GVN military unit positioned at coordinates (AT 973685), who also began firing at the area occupied by the Viet Cong. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from their positions, and the Marines pursued by fire. The report stated that because of the proximity of the GVN military unit, the Marines retained their position and did not initiate physical pursuit. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. At 132045H, the Company I river block positioned at coordinates (AF 973614) reported hearing Vietnamese voices apparently being broadcast over a loudspeaker believed to be located approximately two hundred meters to the southeast. The report indicated that the sound began at approximately 2000H and continued until 2045H. The report did not indicate the contents of the message being broadcast. (S-2 Comment: Both Viet Cong and GVN military units operating in the vicinity of Highway #14 utilize loudspeaker broadcasts for psy-war, and it has not been ascertained who originated this broadcast).

h. At 132323H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from NIEU DEU District Headquarters that a Viet Cong propaganda team had crossed the SONG YU at coordinates (AF 960685) at 2315H, to commence operations in BO HAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AF 956686) on 14 March.

(2) 2dM 9thMar

a. Late Report-Additional Information. At 130925H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a company H action which had occurred on 12 March in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 022636). (See 122055E entry, INTSUM #72). This later report added that the patrol subsequently dispatched to the site, discovered, in addition to the two Viet Cong KIA previously reported, one CHIOM 7.62mm modified sub-machinegun, K-50/EPH.41, eight ammunition magazines for the sub-machinegun, eight CHIOM grenades, four what were described as concussion grenades, one whistle, three cartridge belts, three canteens, and three first aid packets. The report stated that all the material was recovered and evacuated for examination and evaluation. The report noted that all three Viet Cong KIA (See INTSUM #72) wore what was described as a red colored (rubber) band on the left wrist, apparently as a means of identification. The report added that all three Viet Cong KIA carried what was described as a star-shaped frame made of bamboo to be utilized as camouflaged head-gear. No additional details were provided.

b. At 131000H, Company G reported that Marines manning perimeter security posts of the company Command Post position, coordinates (AF 993643) observed two Vietnamese males wearing what was described as "neat western-style clothing" and carrying what appeared to be two PRC-6 radios, moving in close proximity to the company perimeter. Upon being challenged by the Marines, the two men fled toward HA DUNG hamlet, coordinates (AF 997643). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing Vietnamese and dispatched a patrol to search HA DUNG hamlet, with negative results.

c. At 131043H, Company H reported receiving what was described as one 60mm mortar round approximately twenty five meters outside the company perimeter, coordinates (BT 014630). A subsequent crater analysis confirmed that the projectile was a 60mm mortar round and indicated that it possibly emanated from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018626). The report added that a squad was dispatched to search the area but produced negative results.

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d. At 131233H, a Company B element providing security for bridge #3 located at coordinates (AT 994687) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995687). The report stated that the fire was not returned due to the presence in the area of a CVN Popular Forces unit. The report added that a patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 131345H, Company H reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds within the company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 015625), from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015623). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 131830H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999647). The report indicated that during initial interrogation by the Battalion S-2, the suspect refused to disclose any information. The suspect was again interrogated by the Battalion S-2 at 140400H and at this time admitted to being a member of the Viet Cong Young Men's Association. The suspect further stated that two squads of Viet Cong are presently located in the hamlet in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001645). The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 140930H, a Company G squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 997637). The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator, positioned two feet above the ground. Two Marine WIA were reported.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 130700H, Company I reported that a USMC tank detonated an explosive device while operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100620). The report described the device as a pressure-type mine but did not indicate the size. The report added that damage to the tank was light. The report did state that the explosion resulted in a crater three feet deep and five feet in diameter. No Casualties were reported.

b. At 131015H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083665), one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072658), and a fourth Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063626). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that after interrogation by the HOA HAI Village Chief and the Battalion S-2, the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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c. At 131430L, a Company B patrol reported that the firing of line charges by an M72-1 in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 108548) while clearing the area of mines and other explosive devices, resulting in a total of eighteen secondary explosions. The report stated that the majority of the secondary explosions were similar to the explosive effect produced by 60mm mortar or 81mm mortar rounds. The report added that 60mm mortar tail fin assemblies were discovered in a crater caused by one secondary explosion.

d. At 131530L, Company H reported hearing what were described as grenade detonations and approximately thirty small arms rounds being fired in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075705). Subsequent investigation disclosed that a USMC vehicle (5th Engineer Battalion dump truck) had been attacked by an estimated three Viet Cong, resulting in one Marine KIA. The report did not provide details of the incident. The report confirmed that a Company H element dispatched to investigate the action sighted what was described as an armed Viet Cong who ran into a building in the area of the attack. The report stated that when the Viet Cong emerged from the building, the weapon could not be seen. The Marines challenged the man, and, when he attempted flight, directed five small arms rounds at him, killing him. The report stated that tentative identification of the dead Viet Cong indicate that he is one NGUYEN KIM, listed on the GVN National Police "Black List" as the Viet Cong Chief of the HOA HAI Village area. The report also stated that the weapon reportedly observed earlier was not recovered. The report added that a total of thirty three Viet Cong suspects, all male, were apprehended by the Marines in the area as the result of the search for the Viet Cong involved in the attack on the USMC vehicle. Many casualties were the result of Company H's activities were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

e. At 131600L, a Company H patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 066700). The report described the device as a grenade (type unknown) and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. One Marine KIA was reported. The report added that the patrol also discovered what was described as a CHUONH grenade rigged with a trip-wire activator at the same location and destroyed it in place.

f. At 140900L, Company I reported that a person identified as a SAC HAI priest who resides in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097626), informed the Marines that a Viet Cong platoon frequently visits HA BANG hamlet, coordinates (BT 109682) during the night. This report was not rated by the Battalion SAC. Ref: report 11-16.

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g. At 140950H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of a search and destroy operation conducted by companies K and L in the area of the "Horse Shoe", grid square (BT 1063) on 13 March. The report stated that a total of fifty bunkers (ranging in size from two feet by four feet by eight feet to two feet by four feet by twelve feet), seven man-traps (size not indicated), fourteen punji traps (one foot by one foot by one foot), two explosive devices (U. S. M-26 grenades rigged with trip-wires), (one explosive device composed of two pounds of TNT with a pressure-type fuse), four tunnels (five, six, eight, and ten feet in length), and two fighting holes (size not indicated) were destroyed by the Marines during this operation. The report added that sixty two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended by the Marines; eighteen of which were released after interrogation by the Battalion S-2. The report indicated that the disposition of the remaining forty four Viet Cong Suspects will be determined after interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

h. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 140900H entry, this INTREX.

b. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	1	613
KIA (Possible)	0	847
VC Captured	0	240
VC Captured (KIA)	0	11
VC KIA (Possible)	0	230
VC Suspects Apprehended	13	1505 **
Resurrex (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	1

\*\* Increase of one Viet Cong based on IFF Prisoner Interrogation Report dated 2 March 1966:

Name: NGUYEN TU  
Age: 35  
Status: VC Farmer's Association Member

Capturing Unit: C-2-9 on 101745H

\*\* Does not include the Viet Cong Suspects as shown in 140950H entry, this INTREX.

c. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTREX ENTRY NO</u>
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26) w/trip-wire	150945H
1	Sub-machine gun, CHICHI K-50	150925H
8	Magazines, ammunition (sub-machinegun)	-do-
8	Grenades, CHICHI	-do-

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INVENTORY NO.</u>
2	Belts, cartridge	150985H
5	Cartridges (type not indicated)	-10-
3	Packets, first aid	-10-
1	Bag, medical	151320H
1	Grenade, UH90H	140900H
14	Shrapnel, punji (1x1x1 ft)	140950H
2	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-10-
1	Explosive Device (2 lbs TNT)	-10-
7	Shrapnel, non (size not indicated)	-10-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

2	Tunnels (size not indicated)	151320H
1	Approachline (size not indicated)	-10-
1	Bunker, 2x22x5 ft	-10-
1	Tunnel, 2x5x7 ft	-10-
1	Tunnel, 2x1x6 ft	-10-
2	Tunnels, 3x3x15 ft	-10-
1	Tunnel (reinforced with wood, 2x3x7 ft)	-10-
50	Bunkers, 2x4x8 ft	140950H
2	Holes, fighting (size not indicated)	-10-
4	Tunnels, 2x6x10 ft	-10-

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #74, Period ending 151000H, March 1966

I. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>MOON</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ELECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
16 Mar	0632	0655	1858	1931	0204	1320	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) MRN 3dMar

a. At 141000H, a Company I security patrol accompanying an engineer element operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AP 985685), reported observing a Vietnamese male who appeared to be positioning a mine on the road, in the vicinity of coordinates (AP 985635). The report stated that when the man sighted the approach of the Marines, he fled west in the direction of THAI CAM (3) hamlet, coordinates (AP 974626). The report noted that, as the Marines pursued the fleeing man, they observed what was described as communications wire extending from the site towards the hamlet. As the patrol approached THAI CAM (3) hamlet, it received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated four or five Viet Cong, armed with at least two automatic weapons and two rifles, positioned to the west of the hamlet. The Marines returned the fire and deployed to engage the enemy in the vicinity of the hamlet. The report stated that a Marine

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squad dispatched from Hill #55, coordinates (AF 970620), received small arms fire from a second Viet Cong force positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 970629) as they approached the western edge of the hamlet. The report indicated that the two Marine elements converged on THAI CAM (3), hamlet, coordinates (AF 973626), where the Viet Cong continued their resistance. The report stated that the Viet Cong directed an estimated four hundred small arms rounds at the pursuing Marines, who returned approximately eight hundred small arms machine gun rounds at the enemy positions. When the enemy fire diminished, the Marines entered the hamlet to search for the enemy so as to continue the contact. The report stated that a total of eleven Viet Cong suspects were apprehended within the hamlet by the Marines, one of them whom was wounded required evacuation to a medical facility. The ten other suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Viet Cong casualties were not determined.

b. At 141400L, Company L reported apprehending a total of sixty three suspicious persons in the vicinity of BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AF 960686). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended at the request of HIEU DUC District Headquarters who reported that a squad of Viet Cong were located within the hamlet, organizing the villagers and gathering a supply of rice. The District Chief requested that all persons found in the hamlet be apprehended and delivered to the District Headquarters.

c. At 141430L, a Company M patrol reported the discovery of a tunnel approximately three feet by three feet by six feet, at coordinates (AF 977677), and a second tunnel, of similar dimensions, at coordinates (AF 973672). The report stated that both the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 141630L, Company I Marines, manning an observation post at coordinates (AF 963609), reported observing two men digging a hole on the far side (south) of the SONG AI NHIA, coordinates (AF 968605). The report stated that, as the Marines watched, one of the men clambered into the hole and the second man proceeded to camouflage the position. The Marines directed four 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and reported that the rounds impacted on target, resulting in one Viet Cong KIA (possible). The report noted that the Marines could not physically investigate the position because of the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

e. At 142020L, Company L reported receiving eight small arms rounds within the company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AF 953687). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 142300L, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AF 962658) reported that two grenades detonated in close proximity to the platoon Command Post perimeter. The Marines directed two grenades at the suspected enemy position and the grenading was not reported. The Marines illuminated and searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. Last Report. At 141530H, a Company I platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 979630), reported the discovery of a total of four small caves and two short tunnels. The report stated that the caves and tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

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a. At 141015H, a psy-war helicopter operating in the Regimental TAOB reported receiving three small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (BT 105643), and one round from the direction of coordinates (BT 029679). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

b. At 141600H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 094644). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report added that the Marines destroyed one bunker, three feet by five feet by six feet, equipped with what was described as a false wall and bottom, in the same area.

c. At 141840H, Company M reported that a USMC vehicle operated by a 3d Motor Transport Battalion Marine received ten small arms while in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071700) from two or three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073700). The Marines on the vehicle directed eight small arms rounds at the enemy position but reported negative results. Company M reported that a squad was dispatched to search the site of the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 141945H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050656) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050657). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 142000H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines manning a tank outpost in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069706) observed what was described as three Viet Cong moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066710). (The report did not indicate the basis for this identification). The report stated that the Marines illuminated the area and directed four small arms rounds at the enemy who fled the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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f. At 142015H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 077641) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds at the enemy who was able to escape the Marines. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(c) 2dLt Other

a. Late Report. At 140930H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AF 997637). The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activation. Two Marine KIA were reported.

b. At 141940H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 030621) reported apprehending one suspicious person. A subsequent report stated that the suspect stated that he was a retired ARVN soldier. The report continued that the man stated that he was in THAM ANH (1) hamlet on 13 March, (the day after Company H made contact with a Viet Cong force in the area, resulting in three Viet Cong KIA), and the villagers stated that a total of six or seven Viet Cong had been killed in that encounter. The man also provided the names of two Viet Cong presently located in THAM ANH (1) hamlet, coordinates (BF 030620); one NGUYEN HUU KIEM and one LE TU KHUONG, (identified as a guerrilla leader). The report did not indicate the disposition of the purported retired ARVN soldier.

c. At 142115H, a Company R listening post positioned at coordinates (BF 024657) reported hearing what was described as the sounds of movement at close range. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the suspected area and the sounds ceased. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 142220H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #1, coordinates (AF 978704), reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range to the east. The Marines directed six small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at suspected positions and the grenading was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

3. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians

a. See 141940H entry, this IPFH.

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D. Viet Comm Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	0	613
KIA (Possible)	1	848
VC Captured	0	240
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC MIA (Possible)	0	230
VC Suspects Apprehended	11	1517
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	4

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material: No reports received during this reporting period.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSIRM ENTRY NO.
2	Tunnels (3x3x6 ft)	14143CH
4	Caves, small	14153CH
2	Tunnels, short	-do-
1	Dunker (3x5x6 ft) w/false wall and bottom	14160CH

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #75, Period ending 160000H, March 1966

### 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

#### A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.

##### (1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

##### (2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCST</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EBCST</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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#### B. Enemy Military Situation.

##### (1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 151115H, Company I, participating in an operation in the vicinity of BICH BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 987629), reported receiving the surrender of two men who identified themselves as Viet Cong who wished to return to CVN control under the rallier (CHIEU HOI) program. The report indicated that the return of these two men was one of the planned objectives of the operation, which was predicated on information received from former Viet Cong who had previously returned under the CHIEU HOI program and were assisting the Marines. The report stated that, when the returnees contacted the Marines, they surrendered five 40mm (M-79) rounds, one U. S. (M-26) grenade, one steel helmet, one flashlight (U.S.), and one cartridge belt, all of which will be evacuated for examination. The report stated that the returnees were turned over to a (U.S.) representative of the CHIEU HOI program and evacuated to the returnee center at HOI AN.

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b. At 151215H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962639), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a cane field at coordinates (AT 961634), (AT 967643), and (AT 965644). The Marines directed one hundred twenty five small arms rounds and thirteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions and the enemy fire ceased. A search of the Viet Cong positions yielded negative results. No casualties were reported.

c. At 151500H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending five Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 967638). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were identified by Vietnamese returnees accompanying the Marines as Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 151610H, Company L, participating in an operation with Company M in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968640) and (AT 960646) reported that Marines of both companies received a total of approximately twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966643). The report indicated that Company M deployed to engage the Viet Cong, but the enemy fire ceased before contact could be made. No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 2dBa 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 150945H, Company G elements operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000621) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001620). Mortar support was requested and seven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Marine casualties were reported as two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 160100H, a Company H ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 028629) reported that ten small arms rounds impacted in the vicinity of the Marines' positions. The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be determined nor could it be ascertained whether the fire was directed at the Marines and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 151450H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055633) reported the discovery of one tunnel, described as four feet by four feet by seventy feet in length, reinforced with bamboo, metal stakes, and sheet metal, and two what were described as spider holes in the same area. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines using approximately twenty pounds of explosives.

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(3) Special Reports.

a. At 151030H, G-2 relayed a report from HOA VANG District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company, commanded by one THANE, and armed with automatic weapons, displaced on 13 March to the vicinity of CAM SA hamlet, coordinates (BT 070625), and NGAN HA, coordinates (BT 060650). The report added that one Viet Cong guerrilla squad is presently located at AP NAM hamlet, coordinates (BT 080690), and one Viet Cong Main Force squad is located at THI AN hamlet, coordinates (BT 038633). The report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG, G-2 did not rate the report. S-2 rates the report F-3).

b. At 151930H, G-2 relayed a report from III MAF G-2 that a Vietnamese source (identified as a Catholic NUN who operates an orphanage in DA NANG) informed the Marines that the Viet Cong intended to attack the DA NANG Airbase and the DA NANG East Air Facility, on 14 March, using mortars. The report indicated that the source received this information from a relative who is a member of a GVN military organization. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 152230H, G-2 relayed an NAD report from III MAF G-2 that a Viet Cong Main Force company with a strength of one hundred men, armed with three 81mm mortars, and ninety rounds of mortar ammunition is located in the area extending from the vicinity of TU CAU hamlet, grid square (BT 0365), to KHUE DONG hamlet, grid square (BT 0570). The report stated that this Viet Cong company, augmented by local guerrillas, has the mission of employing mortars to attack DA NANG Airbase, on 15 March. The report indicated that the Viet Cong will position two of the mortars in the vicinity of SON THUY AP hamlet, coordinates (BT 067710), and also attack what was identified as the French bunker, at coordinates (BT 082697). The report was rated B-3 by NAD. G-2 did not rate the report. S-2 rates the report G-3.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 151030H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084626) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084634). The Viet Cong attempted to break contact and the Marines pursued them. In the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068634) the pursuing Marines received approximately fifty small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067628). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and assaulted it. One Viet Cong KIA (body count) was found in the position. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. At 151230H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086619) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087618). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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i. At 151830H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067615) reported receiving seventy small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068615) and (BT 067616). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and six 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 151850H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046650) reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with an estimated two automatic and five semi-automatic weapons and positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 045650). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and assaulted it. One Viet Cong was observed falling as though struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA(possible).

k. At 152015H, a Company I squad-ambush positioned at coordinates (BT 044648) reported observing five Viet Cong swimming to the west in the SONG VINH DIEN (BT 045647). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing four of them(body count). The Marines then received approximately fifty small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046647). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported.

l. At 152030H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046647) reported hearing what was described as a boat moving on the river (SONG VINH DIEN). The patrol moved in the direction from which the sounds were emanating in order to be able to have visual observation of the activity. The Marines observed a green star cluster (apparently fired by the Viet Cong) and immediately received sixty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned to the rear of the patrol. The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position and assaulted it. Two Viet Cong were observed falling as though struck by the Marines' fire. One Viet Cong KIA(body count) was the result of a hand grenade thrown by one of the assaulting Marines. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were one KIA(body count) and two WIA(possible).

m. At 152030H, a Company I ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 044653) reported observing two Viet Cong. 81mm mortar illumination forced the Marines to initiate the ambush prematurely. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong who returned the fire with ten rounds. The Viet Cong broke contact, and the area was searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA(possible).

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n. At 152130H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067615) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076614). Mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

o. At 152400H, a Company I fire team ambush positioned at coordinates (BT 045654) reported receiving one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. Marine casualties were two WIA. The exact enemy location could not be determined and further contact could not be established.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

o. See 151930H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	7	620
KIA (possible)	0	846
VC Captured	0	240
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	7	237
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1524
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	2	6

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
5	40mm (M-79) rounds	151115H
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	-do-
1	Flashlight, U. S.	-do-
1	Belt, web, cartridge	-do-
1	Helmet, steel	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 4x4x70 ft	151415H
2	Holes, spider	-do-

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #76, Period ending 171000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 161023H, G-2 reported that an orderly (unidentified, only as being located at MON KY Mountain) reported that Vietnamese workers normally employed at the rock crusher site will not report to work on 16 March, because they fear trouble (unexplained) will occur in the area during the period 160700H - 161200H. The report provided no additional information and was unevaluated.

b. At 161430H, III MAF (COC) relayed a report from DA NANG Garrison that two Viet Cong companies are located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0367), and one Viet Cong platoon located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0669). The report indicated that the mission of these Viet Cong forces is to attack (including mortar attack) DA NANG Airbase and/or DA NANG East Airbase, on the night 15-16 March. The report was rated R-6.

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c. At 161955H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to HQA VANG District Headquarters reported that a Viet Cong force of approximately fifty men, armed with sub-machineguns and rifles, have displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041704) and (BT 042694). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force has not been ascertained. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report C-3.

d. At 162115H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that one Viet Cong company, armed with three 61mm mortars, is deployed in widely separated locations within the area bounded by grid squares (BT 0368), (BT 0569), (BT 0366), and (BT 0566) total of nine thousand square meters. The report indicated that the mission of this Viet Cong company is to attack (GVN military units located at) TUNG LAM hamlet, grid square (BT 0370) and CO MAN hamlet, grid square (BT 0268), on 16 March. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 160950H, a Company B patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016619) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016616). The Marines directed seventy small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 161100H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 033620). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report added that the Marines discovered a tunnel, described as four feet by four feet by three feet in size, reinforced with bamboo, at coordinates (BT 031618). The tunnel was destroyed by the Marines, who employed demolitions.

c. At 161150H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 001645). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when found within a building in that area where a large quantity of explosives had been previously discovered. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 161250H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0161) and (BT 0162) reported the discovery of a covered trenchline, approximately one hundred meters in length. The report stated that the trenchline was destroyed by the Marines. The report added that a 105mm artillery round (and) was also located in the area, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017625), and destroyed by the Marines.

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e. At 161250H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026636) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a tree line in close proximity to the road, on which the Marines patrol was moving. The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 161323H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015620) reported receiving what was described as a moderate volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004624). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 161323H, a Company H patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 011628). The report identified the device as a mine but did not indicate the type, size, or manner of employment. The report stated that the mine was destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 161345H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 003635). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

i. At 170330H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 990637), resulting in two Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 160601H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEN, coordinates (BT 032663) reported observing the approach of a boat with one male occupant moving to the west on the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030666). The report stated that, when challenged by the Marines, the man dove into the river in an apparent attempt to escape apprehension. The report stated that when the Marines directed small arms fire at the man in the water, they themselves were taken under fire by a GVN Popular Forces unit positioned at coordinates (BT 022674), who evidently did not realize that they were firing at a friendly force. The Popular Forces fire ceased when the Marines fired a pyrotechnic signal device but the boat occupant escaped. No casualties were reported.

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b. Late Report. At 160920H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 105649). The device was identified as a U. S. (M-26) grenade positioned in a ration can so as to detonate when a trip-wire activator was disturbed. The report stated that when the device was destroyed in place, a secondary explosion was observed. Examination of the crater caused by the explosive revealed what was identified as mortar tail fin assemblies apparently intended to serve as casualty inducing fragments. The report indicated that the secondary explosion was caused by an explosive charge consisting of approximately one pound of explosives. No casualties were reported.

c. Late Report. At 160950H, a Company K patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 034682). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was changing his clothing in what was believed to have been an attempt to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 161000H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company I patrol action which occurred on 15 March in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067615). This later report stated that an examination of the site of the encounter revealed what were described as "blood trails", which indicated at least two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 161030H, a Company K patrol reported the discovery of an 155mm artillery round (dud) at coordinates (BT 056705). The report indicated that the shell had been booby-trapped but provided no details of how this was accomplished. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

f. At 161030H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of MAN QUAN (2) hamlet, reported the discovery of a trench line, approximately four hundred meters in length, extending from coordinates (BT 045685) to (BT 045686), to (BT 047686). The report stated that the trenchline was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 161500H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057623) reported observing what was described as eight Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 063610). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery support. A total of thirty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position, and in so doing received a heavy volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned to the east, south, and west. The report stated that contact was broken without USMC casualties. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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h. At 161520H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending a total of eighteen suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 102629). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that all but one of the suspects were released after initial interrogation. The report stated that one suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point as a Viet Cong Suspect for investigation. The report added that one U. S. (M-26) grenade, several rounds of small arms ammunition, and two (khaki colored) uniforms were recovered by the Marines as the result of the search of the area.

i. At 162010H, a Company M element occupying an observation post at coordinates (BT 072702) reported observing two armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073702). The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 162015H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that two Viet Cong Main Force companies are located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095657) and (BT 093653). The report stated that the Viet Cong force, commanded by one HUYNH DUC THAI, has the mission of attacking the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Post at an unknown date. The report also stated that these Viet Cong companies are armed with four 81mm mortars but indicated that the mortars themselves are located at coordinates (BT 057663). The report continued that a Viet Cong force consisting of approximately twenty Main Force Viet Cong, augmented by thirty Viet Cong guerrillas, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055697), with the mission of gathering intelligence information and harassing USMC units operating in the area. The report was rated D-3. (S-2 Comment: See 170900H entry, this INTSUM for the report of the company L operation which was precipitated by this report).

k. At 162035H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040704) reported receiving six small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057706). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

l. At 170900H, the Battalion S-2 provided details of a Company L operation conducted during the period 161400H - 161700H in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0965). The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of three bunkers (all reinforced with concrete and brick), one tunnel, three feet by three feet by ten feet in length, and two fighting holes, described as sniper positions. The report added that one 81mm mortar round (dud) was also discovered and destroyed by the Marines. (S-2 Comment: See 162015H entry, this INTSUM for the intelligence report that precipitated this Company L operation).

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a. At 161612H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of a punji trap at coordinates (AT 954653) rigged with a CHICG grenade. The report continued that a U. S. (M-26) grenade was also discovered in the punji trap but noted that this grenade was not rigged for detonation. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place. The report added that a 155mm artillery round (dud) was found in the same area by the Marines. The report stated that the shell had apparently been inerted and fuse assembly and explosive charge removed.

b. At 161750H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a 3d Engineer Battalion road grader operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961628) detonated an explosive device. The report described the device as a mine but indicated that the type and size had not been determined. No casualties were reported. The report added that damage to the vehicle was light. additional information will be provided when available.

c. At 162120H, Company L reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned at coordinates (AT 953666) reported detecting movement to the front of the Marines' position. The report stated that the Marines detonated a directional mine (CLAYMORE) positioned to cover the area. The report continued that, when the Marine patrol directed two grenades at a suspected position, they received one grenade from Viet Cong who were positioned at close range. The Viet Cong were then observed withdrawing from the area and the Marines directed five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy as they ran into a treeline in close proximity to the site of the encounter.

d. At 162122H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that a GVN Popular Forces element (strength not indicated) made contact with a Viet Cong squad, armed with at least one automatic rifle, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946687). The report did not provide details of the encounter nor casualties sustained. No additional information was provided.

e. At 170155H, a Company I element occupying river block positions on the SONG BAI XAU at coordinates (AT 973612) reported observing a small boat moving in a northerly direction on the river. The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the craft and reported sinking it. The report stated that it was not determined whether the boat contained occupants when taken under fire by the Marines.

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f. At 170410H, a Company I element occupying a blocking position on the SONG BAU XAU, coordinates (AT 973614) reported receiving what was initially identified as 60mm mortar rounds or rifle grenades in position. A heavy volume of small arms fire was also received from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973613), (AT 972614), and (AT 975609). Subsequent reports indicated that a Viet Cong force of undetermined strength penetrated the Marines position under the covering fire of automatic weapons, hand grenades, and possibly rifle grenades and/or 60mm mortar rounds. Marine casualties were three KIA and two WIA, all of which appeared to have been sustained by 3d Engineer Battalion Marines located at the water point within the Marines river block position. During the action a total of three hundred 81mm mortar illumination rounds were utilized to illuminate the area. Approximately fifteen hundred small arms rounds and machinegun rounds, seventy 40mm (M-79) rounds, four grenades, one directional mine (CLAYMORE), were directed at the enemy by the Marines. It was estimated that the Viet Cong fired approximately six hundred small arms and machinegun rounds, nine hand grenades, and an undetermined number of rifle grenades or 60mm mortar rounds. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count) and one KIA and four WIA (Possible). Marine casualties were three KIA and two WIA. Two carbines, U. S. caliber .30 (M-2), two CHICOM grenades, a quantity of ammunition magazines, and what was described as a Viet Cong gas mask was recovered from the bodies of the Viet Cong casualties. The report added that the Viet Cong captured two rifles, 7.62mm M-14, and one directional mine during the attack, but the weapons were all recovered.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour                      Cumulative  
Reporting Period:                      Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	2	622
KIA (Possible)	1	847
VC Captured	0	240
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	9	246
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1528
Returns (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INVSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Artillery round 105mm (dud)	161250H
1	Explosive device, type not indicated	161323H
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26) w/trip-wire	160920H
1	Artillery round 155mm (dud)	161030H
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	161520H
1	Uniform, Khaki color	-do-

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QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSERV ENTRY NO.
1	61mm mortar round (dud)	170100H
1	Punji trap rigged w/CHICOM grenade	161612H
1	Punji trap rigged w/U.S. (M-26) grenade	-do-
1	Artillery round 155mm (dud)	-do-
2	Carbines, U.S. (M-2)	170410Y
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
1	Gas Masks	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 4x4x3 ft	161100H
1	Trenchline, covered, 100 meter long	161250H
1	Trenchline, 400 meters in length	161030H
3	Bunkers, reinforced w/concrete/brick	170900H
1	Tunnel, 3x3x10 ft	-do-
2	Holes, fighting (size not indicated)	-do-

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #77, Period ending 181000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 170615H, Company L, participating in an combined operation with GVN military and civil elements, ("County Fair"), reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967696). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension but stated that the four suspects were evacuated to the central collection point established by the GVN authorities in CAM NE (4) hamlet for interrogation. Ultimate disposition of the suspects was not determined.

b. At 171205H, an Aerial Observer operating in the area of operations reported receiving an undetermined amount of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 956670). The report stated that Company L directed twenty six 81mm mortar rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 171345H, the Company I element manning blocking positions on the SONG AI NGHIA, coordinates (AT 973613), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned south of the river at coordinates (AT 976609). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds and two 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 171630H, Company M reported discovering two positions, described as fighting holes, three feet by three feet by two feet, at coordinates (AT 964676), and a third such position at coordinates (AT 973677). The report stated that all three positions were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 171650H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Headquarters that two of the sixty five villagers apprehended on 14 March as suspicious persons and evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for investigation (see 141430H entry, INTSUM #74) were confirmed as Viet Cong as result of interrogation and investigation.

f. At 172002H, Company L reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned at coordinates (AT 958659), detected movement to the front of the Marines position. The Marines directed three (U. S. M-26) grenades at the suspected enemy position and dispatched a patrol to investigate. A search of the area produced negative results. No casualties were reported.

g. At 172010H, the Company I element manning a blocking position on the SONG AI NGHIA, coordinates (AT 973611), reported receiving an estimated one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 972616). The Marines directed a total of 1,000 small arms rounds, eight grenades, thirty 40mm (M-79) rounds, five 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, three LAW (M-72) rounds and seventy 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report indicated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. A search of the area failed to reveal any enemy casualties, but the Marines indicated that enemy casualties were at least three Viet Cong WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 171117H, a Company E patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017627). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report added that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 171345H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0262) and (BT 0362) reported the discovery of three tunnels at coordinates (BT 025626), (BT 025622), and (BT 031629). The report stated that one of the tunnels was three feet by four feet by fourteen feet in length, the other two were three feet by four feet by six feet in length, and all were reinforced with bamboo. The report added that the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines using twenty five pounds of explosives.

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c. At 180810H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002635) reported receiving what was described as heavy automatic weapons fire from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005633). The Marines directed small arms fire and thirteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with ~~negative~~ results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 172000H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from a source identified as the QUANG NAM Administration Building (HOI AN) that three Viet Cong battalions are located in the northern portion of DIEN BAN District. The report identified the battalions and provided information regarding their locations, armament, etc., as follows:

1st Battalion: Commanded by one HUA ZUAN LAM; strength three hundred men; armed with two 81mm mortars, four 60mm mortars, two machine guns, one 75mm howitzer; displaced to CHAU LAU, coordinates (AT 998603), and GIANG LA, coordinates (AT 972603). (S-2 Comment: There have been previous reports of a Viet Cong battalion, designated the 1st Volunteer Battalion, operating in this area. Report is rated F-3).

20th Battalion: Commanded by one DAN QUANG TRACH; strength three hundred fifty men; armed with one 81mm mortar, two machine guns, one 60mm mortar, one TR-20 radio, and one GRC-9 radio; located at THANH SON village area, coordinates (AT 973640) and (AT 999627). (S-2 Comment: The Viet Cong R-20 Battalion is a provincial force battalion accepted as operating in this general area. Report is rated F-2).

U/I Battalion (designation not provided): armed with two 57mm recoilless rifles, two 81mm mortars, three 60mm mortars, one machine gun (cal.50), one machine gun (cal.30), and two weapons identified as "3/40mm" weapons; located in dispersed positions in the vicinity of PHU KY village, coordinates (AT 998557) and (BT 003560). (S-2 Comment: Rated F-6).

The report added these three Viet Cong battalions may be subordinate to the Viet Cong 6/308 regiment, believed to be under the command of one VO XUAN LAM. (S-2 Comment: The 6/308 regiment may be AKA the 36th Regiment, previously reported by agents as being located in QUANG NAM province, but unconfirmed. The presence of three battalions in the areas indicated is rated F-4; the presence of two battalions is rated F-3; the presence of a Viet Cong force of one battalion strength in the general location indicated is rated F-2. That these forces are organized into a regimental structure is rated F-4).

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b. At 172010H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified GVN military source that an Viet Cong 81mm mortar is located at coordinates (BT 036650) and a second Viet Cong mortar is located at coordinates (BT 050700). The report provided no additional details. The report was rated C-1. (S-2 Comment: Similar reports have been previously received from other sources and have been investigated with negative results. The information is possibly true (F-3) and will continue to be investigated.

c. At 180740H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO HUNG relayed a report from an unidentified GVN source that enemy casualties as the result of the 16 March Viet Cong attack of the ARVN company-sized outpost at GIAO AI, coordinates (AT 947584), totalled twenty three Viet Cong KIA (confirmation not indicated) and eighty WIA. The report indicated that villagers have stated that nineteen of the Viet Cong KIA were buried in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934526) and an additional four buried at coordinates (AT 968544). The report added that the Viet Cong informed the villagers that the attack of GIAO AI served as a training exercise for recent recruits. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

d. At 180805H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified GVN military source that one Viet Cong platoon is located at DHON THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 004658). The report stated that the Viet Cong are in hiding, and meld with the villagers when USMC forces are in the area. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates it F-3.

e. At 180840H, an Forward Observer attached to Company M, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines reported observing what were described as four armed Viet Cong in an open area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967651). Artillery support was requested and a total of sixteen 105mm (HE) rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report did not indicate the results of the artillery fire nor determine enemy casualties.

f. At 180905H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing what was described as nine Viet Cong moving in an open area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950588). Artillery support was requested and a total of thirty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target but did not determine enemy casualties.

g. At 180935H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing what was described as a radio antenna projecting from the roof of a building at coordinates (AT 963677). The information was immediately relayed to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, and a subsequent report from that unit indicated that an investigation was conducted with negative results.

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a. Late Report. At 170645H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058627) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062528). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, two 60mm mortar rounds, and eight 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 170805H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 054654) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053643). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that a young Vietnamese boy was accidentally killed during the exchange of small arms fire.

c. At 171000H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104644) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated four to six Viet Cong positioned in a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 103642). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. The report indicated that the Marines encircled the area from which the enemy fire emanated, but a search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that two villagers were wounded as the result of the exchange of small arms fire, and required evacuation to a medical facility. The report also stated that the Marines discovered a foot punji trap in the area, rigged with a false bottom and two pounds of explosive charge so as to detonate when the trap was disturbed. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 171615H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064619) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061619). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery support. A total of two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 171640H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058614) reported observing four green-uniform clad men, one of whom appeared to be carrying binoculars, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067616). Mortar support was requested and eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported good effect on target. The report indicated that one Viet Cong was observed falling as if struck by the mortar fire, but a search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

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f. At 171830H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 033680). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to cross the SONG VINH DIEN in that area. The report added that the suspect also attempted to change his clothing so as to elude apprehension. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 171845H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064619) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065619). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy who displaced into a nearby building. Mortar support was requested and four 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the building, one round reportedly impacting directly on target. When the Marines searched the building they found what they described as blood trails, but no Viet Cong casualties were confirmed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

h. At 171900H, a Company M squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072685) reported the discovery of what was described as a man trap, two feet by four feet by three feet in depth, rigged with bamboo spikes. The report stated that the trap was destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 171915H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058627) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062625). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the east. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 180100H, a Company K ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 055693) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 050693). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(5) Late Reports.

a. At 181000H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that the combined GVN/USMC operation conducted in CAM NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 970695), and CAM NE (5) hamlet, coordinates (AT 983698), was concluded at 171545H. The report stated that one Viet Cong was KIA by the GVN forces and that the Viet Cong KIA was a Viet Cong supply sergeant. The report added that one

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grenade (unidentified), several documents, and three sets of identification papers were recovered from the body. The report stated further that one Viet Cong nurse, thirteen Viet Cong Suspects, and three deserters (two from HOA CAM training center and one Popular Force) were apprehended by the GVN forces during the operation. One ton of rice was reported captured in CAM NE (5). The report added that two hundred sixty four villagers were registered by GVN officials and one hundred were treated by the Marine medical team.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
Confirmed	0	622
KIA (Possible)	0	847
VC Captured	0	242*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	5	251
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1530
Returns (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on 171650H entry, this INTSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM LINEY NO.</u>
1	Trap, punji (booby-trapped)	171000H
1	Trap, man (2x4x3 ft)	171900H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

2	Holes, fighting (3x3x2 ft)	171630H
2	Tunnels (3x4x6 ft)	171345H
1	Tunnel (3x4x14 ft)	-dc-

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Subj: Intelligence Summary #78, Period ending 191000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 3dMar

a. At 181140H, a Company M patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 965652). The report described the device as a hand grenade (unidentified) and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report indicated that the device was positioned on the edge of a stream with the trip wire positioned underwater. Four Marine WIA were reported.

b. At 181818H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958658) reported the discovery of a tunnel (three feet by five feet by fifteen feet) in that location. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

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c. At 182110H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976676) reported observing what was described as two Viet Cong positioned fifty meters to the south. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to reestablish contact. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 182300H, Company I reported that a Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) positioned at coordinates (AT 968613) detected movement to the front of the Marines' position. The Marines directed seventeen small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the area was searched with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 182315H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956656) reported the discovery of what was described as a hole (size not indicated) covered with a straw mat upon which two bamboo poles were positioned with what appeared to be stones on either side. The report stated that the hole was believed to be booby-trapped and would be checked at first light on 19 March. The report added that additional information will be provided when available.

(2) Special Reports.

a. Late Report. At 180900H, G-2 relayed a report from an aerial observer operating in the regimental TAOR that there were thirteen Viet Cong observed digging trenches at coordinates (AT 949588). The report stated that the Viet Cong were armed and were dressed in blue and black clothing. The report added that when the aircraft approached the position, some of the Viet Cong attempted to hide in nearby houses while others directed small arms fire at the aircraft. The aircraft returned fire with rockets and the aerial observer requested an artillery mission. The mission was fired and the aerial observer reported good effect on the target. The report stated that four buildings located in the area were partially destroyed, but enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 180945H, G-2 reported that a U. S. Army aerial observer operating in the regimental TAOR received small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 980580). The aircraft directed four rocket rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No friendly casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 181600H, G-2 reported that recent aerial photography indicates that what was described as a possible anti-aircraft machinegun position is located in a trenchline at coordinates (AT 885549). The report also stated that a second possible anti-aircraft machinegun position (possibly occupied) is located at coordinates (AT 886549).

d. At 181630H, the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from the MAC-16 S-2 that one Main Force Viet Cong battalion (designated A-1 battalion and also known as the 41st battalion) is presently located in the following areas: one company at HOA PHUNG and HOA LAN Village areas; one company at HOA HAI and HOA LONG Village areas; and one company and the battalion headquarters at THANH THUY Village. The report added that the battalion headquarters includes an intelligence platoon which operates in all of the above named villages. This battalion is armed with one 81mm mortar, one 57mm recoilless rifle, two caliber .30 machineguns, and normal small arms. The report continued that this battalion is augmented by a one hundred twenty man guerrilla force and has been positioned in the locations indicated since 13 March. The battalion reportedly has a mission to attack the DA NANG Airbase and the Marble Mountain Airbase sometime between now and the end of the month of March. The report added that this battalion, commanded by one HUYNH BA VUNG (BRI), is reportedly the same force that attacked the MCB compound in the Marble Mountain area. MAC-16 rated the report C-6. The battalion S-2 rated the report F-5. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 181630H, G-2 relayed a report from the HEBU DUC District Chief that one Viet Cong Main Force battalion, identified as the 108th Provisional Battalion with a strength of approximately one hundred to one hundred twenty men per company, is believed to be presently located at CAN NE (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 970695). The report opined that this battalion has the capability of crossing the SONG YEN if desired. The report also stated that a Viet Cong guerrilla company is located at AN NHON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 897693) with the mission of attacking and harassing USMC installations. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

f. At 181900H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified U. S. Army advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, that a Viet Cong force consisting of seventy guerrillas and sixty workers are located at coordinates (AT 978609), (AT 989600), and (AT 980366). The report added that one Viet Cong company, located at coordinates (BT 005569), may attack BINH LONG bridge, coordinates (BT 013568). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

g. At 182150H, the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified U. S. Army advisor at FOU AN that one Viet Cong company is located at coordinates (BT 065595), and three Viet Cong companies are located at coordinates (BT 040580), moving north. The report provided no additional information. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

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h. At 191000H, G-2 relayed a report from an unidentified agent of DAI LOC Sub-Sector that one Viet Cong battalion, with a strength of three hundred fifty men and armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, and one machinegun, is located in the area, coordinates (AT 877453) to (AT 975544), with the mission of attacking Hill #60. The report added that this battalion, which the report indicated may be the B-25 Provincial Battalion, has twenty boats (not described), which are located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 875560). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(3) 3dBa 9thMar

a. At 181230H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (BT 076676). The report described the device as a U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was affixed to a gate with a trip wire so as to detonate when the gate was disturbed. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place. The report added that two Viet Cong flags were also discovered behind a photo in a building in the same location.

b. At 181700H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 093645). The device was identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place. The report added that one tunnel (two feet by two feet by ten feet in length) was discovered at coordinates (BT 094643) and destroyed by the Marines.

(4) 2dBa 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 171530H, Company G reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 999656). The report stated that the suspect was acting in a suspicious manner and that an officer of an ARVN Ranger unit told the Marines that the suspect was very far from his home. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 180810H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002635) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from an estimated three to four Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons and positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005634). The Marines directed sixty to seventy small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing toward PHONG LUC (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 010633). The Marines pursued the Viet Cong, but contact could not be re-established. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 181510H, Company F on a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006615) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from an estimated two to three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005612). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Two non-battle (heat) casualties were sustained by the Marines as a result of this action. No other casualties were reported.

d. At 181725H, Company, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007612) reported receiving an estimated forty small arms rounds from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008613). One Marine was reported WIA as the result of this fire. While the wounded Marine was being evacuated by helicopter, a total of seven what were identified as 60mm mortar rounds were received in the company positions. Viet Cong small arms fire intensified, and the Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy and requested artillery support. Four additional USMC WIA were reported as the result of the enemy mortar fire. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 181950H, Company F, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004612), reported observing a Viet Cong force estimated as fifty men apparently attempting to retrieve enemy casualties from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995610). Artillery fires were directed into the target area and reportedly were on target, but enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 182055H, a USMC helicopter, attempting re-supply of Company F, who had established a defensive perimeter in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004612), received enemy small arms fire upon landing and was unable to retract because of the damage to the craft. No casualties were reported among the crew members.

g. At 182338H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional information on the Company F action in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061) which had been maintained almost continuously since 181725H. This report indicated that Company F had received an estimated total of seven 81mm mortar rounds, fifty five 60mm mortar rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms fire in their positions from a Viet Cong force estimated to number eighty to ninety positioned to the south. Total Marine casualties were two KIA(DOW) and twenty four WIA. Confirmed Viet Cong casualties were four KIA (body count), as the result of artillery fires directed into the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011612).

h. At 190025H, Company F, occupying positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008612) reported receiving an additional thirty 60mm mortar rounds in positions. Artillery support was requested and a total of twenty two 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the suspected site of the enemy mortars, coordinates (BT 003605). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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i. At 190210H, Company F reported that an additional seven 81mm mortar rounds and thirty five 60mm mortar rounds were received in the company positions during the period 190130H - 190210H. One Marine KIA and one WIA were reported as the result of this fire. Artillery fire was directed at suspected enemy positions but enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 190425H, Company F reported receiving three 60mm mortar rounds in position, coordinates (BT 003613). No casualties were reported.

k. At 190430H, Company G occupying positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995615) to support Company F, reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995613). The report stated that the exact Viet Cong location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. No casualties were reported.

G. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour                      Cumulative  
Reporting Period: Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	4	626
KIA(Possible)	0	847
VC Captured	0	242
VC Captured(WIA)	0	11
VC WIA(Possible)	0	251
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1531
Returnees(Since 24Jan66)	0	6

H. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	181230H
2	Flags, Viet Cong	-do-
1	Grenade, U. S. (M-26)	181700H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel (3x5x15 ft)	181818H
1	Tunnel (2x2x10 ft)	181700H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #79, Period ending 201000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marine Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
21 Mar	0630	0651	1858	1931	- - - -	- - - -	NEW

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 20En 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 190715H, Company X reported receiving five to six small arms rounds as they disembarked from helicopters in a landing zone at coordinates (BT 015392). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the size was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 190815H, Company K reported apprehending four Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010590). The report stated that thirteen suspicious persons were first sighted by the Marines at coordinates (BT 111592) and the four suspects were apprehended as a result of a search of the area. No information was given as to the intended disposition of the suspects.

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c. Late Report. At 190900H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0059), reported receiving five to ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000593). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported. The report also stated that many tunnels and fighting holes were discovered in grid square (BT 0059), but that other commitments precluded the destruction of same.

d. Late Report. At 190950H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005592), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005591). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and six 80mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not reported. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 191025H, Company K reported apprehending eleven Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007598). The report stated that one of the suspects was identified by another suspect as a Viet Cong tax collector. The report added that one female suspect volunteered to disclose the location of a weapons cache in return for evacuation to the city of DA NANG. This female suspect was then reported to the company headquarters and preparations were made for her to lead a patrol to the weapons cache. No information as to the results of the action are available at this time. The report stated that the remaining ten suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

f. At 192105H, Company K located at coordinates (BT 000608) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001606). The Marines directed four to five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not reported. The report added that the Marines heard what was described as "Viet Cong shouting" at coordinates (BT 015608) to coordinates (BT 015605). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

g. At 200245H, a bridge security element of Headquarters and Service Company located at coordinates (AT 999699) reported observing what appeared to be seven persons moving in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997699). The Marines directed forty-five to fifty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the movement ceased. The report added that the area would be checked at first light. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. Late Report. At 190830H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975599), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated twenty-five Viet Cong who were seen running into a treeline at coordinates (AT 973598). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and ten 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and physically gassed the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in heavy brush. No casualties were reported.

b. Late Report. At 190925H, Company I reported apprehending three Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AT 975583) because they were of military age. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 191020H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953653) reported receiving eighty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 952651). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds, sixteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, and thirty one 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and observed two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong, and a search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and what was described as blood stains indicating one Viet Cong WIA (possible). Various documents and several expended 7.62mm, carbine, and caliber .30 cartridges were found in the area and evacuated to the Battalion S-2. One Marine WIA was reported.

d. At 191600H, Company I reported destroying the following:

two tunnels 3X4X6 feet at coordinates (AT 967395)

two tunnels 2X2X8 feet at coordinates (AT 974598)

three tunnels 2X2X8 feet at coordinates (AT 961595)

one tunnel 2X3X40 feet at coordinates (AT 973589)

Also destroyed was what was described as a Viet Cong meeting place (building), 12X15 feet, which contained a table and blackboard. The building also had fifteen fighting holes positioned around it, each containing a tunnel 2X2X4 feet in length.

e. At 191600H, the villagers of DUNG PHU (1), coordinates (AT 949630) told a Company I patrol there were two Viet Cong buried in the market on 8 March. The villagers stated the Viet Cong were killed in the

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fighting on 6 March. Two Viet Cong KIA (possible) will be obtained in paragraph D of the INTSUM.

f. At 191800H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AF 953647). The device was described as a U.S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

g. At 200707H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 966643) reported receiving two small arms rounds from what appeared to be four Viet Cong armed with two weapons and positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 965646). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as though struck by the Marines fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

(3) Idm 9301ax

a. At 191900H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084606) reported receiving approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds and what was described as six 60mm mortar rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077604) and coordinates (BT 091604). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, and four 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. Artillery and mortar support was requested and fifty two 105mm (artillery) rounds and ten 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy locations, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. (The search was reported to be limited due to darkness). Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 192040H, a Company I platoon positioned at coordinates (BT 083605) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from an estimated five to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077606). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 90mm (tank) cannon rounds at the enemy position. Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at the enemy location with what was reported to be good effect on target. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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At 192500Z, the 3d Battalion 9th Marines reported the results of a battalion (-) search and destroy operation conducted from 190700Z to 192630Z in grid squares (NF 0662), (NF 0760), and (NF 0859). Company I operating in grid squares (NF 0659) and (NF 0662), reported destroying fifty-six bunkers and two explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (NF 083 943). The explosive devices were both described as GIUCO1 grenades, each rigged with a trip wire activator. The destruction of one of the bunkers by Coalition forces resulted in a secondary explosion which was estimated to be caused by VC grenades or mortar rounds stored within the bunker. This secondary explosion resulted in the destruction of an adjacent house. Two punji traps and one explosive device were reported destroyed at coordinates (NF 082934). The explosive device was described as a home-made anti-personnel mine. (The Viet Cong employment of an activating mechanism was not indicated. Five Viet Cong suspects were apprehended. Two of the suspects were said to have admitted to the Marines that they were Viet Cong guards or workers. The report indicated that the nine suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point or to the local district headquarters for further investigation. Company I operating in grid squares (NF 0760), and (NF 0859) reported destroying forty-six bunkers, six what were described as punji traps (size not indicated), and six small tunnels (total length of sixty feet) in the vicinity of coordinates (NF 072605). At the same coordinates what were described as three sets of khaki and two sets of utility uniforms were captured. Four Viet Cong suspects were apprehended in the area and would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for further investigation. At 192700Z a platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (NF 077535) reported receiving approximately ten small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (NF 074595). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and assaulted it but the Viet Cong broke contact. A search disclosed one Viet Cong KIA (body found, described as a male, twenty years of age, dressed in green shorts and a utility jacket). Company M occupying a blocking position to the southeast of the objective area, reported that Marines at coordinates (NF 070577) observed one Vietnamese male running from the vicinity of coordinates (NF 086589). The Marines challenged, fired five warning shots, and finally directed five small arms rounds at the man, wounding him. (S-2 comment: This person will be listed as a Viet Cong Suspect in this report pending further identification from 3d Battalion 9th Marines) Four additional Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (NF 084567) when they were observed apparently attempting to evade the Marines. The report indicated that all five suspects were evacuated to BINH BAN Special Sector Headquarters for investigation.

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a. At 191035H, G-2 relayed a report from a U.S. Army advisor attached to the 3d Battalion 51st ARVN Regiment that one Viet Cong battalion augmented by eighty porters carrying supplies and equipment is suspected to be located in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 845503). The report added that the Viet Cong were transporting forty-five dead and wounded with them. The report indicated that an aerial observer had been dispatched to the area with the intention of calling an air strike if visual contact could be established with the Viet Cong unit. The report was not rated by G-2.

b. At 191342H, G-2 relayed a report from Company E, 2d Battalion 3d Marines that villagers (unidentified) told the Marines that there were at least two hundred Viet Cong in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9660) on the night of 18 March. The villagers also said that at least thirty Viet Cong KIA were carried away by the Viet Cong and that these Viet Cong casualties were due to Marine artillery fire (see entries 181725H through 190210H, IMPSUM #78). The villagers indicated that a large number of Viet Cong remain in the area of grid square (AT 9660).

c. At 191425H, G-2 relayed a report from an Aerial Observer operating in the regimental TAOR that what was described as "new large square holes", 12X15 feet and 6 feet to 8 feet deep, were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995566), in a village at the junction of two trails. The report added that what appeared to be timbers were lying in and around the holes, indicating that the Viet Cong may be building a bunker at this location.

d. At 191910H, G-2 reported that two Viet Cong companies armed with machineguns, mortars, and automatic weapons have moved from the southwest to coordinates (AF 970592), (AT 986590), and (AT 988592).

e. At 191956H, the Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from a secret agent (unidentified) that two Viet Cong companies previously located at coordinates (AT 988601) and (AT 987604) moved to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961542), (AT 967598), and (AT 971591). Another Viet Cong company located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997563) and (AT 998557) moved to the northeast and were last known to be located at coordinates (BT 025590). The report added that the Viet Cong suffered three KIA and two WIA in action against the Marines on the night of 18 March.

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f. At 152500Z, the Fleet Logistics Support Group reported that the bulk fuel storage point located at coordinates (AF 991734) received eight small arms rounds from the north at a range of approximately one hundred meters. A short time later five more small arms rounds were received. The Marines indicated what they believed the Viet Cong were firing at the third track in a three-track convey moving along the road toward ASP-1. No casualties were reported.

g. At 200800Z, the Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Detachment Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that the results of the combined RFMF and OVN operation in CAM NE (3) and CAM NE (4) hamlets, coordinates (AF 991637) and (AF 991699). At 190800Z the OVN searching element discovered three Viet Cong in a tunnel. The Viet Cong directed a grenade (which proved to be a dud) at the OVN soldiers and attempted to escape. Two OVN soldiers directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong. Two Viet Cong were KIA (one as a result of the small arms fire and one due to a grenade explosion within the tunnel) and one Viet Cong KIA was captured. Also recovered from the tunnel were one rifle, caliber .30 (M-1), one rifle, 7.62mm (M-14), one machine, caliber .50 (M-3), three magazines, (M-14), forty rounds 7.62mm (M16C) ammunition, and one hundred rounds caliber .30 ammunition. At 190945H, the OVN searching element discovered four additional Viet Cong in a tunnel at coordinates (AF 991699). These Viet Cong surrendered and were later identified as a platoon leader, an assistant platoon leader, an administrative assistant, and a local guerrilla. The following equipment was also recovered from the tunnel: one revolver, caliber .30 (Smith and Wesson), one machine, caliber .50 (M-1), one cartridge belt, three CHICOM grenades, one U.S. (M-26) grenade, twelve batteries (BA-30), three magazines (unidentified), one air mattress, one duffle bag, several items of clothing, one nylon hammock, and several notebooks. The notebooks captured yielded the names and organization of the Viet Cong infrastructure in the village of CAM NE (3) and CAM NE (4) hamlets. Also in CAM NE (4) the OVN forces captured two female Viet Cong one of whom was identified as a nurse and the other was said to perform liaison duties. Eight Viet Cong suspects were apprehended by the OVN forces in CAM NE (4). A total of three tunnels were destroyed during the entire operation. The hundred eighty four villagers were registered by the OVN officials and one hundred sixty were treated by the Marine medical team.

4. Remarks on information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

- a. See 121600Z entry this IRTSUN.
- b. See 121600Z entry this IRTSUN.

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<u>D. Plot loss acquisition:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10/1/66:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	2	628
KIA (Possible)	2	849
VC Captured	0	242
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	2	253
VC Suspects Apprehended	30	1567
Returns (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INVENTORY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	191600H
2	Grenade, CH100M	190305H
1	Mine, home-made anti-personnel	-do-
2	Traps, punji	-do-
6	Traps, mm	-do-
3	Uniforms, Khaki	-do-
2	Uniforms, Utility	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INVENTORY NO.</u>
2	Tunnels, 2X16 feet	191600H
3	Tunnels, 2X28 feet	-do-
1	Tunnel, 2X340 feet	-do-
1	Building, 12X15 feet	-do-
102	Bunkers	192305H
6	Tunnels, small	-do-

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From: 3d Marine Division

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #10, Period ending 210000Z, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

a. Geographical Area of Operations:

(1) Weather:

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

(b) Sufficiency of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Intelligence Data:

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18 MAR 66 0450 1855 1952 - - - - - NEW

2. Enemy Situation:

(1) 180000Z:

180000Z: At 200700H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956643), reported receiving two small arms rounds from a Viet Cong position at coordinates (AT 965646). The Marines observed one rifled small arms round at the enemy position and reported destroying one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines physically pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy activities were not VIA (Possible).

180000Z: At 200710H, a Company I patrol reported encountering a Viet Cong prisoner at coordinates (AT 954643). The report stated that the prisoner was apprehended when examination indicated that he was a relative of 180000Z and would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Primary Collection Point for interrogation.

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e. At 201030H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of a tunnel 4'x4'x8' in length at coordinates (AT 969642). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 201400H, the Battalion S-3 provided information on a Company I operation conducted on 20 March. The report stated that one tunnel, 4'x4'x15' in length, was destroyed at coordinates (AT 946679), and a second tunnel 4'x4'x20' in length was destroyed at coordinates (AT 947679). The report added that approximately one hundred feet of communication wire was found inside the second tunnel and returned to the company area by the Marines.

g. At 201830H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954652) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 953646). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong position revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and what appeared to be blood trails and drag marks indicating two Viet Cong WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 201900H, Company I reported that a tank located at coordinates (AT 983612) in support of the Company, observed what appeared to be approximately twenty five Viet Cong to the south of the SOM AI NUKIA (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983603). The Marines directed twelve 90mm (tank) rounds at the Viet Cong position and reported that no rounds impacted on target. The report indicated that the Viet Cong fled the area, and estimated casualties as six Viet Cong KIA (possible), and nine Viet Cong WIA (possible).

g. At 210005H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AT 954653) reported movement to the front of their position. A patrol was dispatched, and a search of the area revealed one Viet Cong Suspect who was apprehended for violating curfew regulations. The report added that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point on 21 March when transportation becomes available.

(2) 3d En Company

a. Late Report. At 200950H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of what was described as two khaki uniforms, one utility shirt, a small bottle of penicillin, and a small bag of powder (unidentified) at coordinates (AT 085619). The report did not indicate the final disposition of the captured equipment.

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b. At 201105H, a Company L patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 077647). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 201200H, a Company I patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 088605). The report stated that two of the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification, two others reportedly had in their possession what was considered by the Marines to be an excessive amount of money, and the fifth was reported to have in his possession what was described as a vial of cocaine. The report added that three of the suspects were males and two were females. The report stated that all of the suspects will be evacuated to DIEN BAN District Headquarters.

d. At 201400H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074610) reported receiving forty small arms rounds and two grenades from approximately four Viet Cong armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons positioned at close range. The Viet Cong immediately attempted to break contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong physically and directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong. One Viet Cong was seen to fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area revealed what was described as a blood trail indicating one Viet Cong WIA (possible). One suspicious person was apprehended when examination showed that he lacked proper identification. The report stated that the suspect would be evacuated to DIEN BAN District Headquarters. Marine casualties were two WIA.

e. At 201615H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084606) reported receiving what was described as two 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077605), and approximately twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 090605). The Marines directed four hundred thirty small arms rounds, seventeen 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, one 60mm (mortar) round, and twenty four 105mm (artillery) rounds at the Viet Cong position at coordinates (BT 077605), and seven 90mm (tank) rounds at the Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 090605). The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and found what appeared to be blood trails in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077605). The area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090605) was searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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f. At 201800Z, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077616) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 075616) and coordinates (BT 081615). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy positioned at coordinates (BT 081615) and the Viet Cong at that location broke contact. Artillery support was requested and seventeen 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at the enemy located at coordinates (BT 075616). Upon searching this area the Marines received an additional twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 074618). The Marines returned six small arms rounds, seven 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and pursued the fleeing Viet Cong who withdrew into the south. The Marines searched this area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 202015Z, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074623). The Marines directed four 90mm (tank) rounds and eleven 81mm (mortar) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 202035Z, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078617) reported observing what appeared to be four Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 074617). The Marines directed one hundred fifty two small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and searched the area with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. 200925Z. At 200925Z, Company E participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the SUCI COCA, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006574) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006574). The report indicated that an armed helicopter operating in the area was requested to assist and delivered approximately eight hundred small arms automatic weapons fire at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. An observer aboard the helicopter reported observing seven Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in that area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that a short time afterwards, Company E received an additional ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006577). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the area of the enemy positions with negative results. No casualties were reported as the result of this incident.

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b. 200120H: At 200120H, a Company K patrol reported that engineers accompanying Company K discovered an explosive device at coordinates (BT 021642). The device was described as a 40mm (M-79) round positioned beneath the road surface with a board rigged above the round, apparently in an effort to detonate the round by pressure against the primer. The report added that the device was positioned in the wheel ruts (tire tracks). The report did not indicate the disposition of the device.

c. 200140H: At 200140H, Company K participating in a search and destroy operation under OPCOM 2d Battalion 9th Marines, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 988600) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 984609). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and twelve grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the north. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they found the body of one Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that the dead Viet Cong was clad in black shorts and white shirt and did not possess weapons or equipment. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA by body count.

d. 200150H: At 200150H, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 991500) to (AF 991500) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from an estimated four or five Viet Cong positioned in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 998602). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the time was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 201010H, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000504) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005501). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report continued that a few minutes later the Marines received an additional ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005502). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. At 201030H, and again at 201040H the Marines received what was described as sporadic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 005505) and (BT 012503). The Marines returned the fire but no casualties were reported. The report added that the Marines apprehended two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 994577), but did not indicate the basis for apprehension. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 201115H, Company K reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (AF 994595). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended when he suddenly emerged from a tunnel that the Marines were in the process of destroying by demolitions, and attempted to evade the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

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4. At 20113E, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00267) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 97695). The Marines directed what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the enemy position, they discovered the body of one dead Viet Cong. The report indicated that no weapons or equipment was discovered in the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA by body count.

5. At 20127E, Company E operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 01196) reported receiving two small arms rounds, but the site of the Viet Cong position could not be determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

6. At 20125E, Company E operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00186) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire. An estimated eight to ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of the SOF (BT 01196) coordinates (BT 01051). The report indicated that a "SPARROW" element was dispatched to assist, but the Viet Cong broke contact prior to the arrival of the "SPARROW" element. No casualties were reported. The report added that Company E apprehended six Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of the area from which the fire had emanated. The suspects were awarded to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Unit for investigation.

7. At 20145E, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00396) reported discovering and destroying three tunnels, fifty feet long at coordinates (BT 99397). The report stated that while digging through the mine for possible weapons and equipment, the Marines uncovered the bodies of three Viet Cong KIA, and one Vietnamese boy approximately 15 years old still alive but who had sustained fragmentation wounds. The report stated that the Vietnamese boy was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for treatment. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA

8. At 20140E, Company E operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00396) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 00594). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds and one 60mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

9. At 20145E, Company F conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 99806) to (BT 00806)

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u. At 210900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company F mortar attack on 18 March at coordinates (BT 007612) (See 181725H entry, INTSUM #78). The report stated that a Vietnamese female informed Company F Marines that there were two to three hundred Viet Cong in that area. The report stated that the Viet Cong were observed carrying carbines, M-1 rifles and three 60mm mortars. The report added that the Viet Cong were heading in a northerly direction on the north bank of the SONG LA BHO (river). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 201640H the 3d Battalion 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from the MAG-16 S-2 that the assistant HOA LONG Village Chief reported that one Viet Cong force (size not indicated) was planning to attack the Company M Command Post located at coordinates (BT 076696), and the bridge at coordinates (BT 072701). The report stated that two Vietnamese males, one MAI BHO and one MAI AN will stage a diversion in NON NUOC Village coordinates (BT 073704) during the attack. The report stated that the main attack will be directed at the bridge. The report further stated that one Viet Cong battalion presently operating in the vicinity of the DIEN BAN District and HOA VANG District boundaries in CAM HA Villages (not shown on current operational maps) plans to move into the village of HOA HAI, HOA LONG, HOA LAN, AND HOA PHUNG for an operation (type and date of execution not indicated). The report added that on 14 March the Viet Cong held a meeting in KHUO DONG coordinates (BT 058708) for the purpose of collecting taxes. On 19 March, two Viet Cong cadres identified as one NGUYEN MAT and MAI (Alias CHAU) asked LE LAMH, the HOA LONG Village Chief's father-in-law to collect taxes in the village of AP CHUONG (vicinity of Marble Mountain area) during the next three days. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

b. At 201635H, the US Army Advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion 9th ARVN Regimental Headquarters reported that two Viet Cong companies previously located at coordinates (AT 960594), (AT 970592), and (AT 967597) have moved to coordinates (AT 912610), (AT 912607), and (AT 910599). The report also stated that one Viet Cong Battalion previously located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934553) has dispersed to locations at coordinates (AT 960550), (AT 964554), (AT 970543), (AT 973537), and (AT 982533). The report added that one Viet Cong company previously located west of the BIEN LONG Bridge, coordinates (AT 998548) has moved to coordinates (AT 975544) and (AT 994534). The report added further that one Viet Cong company plus two Viet Cong platoons are presently located at coordinates (AT 951577), (AT 945576), and (AT 945572). The report indicated that the source of this information was reports from friendly villagers and intelligence agents rated as being "possibly accurate". S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 202050H, the Liaison Officer assigned to the 5th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO HUNG relayed a report from the 12th ARVN Regimental S-2 that one Viet Cong squad is presently located in AN TU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 025635). The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates it F-3.

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destroying three hundred thirty meters of trenchline two feet by four feet, one bunker, ten feet by six feet reinforced with bamboo and one tunnel, two feet by two feet by ten feet at coordinates (AT 997606). One bamboo bridge, twenty meters in length at coordinates (AT 998606). The report stated that during the operation twenty four hundred feet of trenchline and two hundred fighting holes were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the entire area was honey-combed with trenches and fighting holes, some of which appeared to have been freshly dug. The report added that the artillery mission fired on the night of 18 March did extensive damage throughout the area.

m. At 201745H, Company K located at coordinates (BT 004606) reported that when a resupply helicopter landed in that area, small arms rounds were received from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994605). A Marine patrol was dispatched to make contact with the Viet Cong but reported negative results. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 201754H, Company K reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 999604) when elements were in process of displacing forward. The report described the device as a suspected 81mm mortar round and stated it was rigged with trip wire activator. Two Marine WIA's were reported.

o. At 201810H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011591) reported observing one armed Viet Cong in close proximity to the Marine position. The Marines directed seven small arms rounds at the enemy killing him. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong and recovered three one billfold, one identification card and one small arms round (cal .30) were recovered from the dead Viet Cong, but failed to locate his weapon. The report stated that as the search continued, the Marine apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect (female) identified as the wife of the dead Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for interrogation.

p. At 202000H, elements of Company F Command Post positioned at coordinates (BT 013615) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007617). Mortar illumination was requested and six 60mm mortar illumination rounds were directed over the suspected area. Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine Casualties were reported.

q. At 202030H, Company F reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 013615). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he produced a defaced identification card. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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d. At 202120H, the 3d Battalion 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from Battery D, 12th Marines that the Marines observed four Viet Cong who appeared to be investigating the battery's defensive positions at coordinates (BT 062680). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and observed one Viet Cong fall as though struck by the Marines' fire. The Viet Cong did not return the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were estimated to be one Viet Cong WIA (Possible).

G. Reports and information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 210900K entry this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 68:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	7	635
KIA (Possible)	6	855
VC Captured	0	242
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	13	263
VC Suspects Apprehended	14	1581
Civilians (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

H. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM NO.</u>
2	Uniforms Khaki color	200950H
1	Shirt, utility	-dc-
1	Bottle, Penicillin	-dc-
1	Mine (identified as 40mm (M-79) round)	200935H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM NO.</u>
1	Tunnel, (4X4X9 ft)	201030H
1	Tunnel, (4X4X15 ft)	201410H
1	Tunnel (4X4X20 ft)	-dc-
3	Tunnels, (50 ft in length)	201430H
	530 meters trenchline	-dc-
1	Bunker, (10X6 ft) reinforced w/bamboo	-dc-
1	Tunnel, (2X2X10 ft)	-dc-
	2400 Ft trenchline	-dc-
200	Holes, fighting	-dc-

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #81, Period ending 221000H, March 1966

Enc's: (1) Translation of a Viet Cong document.  
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations:

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remains unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 211250H, the U.S. Army Advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment reported that two Viet Cong companies that had been located in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9457) and (AT 9557) have displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930557) and (AT 940552). The report indicated that the source of this report was unidentified villagers in the area, and that the report is "probably reliable". The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 211750H, G-2 relayed a report from HILL DUC District Headquarters that two squads of Viet Cong guerrillas, with a total strength of twenty men, are located in the vicinity of PHU SON (3), coordinates (AT 948 638), and (4) hamlets, coordinates (AT 950640). The report stated that the commander of this Viet Cong force is one TRAN HUAN. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

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e. At 211730H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one platoon of Main Force Viet Cong are located in DONG KHU (1), (2), and (3) hamlets, coordinates (AT 948625) and (AT 958623). The report stated that this Viet Cong force, commanded by one NGUYEN NGON has a strength of forty men and is armed with two automatic weapons. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 2dRn 06h30w

a. Late Report. At 210745H, Company E reported that a helicopter engaged in resupplying the company received small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 013593). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. The report indicated that a patrol was dispatched to search the suspected area, with negative results.

b. Late Report. At 210830H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company K action on 18 March 1966, in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0061), in which the enemy employed both 60mm and 81mm mortars (see 182338H entry, INTSUM 478). This later report stated that a crater analysis conducted by artillerymen indicated that the Viet Cong mortar sites (number not indicated) were positioned to the east or south east but did not ascertain specific locations for the sites. The report added that a briefing of the Marines engaged in that encounter revealed that the Marines did not hear the mortars being projected from the weapons or observe muzzle flashes when the mortars were fired. No additional information was provided.

c. Later Report. At 210930H, Company K reported that villagers in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994605) /LA THO NAM hamlet/, stated during interrogation that the Viet Cong urged them to "wail and shout" near the USMC positions when artillery was being fired (in what apparently is an attempt to coerce the Marines to terminate the artillery fire). The report added that the villagers also requested the Marines to provide money to pay for the burial of villagers killed as the result of USMC artillery fires.

d. At 211055H, Company K reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 978612), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade, and stated it was rigged with a tripwire activator. The report continued that, while evacuating the wounded Marines, the Company K element received small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 980608). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. One additional Marine WIA was reported as the result of the small arms fire. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 211056H, Company F reported the discovery of approximately twenty five meters of trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009609), approximately fifty meters of trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973612), and a third section of trenchline approximately one hundred twenty five meters in extent at coordinates (BT 015602). The report stated that the trenchline sections were destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 211115H, Company E reported the discovery of one cave (dimensions not provided) and eight tunnels in the vicinity of (BT 006607). The report stated that the cave and tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 211130H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994604), reported observing two Viet Cong running south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996604). The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy and reported observing the two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that a squad was dispatched to search the area and recover the enemy casualties, but the Marines failed to locate the Viet Cong casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two WIA (possible).

h. At 211250H, Company K, located at coordinates (AT 994604), reported receiving what was described as one 60mm mortar round believed to have been fired by Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993602). The report stated that the Marines searched the suspected site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

i. At 213145H, Company K reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 984608), resulting in four Marines WIA. The report did not indicate the type of explosive device detonated nor provide details as to the size of the crater. The report added that the Marines discovered a CHICOM grenade ~~signed with a Viet Cong activator in the same area.~~ Additional information will be provided when available.

j. At 211357H, Company E reported the discovery of approximately twenty small tunnels and four caves in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001604). The report stated that the tunnels and caves were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that when one cave was destroyed by use of demolitions, a secondary explosion was observed, but this secondary explosion was not described.

k. At 211745H, Company F reported the discovery of approximately seven hundred meters of trenchline, four tunnels (described as three feet by twenty feet in length), and three fighting holes, in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0060). The report stated that the positions were destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 211817H, Company E reported the discovery of seventeen tunnels of varying lengths in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015602), and three "spider holes" and seven caves (dimensions not provided) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 019598). The report stated that the positions were destroyed by the Marines.

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m. At 212045H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007613), reported receiving what was described as moderate small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007615). The Marines directed seven 40mm (M-79) rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

n. At 212200H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 996699) reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996698). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and two grenades at the enemy position and a patrol was dispatched to assist, but the Viet Cong broke contact before the arrival of the reinforcing element. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that wire communications was temporarily severed when an exploding grenade broke the land line which extended to the Regimental Command Post.

o. At 220745H, Company F reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 995610), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

p. At 220845H, Company F reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 995610) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated it was rigged with a trip wire activator.

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a. At 211550H, Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 951651). The device was described as a 155mm artillery round (DUD), but the report did not indicate whether the shell had been rigged for employment as a mine. The device was blown in place.

b. At 211728H, a Company L patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9565) reported the discovery of two tunnels and what was described as one underwater tunnel entrance. The two tunnels were two feet by two feet by ten feet and were located at (AT 955651) and coordinates (AT 955654). The report stated that the two tunnels were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the underwater tunnel entrance was located at coordinates (AT 955653) and will be destroyed at a later date.

c. At 211800H, a Company M squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 953655). The device was identified as a US (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the entire device was positioned in a punji trap two feet by two feet by three feet deep, so as to detonate when the punji trap was disturbed. The report added that the device was destroyed in place.

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d. At 212250H, a Company L element occupying a blocking position on the SONG LA THO at coordinates (AT 973611), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 978613). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 220630H, a Company I platoon sized patrol reported that a explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 947591), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as a 155mm artillery round buried in the ground and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator.

f. At 220808H, The Battalion S-3 relayed a report from a helicopter operating in the Regimental MAOR that Viet Cong positioned at Coordinates (AT 975607) and (AT 973603) were directing small arms fire at the aircraft. The report stated that the aircraft could not return fire due to the close proximity of friendly forces. No casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

g. At 220859H, Company L engaged in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927608) reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended because he was lingering suspiciously near the Marines and he failed to provide adequate explanation as to his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

h. Special Report A Viet Cong document captured by Company L as the result of an encounter with an enemy force in the vicinity of DUYON SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 952651) on 19 March, provided an unusual opportunity to receive an evaluation of the "County Fair" operations from the enemies' point of view. The document has been translated and a copy is shown as enclosure (1) to this report. The document would indicate that the "County Fair"-type operations are effective and poses additional hazards for the Viet Cong. The enemies' admonition to store food and water supplies for at least three days will require USMC/GVN forces to conduct even more thorough searches and perhaps to extend the duration of the period of the hamlet's occupancy during this type of operation.

i. Special Report The Battalion S-3 reported that at 210201, a Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12 Marines patrol engaged in a search of YEN NE (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985667), made contact with Viet Cong, resulting in two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and the capture of one ChiCom grenade and documents. The report indicated that two Viet Cong positioned in what was described as an underground shelter, throw two grenades at the Marines, who returned one grenade, killing both of the enemy. The report added that additional Viet Cong tried to recover the bodies of the dead Viet Cong, but withdrew in the face of the Marines' small arms fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

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a. Late Report. At 210830H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071623) reported observing one Viet Cong at close range. The report stated that the Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the Viet Cong wounding him, and the Viet Cong retreated into a tunnel. The Marines directed one fragmentation grenade into the tunnel, which resulted in a secondary explosion, thought to be the detonation of a grenade carried by the Viet Cong. A search of the tunnel revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report did not indicate whether any weapons or equipment were recovered from the body of the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

b. Late Report. At 210914H, a Company I platoon positioned at coordinates (BT 070617) reported receiving seven small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066617). The Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds, eleven 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two LAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that when the Marines searched

the site of the enemy position, they found one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report continued that one cartridge belt, twenty four rounds caliber .30 ammunition, one leather ammunition pouch, one rifle grenade launcher, one "home made" gas mask, four bandages, and one small arms bore-cleaning brush were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 211045H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062632) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed three small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy, resulting in one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The Marines recovered one U.S. rifle, (SPRINGFIELD) model 1903, one U.S. cartridge belt, forty caliber .30 rounds, two CHICOM grenades, one black uniform one notebook, and one ID card were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. The ID card identified the dead Viet Cong as a. DANH XA, who was listed on a 3d Battalion, 3d Marines black list as a Viet Cong cell leader in VIEM TRUNG hamlet (location unknown). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 211100H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065632) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at close range. The report stated that when the Viet Cong observed the approach of the Marines, he attempted to elude the Marines. The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong killing him. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they reported recovering one magazine (loaded) of caliber .30 ammunition, one cigarette lighter, Vietnamese currency and one CHICOM grenade from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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e. At 211345H, a Company L platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105646) reported receiving one small arms round from one Viet Cong positioned at close range to the west of the Marines position. The report stated that the Marines thoroughly searched the site of the suspected Viet Cong position but could not discover the enemy's hiding place. No casualties were reported.

f. At 211840H, a Company M element, manning an outpost position at coordinates (BT 082697), reported observing three armed Viet Cong run into a tree line at coordinates (BT 087699). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

g. At 211900H, Company N reported that Marines returning from a re-supply run aboard two USMC vehicles (M-79 "OLYMPUS"), were brought under fire by a Viet Cong force estimated as at least twelve men, well positioned at close range, coordinates (BT 091685). The report indicated that the initial enemy fire disabled both vehicles, and the Marines sustained one KIA and six WIA. A Company N reinforcing element was immediately dispatched from their position at coordinates (BT 097677) and engaged the Viet Cong force at the site of the encounter. The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire and several LAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy, who broke contact, withdrawing toward TAN AN hamlet, coordinates (JT 090690). The Marines searched the area but were unable to renew the contact. The report stated that enemy casualties were seven KIA by both count, and five WIA (possible). The report continued that one U.S. rifle, 7.62mm (M-14), (Serial #418791), two CHICOM 7.62mm submachine guns, K-50/PPSV, 41, one CHICOM ROSSIN-NAGANT, M-59, 7.62mm carbine and five CHICOM grenades were recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong. The report added that, during debriefing, the Marines reported that the Viet Cong employed a caliber .50 machine gun in the initial attack against the vehicles.

h. At 212040H, a Company I platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0761) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated eight Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 075620) and (BT 076625). The report stated that the area was illuminated by four 41mm mortar illumination rounds and the Marines directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 212200H, a Company M squad size patrol located at coordinates (BT 041617) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042670). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not reported. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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C. Reports of information of Viet Cong receive directly from civilians: No reports received during this reporting period.

<u>VIET CONG CASUALTIES:</u>	<u>FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD:</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE SINCE 10 JUL 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	11	639
KIA (Possible)	0	849
VC Captured	0	242
VC Captured (WIA)	0	111
VC WIA (Possible)	8	261
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1368
Rallies (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

E. CAPTURED AND DESTROYED ENEMY MATERIALS:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INVSIM NO.</u>
1	grenade, ChiCom	211145E
1	155mm artiller round (Gua)	211550H
1	grenade, US, (M-26)	211800H
1	belt, cartridge	210915H
1	pouch, leather, ammo.	-do-
1	cleaning brush, small arms	-do-
1	rifle, US Springfield, cal .30 model 1903	211045E
1	belt, cartridge	-do-
2	grenades, ChiCom	-do-
1	uniform, black color	-do-
1	notebook	-do-
1	I.D card	-do-
1	magazine, ammo. cal .30	211900H
1	grenade, ChiCom	-do-
1	Rifle, US, 7.62 (M-14) ser. no 418791	211900H
2	Sub-machineguns, K-50/DPSH-41, ChiCom 7.62	-do-
1	Carbine, 7.62, ChiCom Mossin Nagent, M-33	-do-
3	grenade, ChiCom	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>POSITION AND/OR FORTIFICATION</u>	<u>INVSIM ENTRY NUMBER</u>
200meters	Trenchline	211056E
1	Cave	211115H
8	Tunnels	-do-
20	Tunnels, small	-do-
4	Caves	211357E
700meters	Trenchline	211745H
4	Tunnels, (3ft X 3ft X 20ft)	-do-
3	Holes, spider	-do-
17	Tunnels	211817E
3	Holes, spider	-do-
7	Caves	-do-
2	Tunnels (2ft X 2ft X 10ft)	211728E

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>POSITION AND/OR FORTIFICATION</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY NUMBER</u>
7	Caves	211817H
2	Tunnels, (2ft X 2ft X 10ft)	211726H

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G-2	(6)
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3d Eng	(1)
ECB	(1)
1/9	(1)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
CC	(1)
2	(6)
S-5	(2)
1st AAFSS	(1)
3d TpkBn	(1)
3d ATBn	(1)
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Enclosure (1) to 9th Marines INTSUM # 81

"At 0200 on 7 March, a combined force of US and GVN military personnel numbering 600 men (sic) launched a search operation in a hamlet of "H" (DUONG SON hamlet), coordinates (AT 995676). The US and GVN forces displaced the villagers to a central area where our cadre were separated from them. Some of our cadre and guerrilla fighters were forced to emerge from their hiding places in tunnels so as to try to contact (mold with) the people. As a consequence, five of our men were killed by US and GVN soldiers. This should serve as a lesson (warning) to all of us. The enemy may conduct this same type of operation in the future in other areas. This warning must be disseminated to all of the villages. Water and food stocks, adequate for a period of three to five days must be prepared. It is also necessary that our forces resist the efforts of the enemy to surround the hamlet, and as quickly as possible escape the encirclement."

(Signed) BANG  
 Commander of HQ-73

(Translation of a Viet Cong document captured by Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952651), as the result of an encounter with the enemy on 17 March).

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #82, Period ending 231000H, March 1966  
Encl: (1) Special Intelligence Report of Company F, 2d Battalion,  
9th Marines contact on 18-19 March 1966, in the Village of  
LA THO BAC (3).

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>HMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ELECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Special Reports

a. At 221930H, an (unidentified) USMC helicopter pilot operating in the TAOR reported that the small river craft which normally are berthed on the south shore of the SONG CAU DO, in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0272), were not in their usual berthing areas, but appeared to have displaced to the north shore. Subsequent inquiry indicated that the boats and occupants may have temporarily displaced to the DA NANG side of the river to participate in a demonstration which is believed scheduled in the DA NANG area for 23 March. The report did not provide additional information regarding this demonstration.

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b. At 222200H, the U.S. Army Advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN regiment, reported that two Viet Cong local force companies which had been positioned in the vicinity of grid square (BT 9256) are believed to be preparing to displace to an area to the north. The report did not provide specific identification of the area to which the Viet Cong units would displace. The report added that the Viet Cong Battalion which had been located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 9154) has displaced to the areas, coordinates (AT 930558), (AT 940553), (AT 933572), and (AT 930559). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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e. At 221000H, a Company "I" patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945594), reported observing four armed Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 944592). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position, and reported observing one Viet Cong KIA as he was struck by the Marines' fire. The report added that the Marines would not pursue the withdrawing Viet Cong because of the intervening body of water (SONG AI NGHIA). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

b. At 221130H, a Company "I" patrol operating on the north bank of the SONG AI NGHIA in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953599), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 953595). The Marines directed one hundred sixty small arms rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two LAW (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (observed body count) and one Viet Cong MIA (possible).

c. At 221420H, Company M reported that a CVN People's Action Team force, accompanied by one Marine from Company M, dispatched to the vicinity of AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968654), in response to a report from (unidentified) villagers in the area that the Viet Cong planned to conduct a meeting in the hamlet, observed what were described as five Viet Cong approaching the hamlet from the south. The PATT force directed ninety small arms rounds at the enemy and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the PATT's fire. The report indicated that the enemy did not return the fire but attempted to flee from the area. When the PATT searched the area they found one Viet Cong KIA (observed body count). The report stated that one M100M grenade was recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No USMC casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and one MIA (possible).

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d. At 221450H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 956639), reported observing what was described as five Viet Cong moving across a rice paddy at coordinates (AF 954634), carrying what was believed to be a wounded Viet Cong. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position, and reported observing three Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines pursued the enemy, but the contact was broken. The report stated that a search of the area revealed blood trails and drag marks which indicated that the enemy had sustained three WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 221323H, a Company I patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AF 948598). The device was identified as a 155mm artillery shell which had been rigged to operate as a mine. The report indicated that the round had been positioned below the surface of the ground, and employed a pressure type detonator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the Marines discovered two additional 155mm artillery shells (DUD) at coordinates (AF 943609) but indicated that these rounds had not been positioned as mines.

f. At 221720H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 950633) reported observing what were described as three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 952635). The report stated that two warning shots fired by the Marines were ignored as the Viet Cong attempted to swim east across the SONG VEH. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy and reported killing two Viet Cong (body count), and wounding one Viet Cong, who was able to reach the far shore and escaped by hiding in the thick brush in the area. The report indicated that no weapons or equipment were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(3) 215h. 0811h

a. Late Report. At 220745H, Company F reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AF 995609), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) but did not indicate the method employed to rig the grenade for detonation.

b. Late Report. At 220815H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 997606), reported receiving what was initially described as three 60mm mortar rounds, resulting in nine Marines WIA (six of which required evacuation for treatment). The report stated that the Viet Cong position could not be determined. A subsequent report stated that crater analysis indicated that the rounds received were either 60mm (M-79) or rifle grenades, rather than 60mm mortar rounds, but provided no additional information regarding probable enemy positions.

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c. Late Report. At 220830H, Company K, still at coordinates (AF 997606) after having just received three detonations resulting in nine Marine casualties (see 220815H entry, above), reported observing what were described as four Viet Cong, wearing green uniforms and armed with what appeared to be automatic rifles, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005603). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and reported that the Viet Cong fled the area. The report indicated that the enemy did not return the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. The report stated that enemy casualties were four KIA (body count). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the enemy casualties.

d. Late Report. At 220830H, Company K, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003607), reported receiving what was described as a moderate volume of small arms fire from a Viet Cong force estimated as from ten to thirty men, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005604). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and a SPARROW HAWK element was dispatched by helicopter to exploit the contact. The report stated that, prior to the arrival of the SPARROW HAWK Marines, the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. Late Report. At 220845H, Company F reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AF 995610), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

f. At 221100H, Company F reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AF 983616). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when found in an area from which small arms fire had emanated and they could not adequately account for their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

g. At 221145H, Company F reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AF 993609). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

h. At 221335H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 997636), reported that an explosive device was detonated, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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i. At 221448H, Company G, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994636) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002632). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

j. At 221505H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951570), reported receiving seven small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958570). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that a search of the enemy positions revealed two Viet Cong KIA, but no weapons or equipment were recovered. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count). No Marine casualties were reported.

k. At 221510H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0161) and (BT 0162), reported the discovery of approximately thirty small caves and fighting holes, and almost one thousand meters of trenchline in the area. The report stated that the positions and trenchline were all destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 222000H, a Company F security element positioned at coordinates (BT 006610) reported hearing what was described as sounds of considerable movement, emanating from coordinates (BT 007612). The report stated that the area was illuminated by seven 4.2 inch mortar illumination rounds and that the Marines directed eight 40mm (M-79) rounds at the suspected area and the movement ceased. The Marines searched the site with negative results.

m. At 222215H, Company G reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 003635). The device was identified as a CHICOM grenade, and the report stated that the device was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The device was destroyed in place by the Marines. The report added that a second device was discovered at coordinates (BT 006622). When this device, also a CHICOM grenade, was destroyed in place, one Marine was injured.

n. At 230030H, a Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 008613) reported hearing and observing movement in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010612). The area was illuminated with five 4.2 inch mortar illumination rounds, and the Marines directed six 40mm (M-79) rounds and four 60mm mortar rounds and a patrol was dispatched to search the area with negative. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

o. At 230720H, Company F operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007605) reported receiving what was described as light fire from Viet

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Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009605). The report indicated that the Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy positions, but the Viet Cong withdrew, breaking contact before the Marines could physically engage them. No Marine Casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

p. At 230720H, Company F conducting a search and destroy operation reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 948586). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in the area. Final disposition of the Viet Cong Suspect was not reported.

q. At 230840H, Company E operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005584) reported receiving what was described as light sporadic fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 003583). The report stated that the Marines continued its movement through the area, and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. No further contact was made. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. Late Report. At 220900H, the Battalion 6-2 provided the following additional information concerning the Viet Cong attack on a Marine element travelling aboard two USMC vehicles (M-79 OPTER) on 21 March (see 211900H entry, INTSUM #81). This later report stated that an examination of the two vehicles indicated that the Viet Cong probably employed rifle grenades to disable them. The report added that this surmise was supported by the discovery of a grenade launcher attached to one of the captured Viet Cong rifles. The report continued that the following equipment was captured at the site of the Viet Cong position: one CHICOM MOSSIN NAGANT #53, 7.62mm carbine with grenade launcher attached; two CHICOM 7.62 mm submachine guns, K-50/PBSE 41; two U.S. rifles 7.62mm (M-14) (serial #418791 and #846260); one U.S. THOMPSON submachinegun; five CHICOM grenades; one U.S. (M-26) grenade; assorted small arms rounds; rifle cleaning gear; one carrying pouch for rifle grenades with three metal containers enclosed (containers were painted olive green with yellow block lettering which read "DAT K44 LOT 1-165-Y"); two U.S. cartridge belts; one magazine for THOMPSON submachineguns; four magazines for CHICOM K-50 submachinegun; one bayonet with scabbard; medical equipment; and assorted documents.

b. Late Report. At 220910H, a Company I platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 068623) reported receiving five small arms rounds from an estimated Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 066623). The Marines directed six small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and apprehended one suspicious person in that vicinity. The report stated that the suspect would be evacuated to DIEM BAN District Headquarters. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 221025H, a Company I platoon-size patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 114648). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

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d. At 211100H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083628) reported observing four Viet Cong with weapons who were apparently attempting to evade the Marines when the Viet Cong directed approximately ten small arms rounds at the approaching Marines. The Marines returned thirty small arms rounds, three 40mm (F-79) rounds and one 60mm mortar round. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact, but two of enemy were observed to fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two KIA (possible).

e. At 222015H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085620) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong positions at coordinates (BT 080620), (BT 090620), and (BT 085615). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 222100H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080619) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated three Viet Cong positions at coordinates (BT 077619). Mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 222114H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083620) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned at coordinates (BT 087620). Artillery support was requested and four 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

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 C. Remarks of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See enclosure (1) this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative  
 Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA (Confirmed)	9	655
KIA (Possible)	3	852
VC Captured	0	242
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	5	266
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1570
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

E. Captured and destroyed enemy materials:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, CHICOM	22142GI
1	Rifle, CHICOM, Mossie Nagent, M-53 w/grenade launcher attached	22090OH
2	Sub-machine guns, CHICOM, 7.62, K-50	-do-
1	Rifle, US 7.62 (M-14, # 846260)	-do-
1	Sub-machine gun, Thompson	-do-
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	-do-
1	Pouch, rifle grenade	-do-
assorted	Rifle cleaning gear	-do-
2	Belts, web US	-do-
1	Bayonet w/scabbard	-do-
1	Shell, 155mm (DUD)	221527H
1	Device, explosive (CHICOM grenade)	222215H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>POSITION AND/OR FORTIFICATION</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
30	Caves/fighting holes 1000 meters of trenchline	221510H -do-

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Subj: Special Report of F Company 2d Battalion, 9th Marines contact on 18-19 March 66, LA THO BAC (3) hamlet coordinates (BT 005614)

1. An old man in the village of LA THO BAC (3) today (21 March 66) informed F Company through an interpreter that during the mortar attack on F Company there were about one hundred Viet Cong on the north bank of the SCIG LA THO (river) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994609) and (BT 010609). In addition an unknown number of Viet Cong were south of the river at coordinates (BT 005606). These Viet Cong spoke a different dialect so the old man was unable to understand them. It is unknown whether the dialect was from another region of South Vietnam or North Vietnam. The old man also stated that these Viet Cong were moving in a northern direction prior to their contact with F Company.

2. The old man also inform F Company that on or about 11 March 66 a massive "Hate America" rally was held in LA THO NAM, coordinates (BT 005606) in which about 1,000 Viet Cong attended. Discovery of innumerable shallow holes with light bamboo frame covers throughout the vicinity of LA THO NAM indicates possible use for concealment, particularly from air during the day.

3. The old man claims that he and a few others were blindfolded and taken to the mountains by the Viet Cong about two months ago. There they were given school on sniping, digging tunnels and trenches, etc.

4. One month ago, there were four hundred to six hundred Hard Corps Viet Cong headed towards DA LANG with eight 81mm mortars. The destination of these troops was unknown but they returned several days later, and as they started to cross the river moving south, they made contact with E Company, F Company and a "Sparrow Hawk" unit. Thirteen Viet Cong KIA (body count) were assessed. Apparently these troops had not been committed during their three-day stay north of the river but it is not known where they went.

5. LA THO BAC (3) is an Aid Station prior to crossing the bridges going south. Medical supplies of one kind or another were found in many of the houses. The old man stated that the Viet Cong will not let the villagers watch them treat the wounded or remove the dead even though the village is "Pro Viet Cong", because it would constitute a loss of face. The old man allows as how he is one of very few "Anti Viet Cong". (His son is an ARVN in that area).

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6. T-Six believes the heavy contact on the 18-19 was a chance contact with a Viet Cong unit which was moving north for another mission and had a great deal of ammo readily available.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #83, Period ending 241000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>DMST</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
25 Mar	0624	0647	1859	1922	0842	2136 1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 231000H, G-2 reported that one platoon of what were described as "Hard Core" Viet Cong was presently located in PHU SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 952652). The report indicated that the strength of this force is thirty five men, reportedly armed with at least one automatic rifle. The report continued that a Viet Cong guerrilla platoon with a strength of twenty five men, armed with at least nine rifles (M-14), were located in PHU SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 943539). The report stated that the mission of these units was not known. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report R-3.

b. At 231101H, G-2 relayed a report from the HOA VANG Sub-Sector Headquarters that one Viet Cong platoon, composed of Main Force Viet Cong and guerrillas, were in hiding in the area extending from coordinates (AT 999654) to (BT 000645). The report added that one Viet Cong intelligence "cell" was also in hiding in GIANG DONG hamlet, HOA THUOC Village, coordinates (BT 004670). No additional information was provided. The report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG. S-2 rates the report R-3.

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c. At 232330H, G-2 reported that one Viet Cong company (unidentified) was presently located at coordinates (BT043634), (BT 042644), (BT 033627), and (BT 019637). No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report U-3.

(2) 3d Bn 3d MAr

a. At 231855H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AF 974594), reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned to the southwest, coordinates (AF 972592). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position, and the fire ceased. Two Marine WIA were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 232145H, a Company I element positioned at the water point, coordinates (AF 973611), reported observing what was described as one Viet Cong at coordinates (AF 974613). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the intruder, and reported that they heard the Viet Cong scream as if struck by their fire. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

a. At 240001H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AF 973594), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 969594). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, twenty eight 105mm artillery rounds were fired at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 2d Bn 5th MAr

a. At 230730H, Company N, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000600), reported receiving what was described as light small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007605). The report stated that the Marines deployed as as to engage the enemy but the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the west. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined. No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 230730H, Company E reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect at coordinates (AF 948386). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he could not adequately explain his presence in an area known to be frequented by the Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

c. At 231115H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 928583) reported observing two Vietnamese males wearing black clothing who appeared to be running away from the patrol in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 927582). The Marines fired a warning shot but the Viet Cong continued to flee toward HOAN HX village coordinates (AF 927582).

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When the fleeing men continued to ignore the Marines' warnings, the Marines directed small arms fire at the suspects and observed one man fall as if hit by their fire. When the Marines searched the area, however the two men succeeded in eluding apprehension. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

d. At 231215H, Company E reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 942593). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report added that the suspect also tried to escape while being interrogated. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report also stated that the Marines destroyed seven shelters (unidentified), described as eight feet by five feet by ten feet in depth, in the same area.

e. At 231215H, Company F reported the discovery of a trenchline system, described as two hundred meters in extent, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992578). The report stated that the trenchline was destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 231250H, Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983575) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984579). The Marines returned light small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 231350H, Company reported apprehending three Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984579). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they could not adequately explain their presence in an area from which small arms fire had earlier emanated. (see 231250H entry, above). The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. The report added that the Marines destroyed fourteen bunkers, described as "reinforced" but no further description was provided, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984579).

h. At 231443H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981574), reported the discovery of seventeen covered positions, described as reinforced bunkers, in that area. The report stated that the bunkers were destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 231443H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 981574). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension, but stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

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j. At 231500H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006633), reported coming upon five unidentified men who quickly fled upon sighting the Marines. The report indicated that the men might have been armed, but specific references to weapons were lacking. The report stated that the suspects, described as wearing green shirts, took refuge in a cane field. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds into the area, but the men evaded apprehension. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 232000H, a Company F ambush element, enroute to the ambush site at coordinates (BT 007610), reported that their progress through the area was heralded by the sounds of what were described as gongs, drums, and clinking noises. The report indicated that the Marines could not evade the signalers and failed to make contact with the enemy.

l. At 240137H, Headquarters and Service Company Marines, manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 993678), reported observing four men at coordinates (AT 993678). The area was illuminated, and the Marines directed four small arms rounds at the intruders, who quickly took cover. The Marines searched the area, with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 230930H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of LAI NGHE (1) and (2) hamlets, coordinates (BT 093608) to (BT 100614), reported the discovery of approximately five hundred meters of trenchline and about fifty punji stakes, in that area. The report stated that the trenchline and stakes were destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 231800H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076635), reported receiving five small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074633). The Marines directed seven small arms rounds, one 40mm (M-79) round, and one 81mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 231855H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057647), reported observing what were described as three Viet Cong emerging from a tree line at coordinates (BT 055645). The report stated that when the Viet Cong sighted the Marines, they quickly sought cover back in the tree line area. The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round at the withdrawing enemy, and reported that they received three small arms rounds in return. The Marines directed an additional twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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d. At 231920H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043683) reported observing what were described as two Viet Cong, armed with rifles, at coordinates (BT 043678). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy who broke contact withdrawing to the south. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 232045H, a Company I platoon, occupying a patrol base at coordinates (BT 078612), reported receiving seventy small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081612). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, twenty 40mm (M-79) rounds, and fourteen 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. A Marine element positioned at coordinates (BT 079619) displaced to the area of the encounter to assist, but the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south, prior to the arrival of the Marine reinforcements. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that the Viet Cong employed bugle or "horn" signals to initiate and terminate the contact.

f. At 240030H, a Company K listening post returning to the command post and in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076699), reported detecting a figure who appeared to be following the Marines. The Marines directed one small arms round at the enemy intruder, who fled the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 240355H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company B, 3d Tank Battalion, positioned at coordinates (BT 065716), detected what was described as a Viet Cong attempting to penetrate the defensive wire at the company's perimeter. The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the enemy, who broke contact withdrawing to the west. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 240930H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HAO HAI Village Chief that the Viet Cong have assessed the villagers of HAO HAI and HOA LAN for taxes. The report stated that a "poor" family is required to pay VN\$ 1,000; and wealthier families are required to pay VN\$ 3,000. The report indicated that Viet Cong tax collection is currently in progress in the area. The report was rated D-3. S-2 rates the report D-3.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	655
KIA (Possible)	0	652
VC Captured	0	244*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	2	268
VC Suspects Apprehended	6	1576
Returnses (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

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\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on ITF reports as follows:

ITF Report dtd 21Mar66

Name: NGO KHANH  
 Age: 50  
 Status: VC Old Man's Association member  
 Capturing Unit: L-3 on 210005H Mar 1966

ITF Report dtd 17Mar66

Name: NGO CHOT  
 Age: 16  
 Status: VC Youth Group member  
 Capturing Unit: L-3-9 on 151400H Mar 1966

**E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:**

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
50	Stakes, punji	230930H

**F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:**

7	Shelters (6x5x10 ft)	231215H
1	Trenchline (200 meters in length)	-do-
14	Bunkers (size not indicated)	231350H
17	Positions, covered (size not indicated)	231443H
1	Trenchline (500 meters in length)	230930H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #84, Period ending 251000Z, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Operations remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
26 Mar	0623	0646	1900	1923	0921	2230	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Special Reports.

a. At 241355H, G-2 relayed a report from the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines that one enemy company, identified as a North Vietnamese unit with a strength of approximately one hundred twenty five men, is presently located at HAI CAU hamlet, coordinates (AF 936625). The report stated that this unit which is accompanied by twenty five CHICOM advisors, is commanded by one NGO CHAN HOANG. The report added that one Viet Cong squad is located in the vicinity of the PHU SON/DCUNG PHU complex, grid square (AF 9463). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 241730H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that one Viet Cong Main Force platoon, augmented by local guerrillas, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 030590), (BT 035688), and (BT 036662). The report indicated that the mission of this platoon is to attack USMC patrols operating in the area and

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and to interfere with the GVN rice harvest operation in the area. The report added that the Viet Cong have directed the villagers of THANH SON Village, coordinates (AT 973630), to conduct demonstrations in the proximity of USMC installations ostensibly to protest the destruction of cane fields by the Marines and the death of six villagers in LE SON hamlet, coordinates (AT 960647) as the result of USMC operations /not specified/. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

e. At 250030H, G-2 relayed a report from the 3d Marine Division Provost Marshall's Office (PMO) that a source identified as an ARVN intelligence officer, informed the Marine sentinels on the NGUYEN HOANG bridge, grid square (BT 0476), that a fifteen man Viet Cong squad will possibly attempt to sabotage the bridge during "the next twelve hours" (unspecified). The report provided no additional information and was unevaluated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 241000H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation along "Anderson Trail" in the vicinity of AN TU (1) hamlet, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 025637). The device was described as a mine, consisting of approximately twenty pounds of explosives (type not indicated) and rigged with a pressure-release type activator. The report stated that the device had no identifiable markings. Final disposition of the device was not indicated.

b. At 241130H, a Company G patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AT 996644). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were found in an area where a quantity of explosives had been discovered previously and were unable to adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 241245H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018609) reported receiving what was described as "light" small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned to the south of the SANG LA THO, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017606) and (BT 022606). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the bodies of two dead Viet Cong were easily observed on the far (south) bank of the river but could not be examined because of the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

d. At 241300H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG LA THO (river), reported the discovery of what was described as a Viet Cong minefield at coordinates (BT 010608). The report stated that the minefield, believed to be approximately fifty meters in width

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(depth not indicated), was marked by standard "triangular" minefield markers and is believed to contain U. S. type (manufactured) mines. The report stated that the minefield was not destroyed by the Marines. (S-2 Comment: The use of standard markers and employment of U. S. manufactured mines suggests an ARVN positioned field, but inquiry at 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters has not produced any additional information).

e. At 241435H, Company F, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000630), reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995627). The Marines directed eight 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines of a Company G patrol also operating in the area was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong position, but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 241510H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what were described as two Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004611). The report did not indicate the basis for this identification. Artillery support was requested and fifty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 242000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a wire team inspecting "land lines" (wire) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993684) reported that the wire appeared to have been tampered with. The report indicated that the wire insulation had been stripped and all identification tags had been removed. The report stated that the wire may have been monitored (tapped). No additional information was provided.

h. At 242145H, Marines manning security posts at bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), reported receiving an estimated three hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996696). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and fifteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Viet Cong fire ceased and the Marines illuminated the area with 81mm mortar illumination rounds, but the enemy was not observed. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 242230H, the Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), reported receiving an additional twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong who appeared to be occupying the same positions from which the earlier fire had emanated, coordinates (AT 996696). The Marines directed eight 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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j. At 242245H, a Headquarters and Service Company ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 993677), reported sighting what was described as two to three Viet Cong in the vicinity of DONG SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 994677). The report stated that one grenade was thrown by the Marines in the general direction of the enemy location but the range was too great and the Viet Cong disappeared without casualties. The report stated that a short while later, the Marines observed two Vietnamese males, dressed in white clothing at what was described as the entrance to a mine-field in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994678). The Marines directed a second grenade at this location and conducted a search with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 250300H, Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699), again reported receiving sixty small arms rounds from Viet Cong, positioned at coordinates (AT 996696). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one 81mm mortar round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 250955H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters reported that an unidentified source (likely a District agent) provided additional information regarding the Viet Cong attacks against the Marines providing security for bridge #2, coordinates (AT 999699). This report stated that at least one guerrilla squad engaged in that action (the report indicated that additional Viet Cong units may have participated), was positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999701), and, upon the termination of the attacks, withdrew into BO BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 959686). The report stated that prior to the attack, this squad had temporarily stayed in DUONG SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 997688), where they assembled and examined the villagers. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(5) 3d Bn 3d MAg

a. Late Report - Additional Information. At 250900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company M contact with Viet Cong on 22 March in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956639), (see 211450H, entry, INTSUM #82). The report stated that the villagers of AN TRACH (1), hamlet coordinates (AT 966662), informed the Marines that three Viet Cong were killed during this encounter with the Marines. (The original report indicated three Viet Cong probable WIA). S-2 comment: Paragraph D of this INTSUM will be modified to reflect this change.

b. Late Report. At 240930H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCOM this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977598) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from three

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 Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 979597). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and twenty six 107mm (HO-FAR) rounds at the enemy position with a reported "good effect on target". The report stated that villagers in the area revealed blood stains and drag marks. The report added that villagers in the area informed the Marines that the Viet Cong had withdrawn carrying two wounded. One USMC WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (Possible)

e. Late Report. At 240955H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines, under OPCON this battalion), reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AF 971569). The report indicated that the suspects were apprehended when they attempted to elude the Marine patrol. The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

d. At 241535H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines, under OPCON this battalion), reported destroying five positions, described as reinforced (bamboo) bunkers, approximately five feet by seven feet by ten feet at coordinates (AF 980595).

e. At 241650H, Company M reported destroying an additional twenty eight reinforced (bamboo) bunkers, approximately five feet by five feet by seven feet, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 980590).

f. At 241810H, Company M reported that the helicopters in support of the company had received an estimated twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 981598). Company M directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, eight 60mm mortar rounds, five 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, four LAW's (M-72) rounds, seven 40mm (M-79) rounds, and forty four 107mm (HO-FAR) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in a cashfield. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not reported.

g. At 250115H, Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines, under OPCON this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 970588), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned to the east, northwest, southeast, and west. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, six 60mm mortars, four LAW's (M-72) rounds, and six 40mm (M-79) rounds, at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, ten 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at the enemy positions with a reported good effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 250030H, a Company E listening post positioned at coordinates (AF 958598) reported detecting movement to the front of the Marines' position. The Marines maintained surveillance of the area and shortly thereafter sighted an undetermined number of Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy and reported killing two Viet Cong (body count) and recovering two weapons (unidentified in the report) and two grenades. A second Marine listening post located nearby also sighted Viet Cong at close range and threw one grenade at the enemy location. This listening post reported that the Viet Cong had utilized water buffaloes to screen their movements. No casualties were reported as the result of this encounter.

At approximately 250100H, Company E, occupying positions at coordinates (AF 958598), reported receiving approximately thirty mortar rounds (60mm or 81mm) and a heavy volume of small arms fire in position. The initial reports indicated that the mortar fire was believed emanating from the southwest, but the small arms fire was received from the east and southeast. The Marines returned the fire with small arms, 40mm (M-79) rounds, and 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds and artillery support was requested.

At 250115H, Company M, occupying positions at coordinates (AF 970588), reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated ten Viet Cong, located to the east, northwest, and southeast of the Marines' positions. Company M directed small arms fire, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, six LAW (M-72) rounds and six 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy locations, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Company M report indicated that the Marines did not sustain any casualties. Enemy casualties were not determined.

Company E reported that the Viet Cong attack on the company's positions continued. Later reports from Company E estimated the Viet Cong force as two companies in strength. A total of sixty two mortar rounds were reported as having impacted in the proximity of the company's locations. Enemy small arms fire was described as "extremely heavy", and there were indications that the enemy employed grenades and perhaps rifle grenades in its attempts to penetrate the Company E's perimeter, without success. A total of one thousand eighty 105mm artillery rounds were directed at known and suspected enemy locations, and probable routes of enemy withdrawal, in support of this action. Artillery fire continued from approximately 250130H to 250500H, although the enemy fire appeared to have ceased at approximately 250210H.

Total casualties for this action were five Marine KIA, nineteen Marines WIA. Enemy casualties were forty three Viet Cong KIA (body count), forty Viet Cong KIA (possible), and an undetermined number of Viet Cong wounded by the Marines' fire, including artillery. Ten weapons were reported retrieved from the Viet Cong bodies, to include:

1 - Automatic Rifle, U. S. (BAR) Cal. 30  
 1 - Rifle, U. S. (Carbine) Cal. 30  
 3 - Rifles, CH100H Carbine, Mossin Nagant Model 53

1 - Rifle, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
 4 - Sub-machine guns, M30 PAM-41 (modified)

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a. Late Report. At 240940H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation in LAI NGHE (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 090613), reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 094607). The device was described as a "butterfly bomb", positioned on the ground near a trail. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place by the Marines. (S-2 Comments: One previous report has been received of the Viet Cong employment of M35 fragmentation bombs, but the reports remain unconfirmed).

b. At 241035H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 093618). The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. Three Marine MIA were reported.

c. At 241100H, Company I reported apprehending a total of five suspicious persons in the village of LAI NGHE, coordinates (BT 090613) during a search and destroy operation. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification or they appeared unusually nervous. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to DIEN BAN District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 241430H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 051647), reported receiving six small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 053653). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, seven 40mm (M-79) rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 241500H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049648) reported receiving two small arms rounds from an estimated one Viet Cong positioned in a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049647). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two LAAM(M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the south. The report added that one Vietnamese woman, twenty-two years of age, was apprehended in the building, and that she would be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 241500H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064626) reported observing what was described as one Viet Cong at close range. The report stated that when the Viet Cong sighted the Marines he attempted to flee. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing him. The report stated that one U.S. (M-26) grenade, one cartridge belt, and plastic raincoat were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

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g. At 241830H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041650) reported observing a Vietnamese male in what was described as a partially concealed position, who appeared to be maintaining observation of Marines in the area. The report stated that when the Marines approached to investigate, the man turned and fled, running away from the patrol. The Marines fired five small arms rounds at the fugitive, killing him. The report stated that examination of the man indicated that the male was of military age, and did not possess identification documents. Based on this information, plus the male's attempt to escape apprehension, paragraph D of this INTSUM will show this man as a Viet Cong KIA (body count).

h. At 241850H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033648), reported observing a small boat with several occupants moving on the SONG VINH DIEN at close range. The report stated that when the Marines halted the craft so as to examine identification papers, one occupant, a male, attempted flight. When the man ignored the Marines' warnings, the Marines directed two small arms rounds at the fugitive killing him. An examination of the body indicated that the man did not possess identification documents. The report stated that five additional occupants of the boat were apprehended by the Marines, and evacuated to the Battalion Command Post for initial interrogation. Final disposition of the five suspects was not indicated.

i. At 250500H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported discovering a mine at coordinates (BT 052713). The mine was described as a caliber .30 small arms round rigged with a pressure-release device for detonation. The report stated that the mine was destroyed in place. The patrol also reported destroying a punji trap in the same location.

j. At 250815H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064628) reported observing four Viet Cong at close range who appeared to be deploying so as to engage the Marines. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and found one Viet Cong body. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 250900H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:
KIA (Confirmed)	49	704
KIA (Possible)	40	895*
VC Captured	0	244
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	2	257**
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1580
Returnses (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

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\* An increase of three Viet Cong KIA (Possible) based on 25090CH entry, this INTSUM.

\*\* A decrease of three WIA (Possible) based on 25090CH entry, this INTSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
2	Grenades (Unidentified)	25003CH
1	Device, Explosive	24094CH
1	Mine, Cal. 30 round rigged with a pressure-release)	25050CH
UNK	Traps, Punji	-dc-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

5	Bunkers, reinforced with bamboo (5x7x10 ft)	241535H
28	Bunkers, reinforced with bamboo (5x5x7 ft)	24165CH

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #85, Period ending 261000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- (a) A forecast is promulgated every twelve hours by Regimental S-2.
- (b) Trafficability of roads and trails within the 9th Marines TAOB remain unchanged.

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ECCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
27 Mar	0622	0645	1900	1923	1004	2325	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

a. At 251420H, the Marine Liaison Officer assigned to the 59th Regional Force Battalion Headquarters at BO HUNG reported the results of the search operation conducted this date by GVN military forces in the vicinity of PHONG LE hamlet, coordinates (AT 995699) and the CAM NE hamlet complex, grid squares (AT 9769), (AT 9768), (AT 9968), and (AT 9869). The report stated that a total of twelve men were apprehended in the area, all of whom apparently had ignored GVN conscription regulations. Disposition of the twelve men was not indicated. The report added that a total of twenty eight people (age, sex, etc., not indicated) who are residents of HOA THAI Village were found in the CAM NE hamlet area and evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for investigation when they could not adequately explain their presence in an area far distant from their home.

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b. At 251725H, the 3d Marine Division FSCC relayed a report from what was identified as an ARVN G-2 source that a Viet Cong Battalion is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 957588), (AF 959569), (AF 955566), (AF 960567), and (AF 956571). The report provided no additional information but stated that artillery harassing and interdiction fires have been scheduled for the areas indicated. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 251920H, the U. S. Army Advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, relayed a report from an unidentified source that one Viet Cong company, armed with one 81mm mortar and one machine gun is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 904600), having recently displaced from the vicinity of DAI AN hamlet, coordinates (AF 900602). The report stated that this Viet Cong unit has the mission of attacking friendly units positioned at Hill #63, coordinates (AF 880577). The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 251952H, the U. S. Army Advisor assigned to the 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Chief that the Viet Cong who operate in the DAI LOC area frequently evade USMC detection and apprehension by donning white colored civilian clothing and assuming the guise of farmers. The District Chief recommended that all male personnel wearing white clothing be apprehended and investigated. The report also stated that, in the past, GVN Popular Forces units operating in area, had discovered weapons (types and quantities not indicated) hidden by the Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 954591) and (AF 952589) [specific locations not provided]. The District Chief advised the Marines now operating in this area to be especially alert to the possibility of Viet Cong weapons caches being positioned in these same areas. These reports were not rated. S-2 rates them F-6.

e. At 252040H, G-2 reported that a GVN military outpost located at coordinates (BF 034635) was under attack. The report provided no additional information. Subsequent inquiry at the 51st ARVN Regiment Headquarters indicated that the outpost had received twenty to twenty five rounds described as small arms from a Viet Cong force of undetermined size. Friendly nor enemy casualties were not indicated. No additional information is available.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 250710H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AF 996679). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when she was observed acting in a very suspicious manner. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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b. At 251000I, a Company G patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 991632). The report stated that one of the suspects was apprehended when he was observed digging alongside a trail at intervals of twenty meters, and that the second suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 251130H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 000630). The devices were identified as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and one CHICOM grenade, both rigged with trip-wires for detonation. The report stated that as the Marines were preparing to destroy the two devices, they received six to ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 003634). Mortar support was requested and seven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No casualties were reported. The report continued that the patrol also discovered what was described as a Bangalore torpedo concealed in the brush in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 001628). The report stated that the device was destroyed in place. The report added that the patrol destroyed ten fighting holes and one tunnel, eight feet by twenty feet, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 99262A).

d. At 252200H, a Company I platoon patrol base located at coordinates (BF 005630) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 005624). Mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 260045H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 991678) reported observing what appeared to be a man following the patrol. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the figure and searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

f. At 260235H, a Company I platoon patrol base located at coordinates (BF 005625) reported receiving what was described as two 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong suspected to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 005630). Mortar support was requested and nineteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. Artillery support was also requested and sixteen 105mm (artillery) rounds were directed at another suspected enemy location at coordinates (BF 000627). The report added that a subsequent crater analysis confirmed the two incoming rounds as 60mm mortar rounds. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 251100H, Company E, conducting a search and destroy operation between Highway #14 and the SONG AI NGHIA (river), reported discovering what was described as the imprint of one 60mm mortar base plate at coordinates (AF 961597). The report indicated that the mortar position had piles of sugar cane as aiming stakes, and that there was communication wire leading out of the position to the east. The report stated that the position was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 251100H, a Company E patrol reported the discovery of a tunnel two feet by three feet by twenty feet in length at coordinates (AF 961596). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 251245H, Company E reported the discovery of what were described as two 81mm mortar positions at coordinates (AF 957594). The report stated that the positions were fifty meters apart and that seventeen cannisters for 81mm mortar rounds were found in the area. The report added that what was described as a very large tunnel and a trenchline were also discovered near the positions. The report stated that all of the enemy positions and fortifications were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 251547H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Company E discovered what was described as an ammunition cache at coordinates (AF 950591). The report stated that approximately fifty pounds total weight of ammunition, to include 60mm mortar rounds, and caliber .45 and caliber .30 small arms ammunition, was discovered, but totals of the type and caliber were not indicated. The report stated that the 60mm mortar ammunition would be destroyed and the small arms ammunition would be evacuated. Additional information will be provided when available.

e. At 251630H, Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 943664) reported receiving one small arms round from a Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 946666). The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines were transporting a Village Chief (unidentified) and four Popular Force soldiers on a USMC vehicle (M-274 "Male"), and that the enemy fire was apparently directed at the vehicle. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 251930H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AF 954666) reported receiving seventy five small arms rounds and what was described as six 40mm (M-79) rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 956662). The report stated that a Marine security element positioned at coordinates (AF 952660) received an additional forty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 956666) at the same time. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds, six LAAW (M-72) rounds and fifteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. At 252300H, a Company M platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 962661) reported receiving two hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 960654). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, eight 60mm mortar rounds, and twelve 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position with a reported good effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

h. Late Report. At 251530H, Company E (2d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 931587) reported receiving seventy small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 932588). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, five LAAW (M-72) rounds, nine 40mm (M-79) rounds, and seven 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a canefield. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and a second Vietnamese male who had sustained wounds evidently as the result of the Marines' fire. The report stated that this wounded man was attempting to hide from the Marines and likely had been a participant in the exchange of fire. The report added that eight other suspects were apprehended by the Marines in the area and evacuated along with the wounded suspect to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation as Viet Cong Suspects. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and nine Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

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a. Late Report. At 250500H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported discovering what was described as a man-trap, three feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (BT 052713). The report stated that the trap was rigged with punji stakes approximately one foot in length. The report also stated that what was described as a "cartridge trap" (a caliber .30 cartridge positioned between two wooden boards with a nail rigged to operate as a firing pin when the device is stepped on) was also found. The report indicated that both traps were destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 251330H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105633) reported observing five men at coordinates (BT 104633), who, upon sighting the Marines, attempted to evade the Marines. The report stated that the Marines ordered the men to halt, and when their warnings were ignored, directed five small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the fugitives, killing one man. The report indicated that the other four men succeeded in escaping the Marines by taking cover in a treeline to the east. The report stated that one U. S. (M-26) grenade and a cartridge belt were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

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c. At 251335H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 066623) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 066620). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy and were moving towards the Viet Cong's position when they received approximately one hundred small arms rounds from an estimated ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076623) and (BT 066620). The Marines directed six hundred small arms rounds and fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that three Viet Cong were observed falling as if struck by the Marines' fire, but a search of the Viet Congs' positions produced negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

d. At 251400H, a Company L patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 104643) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097637). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds and reported observing two Viet Cong withdraw from their positions and flee in a northerly direction. The report added that one of the Viet Cong appeared to have been wounded. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 251900H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064626) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064629). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the north. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 251915H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064626) reported observing what were described as two Viet Cong running in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064624). The report stated that as the Marines deployed so as to encircle the Viet Cong location, they received approximately three hundred small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064628), and (BT 064623). Two Marines were wounded by the enemy fire. The Marines directed seven hundred small arms rounds, twenty 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, artillery support was requested and twenty seven 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the enemy fire ceased, then ten additional small arms rounds were received from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 064631) and (BT 061626). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at these enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report added that a helicopter evacuating the

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Marine casualties received approximately fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 060622). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported as the result of this fire. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 252043H, a Company I squad-sized patrol, accompanied by tanks, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069625), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067625). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds and three 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 252203H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069625) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069622). The Marines directed eighty small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery support. Five 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they reported finding the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report stated that no weapon was discovered but several small arms cartridges were found in proximity to the body. The report described the dead Viet Cong as approximately twenty five years of age and indicated that he did not possess identification documents. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

i. At 261000H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the HOA HAI Village Chief that a total of four Viet Cong platoons (the report described these platoons as "reinforced"), are presently operating in the battalion's area of operations, with one platoon operating in the HOA IAN village area, two platoons operating in the HOA HAI village area, and the fourth platoon in the HOA PHUNG village area. The report added that these Viet Cong units are equipped with a total of two anti-tank weapons but neither identified the weapons nor provided more specific locations. The report was rated D-3. S-2 rates the report D-3.

(5) Late Report - Additional Information.

Initial examination of personal identifications and other documents recovered from the bodies of Viet Cong KIA's as the result of the encounter with Companies E and H in the area to the south of Hill #55, grid square (AT 9559) and (AT 9758) on 25 March (See 230030H entry, INTSUM #24) established that the Viet Cong force engaged included at least two companies subordinate to the R-20 Main Force Battalion (DOC LAP Independent Battalion). A distinctive marker, fashioned of light colored cloth material, approximately two inches by three quarters inch, with a metal pin affixed so as to allow attachment to clothing, and inscribed in ink with the company identifications, were discovered in the wallets of many of the dead Viet Cong. These badges

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indicated that members of the R-22 and R-23 Companies participated in this attack. The R-20 Battalion is composed of a total of four such companies, i.e. R-21, R-22, R-23, and R-24, as well as a Combat Engineer Company and a Protection Company, but the participation of these other units has not been established.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports were received during this reporting period.

<u>Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting periods:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10Jul65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	3	707
KIA (Possible)	0	895
VC Captured	0	245*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	4	274
VC Suspects Apprehended	12	1592
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

\* Increase of one Viet Cong based on ITT Prisoner Interrogation Report dated 22 March 66.

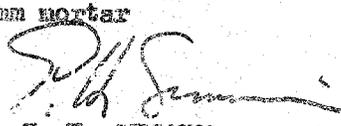
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Age: 22  
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E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) (booby trapped)	251130H
1	Grenade, CHICOM (booby trapped)	-do-
1	Cache, ammunition	251547H
1	Trap, man 3x4	250500H
1	Trap, cartridge	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	251330H
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 2x3x10 ft	251100H
2	Positions, 81mm mortar	251245H
1	Tunnel, size not indicated	-do-
1	Trenchline, size not indicated	-do-
1	Position, 60mm mortar	251100H

  
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Subj: Intelligence Summary #86, Period ending 271000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy skies, fair weather
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 86 - LOW: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 77%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NE, 4-10 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Astronomical Data.

	<u>MOON</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>BEOP</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
28 MAR	0622	0645	1900	1925	1207	0030	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 261030H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AF 9760) and (AF 9962), reported the discovery of approximately seven hundred meters of trenchline in that area. The report stated that the trenchline was destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the Marines also discovered one 105mm artillery shell (DUD) in the same area, and destroyed the artillery round in place by the use of demolitions.

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261300H, Company G conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9962), (AT 9963), and (AT 9964) reported the destruction of an additional two thousand meters of trenchline, two hundred meters of tunnels (not described), and forty foxholes. The report stated that the Marines employed LVFB-1 to destroy the positions and fortifications.

c. At 262210H, a Company G platoon occupying a patrol base at coordinates (BF 006631) reported that what were described as eight 81mm mortar rounds impacted in close proximity to the Marines positions at coordinates (BF 006629). Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy mortar site, coordinates (BF 006611), and the enemy mortar fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 262330H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BF 002626) reported receiving an additional four 81mm mortar rounds in close proximity to the Marines' positions. Artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds, twelve 120mm rounds, and seventy 4.2 inch mortar rounds were directed at the suspected enemy mortar site locations. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 260800H, Company L reported destroying one hundred meters of trenchline (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 952933).

b. At 260800H, Company L operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952933), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned to the east. The Viet Cong fire was not repeated, and the exact enemy location could not be determined. No casualties were reported.

c. At 260800H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 948555). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report added that the suspect appeared to be of military age, and attracted the attention of the Marines by attempting to evade them. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 260830H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 953555). The report indicated that the suspect was apprehended when it was noticed that he was attempting to elude the Marines. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

e. At 260955H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 946555). The report indicated the suspect was of military age but provided no additional details. The suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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g. At 261100H, Company K reported destroying a tunnel, described as two feet by four feet by six feet in depth at coordinates (AF 946564).

h. At 261200H, Company E (2dBn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (AF 933574). The device was described as consisting of two CHICOM grenades rigged to detonate with two wire activators. The report indicated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 261200H, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 946554), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 942569). The report stated that the Marines directed eight 105mm artillery rounds at the enemy position with good effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties could not be determined.

j. At 261200H, Company L reported destroying eleven positions, described as bunkers (size not indicated) at coordinates (AF 956548).

k. At 261200H, Company L reported destroying a tunnel (size not indicated) at coordinates (AF 948556).

l. At 261200H, Company L reported destroying eight fighting holes described as three feet by three feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AF 956547).

m. At 261200H, Company L reported destroying a cave, approximately three feet by three feet by three feet in depth, at coordinates (AF 953553).

n. At 261220H, Company L operating in the vicinity of the SONG BOK BOK, coordinates (AF 955553), reported observing two Viet Cong positioned on the far (south) side of the river at coordinates (AF 956547). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy and reported killing one Viet Cong (body count), and wounding the second Viet Cong who was seen to fall. The report added that the dead Viet Cong was armed with a weapon, but neither the body nor weapon could be recovered because of the intervening body of water.

o. At 261232H, Company L operating in the vicinity of the SONG BOK BOK, coordinates (AF 950551), reported observing one Viet Cong running in the direction of a cane field on the far side of the river, at coordinates (AF 954547). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds, and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines were unable to recover body because of the intervening body of water. One Viet Cong KIA (possible) was reported.

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p. At 261275H, Company L reported destroying what was described as fighting holes, three feet by three feet by four feet in depth and one meter wide meters of trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 951551).

q. At 261300H, Company E reported that the villagers of GIA BOND hamlet, coordinates (AF 933573), informed the Marines that the Viet Cong confiscated one hundred kilos of rice from each family at harvest time. The villagers also stated that the Viet Cong frequently arrive at their hamlet, but do not stay for protracted periods of time. The villagers continued that the Viet Cong frequently abduct villagers and transport them to the mountains for political indoctrination. The villagers report was not rated. S-2 rates it P-6.

r. At 261330H, Company E (2d Bn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AF 938576). The report stated that the device appeared to have been an anti-personnel mine but provided no additional description or information. Four Marine KIA were reported.

s. At 261350H, Company L reported apprehending five Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AF 954555), when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report added that the suspects were all of military age and will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

t. At 261630H, Company E (2d Bn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 929577), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 935571). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the enemy fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost in a tree line. No casualties were reported.

u. At 261700H, Company M (3d Bn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) reported destroying mine positions, described as "fighting holes", three feet by three feet by five feet in depth, and a total of twenty seven bunkers, approximately three feet by five feet by seven feet in depth, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 943535).

v. At 261925H, Company K operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 952573), reported observing twenty Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 958576). The Marines directed thirty three 107 (HVTAR) rounds at the enemy position, and reported observing four Viet Cong fall as if struck by the artillery fire. The report stated that a search of the area and assessment of casualties could not be accomplished because of a large stream, situated between the Marines and the enemy position. Four Viet Cong KIA (possible) were reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

w. At 262050H, a Company I security element positioned at coordinates (AF 973511), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 974615). The Marines directed ten 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost due to darkness. No casualties were reported.

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5. Late Report. At 251700H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of the SOCS PW BOX, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 994554), reported receiving small arms rounds from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned in PHU HAY (2) and (3) hamlets, coordinates (AF 957558 to (AF 954554). The report indicated that the Marines had but recently passed through these hamlets and had not detected any unusual activity although it was noticed that the hamlet areas contained many fighting holes, bunkers, trenchlines, caves, etc. The report stated that the Marines returned the enemy fire and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines again searched the hamlet areas with negative results. The report continued that, as the Marines were again departing the area after completing their unproductive search, they received additional small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the two hamlets. Because of the heavily fortified nature of the hamlets, a fixed-wing air strike was directed at the positions. A total of eight five hundred pound GP aerial bombs, eight one hundred pound tanks of NAPALM and a heavy volume of 20mm aerial cannon fire were directed by the aircraft into the target area. The report indicated that the aircraft initially received small arms fire from within the hamlet, but the enemy fire was soon suppressed. The report stated that the air strike was conducted with excellent effect on the target areas and enemy casualties were estimated as fifteen Viet Cong KIA (possible), although no enemy bodies were found. At the termination of the air strike, Company L again searched the hamlets, and reported apprehending five Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AF 954555). The suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were fifteen Viet Cong KIA (possible).

(3) ~~251900H~~

a. At 251030H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073670) reported observing one Vietnamese male of close to age who appeared to be taking undue interest in the patrol's movement. The report stated that the Marines attempted to apprehend the suspect but he quickly ran to escape the Marines. The Marines directed one small arms round at the fugitive but he escape apprehension. The Marines searched the area with negative results.

b. At 261045H, a Company K platoon, participating in Operation "Golden Fleece", in conjunction with HOA YANG District Officials, reported the discovery of three fighting holes at coordinates (BT 051713). The report stated that the enemy fortifications were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 261030H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048547) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 049640). The Marines arrested thirty small arms rounds and seven (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact withdrawing to the northwest. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong, but were unable to regain contact. The site of the Viet Cong position was searched with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 261843H, a Company K patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 045718), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

1. At 261850H, Company L reported that a fire team sized element occupying what was described as an observation post at coordinates (BT 095657) was attacked by an estimated ten to fifteen Viet Cong armed with semi-automatic and automatic weapons. The report provided a minimum of detail as to the encounter, but stated that three Marines were KIA and one Marine WIA. The report continued that a platoon sized unit subsequently dispatched to the vicinity of VIEM DONG hamlet grid square (BT 0965), in an effort to renew the contact with the enemy received approximately one hundred small arms rounds from an estimated twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092657), resulting in two additional Marines WIA. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines completed the encirclement of VIEM DONG hamlet, and conducted a through search of the area but the search produced negative results. Total Marine casualties were three KIA and three WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 262045H, a Company I platoon, occupying a patrol base at coordinates (BT 058631) reported observing what were described as two Viet Cong who had climbed onto the roof of a building at coordinates (BT 052631). (The report did not indicate the basis for the identification of the men as Viet Cong, but that the men were observed by use of a "sniper scope". The Marines directed one 3.5 inch (rocket) round and reported that the rocket round impacted on target, killing one Viet Cong and possibly wounding the second man. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and found the body of one Viet Cong. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and one WIA (possible).

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

(1) See 261300H entry, this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10Jul65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	711
KIA (Possible)	20	915
VC Captured	0	245
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	2	273
VC Suspects Apprehended	11	1603
Ralliers (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

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Quantity	Item	INRUM Entry No
1	Shell, 105mm (DND)	261030H
1	Case, mop	261000H
5	Magazines, (M-16) ammunition	-do-
1	Grenade, 40MM with trip wire	261200H
1	Wallet with ID Card	
6	Signs, propaganda	

I. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

Quantity	Item	INRUM Entry No
1	Trenchline, 1700 meters in length	261030H
1	Trenchline, 2000 meters in length	261300H
1	Tunnel, 200 meters in length	-do-
40	Holes (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Trenchline, 100 meters in length	260800H
1	Tunnel, 20435 ft in length	261100H
11	Bunkers (size not indicated)	261200H
7	Tunnel, (size not indicated)	-do-
6	Holes, fighting (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Cave 30335 ft	-do-
8	Holes, fighting 30334 ft	261235H
9	Holes, fighting 30335 ft	261700H
27	Bunkers 30337 ft	-do-
3	Holes, fighting (size not indicated)	261045H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #87, Period ending 281000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- a. General: Partly cloudy skies
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 88 - LOW: 72
- c. Average Humidity: 71%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NW 7 Knots
- f. Visibility: 8 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within Area of Operations: No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BHCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>BECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
29 Mar	0621	0644	1900	1923	1149	0024	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 272105H, the Battalion S-3 reported that Marines manning a defensive position protecting the Battalion Command Post at coordinates (AT 991678) observed what were described as three Viet Cong located to the front of the Marines' position at coordinates (AT 990678). The report stated that the Marines illuminated the area and directed three M-26 grenades at the enemy position, and the three intruders dispersed and fled the area. The Marines then searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 280830H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the DAI LOC District Chief informed Company E (2dBn 9thMar) that DAI LOC District agents have reported that on the night of 24 March the Viet Cong evacuated one hundred casualties from the area. The report was not rated. (S-2 Comment: See 250030H entry, INSUM #84, for a report of the encounter that possibly resulted in this report. S-2 rates the report F-6).

b. At 271050H, the Battalion S-3 reported that USMC helicopters resupplying Battalion elements in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956571) reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 951568) and (AT 961568). The report stated that fixed-wing aircraft were employed to engage the enemy and seven 500-pound NAPALM bombs, and fifteen 5 inch aerial rockets were directed at the enemy position with a reported excellent effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were five Viet Cong KIA (possible).

c. At 271120H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941642) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 946642). The report stated that the fire was not returned because of the possibility of friendly units operating in the area from which the fire came. No casualties were reported.

d. At 271115H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967583), reported receiving eighty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a treeline and cane field from coordinates (AT 967575) to (AT 958576). The Marines directed ten 60mm mortar rounds, and ten 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions. USMC fixed-wing aircraft were then employed to engage the enemy locations and a total of six five hundred pound NAPALM bombs, eight two hundred fifty pound fragmentation bombs, and seventy six 2.75 inch aerial rockets were directed at the enemy position with a reported excellent effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were ten Viet Cong KIA (possible).

e. At 271450H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965589), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 963593). The Marines directed two LAAW (M-72) rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

f. At 271450H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979612) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 980612). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines pursued the enemy until contact was lost in a cane field. No casualties were reported.

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g. At 271630H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979611) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 979609). The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the withdrawing Viet Cong until contact was lost. No casualties were reported.

h. At 271738H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968601), reported receiving forty small arms rounds from five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 968603). The Marines directed one hundred twenty-five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased, the Viet Cong withdrawing from position. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was broken. A search of the area revealed blood stains which indicated that at least one Viet Cong was WIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

i. At 272000H, a Company M security element positioned on Hill #22, reported receiving ten small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 955672). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and six 81mm mortar rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire was not repeated. No casualties were reported.

j. At 272000H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 963650) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 964665). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was broken. No casualties were reported.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 271120H, G-2 relayed a report from the 3d Marines that a Company E, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941642) received approximately thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with at least one automatic weapon and positioned in what was described as a hedgerow located in PHU SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 946642). The report stated that the patrol did not attempt to pursue the Viet Cong because the Viet Cong were positioned within the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines zone of action. No casualties were reported.

b. At 271615H, G-2 relayed a report from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that an enemy force, identified as North Vietnamese Army units, consisting of one company plus two platoons, is presently located in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9462). The report continued that two additional platoons, armed with one caliber .30 machine gun, and one 60mm mortar, had displaced across the SONG YEN river from the vicinity of DONG PHU hamlet, grid square (AT 9462) to the vicinity of grid square (AT 9763). The report added that these two platoons are accompanied by five CHICOM advisers. The report was rated C-4. S-2 rates the report F-4.

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a. At 271610H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071613) reported observing what were described as six Viet Cong running across a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 063613). The Marines directed five 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy and requested artillery support. The report stated that a total of fourteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and approximately ten Viet Cong were observed withdrawing from position, and that two Viet Cong casualties were sighted being carried from the area. A Sparrow Hawk element was transported to the area to engage the Viet Cong, landing by helicopter in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067615). The report stated that the Sparrow Hawk Marines received approximately fifty small arms rounds from five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 065603) and (BT 067620). The Marines directed approximately one hundred fifty small arms rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the Viet Cong positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. When the Marines searched the site of the enemy positions they discovered what were described as blood pools. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report added that the Marines apprehended four Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (BT 065603) but did not provide additional details. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 272020H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 061621) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 059627). The report stated that the Marines could also observe what was described as a blinking light in close proximity to the enemy position. Mortar support was requested and eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 272200H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057619) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from an estimated three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059624). The report stated that the patrol did not return the enemy fire because a friendly patrol was believed to be in close proximity to where the small arms fire was emanating. No Marine casualties were reported. The report noted that the Viet Cong employed "hozs" to control their fire and give directions. The report added that six 81mm mortar rounds were subsequently directed at the area from which the enemy small arms fire had been received, with undetermined results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 272205H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073614) reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds from an estimated four to eight Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 067614). Artillery support was requested and twenty-four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 272300H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057615) reported receiving twenty-five small arms rounds from an estimated six Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 063615). Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 272305H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073614) reported that illumination provided by 81mm mortars revealed five Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 063619). Artillery support was requested and six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong withdrew from the area. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 280945H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of a company I search and destroy operation conducted during the period 271145H to 271750H, in the area extending from coordinates (BT 080685) to (BT 099658). The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed five fortifications, described as bunkers, at coordinates (BT 083670); two additional bunkers at coordinates (BT 089672); and an explosive device identified as an U. S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, at coordinates (BT 085692). The report added that the Marines apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect in the area when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion Command Post for investigation, but ultimate disposition of the suspect was not indicated.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	0	711	
KIA(Possible)	15*	930	(KBA)*
VC Captured	0	245	
VC Captured(WIA)	0	11	
VC WIA(Possible)	3	276	
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	1608	
Refugees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6	

E. Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) w/trip wire	280945H

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F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
7	Bunkers	280945H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #88, Period ending 291000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 84° LOW: 73°
- c. Average Humidity: 77%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NE 6 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within Area of Operations: No Change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
30 Mar	0628	0643	1900	1923	1247	0125	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 281020H, Company F, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035619) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034616). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and one LAAM (M-72) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 281210H, Company F, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043637) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040639). The Marines searched the site of the suspected Viet Cong position with negative results. The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 281301H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Regimental TAOR in support of Company H, reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (BT 008598). The report stated that an armed helicopter (UH-1E) on station in the area delivered suppressive fire at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. The report added that a second armed helicopter on station reported observing ten Viet Cong running in a northern direction at coordinates (BT 009607). No additional information was received.

d. At 281345H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005598) reported observing one Viet Cong running across a rice paddy in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003610). The Marines directed one small arms round at the fleeing Viet Cong and reported observing him fall as if struck by the fire, but a search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong (IA possible).

e. At 281500H, Company H reported that the foot-bridge positioned at the SONG LA THO, coordinates (BT 007607), has been substantially damaged and is almost impassible. The report provided no additional details.

f. At 281520H, Company F reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 042644). The report identified the captive as a Viet Cong, and indicated that the man admitted that he participated in Viet Cong activities. The report noted that anti-US propaganda leaflets were found in the man's possession at the time of apprehension. (See 2820071 entry, this INTSUM, for a follow-up report based on information provided by this captive). (S-2 Comment: Although this initial report almost conclusively establishes that the captive is a VCC, he will be shown as a VCS in paragraph D of this INTSUM, pending confirmation of his status by the 3d IFF). The report added that two other Viet Cong Suspects were also apprehended in this same area, and all three suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 282000H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006607) reported receiving small arms fire (amount not indicated) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009609). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

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h. At 282007H, a Company F ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 038645) in response to information received from a captive that the Viet Cong utilize a building in this area for nightly meetings, reported observing eight men emerging from the suspect building at coordinates (BT 041643). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, and reported receiving forty small arms rounds in return from a second group of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041645). The Marines directed four hundred sixty small arms rounds and one LAAW (M-72) round at this Viet Cong location and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines searched the site of the first contact in the vicinity of the building they found blood traces and drag marks which indicated that three Viet Cong had sustained wounds and were carried away. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

i. At 282205H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006607), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated eight to ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015604). The exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported. The report added that the Marines had earlier heard what were described as sounds of drums, striking of bamboo pieces, and cymbals emanating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007613) and (BT 004613).

j. At 282210H, Company H operating in the vicinity of LA THO NAM hamlet, coordinates (BT 006607) reported that (unidentified) villagers informed the Marines that a Viet Cong force of approximately two hundred men, armed with 60mm mortars, had been located in the area prior to the arrival of the Marines. The report provided no additional details nor indicate when the Viet Cong force displaced. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 3d Bn 3d Mar

a. Late Report. At 280835H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated twenty to thirty Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950633). Mortar support was requested and twenty six 4.2 inch mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that a Sparrow Hawk element was transported by helicopter to coordinates (AT 954625) to maintain the contact, with elements of Company M and GVN Popular Forces units from HIEU DUC District Headquarters supporting by occupying blocking positions. The report stated that a search of the positions that had been occupied by the Viet Cong and had been subjected to the 4.2 inch mortar fire revealed the bodies of three Viet Cong KIA, and blood traces and other residue and surface markings which indicated that the Viet Cong had sustained three additional KIA (possible) and six WIA (possible). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the enemy casualties. No further contact was reported and no Marine casualties were sustained.

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b. Late Report. At 280930H, a Company I patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AF 985530). The device was described as a 105mm (artillery) round rigged to detonate with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the Marines had been led to the device by a Vietnamese boy (unidentified). The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

c. At 281050H, a Company L conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 961594), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 963596). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 281300H, Company L reported the discovery of three tunnels, described as two feet by two feet by ten feet in length, and numerous spider holes, three feet in diameter by four feet in depth at coordinates (AF 960995). The report stated that the tunnels and holes were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 281520H, Company L reported the results of the Company's operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AF 9760), (AF 9660), and (AF 9659). The report stated that the Marines discovered a possible Viet Cong river crossing site at coordinates (AF 972606), one tunnel, five feet by five feet by five feet, at coordinates (AF 977606), two tunnels, three feet by four feet, by six feet, at coordinates (AF 964591), a trenchline, four feet deep which extended from coordinates (AF 963596) to coordinates (AF 963593), and an explosive device at coordinates (AF 973606). The report described the device as a rifle grenade (unidentified) which was rigged with a pressure-release type detonator. The report stated that the explosive device and all of the tunnels were destroyed by the Marines, and that the trenchline would be destroyed at a later date. The report added that a Vietnamese boy (unidentified) told the Marines that each night thirty Viet Cong wearing black clothing and carrying weapons (unidentified) passed through the vicinity of coordinates (AF 968596).

f. At 281636H, Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AF 954595). The device was described as a GILCM grenade rigged to detonate with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

g. At 282230H, a Company I security element positioned at the water point at coordinates (AF 972612) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AF 973614). Mortar support was requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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h. At 290923H, Company M reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 953663), as engineers were attempting to disarm and remove it. The report described the device as a mine but no further identification was provided. One Marine KIA and one Marine WIA was reported.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 280320H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG VINH DIEM, coordinates (BT 051631), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned to the east of the river, at coordinates (BT 058627). The Marines directed three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds and two 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines were prevented from searching the site of the Viet Cong position by the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were four Viet Cong KIA (possible) and one WIA (possible).

b. At 281630H, Company K, providing security for the rice harvest presently underway in the battalion's area of operations, reported that GVN military elements also participating in the harvesting operation discovered a cave at coordinates (BT 059703), which contained three U. S. (M-26) grenades and a quantity of documents. A subsequent report indicated that a CHICOM sub-machine gun, 7.62mm, K-50/PFSH-41, and what was described as a khaki-colored uniform were also discovered in the cave. The report indicated that the weapons and other articles were evacuated to HOA VANG District Headquarters for examination.

c. At 281640H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042656) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 039656). Mortar support was requested and three 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 281930H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 075655). The device was identified as a 105mm (artillery) round (DUD), but the report did not indicate whether the device was rigged so as to operate as a mine, or was provided with a detonating device. The report stated that the device was destroyed in place.

e. At 281930H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047650) reported receiving approximately fifty small arms rounds from an estimated ten to twelve Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 043654). Mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were

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directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 281930H, a Company L listening post positioned at coordinates (BT 094654) reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 095653). The report stated that the Marines observed a man apparently displacing from the area from which the small arms fire had emanated and they directed one small arms round at the man, wounding him in the leg. The report stated that the wounded man was evacuated through medical channels as a Viet Cong Suspect. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) LATE REPORT - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

a. At 290930H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 provided additional information regarding the Company E action on 25 March in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958598) as part of Operation KINGS. (See 250115H entry, INTSUM #84). This report, which appears to be primarily based on information received from the DAI LOC District Chief, as confirmed by additional evidence noted at the site of the encounter, such as blood trails, drag marks, etc., indicated that the Viet Cong evacuated in excess of one hundred casualties as the result of this action. Based on this report, and a re-assessment of individual reports received during the action, the Battalion S-2 has increased the estimate of enemy casualties by forty Viet Cong KIA (possible) and twenty Viet Cong WIA (possible). (S-2 Comment: This increase will be reflected in paragraph D of this INTSUM).

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

- a. See 280930H, entry this INTSUM.
- b. See 282210H, entry this INTSUM.
- c. See 281523H, entry this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	3	714
KIA (Possible)	47	977
VC Captured	0	247*
VC Captured (WIA)	0	11
VC WIA (Possible)	31	307
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1612
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	6

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\*Increase of two Viet Cong based on Prisoner Interrogation Reports dtd  
25 March 1966

Name: TRAN THUAT  
Age: 33  
Status: VC Laborer  
Capturing Unit: 3dBn 3dMar on 251405H Mar 66

Name: TRUCNG SANH  
Age: 54  
Status: VC Asst Village Chief  
Capturing Unit: G-2-9 on 241000H Mar 66

E. Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
UNK	Leaflets, propoganda, anti-US	281520H
/ 1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	280930H
1	Grenade, rifle, unidentified	281523H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	281636H
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	281930H

F. Destroyed Enemy Positions and/or Fortifications:

3	Tunnels, 2x2x10 ft	281300H
UNK	Holes, spider, 3x4 ft	-do-
1	Tunnel, 5x5x5 ft	281523H
2	Tunnels, 3x4x6 ft	-do-
1	Trenchline (extent not indicated)	-do-

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3dMar	(1)	S-3	(2)
3dEngr	(1)	1stAmTrac	(1)
EOD	(1)	3dTankBn	(1)
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2/9	(2)	B Co Tanks	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #89, Period ending 301000H, March 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 88° LOW: 75°
- c. Average Humidity: 75%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NW 3 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within Area of Operations: No Change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
31 Mar	0620	0643	1900	1923	1402	0224	1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 291115H, G-2 relayed a report from a GVN military source at HOI AN that the Viet Cong emplace mines and booby traps in the vicinity of the CAO DAI temple at CAM HAI village, coordinates (BT 097664). The report provided no additional details and was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

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a. Late Report. At 290925H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG LA THO, coordinates (BT 016606), reported discovering Vietnamese language signs (quantity not indicated) in the area which stated that the river bank in this locality had been mined. The report indicated that it could not be determined from the appearance of the signs whether friendly or enemy forces had erected the signs and an examination of the area failed to produce any mines. No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 290930H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020604) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 024607). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested mortar support. Five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, but the report stated that the rounds impacted in the patrol's position, resulting in eight Marines KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 291100E, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000657) reported what was described as a "heavy volume" of fire received from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of, coordinates (BT 001651). Mortar support was requested and four 4.2 inch mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that one Marine was WIA as the result of this action but provided no details. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 291100H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016605) reported receiving what was described as a light volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016609). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 291920H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007623) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000620) and (BT 010620). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that this patrol had earlier observed what were initially described as 81mm mortar detonations impacting in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015623). The report stated that three separate periods of fire were noted; one in which approximately twenty four detonations were observed, the second when fifteen detonations were sighted, and a third when nine additional explosives were observed. The report provided no details and subsequent inquiry failed to establish the source of the detonations. The Battalion S-2 opined that the detonations may not have been mortar rounds as friendly units in the area all stated that the sounds of the rounds leaving the mortar tubes were not heard.

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f. At 292055H, Company H, occupying positions at coordinates (BT 000505) reported receiving thirty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001595). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that a short while later, Company H Marines manning security posts on the perimeter received four grenades in position from Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round at the suspected area, and the grenading was not repeated. A search of the area produced negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA as the result of the grenade detonations. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 292130H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 009622) reported receiving four hundred to five hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007623). The Marines directed eight rifle grenades and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 292130H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007617) reported receiving small arms fire (quantity not indicated) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004615). Mortar support was requested and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 300225H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending two suspicious persons at coordinates (AT 994678). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters.

j. At 300650H, a Company G patrol reported tha an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 002634), resulting in three Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 290955H, a Company K patrol reported discovering an explosive device at coordinates (BT 041676). The device was identified as a CHICOM grenade, and the report indicated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the grenade was destroyed by the Marines. The report ad ed that the Marines also discovered a tunnel (not described) at coordinates (BT 046585) and destroyed it with demolitions.

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b. At 291000H, Company M reported that a tank operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073618) detonated an explosive device resulting in what was described as "slight" damage to the vehicle and no Marine casualties. The report described the device as a mine, consisting of approximately forty to fifty pounds of explosive, but did not indicate the manner which it was employed or emplaced. Additional details will be provided when available.

c. At 291700H a Company E patrol reported apprehending nine Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044638). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 291150H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041675) reported observing two to three Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 033673), who were firing at villagers engaged in harvesting rice in that area. The Marines directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong and a SPARROW HAWK element was transported to coordinates (BT 033675) to maintain the contact. The Viet Cong broke contact prior to the arrival of the SPARROW HAWK element however, and a search of the area produced negative results. (One Viet Cong Suspect was reported apprehended, but he was subsequently released after identification as a DIEN BAN District official). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report did not indicate whether any of the villagers engaged in the rice harvest had been injured by the Viet Cong fire.

e. At 292145H, a Company K patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 035685), resulting in two Marines KIA. The report described the device as consisting of two U.S. (M-26) grenades positioned separately but rigged with a trip-wire activator so as to detonate simultaneously.

f. At 292220H, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 072702). The report stated that the suspect (a female), was apprehended when she was observed taking what was described as undue interest in the Marines' activities. The report stated the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Collection Point.

g. At 300900H, The Battalion S-2 provided information regarding the Companies I and L search and destroyed operation (Operation ALABAMA) being conducted in grid squares (BT 0661), (BT 0662), (BT 0759), (BT 0761) (BT 0759), (BT 0859), and (BT 0861). The report included the following incidents:

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(1). 290900H Company I set off booby trap grenade; one USMC WIA, not med evac. Destroyed three tunnels, two bunkers, six by six feet. Captured one Viet Cong Suspect.

(2). 290920H Company I destroyed five bunkers, four by four feet, coordinates (BT 067628).

(3). 290959H Company L destroyed nine bunkers and two tunnels, captured one Viet Cong Suspect.

(4). 291010H Company I destroyed one tunnel and one 105mm (DUD) at coordinates (BT 065616).

(5). 291100H Company I destroyed one Chicom grenade and five bunkers at coordinates (BT 083612).

(6). 291115H Company L destroyed fifteen bunkers, five tunnels, and one M-26 grenade booby trap. Captured one Viet Cong Suspect. Received three rounds carbine fire from one Viet Cong in vicinity of coordinates (BT 077612). Marines returned two rounds M-79; Viet Cong fled to the south.

(7). 291200H Company I destroyed three bunkers and one well.

(8). 291300H Company I destroyed one bunker.

(9). 291307H Company L destroyed two bunkers, five tunnels and one M-26 grenade.

(10). 291430H Company L destroyed twenty-one bunkers and seventeen tunnels vicinity (BT 079599). Company I destroyed three bunkers, two water holes, one tunnel, and one "L" shaped fighting hole.

(11). 291440H Company L vicinity coordinates (BT 082597) received ten to twenty rounds small arms fire from eight to ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 080595). Returned sixty rounds small and assualted enemy position. Platoon from I Company deployed to coordinates (BT 075540) as a blocking force. Viet Cong broke contact. Searched area with negative results. Two Marines WIA.

(12). 291645H Company I vicinity coordinates (BT 063396) observed a Vietnamese male come out of a tree line, upon noticing the Marines he turned and started to run, he failed to heed when halted in Vietnamese. Marines fired three rounds small arms fire. One Viet Cong KIA.

(13). 291845H Company I vicinity (BT 062596) received fifteen to twenty rounds small arms fire from unknown number of Viet Cong coordinates (BT 067546). Returned one round 90mm canister, two rounds 3.5 inch (rocket) 200 rounds small arms fire, fifteen rounds M-79 and three rounds 81mm mortar. Searched area with negative results.

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(15). 291912H Company L platoon patrol coordinates (BT 075595) received twenty to twenty five small arms rounds from six to eight Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 073592). Twelve rounds 105mm artillery was returned. Three Viet Cong KIA (body count), two Viet Cong WIA (probable), by pools of blood.

The Battalion S-2 noted that the reports were fragmentary and stated that additional details will be provided when received from the units involved.

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a. Late Report. At 290925H, Company M reported that a USMC detail engaged in clearing the road in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953 663) detonated an explosive device, resulting in one USMC KIA and one USMC MIA. The report stated that the explosive device was believed to have been a four pound shaped mine employing a pressure type detonator.

b. At 291117H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a trench line (size not indicated) which extended from coordinates (AT 941 594) to coordinates (AT 943593).

c. At 291133H, a Company I patrol reported discovering what was described as a cave along the river bank at coordinates (AT 948592). The report did not provide the dimensions of the cave but indicated that it had an entrance six feet by six feet. The report stated that the cave will be marked and will be destroyed at a later date.

d. At 291202H, a Company L patrol reported destroying a bunker four feet by fifteen feet by four feet deep at coordinates (AT 954 587), and destroying a man trap three feet by four feet by six feet deep at coordinates (AT 960589). The report indicated that the man trap contained six four feet long punji stakes which were also destroyed.

e. At 291220H, Company L reported discovering what was described as numerous spider traps (number not indicated) in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9558). The report stated that the traps will be marked and will be destroyed at a later date.

f. At 291535H, Company K reported disarming what were described as eight large bear traps in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949 638). The report did not indicate whether the traps appeared to be employed as anti-personnel devices by the Viet Cong.

g. At 291715H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a flight of USMC fixed-wing aircraft approaching DA WANG Airbase contacted the Marines and requested that a suitable target area be indicated so that unexpended aircraft ordnance could be utilized to good effect. Based on intelligence information previously received of possible Viet Cong presence at coordinates (AT 909540), (AT 914627), (AT 910619), and (AT 917637), these areas were recommended by the Marines. The report stated that the USMC aircraft delivered a total of twenty four two hundred sixty pound fragmentation bombs, twenty four five hundred pound bombs NAPALM (tanks), sixteen five inch aerial rockets, and six hundred 20mm aerial cannon rounds at the suspected positions with a good effect reported on target. The report continued that Company K

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positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 937622), observed an estimated twelve Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 905634) who were apparently attempting to flee from the area. The aircraft directed eighty 20mm aerial cannon rounds at the area, and the report indicated that at least six Viet Cong were KIA as the result of the aircraft's fire. The report added that the attacking aircraft received at least three what were described as caliber .50 rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 917637), but noted that no casualties nor damage to the aircraft were reported. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as six Viet Cong KIA (possible).

h. At 292100H, a Company K patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953640) reported observing what appeared to be a cigarette burning in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953641). As the Marines approached to investigate, they received three small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong at the same location. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. One Marine WIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 292117H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967595) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and blood stains which indicated one Viet Cong WIA (possible). No USMC casualties were reported. The report stated that a small amount of medical supplies were recovered from the dead Viet Cong, and will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

j. At 292135H, a Company M security element positioned at coordinates (AT 953673) reported observing two Viet Cong, armed with rifles, positioned at coordinates (AT 952672). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and six rifle grenades at the enemy position, and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the enemy position with negative results. One Viet Cong WIA (possible) was reported.

k. At 292335H, Company L reported that fifteen small arms rounds and one grenade were received in the company command post position, coordinates (AT 968604) from four Viet Cong at close range. The Marines returned ten small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds and observed one Viet Cong fall as if hit by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible).

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1. At 300800H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972607) reported observing two armed Viet Cong at close range. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing one and wounding the other. The Marines captured one North Vietnamese modified 7.62mm submachinegun, type 50, with two magazines, one caliber .38 revolver (not identified), and one CHICOM grenade from the two Viet Cong. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong were evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion, and that the captured equipment would be evacuated to the Regimental S-2 for evaluation.

C. Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:  
No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:

KIA(Confirmed)	6	720
KIA(Possible)	6	983
VC Captured	0	247
VC Captured(WIA)	1	12
VC WIA(Possible)	5	312
VC Suspects Apprehended	12	1624
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

E. Captured and Destroyed Enemy Material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTRSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
UNK	Signs, Vietnamese Language	290925H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	290955H
1	Trap, man 3x4x6 ft	291202H
UNK	Traps, spider	291220H
8	Traps, bear	291535H
UNK	Supplies, medical	292117H
1	Sub-machine gun, 7.62 Type 50 NVA(modified)	300800H
2	Magazines, ammunition f/sub-machinegun(above)	-do-
1	Revolver, cal .38 (unidentified)	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	291010H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	291100H
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	291115H
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	291307H

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F. Destroyed Enemy Positions and/or Fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Trenchline (size not indicated)	291117H
1	Cave (extent not indicated)	291133H
1	Bunker (4x15x4 ft)	291202H
3	Tunnels (6x6 ft)	290900H
5	Bunkers (4x4 ft)	290920H
9	Bunkers (size not indicated)	290959H
2	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	291010H
5	Bunkers (size not indicated)	291100H
15	Bunkers (size not indicated)	291115H
5	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
3	Bunkers (size not indicated)	291200H
1	Bunker (size not indicated)	291300H
2	Bunkers (size not indicated)	291307H
5	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
24	Bunkers (size not indicated)	291430H
13	Tunnels (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Hole, fighting, "L" shaped	-do-

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #90, Period ending 310000H, March 1966

## 1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the Period:

A. Characterization of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 90 LOW: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 77%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: SE @ 8 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within Area of Operations: No Change

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
1 Apr	0620	0643	1900	1923	1455	0321 1/2

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Special Report.

a. At 301400H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MINH relayed a report from the 592d Reconnaissance Force Company that at 290300H, Recon to six Viet Cong attacked the company command post located at coordinates (BT 023699). The report stated that the Viet Cong directed

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a satchel charge into the command post area killing the Company Commander and wounding two other Regional Force soldiers. The Viet Cong also directed three to four grenades into a nearby house, apparently in the belief that some of the Regional Force soldiers were also living there. The grenades resulted in the death of one ten year old Vietnamese boy and injury to four Vietnamese women. The report stated that the Viet Cong captured the company's payroll, totaling VN\$ 130,000 (piastres), plus one caliber .45 submachinegun (unidentified) and one U.S. caliber .45 pistol, M1911A1. The report added that at 290630H the GVN soldiers searching the area for the Viet Cong as the result of this attack discovered one magazine (CHICOM submachinegun type 50), one magazine (caliber .45 submachinegun), two CHICOM grenades, and two anti-personnel mines (unidentified) on a trail leading from the command post. The report indicated that the Viet Cong withdrew into CO NAM hamlet, coordinates (BT 027690). No additional details were provided.

b. At 301645H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACOM reported observing an undetermined number of Viet Cong in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (BFO35667). Artillery support was requested and thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The report did not provide additional details and enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 301300H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an unidentified agent source that one Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGUYEN PHU CUONG, had infiltrated into the city of DA NANG. The report stated that a number (not indicated) of Viet Cong saboteurs accompanied the Viet Cong infiltrators, and indicated that the saboteurs were armed with pistols (type not indicated) and two hundred kilograms of explosives (unidentified). The report added that ten kilograms of explosives were cached at CHU CON and THICH GIANG areas (could not be located on current operational map and may refer to areas within DA NANG city proper). The report continued that the Viet Cong will attempt to capitalize on the current demonstrations in the city so as to place explosives in the offices of Vietnamese and American facilities, in order to assassinate cadre personnel. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar.

a. Late Report. At 292015H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971637) reported observing one Viet Cong, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971638). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and observed the Viet Cong fall as if struck by their fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and reported finding one pair of mens' black trousers. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

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b. Late Report. At 300800H, a Company D patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972607), reported observing what was described as two Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 972607). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds fire and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the two Viet Cong and reported observing both Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and one Viet Cong who had sustained a severe gunshot wound in the head. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong was evacuated to 3d Medical Battalion for treatment.

The report added that one submachine gun, 9mm, M1949 (M49), with two magazines, (pistol) one CHICOM grenade, a quantity of medical supplies, and unevaluated documents were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

c. At 301045H, an Aerial Observer operating in the TAOR reported observing approximately twenty Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983605). (The report did not indicate the basis for this identification). A SPARROW HAWK element was transported to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976603) to make contact with this enemy force, and Company L initiated a search of the area, but the Viet Cong declined contact and the search produced negative results.

d. At 301140H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981605) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 981605). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and two M-79 rounds at the enemy position and reported killing the Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that one U.S. rifle, Cal. 30, M-1, (Serial Number 5676625), one (M-26) grenade, two rifle grenades (unidentified) miscellaneous documents, and eighty rounds of caliber 30 (M-1) ammunition were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

e. At 301220H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970640), reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed thirty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing the Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that one CHICOM grenade, one (M-14) bayonet, and unevaluated documents were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

f. Late Report. Additional Information. At 301220H, the Battalion S-3 provided additional information regarding a Viet Cong attack of the Company L Command Post position, coordinates (AT 986604) on 29 March. (See 292335H entry, INTSUM #89). This later report stated that a patrol dispatched to search the area for the Viet Cong discovered the body of a Vietnamese male at coordinates (AT 966604). The report stated that the body was not clothed, but was partially hidden by bamboo, blankets and rice containers, and was found close by a cane field. The report stated that no military equipment or clothing was found in the area. (S-2 Comment: Based on this report, a decrease of one Viet Cong WIA (possible), and an increase of one Viet Cong KIA (body count) will be reflected in paragraph D of this INTSUM).

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g. At 301230H, a Company I squad-sized element (SPARROW HAWK), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986602), reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 986602). (The basis for this identification was not indicated). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing the Viet Cong (body count). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered.

h. At 301235H, a Company I squad-sized element (SPARROW HAWK) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986603), reported observing one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 986603). The Marines directed one hundred twenty-five small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killin~~g~~ the Viet Cong (body count). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered.

i. At 301400H, a Company L platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9660), (AT 9659) and (AT 9659), reported that the Marines:

(1) Destroyed what was described as a covered fighting hole, four feet ~~in depth~~ and two feet in width, at coordinates (AT 961601).

(2) Destroyed one cave, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth, located at the bottom of hole, six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 962600).

(3) Destroyed one cave, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth, located at the bottom of hole six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 962598).

(4) Destroyed two fighting holes, two feet by two feet by five feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 961597).

(5) Destroyed one tunnel, described as three feet by three feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 926595).

(6) Destroyed one tunnel, described as three feet by three feet by six feet in depth, located at the bottom of a hole five feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 964594).

(7) Discovered seven fighting holes, approximately three feet by three feet by six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 965592). (The report stated that these holes will be destroyed at a later date). The report added that each hole contained a cave, approximately three feet by three feet by seven feet in depth, at the bottom.

(8) Discovered one tunnel, described as two feet by two feet by four feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 964590). The report stated that this position will be destroyed at a later date.

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**CONFIDENTIAL** Discovered one tunnel, described as three feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 970592). The report stated that this position will be destroyed at a later date.

(10) Discovered trench, described as two feet by four feet by ten feet in length, at coordinates (AT 970597). The report stated that this position will be destroyed at a later date.

(11) Discovered one tunnel, described as five feet by five feet by seven feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 970598). The report stated that this position will be destroyed at a later date.

j. At 301435H, a Company I squad-sized element (SPARROW HAWK), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972605), reported observing four Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 972605). The Marines directed one hundred seventy-five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong and reported that a search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA (body count), and that pools of blood and surface markings indicated that an additional two Viet Cong were WIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered.

k. At 301600H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9660) reported destroying a tunnel, described as four feet by four feet by eight feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 964609), a second tunnel, also four feet by four feet by eight feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 967608), and a third tunnel, also four feet by four feet by eight feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 967609).

l. At 302030H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976609), reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong (number not indicated) positioned at coordinates (AT 975600). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and five (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the area produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. One Viet Cong WIA (possible) was reported.

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a. Late Report. At 300650H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosion was detonated at coordinates (BT 002634) resulting in three Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

b. At 301005H, Company H reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 995596). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was found in an area where small arms fire had previously emanated. The report stated that during interrogations the suspect informed the Marines that six Viet Cong had carried a body through the area shortly after the Marines had received light small arms fire from that vicinity. The report continued that an additional two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended by the Marines in the same area. The report stated that all three Viet Cong Suspects would be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 301010H, Company G operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004632) reported destroying three hundred meters of trenchline, trenchline and eight gates. The report did not indicate the size of the trenchline nor whether the gates were rigged with booby traps.

d. At 301055H, Company H reported that the lead elements of the company at coordinates (AT 986601) observed ten to twelve Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 986603). The report stated that almost immediately the Marines received small arms fire from these Viet Cong. The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and reported observing four Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position and reported finding four Viet Cong KIA (body count) one CHICOM grenade, one CHICOM carbine 7.62mm MOSHIN-NAGHENT Model 53, fifty rounds 7.62 mm ammunition, and one cartridge belt. The report continued that blood marks were also discovered which indicated that five Viet Cong were WIA. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were four Viet Cong KIA (body count) and five Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 301410H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0562) reported destroying five hundred meters of trenchline, two hundred meters of fenceline, ten gates twenty seven fox holes and one 155mm round (DUD). The report did not indicate whether the gates or 155mm round (DUD) had been rigged so as to operate as a mine or booby-trap.

f. At 301445H, Company H, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982603), reported observing two Viet Cong running through a cane field at coordinates (AT 986602). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong and reported observing both Viet Cong fall as if hit by the Marines fire. The report stated that the Marines searched the area and found one Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report stated that blood spots discovered in the area indicated that the second Viet Cong was WIA (possible). No weapons or equipment was found. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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f. At 301525H, Company H reported that villagers of KHAD LAU hamlet (BT 0017601), informed the Marines that thirty Viet Cong, armed with mortars (type not indicated) had been located in the area, and had fled to the west upon the approach of the Marines. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

h. At 302040H, a Company G platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005620) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of LA THO BAO (2) hamlet, coordinates (BT 001622). Mortar support was requested and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 302055H, a Company H element manning the Command Post security positions, coordinates (AT 986609), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 987606). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

j. At 310130H, a Company H squad-size ambush element, enroute to an ambush site, established contact with approximately five Viet Cong, positioned less than seventy five meters from Company H perimeter, coordinates (AT 987603). The report stated that the Marines received approximately twenty small arms rounds and returned a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 310910H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015617) reported receiving five small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010610). The report indicated that the Marines deployed so as to engage the enemy but the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from the area. No casualties were reported.

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a. Late Report. At 300730H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 037672). The device was described as a CHICOM grenade, rigged to detonate with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the Marines destroyed the device in place.

b. At 301015H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038680) reported that investigation of a cave in that area revealed the body of a dead Vietnamese male. The report stated that the male, who had apparently died of multiple gunshot wounds and was of military age, is presumed to be a Viet Cong although no weapons or military equipment were recovered from the body. The report added that the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 301105H, Company L reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 099658). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was found to have recently sustained a gun shot wound in his chest and could not provide an adequate explanation for the origin of his wound. The report added that the man was identified as one NGUYEN CAN, and that this name appears on a Viet Cong "black list" prepared by GVN officials at DIEM BAN District headquarters. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation.

d. At 301150H, Company K reported receiving twenty small arms rounds in the company command post positions, coordinates (BT 044685), from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 045683) and (BT 04587). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 301210H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035665) reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated eight to ten Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 033672). The Marines directed what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 301640H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a tank/infantry force dispatched to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041675) so as to maintain contact with a Viet Cong force which had earlier been encountered by a Company K patrol, received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035673). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. When the Marines searched the site of the enemy position, they reported finding the body of one Viet Cong KIA. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count). The report added that this tank/infantry element had earlier

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apprehended one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 041675) when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

g. At 301700H, an Aerial Observer operating in the battalion area of operation as a result of the Company K patrol action which had occurred earlier in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033672), reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (BT 036667). Artillery support was requested and thirty 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported good effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 301755H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a SPARROW HAWK element, transported to the vicinity of the SANG VINH DAM, coordinates (BT 032669), as a result of a Company K patrol action which had occurred earlier in the area, observed approximately ten armed Viet Cong moving in a westerly direction at coordinates (BT 028669). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and sixteen 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing from the area. The report stated that the Marines observed one Viet Cong being struck by their fire as he attempted to flee across the river. The report continued that a Marine tank-infantry element participating in the engagement in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035668) observed four to five Viet Cong at coordinates (BT 033667). The report stated that the Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong, killing four of them. The report indicated however, that no weapons or military equipment were recovered from the bodies, but noted that the bodies were clothed in black pajama-type clothing with leaves affixed to the backs as camouflage. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were four KIA (body count) and one KIA (possible).

i. At 301450H, Company K reported that an LVT supporting the company detonated an explosive device at coordinates (BT 063695). The report described the device as a mine and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report provided no additional description of the device but added that damage to the LVT was light.

j. At 301510H, a Company K squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 035685). The report stated that the suspect attracted the attention of the Marines when he was found in an area in which an explosive device had been detonated by Marines on the previous evening, and that he was apprehended when he acted nervous and evasive. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point.

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k. At 301845H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035657) reported observing two armed Viet Cong at close range to the west. The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAW (M-72) round, at the enemy who attempted to escape across the river (SANG VINH DIEM) to the west. The report stated that one of the Viet Cong was killed by the Marines' fire and the other escaped into a treeline across the river. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and one WIA (possible).

l. At 310005H, Company M, occupying security positions at coordinates (BT 072711), reported receiving ten small arms rounds and two hand grenades from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 073711). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. At 310135H, the Marines received an additional ten small arms rounds and one hand grenade from Viet Cong positioned in the same location. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and again the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 310915H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of the Companies I and L search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0661), (BT 0662), (BT 0759), (BT 0760), (BT 0859), (BT 0861) and (BT 0864) (Operation ALABAMA) during the period 300600H-301400H. The report included the following incidents:

(1) At 300915H, Company L reported discovering an explosive device, identified as a U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator, at coordinates (BT 078601). The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines and added that a tunnel, described as two feet by two feet by six feet in length, was discovered and destroyed by the Marines in the same area.

(2) At 300920H, Company I reported destroying what was described as a bamboo-reinforced bunker at coordinates (BT 065601).

(3) At 301104H, Company L reported discovering and destroying a total of thirteen bunkers (description not provided) and three tunnels, described as approximately two feet by two feet by four feet in length, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070600).

(4) At 301113H, Company M, occupying blocking positions at coordinates (BT 080640), reported finding what was described as a man-trap, four feet by two feet by four feet in depth, positioned with three feet long punji stakes. The report stated that the trap was destroyed by the Marines.

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a. See 301525H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting period: Cumulative Since 10Jul65:

KIA (Confirmed)	14	735*
KIA (Possible)	0	983
VC Captured	0	247
VC Captured (WIA)	1	13
VC WIA (Possible)	11	322*
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1628
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	6

Note: \*Decrease of one WIA (possible) and increase of one KIA (confirmed) based on 301220H entry, this INTSUM.

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Submachinegun, 9mm (MAT 49)	30080CH
2	Magazine, ammunition, (For SMG)	-do-
1	Pistol, U.S. Smith&Wesson cal .38	-do-
1	Grenade CHICOM	-do-
UNK	Supplies, medical	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
1	Rifle, U.S. cal.30 M-1	30114CH
1	Grenade U.S. (M-26)	-do-
2	Grenades, rifle unidentified	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
80	Cartridges, cal .30 M-1	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	30122CH
1	Bayonet (M-1)	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
1	Grenade CHICOM	301055H
1	Carbine CHICOM 7.62mm MOSSIN-WAGENT Mod 53	-do-
50	Cartridges, cal 7.62mm	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-
1	Grenade CHICOM	30073CH

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
3	Tunnels	30160CH
1	Trenchline, 300 meters	30100CH
8	Gates	-do-
1	Trenchline, 500 meters	30142CH
1	Fence, 200 meters	
10	Gates	
27	Positions, fighting holes	

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(ADD: See 301400H entry, this INVSUM, for recapitulation of enemy fortifications reported destroyed by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, during this reporting period. Also see 300915H entry, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines during this reporting period.

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III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dMggr	(1)
EOD	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/12	(2)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
FSOC	(1)
1stAntree	(1)
3dTakBn	(1)
3dAtBn	(1)
B Co, TakBn	(1)
C Co, AtBn	(1)
MAG 11	(1)
GO	(1)

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