

HEADQUARTERS

9th Marines

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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 (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 May 1966 is submitted.

  
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Reporting Unit. 9th Marines (Rein), 3d Marine Division
2. Reporting Period. 1-31 May 1966
3. Date of Submission. 23 June 1966
4. Commanding Officer  
Colonel Edwin H. SIMMONS 1-31 May 1966
5. Location of Command Post During Reporting Period. (AT 994723)
6. Maps. AMS series L701 Sheets 6658 I & IV, 6659 II & III
7. Staff Assignments

a. Executive Officer	1-7 May 1966	LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL (on emergency leave)
	8-31 May 1966	(none assigned)
b. S-1	1-31 May 1966	Capt D. S. RILLING
c. S-2	1-31 May 1966	Maj C. WARD
d. S-3	1-31 May 1966	Maj V. T. BLAZ
e. S-4	1-21 May 1966	Maj G. R. GRIMES
	22-31 May 1966	Maj D. S. TOLLE
f. S-5	1-31 May 1966	1stLt J. M. STONE

8. Subordinate Commanders

a. Headquarters Company	1-31 May 1966	Capt L. D. DERRYBERRY
b. 1st Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 May 1966	LtCol W. F. DOEHLER
c. 2d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-31 May 1966	LtCol W. F. DONAHUE
d. 3d Battalion, 9th Mar	1-7 May 1966	LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
	8-31 May 1966	LtCol P. C. TRAMMELL
e. 2d Battalion, 4th Mar	1-31 May 1966	LtCol P. X. KELLEY
f. 1st Battalion, 1st Mar	31 May 1966	LtCol V. D. BELL
g. 3d Battalion, 1st Mar	22-31 May 1966	LtCol J. R. YOUNG

9. Attachments

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

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Monthly Strengths (average)MC OFF  
124MC ENL  
3615NAVY OFF  
13NAVY ENL  
193

b. Casualties. The following statistical breakdown of casualties is indicative of the increased tempo of action during the month. In addition, it depicts the causes of casualties incurred:

	<u>Mines/</u> <u>Booby Traps</u>			<u>Mortars/</u> <u>Grenades</u>			<u>S/A Fire</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>
Jan	1	40	31	7	14	20	15	25	21	23	79	72
Percent	4.5	57.5	43	30.5	17.7	27.8	65	31.7	29.2			
Feb	12	77	43	0	0	5	5	38	10	17	115	58
Percent	70.5	69	74.5	0	0	8.6	29.5	33.0	17.2			
Mar	4	67	74	12	35	45	12	31	6	32	133	125
Percent	24.9	50.2	59.0	37.6	26.5	36	37.6	23.3	4.8			
Apr	22	97	86	9	38	12	3	28	10	34	163	108
Percent	61.5	59.5	79.2	26.6	23.2	11.1	8.7	17.2	9.3			
May	42	109	65	2	40	32	31	67	15	75	216	112
Percent	56.2	50.5	58.6	2.7	18.5	28.1	41.4	30.8	13.4			

c. Rotation during monthMC OFF  
5MC ENL  
330NAVY OFF  
2NAVY ENL  
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d. Replacements. Replacement personnel received during the month enabled the regiment to replace the losses which occurred between 1-31 May 1966 from casualties and attrition of personnel returning to CONUS. However, there was no appreciable gain or improvement in the overall personnel situation. As the month of May ended, the battalions had approximately 62 percent of authorized officer personnel and 79 percent of authorized enlisted personnel on the rolls.

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e. Personnel Summary. Because of a shortage of incoming lieutenant colonels the regiment has operated without a Regimental Executive Officer since 8 May 1966. Lieutenant Colonel TRAMMELL assumed command of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines upon the departure of Lieutenant Colonel TAYLOR. Personnel joining the regiment from CONUS are being assigned directly to one of the battalions. Further, Marines who have completed six months in the Regimental Headquarters and who have not served in a battalion are being reassigned to one of the battalions on an exchange basis. As vacancies occur within the Regimental Headquarters Company, nominations are requested from the battalions to fill these vacancies. Personnel nominated must have satisfactorily served in a battalion for at least six months.

f. Periodic Personnel Reports. The Periodic Personnel Report was submitted to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division(Rein), FMF in accordance with Division Order 1080.3A.

2. Informational Services. The regiment received excellent support from the seven informational services personnel assigned by Division to this function. A total of 1171 Home Town News Releases were written on individual Marines. Photographs were submitted with 492 of these articles. Additionally, 87 other stories were prepared concerning various activities within the Regimental Zone of Action. Forty-nine of these stories had photographs with the articles. A television team from KNX-TV, Los Angeles visited the regiment between 23-30 May and filmed material to be used in an hour long special report on "Civil-Affairs with Marines in Vietnam."

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3. Discipline, Courts-Martial, Office Hours

a. No unusual disciplinary problems.

b. Courts-Martial

7 - Special Courts-Martial completed

4 - Special Courts-Martial pending

1 - General Court-Martial pending

c. Regimental Commander's Office Hours - 9

d. Battalion Commander's Office Hours - 9

e. Company Commander's Office Hours - 5

ENCLOSURE (1)



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

a. Marine Corps Exchange Service. Services were improved during May by the stationing of exchange vans with two of the forward battalions. One van was situated with the east flank battalion and one was placed on Hill 55 with the west flank battalion. The vans plus the regimental, division, and Air Force Exchange in Danang provide adequate exchange facilities for the regiment.

b. Morale and Postal Affairs. Morale is considered to be excellent. Postal services remain good. Mail is picked up from the division post office twice daily for distribution to the battalions. Helicopter postal delivery was used extensively to get mail to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and the supporting units operating with that battalion in the AN HOA area.

c. Liberty and R&R. The city of Danang remained off limits for liberty purposes during May. However, recreational parties were organized for trips to China Beach. The R&R program continued in operation and the regiment received the quotas listed below:

Okinawa	100 seats
Manila	15 seats
Taipei	37 seats
Bangkok	58 seats
Hong Kong	35 seats
Tokyo	54 seats
Singapore	11 seats

Quotas were reallocated to battalions on an equal basis. Personnel reporting back from R&R reported that the system was working smoothly and encountered no difficulties.

5. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules.

a. On Sunday, 1 May, the Regimental Chaplain returned from Operation GEORGIA after celebrating Mass for Marines of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, Vietnamese troops of the 2d Battalion, 51st Regiment, and Vietnamese civilians working at the AN HOA industrial complex.

b. A total of 9 Sunday Masses was celebrated by the Regimental Chaplain with a total attendance of 404. Mass was celebrated at company areas within the regiment on 15 occasions with an overall attendance of 224.

c. At the Regimental Headquarters, Catholic and Protestant services were held on all five Sundays of the month. The average attendance at each was 36 and 11 respectively. These figures represent a decline in church attendance for the month.

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d. On 6 May the Regimental Chaplain departed for a religious retreat at Hiroshima, Japan and returned on 14 May. During his absence, Catholic Mass on Sunday was provided by Chaplain MC GUIRE, Assistant Division Chaplain. Protestant services at Regimental Headquarters continue to be provided by Chaplain HANSEN of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

e. Catholic Memorial Services were provided by the Regimental Chaplain for 1st AmTrac Battalion and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Sunday Masses as well as counseling sessions were provided to the 3d Tank Battalion and 1st AmTrac Battalion.

f. Two lectures on the "Religions in Vietnam" were given by the Chaplain at the Regimental Headquarters. A total of 95 men attended.

g. The Regimental Chaplain visited the Catholic Bishop of Danang and made preliminary arrangements to have a Vietnamese priest visit the Catholic civilian and military personnel at AN HOA. A large amount of ecclesiastical equipment, designated for use in the church at AN TRACH, was turned over to the Bishop.

h. Regular visits were made to wounded personnel hospitalized at the 3d Division Field Hospital. The weekly meetings at 3d Division Chaplain's Office were attended by the Regimental Chaplain who gave three briefings during the month.

i. The political crisis in the city of Danang reduced the number of religious services that could be provided. It also caused the Chaplain to be fired at while at the Air Base on Saturday, 21 May.

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S-2 CHRONOLOGY1. Area of Operationsa. Location

(1) The Regimental zone of action is located on the east coast of South Vietnam in the TOURANE area. It includes that area between the South China sea coast west, following the trace of the SONG CAU DO, to the secondary road which serves the HIEU DUC District Headquarters, coordinates (AT 942689), then south to coordinates (AT 895564), then west along the SONG VU GIA to coordinates (AT 810540), then south to coordinates (AT 810440), then east to coordinates (BT 030510), then north to the SONG KY LAM, and then east to the sea coast where the southern boundary intersects the coast at coordinates (BT 131630).

NOTE: This area reflects an expansion of the Regimental zone of action to include that area in which Operation GEORGIA was conducted.

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

b. Description of the Area

(1) The zone of action 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 zone of action, in the vicinity of the SONG LA THO and SONG YEN, where hills, principally Hill 55, coordinates (AT 970620), and Hill 42, coordinates (AT 948598), provide excellent observation of the area.

(2) The zone of action is situated primarily on a low sandy plain and occupies an area of approximately one hundred eighty square miles.

(3) The zone of action includes an estimated population of one hundred eighty-six thousand. 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, inefficient 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 zone of action 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).

(7) The ZOA 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 ZOA. 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

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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) The "crachin" season (periods of drizzle or light rain, with low stratus cloud ceilings and restricted visibilities) terminated during the month of May and the major weather influence was the shift of the low-level flow of winds from a southeasterly to a southwesterly direction. With the cessation of the "crachin" phenomenon, visibilities improved, although morning visibilities remained relatively poor. Both the daily averages and daily high temperatures increased slightly. Precipitation amounts increased along with an increase in the number of occurrences (See summary below). Despite the increase in the amount of precipitation, weather did not exert an appreciable influence on trafficability during this period.

(2) Weather Summary.

Number of days with measurable rainfall.....	18
Total rainfall received.....	6.09 in.
Maximum rainfall in 24 hour period.....	2.44 in.
Maximum temperature during May.....	100°
Minimum temperature during May.....	77°
Average winds during May.....	ENE 8.5 knt.
Number of days w/less than 5 miles visibility.....	0

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 is reflected in this chronology.

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 zone of action during this reporting period consisted of the following:

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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location (District)	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
R. 20 Bn* (Main Force)	270	HIEU DUC DIEN BAN DAI LOC	NGUYEN DINH	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 3-LMG	Confirmed
Note: *Consists of BnHq U/I Protection Co U/I Combat Engr Co					
V. 25 Bn** (Main Force) AKA 5th Bn	130	DUC DUC DAI LOC DUY XUYEN	LAM (aka LUC)	1-81mmMort 3-60mmMort 3-LMG	Confirmed
Note: **Consists of BnHq					
70th Bn (Main Force)	420	DUY XUYEN QUE SON	UNK	UNK	Possible
R. 21 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R. 20 Bn	120	HIEU DUC	VO XUAN LAM	1-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 5-LMG	Confirmed
R. 22 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R. 20 Bn	120	DIEN BAN	TUAN	2-81mmMort 2-60mmMort 1-57mmRR	Confirmed
R. 23 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R. 20 Bn	100	DIEN BAN DAI LOC	BAY	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-57mmRR 2-LMG	Confirmed
V. 27 Co (Main Force) Subord. to V. 25 Bn	100	DUY XUYEN	BUU	UNK	Confirmed
Q-15 B Co (Local Force)	150	DIEN BAN	PHAN TIEN NAM	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 2-LMG	Confirmed
Q-16 Co (Local Force)	120	HOA VANG HIEU DUC	NGUYEN MINH	1-60mmMort	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force)	120	HIEU NHON	UNK	1-81mmMort 1-60mmMort 1-LMG	Confirmed
U/I Co (Local Force) (101/B)	110	HOA VANG	AN	3-81mmMort	Confirmed

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Unit Designation	Estimated Strength	Location (District)	Commanded By	Weapons	Validity
U/I Co (Local Force) (103 Co)	70	HIEU NHON DIEN BAN	HE TICH	UNK	Probable
V.26 Co (Main Force) Subord. to V.25Bn	100	DAI LOC	TUNG	UNK	Probable
V.28 Co (Main Force) Subord. to V.25Bn	120	DUY XUYEN	LAO	UNK	Probable
R.24 Co (Main Force) Subord. to R.20Bn	120	HIEU DUC DAI LOC	TIEN	UNK	Possible
Q-12B Co (Local Force)	70	HIEU NHON	HO NGHIA	UNK	Possible

(2) There were no significant changes in the disposition, composition, and strengths of the Main Force and/or Local Force units operating within or in proximity to the Regimental zone of action. 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' zone of action 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 men), 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. The estimate of the strengths of Viet Cong "commune" and hamlet guerrilla elements active in this area has been revised and reflects a considerable increase (from an estimated total of 600 to a new estimate of 2400 men). This revision does not indicate an influx of guerrilla forces from other areas, nor does it reflect an increase in recruitment or conscription of guerrillas in this area, but rather is as a result of a more careful evaluation of known information and an assessment of strength figures by GVN military intelligence sources of those guerrilla elements accepted as operating in this area for some period of time. This irregular force provides the regular (Main Force) Viet Cong units with exceptional protective surveillance, provides information of USMC operations, strengths, and dispositions, constitutes a ready source of replacements to the Viet Cong ranks and provide secure areas which magnify the difficulties in locating and restricting Viet Cong movements.

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**e. Tactics.**

(1) A review of enemy contacts experienced during this reporting period reflects a considerable increase in almost all categories as compared to previous reports. This is a continuation of the trend noted and commented upon in previous chronologies. The following table illustrates the persistent acceleration in enemy contacts experienced during the period January to May:

	<u>JAN</u> 99	<u>FEB</u> 68	<u>MAR</u> 31	<u>APR</u> 45	<u>MAY</u> 114
Sniping					
Small Unit Contacts	134	150	268	304	354
Major Unit Contacts	1	0	3	3	4
Mortar Activity	2	3	11	13	19
Mines/Grenades/ Booby-traps	37	88	72	95	122

(2) This substantial increase in the number of enemy contacts is not believed to indicate a material influx of additional Viet Cong forces into the 9th Marines' zone of action, but rather to reflect increased Viet Cong activities which produced these contacts.

(3) A portion of this increase must also be attributed to the increase in USMC forces and a corresponding increase in USMC activities in this area during the month of May, as the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines arrived and came under the OPCON of the 9th Marines on 22 May - bringing the number of battalions operating in the regimental area of operations to a total of five.

(4) Another factor in this increase in enemy contacts was Operation GEORGIA, which continued through the period 1-11 May. Although technically Operation GEORGIA was sited outside of the 9th Marines ZOA, its actions are included in these totals. Even with the exclusion of those contacts resulting from Operation GEORGIA, the number of incidents would still have reflected a substantial increase.

(5) Yet another probable factor in this up-surge in enemy activities was the increased freedom of movement enjoyed by the Viet Cong in many outlying areas as the result of diminished GVN military activities during the period of political instability during this reporting period. (See paragraph d. Significant Actions).

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(6) The increase in enemy mining activities can be attributed in large measure to ordnance stocks captured by the Viet Cong from the outpost positions along highway 7/14 abandoned by GVN military forces during an earlier period of political strife in April. In at least twenty mining incidents resulting in USMC casualties, the explosive device employed was identified as U.S. (M-16A1) "bounding" mines. Some portion of the unidentified devices may have also been mines of this type. Prior to the abandonment of these outpost positions and the loss of their ordnance stocks, encounters with mines of this nature were very infrequent.

d. Significant Actions.

(1) The action or activity which occurred during this reporting period which had the most far-reaching significance and effects was the renewal of the political strife which began during the month of April. This disturbance was marked by a series of incidents which involved not only loyal and dissident GVN troops, but also affected and included U.S. forces and personnel. During the early portion of May, the local political climate seemed to be improving; although a few sporadic demonstrations did occur, without noteworthy incidents. During the early morning hours on 15 May, reportedly in response to information that the "struggle forces" within DA NANG had accumulated a very large store of weapons and ammunition, two battalions of Vietnamese Marines were flown into DA NANG Airbase and almost immediately began to occupy major installations within DA NANG city. These pro-government troops were soon augmented by three airborne battalions and one ranger battalion. The initial ineffective and uncoordinated reactions of the "struggle forces" elements within the city would indicate that the arrival of the SAIGON-directed units found the dissident elements off-guard and unprepared. Resistance within the city did generate however, and "struggle forces" and loyal troops engaged in fire-fights in the streets of DA NANG. Most of the fighting within the city was characterized by sniper fire, but automatic weapons and mortar fire was exchanged, and 75mm (tank) fire was employed to crush "struggle forces" strong points. The influx of dissident forces from outside of DA NANG however, threatened to protract the struggle. As a result the 9th Marines was ordered to man roadblocks at the THANH QUI bridge (BT 0462), CAM LE bridge (BT 0171), and PHONG LE bridge (AT 9970), so as to impede the introduction of new elements from the south.

(2) On 20 May, a struggle forces convoy enroute from QUANG NGAI to DA NANG was engaged first by VNAF aircraft which directed machinegun fire at the north-bound vehicles, and then by tanks which took the lead elements of the convoy under 75mm (tank) fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000721) in close proximity to the 9th Marines Command Post. The struggle forces element, consisting of approximately 110 soldiers, most of whom were evidently from the 2d

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ARVN Division, and about 60 civilians, many of whom were teen-aged "Buddhist (boy) Scouts", sustained six killed and about twenty wounded (five seriously wounded). Three of the eleven vehicles in the convoy were destroyed or extensively damaged. After a 36 hour halt at the Buddhist Pagoda at coordinates (BT 000720), this struggle forces group continued on to DA NANG, where they were reportedly dispersed by pro-government forces.

(3) On 21 May, VNAF aircraft, conducting strafing and rocket runs against struggle forces positions in the vicinity of a Pagoda at coordinates (BT 026768), fired aerial rockets which impacted in the new III MAF compound (BT 040784). Three Marines were wounded by this fire. On the same day six 81mm mortar rounds impacted in close proximity to this compound, and an additional eight Marines were wounded. As the results of these incidents, USMC aircraft were dispatched with orders to engage any aircraft which attempted further attacks in this area. Several mortar rounds, evidently fired by "struggle forces", also impacted within DA NANG Airbase, but no casualties were reported. Small arms rounds were also received in the vicinity of the VNAF compound and USAF flight line aboard the Airbase and one USAF man was wounded and one USAF truck damaged by this fire.

(4) The fighting in DA NANG lasted approximately one week. On the afternoon of 23 May, the TINH HOI Pagoda, headquarters and last stronghold of the "struggle forces" in DA NANG, capitulated to the pro-government forces. As of the termination of the period covered by this report, government forces continued in their search of the city for weapons caches and the roundup of dissident leaders.

(5) "Struggle forces" adherents involved in the DA NANG strife included soldiers of one company of the 104th ARVN Engineer Battalion, one company of the 3d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, one company of the 511th ARVN Ordnance Battalion, and a representation from most of the other ARVN, Regional Forces and Popular Forces units in this area.

(6) Perhaps reflecting the chaotic state of command and loyalties, the period saw a succession of general officers serving as I CORPS Commander. Beginning with Lieutenant General DINH, who had been appointed 9 April by Premier KY to replace ousted Lieutenant General THI, the list included Brig. General CAO, who was appointed on 15 May, and Major General LAM, who had been the Commanding General, 2d ARVN Division, who took over on 31 May. On 22 May, Colonel YUE, QUANG NAM Special Sector Commander, who was one of the leaders of the dissident forces, was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel LAP, who had been Commanding Officer, 51st ARVN Regiment. Yet another casualty of this political re-alignment was Captain HOA, the HOA VANG District Chief, who cast his lot with the "struggle forces" leadership in HUE, and was replaced as District Chief by Major HAO, who had been Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.

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(2) Operation GEORGIA, which began on 21 April and continued during the period 1-10 May, was the major 9th Marines operation conducted during the period. A complete resume of Operation GEORGIA is included in this chronology as enclosure (2).

(5) This reporting period included several actions in which 9th Marines elements engaged enemy forces estimated to be at least one company in strength. It is significant to note that all four of these encounters occurred during daylight hours, and likely included elements of the R.20 Main Force (DOC LAP) Battalion. (These actions are recounted in greater detail in the OPERATIONS portion of this chronology as after-action reports).

(a) At 031335H, May, in the Operation GEORGIA area, a Company M combat patrol dispatched to the west of the SONG THU BON in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8651) in response to intelligence reports of the presence of Viet Cong Main Force units in the area, made contact with an enemy force subsequently estimated to be two companies in strength. The USMC force received fifty to sixty 60mm mortar rounds, three rounds of what may have been 57mm recoilless rifle fire, and a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Companies L and A were dispatched aboard LVT's to assist. Fixed wing aircraft and armed helicopters were employed to strike enemy concentrations and considerable artillery support was provided. At 031800H, Company A received from thirty to forty 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar rounds as it commenced retraction across the river. Total casualties were four Marines KIA and forty eight WIA. Enemy casualties were seventeen Viet Cong KIA (confirmed), and an estimated additional fifty KIA (probable). Among the weapons, equipment and documents recovered from the enemy casualties were individual and unit identification papers which identified the Viet Cong as members of the R.21 and R.22 companies (Main Force companies subordinate to the R.20 "DOC LAP" battalion).

(b) At 121200H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the north bank of the SONG THU BON made contact with an enemy force subsequently estimated to have been two companies in strength. Communications with the squad were disrupted upon the initiation of the contact, as the enemy fire evidently struck and damaged the unit's radio. The plight of the patrol became known when an USMC aerial observer operating in the area sighted the heavy exchange of fire and directed artillery fire at the enemy locations. Company B hurried to the assistance of the patrol, but the patrol sustained twelve KIA and two WIA. Company B maintained the contact throughout the remainder of the daylight hours. A total of nine fixed-wing airstrikes directed napalm, aerial rockets, aerial bombs and 20mm aerial cannon fire at the enemy force. Over three hundred 105mm and 155mm artillery rounds were fired during this engagement. The Viet Cong employed 60mm mortars, rifle grenades, and a high percentage of automatic weapons. Total Marine casualties were fourteen KIA and eight WIA. Enemy casualties were fifteen Viet Cong KIA (confirmed) and an estimated thirty KIA (probable). Documents recovered from the

enemy casualties revealed that elements of the R.21 company had been engaged.

(c) At 141245H, a Company E platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of the north bank of the SONG LA THO, grid square (AT 9961), made contact with a large Viet Cong force estimated to be one company in size. The Viet Cong directed a heavy volume of small arms automatic weapons fire and rifle grenades at the Marines who returned the fire and maintained the contact until assistance could be provided. Company H was dispatched to continue the engagement, and a SPARROW HAWK element was landed in a blocking position. Viet Cong efforts to break the contact and withdraw across the river were hindered by 90mm (tank) fire and fixed-wing aircraft and armed helicopter strikes. Artillery fire interdicted the routes of withdrawal and the USMC ground elements continued the pursuit to the south of the SONG LA THO. Contact was terminated when the surviving Viet Cong dispersed in small groups and took refuge in the hamlets. Total USMC casualties were five KIA and thirteen WIA. Enemy casualties were thirty-seven Viet Cong KIA (confirmed), and an estimated twenty-five additional KIA (probable).

(d) At 211155H, Company C, operating in the vicinity of the SONG YEN, grid square (AT 9565), made contact with a Viet Cong force initially estimated to consist of thirty to forty men. The enemy delivered a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire and several 60mm mortar rounds or rifle grenades. One USMC tank received moderate damage when struck by what may have been a 57mm recoilless rifle round. A SPARROW HAWK element was dispatched to assist, and artillery fire was directed at the enemy locations. Armed helicopters (UH1E) delivered aerial rocket fire at the Viet Cong who attempted to break contact by crossing the SONG YEN. Before the engagement terminated, companies A and G were also introduced into the action. The enemy finally succeeded in breaking the contact by dispersing within the hamlets. Marine casualties were twelve KIA and thirty-one WIA (twenty of which required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties totalled fifty-three Viet Cong KIA (confirmed), and an additional thirty-five KIA (probable). Among the weapons recovered from the enemy casualties was a U.S. caliber .30 machinegun (M-60), which had been lost to the enemy during a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines) action in this same area on 3 October 1965. Another U.S. weapon that was recovered was a U.S. 60mm mortar, which has not yet been identified. Documents recovered from the Viet Cong bodies indicated that the enemy force consisted of companies R.21 and R.23 (subordinate elements of the R.20 "DOC LAP" Battalion).

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### 3. Viet Cong Casualties.

a. Along with a substantial increase in the incidence of enemy contacts, there was a corresponding increase in enemy casualties. The below table illustrates this increase:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ZONE OF ACTION</u>	<u>OPERATION GEORGIA</u>	<u>MAY TOTAL</u>	<u>APRIL* TOTAL</u>
VC KIA (confirmed)	207	69	276	113
VC KIA (probable)	184	105	289	182
VC Captured	5	10	15	20

NOTE: \*April totals include Operation GEORGIA enemy casualties for the period 21-30 April.

### 4. Sources of Intelligence.

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

b. Periodic and special reports provided by U.S. and GVN military and civilian sources were the major 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 reliability of the report's source, which was often an unidentified agent.

c. ITT prisoner interrogation reports provided information of Viet Cong procedures, locations, personalities and morale, and the impact and influence of Viet Cong and friendly operations on the local civilian population. ITT 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 May, the regiment employed the following electronic surveillance devices as indicated:

	<u>AN/TPS-21</u>	<u>SID-150</u>	<u>INFRA-RED DEVICES</u>
Headquarters Company, 9thMar	2	8	6
1st Battalion, 9th Marines	2	22	16
2d Battalion, 9th Marines	2	20	15
3d Battalion, 9th Marines	2	30	17
2d Battalion, 4th Marines	2	25	16
3d Battalion, 1st Marines	2	25	16

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Enclosure (2)

S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. GENERAL. 9th Marines offensive operations were severely curtailed during the month of May due to political unrest in and around the city of DANANG. The 9th Marines had initiated an imaginative three-battalion offensive operation which had just begun to gain momentum when the unpredictable activities of anti-government struggle forces compelled the regiment to reduce its offensive activities in anticipation of confrontation with anti-government forces during the height of the political strife. (For details on the political turmoil, see S-2 Chronology, page 7).

2. KY LAM CAMPAIGN

a. On the first of May, the Regiment developed a plan for the tactical employment of three forward battalions during the period 1 May through 31 July 1966. The mission: to conduct operations, in three phases, in conjunction with RVN military and paramilitary forces to clear the regimental zone of action of organized resistance south to the line of the THU BON-KY LAM-DIEN BINH-CAU LAU-HOI AN Rivers. The plan was developed as a guide for the conduct of operations during the months of May, June and July. The plan envisions three phases, each requiring positive and progressive action by all three battalions in order to meet the schedules in a coordinated manner and on a timely basis. All battalions were directed to continue to deploy their companies in a diamond configuration, terrain features permitting, and to employ all supporting arms imaginatively and vigorously.

b. As indicated in paragraph 1, offensive operations were minimized in mid-May due to a political strife which lasted eight days. By 23 May, offensive operations were resumed. The momentum, however, had been lost and forward elements did not reach Phase Line Brown on 31 May as had been anticipated. Experience has shown that the VC take advantage of momentary lulls in offensive operations to infiltrate the area and, lately, to increase activities in their most potent offensive-defensive weapons in recent months -- the U.S. made M-16A1 anti-personnel mine, popularly known as the "Bouncing Betty." As reported in the April Command Chronology, ARVN forces abandoned considerable ordnance at two vacated outposts forward of 9th Marines zone of action along Highway #14 during the month of April in the midst of another political turmoil. Judging from the increase in VC mining activities during the month of May, it is apparent that the two political turmoils gave the VC a tremendous advantage. First, it gave them the chance to capture a considerable amount of ordnance (APRIL); second, it gave them the opportunity to emplace mines forward of Marine positions while Marines were held to a virtual standstill due to the political unrest (MAY).

c. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Plan 118-66 (KY LAM Campaign) is appended to Enclosure (10).

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3. SIGNIFICANT COMBAT ENGAGEMENTS. Four separate and significant combat engagements were initiated by the VC against U. S. Marine forces within the 9th Marines zone of action on 3, 12, 14, and 21 May. In each of these engagements, the Viet Cong forces were of company size or larger and utilized small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars and 57mm recoilless rifles. In each instance, the Viet Cong maintained contact until fire superiority was lost upon arrival of Marine reinforcing elements. Noteworthy was the fact that the Viet Cong initiated each action against a small Marine force (squad/patrol) or when Marines were at a terrain disadvantage such as crossing a river. In each engagement, the Viet Cong attack was successfully repulsed resulting in 159 VC KIA (BC) and 180 VC KIA (POSS). USMC casualties were 34 KIA and 80 WIA.

#### 4. COUNTY FAIR

a. Three COUNTY FAIR operations were conducted during the month of May. COUNTY FAIR is a USMC/GVN coordinated operation specifically designed to destroy VC infra-structure and to re-establish GVN influence in selected hamlets and villages. USMC forces cordon a community which is then searched by GVN forces. COUNTY FAIR operations during the month of May resulted in ten VC KIA (BC), ten VCC, 17 VCS and 11 weapons captured. Fourteen COUNTY FAIR operations have been conducted by this regiment since the concept was initiated in February.

b. Changes in the manner in which COUNTY FAIR operations are conducted are under consideration by this regiment in order to prevent a set pattern from being established. The increasing logistics support requirements for a COUNTY FAIR operation make it necessary to plan the operation several days in advance. It is suspected that this has been responsible for the fact that some of the operations appear to have been compromised in that some villagers vacate prospective target areas before the arrival of Marine cordon forces. The necessity for lengthy periods of planning results from the cumbersome mechanism involved in obtaining civil affairs and psy-war support. This regiment is considering the possibility of eliminating these lengthy time periods by attaching civil affairs and psy-war personnel to each battalion so that a COUNTY FAIR operation may be executed with minimum notice.

c. Practically every COUNTY FAIR operation to date had commenced with a Marine cordon of an objective area several hours before daylight. Participating ARVN units have invariably requested that Marine forces be in position at practically the same hour each time. A pattern has therefore been established with respect to Marine participation. Moreover, on at least one occasion, ARVN personnel were known to have had their wives either accompany them on the operation or meet them at the objective area, thus indicating the lackadaisical manner in which ARVN personnel have responded to COUNTY FAIR activities.

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d. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 117-66 (COUNTY FAIR) is appended to Enclosure (10).

5. ROUGH RIDER

a. The 9th Marines conducted one ROUGH RIDER motorized convoy to HUE-PHU BAI TAOR on 31 May. This regiment has now conducted a total of six ROUGH RIDER operations.

b. ROUGH RIDER operations have been noticeably easier to plan and to execute as experience is gained. This regiment normally designates one battalion to provide a rifle company to serve as convoy escort and another battalion to provide one platoon as convoy reserve. In the event it becomes necessary to commit the reserve platoon, it is planned to utilize a SPARROW HAWK squad to reconstitute the reserve.

c. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 115-66 (ROUGH RIDER) was appended to enclosure (10) of the April Command Chronology.

6. SPARROW HAWK

a. The 9th Marines continued to use the aimobile SPARROW HAWK squad as an integral part of normal operations. Each battalion maintained a SPARROW HAWK squad on immediate alert for possible insertion as a block force, a separate maneuver element, or to cut off VC withdrawal routes. SPARROW HAWK was utilized four times during this reporting period raising the total number of SPARROW HAWK missions executed by the 9th Marines to 41.

b. A copy of 9th Marines Operation Order 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK) was appended to Enclosure (10) of the April Command Chronology.

7. OPERATION GEORGIA

a. Operation GEORGIA commenced on 21 April and concluded on 10 May in an area of operations centered on the AN HOA industrial complex (AT 8746) situated along the SONG TINH YEN-SONG THU BON. Minimal Viet Cong resistance was encountered during the operation and it was apparent that enemy forces had departed the area prior to commencement of the operation. Viet Cong casualties for this Operation were 103 KIA (BC), 164 VC KIA (POSS), two VC WIA, 149 VC WIA (POSS) and 428 VCS.

b. A copy of the Operation GEORGIA After Action Report is appended to Enclosure (10).

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8. TASK ORGANIZATION. At the close of the reporting period, the 9th Marines had either OFCON, ADCON or both of 22 rifle companies from the following organizations:

First Battalion, Ninth Marines  
Second Battalion, Ninth Marines  
Third Battalion, Ninth Marines  
Second Battalion, Fourth Marines  
Third Battalion, First Marines  
First Battalion, First Marines

9. CASUALTY RECAPITULATION AND NATURE OF CASUALTIES. During May, 9th Marines and supporting units killed a total of 276 Viet Cong (Body Count). An additional 289 are listed as KIA (Possible). Fifteen confirmed VC were captured. During the same period, 9th Marines casualties numbered 75 killed or died of wounds. 216 were wounded and evacuated, 112 were wounded and returned to duty. Of total Marine casualties, 54% were caused by mines and booby-traps, 18% by mortars and grenades and 28% by small arms fire.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 May Operation GEORGIA completed 11th day. Three companies conducted combat patrols vic (AT 905516) to (AT 877473) against light resistance. OPCON Company C, 1st Bn, 4th Marines was chopped to Headquarters 9th Marines. (SITREP #121 and FRAG O # 121).
- 2 May Operation GEORGIA completed 12th day. Two companies conducted S and D operations from vic (AT 864486-868474) to (AT 895494-898500) against light resistance. (SITREP #122 and FRAG O #122).
- 3 May Operation GEORGIA completed 13th day. Company M, 3d Bn, 9th Marines vic (AT 877513) received heavy volume mortar and small arms fire from est two VC companies vic (AT 877516). Company L, 3d Bn, 9th Marines and Company A, 1st Bn, 9th Marines reinforced Company M. (SITREP #123 and FRAG O #123).
- 4 May Operation GEORGIA completed 14th day. Two companies conducted S and D operation vic sectors 3,15 and 19. (SITREP #124 and FRAG O #124).
- 5 May Operation GEORGIA completed 15th day. Two companies conducted S and D operations in area bounded by (AT 902474-918495-877488-890502) against light resistance. County Fair #12 commenced vic (BT 032621). (SITREP #125 and FRAG O #125).
- 6 May Operation GEORGIA completed 16th day. Conducted S and D operation vic (AT 9048-9250) with three companies. County Fair #12 concluded vic (BT 032621). Results were two VC KIA (BC) and two VCS were apprehended. (SITREP #126 and FRAG O #126).
- 7 May Operation GEORGIA completed 17th day. Three companies conducted S and D operations in area bounded by (AT 845520-858488-843487-874514) against light resistance. (SITREP #127 and FRAG O #127).
- 8 May Operation GEORGIA completed 18th day. Three companies conducted S and D operation in area bounded by N-S GL86-84 and E-W GL 51-53. SPARROW HAWK mission #40 was executed by 1st Bn, 9th Marines. County Fair #13 commenced at LE SON (2) vic (AT 9864). SITREP #128 and FRAG O 128).
- 9 May Operation GEORGIA completed 19th day. Three companies conducted S and D operations vic (AT 8655 ). County Fair #13 concluded. Results were seven VC KIA (BC), three VCS, and seven weapons captured. (SITREP #129 and FRAG O #129).
- 10 May Operation GEORGIA secured at 100800H. Retraction of Company A, 1st Bn, 9th Marines and elements 1st Antrac Bn commenced at 100800H. 3d Bn (-), 9th Marines to remain in AN HOA vic (AT 875475) and conduct operations. (SITREP #130 and FRAG O #130).

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- 11 May Phase 1 of County Fair #14 was conducted vic (BT 036680). Negative results. Conducted coordinated 3-company USMC/ARVN/RF-PF clearing operation in area bounded by coordinates (AT 820640-820490-965500-833460). (SITREP #131 and FRAG O 131).
- 12 May Company B, 1st Bn, 9th Marines established contact with estimated 200 VC vic (AT 927547). Phase II of County Fair #14 commenced vic (BT 037663). (SITREP #132 and FRAG O #132).
- 13 May Phase II of County Fair # 14 vic (BT 037663) terminated at 131300H with the following results: one VC KIA (BC), seven VCC and 15 VCS apprehended. Captured four weapons and destroyed 16 tunnels. (SITREP #133 and FRAG O 133).
- 14 May Company E platoon patrol established contact with an estimated 50-100 VC force vic (BT 000617). SPARROW HAWK mission #41 was executed by 1st Bn, 9th Marines. (SITREP #134 and FRAG O #134).
- 15 May 9th Marines assumed an essentially defensive posture throughout ZOA in reaction to current political crisis in city of DANANG. (SITREP #135 and FRAG O #135).
- 16 May 9th Marines continued to maintain defensive posture due to crisis in city of DANANG. (SITREP # 136 and FRAG O #136).
- 17 May 9th Marines continued to maintain defensive posture due to crisis in city of DANANG. (SITREP # 137 and FRAG O #137).
- 18 May 9th Marines established traffic control points at CAM LE BAC Bridge (BT 017714) and continued to maintain traffic control points vic (AT 998703), (BT 072701) and (BT 042621) in order to prevent VC infiltration into DANANG city during political turmoil and to avoid serious confrontation of opposing VN forces. (SITREP # 138 and FRAG O # 138).
- 19 May The political situation in DANANG remained in turmoil. The 9th Marines continued to maintain traffic control points at PHONG LE BAC Bridge (AT 998706) and CAM LE BAC Bridge (BT 017714). (SITREP # 139 and FRAG O #139).
- 20 May The political situation in city of DANANG remained in turmoil. 9th Marines continued to maintain traffic control points. At 201905H, 9th Marines chopped 2d Bn, 4th Marines Command Group and Companies E/2/4 and F/2/9 to III MAF. (SITREP #140 and FRAG O #140).
- 21 May 9th Marines continued to maintain traffic control points vic PHONG LE BAC (AT 9970) and CAM LE BAC (BT 015725) Bridges. Established blocking position vic THANH QUIT Bridge (BT 0492). 1st Bn engaged estimated VC company vic (AT 9565-9564-9563). (SITREP #141 and FRAG O #141).

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- 22 May 9th Marines assumed OPCON 3d Bn, 1st Marines at 221202H. Continued to maintain traffic check points at bridges vic (AT 998706), (BT 015715) and (BT 042622). (SITREP #142 and FRAG O #142).
- 23 May 9th Marines continued to maintain check points vic (AT 998706), (BT 015715) and (BT 032643). (SITREP #143 and FRAG O #143).
- 24 May 9th Marines continued to maintain check points vic (AT 998706), (BT 015715) and (BT 032643). Company B/1/1 chopped to OPCON 2d Bn, 4th Marines. 2d Bn, 9th Marines relocated CP to (BT 014637). (SITREP #144 and FRAG O #144).
- 25 May 9th Marines secured check point vic (BT 015715) and armor positioned at check point vic (AT 998706). (SITREP #145 and FRAG O #145).
- 26 May 9th Marines conducted three company and 12 platoon clearing operations in ZOA against light resistance. (SITREP #146 and FRAG O #146).
- 27 May 9th Marines resumed OPCON Company F, 2d Bn, 9th Marines at 270800H and 2d Bn, 4th Marines Command Group at 270900H. (SITREP #147 and FRAG O #147).
- 28 May 9th Marines conducted two company and 13 platoon clearing operations in ZOA against light resistance. (SITREP #148 and FRAG O #148).
- 29 May 59th RF Battalion was redeployed in 9th Marine rear area defense zone in coordination with 3d Bn, 1st Marines. USMC/RF units commenced ~~determined~~ clearing operations in 3d Bn, 1st Marines ZOA. (SITREP # 149 and FRAG O #149).
- 30 May 9th Marines commenced realignment of units in east flank Battalion ZOA in preparation for arrival of 1st Marines in DANANG TAOR. (SITREP #150 and FRAG O #150).
- 31 May 9th Marines assumed OPCON additional elements 1st Bn, 1st Marines upon arrival command group, H&S Company, C/1/1 at 311800H. Conducted Rough Rider north (6) with escort provided by elements of H/2/4 and H&S/2/4. (SITREP #151 and FRAG O #151).

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S-4 CHRONOLOGY

1. Logistics. Force Logistics Support Group (Alpha), III Marine Amphibious Force, is the primary source of all classes of supplies and provides 3d and 4th echelon maintenance support to all units of the 9th Marines. Motor transport support beyond the capability of Headquarters Company and the organic infantry battalions, plus 2/4 and 3/1 (22-31 May); was provided by the 3d and 9th Motor Transport Battalions during the reporting period.

a. Supply

(1) During the period 1-10 May, the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines was participating in Operation GEORGIA, with its command post located at An Hoa. A Logistic Support Area consisting of Class I, II (limited), III, IV and V dumps was established at that location during the previous month (20 Apr), at the commencement of operation GEORGIA. The Logistic Support Area was established by and continues to be operated by Co "B" (-), 3d Shore Party Battalion, reinforced by elements of FLSG (A), in support of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, which has remained in the An Hoa area.

(2) Priority O2 and O5 requisitions are being traced, when required, in accordance with current directives.

(3) 125 miles of communications wire is being processed for airlift to Headquarters Company from 3d FSR in order to provide continuous communications support for the upcoming move of the Regimental Command Post to Hill 55.

b. Supply Distribution

(1) Supply point distribution was in effect for Headquarters Company and the infantry battalions subordinate to this command, except 3/9, during the reporting period. Unit distribution was in effect for 3/9 (through the established Logistic Support Area).

(2) The primary means of resupply for Headquarters Company and the infantry battalions, except 3/9, are the 6x6 trucks in direct support of the units. The primary means of resupplying 3/9 and its attachments is by C-123 aircraft, with flights originating from the Danang Air Base. A limited amount of resupply is accomplished by two helicopters which are provided to 3/9 at An Hoa on a daily basis. These two helicopters are assigned to 3/9 from 0700-1730 daily, and are utilized primarily for medical evacuation and resupplying forward companies when the use of LVT's is not feasible.

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c. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Battle casualties requiring treatment beyond the BAS and Regimental capability are evacuated to 3d Medical Battalion; U. S. Naval Hospital, Naval Support Activity, Danang; or to the hospital ship USS ~~REPOSE~~ (when available) for treatment and hospitalization, or for further evacuation as required.

(2) The Battalion Aid Station of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines located at An Hoa is capable of providing emergency resuscitation and treatment for Marines. An operating room has been established for emergency treatment of Marines and for definitive treatment of the local Vietnamese. The 3/9 BAS is equipped with a ten-bed ward for those Marines with wounds or illnesses requiring attention but not serious enough to warrant their evacuation to the 3d Medical Battalion or U. S. Naval Hospital, Naval Support Activity, Danang. X-ray and dental facilities are proposed for the An Hoa area in support of 3/9 and its supporting units.

d. Transportation. The primary means of transportation is the units' organic vehicles. Transportation requirements beyond the capability of the units are provided by elements of the 3d and 9th Motor Transport Battalions. Helicopter support is provided, as required, to the tactical units of the regiment. C-123 aircraft were used during the month of May to resupply 3/9 and its supporting units at An Hoa. A total of 165 lifts were made by C-123 aircraft from Danang to An Hoa during the month of May, lifting a total of 1,589,670 pounds of supplies and equipment.

e. Miscellaneous

(1) Units supported during May. 1/9, 2/9, 3/9, 2/4, and 3/1 (22-31 May).

(2) Prefab Bunker Installation

(a) 1/9 (Vic Coord 970621). 1 - 8' x 8' x 8';  
16 - 8' x 12' x 8' and 6 - 12' x 24' x 8'.

(b) 2/9 (Vic Coord 014682). 12 - 8' x 8' x 8' and  
7 - 12' x 24' x 8'.

(3) Engineer Support

(a) Four miles of drainage ditches were constructed along roadways leading to and within the 1/9 Command Post. One and one half miles of other drainage ditches have been constructed in the 1/9 Command Post and adjacent areas during this period.

(b) The construction of the lateral road (ANDERSON TRAIL) leading from Highway No. 1 to the railroad embankment was 85 percent complete on 31 May 1966.

(c) Mine clearing sweeps of roads in the regimental zone of action were made daily.

SECRETS-5 CHRONOLOGY1. General.

a. The tenuous stability achieved in the DANANG area in the latter part of April continued into the first half of the month of May with the effect of allowing the 9th Marines to work closely with ARVN and GVN officials in civic action and related matters. Three COUNTY FAIR operations were conducted between 5 and 15 May resulting in nine VC KIA, 10 VCC captured, 15 VCS detained for questioning and the recovery of nine individual weapons along with numerous grenades.

b. The deterioration of the political situation in the DANANG area during the last half of May temporarily obstructed the 9th Marines' progress toward effective combined operations with the 51st ARVN Regiment and served, once again, to inhibit contact with GVN officials.

c. Throughout the month the 9th Marines maintained contact with available officials while continuing normal MEDCAP and commodity distribution programs which were unaffected by the paucity of GVN participation. On 19 May, in the AN HOA area the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a COUNTY FAIR operation in concert with the 2d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment.

2. Areas of Activity.

a. Education: The 9th Marines continued support of five elementary schools. 660 children attended classes at schools where Marines paid teachers' salaries in cash or commodities, provided security, engaged in construction work and provided school kits, desks, benches and school books. GVN sponsored schools in the 9th Marines zone of action received limited aid in the form of school kits. MEDCAP teams visited schools frequently.

b. Public Works.

(1) Public Health: Continuous medical assistance was made available to civilians at six permanent civilian aid stations while MEDCAP teams made daily visits to hamlets and schools throughout the 9th Marines zone of action.

(2) Roads: Although road building and repairing were limited to those projects related to logistical or tactical necessity, plans were made during May to begin building a road through DUONG SON (1), (AT 999689), connecting highway 1-A to the railway road.

(3) Irrigation: No irrigation projects were undertaken.

(4) Markets: No market construction was performed.

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SECRETc. Contact with GVN Officials.

(1) Wherever possible all civic action was coordinated with local officials. In the Five Mountains Pacification Area where village and hamlet chiefs live in communities in which they have taken office, nearly all commodity distribution was supervised by those officials.

(2) The 9th Marines maintained liaison with the DIEN BAN, DUC DUC and HIEU DUC District Chiefs on operational matters as well as subjects related to education and public works. Contact with HOA VANG District was maintained through U. S. Army advisory personnel in the absence of the District Chief. At the end of May Major HAU replaced Captain HOA as HOA VANG District Chief.

3. Pacification Progress.

a. The Five Mountains Pacification campaign area included HOA DA, HOA CHAU, HOA LOI, HOA PHUOC and HOA THAI Villages of HOA VANG District. The 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 on the south by the HOA VANG-DIEN BAN District boundary.

b. During the last half of May nearly all GVN personnel associated with the campaign area were involved in political maneuvers which decreased the efficiency of the pacification effort. The resulting weakness of the GVN position allowed minor VC infiltration into the area. On the evening of 21 May the VC were able to destroy some protective fences, distribute propaganda, destroy small amounts of self-help materials and kidnap a civilian. But, by the end of the month, the improved position of the GVN in the DANANG area effected the return of Regional Forces, Political Action Teams and Rural Construction Cadre to their assignments in the campaign area to re-establish GVN influence and restore a measure of stability.

4. Operational Highlights.

a. Operation GEORGIA, a battalion sized operation which began on 21 April in DUC DUC District, concluded on 10 May. A U. S. Army Refugee Control Team, an I Corps Audio-Visual Team and a I Corps U-10 Psy-War Aircraft operated with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines during the operation. At the conclusion of the operation the U-10 had flown 10 broadcast missions and dropped 1,675,000 leaflets. A total of 15 land broadcasts was conducted by the Audio-Visual Team during operation GEORGIA. As a result of this psy-war effort a total of six CHIEU HOI returnees surrendered to DUC DUC District Headquarters.

5. Statistical Summary.

## a. Schools directly supported by Marines:

(1) HOA LOI	(AT 972662)	250 students	5 teachers
(2) LA BONG	(AT 975672)	30 students	1 teacher



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(3) YEN NE (AT 998664) 60 students 1 teacher  
 (4) DUONG SON (AT 997665) 200 students 2 teachers

b. Commodity Distribution:

(1) Wheat	97,855 pounds
(2) Rice	2,350 pounds
(3) Soup	48 cases
(4) Candy	8,087 boxes
(5) Soap	13,216 bars
(6) Clothing	1,886 pounds
(7) Textile kits	5,000
(8) School kits	1,100
(9) Phys Ed kits	15
(10) Carpenter kits	8
(11) Masonry kits	5
(12) Magazines	1,750
(13) Textbooks	383 sets
(14) Whitewash	200 pounds

6. Psychological Operations:a. Statistical Summary:

(1) I Corps Audio-Visual Team:	8 presentations
(2) I Corps U-10 Psy-War Aircraft:	3 missions
(3) Leaflets dropped:	850,000

SECRETAIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Operational Highlights

a. SPARROW HAWK was employed four times this reporting period. SPARROW HAWK forces in conjunction with regular forces were involved in operations which resulted in 87 VC KIA (BC).

b. KC-130F transport aircraft were utilized in direct logistical support of the 9th Marines. Air-drop resupply of ammunition at AN HOA airfield was conducted in support of operation GEORGIA on 5 May.

2. Facilities Provided. Infantry units of the 9th Marines provided security for two CH-46D's, 2 UH-34D's, and one UH-1E helicopters which made forced landings as a result of hostile fire. The two CH-46's and two UH-34D's were forced to land on 12 May and 14 May respectively when hit by moderate to heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. In each case there were no UH-1E helicopters available in support of the troop-carrying helicopters. One UH-1E (AO) was forced to land at AN HOA on 14 May as a result of ground fire hitting the rotor blade of the aircraft.

3. Personnel and Equipment

a. Major D. R. STANTON relieved Capt E. A. HOMER as Regimental Air Liaison Officer on 14 May.

b. Two Forward Air Controllers were assigned to this command during May bringing all battalions up to T/O strength in Forward Air Controllers.

c. Four air officers are scheduled for rotation during June. Input of school trained ALO/FAC personnel is not adequate enough to phase in replacements properly at battalion level. During the next two months the scheduled input of air officers will not fulfill the T/O requirements. Each battalion will operate with one ALO and one FAC until sufficient replacements become available.

d. The Regimental TACP was at T/O strength during the month of May. Assigned equipment was not at T/E strength. One MRC-87 is deadlined at FLSG and one has an inoperable ARC-55.

SECRET4. Helicopter Support

a. 13 company-size helilifts were conducted in support of 9th Marines operations during May.

b. Increased hostile fire against unescorted helicopters in support of the command was manifested this month by the downing of five helicopters as a result of hostile small arms fire.

c. The continuing requirement for armed helicopter escort of general support aircraft remains unfulfilled except in isolated pre-planned missions. Armed UH-1E's were unavailable for support of UH-34D's receiving hostile fire while on resupply missions.

d. General helicopter support was excellent during May. No missions were cancelled due to aircraft unavailability.

e. Psy-War and command helicopters remained unavailable for support of 9th Marines operations during this reporting period.

5. Fixed Wing Support

a. Eighteen close air support missions were flown in support of infantry units of the 9th Marines. Nine of these strikes were pre-planned and nine were on call (strip alert) missions.

b. USAF C-123 aircraft continued to support 9th Marines operations in the operation GEORGIA area.

SECRETMEDICAL CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events.

a. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines established a rear Battalion Aid Station in the 9th Marine Regiment CP area. A ten bed-hospital ward was set up for utilization by the forward elements of the Battalion. Patients are transferred here who need hospitalization for short duration which in turn will reduce the number of personnel who otherwise would be admitted to the Division Field Hospital.

b. Due to the unavailability of the Regimental Surgeon for a period of ten days who was on temporary additional duty with 3d Battalion, 9th Marines at An Hoa, the services of the medical officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were utilized for sick call by Headquarters Company. Fifteen referrals were sent by the Regimental Aid Station.

2. New Developments.

a. Laboratory facilities were made available in this area by the Battalion Aid Station, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines which will reduce the number of referrals to the Division Field Hospital for special tests. Routine blood work, smears, and urinalysis can be readily attained without delay to individuals who report to sick call.

b. It is anticipated that the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines will set up a rear echelon in this area shortly. The Battalion Aid Station will consolidate with the Regimental Aid Station and work as one unit.

3. Problem Areas.

a. With the influx of personnel in the 9th Marine Regimental CP, there will be a need for building more heads and urinals. The present facilities in operation are inadequate to handle the increased number of personnel.

4. MEDCAP.

a. Monthly requisitions for Medcap supplies for use by elements attached to the 9th Marine Regiment was submitted in accordance with current directives to III MAF Civil Affairs Officer. Upon receipt of the medical supplies, they were distributed to the Battalion Aid Stations and other units according to their requirements.

5. Patient Statistical Data.

a. The number of patients seen this month was only an increase of twenty-five from the prior month. Regimental Aid Station provides minor surgical care and follow-up in addition to routine sick call. Any serious injury or illness is evacuated to either the Division Field

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Hospital or Station Hospital, East Danang for definitive treatment. In addition, those cases which are resistant to treatment are sent to the Division Field Hospital or the Station Hospital, East Danang as referrals. The Regimental Aid Station is geared to take care of our CP, and it operates separately from other units.

b. The following is a breakdown of patient statistical data: Number of patients seen, 177; referrals to Division Field Hospital and Station Hospital, East Danang, 10; admissions to the sick list, 2; and dental referrals, 12.

c. The majority of routine treatment included skin disorders, upper respiratory infections, diarrhea, and ear infections. Emergency treatments consisted of a non-battle gunshot wound and traumatic amputation which required hospitalization, lacerations, contusions, burns, and sprains. However, these disorders have not impaired functional capacity of the unit.

6. Innocations and Prophylactic Medicine Administered.

a. Influenza innocations were given during the month of May in accordance with directives originating from the Division Surgeon's Office. For the month of May, the total immunizations given was 204, and the total malaria prophylactic administered was 1,000.

SECRETCOMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Radio Relay-Wire. The termination of Operation GEORGIA, local political unrest, displacement of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines CP and advance planning for moving the Regimental CP to Hill 55 were the major events influencing changes in the Regimental Radio Relay-Wire System during May.

a. Radio Relay. In view of a requirement to maintain a battalion size unit at AN HOA upon the completion of Operation GEORGIA the existing radio relay link from Hill 55 was continued on a permanent basis. All other radio relay links from Hill 55 were placed on a standby status to back-up the installed wire lines.

b. Wire. The local political unrest and the displacement of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines CP resulted in loss of wire lines due to insufficient infantry patrols and friendly supporting arms used to prohibit mine laying by the VC. The planned displacement of the Regimental CP to Hill 55 required expansion and extension of the existing wire lines. Close coordination of supporting arms and infantry patrols was accomplished to afford maximum protection of wire lines.

2. Communication Center.

a. In May, 5,472 messages were processed over teletype circuits, mail and messenger runs. Of this number 680 messages were sent via the uncovered teletype circuit between Regimental COC and Division COC.

b. Full duplex covered teletype and voice channels were completely checked out between Regiment and Division using the AN/TSC-15 communication central van. Scheduled usage to ensure its availability as back-up communications in the event of wire failure was planned.

3. Radio.

a. The AN/PRC-25 radio continues to provide excellent voice communications, but there is not a sufficient quantity in country to make them readily available in all situations. It is anticipated, however, that on the 15th of July larger quantities of the new FM family of radios will start arriving in country.

b. Difficulties encountered in the use of the AN/PRC-10 radio reveals that some of the problems stem from lack of faith in the radio itself and a poor working knowledge of proper operating procedures. The Regimental Communications Officer has sent a radio supervisor out to work directly with the line companies in an effort to correct this situation.

4. Maintenance.

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a. High temperatures of 110 and 120 degrees have adversely effected the operation of the AN/TRC-27 radio relay equipment, FM radios and single side band radios. Every effort is being taken to develop techniques to maintain cooler operating environments.

b. Lack of proper care, handling and poor field maintenance have resulted in unnecessary evacuation of equipment to higher echelons. Conditions leading to needless loss of such equipment are being corrected as they are discovered.

5. Personnel. At present there is a continued shortage of communication personnel throughout the Regiment. In the month of June there is an expected loss of 23 men and an additional 47 men in July.

6. Training

a. On 26 May an FMFPac Instruction Team presented an excellent course in waterproofing of communication equipment and provided the latest in reference data on the subject.

b. Communications Security Training was scheduled during the month, but due to the political situation, was subsequently cancelled. Plans are being drawn to reschedule this training after 15 June.

7. Communication Support. On 22 May, the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines came under operational control of the 9th Marines. This necessitated an increase on all channels of communications. The Marine Regiment is organized to link up with three subordinate infantry battalions, one artillery battalion and establish laterals to at least one other regiment. This Regiment, however, has had to complete linkage to six battalions of infantry, one battalion of artillery, one infantry regiment, two motor transport battalions, one tank battalion. The demands upon the communication equipment and personnel of the Headquarters Company of this Regiment were far greater than normally expected.

SECRETFIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events

a. Operation GEORGIA. With the termination of Operation GEORGIA on 10 May 1966, the Provisional Artillery Battery of long range weapons on Hill 55 withdrew from its direct support role. Battery F/2/12 remained in the operating area with the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. The withdrawal of these artillery pieces created a need for the augmentation of Battery F with longer range weapons, particularly in view of the deep reconnaissance requirements in the periphery of the operating area. Two 155mm howitzers were selected as the weapons and were prepared for airlift by C-123 to AN HCA. Because the howitzers weight exceeds the lift capability of the aircraft, the weapons were dismantled and loaded by major component parts. Upon arrival, the howitzers were reassembled and towed into Battery F positions.

b. H & I Firing Period. In response to a QUANG NAM Sector request, the time period for firing harassing and interdiction fires in the 9th Marines zone of action has been extended. The new period is 2000-0500 hours.

c. Number/Type of Missions Fired During May 1966

H&I	1350
Observed Missions	360
Unobserved Missions	6

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

155 Howitzer	466
105 Howitzer	8876
107 Howitzer	284

e. Observation Posts. Two observation posts were employed by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines on a 24-hour basis. These observation posts, located vic (BT 075710) and (AT 973737), continued to provide excellent observation throughout the 9th Marines zone of action.

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



SECRET2. Naval Gunfire

a. ROUGH RIDER North. The cruiser OKLAHOMA CITY, flagship for the SEVENTH FLEET, with COMSEVENTHFLT embarked, was in support of ROUGH RIDER North on 31 May 1966. Three Naval Gunfire Spot Teams were deployed with the convoy. No missions were called.

b. NGF Spot Teams. A Naval Gunfire Spot Team consisting of five men was temporarily assigned to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on 29 May 1966 to provide observation on a 24-hour basis vic (AT 866440). Present plans are to continue to man this OP with Naval Gunfire personnel until such time as a Naval Gunfire commitment takes precedence.

SECRETSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

a. ✓ S-2 ISUMS 120-150

*in pt 2* b. ✓ S-3 SITREPS 120-150, W/ attached Special SITREPs Opn GEORGIA, 1-10 May 66  
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c. ✓ 1st Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology for May 1966

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

e. ✓ 3d Bn, 9th Marines Command Chronology for May 1966

f. ✓ 9th Marines Frag Orders 120-150

g. ✓ 9th Marines Operation Order 117-66 (COUNTY FAIR)

h. ✓ 9th Marines Operation Order 118-66 (KY LAM Campaign)

i. ✓ After Action Report (Operation GEORGIA)

j. ✓ Disposition of Forces Overlay as of 31 May 1966

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HEADQUARTERS  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, Calif 96302

2:00pm  
 3800  
 1 May 1966

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #120, Period ending 010000H, May 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: 95 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 78%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: S 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EMCT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
1 May	0600	0623	1906	1929	1546	0341	3/4

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

a. At 302030N, the Regimental FSGC (initial report believed to have originated with the USMC Liaison Officer, QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN) reported that a Viet Cong Company (unidentified), armed with mortars (number not

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indicated), was located at coordinates (BT 030616) and (BT 034618). Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The report stated that the artillery mission was not observed and enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 302130H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified GVN source that at an undetermined time during the "May Day" holidays, the Viet Cong are expected to attack the DIEN BAN District Headquarters. No additional information was provided. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 302225H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report received from a returnee (rallier) that the Viet Cong 70th Battalion, commanded by one TRAN VAN CHAU and HO VAN GIAU, with a strength of five hundred men and armed with four 81mm mortars, four 60mm mortars, one caliber .50 machinegun, four B-40 anti-tank guns, three caliber .30 machineguns, twelve automatic rifles, and five PRC/10 radios, is deployed at coordinates (AT 830543), (AT 855542), (AT 825540), (AT 837545), and (AT 845547). The report was rated B-2. (S-2 comment: Recent reports indicated that the 70th Battalion is located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 1030)). The accepted commander of this Battalion is NGUYEN DUC CONG. This returnee's information is therefore improbable and is rated F-4.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 301310H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999615) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999616). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, eight 40mm (M-79), and two 3.5 inch (rocket) 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.

b. At 201720H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 015629) resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as a 105mm shell (DUD) and stated it was positioned just below the surface of the ground and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

c. At 302150H, a Company I unit, manning an observation post at coordinates (BT 013628), reported observing what was described as blinking lights and movement, and hearing voices emanating from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010629). Mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the movement and sounds ceased. The report indicated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions but remained in position. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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d. At 302330H, Company G (2dBn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) elements manning security positions at Bridge #1, coordinates (AT 997708), reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996710). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

(3) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 010835H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 963654) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report stated that the device could not be identified and provided no additional details. Additional information will be provided when available.

(4) 3dBn 3dMar

a. Late Report. At 300950H, a Company I squad-sized patrol conducting mine clearing operations along the road at coordinates (AT 977623), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976626). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 301000H, a Company B (1stBn, 9thMar who had relieved Company K, this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (AT 962603). The report described the device as a 60mm mortar shell and stated it was positioned on a trail, just inside a treeline. The report stated that the 60mm mortar round was buried just below the surface of the ground with a portion of the round protruding upward. The report added that, when discovered, the shell was still in its cannister and had what was described as a blue paper wrapping covering the firing mechanism, which was described as a pressure-type detonator. The report added that the device was destroyed in place by the Marines.

c. At 301100H, a Company I platoon conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of KUAN DIEM (1) and (2) and THAI CAM (2) and (3) hamlets, grid squares (AT 9662), (AT 9762), (AT 9663) and (AT 9763), reported finding what was described as a sketch map at coordinates (AT 970634). The report stated that the map depicted what was described as an Viet Cong ambush position. The report stated that the map was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation. Additional information will be provided when available.

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d. At 301935H, Company E reported receiving four small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 046719), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047717). The Marines directed three 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. A squad was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 302045H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported that one Marine was wounded when he stepped into a punji trap at coordinates (BT 064672). The report stated that the trap was destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 302045H, the Battalion S-2 provided information concerning a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) search and destroy operation conducted within the area bounded by coordinates (BT 058636), (BT 060100), (BT 068615), and (BT 075618), on 30 April. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed seventy five feet of tunnelling, fourteen bunkers, reinforced (material not described) and thirty two covered fighting holes. The report added that one hundred fifty caliber .30 small arms rounds were recovered. The report stated that a total of one hundred fifty six pounds of explosives (TNT) were utilized in the destruction of the above positions.

g. At 010030H, a Company H squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 947663) reported observing five Viet Cong departing from DUYEN SON (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 948661), heading in a northeast direction. When the Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy, they quickly fled the area. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 010930H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080625) reported observing ten Viet Cong, clothed in what was described as black and khaki colored uniforms and carrying weapons (not identified), in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081613). Artillery support was requested and forty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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1. At 301943H, a Company H (2d Bn, 4th Mar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952652) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952650). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and one 40mm (M79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions but continued on the patrol route. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(5) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 301400H, a Company M (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 076681). The report stated that the suspect attracted the attention of the Marines by his suspicious actions and he was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for preliminary interrogation, then transferred to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report added that when the Marines continued on the patrol route, they observed three Viet Cong in a boat on the SONG CAN BIEN river, coordinates (BT 079686). The report stated that, upon being challenged by the Marines, the Viet Cong attempted to flee the area, rowing at top speed down the river. The patrol directed two hundred fifteen small arms rounds at the fleeing craft and occupants and reported that they observed two Viet Cong being struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong beached the boat and succeeded in evading capture. When the Marines reached the abandoned craft they reported finding only three 9mm small arms cartridges. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 301715H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 075665) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a "home made" mine and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator, but provided no additional details.

c. At 301820H, a Company M (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075615) reported receiving six small arms rounds from an estimated two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 076616). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong withdrawing from the area. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078618). No casualties were reported.

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CONFIDENTIAL (6) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 300710H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting eight armed Viet Cong in the open (no location indicated). The report stated that the Viet Cong spotted the Marines and took refuge in a gully. No additional information was provided.

b. At 300722H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954523), reported receiving what was described as heavy small arms fire from an estimated five to ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950520). The Marines directed six hundred small arms rounds and eight 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported finding the bodies of two Viet Cong and discovering blood trails and other evidence which indicated five additional Viet Cong casualties. (Three Viet Cong plastic gas masks were also reported recovered). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two KIA (body count) and an estimated five Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 300915H, Company L operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948854) reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds from an estimated five to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950519). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 301015H, the Battalion S-3 reported that the battalion TACP net (TRC-75) was experiencing transmission difficulties which may have been the result of Viet Cong attempts to "jam" the net. No additional information was provided.

e. At 301044H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 949 490) reported sighting forty to fifty Viet Cong who were attempting to evade Company L elements operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945500). Artillery support was requested and one hundred forty-eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported good effect on target. The report indicated that enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and three Viet Cong KIA (possible).

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f. At 301104H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915508), reported observing one Viet Cong at close range, who attempted to run when he sighted the Marines. The Marines directed six small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong and reported killing him. One cartridge belt (with accessories, unspecified) was reported recovered from the body. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

g. At 301205H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005495) reported sighting one Viet Cong who was attempting to hide among large rocks in the area. A Marine sniper fired two small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and killed him. One CHICOM grenade, documents (unevaluated), a poncho, and a whistle were reported recovered from the Viet Cong's body. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

h. At 301205H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 924 465) reported sighting eight armed Viet Cong running to the east across a bridge at coordinates (AT 941500). No additional information was provided.

i. At 301250H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 924 465) reported sighting five armed Viet Cong moving into a hamlet in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945502). The report indicated that a Marine element searched the area but provided no additional details.

j. At 301610H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 924 465) reported sighting one Viet Cong platoon in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 909467). Artillery support was requested and delivered with a reported excellent effect on target. An aerial observer operating in the area reported sighting six Viet Cong KIA (body count) and estimated enemy casualties as an additional twelve Viet Cong WIA (possible).

k. At 301645H, Company M, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 875475) reported apprehending a total of thirteen Viet Cong Suspects. The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension.

l. At 301845H, a Company L element manning an observation post at coordinates (AT 947516) reported receiving four small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 947538). The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported wounding one Viet Cong. The report stated that when the Marines attempted to capture the wounded Viet Cong, he tried to throw a grenade but was again shot and the detonation

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of his grenade killed him. (Report also indicated that a second Viet Cong was also killed in this encounter but provided no details). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

m. At 010900H, Company M, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 900474), reported observing five men (one of whom was armed) who attempted to flee upon sighting the Marines. The Marines one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy who fled the area. The report stated that the Marines' fire killed one Viet Cong. (The report indicated that two additional men were wounded by the Marines' fire and apprehended). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong suspects apprehended.

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

<u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour#</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative#</u> <u>Since 10Jul65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	809
KIA (Possible)	0	1114
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	16
VC WIA (Possible)	2	370
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1830
Returnees (Since 21Jan 66)	0	13

<u>Operation GEORGIA</u> <u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 21Apr66:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	14	49
KIA (Possible)	3	59
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured (WIA)	2	2
VC WIA (Possible)	17	48
VC Suspects Apprehended	13	207
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Shell, 60mm mortar round booby-trapped	301000H
1	Map, unidentified	301100H
150	Rounds, caliber .30	302045H
3	Masks, gas VC	300722H
1	Belt, cartridge w/accessories	301104H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	301205H
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
1	Poncho	-do-
1	Whistle	-do-

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 75 meters in length	302045H
14	Bunkers, size not indicated	-do-
32	Holes, fighting	-do-

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III MAF	(1)
III MAF POLAD	(1)
G-2	(7)
3dMar	(1)
3dEngr	(1)
EOD	(1)
Mag 11	(1)
Mag 10	(1)
1/9	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSOC	(1)
S-2	(6)
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #122, Period ending 024000H, May 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: 93 Low: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: Variable 10 to 12 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONS ET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
3 May	0559	0622	1906	1929	1742	0405	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 011000H a Company B platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005633) reported receiving six small arms rounds

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from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 003632). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) 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.

b. At 014000H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004614) reported observing one Viet Cong armed with what was identified as a BAR moving in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005616). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the intruder and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No casualties were reported.

(2) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 010835H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 963654) resulting in one Marine WIA (a subsequent report indicated that the Marine died of his wounds). The report described the device as either an 81mm mortar round or an 105mm artillery round and stated that it was buried just below the surface of the ground on the side of the trail and was rigged with a pull-type trip-wire activator.

b. At 011000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that three Vietnamese civilians entered the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 968 618) seeking medical assistance. The report stated that the civilians stated that their wounds were received as the result of USMC artillery or mortar fires at 302100H April, in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9761) and (AT 986). The report added that the civilians claimed that three Vietnamese civilians were killed and three houses were destroyed when four to five rounds impacted in their hamlet, (DUC KY (1)) coordinates (AT 982615). The report stated that investigation failed to substantiate the villagers' statements as no artillery nor mortar fires were recorded as being directed at this target area. The report concluded that the three Vietnamese civilians were evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment.

c. At 011055H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 960598). The report identified the device as a 60mm mortar shell and stated that it was positioned on a trail in a cane field and was rigged with a pressure type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the mortar shell was destroyed by the Marines.

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d. At 011105H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980600) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds and what was described as three rifle grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) 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.

e. At 011110H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955683). The report did not identify the device but indicated that it was rigged with an electrical firing mechanism. No casualties were reported.

f. At 011210H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959589), reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961592). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions but continued on the patrol route. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 011515H, a Company D squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975625) reported the discovery of a tunnel within the THAI CAM (3) hamlet area. The tunnel was described as being five feet in length and waist deep. The report added that the tunnel was discovered under a haystack and appeared to have been recently excavated. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 011530H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 977672). The report identified the devices as a U. S. (M-25) grenade and what was described as a three-pound charge of explosives, and stated that they were positioned in a punji pit, covered with dirt and rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

2. At 011350H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 953687) reported observing one armed Viet Cong at approximately four hundred meters range. The Marines directed one small arms round and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong location, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. A search of the enemy site produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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j. At 011800H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AF 970682). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery round rigged with a grenade so as to function as a mine. The device was camouflaged with dirt and leaves and employed a pressure-type detonator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

(3) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 011015H, a Company K (3d Battalion, 9th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an man-trap, evidently still under construction, at coordinates (BF 087697). The report stated that several punji stakes were found, not yet positioned, in the bottom of the pit. The report added that two additional foot traps were discovered in the same area. The report stated that all three of the traps were destroyed by the Marines.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 010830H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 880500). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

b. At 010850H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 922463), reported that a bamboo bridge at coordinates (AT 948476) which had been the target of an airstrike on 30 April and damaged, appeared to have been repaired during the night. No additional information was provided.

c. At 011110H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 922463), reported sighting four men, one of whom was armed, moving to the northeast in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948493). The report stated that the armed man evidently hid his weapon before entering a hamlet in that area, as a later observation failed to disclose a weapon. No additional information was provided.

d. At 011115H, Company M reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 909491), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not describe the device nor indicate the method of detonation. The report continued that, almost immediately after the detonation, the Marines received forty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 911494) and (AT 912492). The Marines returned the enemy fire with small arms and 40mm (M-79) rounds and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. No additional Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 011140H, a Company F (2d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 887508), resulting in one Marine KIA, and two WIA. The report did not describe the device nor indicate the method of employment of detonation. Additional details will be provided when available.

f. At 011210H, a Company L element, embarked aboard LVTH-6 vehicles in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 909491), reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from an estimated six to eight Viet Cong positioned at close range along both sides of the route of advance. The Marines directed

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three hundred small arms rounds and three hundred machine gun rounds, and the LVTH-6s delivered three 105mm rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the bodies of five Viet Cong KIA, and evidence that an additional three Viet Cong were wounded in the encounter. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were five KIA (body count) and three WIA (possible).

g. At 011215H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting five men, one of whom was carrying a pack, moving east on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 824484). No additional information was provided.

h. At 011230H, Company M, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 907487), reported receiving small arms fire (volume of fire was not indicated) from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 903490). The Marines returned small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 011521H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting ten men, carrying packs and possibly weapons, moving across a bridge in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982477). Artillery support was requested and sixty-three 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report indicated that an aerial observer operating in the area directed the artillery mission but did not assess the results of the artillery fire.

j. At 011750H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting five armed Viet Cong, moving across a bridge in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944474). The report stated that artillery support was requested but the fire could not be directed at the target area due to the terrain.

k. At 011800H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two Viet Cong (basis for identification was not indicated) moving just below the crest of a hill at coordinates (AT 937456). No additional information was provided.

l. At 011830H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong moving across a bridge in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944474). No additional information was provided.

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m. At 011900H, a reconnaissance element (Company B, 3d Recon Bn under O-30N this Battalion), reported sighting eighteen Viet Cong, armed and carrying packs, moving north across a bridge at coordinates (AT 944474). Artillery support was requested and delivered at the target area with a reported excellent effect. The report indicated that two Viet Cong were KIA (body count) and that an additional ten Viet Cong were KIA (possible). The report also stated that the bridge was destroyed by the Marines' artillery fire.

n. At 020800H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a report from the DUC DUC District Chief that twelve Viet Cong were killed when Marines destroyed the tunnels in which the enemy had sought refuge on 22 April in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 902 508). The Battalion S-2 stated that the U.S. Army Advisor assigned to the area investigated this report and confirmed that a total of twelve Viet Cong were KIA (body count). /S-2 comment: Based on the initial report, twelve KIA (possible) were indicated in paragraph E of INTSUM #120. Paragraph E of this INTSUM will be adjusted to reflect this later information/.

o. At 020830H, the Battalion S-2 provided some comments regarding current activities in the Operation GEORGIA area. The Battalion S-2 stated that the mining and small arms attack against the tracked vehicles on 30 May in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 909487) /see 300715H entry, INTSUM #120, for an account of this incident/, has been the Viet Cong's most aggressive act to date. The recent increased enemy activity along with observed reports of a large number of civilians moving in a generally eastward direction may indicate that the Viet Cong will initiate large scale aggressive operations to the west. The report added however, that intelligence information received from the area does not support such a surmise. The Battalion S-2 stated that an increase in the number of mines and booby traps encountered which were of a rudimentary or "makeshift" design may indicate that the Viet Cong in this area lack a ready supply of the conventional devices.

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 10Jul65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	809
KIA (Possible)	0	1114
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	16
VC WIA (Possible)	0	370
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1830
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

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<u>E. Operation GEORGIA</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
<u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Since 21Apr66:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	7	68*
KIA (Possible)	10	57*
VC Captured	0	0
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC WIA (Possible)	3	51
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	207
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

NOTE: \*Adjustment made to reflect later information as shown in entry 020800H, this INTSUM.

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	011530H
1	Device, explosive	edo
1	Shell, 60mm mortar	011055H

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 5 ft in length	011515H
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #122, Period ending 031000H, May 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: 95 Low: 81
- c. Average Humidity: 68%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NW 6 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the 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>
4 May	0559	0622	1907	1930	1840	0546	3/4

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

a. At 030745H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from the National Police Service QUANG NAM Province Headquarters, that a Viet Cong Committee of DIEN

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BAN District (no further identification provided) will conduct a meeting (subject not indicated) at the home of one Mrs. CHUAN located in DONG HO hamlet, coordinates (BT 023607) (does not appear on current operational maps but a DONG HO hamlet is located in grid square (BT 1169)), sometime during 3 April. The report stated that a QUANG NAM Province Committee member (not identified) is in command of the meeting. The report added that a local Committee cadre will also be in attendance and that one Viet Cong Main Force Company will provide security. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 021130H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (BT 033629). The report described the device as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 021340H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 007622) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not identify or describe the device but stated it was positioned on a trail and was rigged with what was believed to be a pressure-release type detonating mechanism. No additional information was provided.

c. At 021630H, a Headquarters and Service Company Squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 995698) resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a "concussion" type grenade and stated it was positioned on a trail and rigged with a trip-wire activator.

d. At 022015H, a Company E squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 006620) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004619). The report indicated that the Viet Cong were attempting to entice the Marines into disclosing their positions, by returning the small arms fire. Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly ceased firing and fled the area. 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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e. At 022045H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041643) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042644). The Marines directed forty small arms 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.

f. At 030125H, a Company G (2dEn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the south bank of the SONG CAU DO, coordinates (BT 008704), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on COM CO island at coordinates (BT 008705). The report stated that the exact enemy position was not discerned and the enemy fire was not returned. The Marines did not search or pursue the enemy because of the intervening body of water. (The report added that the Marines observed two objects, described as being three to five feet in length with eight inches protruding above the surface, floating in the middle of the SONG CAU DO river. The report added that due to the hostile fire, the Marines were not able to advance any closer to the water's edge for better identification, but indicated that the floating objects were somehow connected with the enemy's actions). No casualties were reported.

(3) 1stEn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 020843H, Company E, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 973582). The report identified the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated that it was positioned on the side of a trail and rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the grenade was destroyed by the Marines.

b. Late Report. At 020856H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 974583). The report identified the device as a 60mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 020900H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 985636). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned by the side of the road and rigged with a trip-wire activator so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

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d. Late Report. At 020950H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 977584). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of a wooden box containing explosives (C4) and stated that it was rigged with a pressure type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

e. Late Report. At 020955H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 973583). The report identified the device as a 60mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned to the side of a trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism, so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

f. Late Report. At 020957H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 977585). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of a container (not described) filled with an explosive compound (possibly C4). The device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 021020H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 981584). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade positioned with a 40mm (M-79) round, and stated that it was positioned on the side of the trail and rigged with a trip-wire which was attached to the (M-26) grenade. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 021025H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 983583). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 021035H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HHC District Headquarters that ten Viet Cong were located at coordinates (AT 960680). The report stated that a Company C squad-sized patrol was dispatched to investigate the report, with negative results. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

j. At 021100H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980578) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983588). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines

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searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 021200H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that one Marine was wounded when he stepped into a punji trap at coordinates (AT 979580).

l. At 021645H, a Company C listening post positioned at coordinates (AT 958652), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 956651). The Marines directed three small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and the enemy fire was not repeated. The report stated that, when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong's position, they found the body of a Vietnamese child, described as a boy, fourteen years of age. The boy had evidently sustained a gunshot wound, possibly as the result of the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

m. At 021704H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a USMC helicopter providing re-supply for Company B, received one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973588). The Marines directed two hundred forty small arms rounds, five 81mm mortar rounds and two 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy positions and reported killing one Viet Cong (body count). The report added that one wounded Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the vicinity of the enemy location during the conduct of a search. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft was reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong Suspect apprehended.

n. At 021908H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 953655) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 953650). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAM (M-72) round at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

o. At 021944H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960650) reported receiving seventy small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962654). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) 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.

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p. At 021945H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941682) reported observing a Vietnamese male in a tree line at coordinates (AT 945685) engaged in what appeared to be the positioning of mines. The report stated that when the Marines approached the man, he quickly ran in an attempt to evade the Marines. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the fleeing man, who succeeded in evading the Marines by taking refuge in the tree line. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position they found a Vietnamese woman and a child who were wounded, evidently as a result of the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report stated that the woman and child were evacuated to a medical facility for treatment. Additional details will be provided when available.

q. At 022000H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962657) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962654). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) 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.

r. At 022250H, Company B reported that Marines manning positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 973588), received fifty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from Viet Cong positioned in widely separated positions at coordinates (AT 968568), (AT 970589), and (AT 972592). Mortar support was requested and two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at one of the enemy locations and the enemy 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.

s. At 030650H, Company D reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 959605) resulting in three Marines WIA. The report stated that the device may have been an 105mm artillery shell and indicated that it was rigged with an electrical detonating mechanism.

t. At 030700H, Company C reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 963659), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not identify or describe the device but stated that it was a "surprise firing device". Additional information will be provided when available.

u. At 030735H, a Company H (2d Bn, 4thMar under OPCON this battalion), patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955683), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a 20mm round, rigged with a pressure-type firing device, and positioned at the bottom of a punji trap.

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v. At 030035H, a Company D platoon, operating in the vicinity of CHAU SON (3) hamlet, grid square (AT 9560), reported the discovery of a tunnel described as four meters in diameter, with undetermined length, at coordinates (AT 955607). The report stated that the Marines explored the tunnel as far as practical without the use of lights, and found no indications of occupancy. The tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

w. At 030845H, a Company C element, providing security for engineers clearing the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984662) of mines, reported receiving small arms fire (volume not indicated). The report stated that the cause of the fire could not be determined and because of the presence of friendly units in the area, the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 030750H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of five punji traps, described as two feet by two feet by four feet, at coordinates (BT 084668). The report stated that four of the traps contained bamboo stakes with the tips coated with what was described as plastic and dirt. The fifth trap did not contain no stakes. The report stated that all five traps were located within a short distance of each other along the trail. The report added that one Marine received slight scratch wounds when he stepped into one of the traps. The report stated that all five traps were destroyed by the Marines.

(5) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 020930H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company L that the villagers of THU BON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 575 504), have left the hamlet. The report stated that the DUC DUC District Chief opined that the Viet Cong may have directed the villagers to depart, warning that the Marines would harm the villagers if found in the area. The report provided no additional information.

b. Late Report. At 020940H, a reconnaissance element (Company B platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933454), reported sighting six Viet Cong (basis for identification was not indicated) crossing a bridge at coordinates (AT 935474). No additional information was provided.

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c. Late Report. At 020952H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 933549), reported sighting fifteen armed Viet Cong moving south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933459). Artillery support was requested and one hundred eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report stated that a subsequent search of the area produced blood trails and other evidence of Viet Cong casualties. Enemy casualties were estimated as seven Viet Cong KIA (possible). The report added that what was described as a wounded Viet Cong was sighted in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 936447) /presumably as the result of this action/ but he succeeded in eluding the Marines. However, the wounded man had to discard documents, medical supplies, two gas masks and a poncho in making his escape. The report indicated that all these articles were recovered by the Marines. (The wounded Viet Cong who escaped will be shown as a WIA(possible)).

d. At 021005H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 792 508), reported sighting twelve Viet Cong carrying packs moving in an easterly direction at coordinates (AT 792507). The report stated that the Viet Cong dispersed in the vicinity of PHU LOI(1) coordinates (AT 814504), and an aerial observer operating in the vicinity of the hamlet received small arms fire from that area. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft were reported.

e. At 021044H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 792 508) reported sighting seven Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 813509). Artillery support was requested and thirty-two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong KIA (possible).

f. At 021045H, Company I operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 886494), reported receiving five to eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 886496). The Marines returned the fire with small arms rounds and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No casualties were reported.

g. At 021045H, Company L reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 878507), resulting in four Marines WIA and three ARVN soldiers WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. anti-personnel mine, M-16A1 (bounding mine). The report added that one of the wounded ARVN soldiers stated that villagers (unidentified) of THU BON (2) hamlet,

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 g. At 021117H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 933455), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong, at coordinates (AT 935446). No additional information was provided.

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i. At 021240H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 792503), reported sighting three Viet Cong moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 822509). No additional information was provided.

j. At 021350H, Company I reported that one Marine was slightly wounded when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 887504).

k. At 021415H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 792508), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong moving south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 807507).

l. At 021420H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 792508), reported sighting eleven Viet Cong, wearing green uniforms and carrying packs, moving north in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 805502). No additional information was provided.

m. At 021430H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 892504) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 896505). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds, ten 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds and ten 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and seventy-two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. An airstrike was also requested, and aerial rockets and 20mm cannon fire were delivered into the target area. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported finding blood pools, flesh fragments, and other evidence which indicated extensive Viet Cong casualties. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as six KIA (possible) and six WIA (possible).

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and an estimated six WIA (possible).

t. At 021905H, Company I, positioned at coordinates (AT 904 486), reported observing six Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908496). The report stated that artillery support was requested but indicated that the results of the artillery mission could not be determined.

u. At 021945H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 887505) observed five Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 887504). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and requested mortar support. Thirty-eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported "good effect". The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported that the Viet Cong had withdrawn to the south. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible) and two WIA (possible).

v. At 021945H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 881501). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that suspects were evacuated to the Forward Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

w. At 022210H, a Company L squad-sized ambush element located at coordinates (AT 881509) reported observing two boats crossing the SONG THU BON in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880512). The Marines directed small arms fire and one 40mm (M-79) round at the craft and occupants and reported that one boat sank but the second boat escaped to the west. Enemy casualties were estimated as one KIA (possible).

x. At 030608H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 796 521) reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects when they wandered into the reconnaissance unit's positions and then attempted to flee. The report stated that one of the suspects was wounded when the Marines fired at the intruders as they attempted to escape the Marines. The report indicated that both of the suspects were evacuated for investigation.

y. At 030830H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 889490), reported observing one Viet Cong, at close range, who, upon sighting the Marines, attempted to flee to the east. The report stated that the Marines ordered the Viet Cong to halt, then fired one small arms round at him, wounding him. The wounded Viet Cong was apprehended and evacuated for treatment and investigation. (S-2 comment: Inquiry indicates that the identification of the wounded man as a Viet Cong was based on interrogation conducted subsequent to the man's capture; however, he will be shown in paragraph H of this IMPRIN as a Viet Cong Suspect until his status can be established by 3d IFF.)

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a. At 010900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of the operations in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8640) and (AT 8730). The report stated that the Marines destroyed a total of forty-seven bunkers (not described), five fences, one gate, and two tunnels (not described). The report added that one U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) and one 60mm mortar round (DUD) was found in the area and destroyed.

aa. Late Report - SPECIAL. At 021810H, the Battalion S-2 provided a recapitulation of captives apprehended, screened, and detained during the conduct of Operation GEORGEA, up to 021200H. The report classified the captives, as follows:

Viet Cong Laborers Association.....	5
Viet Cong Farmer's Association.....	173
Viet Cong Youth Group Association.....	10
Viet Cong Women's Association.....	4
Viet Cong Old Men's Association.....	41
Viet Cong Cadre.....	1*
Viet Cong Guerrillas.....	3*
TOTAL.....	242

In addition, the following captives were also acknowledged:

Civilians.....	10	(the basis for detention of these civilians was not indicated)
ARVN Deserters.....	1	
Viet Cong Suspects.....	3	(status not yet established)
Mentally disturbed.....	28	(this category was not clarified)
TOTAL.....	42	

The report stated that twelve of the captives (not identified) were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point and the remaining two hundred seventy two captives were delivered to DUC DUC District Headquarters for further investigation.

NOTE: \*To be included in paragraph E of this INTSUM as "Viet Cong Captured"

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

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D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 10Jul65:

KIA (Confirmed)	1	810
KIA (Possible)	0	1114
VC Captured	0	263
VC Captured (WIA)	0	16
VC WIA (Possible)	0	370
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1831
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Operation GEORGIA For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since 21Apr66

KIA (Confirmed)	4	72
KIA (Possible)	34	91
VC Captured	0	9**
VC Captured (WIA)	0	2
VC WIA (Possible)	20	71
VC Suspects Apprehended	5	289**
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

NOTE: \*\*Adjustment made to reflect recaptulation shown in paragraph(5) as., this INTSUM.

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Grenade, CHICOM	020843H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar (DUD)	020856H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar (DUD)	020900H
1	Device, explosive (mine)	020950H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar (DUD)	020955H
1	Device, explosive (mine)	020957H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	021020H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar (DUD)	021025H
5	Traps, punji 2x2x4 ft	030750H
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	029952H
UNK	Supplies, medical	-do-
2	Masks, gas	-do-
1	Poncho	-do-

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entry positions and/or formal locations

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31Mar	(1)
SCD	(1)
Reg 11	(1)
Reg 12	(1)
1/5	(2)
2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
2/12	(2)
FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-3	(2)
1stAmTrac	(1)
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Subj: Intelligence Summary #123, Period ending 041000H, May 1966

Encl: (1) Special Intelligence Report of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines action during the period 031335H - 031800H in the area in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8651) and (AT 8751) west bank of SONG THU BON/

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

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

- a. General: Fair/cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 92 Low: 78
- c. Average Humidity: 85%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NNW 8-10 knots w/ gusts to 18 knots
- f. Visibility: 5-7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

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

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a. At 031800H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOI VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from a CVN source (unidentified) that approximately fifty Viet Cong, armed with 60mm mortars and sub-machine guns (type not indicated), are in hiding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005 633). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force was not known. The report was rated C-3. (S-2 comment: The prolonged presence of this Viet Cong force in such very close proximity to Marine positions is improbable and is rated C-4).

b. At 040822H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an (unidentified) agent that one Viet Cong Company (identified as possibly the Q15B Company), with a strength of one hundred twenty men, armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun and eight automatic weapons, is displacing from the vicinity of DIEM BAN District to coordinates (BT 143595), (BT 136615), (BT 132598), (BT 125626), and (BT 157588). The report stated that this Viet Cong force is accompanied by Viet Cong (political ?) cadre. The report added that the Viet Cong have booby-trapped (mined ?) their old Command Post (location not indicated) with mines and grenades believed to have been retrieved from the abandoned ARVN Outpost, at PHONG THU, coordinates (AT 983584). The report stated that, on 16 April, the Q15B Company was reported as operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0356), but has not been reported subsequent to the commencement of Operation GEORGIA, 21 April 1966. The report was rated C-2 by HOI AN. (S-2 rates the report C-3).

(2) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. Late Report. At 030830H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol providing security for an engineer element reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect (female) at coordinates (BT 093659). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that she lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 030830H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 084668). 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 (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

c. Late Report. At 030830H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 085665). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he attempted to flee from a routine examination of his identification papers. The report stated that the Marines had to fire warning

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shots into the air before the suspect terminated his flight and surrendered. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point.

d. At 031040H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending eight suspicious persons in the vicinity of AN TRA hamlet, coordinates (BT 089693). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. (A subsequent report indicated that the suspects were all released after interrogation at the Battalion Command Post).

e. At 032100H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 093650) reported apprehending two Vietnamese males who entered the ambush position. The report indicated that, when the intruders entered the ambush, the Marines fired twelve small arms rounds, and the men attempted to flee. The Marines pursued and apprehended the men, and a subsequent examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The two men were evacuated to 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 comment: The two men will be shown in paragraph D of this INTSUM as Viet Cong Suspects (apprehended) until their status can be established by 3d ITT).

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 022120H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006626) reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds, described as carbine and automatic weapons fire, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. Mortar support was requested and eleven 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. The report added that the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. Late Report. At 022330H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 007622) resulting in one Marine KIA. The report stated that the device could not be identified but did state that it was buried just below the surface of the ground in the middle of the trail and was rigged with a trip-wire activator. No additional information was provided.

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At 031900H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010615) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 019612). Artillery/mortar support was requested and six 105mm rounds and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 032030H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015622) reported hearing what was described as sounds of movement in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015616). Mortar support was requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the sounds ceased. The Marines searched the area with negative results. No casualties were reported.

(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 030955H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 796521), reported sighting fifteen men, carrying poles and wearing black pajama-type clothing, moving east along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 815507). No additional information was provided.

b. At 031015H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the I CORPS Intelligence team supporting the battalion in Operation GEORGIA (the report evidently originated with the DUC DUC District Chief), that on 2 May, two Viet Cong Main Force companies had displaced into the area in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8751) and were organizing local guerrillas to defend against USMC operations to the west of the SONG THU BON. The report was rated F-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 031035H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 796521), reported sighting six men, carrying packs, moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 815507). No additional information was provided.

d. At 031100H, Company I reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects at coordinates (AT 904483). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when it was observed that they were of military age and they could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

e. At 031100H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 937523). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. No additional information was provided.

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f. At 031200H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUC DUC District Chief that four Viet Cong were killed on 2 May when Marines destroyed a bunker at coordinates (AT 875505) by employing demolitions. The report indicated that the Viet Cong had been hiding in the bunker when the demolition occurred, and stated that other Viet Cong evacuated the bunker to recover the Viet Cong bodies and weapons. The District Chief's report also stated that seventeen Viet Cong had been killed in a Company L action on 1 May. The report provided no additional information. (S-2 comment: See 011201H entry, INTSUM #122, for an account of the action which probably resulted in these casualties. The initial report indicated that five Viet Cong were KIA (body count), and three Viet Cong WIA (possible). Based on the District Chief's report, paragraph E of this INTSUM will be modified to include an additional sixteen Viet Cong KIA (possible). [The report will also delete three WIA (possible)]/.

g. At 031245H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing a Viet Cong force estimated as one squad in size in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 909492) and (AT 913493). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location. The report stated that a Company I element was dispatched to search the area and found the body of one Viet Cong KIA. The report indicated that the balance of the Viet Cong group dispersed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925506). Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and three WIA (possible). The report stated that one U.S. (M-26) grenade was recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

h. At 031400H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing four to five Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 920501). No additional information was provided.

i. At 031810H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 976512) reported sighting three Viet Cong clothed in black pajama-type clothing, wearing packs and carrying rifles in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 821545). The report indicated that the Viet Cong were moving in the direction of the river and evidently intended to embark aboard boats. [The report stated that the Marines had noted that the boats had been previously used to transport passengers from the MY DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 8354) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 807545)]/. The report stated that, at the time of this report, seven or eight craft (described as "sampans") had already been utilized to ferry people (unidentified) across the SONG THU BON. An aerial observer was requested to investigate and reported that the boats appeared to be occupied. The report stated that the aerial observer also reported unmanned fortifications in the area and that no hostile action resulted in a low sweep of the area.

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j. At 131835R, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing ten Viet Cong in what was described as camouflaged positions, at coordinates (AT 885459). No additional information was provided.

k. At 031910H, a Company K platoon, operating in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9145) and (AT 9148), reported the discovery and destruction of four bunkers (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 913482), and twenty feet of tunnel and one fighting hole (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 914452).

l. At 040035H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880506), reported receiving what were described as four 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong possibly positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 889505). (The report stated that a visual sighting to the muzzle flashes indicated that the enemy weapons were located on an azimuth of 1900 mils). Artillery and mortar support was requested and forty 105mm rounds and forty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong mortar fire ceased. No additional information was provided nor enemy casualties determined.

m. At 040100H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880506), reported receiving what were described as five 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 889505). Artillery and mortar support was requested and twenty six 105mm rounds, ten 60mm mortar rounds, and twenty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong mortar fire ceased. The report stated that the area would be searched at first light on 4 May.

n. At 040915H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a total of forty four Viet Cong Suspects had been apprehended during the day's activities in the Operation GEORGIA area. (The report identified fifteen of the captives as Viet Cong confirmed but all forty four of the captives will be shown in paragraph E of this INTSUM as Viet Cong Suspects until their status is confirmed by 3d ITT).

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Late Report. At 030650H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 959605), resulting in three Marines WIA. The report did not identify the device but stated that the explosive power was greater than that of a hand grenade. The report stated that the device was positioned on a trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

b. Late Report. At 030700H, a Company C platoon, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 963658), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade and stated that it was positioned on a trail and rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. Late Report. At 030735H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955683), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a 20mm (serial) cannon round positioned with what was described as two pounds of explosives (C-4), so as to function as a mine. The device was positioned on the trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

d. Late Report. At 030800H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950605) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. 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.

e. Late Report. At 030835H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955607) reported the discovery of a tunnel, described as four meters in length. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

f. Late Report. At 030835H, a USMC helicopter operating in the battalion's zone of action reported receiving small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 984590), (AT 980584), and (AT 984580). Mortar support was requested and two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at one of the enemy locations, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. Late Report. At 030845H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a USMC engineer element conducting a mine clearing operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984662), received ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984666). The report stated that the Marines did not return the enemy fire because of the presence of friendly units in the area. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 031100H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 998608). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification, 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.

i. At 031200H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9664), (AT 9665), and (AT 9764) reported the discovery of a total of seven explosive devices. The report stated that two antipersonnel mines (not identified but described as weighing three pounds) were discovered at coordinates (AT 963652), three 105mm artillery rounds were found at coordinates (AT 970644), and two 81mm mortar rounds were found at coordinates (AT 963647). The report indicated that all the devices were rigged with trip-wire activators so as to function as mines. The report stated that all seven of the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

j. At 031240H, Company B, conducting a mine clearing operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 985583), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report did not describe device nor indicate how it was positioned or detonated. Additional information will be provided when available.

k. At 031317H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of the abandoned GVN military outpost, PHONG THU, coordinates (AT 984583) reported the discovery and subsequent destruction of two rifle grenades (WG), thirty U. S. anti-personnel mines (M16A1), three 81 mm mortar shells (DUD), nine 60mm mortar shells (DUD) and one 40mm (M-79) round. At 031530H, a subsequent report added that an additional fifty three U. S. anti-personnel mines (M16A1), nine rifle grenades, twenty one 60mm mortar rounds one 81mm mortar round and sixteen 40mm (M-79) rounds were discovered and destroyed in the same general area. The report indicated that none of the material was rigged for detonation or evidenced signs of having been tampered with.

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l. At 031400L, a BMD helicopter operating in the Battalion area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 983574). A Company B fire-team-sized element providing security at a helicopter landing zone at coordinates (AT 983582) directed small arms fire at the Viet Cong location, and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported finding blood trails that indicated that at least one Viet Cong had been hit by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

m. At 031400H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation in grid squares (AT 9460) and (AT 9560), reported the discovery of a quantity of what was identified as anti-American propaganda leaflets. The report stated that the leaflets were scattered in and around most all buildings located within the area and positioned on stakes in the fields. The report added that sample leaflets would be evacuated for evaluation.

n. At 031538H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity coordinates (AT 963655) reported receiving two small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960655). The Marines directed thirty 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.

o. At 031605H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964624) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 969624). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that a Sparrow Hawk element was requested, but was unable to regain contact with the fleeing Viet Cong. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one Marine WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

p. At 040735H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines, under OPCON this battalion) platoon, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 954654). The report identified the device as a 40mm (M-79) round but did not indicate how (or if) it was rigged for detonation. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

q. At 040800H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 966653), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was positioned in a man trap (size not indicated), and rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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18. At 040920H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 986583), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as an anti-personnel mine (M16A1) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

19. At 040930H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 984583), resulting in four Marines WIA. The report described the device as an anti-personnel mine (M16A1), and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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 #</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	0	810
KIA(Possible)	0	1144
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA(Possible)	1	371
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1835
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

E. <u>Operation GEORGIA</u> <u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 21 Apr 66:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	19	91
KIA(Possible)	40	147*
VC Captured	0	9
VC WIA(Possible)	33	101*
VC Suspects Apprehended	44	333
Returnees (Since 21 Apr 66)	0	0

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

\* Adjustment made to reflect 031200H entry, this INTSUM  
/increase of 16 KIA(Possible) and decrease of 3 WIA(Possible)/.

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## F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
2	Devices, explosives, anti-tank mine	031200H
3	Shells, artillery 105mm	-do-
2	Shells, 81mm	-do-
11	Grenades, rifle	031317H
83	Devices, explosives, U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1)	-do-
4	Shells, 81mm (DUD)	-do-
30	Shells, 60mm (DUD)	-do-
16	Rounds, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
UNK	Leaflets, propaganda (anti-American)	031400H
1	Devices, explosive 40mm (M-79)	040735H
2	Devices, explosive, U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1)	040920H
1	Device, explosive, U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1)	040920H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	031245H
2	Trousers, khaki pr	Encl (1)
3	Shirts, khaki ea	-do-
3	Trousers, grey pr	-do-
3	Shirts, grey ea	-do-
2	Trousers, black pr	-do-
2	Shirts, black ea	-do-
2	Trousers, green pr	-do-
2	Shirts, green ea	-do-
UNK	Rice (quantity not indicated)	-do-
UNK	Supplies medical, assorted	-do-
10	Grenades, CHICOM	*DD
10	Grenades, U.S. green smoke	-do-
36	Rounds, cal .30 (M-1)	-do-
80	Rounds, cal. 7.62mm CHICOM submachinegun	-do-
2	Magazines, M16	-do-
3	Packs	-do-
2	Masks, gas, VC	-do-
3	Shovels, entrenching	-do-
1	Pouch, grenade	-do-
2	Canteens	-do-
1	Cup, canteen	-do-

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Classification

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Each

Saw, entrenching tool

Pouch, compass

Belt, cartridge

Light, flashlight

Tool, cleaning BAR

Locker, foot w/assorted supplies

LHMUSUM Entry No.

Encl (1)

-do-

-do-

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G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

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Tunnel, size not indicated

4

Bunkers, size not indicated

20

Feet of tunnel

1

Hole, fighting

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031910H

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By direction

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Special Intelligence Report of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines action during the period 031335H - 031800H in the area in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8651) and (AT 8751) [west bank of SONG THU BON]

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At 031335H, Company M, conducting a combat patrol to the west of the SONG THU BON in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8651) and (AT 8751), in response to intelligence reports of a Viet Cong Main Force unit located in that area, reported receiving approximately fifty to sixty 60mm mortar rounds, three to four 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms rounds from an estimated Viet Cong company-sized force positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 869 518). The report indicated that the Marines were located at coordinates (AT 877 515). The report stated that Company M immediately deployed to engage the enemy and called for artillery and mortar support. Company L, located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 873504) embarked on LVTs and proceeded across the river to assist Company M. Company A was also alerted and displaced to the vicinity of the SONG THU BON. At 031300H, Companies L, M and A commenced a sweep through the area. At 031330H, the first air strike was directed at Viet Cong observed in trenches at coordinates (AT 870518). Four 750 pound NAPALM tanks and aerial rockets were delivered into the area, with a reported good effect. Nine buildings were reported demolished as the result of this strike. At 031445H, a second air strike was requested; this time at a Viet Cong force located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 879515). A third air strike occurred at 031640H, when six 750 pound NAPALM tanks and aerial rockets were directed at Viet Cong in the same general area. The report stated that several artillery missions were directed at Viet Cong in the area. At 031340H, a total of forty 105mm rounds were directed at six armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 915499). Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and four Viet Cong KIA (possible). At 031410H to 031440H, a total of twenty eight 105mm rounds were directed at thirty Viet Cong positioned in a trench at coordinates (AT 874521). Enemy casualties as the result of this artillery mission were not determined. At 031520H, twenty 105mm rounds were directed at eight Viet Cong observed in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 881528). At 031535H, an aerial observer reported observing an estimated twenty Viet Cong in a village in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 891 501). Twenty eight 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the target area with good effect. At 031615H, an aerial observer directed a total of fifty four 105mm artillery rounds at Viet Cong sighted in a village at coordinates (AT 869 512). At 031645H and again at 031720H, artillery missions were directed at Viet Cong contacted in this area. (Evidently because of the scope and frequency of the contacts, specific locations were not indicated in the report). The report stated that, as the Marines commenced their retraction to the eastern shore of the SONG THU BON at 031800H, Company A received thirty to forty 81mm and 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery counter-battery was initiated, and a total of forty 155mm rounds and twenty one 105mm rounds were directed at Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 869518). The report stated that four Marines

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My eight Marines WIA (thirty six of whom required medical evacuation). The report indicated that enemy casualties were difficult to determine but eighteen Viet Cong were KIA (body count), an additional forty possibly KIA (estimated), and thirty Viet Cong WIA (possible). A large quantity of clothing (individual clothing articles, ie: shirts, trousers, etc), a quantity of medicines, ten grenades, entrenching tools, and other items of equipment were reported recovered from the site of the encounters. (See paragraph F for a more complete listing).

(S-2 Comment: A final report, received 041135H, stated that Marine casualties were:

4 KIA  
1 DOW  
34 WIA (37 required medical evacuation)

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
APO San Francisco, Calif 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #124, Period ending 051000H, May 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: 89 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: N at 10 - 15 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	ELECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
8 May	0555	0621	1907	1933	2039	0712	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

- a. At 041925H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an unidentified GVN intelligence source that one Viet Cong Company, identified as the 101st Viet Cong

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1st Airborne Company (does not appear on accepted Order of Battle listing), is located at coordinates (BT 001639) and (AT 995635). The report stated that a second Viet Cong Company (unidentified), commanding by one GAP, is located at coordinates (BT 002607). The report added that the Viet Cong 39th Battalion (-) (S-2 comment: AKA 101st Bn) is positioned at DONG LIEN hamlet, coordinates (BT 020598) with the mission of attacking the 2d Company, 1st Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment, located in the vicinity of NOHN THO (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 001664), and the VIEM TAY outpost at coordinates (BT 009649) on the night of 4 May. The report also stated that the Viet Cong will direct mortar fire at USMC units positioned in the vicinity of PHONG HUC hamlet area, grid square (BT 0163). The report was rated E-2. S-2 rates the report E-3. (See 042100H entry; this INTSUM, for report of a mortaring incident which occurred no great distance from the area indicated above).

(2) 3d Rn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 040715H, Company L reported apprehending a total of seven Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880 906). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 040730H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCOM this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 899523), reported sighting five men, two of whom carried rifles, moving north on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 819530). No additional information was provided.

c. Late Report. At 040855H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing four Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 890511). Mortar support was requested and Company L, positioned at coordinates (AT 886496), delivered twelve 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy location. Eighteen 105mm artillery rounds were also delivered into the target area. The report provided no additional details and enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 041100H, Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 889506). The report identified the device as a 57mm recoilless rifle shell but did not indicate whether it was positioned or rigged so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the shell was destroyed by the Marines.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ e. At 041100H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 891508), reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 897507). The report stated that air support was requested and a fixed wing air strike (ordnance was not indicated) was directed at the enemy position with a reported excellent effect. However, enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

f. At 041255H, Company I reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 912484), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. anti-personnel mine, (M-16A1) lot number 42-7, but provided no additional details.

g. At 041300H, Company I reported apprehending six Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9148). 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 (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

h. At 041650H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 799523), reported that LAM PHUNG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 803555), appears to have been developed into a fortified hamlet, with what was described as a "massive" trench and tunnel system. The report stated that activities within the hamlet appeared to be normal; however eight to ten villagers sought cover in a trench when the USMC aerial observer aircraft approached. No additional information was provided.

i. At 041702H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 799525), reported sighting an unusual flag being flown from a staff in front of a building located at coordinates (AT 808545). The design of the flag was described as consisting of a vertical red stripe on a yellow background and had a small indistinguishable figure in red positioned on the outside border. No additional information was provided.

j. At 041735H, a Headquarters and Service Company patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 872471). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed taking what was described as undue interest in Marine activities in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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h. At 041830H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated ten to fifteen Viet Cong positioned in a hamlet located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 872530). Artillery support was requested and thirty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. A fixed-wing air strike was also requested and over eight hundred 20mm aerial cannon rounds were delivered into the target area with a reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were estimated as ten KIA (possible) and five WIA (possible). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

i. At 041930H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 799523), reported that, during the period 040005H to 041930H, a total of three hundred five persons crossed the SONG VU GIA in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8255) to (AT 8555), heading in a southerly direction. The report stated that some of the travelers were carrying heavy packs, and that most of them were wearing the customary farmers' clothing. No additional information was provided.

m. At 050715H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area, investigating several heavily laden boats moving east on the SONG VU GIA in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 840547), reported receiving small arms/automatic weapons fire. The initial report stated that the small arms fire was believed emanating from the craft, but a subsequent report indicated that the fire was coming from the north bank of the river (exact enemy location not discerned). No additional information was provided. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

n. At 050720H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 900485), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1), but provided no additional details.

o. At 050740H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908487), reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds from an estimated six to eight Viet Cong positioned in a village in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 905493). Air support was requested and USMC fixed-wing aircraft delivered three hundred 20mm aerial cannon rounds at the target area. The report stated that, at the termination of the air strike, 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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2dBn 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 040830H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093650) where an ambush action occurred on 3 May (see 032100H entry, INTSUM #123) reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they acted suspiciously and could not explain their presence in the area. The report added that a sum of North Vietnamese currency (amount not indicated), two military uniforms (color and identification not provided), clothing (quantity not indicated), mosquito netting and a quantity of rice were discovered abandoned in the same general location. The report stated that the four suspects and all material were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation and evaluation.

b. At 041030H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085627) reported receiving approximately twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong believed to be positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081611). (S-2 comment: The range indicated would be in excess of 1600 meters and is believed erroneous). The report stated that the exact enemy position could not be discerned and the enemy fire was not returned. A squad-sized patrol was dispatched to search the area, but produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 041645H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 105655). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that a subsequent search of the building in which the suspect had hidden produced twelve gauge shotgun shells, 20mm expended shell casings, medical bandages and batteries, (quantities nor specific identifications of material were not provided). The materials were recovered and forwarded with the Viet Cong Suspect to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

d. At 042030H, a Company E squad-sized element enroute to an ambush position, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 046719), resulting in two Marines KIA, and four WIA. The report described the device as a positional (CLAYMORE) mine. The report stated that a man was observed running from a position in close proximity to the detonation, and he may have detonated the mine. Additional details will be provided when available.

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At 030700H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 065645), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report stated that the device could not be identified and did not provide any additional details. Additional information will be provided when available.

f. At 050745H, a Headquarters and Service Company platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of THANH QUIT (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 055644), reported the discovery of what was described as one reinforced bunker (reinforcement material not indicated), described as being twelve feet in depth and twelve feet in width, and constructed in what was described as an "L" shape. The report stated that an old French uniform, believed used by the Viet Cong (?) was discovered in the bunker. The report added that the bunker was destroyed by the Marines.

(4) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 041555H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994608), reported observing two armed Viet Cong, one armed with what was described as a U.S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-1), and the second armed with what was identified as a U.S. rifle, caliber .30 (M-1) at coordinates (AT 994606). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) mortars at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong position because of an intervening body of water, the SONG LA TUC. No casualties were reported.

b. At 041730H, a Company E fireteam-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992616) reported observing two armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987616). The Marines directed five small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing one Viet Cong. The report stated that the second Viet Cong was observed retrieving the weapon from the dead Viet Cong and fleeing from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the body of one dead Viet Cong, but no weapons or equipment were recovered. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 042100H, Company F reported that Marines manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 018615) and (BT 015616), received five to ten small arms rounds and what were described as two 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011608). Artillery support was requested and four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(5) 1stBn 3thMar

a. Late Report. At 040100H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 966653), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as an U. S. M-26 grenade, and stated that it was positioned along the trail and rigged with a trip-mine activator.

b. Late Report. At 040610H, Company B reported that an engineer unit conducting mine clearing operations detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 994583), resulting in four Marines KIA. The report described the device as an U. S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1) and stated that it was positioned below the surface of the ground, and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

c. Late Report. At 040615H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932563) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned at close range. 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 positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. Late Report. At 040930H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647) reported receiving eighty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong, armed with what was described as automatic weapons, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966648). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) 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.

e. At 041030H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong suspects (female) at coordinates (AT 957640). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were found in a building into which an armed Viet Cong had been observed entering a short time previously. The report stated that as the suspects were being evacuated to the Company Command Post, an explosive device (not identified) was detonated killing one of the suspects and wounding the other. The report stated that the wounded suspect was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation.

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d. At 050645H, Company F, occupying blocking positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 034617), reported observing one Viet Cong (basis for identification not provided) attempting to escape from the area by swimming the SONG THANH QUIT. The Marines directed eight small arms rounds at the fleeing man and reported killing him. The Marines searched the river bank and reported finding the body of the dead Viet Cong, but no weapons or equipment were recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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f. At 041130H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of DUC XY (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969607), reported the discovery of several tunnels (size not indicated but the report stated that the tunnels contained hidden spaces). The report stated that the tunnels led into the side of the river bank and connected with long trenches which were positioned along the embankment. The report stated that the tunnels and trenches were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 041130H, Company D reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 969607). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

h. At 041130H, Company C platoon reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 958654), resulting in one Marine KIA and six Marines WIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar round and stated that it was positioned on a trail, rigged with a pressure-type detonator so as to function as a mine. The report stated that a subsequent examination of the site revealed several punji stakes positioned about seven meters distant, and evidently serving to mark the hidden location of the explosive device.

i. At 041200H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation during the period 040800H to 041200H, reported the discovery of several explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984583). The report identified the devices as six U. S. anti-personnel mines (M-16A1), two U. S. grenades (M-26), eight 60mm mortar shells, one 81mm mortar shell and fourteen 40mm (M-79) rounds. The report indicated that the explosive articles were found scattered in several areas and did not appear to be deliberately hidden (also they were not rigged or positioned so as to detonate). The report stated that all of the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

j. At 041247H, Company D, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965608), reported the discovery of a tunnel (size not indicated). The report stated that investigation of the tunnel revealed that it led to a room, described as three feet by four feet by four feet in depth. The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

k. At 041330H, Company C reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 973653), resulting in the death of one Vietnamese child. The report did not identify nor describe the device nor provide any additional information. (S-2 Comment: The report indicated that the explosion and/or presence of the Vietnamese child was in no way related to the Marines' activities, but probably resulted from the detonation of a device positioned in the area by the Viet Cong).

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l. At 041400H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975650) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978656). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) 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.

m. At 041550H, a Company Squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981671) reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (AT 982670). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from position. 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 041730H, a Company squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 964662). The report identified the device as a rocket round (3.5 inch ?), and stated that it was positioned on the side of a trail, and rigged with an electrical detonator. The report stated that the device was disarmed and recovered for technical examination. The report added that a piece of silk cloth was found on the trail in close proximity to the device and may have served as a marking or warning signal.

o. At 050800H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an engineer element conducting a mine clearing operation, discovered an explosive device at coordinates (AT 985633). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was disarmed and recovered for technical examination.

G. 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 #</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	2	812
KIA(Possible)	0	1144
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA(Possible)	0	371
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1843
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

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VC Casualties:For 24 Hour  
Reporting Period:Cumulative  
Since 21 Apr 66:

KIA(Confirmed)	0	91
KIA(Possible)	10	148
VC Captured	0	9
VC WIA(Possible)	5	106
VC Suspects Apprehended	15	348
Returnees(Since 21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
2	Uniforms (not identified)	04083CH
UNK	Clothing (type not indicated)	-do-
1	Net, mosquito	-do-
UNK	Rice (quantity not indicated)	-do-
UNK	Shells, shotgun, 12 gauge	041645H
UNK	Supplies, medical	-do-
1	Device, explosive (3.5 inch rocket ?)	04173CH
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	05080CH
1	Shell, 57mm RR	04110CH
6	Mines, AP M16A1	04120CH
2	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-do-
3	Shells, 60mm mortar	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	-do-
14	Rounds, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
1	Uniform, French	050745H

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

UNK	Tunnels (size not indicated)	04113CH
UNK	Trenches (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	041247H
1	Bunker, 12x12 ft	050745H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (M-1)(G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #125, Period ending 051000Z, May 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: 87 LOW: 57
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: Variable 10-15 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data:

	EMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	ECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
7 May	0557	0620	1907	1930	2139	0806(8May)	FULL

B. Enemy Military Situation:(1) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 050825H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 981485), reported sighting one man, situated on a hillside at coordinates

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b. Late Report. At 050840H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 901489), reported discovering a notebook, identified as a diary (unevaluated), and two dry-cell batteries (not identified) evidently rigged so as to function as an electrical detonating mechanism. The report stated however, that no explosives were found with the batteries. No additional information was provided.

c. At 051130H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8849) and (AT 8948), reported the discovery of 8 (not described), and nine tunnels. The report stated that the bunkers and tunnels were all destroyed by the Marines, but provided no additional details.

d. At 051150H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion), conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8849), (AT 8949), (AT 9049), and (AT 9048), reported the discovery and destruction of a total of four bunkers (not described), and four tunnels. The report added that one U.S. (M-26) grenade, two 40mm (M-79) rounds (one of which was rigged to detonate (?)), and one 60mm mortar round (DUD) was also found in the area and destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 051220H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 872502) reported receiving three small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 872503). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the northeast. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported finding what were described as "large pools of blood" which indicated that at least one of the Viet Cong had sustained wounds. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

f. At 051500H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), occupying an observation post at coordinates (AT 981485), reported sighting twenty Viet Cong moving south and southeast from the area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002528). (S-2 comment: The report indicated that this area was the site of a VNAF air strike, but provided no additional details). No additional information was provided.

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3. At 051505H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 981 485), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong, moving to the southwest on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987478). The report stated that the Viet Cong were observed entering PHU LOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985 479). No additional information was provided.

h. At 051658H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 981 485), reported sighting two Viet Cong, one of whom was armed with a rifle, in THU LOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 989479). No additional information was provided.

i. At 051710H, a Company M patrol, operating in the vicinity of PHU NHUAN (8) hamlet, coordinates (AT 891504), reported the discovery of what was described as a rice cache, consisting of an estimated 10,000 pounds of rice. The report stated that the rice was discovered hidden beneath a church (no further identification provided), and evacuated to DUC DUC District Headquarters for appropriate disposition.

j. At 051805H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving what was described as automatic weapons fire from the direction of grid square (AT 1947). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

k. At 051845H, the Battalion S-2 reported that, in response to an intelligence report of the presence of a Viet Cong company in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 867517) [see 052230H entry, this INTSUM for more details], an artillery "TOT" consisting of sixty four 105mm rounds, fifteen 155mm rounds and three 8-inch rounds, was directed at the suspected enemy location. The report stated that an aerial observer directing the artillery fire reported excellent effect on target, and sighted two structures ablaze and much smoke in the area. Enemy casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

l. At 051910H, the Battalion S-3 reported that, in response to an intelligence report of the possible presence of a Viet Cong company in GIANG HOA hamlet, coordinates (AT 889520) [see 052230H entry, this INTSUM], an artillery "TOT" consisting of a total of one hundred sixty two 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

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At 051500H, the Battalion S-2 reported that, in response to an intelligence report of the possible presence of a Viet Cong Battalion Command Post in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 829483), an artillery "TOT", consisting of a total of fifty four 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location. The report indicated that assessment of the effects of the artillery fire was not accomplished due to darkness. Enemy casualties were not determined. Additional information will be provided when available.

At 052230H, the Battalion S-2 reported that information received from several sources (including prisoner and suspect interrogation, local GVN intelligence sources, villagers' information, etc.), indicated the possible presence of a Viet Cong battalion in the area to the west of the SONG THU BON. The report stated that the enemy battalion had but recently displaced and was now dispersed with one company positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 836468) and (AT 863495), two companies located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 870520), and the battalion command group located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 829483). The report continued that this battalion, which is armed with one 60mm mortar, one 57mm recoilless rifle, and machine guns, engaged Marine forces on 3 May in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8651) (see Special Intelligence Report, Enclosure (1), to INTSUM #123, for an account of that action). The report added that it appears that the morale of this force is poor due to the casualties sustained and the withdrawal of the support of the local villagers. The villagers are reported to have evacuated their homes and moved out of the area in anticipation of USMC - Viet Cong actions in the area. The report indicated however, that the Viet Cong battalion remains in this area and intends to engage USMC forces attempting to operate to the west of the SONG THU BON. The battalion S-2 rated the report C-2. S-2 rates it F-3.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 031310H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source that one Viet Cong Battalion is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 860520). The report stated that one NGUYEN NGOC LAM is the commander of this unit. The report added (confusingly) that this Viet Cong force is part of the V.25 (Main Force) Battalion. (S-2 Comments: Current Order of Battle and Personality listings show NGUYEN NGOC LAM as the Commander of the V.27 (Main Force) Company which is subordinate to the V.25 (AKA 5th) Main Force Battalion. The report therefore, may refer to a Viet Cong company-sized force. The presence of the V.25 Battalion in this area is doubtful (F-4), but the presence of one Company of this battalion

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(F-3). The presence of the fighting forces of at least one company strength (guerrilla or local force) in the area is rated probable (F-2). The presence of element of the R.20 battalion DUC LIP Battalion is more likely than the presence of the V.25 battalion however, as the participation of the R.21 and R.24 companies in the 3 May action in the vicinity of the grid square (AT 8651) has been confirmed by subsequent investigation).

b. At 051932H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO HUNG reported that, during Operation COUNTY FAIR, a joint USMC/ARVN operation conducted this date in THANH QUIT (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 032621), four hundred litres of fish oil, two hundred eighty litres of petrol, sixty kilos of salt and two bolts of black cloth were confiscated. Final disposition of the captured material was not indicated.

c. At 060330H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified source at DA NANG Garrison Headquarters that an ARVN river patrol operating in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0473) observed four armed Viet Cong walking along the bank of the SONG HAN river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 043738). The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was also observed walking along a trail at coordinates (BT 041739). No additional information was reported.

(3) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 051135H, Company G, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that three explosive devices were detonated almost simultaneously in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071624), resulting in one Marine KIA, and thirteen Marines WIA. The report described the devices as one U.S. (M-26) grenade, one bounding mine (M-16A1), and one 105mm artillery shell. The report stated that the detonation of the first device (not specified) resulted in a wounded Marine floundering into a second device positioned in close proximity. The third device was evidently detonated by a corpsman rushing into the area to render medical assistance. The report stated that all the devices were rigged with trip-wire activating mechanisms.

b. At 051430H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094642), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094644). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and two 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions.

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On 10 May 1970, the 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (1st Bn, 3rd ID) reported that the enemy had obtained identification cards and other documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID. The report stated that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID and that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID.

On 11 May 1970, the 1st Bn, 3rd ID reported that the enemy had obtained identification cards and other documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID. The report stated that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID and that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID.

On 12 May 1970, the 1st Bn, 3rd ID reported that the enemy had obtained identification cards and other documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID. The report stated that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID and that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID.

On 13 May 1970, the 1st Bn, 3rd ID reported that the enemy had obtained identification cards and other documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID. The report stated that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID and that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID.

On 14 May 1970, the 1st Bn, 3rd ID reported that the enemy had obtained identification cards and other documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID. The report stated that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID and that the enemy had obtained these documents from the 1st Bn, 3rd ID.

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a. At 051100H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977615) reported the discovery of one tunnel, described as being four feet by two feet by six feet in depth. The report stated that the tunnel, which evidenced signs of recent occupancy, was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 051100H, Company B reported that a USMC helicopter conducting a re-supply operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985583), received twenty to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988581). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. When the enemy fire continued, air support was requested and fixed wing aircraft directed four rocket passes at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks. The report added that eight expended carbine cases two expended caliber .30(M-1) cases and one full clip of caliber .30(M-1) rounds were recovered from the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 051500H, Company B, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of DUC KY (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973611), reported the discovery of two punji traps (size not indicated) and two tunnels (size not indicated), in the area. The report stated that the two punji traps and two tunnels were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 051530H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 981634). The report identified the device as an 8 inch artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned on the road and rigged with a pressure-type detonator. The report stated that the shell was destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 051750H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964630), reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 96729). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, one 40mm (M-79) round and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round at the Viet Cong 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.

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At 051000H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 936327) resulting in one Marine KIA. The report did not identify the device nor indicate how the device was rigged to detonate. Additional details will be provided when available.

g. At 052100H, Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCOM this battalion) reported that one small arms round was received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 954667), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956566). The Marines directed one small arms round and one 40mm (M-79) round 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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h. At 051000H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007613) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037609) and (BT 033603). The Marines directed fifty 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 positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 052130H, Company F reported receiving fifty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 035620), from five to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035627). The Marines directed ten 40mm (M-79) rounds and three grenades (M-26) at the enemy position and reported observing one Viet Cong being struck by the Marines' fire and fall into the SONG THANH QUAT river. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

j. At 060230H, a Headquarters and Service Company fire team-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 994677) reported receiving four small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935677). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds, one LAAM (M-72) round and two grenades (M-26) 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.

k. At 060330H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 001633), without inflicting any casualties. The report stated quick reactions on the part of the Marines when a trip wire was inadvertently disturbed allowed the device, a U. S. (M-26) Grenade, to detonate harmlessly.

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A. See 052230H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:	For 24 Hour # Reporting Period:	Cumulative # Since 10Jul65:
KIA (Confirmed)	1	813
KIA (Possible)	0	1144
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA (Possible)	2	373
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	1846
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

NOTE: #Does not include Operation GEORGIA casualty totals.

E. Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties:	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 21Apr66:
KIA (Confirmed)	0	91
KIA (Possible)	0	148
VC Captured	0	9
VC WIA (Possible)	1	107
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1348
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

Quantity	Item	INTSUM Entry No.
1	Shell, artillery 8 inch (DUD)	051530H
1	Book, notebook unevaluated	050840H
2	Batteries, dry-cell	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	051150H
2	Rounds, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
1	Shell, 60mm mortar (DUD)	-do-
1	Cache, rice 10,000 lbs	051710H
2	Traps, punji	051500H

G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

9	Tunnels, size not indicated	051130H
UNK	Bunkers, size not indicated	-do-
4	Bunkers, size not indicated	051150H
4	Tunnels, size not indicated	-do-
1	Tunnel, 4x2x6 ft deep	051100H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #127, Period ending 071000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy with rainshowers
- b. Temperature: High: 88 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 59%
- d. Precipitation: 1.5 inches
- e. Wind: Variable 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 5 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>RISE</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
8 May	0557	0620	1908	1931	2237	0858	3/4

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

- a. At 061140H, the Regimental FSCC reported that a Battery W, (3d Battalion, 12th Marines) patrol, conducting a search for mortar/artillery craters in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941643), received one hundred small

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arms rounds from Viet Cong in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy location and enemy fire ceased. One Marine KIA was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 061400H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that "COUNTY FAIR" (number 12), located in THANH QUIT (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 032621), had terminated at 061400H, with the following results: two caves were discovered and destroyed (location not indicated) and two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended by the ARVN forces. (Final disposition of the Viet Cong Suspects was not indicated).

(2) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 061600H, Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of CAU HA (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 088652), reported the discovery of six punji traps, (five of which were described as containing bamboo stakes and one containing steel stakes). The report added that one man trap, described as three feet by three feet by four feet in depth, was also discovered. The report stated that a tank was utilized to fill in all of the traps.

b. At 061915H, Company E reported receiving approximately two hundred small arms rounds and what were described as fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 046719), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046716). The Marines directed a heavy volume of small arms rounds and thirty eight 105mm artillery 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.

(3) 1st Bn 9th Mar

a. At 061650H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Battalion area of operations reported observing one armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984584). The report stated that the helicopter directed automatic weapons fire at the enemy location and reported killing the Viet Cong (body observed from the aircraft). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

b. At 061715H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983650) reported receiving approximately five hundred small arms rounds from twenty Viet Cong armed with what were described as ten automatic weapons and ten semi-automatic weapons, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982648). The Marines directed four thousand small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and reported observing four Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marine patrol was reinforced by a second infantry squad

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and one M108 vehicle, and when the enemy fire continued, eight (8) 106mm rounds were directed at the enemy positions. Mortar support was also requested and twenty one 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the target area and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong but contact could not be regained. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were four Viet Cong MIA (possible).

c. At 061835H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963603) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959601). The report stated that before the Marines could return the enemy fire, the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from the area. The report continued that, as the Marines deployed so as to pursue the Viet Cong, an explosive device was detonated, resulting in two Marines KIA. The report did not identify the device but indicated that it was a mine rigged with a trip-wire activator. Marine casualties were two KIA.

(4) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 061400H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending four suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999618). The report did not indicate the basis for apprehension; however, a subsequent report at 061930H, indicated that, upon initial interrogation, the suspects revealed that fifty to seventy five Viet Cong, wearing grey and green uniforms, had been located in QUANG DONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 998620), on 1 May. The report indicated that the Viet Cong entered the hamlet from the west during the night and departed heading in a easterly direction. The report added that the Viet Cong were armed with rifles (type not indicated). One of the Viet Cong Suspects stated that thirty Viet Cong, clothed in green uniforms, had entered QUANG DONG (2) hamlet on the night of 5 April and instructed the villagers to remain in their homes from 051800H to 060600H (the reason was not indicated). The report stated that the four Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to QUANG DONG for further investigation.

b. At 061440H, Company H, located at coordinates (AT 998618), reported that a USMC helicopter effecting an evacuation of four Viet Cong Suspects from the Company Command Post coordinates (AT 998618), received four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998616). The report indicated that the enemy fire struck an oil line, forcing the aircraft to interrupt its flight at the Battalion Command Post landing zone to effect repairs. No crew member casualties were reported. Company H Marines directed one hundred small arms 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.

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A Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006621) reported observing six Viet Cong, dressed in green uniforms, moving in a northerly direction, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993622). Mortar support was requested and five 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions but continued on their route. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 070715H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company E platoon-sized patrol discovered what was described as a suspected mine field located within the confines of LA THO BAC (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 000615). The report stated that the suspected area was marked with white flags, tin star-shaped markers and conventional triangular-shaped signs. The report stated that the area followed a generally east to west trace and was approximately fifty meters in length. The report stated that the area contained a hedgerow festooned with "e" ration cans, hung in an irregular pattern on the foliage. The report stated that the area was delineated by a barbed wire fence. Trip-wires were observed but no explosive devices could be seen. The report added that two gates, one located at each end of the area, were also found; each covered with "e" ration cans (evidently serving as warning devices). Bamboo triangular markers were also discovered throughout the area. The report indicated that a more thorough investigation will be conducted to confirm or refute the existence of the suspect field.

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a. Late Report. At 060815H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Reconn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973484), reported sighting one armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984469). No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 060925H, Company L, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 928483), reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930485). The Marines directed twelve 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and requested artillery support. Eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report indicated that the artillery and mortar fire had an excellent effect on the target area and estimated enemy casualties as three WIA (possible). No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 061000H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Reconn Bn under OPCON this battalion) positioned at coordinates (AT 973484), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong, moving east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985479). No additional information was provided.

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d. At 061045H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973 484), reported sighting two Viet Cong who were entering an area containing a cluster of buildings at coordinates (AT 983466). No additional information was provided.

e. At 061100H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973 484), reported sighting one Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985 479). No additional information was provided.

f. At 061145H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973484), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong, moving east on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985479). No additional information was provided.

g. At 061215H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973 484) reported sighting two armed Viet Cong in PHU LOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985472), heading toward the east. Artillery support was requested and four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the artillery fire flushed a Viet Cong force of about twenty five men who had evidently also been located within the hamlet. A second artillery mission was quickly requested and an additional thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the fleeing enemy. The report stated that enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count - observed from the observation post), three Viet Cong KIA (possible), and ten Viet Cong WIA (possible). Six buildings were also reported destroyed by the artillery fire.

h. At 061330H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from two Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 996480). The report stated that the observers' aircraft directed four (aerial) rockets at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

i. At 061330H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire, from two directions; one from the direction of coordinates (AT 977480), and the second location which could not be discerned. The report stated that the observer's aircraft directed (small arms) automatic weapons fire and (aerial) rockets at the suspected locations and the enemy fire ceased. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

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At 061520H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973 484), reported sighting one Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 989468) who appeared to be contacting the farmers and talking to them as he travelled through the area. No additional information was provided.

k. At 061540H, Company I, participating in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915497), in response to information received from a Viet Cong Suspect (the report indicated that the suspect led the Marines to the area), reported making contact with Viet Cong positioned in tunnels in that area. The report stated that, as the Marines were investigating the tunnels that had been pointed out by the Viet Cong Suspect, the Viet Cong tossed one grenade and fired five small arms rounds from within the tunnel. One Marine was WIA. The Marines returned ten grenades, and breached the tunnel with explosive charges. When the Marines searched the tunnel they reported finding the bodies of five Viet Cong, two U.S. rifles, caliber .30 (M-1), one carbine, caliber .30, one U.S. submachine gun caliber .45 (THOMPSON), one CMICOM carbine, 7.62mm (MOSSIN-NAGENT) model 53, four CMICOM grenades, four U.S. (M-26) grenades, and a quantity of documents (unevaluated). Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were five KIA (body count). (A subsequent report identified the informer as a "returnee").

l. At 061645H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 973 484), reported sighting one armed Viet Cong moving south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982476). No additional information was provided.

m. At 061800H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing two Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 948483). Artillery support was requested and seventeen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The aerial observer reported excellent effect on the target, sighting one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and estimated that one additional Viet Cong had been WIA (possible).

n. At 061910H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 795 517), reported sighting one armed Viet Cong, moving east at coordinates (AT 814507). No additional information was provided.

o. At 061915H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area, reported observing what was described as a camouflaged boat at coordinates (AT 846474). The report stated that the boat and a foot bridge at that location was destroyed but provided no additional details. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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p. At 070925H, Company M operating in the vicinity of coordinates 18 09 48N, reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from an estimated three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 850 485). The report indicated that artillery support was requested and delivered into the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. No casualties were reported.

C. q. Special Report. Information relayed by the Battalion S-2 from several independent sources indicates that total Viet Cong casualties for the 3 May action to the west of the SONG THU BON (see 031335H entry, INTSUM #123) totalled at least fifty Viet Cong KIA (possible) and fifty Viet Cong WIA (possible). The battalion rated this report C-1. Based on this report, an additional twenty Viet Cong WIA (possible) will be shown in paragraph E of this INTSUM. [INTSUM #123 already reflected eighteen Viet Cong KIA (body count), forty Viet Cong KIA (possible), and thirty Viet Cong WIA (possible).]

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 #</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since 10Jul65:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	814*
KIA (Possible)	0	1144
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA (Possible)	4	377
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1846
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA VC casualty totals

\* Includes one Viet Cong KIA (body count) (KBA) (see 061650H entry this INTSUM)

E. <u>Operation GEORGIA</u> <u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 21Apr66:</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	7	98
KIA (Possible)	3	151
VC Captured	0	9
VC WIA (Possible)	35	142
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	348
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

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captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
6	Traps, punji	061600H
1	Trap, Man (3x3x4 ft in depth)	-do-
2	Rifles, U. S. Cal.30 (M-1)	061540H
1	Submachinegun, THOMPSON, cal.45	-do-
1	Carbine, U. S. Cal.30 (M-1)	-do-
1	Carbine, CHICOM, MOSSIN-NAGENT, 7.62mm Model 53	-do-
4	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
4	Grenades, U. S. (M-26)	-do-
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-

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

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DISTRIBUTION:

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3dEng	(1)
EOD	(1)
MAG-11	(1)
MAG-16	(1)
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FSCC	(1)
S-3	(2)
S-2	(6)
1stAntTrac	(1)
3dTank	(1)
3dAT	(1)
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C Co AT	(1)
CO	(1)
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #128, Period ending 081000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair w/overcast skies
- b. Temperature: High: 85 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 81%
- d. Precipitation: .60 inches
- e. Wind: Variable 10 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:

Despite recent heavy rains, trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations remains unchanged. Although the surfaces of some trails and secondary roads have softened and in some areas are covered with a shallow pond of water, the rains have not as yet resulted in actual deterioration of the road surfaces to the extent that trafficability is affected.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EJECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
9 May	0556	0620	1908	1931	2331	0953	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn 4th Mar

- a. At 071345, a Company E, platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of KHA TRUNG KHA hamlet, coordinates (BT 052717), reported that while destroying haystacks, believed used to conceal tunnels and caves, a secondary

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Explosion heard. An interview of the security guard was not deemed necessary. The report stated that the explosion caused a large amount of smoke and debris, and that the black and white smoke was very thick and dense. The report also stated that the explosion was very loud and that the sound was heard for several minutes.

At 072000H, Company G reported receiving eighty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 090599), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090599), (BT 090598), and (BT 090597). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he possessed an altered identification card. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Collection Point, for investigation.

At 072100H, Company G reported receiving eighty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 090599), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 090599), (BT 090598), and (BT 090597). The report stated that the area was shelled and eight 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position at first light on 8 May but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(2) 5000 9000H

At 071000H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the 1st Air Division Headquarters (S-2) that a captured Viet Cong cadre (circumstances of capture not indicated) stated during interrogation that one Viet Cong Battalion (designation not provided), with an estimated strength of three hundred men, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 864520). (The Battalion S-2 rated this portion of the report P-2). The report continued that one Viet Cong Main Force Company is permanently (?) located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 900305). (The Battalion S-2 rated this portion of the report P-3). (S-2 comment: The presence of a Viet Cong battalion in the western portion of the Operation GEORGIA area is rated P-2. Based on the 3 May encounter [see 031335H entry, INESUM #123], this battalion is probably the R.20 Main Force battalion. The presence of this (or any battalion-sized force) in the area indicated is possible (P-3); but it is doubtful (P-4) that this force is occupying permanent type positions or will remain in any one location for a protracted period of time. The presence of a Main Force company (presumably subordinate to the Main Force Battalion accepted as operating in the western portion of the Operation GEORGIA area) is rated P-3).

At 071300H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing eight Viet Cong in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 864508). Artillery support was requested and ten 105mm rounds were fired at the enemy location. The report stated that the Viet Cong (approximately four men) were believed to have taken refuge in a tunnel. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 071000H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 863507) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 863507). Artillery support was requested and delivered at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report indicated that an aerial observer was dispatched to assess the results of the artillery fire but enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 071230H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) (location not indicated) reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds from six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 865508). Artillery support was requested and delivered into the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 071340H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 865502) reported sighting four Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 857366). Artillery support was requested and delivered into the target area with a reported excellent results. The report stated that enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong KIA (possible) but did not indicate how these casualties were determined (range is in excess of 6000meters).

f. At 071505H, an aerial observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing six to eight Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 801505). Artillery support was requested and sixteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

g. At 071738H, Company A (1stBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 868519), reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 870520). The report indicated that the exact enemy position could not be determined and the Viet Cong fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 080915H, the battalion S-2 provided the results of the Companies A, L, and I search and destroy operation conducted in the area extending from coordinates (AT 840470) to (AT 820470) to (AT 875519). The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed two man-traps (not described), a total of forty four bunkers (not described), three caves, two fighting holes, and ninety feet of tunnels. The report added that one 3.5 inch (rocket) round (the report indicated that it was booby-trapped /rigged to function as a mine?) two grenades, one U.S. "Butterfly" Bomb (Fragmentation M83), two 105mm artillery shells (DUD), two 40mm (M-79) rounds (DUD), and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round, was also found and destroyed by the Marines. (S-2 comment: The report also

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stated that a total of twenty two Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended but provided no additional details as to location, basis for apprehension, or disposition. Additional details will be provided when available.

i. At 060045H, the Battalion S-2, providing the results of a C&I recon and destroy operation in the area extending from coordinates (AT 863494) to (AT 846475), reported the discovery and destruction of four man traps (laid with punji stakes and one (vertical ?) tunnel, described as four feet by six feet by thirty feet. The report added that one 2.5 inch (aerial) rocket and one U. S. (M-26) grenade was also found in this area.

j. At 060450H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area, reported observing Viet Cong (number not indicated) in the vicinity of the DAI KHUONG (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 849504). Artillery support was requested and forty 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy location. No additional information was provided, and enemy casualties were not indicated.

(3) 3d Bn 2d Mar

a. At 07015H, Company C reported that one small arms round was directed at a Company vehicle heading in a northerly direction on Highway #1 in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016699), by Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010700). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and the exact enemy location could not be discerned. The Marines did not return the enemy fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) 1st Bn 9th Mar

a. At 071745H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977648) reported receiving what was described as light small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978647). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that when the Marines were advancing to search the site of the Viet Cong positions, they received an additional twenty small arms rounds from the same Viet Cong location (AT 978647). The Marines then directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, two 40mm (M-79) rounds, one 2.5 inch (rocket)(WP) round and one rifle grenade (WP) at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing into a treeline. 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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b. At 071545H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol conducting a search and destroy operation, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 967616), reported receiving seventy to ninety small arms rounds from six Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and three LAAM (M-72) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, and withdrew from the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood indicating that at least one Viet Cong was struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 071940H, a Company H (2d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 956684), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not describe the device nor indicate how it was positioned nor rigged to detonate. Additional details will be provided when available.

d. At 071945H, Company H (2d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported receiving twenty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 954666), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954657). The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) round 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.

e. At 080505H, Company E (2d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) maintaining a line of encirclement around LE CON (2) hamlet, as part of a "County Pair" operation, reported that a squad-sized element located at coordinates (AT 978648) received three small arms rounds and what were described as five or six grenades from Viet Cong positioned in what was believed to have been a Viet Cong outpost position, in close proximity to the Marines location. The report stated that the Marines did not return the small arms fire because of friendly forces operating in the area, but did direct twenty grenades at the enemy's positions. One Viet Cong was reported KIA (body count). The report added that one Viet Cong was observed being struck by fragments of 40mm (M-79) round that the Marines directed at the enemy as they withdrew. Marine casualties were one KIA and nine WIA. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible). Additional details will be provided when available.

f. At 080705H, a Company H (2d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952648) reported receiving small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954645). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two LAAM (M-72) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 071450H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from the Intelligence Office at HIEU NHON District Headquarters that there are four caves (size not indicated) located in the garden of one Mrs TRUONG in the HA GIA hamlet, CAM HAI Village, coordinates (BT 108637). The report stated that these caves were utilized to hide Viet Cong political cadre, identified as one NGUYEN HET and one LE NGOC DUONG. The report added that two Viet Cong guerrillas, identified as one CU DUY DONG and one NGUYEN NHO, also take shelter in these caves during USMC/ARVN military operations. The report stated that a Vietnamese female, identified as one Mrs NIEN, is available to advise and direct friendly forces to the location of the caves. The report was rated B-2 by HIEU NHON. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 071900H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN reported that four 60mm mortar rounds were received in the Prisoner Compound area, HOI AN, in grid square (BT 1457). The report stated that a crater analysis indicated that rounds probably emanated from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 148577). The report stated that two prisoners were KIA, and three prisoners, three civilians, and one ARVN soldier were wounded. No Marine casualties were reported. The report provided no additional information.

c. At 071930H, the ARVN Liaison Officer assigned to Headquarters 9th Marines relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN intelligence source, 51st ARVN Regiment, that reports have been received that indicate that the Viet Cong (size of force not indicated) plan to attack the ARVN forces at BO MUNG, coordinates (BT 023659) and THANH TRUNG (does not appear on current operational maps). The report stated that the Viet Cong are presently gathering information regarding troop strength and dispositions at these two locations and that the attack would be conducted between the period 10 through 30 May. (This portion of the report was rated C-2. S-2 rates the report F-3). The report continued that one Viet Cong reconnaissance force, consisting of eleven men and four women, in the guise of villagers were living in BICH BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 985633) and HA TAY hamlet, coordinates (BT 009643), and DANG DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 002663). (This portion of the report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG. S-2 rates the report F-3). The report continued that two Viet Cong Companies, identified as subordinate to the 101st Viet Cong Battalion, displaced from KY MINH village vicinity of grid square (AT 9960) to the DONG QUANG hamlet area, coordinates (BT 003628) on 021600H May. The report stated that this Viet Cong force was armed with one 57mm recoilless rifle, one 81mm mortar, and caliber .30 machine guns (number not indicated). The report stated that this Viet Cong force was augmented by local guerrilla units. The exact mission was not indicated but the Viet Cong are keeping USMC/ARVN activities/installations in the area under observation. (This portion of the report was rated B-2 by HOA VANG. S-2 rates it F-4). The report continued that a Viet Cong force (size not indicated) were in hiding between the HOA PHUNG hamlet, coordinates (BT 052698) and HOA CAN hamlet, coordinates (BT 036686). The report stated

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that the mission of this Viet Cong force was to attack USMC/ARVN units in the vicinity of CO MAN hamlet, coordinates (BT 027690), TUNG LAM hamlet, coordinates (BT 033700) and LIEM LAC hamlet, coordinates (BT 021681). The report stated that the attack could be expected anytime from the present to 30 May. (This portion of the report was rated E-2 by HOA VANG. S-2 rates it F-3).

d. At 080825H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified (GVN) agent that one Viet Cong Battalion, commanded by one SOAN and armed with two 57mm recoilless rifles, one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, three caliber .30 machine guns and three PRC/10 radios has displaced from coordinates (AT 860 543) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 847547). The report did not indicate the strength or mission of this Viet Cong force. The report was rated C-3 by HOI AN. S-2 rates the report F-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 #</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since (10Jul 65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	815
KIA (Possible)	0	1144
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA (Possible)	2	379
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1847
Returnees Since (21Jan66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties totals

\* Increase of one Viet Cong based on 3d ITT Prisoner Interrogation report as follows:

ITT Report # 310-4-66 dtd 29 April 66

Name: TRINH RAN  
Age: 22  
Status: VC Hamlet Guerrilla  
Capturing Unit: L-3-9 no time or date

E. <u>Operation GEORGIA</u> <u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since (21Apr66):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	99
KIA (Possible)	4	155
VC Captured	0	164
VC WIA (Possible)	2	144
VC Suspects Apprehended	22	370
Returnees Since (21Apr66)	0	0

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## ITEM

## INTSUM ENTRY NO.

2	Traps, man, size not indicated	080915H
2	Rounds, 3.5 inch (rocket)	-do-
2	Grenades, unidentified	-do-
1	Bomb, U.S. (Fragmentation M83), butterfly	-do-
2	Shells, 105mm (DUD)	-do-
2	Rounds, 40mm (M-79) (DUD)	-do-
4	Traps, man, size not indicated	080915H
1	Shell, .25 inch (rocket)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-

3. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

44	Bunkers, size not indicated	080915H
3	Caves, size not indicated	-do-
2	Holes, fighting	-do-
1	Tunnel, 9 ft long	-do-
1	Tunnel, 4x6x30 ft	080915H

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #129, Period ending 091000H, May 1966

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

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

- a. General: Cloudy with rainshowers
- b. Temperatures: High: 88 Low: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 86%
- d. Precipitation: .13 inches
- e. Wind: Light to variable
- f. Visibility: 5-7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:

Due to the recent rains, roads and trails within the 9th Marines Area of Responsibility have begun to show signs of light deterioration, however, trafficability has not been hampered to any extent.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BIENT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
10 May	0556	0619	1908	1931	-- -- --	1048	3/4

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

a. At 081230H, the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer (S-5) relayed a report from the Pacification cadre leader (unidentified) in the HOA LCI village that the LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 975671) chief, one NGUYEN

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LUONG was apprehended by the Viet Cong on 5 May and detained as a prisoner in the vicinity of Hill 55, grid square (AT 9762), for a period of about twenty four hours. The report stated that Mr LUONG was questioned about USMC strength and disposition in the LA BONG area. The report added that the Viet Cong informed Mr. LUONG that they planned to attack the USMC units in that area in the near future (date not indicated). The report stated that Mr LUONG has a twenty two year old son, one NGUYEN HAI, described as being an active Viet Cong local guerrilla and it was believed that this relationship was the reason for his expeditious release from Viet Cong captivity. Upon return to the LA BONG hamlet area, Mr LUONG reported that a large North Vietnamese (PAVN) force (described as a regiment) was in the vicinity of Hill 55 when he was held there as a captive. The report did not indicate the unit designation, organization nor armament. The report also added that the villagers of LI SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 974645) informed the Pacification cadre leader in HOA LOI village that one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon, consisting of a strength of eighteen men, operated within the area. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the F-3.

(2) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 080805H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966474), reported sighting five Viet Cong, clothed in what were described as grey and green uniforms, moving in a northeast direction at coordinates (AT 984479). The report added that two packs and one rifle (type not indicated) were noted. No additional information was provided.

b. At 081100H, Company I reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 874525). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

c. At 081350H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908502) reported receiving heavy small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from Viet Cong positioned in a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 906505) and (AT 904502). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and eight 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and fifty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks indicating at least one Viet Cong was killed and two Viet Cong were wounded. No Marines casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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d. At 081400H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966474), reported sighting three Viet Cong described as two males, one female, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977469). The report added that the two men were armed with what were described as rifles, and that one of the men wore a cartridge belt. The report stated that artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with unobserved results.

e. At 081435H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966447), reported sighting ten Viet Cong camouflaged with foliage in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940476). Artillery support was requested and thirty five 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that only three of the ten Viet Cong were observed leaving the area. Enemy casualties were estimated as four Viet Cong KIA (possible) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

f. At 081735H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966474), reported sighting six Viet Cong wearing camouflage and carrying what were described as packs and bundles. No additional information was provided.

g. At 081800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported observing a supply cache (items not identified). The report did not indicate the location but did state that it was in close proximity to what was described as a new house and bunker (size not indicated) in the Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (under OPCON this battalion) area of responsibility, grid squares (AT 8751) and (AT 8952)). The report stated that two persons had been observed in the area earlier. The report added that Company A will dispatch a patrol to investigate on 9 May. No additional information was received by the termination of this INTSUM. Additional information will be provided when available.

h. At 082130H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an ARVN observation post, positioned at coordinates (AT 866440), that movement was observed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 877434). The area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination rounds and ten to twelve Viet Cong were observed. Artillery support was requested and twenty one 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that Company M will conduct a search of the Viet Cong positions at first light on 9 May. No additional information was received as of the termination of this INTSUM. Additional information will be provided when available.

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i. At 082145H, the Battalion S-3 provided the results of a battalion search and destroy operation conducted on 8 May, within the Operation GEORGIA area. The report stated that six hundred nineteen pounds of explosives were utilized in the destruction of sixty-one bunkers (size not indicated), one hundred feet of tunnel, two tunnels (size not indicated), six gates, one of which was booby trapped with an U.S. (M-26) grenade with trip-wire activator, two punji traps containing metal stakes, two fighting holes (size not indicated), one 105mm (artillery) shell (DUD), one U.S. (M-26) grenade (DUD) and one grenade (type not indicated) booby-trap rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator.

j. At 090900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a 2d Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment source (unidentified) that one Viet Cong Main Force Battalion (unidentified) was presently deployed in grid square (AT 8047). The report stated that this unit was armed with two 81mm mortars. No additional information was provided. (This portion of the report was not rated by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2. S-2 rates it F-3). The report continued that Viet Cong guerrillas have contaminated the water supply in PHU NHUAN and THU BON hamlets, grid square (AT 9051). (This portion of the report was rated F-4 by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2. S-2 rates it F-6). The report continued that one Viet Cong Main Force Company (unidentified) was presently deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970543) with the mission to mine the area of their (Viet Cong) location and to engage USMC units upon departure from the AN HOA area. No additional information was provided. (This portion of the report was rated F-3 by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2. S-2 rates the report F-3).

k. At 090900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN intelligence source, DUC DUC District Headquarters, that the 20th Viet Cong Main Force Battalion which engaged the Marines on 3 May (see 031335H entry, INTSUM #123 and 071000H entry, INTSUM #128 for related information regarding this encounter), have displaced to the vicinity of grid square (AT 8149) for possible reorganization after having suffered heavy losses. The report added that the 70th Viet Cong Main Force Battalion was located in grid square (AT 8752) and was reportedly seeking engagement with USMC units. The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 rated the report C-4, except the location of the 70th Viet Cong Main Force Battalion, which was rated C-5. S-2 rates that portion of the report regarding the R.20 Battalion as F-3; the balance of the report is rated F-5.

(3) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 081050H, a Company F squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 979601). The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell with ten pounds of explosives (TNT) attached and stated that it was positioned so as to function as an anti-tank mine, and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

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b. At 081935H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a search and destroy operation conducted on 8 May in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984582). The report stated that when seven line charges were detonated, ten secondary explosions occurred (intensity not indicated). The report added that two explosive devices, identified as one 105mm artillery round, and one 155mm artillery round were also discovered and destroyed in the same location.

c. At 082125H, a Company F squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 986579) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from three to six Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains indicating that at least two Viet Cong were struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 082130H, the Battalion S-2 reported that two Headquarters and Service Company squad-size ambushes (one positioned at coordinates (BT 073 655) and the second positioned at coordinates (BT 071651)), made contact with a Viet Cong force. The Marines at coordinates (BT 071651) reported observing one armed Viet Cong attempting to evade the Marines. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy. The report added that at this time the Marine ambush located at coordinates (BT 071651) observed a total of eight armed Viet Cong attempting to run across their position. The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that both Marine ambushes combined forces and conducted a search of the area and reported finding blood pools and drag marks indicating that at least one Viet Cong was killed and two Viet Cong were wounded as the result of the Marines' fire. The report stated that a total of thirty seven 81mm mortar illumination rounds were directed over the area during this encounter. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 082225H, Company G reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions at coordinates (BT 090 599) from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons and positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086604) and (BT 086595). The Marines directed one hundred caliber .50 small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and ten 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report added that a Marine ambush, positioned in close proximity to the Company Command Post positions, also directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy location with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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(5) 1stBn 9thMar

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a. At 081125H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979600) reported observing one armed Viet Cong emerge from a treeline in close proximity to the Marines' position. The report stated that the Marines directed the Viet Cong to halt in Vietnamese language. When the challenge was ignored the Marines fired one warning shot at the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong ignored the warning shot and continued his flight. The Marines directed small arms rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, and observed him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the Viet Cong regained his posture and succeeded in discarding his weapon in the SONG TAN GIAP river, before the Marines succeeded in killing him. The report stated that the Marines attempted to recover the weapon but failed. No equipment was recovered from the body. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

b. At 081705H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a Pacification Team leader (unidentified) in AN TRACH (1) coordinates (AT 968664) that he was informed by the local villagers that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified) was located in CAM NUI (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 965683). The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 rates the report F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

c. At 081840H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 959655). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was positioned on the surface of the ground near a treeline, and rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 082245H, Company D reported receiving fifty small arms in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 975650) and (AT 973650), from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978650). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and seventeen 40mm (M-79) 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.

e. At 082300H, a Company C squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 974655) reported observing what was believed to be one Viet Cong squad moving from north to south in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and ten hand grenades at the enemy position and reported killing two and observing an additional two fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. When the enemy broke contact and fled the area, the Marines pursued until contact was lost. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks indicating at least two Viet Cong were killed and two Viet Cong were wounded. Marine casualties were four WIA. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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f. At 090900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the following results of a Fair operation being conducted in the LE SON (2) - TRIAM CAM (1) hamlet area, grid square (AT 9764). The report stated that as of 090900H total Viet Cong casualties for the period were six Viet Cong KIA (body count) and five Viet Cong captured. The report added that one rifle identified as a MAS-36, one submachine gun, CHICOM, K-50, one rifle identified as a MAT-44, two rifles, U.S. model Springfield 03, one carbine identified as a K-44, one Claymore type mine (CHICOM), grenades (quantity and type not indicated), and documents (unevaluated). The report added that one map sketch of USMC units positioned in the AN TRA area, grid square (BT 0869) was also recovered. The report added that one of the captured Viet Cong, upon initial interrogation, informed the Marines that one Viet Cong Local Force Company with a strength of one hundred twelve men, and armed with one 81mm mortar was deployed along the SONG LO DONG river from coordinates (YD 170660) to (AT 805668). The report however was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6. Additional information will be provided when available.

G. 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 #</u> <u>Reporting Periods</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	3	818
KIA (Possible)	1	1145
VC Captured	0	263
VC WIA (Possible)	6	385
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1847
Returnees Since (21Jan66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA VC Casualties totals

E. <u>Operation GEORGIA</u> <u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since (21Apr66):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	99
KIA (Possible)	5	160
VC Captured	0	10
VC WIA (Possible)	5	149
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	378
Returnees Since (21Apr66)	0	0

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
2	Traps, punji	082145H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	-do-
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26) (DUD)	-do-
1	Grenade, unidentified	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	081050H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm	081935H
1	Shell, artillery 155mm	-do-
4	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	081840H

C. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

61	Bunkers, size not indicated	082145H
1	Tunnel, 100 ft long	-do-
2	Tunnels, size not indicated	-do-
6	Gates	-do-
2	Holes, fighting	-do-

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #130, Period ending 101000H, May 1966  
Encl: (1) - CI Spot Report 6-5-66 and 7-5-66  
(2) - Ordnance Within Vicinity of Abandoned ARVN Fort at PHONG THU

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

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

- a. General: Partly cloudy skies w/rainshowers
- b. Temperature: High: 93 Low: 76
- c. Average Humidity: 88%
- d. Precipitation: Trace during past twelve hours
- e. Wind: Light and variable
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
Trafficability of roads and trails remain unimpeded in spite of the recent rains.(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EQT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
11 May	0556	0619	1908	1931	0020	1141	3/4

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

- a. At 091750H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source

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that one Viet Cong Battalion (unidentified) was deployed within the vicinity of coordinates (AT 870520), (AT 865515) and (AT 876514). No additional information was provided. The report was rated C-2 by HOI AN. S-2 rates the report C-3.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 091005H, Company G reported that one Marine was wounded when he stepped into a punji trap containing metal stakes at coordinates (AT 992617).

b. At 091050H, Headquarters and Service Company reported receiving twelve to fifteen small arms rounds in the ~~Republic~~ Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 014627), from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015623). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) 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.

c. At 091240H, Company G, participating in Operation COUNTY FAIR, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 992617) resulting in one Marine KIA and three Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. M-16 type bounding mine and stated it was rigged with a pressure-release activating mechanism.

d. At 092040H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company F search and destroy operation conducted on 9 May, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985583). The report stated that when line charges (number not indicated) were detonated, twenty secondary explosions (intensity not indicated) occurred. The report added that four 81mm mortar rounds, two 60mm mortar rounds, and two U.S. M-16A1 (bounding) mines were also discovered and destroyed in the same location.

e. At 100115H, a Company H squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 017622) reported observing two armed Viet Cong at approximately three hundred meters range. The Marines requested mortar support and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong quickly withdrew from the area. A search of the Viet Cong location produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 090845H, Company I reported receiving heavy small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 868544), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 865555). The Marines directed two hundred small arms 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.

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553) b. At 091100H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (892 vicinity of coordinates (AT 895553)). The Marines directed fifteen small rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 091220H, Company M reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 866488). The report identified the device as an 105mm (artillery) shell (DUD) but failed to indicate how the device was positioned or rigged to detonate.

d. At 091250H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966474), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong wearing what was described as camouflage and packs, moving in a northerly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940476). No additional information was provided.

e. At 091320H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 798515), reported sighting five armed Viet Cong carrying what were described as packs in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 810510). Artillery support was requested and eighty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that an aerial observer operating in the area reported that the artillery fire made a direct hit on one enemy position, and one Viet Cong body was observed lying on the ground. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

f. At 091335H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 798515), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong carrying what were described as packs, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 790478). No additional information was provided.

g. At 091645H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 864553) reported observing one young Vietnamese male approaching them. When the Marines issued a challenge, the male attempted to run away. The report stated that, at this time, the Marines received six small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in close proximity to the the Marines' positions. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and at the fleeing Viet Cong suspect. The report stated the Viet Cong fire was not repeated and that the Viet Cong Suspect was struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the Viet Cong position produced negative results, however the Viet Cong Suspect was discovered and apprehended. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the Battalion Command Post for treatment and investigation.

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h. At 091745H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 890503), reported observing Viet Cong hiding in a bunker, described as six feet by six feet by three feet in depth. When the Viet Cong refused to emerge, the Marines destroyed the bunker with ten pounds of explosives (C-4). The report stated that when the Marines searched through the bunker debris, they found the bodies of three Viet Cong KIA, one pistol, caliber .25 (manufacturer not indicated), and assorted documents (unevaluated). The report stated that two Viet Cong Suspects were observed emerging from a hole to the rear of the bunker and fled from the area. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong Suspects and reported apprehending them at coordinates (AT 880506). Final disposition of the suspects was not indicated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong KIA (body count), and two Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

i. At 091850H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that one CHICOM grenade and fifteen rounds of foreign made 7.62mm ammunition (country of manufacture not indicated) was discovered in a haystack in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880555). The report stated that the CHICOM grenade was destroyed in place by the Marines but that the 7.62 ammunition would be evacuated for technical evaluation.

j. At 092105H, the Battalion S-2 reported that during this days activities in the Operation GEORGIA area, the Marines destroyed a total of three gates, six fence lines, six tunnels (size not indicated), thirty nine bunkers (size not indicated), one structure, one 3.5 inch (rocket) (DUD), one propaganda sign, one hand grenade (DUD), and two punji traps (size not indicated). (The report did not indicate the location of the destroyed items).

k. At 100900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that initial interrogation of two Viet Cong returnees who turned themselves into the DUC DUC District Headquarters on 9 May, revealed that no Viet Cong Main Force units are located in the area where the Marine units have been operating for the past three days. The report added that these two Viet Cong ralliers were from the HANH TAY (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 847482) and HANH DONG hamlet, coordinates (AT 856486). The report stated that the returnees informed the Marines that the Viet Cong Q15 Main Force Battalion, armed with BARS and 81mm mortars (number not indicated), and possessing what was described as an anti-tank capability, were deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915550). The report was rated F-4 by the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2. S-2 rates the report F-6. (S-2 Comment: The Q 15B is a local force company last reported in the vicinity of grid square (AT 0057).

(4) 2dBr 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 090715H, Company G, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 084595), reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 086587). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar

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requested and fifty five 105mm rounds and ten 60mm mortar rounds were fired. The Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Viet Cong were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 091000H, a USMC helicopter conducting a re-supply operation in the Company G operations area, vicinity of coordinates (BT 083592, reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092594). The report stated that Company G directed approximately one hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong position and the enemy fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 091115H, a Headquarters and Service Company fireteam -sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067654). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed studying what was described as a map sketch of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines, Command Post location. The report stated that the suspect and map sketch was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

d. At 091955H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 090653), from an estimated three to five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 092653). The Marines directed fifty small arms 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.

e. At 100750H, Company K (3dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) conducting a search and clear operation, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093653). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that when the Viet Cong suspect ignored the Marines' warning to halt, the Marines directed small arms fire at him, and reported wounding him. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station for treatment and investigation.

(5) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 090845H, a Company H (2dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported apprehending five suspicious persons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953653). The report stated that suspects were apprehended when two appeared to be of military age and wore what were described as military type clothing, two displayed gunshot wounds which had been recently inflicted and treated, and one displayed what was described as undue interest in the immediate area. The report added that the five suspects could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

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b. At 090919H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of LE SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 973647) reported the discovery of one tunnel, described as being approximately six feet by six feet turning at right angles four feet inside the entrance. The report added that one explosive device, described as a grenade (unidentified), rigged with a trip-wire activator was also discovered in the immediate vicinity of the tunnel. The report stated that the tunnel and grenade were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 091400H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of THAI CAM (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 977628) reported the discovery of one tunnel, described as being twenty five meters in length, with an entrance camouflaged with what was described as bamboo and grass. The report added that an explosive device, identified as an 81mm mortar round, rigged with a pressure type detonating mechanism was also discovered near the tunnel entrance. The report stated that both the tunnel and 81mm mortar round were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 091426H, a Company H (2dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951646) reported observing two Vietnamese males dressed in what was described as black clothing emerge from a building in close proximity to the Marines' position. The report stated that when the two men observed the Marines they began to run toward the SON YEN river. The Marines issued a warning to the fleeing men to halt but the warning was ignored. 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 Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the body of one dead Viet Cong. The report added that two U.S. (M-26) fragmentation grenades attached to a cartridge belt were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

e. At 091530H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948635) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950633). The Marines directed five small arms rounds and one rifle grenade at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks indicating at least one Viet Cong was struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

f. At 091730H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 963621) during an attempt to destroy it, resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a grenade (unidentified) and stated that it was positioned on a rice paddy dike and rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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At 100630H, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 960547). The report identified the device as three 57mm rounds placed together and rigged with a pressure type detonating mechanism so as to function as a mine. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 100830H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional classifying information regarding a Company C action on 8 May in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974635) (see 082300H entry, INTSUM # 185). This later report stated that a subsequent search of the ambush position produced a total of three Viet Cong bodies. (The initial report reflected two Viet Cong (body count). Based on this report, paragraph D of this INTSUM will be amended to include one additional Viet Cong KIA (body count). No additional information was provided.

i. At 100915H, a Company D squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of CHAN SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 952604) reported the discovery of a tunnel (size not indicated), described as having three separate entrances. The report stated that the tunnel was not destroyed because of unavailability of explosives, but would be destroyed at a later date. The report stated that the Marines searched the tunnel with negative results.

(6) Later Reports.

c. At 100945H, the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 reported that a total of twenty nine Viet Cong suspects were apprehended during this day's activities, and evacuated to the (forward) Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. The report provided no additional details but stated that the addition of this twenty nine Viet Cong suspects increases the total Viet Cong suspects apprehended to four hundred eight. (S-2 Comment: Paragraph E of this INTSUM will be amended to reflect this total figure).

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 #</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative #</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
VC KIA (Confirmed)	2	320
VC KIA (Possible)	0	1145
VC Captured	0	265
VC MIA (Possible)	1	356
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1849
Battueses (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation HOCHWALD VC Casualty Totals.

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<b>H. Operation PHOTON</b>	<b>For 2. Line</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<u>VC Casualties:</u>	<u>Reporting Periods:</u>	<u>Since (21Apr66):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	103
KIA (Possible)	4	164
VC Captured	0	10
VC WIA (Possible)	0	12
VC Suspects Apprehended	29	403
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

**F. Captured and destroyed enemy material:**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>DTSUM entry No.</u>
1	Pistol, caliber .25 (unidentified)	091745H
UNK	Documents, (unevaluated)	-do-
1	Map, (unevaluated)	091
1	Grenade, (unidentified)	091015H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	09100H
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	091226H
1	Ball, cartridge	-do-
3	Rounds, 57mm	100620H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (F30)	091220H
1	Grenade, CH18CM	-do-
65	Rounds, CH18CM 1.62mm ammunition	091850H
1	Round, 3.5 inch (rocket) (BUM)	092105H
1	Sign, propaganda	-do-
1	Grenade, (unidentified)	-do-
2	Traps, punji	-do-

**G. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:**

5	Gates, (size not indicated)	092105H
6	Fence lines, (size not indicated)	-do-
6	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	-do-
30	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Structure, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel, 506 ft	091015H
1	Tunnel, 25 meters in length	091400H

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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FM  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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8 May 1966

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SPOT REPORT 7-5-66

Attached is a report received by the 3d CIT from the Combat Intelligence Section of 3d Marine Division, G-2 Section. A check of our files indicates the meeting place at the temple in GIAO THUY (AT 935545) on 29 April was approximately 5,000 meters from the meeting which was alleged to have taken place on 29 April at PHONG THU (1) hamlet, KY THU village. According to the attached QUANG NAM Special Sector report, the meeting took place at 1600. The meeting which was alleged to have taken place at HONG THU (1) started at about 1900. 9th Marines subsequently acted on the information when two (2) companies of 2/9 conducted a search and clear operation, in the vicinity of the reported meeting, on the morning of 30 April. Three (3) prisoners were picked up and when interrogated (CIT interrogation reports on captives # 322-4-66, #323-4-66 and #324-4-66) indicated that there had been VC in the area that night but they did not know how many because they were not allowed out of their houses at night. A heavy volume of small arms fire the morning of 30 April indicated there had been a number of VC in the area but it could not be determined whether the meeting actually took place or not due to the late hour the sweep force entered the area. With the exception of time and place, the information furnished on the attached report is similar to the information furnished earlier about subject meeting.

Information about the VC plans for their summer campaign may have a relationship to information CIT has furnished in CI Spot report #6-5-66 dated 8 May and attached to this report.

AGENT NOTES: Reports that the VC held two (2) meetings, with reportedly the same function, and on the same day only hours apart and only approximately 5,000 meters apart is, in opinion, of the undersigned more than coincidence. It is felt the meetings were one in the same but that the information furnished by one of the sources was faulty to some degree. Another possibility is that the VC may have purposely disseminated incorrect information on the location of the meeting to be picked up and passed on to ARVN/US Forces. This could account for the villagers alleged lack of knowledge about a meeting in their village.

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8 May 1966

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SPOT REPORT 6-5-66

The HOA HAI Village Chief was contacted on 7 May 1966 and the following information was obtained:

During the evening of 1 May, four VC came to the house of Mrs HUYNH THI MAN, SON THUY hamlet, HOA LONG Village, coordinates (BT 657713). On 2 May, HUYNH THI MAN approached two district officials and used threats to persuade them to stop working for the government. These two officials were HUYNH VAN THUY (Village Finance Member) and HUYNH TACH (Liaison, HOA VANG District).

The names of two of the VC mentioned above are:

NGUYEN HOI and HUYNH CUC

The Village Chief stated that Mrs HUYNH THI MAN's house is a VC meeting place.

On 7 May, the undersigned accompanied by HUYNH TACH, proceeded to vicinity of coordinates (BT 065713), and exact location of the woman's house was established. (See attached sketch). HUYNH TACH stated that the VC cross the river from the east and arrive at this house between 2000 and 2400 hours. It could not be determined exactly on what day meetings occur.

Further information obtained from Village Chief was to the effect that the VC plan an attack on either the Marble Mountain Air Facility or the CP established by 3/9. Attack to take place on 17 or 18 May. The VC troops have not entered this area as yet, but information he has received indicated that troops will come on either of the above dates. To feed those troops the villagers in HOA LAN, HOA LONG and HOA PHUC Villages are being taxed a total of ten (10) kilos of rice per family. The Chief estimates that a total of four thousand (4000) kilos of rice will be collected; sufficient to feed two (2) VC battalions. The tax collection is being enforced by an undetermined number of VC regular forces.

In HOA VANG District the following VC Cadre are in the process of collecting taxes:

NGUYEN TRONG HIEP

HUYNH DUC CU

HUYNH CU

NGUYEN THUY

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A map of the area has been drawn by the VC and it is the Chief's opinion that this map will be used extensively during the attack. He further stated that because of the present situation, the war effort has been hampered in this area. He did not relay this information to District since he believes it would take at least 10 days for the info to be processed through regular channels.

The Chief stated the following on an entirely different subject:

He has learned of numerous incidents where Marines have had weapons and munitions stolen from them. Marines by nature like children and permit them to gather around their positions. He cautioned that it is relatively easy for any of these youngsters to steal rifles, grenades ect. He knows of no instance where enemy forces have ordered or requested children to obtain weapons for them. He also warned of the possibility of explosives being smuggled aboard the Marble Mountain Air Facility although he believes that all Vietnamese employees are thoroughly searched upon entering the helicopter base.

Liaison will continue in order to obtain additional information on the reported pending attack.

The following information was obtained from an NAD report dated 3 May 1966:

A sympathetic source from a VC controlled area discloses 3 battalions of North Vietnamese volunteers are now poised for action in KY LAI Village, DIEN BAN District; (AT 993543), (AT 999558), (BT 007564), and (BT 023564). This hostile force is made up of 17-25 year old youths, it is sprinkled with Red Chinese and its ordnance is complete. Efforts to trace these VC elements are being undertaken. NAD rates C-3.

An NAD report dated 4 May 1966 is as follows:

Two (2) high ranking VC Cadres are now hiding at Marble Mountain Pagoda, (BT 075709), they are:

HUYNH BA THIEN, political Cadre V interzone

PHAM TRONG HOANH, political Cadre, eastern zone

Both are armed with 9mm Colts. They come to the pagoda to stay every night at 2000. Password used between above subjects and visiting cadres:

Challenge: NAM LA

Reply: TOI NHA CON NIT

Visitors include:

PHAM NHUAN, VC Cadre from HOA QUI

NGUYEN NOAI, Military proselyting Cadre

PHAM KIEN, assassination Cadre

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CE 20N; finances raising cadre

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PHAN DINH HIEN, Chairman of the eastern zone front

The concentration of a VC regiment in KY LAN (coordinates reported in a  
ous translation) reported by two additional sources. Recently infiltrated  
the North through the HO CHI MINH trail. This unit is made up of volunteers  
THANH HOA, North Vietnam. It is the 632/B Regiment whose Commanding Officer  
QUACH DANG. In addition to individual weapons, ordnance includes a 120mm gun.  
Targets: DANANG AB; Marble Mountain Helo pad: CHU LAI AB.

Other weapons: 57mm, 8mm, 75mm and 60mm mortar.

Ages of volunteers ranges from 17 to 25.

NGO CHAU HO NG and TRO SIEU are hiding at the CHUA TINH NOI (Provincial  
Pagoda, ICH KHUEN Street). Both are province commissars disguised as monks.

NAD rates C-3

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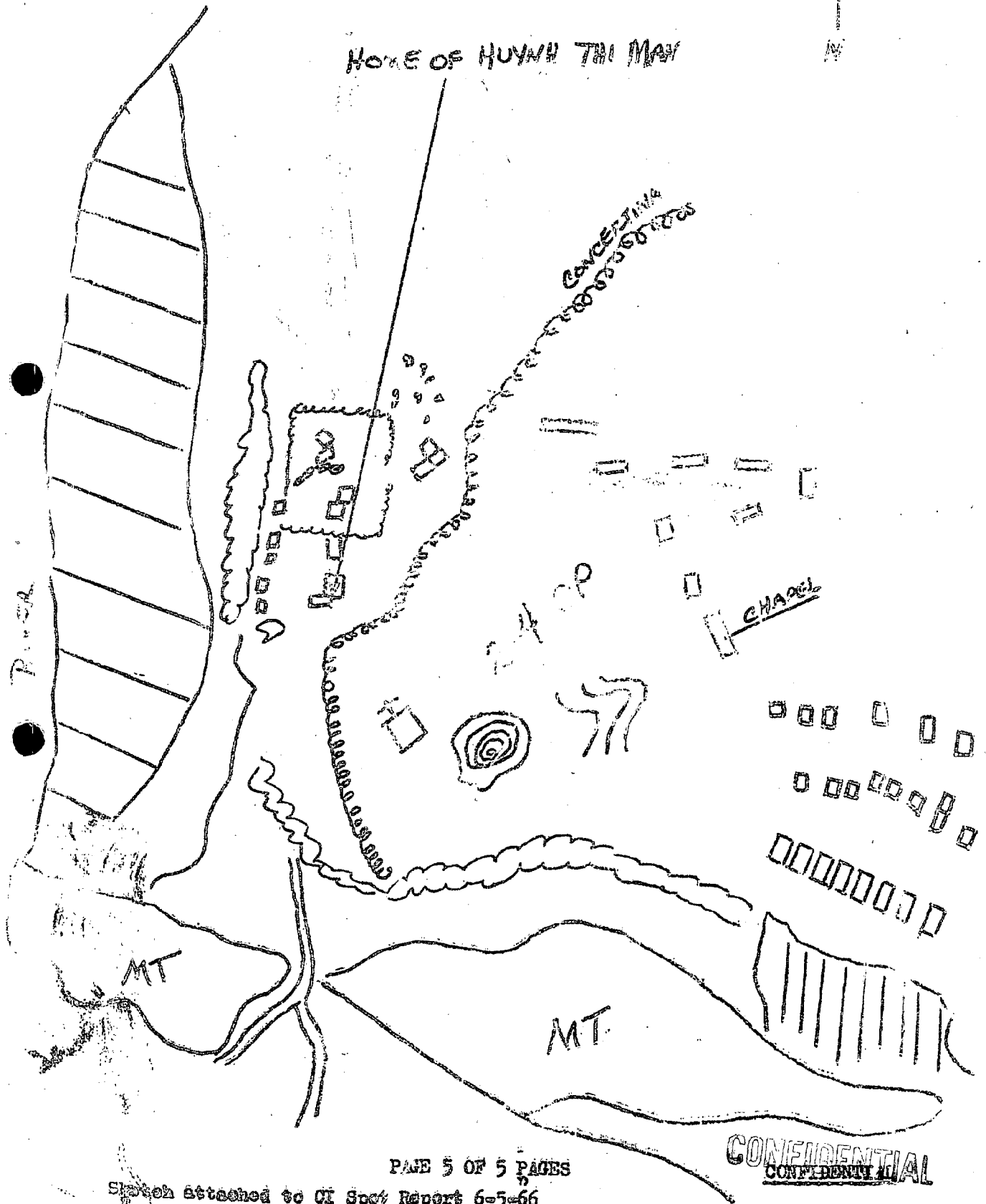
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Sketch attached to CI Spot Report 6-5-66

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1st Battalion, 9th Marines  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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3800  
8 May 1966

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Ordnance Within Vicinity of Abandoned ARVN Fort at HIONG THU

Encl: (1) Sketch of abandoned fort showing ordnance locations

1. Enclosure (1), a self-explanatory rough sketch of the abandoned ARVN fort, vicinity of coordinates (AT 985584), is submitted for possible intelligence/engineer analysis and use.

/s/ W. F. Doshler

W. F. DOEHLER

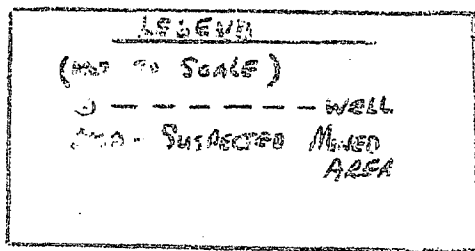
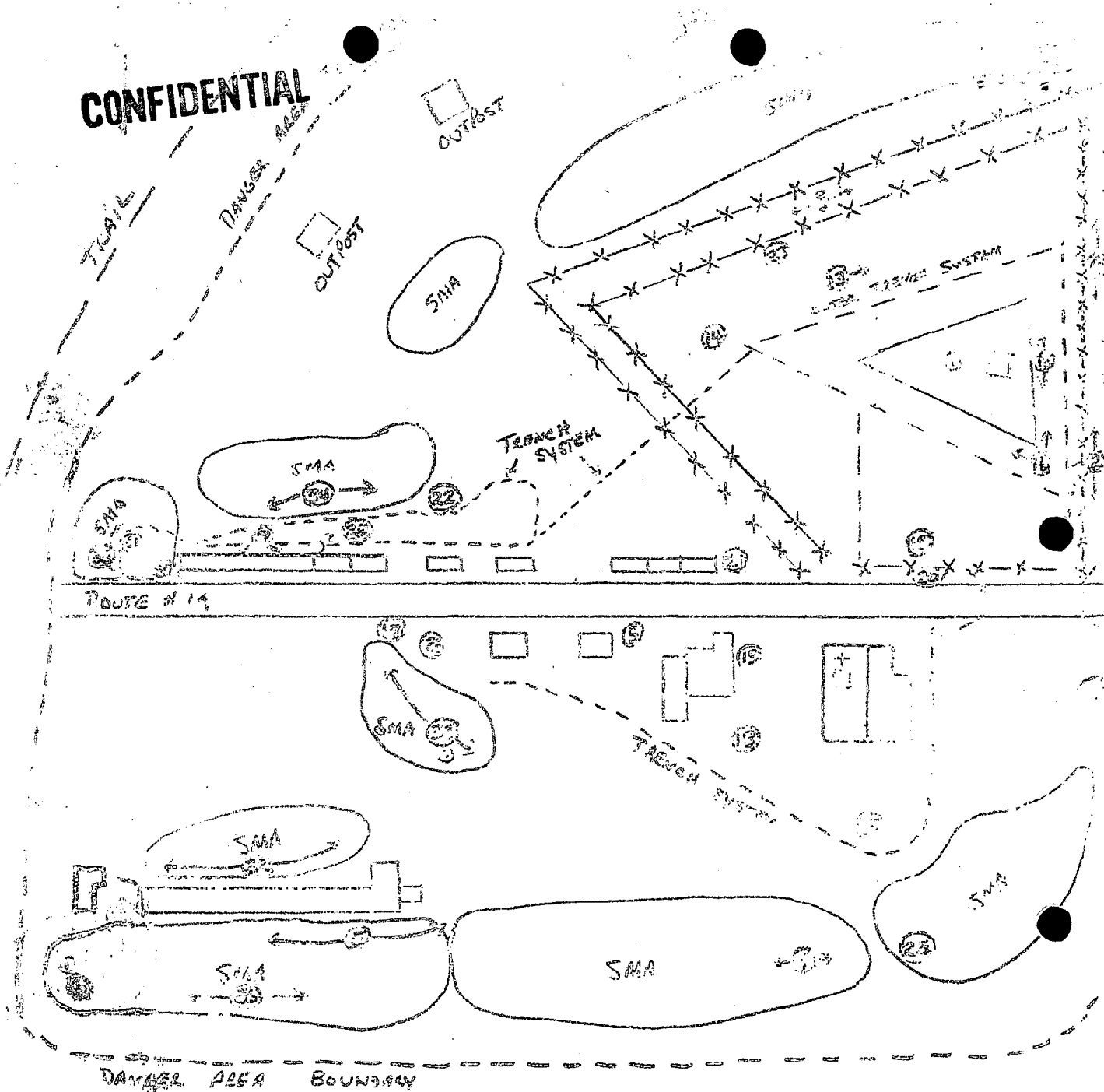
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10. 2-60mm WP
11. 24-60mm HE
12. 14-60mm HE
13. 1-81mm HE
14. 1-81mm ILLUM
15. 7-RIFLE GRENADE WP
16. 1-RIFLE GRENADE WP
17. 2-RIFLE GRENADE WP
18. 15-M79
19. 5-M79
20. 8-M79
21. 1-2.75 ROCKET
22. 1-FRAG GRENADE
23. 1-FRAG GRENADE
24. 1-FRAG GRENADE
25. 1-105mm HOWITZER
26. 1-81mm HE
27. 1-81mm ILLUM
28. 1-60mm HE & 2-M16A1
29. 1-M16A1 BURIED (4 WIA)
30. 1-M16A1 BURIED (1 KIA, 2 WIA)
31. SUSPECTED MINES
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34. SUSPECTED MINES 3 line charges detonated 20 buried M16A1 (estimated)
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
 Subj: Intelligence Summary #131, Period ending 110000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperatures: High: 91 Low: 68
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Winds: Prevailing, SE at 6 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles plus

(2) Trafficability of roads/ trails within the Area of Operation.  
 No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 104000H, the Battalion G-2 relayed a report from the Chief of Security for AN HQA Complex that constant movement of 3000 strong enemy units between coordinates (AF 953289) and (AF 145311). The report was based on a

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Cong Base Camp was located at coordinates (AT 942330). The report added that two thousand civilians (believed to be guerrillas) in the village of SONG THUONG (not shown on current operational maps) QUE SON District, are under the control of one Mr VO DUY HINH. The report stated that the majority of these people came from the north and are well armed. The report stated that a weapons storage and distribution point was located at coordinates (AT 954359) and that all weapons, in need of repair are forwarded to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940391). The report continued that troops are stationed along the route between SONPHUC Village coordinates (AT 842330) to SON THO Village (does not appear on current operational map). The report stated that forces located in this area are dispatched to what was described as a very important operational area located in the vicinity from DONG LANG Village, coordinates (AT 820190) to (AT 160240). The report added that a general supply point was located at coordinates (ZC 200245). The report stated that the drop off point for supplies brought in by civilians is located in SON PHUC and SON THO. The report added that defensive positions are under construction at coordinates (AT 830364). A regrouping area for regular force troops is located between Hill 518 and 661 in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 190302). The report added that approximately one thousand civilians, including women and children, are located in the vicinity of the NONG SONG mine area, coordinates (AT 805394) and are under Viet Cong control. The report concluded that the weapons observed in these areas included K-40's, K-50's, MAS-280's and thirty machine guns. The report did not indicate the caliber of the weapons, complete identification nor the quantity. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 102155H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) intelligence source at HIEU DUC that one Viet Cong (hard core) Company (identified as possibly the R-22 Company) with a strength of one hundred ten men, armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun and five BAR's displaced on the night of 9 May from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935603) to (AT 952623). The mission of this unit was not indicated but believed to be guerrilla type action and ambushes against USMC units in the area. The report was rated B-2 by HIEU DUC. The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 rates it F-3. S-2 rates it F-3. (S-2 comments: Latest reports indicate that the R-22 Company is located in grid square (AT 9956)).

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 100930H, Company B (1stBn, 9thMar providing a blocking force for retraction of elements of this battalion from the Operation GEORGIA area), coordinates (BT 899541), reported observing ten Viet Cong carrying what were described as mortars (size not indicated) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 897542). Artillery and mortar support was directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly fled the area. The report stated that Company, retracting from the Operation GEORGIA area, searched the site of the Viet Cong location with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined. (A subsequent report indicated that a search of the area, vicinity of coordinates (AT 897542), produced three Viet Cong Suspects, who were evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation).

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b. At 101135H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 800515), reported sighting fifteen armed Viet Cong enter PHU LOI (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 815014). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location but the results were not observed. A subsequent report received at 101205H, indicated that an Aerial Observer operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of the PHU LOI hamlet area and also reported observing what was described as spider traps and a trench (size not indicated) in a treeline in the same location. An air strike was requested and fixed wing aircraft directed eight five hundred pound bombs and thirty two 5 inch (aerial) rockets at the enemy location. The report stated that twenty two structures were destroyed, approximately one thousand small arms rounds detonated as a result of what was described as a "cook off" and one secondary explosion (intensity not indicated) was observed as a result of this air strike. An additional report at 101320H stated that the Recon observation post, coordinates (AT 800515), observed one male, described as being in excess of six feet in height, and light complected, depart from the NAM AN (4) hamlet, coordinates (AT 816514). The report stated that this male was joined by two additional males and all three entered a building near the hamlet area. No weapons or equipment was observed. No casualties were reported.

c. At 101400H, Company A 1stBn, 9thMar, conducting a search and clear operation while retracting from the Operation GEORGIA area, reported discovering an assortment of documents in MY HIEP (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 899544). The report stated that the documents would be evacuated to the 9th Marines for evaluation and disposition.

d. At 101622H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Operation GEORGIA area reported receiving small arms automatic weapons fire from the direction of MY HIEP (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 894542). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. No additional information was provided.

e. At 101650H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned at coordinates (AT 800515), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong moving in a northeasterly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 803497). No additional information was provided.

f. At 101900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that during this days' activities in the Operation GEORGIA area the Marines destroyed a total of twenty five bunkers (size not indicated), two tunnels (described as individual tunnels), a total of sixty five feet of tunnelling, fifty punji stakes, seventeen fighting holes, two explosive devices, (identified as U.S. M16A1 bounding mines) and one trench, described as being twelve feet in length. (The report did not indicate the location of the destroyed items).

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g. At 110900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source at DUC DUC District Headquarters, that one Viet Cong Battalion (unidentified) with a strength of 300 men is now located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 875524), (AT 879540), and (AT 890525). The report did not indicate the armament, organization, or mission of this Viet Cong force. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(3) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 101130H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998612) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998616). The Marines directed twenty small arms 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.

b. At 101645H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 978586), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report stated that the device could not be identified but indicated that it was a mine rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

c. At 102057H, a Company F squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 003616) reported receiving approximately one hundred small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999614). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and one hand grenade (?) at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, mortar support was requested and nineteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the enemy 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.

d. At 102145H, a Company E squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 999616) resulting in one Marine KIA, and one Marine WIA. The report stated that the device may have been a 60mm mortar round but could not confirm this identification. The report indicated that the device was positioned in a trenchline and rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that when the explosion occurred, the trench caved in, making a crater analysis impractical.

e. At 110935H, Company F, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that two explosive devices were detonated at coordinates (AT 992586), resulting in one Marine KIA and five Marines WIA. The initial report did not indicate how the devices were rigged to detonate. Additional information will be provided when available.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 101045H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 060635). The report identified the device as an U.S. anti-personnel mine (M-16A1), and stated that it was positioned along the side of a trail and rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the Marines attempted to destroy the device by using an U.S. (M-26) grenade but were unable to initiate detonation. The device was marked and EOD was requested to effect destruction.

b. At 101815H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060634), reported observing ten Vietnamese males, wearing what was described as black pajama-type clothing, and moving in a easterly direction in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The report stated that when the Marines attempted to intercept the men so as to examine their credentials, an explosive device was detonated, resulting in two Marines KIA. The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip wire activator. The report stated that the Vietnamese males succeeded in evading the Marines.

c. At 101940H, Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that ten to fifteen small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 097654), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 091662). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and six 60mm mortar 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.

d. At 101945H, the Battalion S-3 reported that ten small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post position, coordinates (BT 074655), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078659). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and five 81mm mortar 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.

e. At 110730H, a Company F squad-sized element operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 036682), reported that a punji trap, described as two feet by one foot by two feet in depth, and camouflaged with foliage, was discovered and destroyed by the Marines. The report stated that the trap was constructed in the middle of a well-frequented trail.

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a. Late Report. At 100945H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from Company B, that (unidentified) villagers informed the Marines that one Viet Cong battalion (designation not provided) is positioned (the report stated "massed") in the vicinity of CU BAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 935553). The villagers stated that this Viet Cong force is armed with machine guns and mortars. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-4.

b. Late Report. At 100945H, a Company C patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968643), reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 101300H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980676). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines in a tunnel. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for investigation.

d. At 101315H, a Company D patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976614), reported the discovery of tunnel described as having an entrance three feet by three feet leading into a passageway inclined at a 45 degree angle, which then levelled off into a tunnel length (dimensions not provided). The report added that a punji trap was positioned at the tunnel entrance. The report stated that the tunnel and punji trap were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 101340H, a Company D element positioned at coordinates (AT 945590), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945586). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines remained in blocking position and did not pursue the Viet Cong or search the positions. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 101730H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 957597), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell and stated it was positioned below the surface of the ground near the river bank. The report stated that the device was rigged with a pressure-type detonator.

g. At 101810H, a Company D patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 957597). The report identified the device as an 40mm mine (M-79) round (DUD), and stated that it was positioned on a trail so as to function like a cartridge trap. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

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h. At 101850H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of the SONG AI NGHAT, coordinates (AT 964604), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the far side of the river, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961602). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Marines did not pursue the enemy because of the intervening body of water. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

i. At 110600H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 953607). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed acting suspiciously and subsequent examination revealed that they possessed a relatively large amount of Vietnamese currency which they could not account for. The report states that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

j. At 110735H, Company H (2d Bn, 4th Mar under OPCON this battalion), operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951647), reported the discovery of a cave (?), constructed of concrete blocks. The report provided no additional details. The report stated that the cave was destroyed by the Marines.

k. At 110800H, a Company D patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 954398). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when found hiding in a building and a subsequent examination disclosed he had recently sustained a gun-shot wound. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

l. At 110805H, The Battalion S-3 reported that Marines from an Anti-tank element discovered an explosive device at coordinates (AT 963624). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery shell (DUD), but provided no additional information. The report stated that the device will be destroyed by engineer personnel.

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

a. See 100945H entry, this INCSUM.

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D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour # Cumulative #  
Reporting Period: Since (10Jul65):

KIA (Confirmed)	0	820
KIA (Possible)	0	1745
VC Captured	0	264*
VC WIA (Possible)	0	386
VC Suspects Apprehended	4	1853
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

NOTE: # Does not include Operation GEORGIA VC Casualty totals.

\* Increase of one Viet Cong based on 3d ITT Prisoner Interrogation report as follows: ITT # 29-5-66 dtd 8 May 66

Name: TRUONG NHIO  
 Age: 38  
 Status: VC Farmers Association Member  
 Capturing Unit: F-2-9 on 081330H May 66

E. Operation GEORGIA For 24 Hour Cumulative  
VC Casualties: Reporting Period: Since (21 Apr 66):

KIA (Confirmed)	0	103
KIA (Possible)	0	164
VC Captured	0	10
VC WIA (Possible)	0	149
VC Suspects Apprehended	3	411
Returnees (Since 21Apr66)	0	0

F. Captured and destroyed enemy materials:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	101400H
50	Stakes, punji	101900H
2	Mines, U.S. anti-personnel (M-16A1)	-do-
1	Mine, U.S. anti-personnel (M-16A1)	101045H
1	Trap, punji 2x1x2 ft	110730H
1	Trap, punji	101315H
1	Round, 40mm (M-79) (DUD)	101810H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	110850H

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
2	Structures	101655H
25	Bunkers, size not indicated	101900H
2	Tunnels, size not indicated	-do-
1	Tunnel, 26 ft long	-do-
17	Holes, fighting	-do-
1	Trenchline, 20 ft long	-do-
1	Tunnel, size not indicated	101315H
1	Cave, size not indicated	110735H

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #132, Period ending 121000H May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Partly cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 98 Low: 80
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: SSW 10 knots
- f. Visibility: 10 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

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

(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 101620H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 968601). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of approximately five pounds of

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explosives (TNT), positioned so as to function as an anti-tank mine. The report stated that the device was rigged with a pressure type detonation mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 112135H, a Company E squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 004632) reported receiving twenty to twenty five small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002 633). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued mortar support was requested and 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains, indicating that at least two Viet Cong had been struck by the Marines' fire. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

c. At 120900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) villager of GIANG DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 010676) that six to seven Viet Cong guerrillas, wearing what was described as black shorts and green shirts, have entered the hamlet every night for the past four to five days, at about 2000H. The report stated that these Viet Cong roam the streets in the hamlet area and depart prior to daylight. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. (The Battalion S-2 commented that this is the first time this particular villager volunteered information, and his credibility is not yet established). S-2 rates the report F-6.

d. Additional Information. At 120935H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company F search and destroy operation conducted on 11 May in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9858) and (AT 9958). The report stated that two explosive devices were detonated at coordinates (AT 992586) resulting in one Marine KIA and ten Marines KIA. (The initial report [see 110935H entry, INTSUM #131] indicated one Marine KIA and five Marines KIA). The report described the devices as two U.S. (M-16) "bounding" mines and stated that they were rigged with a pressure-type activating mechanism.

(2) 3d Bn 3th Mar

a. Late Report. At 110745H, Company M, conducting a search and clear operation, reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds described as automatic weapons fire in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 874480) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985 492), resulting in two Marines KIA. Artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong broke contact and fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.



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At 111045H, Company M, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8950), reported observing fifteen armed Viet Cong moving in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 895500). Artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the location, and the Viet Cong quickly dispersed. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 111045H, Company M, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 835496), resulting in two Marines KIA. (A subsequent report classified both Marines as DOWNS). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) "bounding" mine, and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

d. At 111715H, an Aerial Observer operating with the Battalion's zone of action reported observing five armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930480). Artillery support was requested and twenty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly dispersed, fleeing the area. The Aerial Observer maintained surveillance of the area, with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 120845H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 836478) reported observing eleven armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 841475). Artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly dispersed. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 120945H, a Company L platoon patrol positioned at coordinates (AT 831468) reported observing three Viet Cong swimming in a southerly direction across the SONG TINH YEN. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy, who reached the far bank and attempted to flee. One Viet Cong was killed and a second Viet Cong was seen to fall as if struck by the Marines' fire and was dragged away. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

(3) 2d Bn. 4th Mar

a. At 111430H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037675) reported receiving nine small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042672). The Marines directed two hundred small arms 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.

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b. At 111900H, a Company K platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035635) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083697). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that a Marine squad was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions which produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 111945H, Company F reported receiving six small arms rounds and what were described as three hand grenades in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 037677) from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035675). The Marines directed nine small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and reported killing him. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reporting recovering three U.S. (M-26) grenades from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

d. At 111955H, Company K reported receiving sixty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 095654) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095660). The report stated that the area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination and the Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and thirteen 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

e. At 112000H, Headquarters and Service Company reported receiving nine small arms rounds in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (BT C/4655) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077659) and (BT 068655). Mortar support was requested and fifty 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

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f. At 112005H, Company E reported receiving four small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 072702) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 078704). The Marines directed ten small arms 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.

g. At 120115H, Headquarters and Service Company reported receiving one grenade in the Battalion Command Post position, coordinates (BT 060707) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 067707). The report stated that the area was illuminated with 81mm mortar illumination but the exact enemy location could not be discerned, and the enemy fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

h. At 120745H, Company F reported receiving one grenade in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 040658) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041658). The report stated that two Viet Cong were observed fleeing in a southerly direction. The report added that one of the Viet Cong was armed with what was described as a U.S. carbine. The Marine directed six small arms rounds at the fleeing enemy. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 110600H, a Company D squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953607). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when two thousand five hundred piastres in small denominations were found in one of the suspects wallets and both displayed inadequate identification. The suspects were believed to be Viet Cong tax Collectors. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 110735H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of PHU SON (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 951647) reported the discovery of one tunnel described as being eight by ten feet with a one foot by two feet entrance at coordinates (AT 951647). The report stated that the tunnel was destroyed by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 110800H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 954598). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he displayed a fresh wound on his left elbow and could not explain the circumstances of how he was wounded. The report added that a local Villager pointed the suspect out as Viet Cong. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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d. Late Report. At 110805H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 953629). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery round (DUD). The report stated that it was not positioned nor rigged to detonate.

e. Late Report. At 110820H, a Company H (2d Bn, 4th Mar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices, one at coordinates (AT 952641) and the second at coordinates (AT 952643). The report identified the devices as two GILCON grenades and stated that they were positioned to the sides of a trail and rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that the two devices were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the two grenades were marked with signs written in Vietnamese.

f. Late Report. At 110850H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 957597). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to incite a group of local villagers believed to be because of the three Viet Cong Suspects apprehended earlier (see 110600H and 110800H entries this DFTSUM). The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

g. At 111000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a USMC vehicle (truck, PC) from Company C, 3d Anti-tank Battalion detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 982624) resulting in four Marines KIA (one DOW). The report described the device as an undetermined type and stated that it was buried below the surface of the road bed. The report added that the device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

h. At 111045H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978653) reported receiving small arms fire from three Viet Cong armed with sub-machineguns positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding a pool of blood indicating at least one Viet Cong was struck by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

i. At 111130H, a Company D squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955596). 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.

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The report stated that when the Marines searched the Viet Cong positions they reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect who was in the area where the Viet Cong fire had emanated. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated, but failed to indicate whether the suspect was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 or the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point. (The initial report indicated the capture of two Viet Cong Suspects but failed to indicate the disposition of the second man). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

p. At 120900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that upon initial interrogation of the Viet Cong Suspects apprehended by Company A in the vicinity of MY HIEP (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 890545) (date not indicated) the suspects informed the Marines that four Viet Cong guerrillas armed with K-50's and grenades, and twelve Viet Cong guerrillas armed with K-50's and rifles (not identified) are located within MY HIEP (3) hamlet area. The report stated that the Viet Cong hamlet chief was identified as one NGUYEN YEN. The report added that one LE YUU was identified as an "important cadreman". The report stated that a "negro" was observed operating with a Viet Cong guerrilla band in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8054). The Battalion S-2 rates the report F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

q. At 120900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified intelligence source at DAI LOC District Headquarters that at 110600H, one Viet Cong Company, identified as possibly the D-64 (R-24 Company) with a strength of one hundred twenty men, armed with one 60mm mortar and one heavy machinegun was presently located at coordinates (AT 937555) and (AT 947554). The report stated that a second Viet Cong Company, identified as the C-70 (DAI LOC Company) with a strength of one hundred men, commanded by one NGUYEN BA, was presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 835557), (AT 840565), and (AT 830558). The report added that all important Viet Cong cadre and guerrillas of the village areas of HOC HOA and TAN PHUOC (does not appear on current operational maps) have displaced to the vicinity of PHU HUONG village, coordinates (AT 823555) and BAN TAN village, coordinates (AT 818580). The report stated that these Viet Cong re-located to avoid engagement with the USMC units. The reports was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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

a. See 120900H entry, this INTSUM.

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j. At 111320H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949594) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945594). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one KIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 111450H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 958597). The report identified the device as an 60mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned to the side of a trail rigged with a pressure-type activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 111450H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 985595). The report identified the device as a 40mm (M-79) (DUD) and stated that it was positioned on the side of a trail and rigged with a pressure-type activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

m. At 111620H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955591) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that while the Marines were crossing a rice paddy in order to search the enemy site, they received an additional ten small arms rounds from the same enemy location. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds, one 3.5 inch (rocket) round and one 60mm mortar round at the enemy location 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.

n. At 111700H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 959591). The report identified the devices as two 60mm mortar shells and stated that they were positioned on the side of the trail rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the two devices were destroyed by the Marines.

o. At 120700H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 907552) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds described as carbine fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 917553). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased.

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<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	2	822
KIA (Possible)	0	1145
VC Captured	0	264
VC WIA (Possible)	4	390
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1860
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Mine, rudimentary	101620H
3	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	111945H
1	Shell, artillery 105mm (DUD)	110805H
2	Grenades, CHICOM (rigged to detonate)	110820H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar (rigged to detonate)	111450H
2	Shells, 60mm mortar (rigged to detonate)	111700H

F. Destroyed enemy positions/and /or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, 8x10 ft in length	110735H
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #133, Period ending 131000H May 1966  
Encl: (1)- CI Spot Report 12-5-66  
(2)- CI Spot Report 14-5-66

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperature: High: 100 Low: 81
- c. Average Humidity: 65%
- d. Precipitation: .02 inches
- e. Wind: Variable at 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 10 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>EMCT</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) Special Reports:

a. At 121150H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG reported that one CHICON carbine (MOSSIN-NAGENT) 7.62mm, model 53, one U.S. rifle, caliber .30 (M-1), one cartridge belt, one U.S. (M-26) grenade and several documents (unevaluated) were discovered

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at the ARVN Collection Point (location not indicated) during an Operation COUNTY FAIR being conducted in the vicinity of TU CAU (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 037663). The report did not indicate the circumstances in which the items were found. No additional information was provided.

b. At 121800H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to QUANG NAM Special Sector at HOI AN relayed a report from an (unidentified) ARVN source that one Viet Cong Company (identified as the 5th force of the Viet Cong R.22 Company) with a strength of one hundred ten men and armed with one 60mm mortar and five caliber .30 machineguns, has displaced from the vicinity of TICH PHU (3) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 935603), to the vicinity of XUAN DIEM (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 952623). The report did not indicate the mission of this unit. The report was rated B-3. (S-2 comment: The strength shown for the unit in this report would normally indicate a company-sized element. The designation "5th force" is not recognized nor understood. S-2 rates F-6).

c. At 121930H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an (unidentified) ARVN source that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified) was presently located in the vicinity of TRA KHE (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 070673). The report stated that this Viet Cong force was armed with nine automatic weapons (type not indicated) and one 60mm mortar. The report did not indicate the strength, organization or mission of this Viet Cong force. No additional information was provided. The report was rated B-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 122000H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) ARVN source at HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Company (identified as part of the Viet Cong R.20 Battalion) consisting of five Viet Cong platoons with a total strength of one hundred men and armed with two 57mm recoilless rifles, four 60mm mortars and small arms (number and type not indicated), displaced from QUANG TIN Province (exact location not indicated) to HIEU DUC District (exact location not indicated) on 2 May. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 121130H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending eighteen Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 830 477). 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 (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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b. At 121645H, Company L reported receiving what was described as heavy small arms fire in the Company positions; coordinates (AT 865490), from an estimated two Viet Cong squads positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 864501). Artillery support was requested and fifty six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target areas. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least four Viet Cong were killed and two Viet Cong were wounded by the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as four Viet Cong KIA (possible) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

c. At 130900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L platoon-sized patrol action conducted in grid square (AT 8346) on 12 May (see 120945H entry, INTSUM #132). The report stated that a subsequent search of the area revealed a total of eleven Viet Cong KIA (body count) and pools of blood indicating at least four additional Viet Cong were wounded. The report stated that all the bodies were stripped to an almost nude state; however one U.S. (M-26) grenade was found lying in close proximity to the bodies (not rigged to detonate). The initial report reflected only one Viet Cong KIA (body count). (S-2 comment: Paragraph D of this INTSUM will reflect an increase of ten Viet Cong KIA (body count) and four WIA (possible) based on this later report).

d. At 130900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company L platoon-sized patrol action conducted in grid squares (AT 8347) and (AT 8447) on 12 May. (See 120945H entry, INTSUM #132). The report stated that a subsequent search of the area revealed a total of two Viet Cong KIA (body count). The report did not indicate whether weapons, documents or material were recovered from the bodies. Additional information will be provided when available. (S-2 comment: The initial report indicated only one Viet Cong KIA (body count). Paragraph D of this INTSUM will reflect an increase of one Viet Cong KIA (body count) based on this later report).

e. At 130900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a total of twenty nine Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended during the days operations by both USMC and ARVN Forces. The report stated that one of the twenty nine Viet Cong Suspects was identified as a laborer of the DUC DUC District Headquarters and was released. The report added that eleven of the remaining twenty eight Viet Cong Suspects were apprehended by the ARVN Regular Forces and Popular Forces personnel. Final disposition of the seventeen Viet Cong Suspects apprehended by the Marines was not indicated. (S-2 comment: Paragraph D of this INTSUM will not reflect these Viet Cong Suspects until their status can be established by the 31 IPT).

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a. At 121145H, Company F, conducting a route reconnaissance in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999587), reported receiving eighteen small arms rounds from five to six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005583). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and six 3.5 inch (rocket) 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.

b. At 121250H, Company F, conducting route reconnaissance in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005585), reported receiving heavy small arms fire and what was described as five 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong position in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012585). Artillery support was requested and four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

c. At 121510H, Company F, conducting a route reconnaissance, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 002602), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of what was described as a "tomato" can packed with explosives (type not indicated). The report stated that the device was positioned on the side of a trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

d. At 121525H, Company F, conducting a route reconnaissance in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002602), reported receiving what was described as two 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010600). 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 121542H, Company E, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010614), reported observing four armed Viet Cong positioned in a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 020608). The support of USMC tanks was requested and three 90mm (tank) rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least three Viet Cong were wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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f. At 121845H, Company F, conducting a route reconnaissance, reported discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 015626). The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) "bounding" mine and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 122015H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017675) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. Late Report. At 120700H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of three punji traps, consisting of steel spikes embedded in concrete, at coordinates (BT 044657). The report stated that two of the traps contained U.S. (M-26) grenades and one contained what was described as a "pineapple" type grenade; all of which were positioned to detonate and were rigged with trip-wires. The report stated that the three traps and devices were destroyed by the Marines.

b. Late Report. At 120850H, Company F, maintaining a cordon around TU CAN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 043661), as part of Operation COUNTY FAIR, reported that an explosive device was detonated in that area, resulting in one Marine KIA and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 121015H, a Company K squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087691) reported observing five Viet Cong, one of whom was armed with a U.S. rifle, caliber .30 (M-1) and two of whom were armed with U.S. carbines caliber .30 (M-1), located approximately sixty meters to the east. The Marine directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing one Viet Cong. The report stated that the remainder of the Viet Cong quickly withdrew, fleeing to the south. The Marines directed ten small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong and observed one man fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the original Viet Cong location and reported finding the body of one Viet Cong KIA, pools of blood, and other evidence which indicated that at least one additional Viet Cong was wounded. The report stated that two U.S. (M-26) grenades and several documents were recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report added that when searching TRA LO hamlet, grid square (BT 0868), the Marines apprehended a total of nine Viet Cong Suspects, four of whom were subsequently identified and released. The report stated that the suspects were apprehended because of inadequate identification. The report added that the remaining five Viet Cong Suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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d. At 121120H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 044657). The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) "bounding" mine and stated that it was buried below the surface of the ground in the middle of a path. The report stated that the mine was rigged with a trip-wire activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 121750H, Company F reported receiving fifty to sixty small arms rounds described as automatic weapons fire in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 044659), from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 046667). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and five 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and sixteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with reported excellent effect on target. 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 121850H, Company F reported receiving five small arms rounds in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 040657), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040652). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and the Marines did not return the fire because of the close proximity of civilians in the area. The report added that the Marines did not search the area but remained in their security positions. No Marine casualties were reported.

g. At 121915H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of TU CAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 044657), reported the discovery of a cave (size not indicated), concealed in the bottom of a small well. The report stated that a cache consisting of one bottle of corn meal, one bottle of water, and one bottle of what was described as candy was found in the cave. The well and cave were destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the material found in the cache would be evacuated to the battalion S-2 for evaluation.

h. At 122000H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098658), reported observing one Viet Cong on a ridge line in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100655). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the location and the Viet Cong disappeared from sight. The report stated that no further observations were made. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(5) 1st Bn 9th Mar

a. At 121035H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 947616), resulting in three Marines KIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell and stated that it was rigged to function as a mine, positioned pointing upward along a trail. The report stated that the device employed a pressure-type activating mechanism.

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b. At 121055H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that two explosive devices was detonated at coordinates (AT 954605), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the devices as two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds and stated they were rigged to function as a mine, and positioned inside a support column (pillar) for a building. The report did not indicate how the devices were rigged to detonate.

c. At 121105H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966647), reported received what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964644). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and eight 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, 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.

d. At 121200H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of HOA TAY hamlet, coordinates (AT 922547), made contact with a Viet Cong force of undetermined strength. The report stated that all communication with the Marine squad was temporarily disrupted; however, an Army Aerial Observer operating in the immediate area reported sighting what was described as a fire fight occurring in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 922547). The patrol's parent unit was apprised of this report and artillery fire was directed by the aerial observer at the Viet Cong locations. The report stated that Company B with reinforcements proceeded to the scene of the contact and at 121300H made contact with a Viet Cong force of undetermined strength, entrenched in strongly fortified positions at coordinates (AT 927547). Air and artillery support was requested and directed throughout the remainder of the day against the enemy positions. The report stated that a total of nine airstrikes, employing napalm, bombs, aerial rockets, and aerial 20mm cannon rounds, were directed at the enemy locations. A total of three hundred 105mm artillery rounds and twenty five 155mm artillery rounds were also delivered into the target area. Marine casualties were fourteen KIA including (one DOW) and eight WIA. The report stated that enemy casualties were not determined. Subsequent interrogation (night of 12 May) of one of the members of the Marine squad-sized patrol which initiated the contact indicated that the Marines made contact with a Viet Cong force estimated by the witness to have been about two hundred men. The Marines stated that the Viet Cong were armed with automatic weapons as well as semi-automatic weapons and may also have employed mortars. (This Marine had sustained fragmentation wounds, which would confirm this aspect of the account). The witness stated that the enemy fire destroyed the patrol's battle very early in the engagement. The Marines' small arms fire was inadequate to repulse the enemy force and the Viet Cong overcame the Marine defenses. The witness and one other Marine, also wounded, succeeded in evading the Viet Cong

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who were searching the area, and finally made contact with Company B which had been engaged in attempting to contact the Marine patrol. The witness stated that the Viet Cong were wearing farmers-type clothing (not uniforms), and were well armed. The report also indicated that the Viet Cong succeeded in capturing the weapons and equipment of the members of the patrol. The report stated that, of the fourteen original members of this squad-sized patrol (reinforced with a three man machine gun element), twelve were KIA and two WIA. (This account of the patrol's action was provided by one of the wounded members, who was unable to provide coordinates, times, or additional information. The second wounded member of the patrol was not available for interrogation).

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e. At 121230H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 940613), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell and stated that it was positioned in the middle of a trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism.

f. At 121250H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 094614), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell, rigged to function as a mine. The report indicated that the device was positioned in a trail and rigged with pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that a black cloth was found hanging in a tree in close proximity to the site of the explosion, and stated that the cloth may have been a marker.

g. At 121415H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 965646), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971645). The Marines directed 25 small arms 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 121500H, a Company H, (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 958665), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as a home made directional (CLAYMORE type) mine and stated it was positioned on the side of a trail, and rigged with an electrical type detonating mechanism. The report added that one burst of what was described as carbine fire was received while attempting to secure the helicopter landing zone for medical evacuation of the casualty. The enemy fire was not repeated nor returned by the Marines. No additional Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

i. At 121510H, a Company H (2d Battalion, 4th Marines under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960677). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report added that the suspect was a male Vietnamese who was evidently dressed in woman's attire. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters, for investigation.

j. At 121518H, a Company A platoon-sized element conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941583), reported observing five armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940580). Artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly dispersed. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the body of one dead Viet Cong, and blood stains which indicated that at least three additional Viet Cong were wounded by the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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k. At 121610H, Company D, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949608), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 949606). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and one hundred (tank) machine gun rounds at the enemy positions 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 122050H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Chief that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified), commanded by one TRONG THANH, armed with one 60mm mortar and five submachine guns (type not indicated), was presently located at coordinates (AT 866550) and (AT 870553). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force was to search for missing members of their unit who may be in hiding in the area as a result of an encounter with USMC units at LOC HOA Village on 9 May. The report added that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified), commanded by one NGUYEN BA, was located at coordinates (AT 845564) and (AT 844568). The report added that one hundred Viet Cong workers were observed displacing from the vicinity of PAN TUC (?) (does not appear on current operational maps) to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 817570) on 12 May. The report stated that these workers were observed carrying what was described as ammunition and mines. The report added that one Viet Cong Company, identified as the Viet Cong R.24 Company, commanded by one LAM, is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 937555) and (AT 947554). The report concluded that two Viet Cong Companies (unidentified), displaced from vicinity of PHU MY (does not appear on current operational maps), to reinforce other Viet Cong units (unidentified) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930539), (AT 932543), and (AT 935550). The report stated that the primary mission of these two Viet Companies is to ambush USMC units operating in the LOC PHONG area (specific location not indicated). The report was rated E-2. S-2 rates the report C-3.

m. At 122130H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company B platoon sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 921547) reported locating what was believed to be a Viet Cong training school. The report stated that questioning of the local villagers tended to confirm the Viet Cong had used the site as a training area. Silhouette targets, observation towers and what was identified as a sleeping hut equipped with many bunks was also discovered. The report stated that the villagers informed the Marines that many Viet Cong (number not indicated) were frequently in the area. The report added that the training site was not destroyed due to the patrol's lack of explosive material but that it would be destroyed on 13 May.

n. At 130815H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect (female) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958622). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that she lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for investigation.

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a. See 122130H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Reporting Period: Cumulative Since (10Jul65):

KIA (Confirmed)	13 / 3	835
KIA (Possible)	4	1149
VC Captured	0	264
VC WIA (Possible)	13	403
VC Suspects Apprehended	25	1885
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
2	Rounds, 3.5 inch (rocket)	121055H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	130900H
1	Mine, U.S. anti-personnel (M-16A1)	121845H
3	Traps, punji	120700H
2	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	121015H
UNK	Documents, unevaluated	-do-
1	Mine, U.S. anti-personnel (M-16A1)	121120H
1	Bottle, corn meal	121915H
1	Bottle, water	-do-
1	Bottle, candy	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Well	121915H
1	Cave	-do-

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The following information dated 9 May 1966 was received from NAD on 10 May 1966:

According to NAD source (F-6), a VC force is now in KHUE DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 055705), HOA PHUNG Village, HOA VANG District. Estimated at Company level or size, it boasts:

- 1 - 81mm mortar w/70 rounds of ammo.
- 3 - Caliber .30 machineguns

and individual weapons and grenades. This hostile unit will attempt to shell either or both the DA NANG, Airbase and Marble Mountain Helicopter Pad within the week in which falls UNCLE HO's birthday falls (15-21 May, HO CHI MINH's birthday is 19 May).

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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

12 May 1966

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On 11 May 1966, Nguyen Luong, Hamlet Chief of La Dong Hamlet #1, Hoa Loi Village, Hoa Vang District, was interviewed regarding his capture on 6 May 1966, the Viet Cong. LUONG stated substantially the following:

Re: NGUYEN LUONG  
 : 1910  
 : La Dong Hamlet, Hoa Loi Village, Hoa Vang District  
 OP: Farmer - Hamlet Chief  
 Re: Ngo Thi Tu 55 yrs old  
 : Nguyen Thung 14 yrs old

At approximately 2400 hours on 6 May 1966, LUONG was apprehended by two Viet Cong. Names and descriptions were as follows:

Nguyen Tho - Guerrilla Unit leader, 30 years old, armed with K50 rifle, has field pack, grenades.

Nguyen Suk - Guerrilla, sub-thompson, 4 grenades, field pack.

LUONG stated that the two VC were accompanied by two platoons of Viet Cong. He in the house the Viet Cong asked Luong why he had 150 bags of cement in hamlet and he stated that it was to construct a school. The VC destroyed the cement and then took LUONG to Chu Ba Village (AT 944599) and interrogated him regarding the situation in the hamlet and the Marines in the area. LUONG released by the VC at noon on 7 May 1966. The VC told LUONG that they would use him as he had only been a hamlet chief for one month and had not had time to do anything wrong, but what if he stayed a hamlet chief they would kill him. LUONG stated that on the night of 6 May 1966, he had seen 2 Main Force Viet Cong Companies. He stated that he called them main force because they were well armed and many of them spoke North Vietnamese. The VC wore various types of forms, pajamas, khaki etc. LUONG DID not know what their primary mission was or where they went during the day or where they spent the nights. He thought they stayed in Chu Ba Village.

LUONG stated that he wanted to continue to be hamlet chief regardless of the VC threatened.

ANALYST NOTES: As of 11 May 1966, no decision had been made by the Hoa Vang District as to the disposition of LUONG.

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3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF  
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14 May 66

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #134, Period ending 141000H May 1966

Encl: Report of Viet Cong Activity

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperature: High: 100 Low: 81
- c. Average Humidity: 68%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: Variable at 6 Knots
- f. Visibility: 7 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</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.

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c. At 132325H, a Company G squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 062632) reported receiving six small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 062630). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and one LAAM (M-72) rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly withdrew from the ambush site. A search of the ambush site revealed negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 140800H, Company H conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0671) reported the discovery of what was described as an extensive cave system at coordinates (BT 065712). The report added that two caliber .30 (M-1) cartridge casings and freshly cut bamboo poles were discovered in the vicinity of the second cave. The report stated that the caves were not destroyed but that engineer support was requested to effect destruction at a later time.

(3) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 131425H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005624), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of approximately six to eight pounds of explosives (TNT), and stated it was positioned on a path leading to a bamboo thicket. The report stated that the device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report added that the crater resulting from this explosion was thirty inches in diameter and twenty four inches in depth.

b. At 132105H, a Company G fireteam-sized listening post, while moving into position, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998703), reported receiving what was described as two hand grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that a second fireteam-sized element was dispatched to reinforce the listening post and the Marines searched the suspected site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 130915H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950470), reported sighting five Viet Cong, one of whom was carrying what was described as a pack, walking on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947466). No additional information was provided.

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b. At 131010H, a Company L platoon-sized element conducting a search and destroy operation reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 866493). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of what was described as a "tomato" can containing an estimated two and one half pounds of explosives (C-4) positioned in a tree line and rigged to detonate with a M-605 fuse assembly. The report added that a second explosive device, identified as an U.S. (M-16A1) anti-personnel "bounding" mine rigged with a trip-wire activator also discovered in the same area. The report stated that both devices were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 131015H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950470), reported sighting six Viet Cong wearing camouflage and carrying what was described as packs, walking in a southerly direction, along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947475). No additional information was provided.

d. At 131020H, Company L, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 875490), reported that the point squad of the company moving in column received ten to fifteen small arms rounds from six to eight Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 878499). The report stated that when this Viet Cong fire ceased, almost immediately, the main body of the column received fourteen small arms rounds from three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 871500). The Marines directed nine hundred small arms rounds, twelve 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued artillery and mortar support was requested and forty seven 105mm rounds and nineteen 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were killed and four Viet Cong were wounded as the result of the Marines' fire. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible) and four Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 131040H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950470), reported sighting three Viet Cong, one of whom was armed with an U.S. automatic rifle (BAR), and all carrying what was described as packs, walking in a southerly direction toward a cluster of buildings in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947475). No additional information was provided.

f. At 131115H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950470), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong carrying what was described as packs, moving in a northerly direction on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945474). No additional information was provided.

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g. At 131130H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of **CONFIDENTIAL** (AT 946470), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage, moving in a northerly direction on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946454). No additional information was provided.

h. At 131730H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 8649), discovered and destroyed eleven bunkers (size not indicated), two tunnels (size not indicated), and two explosive devices (see 131010H entry, this INTSUM, for details).

i. At 131810H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, discovered and destroyed seventy five yards of tunnelling, ten covered fighting holes, and eight bunkers (size not indicated). The report did not disclose the location of the destroyed positions.

j. At 131917H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified ARVN source at DUC DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong Main Force unit (unidentified but reportedly of company-size), armed with one 60mm mortar, one 81mm mortar, one machine gun (type not indicated) and various individual small arms weapons (type and quantity not indicated), has displaced to vicinity of coordinates (AT 875511). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force is to reinforce the Viet Cong Q.15 (Q15B ?) Main Force unit. The report was rated C-2 by DUC DUC District Headquarters. The Battalion S-2 rates it F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

k. At 131920H, the Battalion S-2 reported that LVT's returning to the Command Post location after completing a re-supply operation for Company L, coordinates (AT 874500), received forty to fifty small arms rounds and what was described as two rifle grenades from four to five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 873501). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that the Marines did not search the area but continued on their route. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 132100H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915489) reported making contact with a Viet Cong force totalling thirty to forty men. The report stated that the action was initiated when several rifle grenades were received, followed up by a Viet Cong force of squad size engaging the patrol's point element. The main body of the patrol then received small arms fire from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines returned small arms fire, and requested artillery

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support. The report stated that the impact of the artillery fire resulted in the enemy breaking contact, attempting to withdraw from their positions. The report indicated that the Marines observed approximately ten Viet Cong casualties being dragged from the area - presumably KIA. A search of the abandoned enemy positions revealed large blood pools, and other evidence of enemy casualties. The report added that empty USMC ration boxes were found in the area, positioned in such a manner as to possibly, serve as decoys for the Marines' fire, in the manner of dummy positions and personnel. Marine casualties were five WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as ten KIA (possible).

m. At 132330H, a Company I squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 920402) reported observing movement approximately one hundred fifty meters east of the Marines' positions. Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy positions with reported excellent effect on the target area. A search of the enemy location revealed blood stains which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were wounded by the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

n. At 140045H, Company I elements positioned at coordinates (AT 920492) reported observing ten to fifteen Viet Cong in an open area, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 922492). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong quickly fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood which indicated that at least six Viet Cong were wounded as a result of the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were estimated as six Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(5) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 151045H, a Company G (2dBn, 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954605) reported receiving three hundred small arms rounds from an estimated twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955607). The Marines directed three hundred seventy five small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. Assistance was requested of tanks in the area and two 90mm (tank) cannister rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire and conducted a search of the Viet Cong positions, which produced pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were killed and at least three Viet Cong were wounded as the result of the tank fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as two Viet Cong KIA (possible) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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C. Reports of information of Viet Cong activities  
 No reports received during this reporting period.

D. Viet Cong Casualties For 24 Hours  
Reporting Period: 3

KIA (Confirmed)	50
KIA (Possible)	44
VC Captured	0
VC WIA (Possible)	15
VC Suspects Apprehended	00
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	Mine, rudimentary
2	Devices, explosives, unidentifiable
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)
1	Grenade, M1600M
1	Devices, explosive (shape charge)
1	Sign, Vietnamese-language (design 8-2)
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)
2	Uniforms, gray
UNK	Documents

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications

11	Bunkers, size not indicated
2	Tunnels, size not indicated
1	Tunnel, 75 yds in length
10	Holes, fighting
2	Bunkers, size not indicated

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U. S. NAVAL ADVISORY DETACHMENT  
APO San Francisco, California 96337

05/CI/CM  
3 May 1966

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From: Security Section (CI)  
To: Security Officer

Subj: VC Activity

1. The following information was received on 2 May 1966. Source has furnished information to this office several months ago; however, has just resumed supplying information. In view of this source is evaluated as "F" (Reliability cannot be judged) and information is evaluated as "3" (Possibly true):

A VC suicide company is now located at NAI HIEN DONG (BT 039804). Military Commander of this Company is NGUYEN VAN TUONG and Political Commissar is PHAN DINH HINH.

Mission of this company is to assassinate government Cadre, Servicemen and destroy military vehicles. Operations will take place at night and the area of operation will be from SON CHA (BT 069816) to the TRINH MINH THO bridge (BT 040762).

Agents Notes: This information may have some bearing on an unconfirmed report we received last week concerning a possible attempt on the life of CG, 3d MAF.

Source has been given priority ETI and instructions to pursue this information as rapidly as possible.

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

2: CW: RM  
3800  
15 May 66

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #135, Period ending 151000H May 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: 100 Low: 79
- c. Average Humidity: 64%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: Prevailing southerly flow at 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations.  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BMCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EACT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
16 May	0554	0617	1910	1933	0331	1545	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

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a. Late Report. At 132100H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified source that a Viet Cong force consisting of approximately twenty armed males, displaced from LA CHAU (3) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 956 678) to the vicinity of BO BAN (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 966697). The report added that this force would continue its displacement to HOA VANG District where their mission would be to harass USMC and ARVN units during that period of the celebration of HO CHI MINH's birthday (19 May). The report was rated F-6; (S-2 rates the report F-6.)

b. At 141725H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing seven Viet Cong in an open area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012600). Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target. No additional information was provided.

c. At 142227H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from a Combined Action Company, Popular Forces patrol, that villagers of HOA THO informed them that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified) has displaced across the SONG CAU DO in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933705) and (AT 992700) at approximately 142030H. The report did not indicate the armament, organization or mission of this Viet Cong force. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 140747H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957475), reported sighting five Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage, moving in a southerly direction along a trail at coordinates (AT 947475). No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 140900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation, discovered and destroyed a quantity of explosives (C-4) wrapped in what was described as civilian clothing placed in a tunnel at coordinates (AT 879488).

c. At 141300H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 880505). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when a routine examination revealed that they appeared to be of military age and could not adequately explain their presence in the area. The report stated that the four suspects were evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point, for interrogation, and subsequently released to the DUC DUC District Headquarters, for investigation.

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d. At 141900H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 80505), resulting in three Marines KIA, and ten WIA (seven of which required medical evacuation to the NSA hospital at DA NANG. The report described the device as an U.S. anti-personnel mine, (M-16A1) and stated it was positioned along a trail and rigged to detonate with a trip-wire activator.

e. At 150010H, Company M reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 91651), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920517). The Marines directed one 40mm (M-79) round at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Enemy casualties were not indicated, and the report stated that the enemy location would be searched at first light on 15 May. No additional information was received as of the termination of this INTSUM. Additional information will be provided when available. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 150900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company L search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9749, (AT 9750) and (AT 9850), on 14 May. The report stated that a total of forty six bunkers (size not indicated), eight tunnels (size not indicated), and three spider holes were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 150900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company I search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9048) and (AT 9049), on 14 May. The report stated that one fighting hole (size not indicated), eight large bunkers, one bunker, (containing what was described as three separate compartments, forty feet of tunnelling, one mine, described as being cylindrical in shape), and one U.S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip-wire activator, were destroyed by the Marines.

(3) 2d Bn 9th MLC

a. Late Report. At 140945H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified Vietnamese male that three to four armed Viet Cong were observed entering GIANG DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 007677), between the hours 132000H to 132100H. The report stated that the Viet Cong departed at dawn on the 14th of May but was expected to return in the late evening. No additional information was provided. (Battalion S-2 comment: A similar report was received on 12 May from a local villager indicating that six to seven armed Viet Cong had entered GIANG DONG hamlet from the east, coordinates (BT 011676), at approximately 141930H). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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b. At 142300H, the Battalion S-2 reported that during preliminary interrogation, a Viet Cong Suspect, apprehended by the Marines at 141400H in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005611), stated that four hundred to five hundred Viet Cong, dressed in what was described as black, khaki, and green colored uniforms, had crossed the foot bridge in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004609), between 141000H to 141200H. The report stated that the suspect informed the Marines that this Viet Cong force was heading in a northerly direction, at a running pace in a column formation. The report added that all of the Viet Cong were draped with camouflage and that they were armed with machineguns, mortars (type and quantity not indicated) and one 57mm recoilless rifle. The report stated that no radio equipment was observed. The suspect indicated that the Viet Cong had repaired the foot bridge (BT 004609) at 132000H. The report added that no foreign-type (?) uniforms were observed and the Viet Cong spoke in what was described as a southern dialect. The report concluded that three to four Viet Cong WIA were observed being carried south during a Viet Cong withdrawal toward CHAU LAU coordinates (AT 988603). The Battalion S-2 rates the report F-6. (S-2 rates the report F-6.)

c. At 142300H, the Battalion S-2 provided information concerning a document that was recovered at 141450H from a dead Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 006607). The report stated that the document was dated 12 March and was annotated with "Q12 Company B" (Q12B Company ?) in one corner. The report did not indicate the recovering unit nor provide details concerning the dead Viet Cong. Additional information will be provided when available. (Add. Info: When delivered to Regimental S-2, the document was written in English.)

(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 141035H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending thirty five Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065715). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when it was observed that they were all relatively young males. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

b. At 141050H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074626) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072623). 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 positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 141115H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074626) reported receiving fourteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 070627). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds, six 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAW (M-72) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to regain the contact. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions revealed negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 141630H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (BT 053644). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed following the patrol and showing undue interest in the Marines' activity. The report added that during preliminary interrogation, the suspect informed the Marines that he had observed ten armed Viet Cong pass through his hamlet, (THAN THUY (2) grid square (BT 0665), on 8-9 May. The report added that the Viet Cong were clothed in khaki colored uniforms and spoke with a central dialect. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

e. At 141900H, Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion), reported receiving ten small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 088653), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 083648). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and five 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.

f. At 142010H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified Vietnamese source that approximately four hundred Viet Cong were deployed somewhere in the area extending from coordinates (BT 091655), to the Marble Mountain area, grid squares (BT 0770) and (BT 0771). The report added that the mission of this Viet Cong force is to attack the Marble Mountain Air Facility tonight (14 May. Battalion S-2 rates the report F-6. (S-2 rates the report F-6.)

g. At 142215H, Company G reported that elements manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 060637), heard what was described as shouting and small arms fire, identified as carbine fire, which appeared to emanate from PHONG HO (2) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 065624). The report stated that this noise and shooting was believed to be an Viet Cong attempt to focus the Marines' attention in this area in order to initiate an attack in a different area.

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h. At 150900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the following account of a Company E, platoon encounter which initiated at 141249H. The report stated that the platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9961), had succeeded in moving two squads across an open field and had reached a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000617), when the 3d squad, attempting to make the crossing, received what was described as heavy small arms fire and rifle grenades from Viet Cong positioned within LA THO BAC (3) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 000617) and (BT 003615). The Marine platoon deployed and directed a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy positions. (The report stated that the Viet Cong force was estimated to consist of approximately two hundred to two hundred fifty men; however not more than thirty to forty were actually observed at one time by the Marines). The report continued that Company H dispatched one infantry platoon with tank support to the vicinity of DONG TIEN (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 003613), to assist. At 141357H, a Sparrow Hawk element was delivered to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003611). The Company E element delivered a heavy volume of small arms fire at the Viet Cong, who attempted to break contact, withdrawing to the south. Ten Viet Cong were killed by the Company E platoon's fire (body count), and one U.S. caliber .45 Thompson sub-machinegun recovered. A short time later, Marines aloft in the Sparrow Hawk helicopters reported observing what was described as many Viet Cong positioned south of the SONG LA THO and directed small arms machine gun fire at the enemy location. One of the USMC helicopters received enemy fire and sustained damage resulting in a crash landing in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993608). At 141350H, a Company H element aboard tanks arrived in the objective area, coordinates (BT 003625), and was itself taken under what was described as heavy small arms fire and rifle grenades from Viet Cong positioned at coordinates (BT 015619). The Company H force deployed and moved against the Viet Cong positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact, fleeing to the south across the SONG LA THO, where they assumed defense positions in a trench line on the south side of the river. The Viet Cong force, estimated at this point to consist of approximately forty five men, wearing black pajamas and black shorts, exchanged a heavy volume of small arms fire with the Marines on the south bank. One squad of Company H finally succeeded in displacing across the river and established a strong position in a trench line. The remaining two squads also succeeded in moving across the river and the Viet Cong again attempted to break contact, moving in a southerly direction. The report stated that four Viet Cong KIA were found in the vacated enemy positions, and that one CHICOM carbine, (MOSSIN-NAGENT) 7.62mm, model 53, equipped with a grenade launcher attachment, six rifle grenades, one U.S. carbine caliber .30, three canvas packs and a quantity of small arms ammunition were also recovered. The report stated that the successful crossing of the river by the Marine force served to dislodge the Viet Cong, who withdrew in panic to the south. The Marines continued their pursuit, catching seven Viet Cong who had

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taken refuge in a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008605). Ten rounds of 3.5 inch (rocket) fire destroyed the building and killed all seven Viet Cong. A total of nineteen of the fleeing Viet Cong were killed by the fires of the Marines. The Company H platoon, now almost devoid of ammunition, was retracted to the north of the SONG LA THO. Fixed wing and armed helicopter strikes continued to press the Viet Cong, who had dispersed in small groups and were fleeing the area. The report added that an additional four Viet Cong were killed as the result of tank fire in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 019 605) as the Company H platoon retracted north across the river. One Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010606) (final disposition of the suspect was not indicated). The report stated that, in addition to the air support, ten artillery 105mm rounds, and one hundred twenty 81mm mortar rounds were also directed at the enemy during this engagement. Marine casualties were five Marines KIA and thirteen Marines WIA, all of whom required medical evacuation. Enemy casualties were thirty seven Viet Cong KIA (body count), twenty five Viet Cong KIA (possible), and one Viet Cong Suspect apprehended.

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a. Late Report. At 140945H, Company D, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 919549). 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.

b. At 141025H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968642) reported receiving one hundred fifty small arms rounds from an estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964644). The Marines directed five hundred small arms rounds, nine 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, mortar support was requested and six 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southwest. The Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 141300H, a Company A scout/sniper team reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 918547). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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d. At 141545H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960642) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959637). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the west. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost and a search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 141730H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a USMC re-supply helicopter operating in the Battalions' area of responsibility, coordinates (AT 922343), reported receiving small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 923340). Company A element directed six 40mm (M-79) rounds and two small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not reported. No Marine casualties or damage to the helicopter was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 141940H, Company A elements positioned at coordinates (AT 909543) reported observing one Vietnamese male in the vicinity of what was described as a lake in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The report stated that the male was carrying an unidentified object. When the Marines ordered the male to halt for investigation, he turned and attempted to flee. The Marines then fired warning shots into the air, and when the man ignored the warnings, the Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing man, killing him. The report stated that the male succeeded in throwing the object he was carrying by throwing it into the body of water. Examination of the dead body revealed that the man wore two sets of clothing described as white clothing over black. Battalion S-2 commented that the man was believed to be a Viet Cong infiltrator who was reconnoitering the Marines' positions. The report stated that attempts to retrieve the object that was thrown into the lake were unsuccessful due to the depth of the water and failing light. (S-2 comment: Although the man may have been a Viet Cong, the evidence was insufficient to conclusively establish this status, and he will not be reflected in the enemy casualty status in this DTSUM).

g. At 142230H, the Battalion S-3 reported that twenty small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 973612), from an estimated three Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976613). The Marines directed sixty five small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that the Viet Cong positions would be searched on 15 May. No additional information was received as of the termination of this DTSUM. Additional information will be provided when available. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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h. At 150900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company A search and destroy operation conducted on 14 May in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9254). The report stated that ten bunkers, described as: four feet by two feet by eight feet in depth, reinforced with bamboo; eight spider holes, with two feet by two feet entrances and connecting six feet by eight feet tunnels; eleven bunkers (size not indicated) with two feet by two feet entrances, reinforced bamboo poles, four to six feet in length; one tunnel two feet by three feet by five feet in length; and nine fighting holes, two feet by two feet by four feet in depth, were destroyed by the Marines utilizing one hundred ten pounds of explosives. The report added that one CHICOM grenade with the markings "L3-To-56 TRUB2QD" was also discovered and destroyed. The report added that the following material was recovered from the general area vicinity grid square (AT 9254): medical supplies (type not indicated); a first aid kit; three ammunition pouches with Russian type carbine rounds; five uniforms (not identified); miscellaneous documents (unevaluated); entrenching tools (quantity not indicated); one ID card, one wallet with unidentified papers; one canteen with cover; one box of what was described as a grinding compound; one helmet liner; two fuse boxes (type not indicated); five feet of cable; one mess kit; one shaped charge; one bamboo courier case; seven 57mm canisters; four 60mm canisters; twenty four steel punji stakes, and one bobby trap (not identified) was destroyed. The report stated that all the captured material was evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

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

- a. See 140945H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 142010H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	37	922
KIA (Possible)	25	1218
VC Captured	0	264
VC WIA (Possible)	0	418
VC Suspects Apprehended	13	1898
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
UNK	Explosive, C-4	140900H
1	Mine, unidentified	150900H
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	-do-
2	Sub-machineguns, U.S. caliber .45 (THOMPSON)	150900H
1	Carbine, CHICOM (MOSSIN-NAGENT) 7.62mm model 53 (w/grenade launcher)	-do-
6	Grenades, rifle	-do-
1	Carbine, U.S. caliber .30	-do-
Unk	, ammunition, types and amount not indicated	-do-

See 150900H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of captured and destroyed enemy positions reported destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar, during this reporting period.

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

46	Bunkers, size not indicated	150900H
1	Tunnel, size not indicated	-do-
1	Hole, fighting	150900H
9	Bunkers, size not indicated	-do-
	40 ft of tunnelling	-do-

See 150900H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 1stBn, 9thMar, during this reporting period.

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Re: Connecting Officer, 100-100000 (100-100000)

Subj: Intelligence Bureau, 100-100000 (100-100000)

1. Summary of the Intelligence Bureau, 100-100000

A. Characteristics of the Intelligence Bureau

(1) Features

a. General: 100-100000

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(2) Characteristics of the Intelligence Bureau, 100-100000

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B. Characteristics of the Intelligence Bureau

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directed small arms fire at the intruder and reported killing two. The report stated that, as the Marines attempted to search the body of the dead Viet Cong, they heard the voices of two females (possibly Viet Cong) who attracted the Marines' attention. The report continued that the Marines then received ten minutes' fifty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned to the south and east at approximately sixty to seventy meters range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, and fifteen 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. In addition, a preplanned 60mm mortar concentration, consisting of thirty 60mm mortar rounds, and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy position, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. The report stated that a search of the enemy site revealed pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least two additional Viet Cong were killed by the Marines' fire. The Marines also reported finding the bodies of two females in the enemy report area; very likely the same women whose voices distracted the Marines just prior to the fire-fight. Marine casualties were one KIA (white did not require medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body recovered) (does not include the two women whose bodies were found after the fight) (the bodies were cremated) and two Viet Cong KIA (unrecoverable). No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong.

b. At 160700Z, a Company K (14th) (Marine) under 0500Z (14th Battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920110) observed one Viet Cong at seventy five meters range who evidently was attempting to elude the Marines. The Marines shouted a warning at the running man to halt, but the warnings were ignored. The Marines then directed five small arms rounds at the fleeing man and reported killing him. The report stated that a search of the body revealed one wallet containing five or six typewritten pages of text, which, upon initial screening, was identified as Viet Cong material. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body recovered).

(2) 30th 9th May

a. At 151300Z, Company M reported apprehending one Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920110). The report stated that the Viet Cong was apprehended when he was observed emerging from a cave. Upon preliminary interrogation, the Viet Cong indicated that two additional Viet Cong still remained in the cave. The report stated that an interpreter was used in an attempt to persuade the two Viet Cong to emerge. When the Viet Cong ignored the pleas to emerge, the Marines directed three U.S. (M-20) grenades in the cave opening and reported destroying the cave. The Marines searched the cave and found the bodies of the two dead Viet Cong. No weapons or equipment was reported recovered. The report stated that the Viet Cong captured was evacuated to the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

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2. At 160000Z, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 924450), near the Marines were observing a structure believed to have been used by the Viet Cong. The report stated that Marine casualties were one KIA, and one WIA (who required medical evacuation). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-25) grenade and stated it was rigged with a time-delay fuse.

3. At 160800Z, Company H reported receiving that some damage was done to a mortar fire (number of rounds not indicated) in the Company position, coordinates (AT 924450). No Marine casualties were reported. No additional information was provided. Additional information will be provided when available.

(3) 160000Z

a. At 161430Z, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016600) reported observing one Viet Cong soldier positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013535) who appeared to be reconnoitering the Company E Command Post position. The report stated that when the man spotted the approach of the Marine patrol, he attempted to flee the area. The Marines ordered the fleeing man to halt, but the warnings were ignored. The Marines then directed three small arms rounds at the man, and reported wounding him. The report stated that the wounded Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the 3d Medical Battalion for treatment and investigation.

b. At 161550Z, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company A (1st BN, 1st Airborne Division) platoon-sized patrol discovered the body of one dead Vietnamese in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 021400). The report stated that an examination of the body revealed that the man had been shot three times with what was believed to be a caliber .45 report. (The report stated that three expended caliber .45 cartridges were found near the body). The report added that no identification card found on the body identified the man as one MIN XUAN TUC, nineteen years of age. The pass, number 481687 was issued by the 9th Marines and indicated that the man was a member of the Peoples Solidarity Team (PAT). No additional information was provided. (S-2 comments: It is very likely that this man was a victim of a Viet Cong assassination. Additional information will be provided when available).

(4) 160000Z

a. Initial Report. At 160900Z, Company A reported receiving three small arms rounds in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (AT 925445), from Viet Cong positioned in a trench in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925540). The report stated that the enemy fire was not returned. The Marines did not return the fire but remained in position. No Marine casualties were reported.

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b. Late Report. At 150920H, Company A, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934542), reported receiving small arms fire from five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 936545). The Marines directed small arms rounds, 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the east. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. A search of the site of the Viet Cong positions produced negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA (who required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 151015H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a 3d Engineer squad-sized patrol conducting a road mine clearing operation discovered an explosive device at coordinates (AT 935636). The report identified the device as an 155mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was buried one foot below the surface of the road bed, and rigged with a pull-type activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines. The report added that the local villagers informed the Marines that the device was positioned on the road but did not indicate the exact location of the device. The report did not indicate whether the villagers would be rewarded for their information.

d. At 151230H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from a group of villagers (unidentified) from the HOA NAM hamlet area, vicinity of coordinates (AT 921541). The report stated that the villagers admitted that several local guerrillas were living in the hamlet, however the villagers stated that the guerrillas had fled when the Marines moved into the area. The villagers informed the Marines that the following Viet Cong were living in HOA NAM hamlet: one VAN (Village Chief), one TRAN (hamlet chief), one MOT, one TIN, and one PHI. The report continued that HOA NAM is heavily fortified with deep trenches, tunnels and fighting holes. The villagers stated that the trenches were prepared by laborers brought into the area by the Viet Cong. The villagers stated that every one was required to pay a tax, which was graduated according to the wealth of the family. The report stated that one of the villagers expressed a desire to relocate to DA NAM in order to escape Viet Cong domination and taxation and indicated that many other villagers would similarly displace, if allowed. The report stated that in response to questions concerning a USMC/Viet Cong engagement in that area on 12 May, the villagers stated that about two days before the action, many Viet Cong were heard and observed passing through their hamlet. The villagers stated that they could not provide

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a count of the total number of Viet Cong as they (the villagers) were forced to remain in their homes. The report stated that one villager however, offered an estimation of between forty to fifty men. The villagers stated that the Viet Cong, who were headed in a northerly direction, were armed with what was described as an 81mm mortar. The villagers stated that during the engagement on 12 May, they all remained in their family shelters because of the heavy air and artillery fire. The report stated that during the night of 12 May many Viet Cong moved through the village heading in a southerly direction. One villager stated that some of the other villagers were forced to assist in carrying the Viet Cong dead and wounded and have not as yet returned to their homes. The report stated that these villagers appeared friendly towards the Marines and talked freely when questioned in private. The report stated that the people did not possess the guilty expressions normally characteristic of Viet Cong sympathizers. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-5.

e. At 151445H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified villager that fifty Viet Cong, armed with automatic weapons (quantity and type not indicated), and 60mm mortars (quantity not indicated), had remained in THUONG PHUOC hamlet, coordinates (AT 935555), on the night of 14 May. The report stated that early in the morning on the 15th, the Viet Cong proceeded to the vicinity of TUY LA (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 944545), and crossed the SONG LA THO in a southerly direction. The report stated that this Viet Cong force was believed to have joined other Viet Cong located in the LE BAC (1) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 951588). The report was not rated. S-2 rates it F-3.

f. At 151500H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of GIAO THUY (1) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 926543), reported the discovery of ten boxes, described as fourteen inches by eight inches, constructed of steel and sealed shut. The report stated that, upon examination, six of the boxes contained caliber .30 ammunition and four contained 9mm ammunition. The report added that five thousand 7.62 (CHICOM) rounds were also found in the same area. The report stated that all the ammunition was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 151615H, a USMC helicopter conducting a helilift from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 921541) to Hill 55, reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from the direction of coordinates (AT 924545) and (AT 916541). Company B, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 926543), directed small arms fire and 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated

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that the heli-lift was completed without further incident. The Marines searched the site of the enemy location with negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 160645H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 960630). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned so as to function as a mine. The device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

i. At 160805H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 967626). The report identified the device as an 4.2 inch mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned so as to function as a mine. The device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

j. At 160835H, a Company C squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 958662) reported hearing what was described as the sounds of a drum emanating from a location at close range, and observing a Vietnamese male who ran through the area as if giving a warning of the Marines presence. The Marines directed one small arms round at the fleeing man and reported observing him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. A search of the area produced negative results. The report stated that the male was believed to have been a Viet Cong infiltrator or sentry. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

k. At 160900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company B search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9254), on 15 May. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of seventeen bunkers, (described as two feet by two feet by five feet, all reinforced with bamboo), one observation tower (size not indicated), five tunnels (described as four feet by five feet by ten feet in length) and eight spider holes, (described as two feet by two feet by four feet in depth).

l. At 160900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company C squad-sized patrol conducted in the vicinity grid square (AT 9565), (AT 9664), and (AT 9565), on 15 May. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed one explosive device, identified as an 105mm artillery shell (DUD) rigged to detonate with a trip-wire, at coordinates (AT 962652); three explosive devices, identified as U.S. M-26 grenades, all rigged to detonate with trip-wires, and placed in close proximity to each other at coordinates (AT 951654); one bunker, described as six feet by six feet by eight feet, at coordinates (AT 968646); and one bunker (size not indicated) with tunnels (number not indicated), at coordinates (AT 965641).

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

- a. See 151015H entry, this INTSUM.
- b. See 151230H entry, this INTSUM.
- c. See 151445H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	926
KIA (Possible)	2	1122
VC Captured	1	265
VC WIA (Possible)	1	419
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1899
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Mine, anti-personnel U.S. (M-16A1)	160700H
1	Wallet, w/documents (unevaluated)	160700H
1	Shell, artillery 155mm (DUD)	151015H
10	Boxes, 14" by 8" w/caliber .30 and 9mm ammo	151500H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar (DUD)	160645H
1	Shell, 4.2 inch mortar (DUD)	160805H
1	Shell artillery, 105mm (DUD)	160900H
3	Grenades, U.S. (M-26)	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

17	Bunkers, 2' by 2' by 5'	160900H
1	Tower, (size not indicated)	-do-
5	Tunnels, 4' by 5' by 10'	-do-
8	Holes, spider 2' by 2' by 4'	-do-
1	Bunker, 6' by 6' by 8'	160900H
1	Bunker, (size not indicated)	-do-
UNK	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	-do-

See 151707H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3dBA, 9thMar, during this reporting period.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #136, Period ending 171000H May 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: 90 Low: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 82%
- d. Precipitation: .14 inches
- e. Wind: Variable at 6 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the 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>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 161520H, the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines S-2 Officer relayed a 3d IIT Prisoner Interrogation report that the Viet Cong plan to attack (report stated overrun) D Battery and K Battery positions on 17 or 18 May.

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The report stated that the Viet Cong plan to then employ the weapons to shell the DA NANG area. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 161730H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an (unidentified) source within the Headquarters of the NHU HANH SON (Five Mountains) Pacification Program, that the Headquarters for National Front for the Liberation of QUANG NAM and DA NANG has issued orders to the villages of HOA HAI, THANH THUY, THANH TRUNG and KY NGOC that each village must be prepared to provide food and shelter for sixty Viet Cong for a period of about three days. The purpose of this action was not stated, but is evidently related to the reports that the Viet Cong plan to attack USMC or GVN positions in the HOA VANG District area during the period around the birthday of HO CHI MINH (19 May). No additional information was provided. The report was rated C-2 by the Headquarters, Five Mountains Operation. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 161925H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from the District S-2 officer that one hundred Viet Cong, members of what was described as a farm collecting (food gathering) unit, have recently displaced to the vicinity of THAI CAM (1)/THAI CAM (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 970640). The report stated that these Viet Cong have instructed the local villagers to demand compensation from the government for the buildings etc. damaged and/or destroyed by the Marines on 14 May in this area. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(2) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 161900H, Company G reported receiving ten small arms rounds in the Company Command Post position, coordinates (BT 061646), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064640). The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and twelve 60mm mortar rounds 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 positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 162030H, Company K elements manning an observation post within the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 061646), reported observing a boat with four occupants, believed to be Viet Cong, crossing the SONG HA XAU from east to west, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100644). A tank positioned in support of the Marines, directed two 90mm (tank) rounds at the boat and reported that the craft was hit and sunk. The report stated that the boat disappeared from sight and no further observation was made. Enemy casualties were estimated as four Viet Cong KIA (possible).

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a. Late Report. At 160845H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 877497). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to DUC DUC District Headquarters for investigation upon completion of a preliminary interrogation at the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point.

b. At 161150H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Battalion zone of action reported observing four armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927527). Artillery support was requested and fifty two 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were estimated as four Viet Cong KIA (possible).

c. At 161500H, Company L reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 874493). The report stated that the Marines had inadvertently tripped the detnating mechanism but the device failed to detonate. The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) "bounding" mine, positioned on a trail, and rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 161615H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9447), reported sighting nine armed Viet Cong heading in a northerly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945475). The report stated that artillery support was requested and fifteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fled north across a ridgeline. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 161620H, a reconnaissance element (Company Dp platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage, moving in a northerly direction on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932472). No additional information was provided.

f. At 161955H, a Company L, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 872505), reported receiving thirty small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 868500). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the impact of the artillery fire resulted in the Viet Cong ceasing their small arms fire. The report stated that the Marines would search the site of the

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Viet Cong positions on 17 May. Additional information will be provided when available. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 170900H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an U.S. Army Advisor in the AN HOA area that one Viet Cong platoon (parent unit not indicated) was deployed in the area extending from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 850496) to (AT 860495). The report did not indicate the armament or mission of this Viet Cong force. No additional information was provided. The U.S. Army Advisor rated the report C-2. The Battalion S-2 rated it C-2. S-2 rates the report C-3.

h. At 170900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company M search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9051) on 16 May. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of eighteen fighting holes (size not indicated), six bunkers (size not indicated, four of which were reinforced with steel bars (?), twenty four tunnels (size not indicated) and one man trap, (described as being four feet by five feet by four feet in depth, and containing punji stakes). The report stated that a total of three hundred fifty six pounds of explosives (C-4) and twenty six pounds of explosives (TNT) were utilized in the destruction of the fortifications/positions.

i. At 170943H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 868496) reported discovering and destroying a large tunnel (thirty meters in length) located in a trench line in that area. The report stated that a small boat had been positioned to hide the tunnel entrance. The report stated that when an attached engineer element destroyed the tunnel by use of demolitions, a secondary explosion occurred in a near-by pagoda. The report stated that upon investigation of the pagoda ruins, it was determined that approximately fifty pounds of explosives had been positioned at the entrance to the pagoda, and detonated sympathetically. No Marine casualties were reported.

j. Additional Information. At 170900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information concerning a Company M mortar incident which occurred on 16 May. (See 160830H entry, INTSUM #135). The report stated that, at 160830H, Company M, positioned at coordinates (AT 927522), reported receiving thirty to forty small arms rounds and what were described as thirteen 60mm mortar rounds from fifteen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 930514) and (AT 935523). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and a quantity (not indicated) of 105mm rounds and eight 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

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a. Late Report. At 160510H, a Company C squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 958662) reported one Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meters range. The Marines directed one small arms round at the Viet Cong who was observed to fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the enemy location with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 161220H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 976612). The report identified the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of a quantity of explosives (black powder) in a container in which pieces of broken glass had been placed. The report stated that the device was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 161315H, a Company C squad-sized patrol reported apprehending one suspicious person in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957663). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines and could not adequately explain his presence in the area. The report added that the suspect had what was described as two batteries (type not indicated) in his possession at the time of apprehension. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters for investigation.

d. At 161430H, a Company A squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962595) reported that a USMC helicopter performing a medical evacuation of a heat casualty, received thirty to forty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954590). The report stated that the helicopter sustained six hits resulting in moderate damage to the aircraft; however, safe landing was effected on Hill 55, without casualties. Company A Marines delayed to engage the Viet Cong but the Viet Cong ceased firing and refused further contact.

e. At 162000H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in a vicinity of coordinates (AT 954666) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953664). The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) cannon 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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f. At 170750H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962635) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968638) and (AT 965631). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and one rifle grenade 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.

g. At 170930H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 962624). The report identified the device as an 155mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated the device was destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 170930H, the Battalion L-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Chief that three distinctly different sources (not identified) have stated that the Viet Cong suffered one hundred seventy five KIA's as the result of the encounter with Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines on 12 May. (See 121200H entry, INTSUM #132 for an account of the encounter which resulted in this report). The report indicated that bodies of the dead Viet Cong were carried south across the SONG THU RIVER in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9454), in the same boats used by the Viet Cong to cross the river prior to the encounter. The report stated that the boats were hidden in the brush and camouflaged with foliage in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9453). The report added that the Viet Cong R.20 Battalion, operating in the southern portion of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action, was commanded by one PHAT. (Current OB listings held by this Headquarters identify NGUYEN DINE as commander of the R.20 Battalion). The report continued that another Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) was deployed in the vicinity of grid square (AT 7855). The report stated that this Viet Cong battalion was commanded by one TRUNG and was composed of two Viet Cong Companies, identified as the "C-45" Companies, and one platoon of what was described as MONTAGNARD tribesmen. The report was not rated. (S-2 rates that portion of the report pertaining to the Company B action on 12 May as F-4, as accounts received of that action did not indicate the presence of a Viet Cong force of sufficient size to have evacuated the large number of casualties indicated. The balance of the report is rated F-3).

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a. The Battalion S-2 reported that there were no enemy contacts, and no activity or reports of intelligence value received during the period covered by this INTSUM.

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</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	0	926
KIA (Possible)	8	1130
VC Captured	0	265
VC WIA (Possible)	1	420
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1900
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	00	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Mine, U.S. anti-personnel (M-16A1)	16130CH
1	Trap, man 4' x 4' x 8'	17090CH
1	Mine, rudimentary	16122CH
1	Shell, artillery 155mm (DUD)	17093CH

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

18	Holes, fighting, (size not indicated)	17090CH
6	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	-do-
24	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel, 36 meters in length	170945H

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #137, Period ending 181000H May 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: 98 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 83%
- d. Precipitation: .10 inches
- e. Wind: Variable at 4 knots
- f. Visibility: 6-10 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operation:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EJECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 2d Bn 4th Mar

- a. At 171400H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 067694), resulting in three

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Marines WIA, one of whom required medical evacuation. The report described the device as a rudimentary mine (probably "home made"), and stated that it was believed to have been electrically detonated; however no wires or other evidence of manner of detonation were discovered in the area.

b. At 171435H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044688) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 040689). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the dead body of a Vietnamese woman and a second woman who had been wounded; evidently during the exchange of small arms fire. The report stated that it could not be determined whether these casualties resulted from Marine or Viet Cong firing. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 171630H, the Battalion S-2 reported that (unidentified) villagers of VIEM DONG hamlet, coordinates (BT 095655), informed Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) that twenty five Viet Cong, wearing grey colored uniforms, had begun a movement in a northerly direction from the VIEM DONG hamlet area. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 2dBn 9th Mar

a. At 171200H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a Headquarters and Service Company fire-team sized element, repairing a communications wire line, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 010635). The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a txlp-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines. (The report added that over 1000 meters of communication wire had been cut and removed from the communications line, and required replacement).

b. At 171340H, a Company H squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device in the vicinity of PHONG LUC (2) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 010634). The report identified the device as a home made shaped charge, consisting of about fifteen pounds of explosives (not identified), and stated that it was positioned so as to function as an anti-tank mine. The report did not indicate how the device was rigged to detonate. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

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a. At 171020H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933454), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong, wearing black pajamas and coolie hats and carrying what appeared to be heavy packs, walking in a northerly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 945416). No additional information was provided.

b. At 171300H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUC DUC District Chief that evidently originated from a refugee (not identified) that one Viet Cong Main Force Company (unidentified), with a strength of one hundred twenty men and armed with a least three recoilless rifles and five machine guns (type not indicated), is located in the area extending from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941523) to (AT 947522). The report stated that the Viet Cong have informed the villagers of the area that they will attack and destroy the USMC Amphibious tractors which have operated in that region. The report added that the morale of the Viet Cong in this locale is poor as the result of reverses and persistent USMC pressures, and that they (Viet Cong) were seeking an important victory over the Marines. The Battalion S-2 rates the report F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 171635H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933454), reported sighting eight Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage and carrying what was described as packs, moving in a northeasterly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 922477). Artillery support was requested and a quantity (not indicated) of 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report indicated that one Viet Cong WIA was observed being carried from the area. The report stated that the remaining Viet Cong took cover in a defilade position and further assessment was not accomplished. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

d. At 171646H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 873502). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the local District Headquarters, after preliminary interrogation at the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point.

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e. At 171910H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an artillery Forward Observer attached to Company M positioned at coordinates (AT 918499) observed three to five Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 917505). The report stated that artillery support was requested, but when the registering rounds impacted near the enemy location, the Viet Cong took refuge in the midst of a group of women and children in the vicinity. The report stated that the artillery fire was then ceased and the Viet Cong were able to withdraw to the north. No additional information was provided.

f. At 180300H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 908502) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910504). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and one 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

g. At 180852H, the Battalion S-2 reported an (unidentified) woman informed Company M that approximately two hundred to two hundred fifty Viet Cong had displaced from the vicinity of the mountains, coordinates (AT 915480), and had moved in a northerly direction, on the night of 13 May. The villager stated that the Viet Cong carried what was described as much recoilless rifle ammunition and possibly 81mm mortar ammunition. The report added that the Viet Cong returned from the north and headed back into the mountain area (AT 915480) early on the morning of 14 May. The report stated that the Viet Cong were clothed in what was described as dark green colored uniforms. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(4) Special Reports.

a. At 171600H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) ARVN source at HIEU DUC District Headquarters that two platoons of what was described as hard core Viet Cong, armed with one 60mm mortar, one light machine gun and small arms, were deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948635) and (AT 952643). The report added that this Viet Cong force, augmented by one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon, had a mission of conducting attacks against friendly (USMC/ARVN) units in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961689). The report added that two additional Viet Cong platoons were deployed at coordinates (AT 974677) and (AT 895665). The report did not indicate the armament of these two Viet Cong platoons but did state that the mission of this force was to attack (report stated "harass") USMC positions on 19 May. No additional information was provided. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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b. At 171830H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TACR reported observing ten to twenty unidentified Vietnamese, wearing black pajamas, moving in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 961596). The report stated that as the observation aircraft approached, the Viet Cong attempted to hide. The report stated that it appeared that the group was enroute towards Hill 55. In a subsequent report at 171858H, the Aerial Observer reported that the number of unidentified Vietnamese now appeared to be seventy to eighty men. The report stated that no weapons or military type equipment was observed. No additional information was provided.

c. At 172330H, an (U.S. Army) Aerial Observer reported sighting a Viet Cong force in an open area in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057567). (The report stated that the Viet Cong were engaged in directing mortar fire (caliber not indicated) at an ARVN force). Artillery support was requested and Battery E directed thirty six 105mm rounds and Battery L directed twelve 105mm rounds at the enemy location. The report stated that this artillery fire was not observed (?). At 180040H, a second report was received of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 057558) firing at an ARVN unit (location not indicated). Artillery support was again requested and Battery L directed twelve 105mm rounds at the suspected enemy location. A short time later, the U.S. Army Aerial Observer reported that the ARVN positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047567) was receiving fire (type not indicated) from Viet Cong (location not indicated). Artillery support was again requested and Battery E directed eighteen 105mm rounds at the suspected enemy location. The artillery fire was not observed. No friendly casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(5) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 171100H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated by 2dBn, 12thMar vehicle (1/2 ton truck, 6x6), at coordinates (AT 983629), resulting in two Marines WIA (both of whom required medical evacuation). The report described the device as a rudimentary mine (the reports stated that the mine consisted of from twenty to forty pounds of explosives), and stated it was buried approximately two feet below the surface of the road. The report stated that the device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The Battalion S-2 commented that several trucks (six by six [empty]) had previously driven through the same area without incident, and evidently it required the weight of a loaded vehicle to detonate the device. The report stated that the crater caused by the explosion measured six feet by six feet by three feet in depth.

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b. At 171100H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 931577) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933578) and (AT 93573). The Marines directed one hundred twenty small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) 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.

c. At 171215H, a Headquarters and Service Company aqual-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983629). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to elude the Marines. The report stated that the Viet Cong Suspect had been previously observed by Marine engineer elements in the same location where a 2d Battalion, 12th Marines vehicle (2 1/2 ton truck 6x6) had detonated an explosive device earlier. (See 171100H entry, this INTSUM). The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

d. At 171220H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 974610), resulting in three Marines KIA (two of whom required medical evacuation). The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

e. At 171315H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported at the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 973608). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned in a haystack and rigged with a trip-wire activator that was placed across the trail. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was also apprehended in the same location when he was observed hiding in a nearby house and could not provide adequate identification. The report stated that this suspect was believed to have been the person responsible for positioning the explosive device. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

f. At 171400H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol report apprehending two Viet Cong suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973663). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed attempting to cut the communication wire which passed through Company C positions. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

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g. At 171430H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963691) reported observing one Viet Cong Suspect who evidently was attempting to elude the Marines in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963692). The Marines ordered the fleeing man to halt. When the warning was ignored, the Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing man and reported observing him fall twice as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that when the Marines advanced to search the site, they received six to eight small arms rounds. The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and the Marines could not locate the enemy position. The Marines continued their search for the Viet Cong who was believed hit by their fire, and found blood and drag marks which indicated that he had been wounded, but the Viet Cong eluded the searching Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA possible.

h. At 171510H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954630). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was discovered hiding in a hole from which the Marines believed sniper fire had earlier emanated. The report stated that an explosive device was also discovered in the immediate vicinity when the Viet Cong suspect refused to enter the area. The report did not indicate the type of device nor its final disposition.

i. At 171535H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 936587) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941586). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAW (M-72) 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 as the result of the Viet Cong fire. Enemy casualties were not determined. (The report added that, when the Marines were searching the site of the Viet Cong positions, one Marine was wounded when he detonated an explosive device (undetermined type). The report stated that the wounded man was evacuated to a medical facility).

j. At 171630H, a Company B platoon, enroute from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934589) to the DAI LOC District Headquarters area, reported observing twenty five to thirty Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 941586). The report stated that the Viet Cong were well camouflaged with foliage. The report stated that when the platoon advanced to engage the enemy, they received what was described as light small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of

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Coordinates (AT 934589). The Marines directed small arms and 81mm rounds at the enemy location, and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines attempted to search the enemy site, they received what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 940573). (The report did not indicate how this contact was terminated). The report stated that a USMC helicopter operating in the area reported that a crew-member (pilot) had been wounded, presumably by enemy fire, and had to be evacuated to a medical facility. The report stated that, at 171700H the Marines received three 81mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong at undetermined locations at three minute intervals. (The results of this fire was not indicated). A Marine 81mm mortar Forward Observer team positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941586) reported observing twenty Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950581) and an additional fifty Viet Cong moving along the trail in grid squares (AT 9456) and (AT 9457). The report stated that when the Marines reached the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925587), they received small arms fire from an estimated twelve Viet Cong resulting in the wounding of one Popular Forces soldier who was accompanying the Marines. 81mm Mortar support was requested, but the Marine mortar fire accidentally resulted in the wounding of three Marines. The report stated that when the Marines reached the vicinity of coordinates (AT 923584), they received an additional two hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925587). When the enemy fire was returned, the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that during the days encounters, the Marines directed a total of one thousand five hundred small arms rounds, seventeen 40mm (M-79) rounds and fourteen 81mm mortar rounds at enemy positions. The report stated that three Marines were wounded during the action, presumably as the results of the Marine mortar fire. Enemy casualties were nine Viet Cong KIA (possible).

k. At 171800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the battalion zone of action reported observing eight Viet Cong, wearing what was described as helmets and packs, in the grid square (AT 9657). The report stated that, when the Aerial Observer attempted to make a low pass over the enemy location, small arms fire was directed at the aircraft. The Aerial Observer reported that the Viet Cong were armed with AKA-type assault rifles. An UH-1E1 (armed) helicopter, arriving on the scene to assist, also received small arms fire. The UH-1E1 helicopter delivered automatic weapons fire on the enemy positions and reported killing four Viet Cong. No additional information was provided. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported. Enemy casualties were four Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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l. At 171815H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from DAI LOC District Headquarters that an estimated Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) was in the process of displacing to the north on the trail which went through grid squares (AT 9457) and (AT 9458). The report stated that this Viet Cong force was armed with assorted small arms and mortars (number and type not indicated). The report added that the objective of this Viet Cong force was believed to be Hill 55. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

m. At 172145H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956670) reported receiving what was described as several bursts of small arms fire from Viet Cong armed with automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955672). The Marines directed small arms rounds and assaulted 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 172215H, a Company C platoon reported receiving fifty to sixty small arms rounds described as automatic carbine fire, in the platoon defensive position, coordinates (AT 956668), from three to five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960670). Tank and ONTOS support was requested and one 90mm (tank) round and two 106mm rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

o. At 172215H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Intelligence Team that two Viet Cong battalions (unidentified) are located in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines zone of action. The report indicated that one of these Viet Cong battalions engaged Company B on 12 May (see 121200H entry, INTSUM #132). The report added that one of these Viet Cong battalions entered South Vietnam by way of the HO CHI MINH trail, then east to the 9th Marines Area of Responsibility. The report stated that each of these battalions was composed of two companies, with a total strength of three hundred men. The report stated that one Viet Cong battalion was presently positioned in grid square (AT 9457) and the second Viet Cong Battalion was positioned in grid square (AT 9254). The report stated that the mission of these two Viet Cong battalions was to destroy Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. The report stated that the Viet Cong battalion located in grid square (AT 9457) was reported as being the SOA battalion (named after the commander who reportedly commands both units). The report added that the Viet Cong plan to attack Company B by employing human mass tactics. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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a. See 171630H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 180852H entry, this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	4	930
KIA (Possible)	9	1139
VC Captured	0	265
VCWIA (Possible)	2	422
VC Suspects Apprehended	6	1906
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	171200H
1	Shape charge, (home made) 15 lbs of TNT	171340H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	171315H

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)

Subject: Intelligence Summary #138, Period ending 191000H May 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: 90 Low: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 72%
- d. Precipitation: .12 inches
- e. Wind: Variable 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 10 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operation:  
 No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMGT</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) Special Reports.

a. At 181300H, G-2 relayed a report from HQA VANG Sub-Sector that one Viet Cong Company (not identified) has displaced to the area in the vicinity.

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of coordinates (BT 030685), (BT 042695) and (BT 055700). The report stated that this Viet Cong force was armed with 60mm mortars (number not indicated) and carried what was described as five anti-tank mines. The report did not indicate the mission of this Viet Cong force. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 181645H, III MAF C-2 relayed a report from an intelligence source that one Viet Cong battalion (unidentified) is presently located in the vicinity of KHUE DONG (1) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 055705). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force was to attack DA NANG Airbase sometime during 19 May. The report was not rated. (S-2 comment: The presence of a Viet Cong force of company size in the area indicated is rated possible (F-3); the presence of battalion sized force is doubtful (F-4). Also, see 184100Z entry, this TWTSUM for a similar report).

(2) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 180630H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 850459). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the DUC DUC District Headquarters for investigation upon completion of a preliminary interrogation at the (Forward) Prisoner Collection Point.

b. At 181035H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 936454), reported sighting ten Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage and wearing packs moving north on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 942477). The report stated that two of these Viet Cong were armed (type of weapons not indicated). Artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on targets. The report indicated that an Aerial Observer operating in the battalion zone of action conducted a visual search of the area with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 181650H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from DUC DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong battalion (identified in the report as the Q15 Battalion), reinforced by one Viet Cong Company (unidentified), had displaced from the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9154) and (AT 9155), to the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8753), (AT 8853) and (AT 8953) on 17 May.

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The report was rated C-3 by the Battalion S-2. (S-2 comment: Several reports have been previously received by this Headquarters which make reference to a Viet Cong Q15 Battalion; however this unit still lacks confirmation and is not shown on current Order of Battle listings. These previous reports provided details such as strengths, weapons, etc. which indicated that this unit is more in the order of a company size unit. In this respect, the OOB listings reflect a Q15B Local Force company, accepted as operating in this general area. The presence of a company-sized unit in the area indicated is rated F-2; the presence of a battalion-sized unit is possible, and may refer to the V.25 (5th) battalion or 70th battalion; both battalions previously reported as operating in this portion of the BICH NAM province).

d. At 181835H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company I search and destroy operation conducted on 18 May in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8749) and (AT 9049). The report stated that Company I discovered and destroyed a total of thirty two bunkers (size not indicated), two caves (size not indicated), ninety five yards of tunnelling, thirty yards of trenchline and two hundred yards of hedgeline. The report added that a quantity of foodstuffs (not identified) was recovered from a tunnel at coordinates (AT 900498), and that two Viet Cong gas masks were recovered from a tunnel at coordinates (AT 873498).

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 181930H, the Battalion S-2 provided information concerning a Company F operation conducted this day in the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) hamlet area, grid square (AT 9963). The report stated that the villagers informed the Marines that a mine field was located in the area extending from coordinates (AT 991631) to (AT 989623). The villagers also stated that mines were positioned in the gardens (?) at the south end of the hamlet in the area extending from the river east for a distance of one hundred fifty meters. The report added that the villagers stated that they had heard (presumably from other unidentified villagers) that the Marines had killed thirty Viet Cong in an encounter five or six days ago in an area south of BICH NAM. The report continued that approximately two weeks ago, an undetermined number of Viet Cong entered the village during the night (length of stay nor mission of this Viet Cong force was not indicated). No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. (S-2 comment: As of the termination of this reporting period, the presence of the minefield had not yet been confirmed. The entire report is rated by S-2 as F-6. Additional information will be provided when available).

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b. At 182000H, Company F, operating in the vicinity of BICH NAM (1) coordinates (AT 990635), reported observing one Viet Cong attempting to escape from the area by moving through a cane field in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The Marines directed small arms fire at the fleeing Viet Cong and reported killing him. The reported stated that examination of the body of the dead Viet Cong revealed one U.S. (M-26) grenade and egg documents (unevaluated). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count). (A subsequent report stated that cursory examination of the documents indicated that they pertained to Viet Cong medical practices and similar subjects).

c. At 182005H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015621) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015620). The Marines directed twenty to twenty five small arms 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.

d. At 182010H, Company H reported receiving twenty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 016637), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023638). The Marines directed two 40mm (M-79) rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) 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.

e. At 182010H, Company F reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 993632), from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992626). Mortar support was requested and ten 60mm mortar rounds were directed 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.

f. At 182310H, Company F reported receiving one grenade in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 997633), from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be determined and the fire was not returned. Marine casualties were one WIA (non-med evac).

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g. At 190805H, Company H reported that a tank operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 026637), in support of a search and destroy operation, detected a booby trap device. No Marine casualties were reported. The report described the device as a rudimentary anti-tank mine, consisting of what was estimated to be approximately seventy five pounds of explosives (TNT), and stated that it was buried below the surface of the road. The report stated that the device was rigged with what was believed to be an electrical detonating mechanism, as several vehicles (trucks) had previously traversed this same section of the road without detonating the mine.

(4) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 181115H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948608) reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated fifteen Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944607), resulting in one Marine KIA and one WIA. The indicated that the enemy fire ceased abruptly and that the enemy broke contact and fled the area before the Marines could return the fire. At 181145H, a "Sparrow Hawk" element was dispatched to assist the Marines, and landed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948603). One of the "Sparrow Hawk" helicopters received small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in close proximity to the Marines position and one crew member was wounded by the fire. The report stated that the "Sparrow Hawk" element linked up with the Marine squad and together initiated a search of the area. The Viet Cong refused contact, however, and the search was unproductive. The "Sparrow Hawk" element retracted from the area at 181326H. Marine casualties were one KIA and two WIA; one of whom required medical evacuation.

b. At 181200H, Company C reported that a (thirteen year old) Vietnamese boy informed the Marines that several mines and booby traps (not identified) were positioned in the area of grid squares (AT 9467), (AT 9468), and (AT 9469). The report stated that the youth volunteered to point out the devices to the Marines but that a subsequent search of the area produced negative results.

c. At 181230H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from DAI LOC District Headquarters which provided detailed information regarding the disposition of a Viet Cong battalion (unidentified). The report stated that the Battalion Command group, with one Viet Cong Company (unidentified) providing security, is presently deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 938548). The report stated that three Viet Cong platoons providing the east flank security were positioned at coordinates (AT 947556), (AT 952553) and (AT 948548). The report continued that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified) was positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925545), with an element of this company occupying blocking force

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positions (size of blocking element was not indicated) facing north in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 917552) to (AT 922551). One Viet Cong Company (unidentified) was reported as deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943567), with one of its subordinate platoons located at coordinates (AT 948568), and another Viet Cong Company (unidentified) was shown as positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 924654). The report stated that four Viet Cong platoons, designated as an ambush force, was presently located at coordinates (AT 922570), (AT 929571), (AT 932572), and (AT 928562). The report concluded that the Viet Cong Companies range in strength from one hundred to three hundred men each, and that the Viet Cong battalion was armed with two 81mm mortars, three 60mm mortars and three caliber .30 machine guns. The Viet Cong are all clothed in black pajamas and are reportedly were camouflaged. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

d. At 181545H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from what were described as "several (unidentified) Popular Forces soldiers" that approximately two hundred Viet Cong were deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 935576). The report stated that an Aerial Observer directed to investigate the area noted no unusual activity. The report was rated F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 181815H, a Company C platoon, located at coordinates (AT 965663), reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962663). The Marines directed one small arms round 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.

f. At 181955H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956676) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955678). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy positions 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.

g. At 182050H, the Battalion S-2 forwarded an intelligence report pertaining to Viet Cong activities and locations. (S-2 comment: The report did not indicate the source of the currency of this information). The report stated that one Viet Cong battalion (unidentified), with a strength of two hundred fifty men and armed with one 81mm mortar, one 60mm mortar and one caliber .30 machine gun, was deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 938546), (AT 935550), (AT 943660) and (AT 935553). The report continued that one Viet Cong battalion (identified

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as a PAVN unit), with a strength of three hundred men and armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars and two caliber .30 machine guns, has displaced from CUI SON District to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943559), (AT 925547), (AT 939549), (AT 938544) and (AT 943559). The report stated that this PAVN unit was clothed in black pajamas and what was described as camouflaged uniforms. The report also stated that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified, and it could not be determined from the report whether this company is subordinate to either of the battalion units previously cited) armed with two 60mm mortars and one caliber .30 machine gun and commanded by one KHOI, was deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 897588), (AT 900592), (AT 915609), (AT 925596) and (AT 935593). The report continued that yet another Viet Cong Company, reinforced by two Viet Cong platoons and commanded by one THANH, was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 840563) and has the mission of attacking Hill 55. The report concluded that the Viet Cong battalion which engaged the Marines on 8 May in the vicinity of LOC HIEP (S-2 comments: action referred to is not known) has displaced to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 818600) to (AT 820604) for the purpose of reorganization. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-6. S-2 rates the report F-6.

(5) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 181730H, Company E reported that a USMC vehicle travelling in a northerly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072702) received approximately eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 073697), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report stated that a squad-sized patrol was dispatched to search the area from which the small arms fire had emanated with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA.

b. At 182300H, a Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized ambush element, departing the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 075657) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and sixteen 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.

c. At 182330H, Headquarters and Service Company elements manning an observation post on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 075657), reported observing three persons moving along a treeline in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 072655). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and sixteen 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the area with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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Reports of information of Viet Cong received directly from civilians:

a. See 181930H, entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 181200H entry, this INTSUM.

<u>D. Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since (10Jul65):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	1	931
KIA (Possible)	0	1139
VC Captured	0	265
VC WIA (Possible)	0	422
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1907
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy materials:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	182000H
UNK	Documents, (unevaluated)	-dc-
UNK	Foodstuffs, (unidentified)	181935H
2	Masks, gas Viet Cong	-dc-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

See 181835H entry, this INTSUM, for recapitulation of enemy positions and/or fortifications reported destroyed by 3dBn, 9thMar, during this reporting period.

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #139, Period ending 201000H May 1966

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

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

- a. General: Fair
- b. Temperatures: 90 High: 90 Low: 77
- c. Average Humidity: 67%
- d. Precipitations: .27
- e. Wind: S E at 10 Knots
- f. Visibility: 7 to 10 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:  
No change.(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>ERCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Special Reports.

a. At 192025H, the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines S-2 Officer relayed a report from HOA VANG Sub-Sector that a Viet Cong force of approximately fifty

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men was positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 038715), with the mission of attacking the DA NANG Airbase on the night of 19 May. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(2) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 191115H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 996636). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar round and stated that it was positioned in a punji trap located along a trail and was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

(3) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 191500H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074630) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071631). Mortar support was requested and four 60mm mortar rounds 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 positions and reported finding a quantity of expended caliber .30 cartridges, but were unable to renew the contact with the Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 192025H, Company B (1st Bn, 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 049709), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047702). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery and mortar support was requested and thirty 105mm rounds and two 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 190640H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 219490), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong, carrying what was described as large packs, moving in a northeasterly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 797490). No additional information was provided.

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b. Late Report. At 190810H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 891500) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from three to five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 886502). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and twelve 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A Marine squad assaulted through the enemy positions and searched the site with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. Late Report. At 190930H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 898498) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from and estimated four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 898503). The Marines directed small arms 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.

d. Late Report. At 190935H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 905497) reported observing Viet Cong (number not indicated) armed with what was described as automatic weapons in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 905504). Artillery support was requested and fifteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were killed by the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

e. At 191030H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953454), reported sighting one Viet Cong, carrying what was described as a rolled shelter half and rifle slung on his back, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955435). No additional information was provided.

f. At 191706H, the Battalion S-2 provided information concerning a Company M COUNTY FAIR operation being conducted in PHU NHUAN (6) hamlet, coordinates (AT 898487), on 19 May. The report stated that one bunker, described as four feet by eight feet, and three tunnels, described as twelve feet by fifteen feet, were destroyed by the Marines. No additional information was provided.

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At 200500Z, Company I platoon positioned along the east bank of the BOM THU SON, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 894511), reported receiving what were described as five 60mm mortar rounds from Viet Cong positioned on the far side of the river, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 887516). Artillery support was requested and sixty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. The report stated that the Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong positions because of an intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. The report added that the Viet Cong positions would be searched on 20 May. No additional information was received as of the termination of this INTSUM.

At 200540Z, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 893510) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 894514). Artillery and mortar support was requested and fifty six 105mm rounds and sixty 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains which indicated that at least one Viet Cong had been wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

At 200930Z, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 899510) reported observing five armed Viet Cong, clothed in khaki colored uniforms, in the vicinity of coordinates (AF 909515). Artillery support was requested and forty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that at least one Viet Cong had been killed and three Viet Cong had been wounded as a result of the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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a. At 191030H, the battalion S-2 reported that an engineer element conducting a mine clearing operation on a road in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985634) discovered an explosive device. The report identified the device as an 60mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned on the shoulder of the main supply route (MSR). The device was rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 191230H, a Company B platoon, conducting a search and clear operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 932576). The report identified the device as an 105mm artillery shell (DUD) and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 191245H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933577) reported receiving thirty eight small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934572). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The report stated that an Aerial Observer who was dispatched to reconnoiter the area was unable to locate the enemy. The Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one minor WIA (did not require medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 191415H, Company C platoon, conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955630), resulting in three Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

e. At 191440H, a Company D squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 983614) reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986616). The Marines directed six 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.

f. At 191630H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974600) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972600). The Marines directed twenty small arms 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.

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8. At 1000H, a company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602) reported enemy small arms fire from two Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602). The Marines directed fifty small arms fire and two 81mm (16/79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one MIA (required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

9. At 1000H, the Battalion S-4 reported that fifteen small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (17 995602), from Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602). The report stated that the enemy fired round and the Viet Cong fire ceased, before the Marines could return the enemy fire. The Marines maintained surveillance of the suspected area but no enemy activity was reported. No Marine casualties were reported.

10. At 1300H, the Battalion S-4 reported that fifteen small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (17 995602), from two Viet Cong positions in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No enemy casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

11. At 2000H, a company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602) reported that it had received small arms fire from an enemy position (17 995602), resulting in two Marines MIA (required medical evacuation). The report stated that the enemy fired round and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No enemy casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

12. Report of information of Viet Cong activity in the vicinity of coordinates (17 995602) is reported as follows:

Viet Cong Activity	Time	Location
Small arms fire	1000H	Coordinates (17 995602)
Small arms fire	1300H	Coordinates (17 995602)
Small arms fire	2000H	Coordinates (17 995602)
Small arms fire	2000H	Coordinates (17 995602)
Small arms fire	2000H	Coordinates (17 995602)
Small arms fire	2000H	Coordinates (17 995602)

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Shell, Artillery 105mm (DUD)	191230H
1-	Shell, 60mm mortar (DUD)	191030H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	191115H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Bunker (4'x8')	191706H
3	Tunnels (20'x15')	-dc-

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)  
Subj: Intelligence Summary #140, Period ending 210000H May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy with rain showers
- b. Temperatures: High: 84 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 75%
- d. Precipitation: Trace
- e. Wind: NW at 8 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operation:  
No change.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BHCT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EECT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
22 May	0553	0616	1912	1935	-----	-----	NEW

E. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 201055H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 008634) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds

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from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 007633). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds, two 40mm (M-79) rounds, and four 90mm (tank) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were one WIA, whom required medical evacuation. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 201105H, a Company H platoon providing a blocking force at the CAM LE bridge, coordinates (BT 017714), reported apprehending one suspicious person. The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed engaged in what appeared to be an attempt to incite the people in the area to riot. (The report provided no specific details but evidently this incident was connected with the current political instability). The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 51st ARVN regimental headquarters at BO MUNG, for investigation.

c. At 201500H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992638). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

(2) 2dBn 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 200900H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052646) reported receiving nine small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056646). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the Viet Cong fire continued, mortar support was requested and twelve 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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. In a subsequent report this same Company G platoon-sized patrol, now at coordinates (BT 045662), reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 047663). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and nine 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location 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.

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b. At 201055H, a Company F platoon operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079699) reported that an explosive device was detonated, resulting in one Marine KIA, and ten WIA (five of whom required medical evacuation). The report described the device as a rudimentary mine consisting of a quantity of explosives (type not indicated) and positioned so as to function as an anti-personnel mine. The report did not indicate how the device was rigged to detonate.

c. At 201330H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065627) reported observing three armed Viet Cong located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065626). Before the Marines could close with the Viet Cong, their approach was detected and the Viet Cong fired five small arms rounds at the Marines and then quickly took cover in a building in the area. The report stated that the Marines pursued the Viet Cong, and flushed them from the building and into a tree line in the same area. The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the fleeing Viet Cong, who succeeded in eluding the pursuing Marines. The Marines searched the area in which the Viet Cong had sought cover, and reported finding a bunker, described as ten feet by twenty four feet, reinforced with brick, twelve caliber .30 cartridges, and a quantity of rice. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 201805H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 048656) reported receiving ten small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 049659). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and four 40mm (M-79) 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.

e. At 201830H, a Company F platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 087694). The report identified the devices as one U.S. (M-26) grenade and a CHICOM grenade and stated that both were positioned in close proximity to each so as to detonate simultaneously. The report stated that the devices were rigged with trip-wire activators made of nylon line. The report stated that both devices were destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 210045H, Company F reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds and three hand grenades in the Company Command Post positions, coordinate (BT 071702), from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed seventy five small arms rounds, six hand grenades, and three 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased; the enemy breaking contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA (both of whom did not require medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

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g. At 210855H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055668) reported observing one Vietnamese male, evidently attempting to elude the Marines. The Marines ordered the fleeing man to halt, and when the warnings were ignored, directed five small arms rounds at him and reported killing him. The Marines searched the body of the dead man but reported that no weapons, equipment or documents were found.

h. At 210900H, Company F reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (BT 072705). The report identified the devices as one CHICOM grenade and what was described as a "home made" device consisting of a quantity of explosives (type not indicated) with a wooden plunger that served as activator /pressure-type (?). The report stated that both devices were positioned along a trail, and rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that both devices were destroyed by the Marines.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 200843H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 895510) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 894514). Artillery and mortar support was requested and fifty six 105mm rounds and sixty 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding pools of blood that indicated that at least one Viet Cong was wounded by the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

b. At 201106H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company M search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9047) on 20 May. The report stated that a total of thirteen bunkers (size not indicated), one tunnel (size not indicated), and what appeared to be a Viet Cong mortar position (no further details provided) were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 201635H, Company C elements manning the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 928490) reported observing five armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934492). Artillery support was requested and thirty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that a Marine squad was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions, but produced negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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d. At 201813H, the Battalion S-2 reported that Company I Marines were informed by the villagers of PHU NHUAN (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 903 517), that ten armed Viet Cong wearing what were described as camouflaged uniforms, had departed the hamlet heading in a northeasterly direction prior to the Marines arrival. No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

e. At 201915H, Company I element manning a platoon observation post, at coordinates (AT 896516), reported observing one boat with two occupants heading in a northeasterly direction on the SONG THU BON, in the vicinity of PHU NHUAN (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 896517). The report stated that the ARVN troops located in the Marines area ordered the boat to halt, and the small arms rounds at the boat and reported sinking it. The report stated that surveillance of the river failed to disclose the presence of the boat occupants and it is believed that they had been killed by the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (possible).

f. At 201940H, Company I reported an artillery Forward Observer, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 896516), observed approximately eight Viet Cong running to the cover of a tree line in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 889517). Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood stains which indicated that at least two Viet Cong were wounded by the artillery fire. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

g. At 201955H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company I search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of THU BON (1) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 888509), on 20 May. The report stated that a total of eighteen fighting holes (size not indicated), sixteen bunkers (size not indicated), one tunnel complex, one hundred yards in length, one explosive device, described as an 20mm rounds rigged to detonate with a trip wire activator, and one explosive device, described as a shoe box mine rigged to detonate with a pressure type detonating mechanism, were destroyed by the Marines.

h. At 210745H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913514) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913517). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds, thirty 40mm (M-79) rounds, and four 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and six 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the northeast. The Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 201035H, a Company D platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972607) reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 9746060). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one 3.5 inch (rocket) round 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.

b. At 201150H a Company D platoon-size patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 962603). The report identified the device as a cartridge trap, consisting of a shotgun shell, partially filled with glass fragments. The report stated that the device was positioned upright on the trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was disarmed and recovered for technical examination.

c. At 201340H, a Company D platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954597) reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 950597). The Marines directed five small arms 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.

d. At 201415H, a Company D platoon size patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 958598), resulting in one Marine WIA (med-evac). The report described the device as a "home made" mine, and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. No additional details were provided.

e. At 201548H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company A (1stBn, 1stMar, under OPCON this Battalion), search and clear operation in grid square (AT 9763) on 20 May. The report stated that several tunnels (size and exact location not indicated) were destroyed by the Marines. No additional information was provided.

f. At 201940H, a Company D platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954603) reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953605). The Marines directed ten small arms 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.

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g. At 202000H, a Company C platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973663) reported receiving seventy-five to one hundred small arms rounds, described as carbine fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977666). The report stated that the members of a People's Action Team operating in this area directed twenty five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines dispatched a squad-size patrol to search the site of the Viet Cong positions, but produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 202010H, Company A reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 977630), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977635). The Marines directed approximately thirty small arms 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.

i. At 202010H, a Company D platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954603) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952604). The Marines directed ten to fifteen small arms 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.

j. At 202015H, a Company C platoon size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 968666) reported receiving one hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966661). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms 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.

k. At 202030H, a Company C squad size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 974663) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 973663). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA (non-med-evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

l. At 210720H, Company D conducting a search and clear operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955605), resulting in three Marines WIA (med-evac). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) anti personnel "bounding" mine, and stated it was positioned along a trail, and rigged with a trip wire activator.

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties: For 24 Hour Cumulative  
Reporting Period: Since 10Jul65

KIA (Confirmed)	0	931
KIA (Possible)	2	1144
VC WIA (Possible)	3	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1908
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13
VC Captured	0	265

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>INTSUM Entry No.</u>
1	Grenade, U.S. (M-26)	201830H
11	Grenade, CHICOM	-do-
1	Grenade, CHICOM	210900H
1	Device, explosive (home made)	-do-
1	Device, explosive (20mm rd)	201955H
1	Mine, shoe box	-do-
1	Device,,explosive (cartridge trap)	201150H

1	Bunker, (10'X24')	201330H
13	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	201106H
1	Tunnel, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Position, mortar	-do-
10	Holes, fighting	201955H
16	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel, (100 yds in length)	-do-
UNK	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	201545H

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