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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #141, Period ending 221000H 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 85 Low 73
- c. Average Humidity: 82%
- d. Precipitation: Trace
- e. Wind: NW at 5 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>MECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.

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a. At 211810H G-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong platoons have displaced from an (not indicated) location in the south and have moved into LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 954678). (The report stated that, based on this intelligence report, the HIEU DUC District Chief has authorized complete destruction of LA CHAU (3) hamlet). The report was rated B-1 by HIEU DUC. The report was not rated by G-2. G-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 211812H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO HUNG reported that Company H Marines manning an observation post in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 065583) detonated an explosive device, wounding three Marines (two of whom were med-evac). The report described the device as an M-16A1 "bounding" mine believed to have been positioned by friendly forces. The report stated that the device was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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a. Late Report. At 210745H, a Company I platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913514) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 913517). The Marines directed what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire, 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 report stated that one Marine squad physically pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. 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 210935H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OICOM this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 219485), reported sighting five Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage and carrying packs, moving in a northeasterly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 976466). The report stated that these Viet Cong took advantage of cover in a defiladed area to deny the Marines further observation. No additional information was provided.

c. At 211015H, Company L conducting search and destroy operation in the vicinity of MY LOC (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 916501), reported the discovery and destruction of one tunnel (described as three hundred feet in length), several bunkers (quantity and size not indicated) and several spider holes (quantity and size not indicated).

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d. At 211310H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUC DUC District Headquarters that a Viet Cong force (size not indicated, but believed to be a battalion), commanded by one LUYEN NGOC LAM, and an additional reinforced Viet Cong Company, commanded by one HUYNH DINH, assisted by one PHU, are deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 860540), (AT 878514), and (AT 885526). The report stated that the Viet Cong force's headquarters is located at coordinates (AT 870528). The report stated that the armament of this Viet Cong force includes two 81mm mortars, four 60mm mortars, three machine guns, two 57mm recoilless rifles, thirty five automatic weapons, normal individual small arms and one AM/ER 9 radio. The mission of this Viet Cong force was not indicated. The report stated that a local Viet Cong guerrilla company (unidentified) provides security for the area along the SONG THU BON from coordinates (AT 860498) to (AT 895517). The report was rated F-3 by the Battalion S-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

e. At 211435H, Company I, positioned at coordinates (AT 916516), reported that an artillery forward observer observed nine armed Viet Cong, draped with foliage as camouflage, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 922516). Artillery support was requested and fifty nine 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with reported excellent effect on the target 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 killed and three Viet Cong were wounded as a result of the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong KIA (possible) and three Viet Cong WIA (possible).

f. At 211550H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9150), reported that a total of thirty bunkers (size not indicated) and four hundred feet of tunnelling were destroyed by the Marines. The report did not indicate the exact location of the positions. No additional information was provided.

g. At 211755H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9152), reported that a total of eighteen bunkers (size not indicated), one cave (size not indicated), three fighting holes, and fifty yards of tunnelling, were discovered by the Marines. The report did not indicate the exact location of the positions but stated that all were destroyed by the Marines. No additional information was provided.

h. At 211845H, a reconnaissance element (Company D, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005495), reported that, while being heli-lifted to the landing zone in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998497), they received two small arms rounds from the vicinity of PHU NHAM TAY (2) hamlet area coordinates (BT 007489). No additional information was provided. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported.

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a. Late Report. At 210950H, a Company H platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 042656) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 041639). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marines casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 211850H, Company G reported receiving eight small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, vicinity of coordinates (BT 061646), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 058646). The Marines directed three hundred small arms rounds, thirty five caliber .50 machinegun rounds, and eleven 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 212100H, Company H reported receiving twenty small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, vicinity of coordinates (BT 063684), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 064680). The Marines directed eleven 40mm (M-79) rounds and eight rifle grenades 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.

d. At 212200H, a Company K squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 089655) reported observing one Viet Cong at approximately thirty meters range. The report stated that the Viet Cong detected a CLAYMORE mine positioned by the Marines and thereby discovered the ambush. The Viet Cong then throw an hand grenade at the ambush position. The Marines directed three small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and observed him fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

e. At 220825H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056647) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056644). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. Late Report. At 210930H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an engineer element conducting a road mine clearing operation discovered and destroyed an explosive device at coordinates (AT 987661). The report described the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was positioned on the shoulder of the road rigged with a trip-wire activator.

b. At 211600H, a Company E squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993675) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds from three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992675). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds and nine 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 211630H, an Headquarters and Service Company communication wire team, conducting a check of the communication lines, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991616). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a local villager pointed him out as the person who had previously been cutting communication lines in the 2d Battalion's area of responsibility. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 212025H, Company G elements manning listening post positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 991640) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990635). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and that the enemy broke contact and fled the area. The report stated that the enemy fire was not returned. Company G dispatched a squad-sized patrol to search the suspected site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 212055H, a Company G squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980683) reported observing two armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980684). The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds at the enemy position and reported killing both the Viet Cong. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported recovering two U. S. carbines, caliber .30 (M-1), four grenades (type not indicated) and several documents (unevaluated) from the bodies of the two dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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f. At 212140H, Company H reported receiving ten small arms rounds in the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 017638), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013636). The report stated that the enemy fire was not returned because of an USMC ambush located in the general area. The report stated that the ambush element attempted to close in on the Viet Cong but he succeeded in eluding the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported.

g. At 220515H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997677) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998677). The report stated that the enemy fire was not repeated and that the enemy broke contact and fled the area. The report stated that the enemy fire was not returned. The Marines did not search the site of the Viet Cong position but remained in their ambush site. No Marine casualties were reported.

(5) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 210930H, a Company D platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955605). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when investigation disclosed that his name appeared on a current GVN list of known Viet Cong in the area. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. Late Report. At 210945H, a Company C platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 956678). The report identified the device as an U. S. (M-26) grenade and stated that it was positioned approximately one yard forward of a treeline and rigged with what was described as a "cat gut" trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 211010H, Company D, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of CHAU SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 957604), reported the discovery and destruction of two tunnels, containing what were described as sleeping quarters, and two fighting holes (size not indicated).

d. At 211015H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952590) reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951589). The Marines directed 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 positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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e. At 211035H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) People's Action Team member operating in the AN TRACH hamlet area, grid square (AT 9666), that two Viet Cong Companies (unidentified) were presently located in the vicinity of LA BONG (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 968671), AN TRACH (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 969654), and AN TRACH (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 962653). The report stated that the mission of this Viet Cong force was to attack USMC or ARVN forces in the general area on the night of 21 or 22 May. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

f. At 211430H, a Company B platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 929572) reported observing ten armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 929574). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong quickly fled the area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding many large pools of blood, which indicated that all ten Viet Cong had sustained hits as the result of the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were ten Viet Cong WIA (possible). The report also added that a search of the area revealed two explosive devices, identified as a CHICOM grenade and an 105mm (artillery) shell (DUD), both of which were rigged with trip-wire activators. The report stated that both devices were destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 211530H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982637) reported observing a Vietnamese male emerge and run from a building in close proximity to the advancing Marines. The Marines ordered the man to halt, and when the warnings were ignored, directed three small arms rounds at him and reported killing him. No weapons, documents or equipment was recovered from the body.

h. At 211525H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987635) reported receiving twenty five to thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988635). 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.

i. At 211544H, a Company D platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 958604), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964603). The Marines directed three 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. Marine casualties were one WIA (non-med evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

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j. At 211600H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984615) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of DUC KY (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 983616). The Marines directed what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the suspected site of the Viet Cong positions within the hamlet with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

k. At 212310H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company D platoon search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9459), (AT 9460), and (AT 9560), during the period 210600H to 211600H May. The report stated that the platoon discovered and destroyed one tunnel, (ten feet in length), one tunnel, (eighteen feet in length containing one room, five feet by five feet by five feet), six tunnels, (eight feet in length), and six fighting holes.

l. At 211155H, a Company C squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of DUYEN SON (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 954655), reported establishing contact with a Viet Cong force of from ten to twenty Viet Cong. The report stated that the initial exchange of small arms fire resulted in five Viet Cong KIA (body count). At 211257H, the Marines were reinforced by one additional squad plus one section (two) of tanks. At 211250H, a Sparrow Hawk element was dispatched and landed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947637) and advanced in a northerly direction. At about 1300H, an estimated Viet Cong squad directed what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire, including automatic rifles, and carbine fire, and grenades, at the Marine force. The Marines returned the enemy fire, deployed, and assaulted this Viet Cong force and reported killing five of them (body count). (The report indicated that this Viet Cong squad was believed to be a holding element for the main Viet Cong force that was attempting to move south). The report continued that the Sparrow Hawk element moving to the south of the Viet Cong force, reported receiving small arms and mortar fire (type and quantity not indicated). The Marines again assaulted the enemy position and reported killing four Viet Cong (body count) and estimated that they may have also killed an additional five Viet Cong. At approximately 1400H, Company C elements, augmented by the Sparrow Hawk element, joined with the two squads and tanks, who had initially engaged the enemy, and almost immediately received what was described as 57mm recoilless rifle fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957650). One of the tanks received minor damage. Support of UH1E helicopters was requested, and they directed aerial rockets and machinegun fire at the enemy positions and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report continued that, between 211408H and 211500H, Company A elements were heli-lifted to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955639), and the balance of the Company, augmented by two tanks and two LVT's, reached the objective area via an overland route. Company A assaulted a Viet Cong position in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 957650) and reported killing thirty Viet Cong (body count). The report stated that an additional twenty Viet Cong may also have been killed by the Marines' fire. The report indicated that, as the result of this persistent pressure, the Viet Cong force dispersed into small groups and attempted to exfiltrate the area. Some of the Viet Cong evidently eluded the pursuing Marines by crossing the SONG YEN. The report stated that several small groups moved to the north and east. One small group entered LE SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 981659). An airstrike was directed

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at this hamlet, with Company A, reinforced with tanks, and Company C, with the Sparrow Hawk element, occupying blocking positions. The report stated that, while Company A and Company C were engaged with this Viet Cong force, a second Viet Cong element of approximately one hundred men was observed displacing to the east in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 988670). At 211700H, artillery support was requested and thirty two 105mm rounds were directed at the fleeing Viet Cong. At about 211730H, Company G, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was diverted to the area to establish a blocking force in the eastern portion of the area, while the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines elements continued to pressure the Viet Cong forces. At approximately 211830H, the Marines reported that all contact with the Viet Cong force had been lost. The report stated that the following material was recovered from the bodies of the dead Viet Cong: Approximately seventy five CHICOM grenades, two 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, twelve explosive (satchel) charges, seven "RAR" ammunition magazines, packs, several rifle and carbine magazines (type not indicated), documents (unevaluated), one U.S. machinegun, M-60, 7.62mm, one U.S. Browning Automatic Rifle, caliber .30, two sub-machineguns, CHICOM K-50/PPSH-41, four CHICOM carbines, MDSSIN-MAGENT, model 53, two sub-machineguns (unidentified), one U.S. carbine, caliber .30 (M-1), one CHICOM light machinegun, drum-fed (CHICOM 7.62mm DPM Automatic Rifle, model 53 ?) and one CHICOM 60mm mortar. Marine casualties were reported as twelve Marines KIA, and thirty one WIA (twenty one which required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were fifty three Viet Cong KIA (body count) and thirty five Viet Cong KIA (possible) and forty eight Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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

a. See 211630H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	For 24 Hour Reporting Period:	Cumulative Since 10 Jul 69:
KIA (Confirmed)	55	986
KIA (Possible)	38	1182
VC Captured	0	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1910
Returns	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
75	Grenades, CHICOM	211155H
2	Rounds, 57mm RR	-do-
12	Devices, explosive (satchel charges)	-do-
7	Magazines, RAR w/ammunition	-do-
UNK	Packs	-do-
UNK	Magazines, carbine/rifle	-do-
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Machinegun, US M-60, 7.62mm	211155X
1	Rifle, US, Caliber .30 M-1	-do-
1	Rifle, US, Browning Auto. Rifle, Cal.30	-do-
2	Submachineguns, CHICOM, K-50/PPSH-41	-do-
4	Carbines, MOSSIN-NAGENT, Model 53	-do-
2	Submachineguns (unidentified)	-do-
1	Carbine, US, Cal.30 M-1	-do-
1	Machinegun, light, CHICOM drum-fed CHICOM 7.62mm DPM AR model 53 ?	-do-
1	Mortar, 60mm CHICOM	-do-
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	210930H
2	Carbines, US, Cal.30 M-1	212055H
4	Grenades (unidentified)	-do-
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	-do-
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	210945H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	211430H
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

1	Tunnel, 300 ft in length	211015H
UNK	Bunkers (size not indicated)	-do-
UNK	Holes, fighting	-do-
30	Bunkers (size not indicated)	211550H
1	Cave (size not indicated)	-do-
1	Tunnel (50 yards in length)	-do-
2	Tunnels (size not indicated)	211010H
2	Holes, fighting	-do-
1	Tunnel, 10 ft in length	212310H
1	Tunnel, 18 ft in length	-do-
6	Tunnels, 8 ft in length	-do-
6	Holes, fighting	-do-

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

Subj: Intelligence Summary #142, Period ending 231000H May 1966

Encl: (1) Enemy Situation report DUONG SON (1)/PHONG LE (1) hamlets area.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

a. General: Cloudy skies and rain showers

b. Temperature: High: 84 Low: 75

c. Average Humidity: 87%

d. Precipitation: 2.45 inches

e. Wind: Variable at 5 knots

f. Visibility: 5 Miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operation: Heavy rains have already inundated some of the low-lying secondary roads/trails and have softened road surfaces in some areas to where traffic can proceed but only at a slow pace. PSRs remain unimpeded and bridge approaches have not been affected.

(3) Astronomical Data.

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a. At 221530H, a Company E squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995633) reported observing three Viet Cong clothed in what was described as brownish-green uniforms, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993635). The report stated that two of the Viet Cong were armed (weapons not identified), and that one Viet Cong was wearing a helmet. The Marines directed nine 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong quickly fled the area. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire but with negative results. A search of the area in which the Viet Cong were first sighted also was unproductive. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 221610H, a Company B squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987617) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987615). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines physically pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. The Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 221915H, a Company H platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031643) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong armed with what was described as automatic weapons positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037645). Artillery support was requested and eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 221950H, a Company G squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 014622) reported observing Viet Cong armed with what was described as automatic weapons in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013613). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong withdrew from the positions and attempted to flee the area. Artillery support was requested and twenty five 105mm rounds were directed at the fleeing enemy. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong but were unable to maintain the contact. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 222207H, a Company G squad-size ambush element positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016626) reported that five small arms rounds impacted in close proximity to the Marines' positions. The report stated that the fire emanated from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018621), and appeared to be a Viet Cong ploy to cause the Marines to disclose the location of their

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positions. The Marines did not return the enemy fire and no casualties were reported.

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g. At 222035H, Headquarters and Service Company elements manning security positions on the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (AT 992 676), reported observing one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 993672) who was evidently firing at an aircraft approaching DA NANG Airbase. The report stated that a Marine squad was dispatched to contact the enemy but reported negative results. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported.

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a. At 221133H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053648). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when he was observed attempting to hide from the Marines. The report added that 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 after preliminary interrogation by the Battalion S-2.

b. At 221925H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 069682) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds, described as automatic weapons fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071684). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, eight 40mm (M-79) rounds, and one LAAM (M-72) round at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions, they apprehended five Viet Cong suspects who were discovered in the area where the enemy fire had emanated. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 222105H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a group of approximately thirty Vietnamese villagers, carrying lights so as to be readily identified, entered the Company H Command Post, coordinates (BT 069682), carrying the body of what was described as a Viet Cong KIA (the report did not indicate how or where the Viet Cong was killed) and one wounded Vietnamese male. The villagers denied knowing the identity of the Viet Cong but all stated that they knew the wounded man and indicated that he was not a Viet Cong. The report did not indicate whether the wounded man was evacuated to a medical facility or treated by the Battalion Aid Station. No additional information was provided.

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8. At 210001, Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 966555) reported discovering two armed Viet Cong in a building in close proximity to the enemy position. The report stated that the Viet Cong were wearing green uniforms. The Marines deployed and initiated the situation and initiated fifteen small arms rounds at the Viet Cong and reported killing them both. A search of the bodies revealed two CHICOM carbines, MOSSEN-NAGANT, 7.62mm, model 53, four CHICOM grenades, four U.S. (M-26) grenades, six 20mm cartridges (expended) containing explosives (C-4), two USMC bayonets, and one USMC flashlight. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

(3) 3d Bn 1st Mar

a. The Battalion S-2 reported that there were no enemy contacts, and no activity or reports of intelligence value received during this reporting period.

(4) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 220915H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 903513). The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of several ration cans containing an estimated two pounds of explosives (type not indicated). The report stated that the device was positioned in the middle of a trail and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 221015H, Company I, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 887500). The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD) and stated that it was buried below the surface of the ground along the trail, and rigged with a trip-wire activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 221115H, a Company L platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925490), reported receiving ten small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927491). When the Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy position, they reported receiving an additional fifteen small arms rounds from five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 929487). The Marines directed small arms fire and requested artillery support. (The report did not indicate the amount of fire exchanged by the Marines). After the Marines' artillery fire had ceased, the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding two Viet Cong bodies, and blood and drag marks which indicated that at least three Viet Cong were wounded by the Marines' fire. The report added that one Viet Cong suspect was apprehended when found in the area where the Viet Cong fire had emanated. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the DUC District Headquarters for investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

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d. At 221125H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925490) reported observing seven Viet Cong moving in an easterly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 934504). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported good coverage of the target 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 two additional Viet Cong had been wounded as the result of the artillery fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA(possible) and two Viet Cong WIA(possible).

e. At 221140H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925504) reported observing twenty to thirty armed Viet Cong moving from the southeast to the northwest in close proximity to the Marines' positions. Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported good effect on the target area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding blood trails and pieces of blood-stained clothing which indicated that at least four Viet Cong had been killed and perhaps six Viet Cong had been wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as four Viet Cong KIA(possible) and six Viet Cong WIA(possible).

f. At 221450H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 212490), reported sighting twelve Viet Cong, three of whom were armed, moving in a southeasterly direction through the rice paddies in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 806474). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. A patrol was dispatched to search the area and reported finding the body of one dead Viet Cong and pools of blood and drag marks which indicated that perhaps an additional four Viet Cong had been killed by the Marines' fire. Enemy casualties were reported as one Viet Cong KIA(body count) and four Viet Cong KIA(possible). No weapons or equipment was reported recovered from the dead Viet Cong.

g. At 221525H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 212490), reported sighting eight Viet Cong, one of whom was being carried in what was described as a "piggy-back" manner, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 805476). The report stated that three of the Viet Cong were carrying weapons (type not indicated). Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. The report stated that when the first artillery round impacted, the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that four of the Viet Cong ran into TAN HUOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 805478), and the remaining four obtained cover in the brush. When the artillery fire ceased, the report stated that only one Viet Cong emerged from the brush area. The report stated that three Viet Cong were believed killed by the artillery fire. Enemy casualties were estimated as three Viet Cong KIA(possible).

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h. At 221548H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OC BN this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 212490), reported sighting seven Viet Cong, three of whom were armed, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 807473). The report stated that the Viet Cong appeared to be attempting to retrieve the Viet Cong bodies as the result of earlier Marine artillery fire (see 221525H entry, this INTSUM). The report continued that artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. The report stated that three Viet Cong were observed to fall as if struck by the artillery fragments. The report added that one of the three fallen Viet Cong was observed limping from the area but the other two Viet Cong remained lying on the ground and were believed killed. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong VIA (possible).

i. At 221610H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OC BN this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (ZC 212490), reported sighting nine Viet Cong moving in a southeasterly direction into the area where artillery fire had previously been directed (see 221548H entry, this INTSUM). The report stated that the Viet Cong were removing packs and equipment from the bodies of dead Viet Cong. The report stated that the Viet Cong fled to the south before artillery fire could be brought to bear on them. No additional information was provided.

j. At 221730H, a Company L platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 927491). The report identified the devices as an U.S. (M-16) type "bounding" mine, and a U.S. (M-26) grenade, and stated that they were positioned in close proximity to each other. The report stated that each device was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the two devices were destroyed by the Marines.

k. At 221730H, a Company L platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 923484). The report identified the device as an U.S. (M-16) type "bounding" mine and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 222015H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company L platoon search and destroy operation, conducted in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9248). The report stated that a total of thirty eight bunkers (size not indicated), seventeen tunnels (size not indicated) and one spider trap was destroyed by the Marines. The exact location of the fortifications was not indicated.

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m. At 230005H, a Company I platoon, occupying defensive positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 892511), reported receiving small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in a woodline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 895511), and also detecting at least one Viet Cong who evidently was attempting to infiltrate through the Marines' position. Artillery support was requested and ten 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location and the Viet Cong fled the area. The report stated that enemy site would be searched at first light on 23 May. A subsequent report at 230600H indicated that a search of the area revealed the body of one dead Viet Cong. The report stated that two 9mm submachineguns (no further identification provided), four ammunition magazines, one cartridge belt with a magazine carrier, one first aid packet, two CHICON grenades, one raincoat, and one grey uniform with one pair of short trousers were recovered from the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

(5) Special Reports.

a. At 221600H, the U.S. Army Liaison Officer assigned to the NHU HANH SON (Pacification) Program relayed a report from an (unidentified) Pacification Cadre Leader regarding Viet Cong activities within the pacification area, during the last several days. The report stated that, on 21 May, a Viet Cong force of approximately thirty men entered DUONG SON (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 998686), and destroyed approximately one thousand meters of fence line, and some furniture which was located in the hamlet headquarters building. The report continued that, also on 21 May, a People's Action Team element (size not indicated) made contact with a Viet Cong force in the vicinity of YEN NH (4) hamlet, grid square (AT 9767); resulting in two Viet Cong KIA (no additional details were provided). The report stated that the Viet Cong also entered YEN NH (2), CAN NH, and GIANG DONG hamlets; distributing propaganda materials, making propaganda addresses, and raising the Viet Cong flag in those hamlets. The report added that the Viet Cong kidnapped an civilian male. No additional information was provided. (See Enclosure (1) for additional details).

b. At 221630H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG Sub-Sector relayed a report from an (unidentified) CVN source that two hundred Viet Cong are organized into small elements and are in hiding in the VIEM TAY (4) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 010645), and LA THO BAC (1) hamlet area, coordinates (BT 005633). The mission of this Viet Cong force was not indicated. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report P-3.

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c. At 221730H, the Regimental FSCG relayed a report from an (unidentified) Aerial Observer that twelve Viet Cong were observed positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953580). Artillery support was requested and twenty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported that two rounds made a direct hit in the trenchline, and that five structures in the general area were damaged. The report stated that no enemy casualties could be observed due to heavy foliage covering the trenchline. No additional information was provided.

d. At 221810H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG (presently located at DIEN BAN) reported that a Pacification Cadre member arrived at the District Headquarters and stated that he had been shot by a Viet Cong, and that three hundred Viet Cong (organization and armament not indicated) were displaced in groups in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003664), (BT 000660), (BT 009657), and (AT 999504). The report did not indicate how or where the cadreman had been wounded nor provided any additional information. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-6.

e. At 221900H, the Regimental FSCG relayed a report from Battery D, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, that a USMC vehicle (truck 6X6) proceeding on the road in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 071695), had detonated an explosive device. The report identified the device as an anti-tank mine rigged with what was believed to have been an electrical detonating mechanism. The report stated that, when the mine was detonated, fifty to sixty small arms rounds were received from an estimated seven Viet Cong positioned so as to cover the area in which the mine was placed. The report stated that the Marines succeeded in moving the vehicle, which had sustained minor damage, under its own power from the area and returned to the Battery Command Post. Marine casualties were one minor WIA. (S-2 Comment: The initial report, received at 221614H, indicated that the vehicle had been struck by mortar fire. A subsequent report corrected this report and provided additional information).

f. At 222355H, G-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) ARVN Aerial Observer that two Viet Cong battalions (unidentified) were observed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 165419). No additional information was provided.

g. At 230900H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) Popular Forces soldier from HIEU DUC District Headquarters that the Viet Cong had burned approximately three hundred meters of fence line on the north, south and east side of LA CHAU (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 947675). The report stated that the Popular Forces soldiers received small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in LA CHAU (2) hamlet when they arrived to investigate. The report stated that the HIEU DUC District Chief expressed a belief that Viet Cong troops are also located in the LA CHAU (3) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 956678). No additional information was provided. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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a. Late Report. At 220845H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 929574) reported receiving three hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932572). The Marines directed two hundred sixty small arms rounds, three 40mm (M-79) rounds, and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were three Viet Cong MIA (possible).

b. At 221230H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943580), reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 941577). The report stated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned. The Marines deployed so as to engage the Viet Cong but were unable to make contact. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 221345H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932578), reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong whose position could not be discerned. A squad was dispatched to make contact but was unable to discover the enemy's locations. No Marine casualties were reported.

d. At 221350H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978612) reported that, upon entering DUC KY (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985617), one Vietnamese male was observed running from the village. The report stated that the Marines ordered the man to halt, and when he ignored their warnings, fired two small arms rounds at him and wounded him. The report stated that almost immediately the Marines received fifteen small arms rounds from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981612). The report indicated that the Marines did not return the fire as the exact enemy location could not be discerned. The wounded man was apprehended however, and evacuated to a medical facility for treatment and investigation. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong suspect apprehended.

e. At 221600H, Company A, while searching the area of the Company C contact on 21 May (See 211155H entry, LITSUM #141) reported finding the following items in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9665) and (AT 9564): one MRC night light assembly, one notebook, containing a name list of Viet Cong soldiers, two maps (no further description provided), and a quantity of medical supplies (type not indicated). The report stated that the items will be forwarded to the Battalion S-2 for evaluation.

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f. At 231645H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of one punji trap at coordinates (AT 978628). The report stated that examination of the trap revealed that an explosive device (not identified) was positioned in the punji trap and rigged to detonate with a trip-wire if the trap was entered. The report stated that the punji trap and explosive device was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 221730H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing twelve Viet Cong positioned in a trenchline in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 953580). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The Aerial Observer reported excellent effect on the target. The report did not provide any additional information and enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 221900H, Company D, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970650), (AT 970660), and (AT 970670), reported that the villagers in that area were obviously frightened and extremely reluctant to discuss Viet Cong activities. The report stated that an (unidentified) girl in YON MI (4) hamlet, grid square (AT 9767), did state that the Viet Cong had kidnapped the hamlet Chief on 21 May, but the Marines were unable to get any of the villagers to confirm the report. (See Enclosure (1), for a report of Viet Cong activities in this area).

i. At 222015H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943580), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933577). The Marines directed ten 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.

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

a. See 221900H entry, this INTSUM.

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
	<u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	8	994
KIA(Possible)	12	1194
VC Captured	0	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1918
Returnees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

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H. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INISUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Trap, panji	231645H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar (DUD)	221015H
1	Mine, AP, M16A1	221730H
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	-do-
1	Mine, AP, M16A1	221730H
2	Submachineguns, 9mm(unidentified)	230005H
4	Magazines, ammunition (unidentified)	-do-
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-
1	Packet, first aid	-do-
2	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
1	Raincoat	-do-
1	Uniform, grey	-do-
2	Carbines, CHICOM MOSSIN-NAGENT 7.62mm mod.53	230900H
4	Grenades, CHICOM	-do-
4	Grenades, US (M-26)	-do-
6	Rounds, 20mm, expended filled with (C-4)	-do-
2	Bayonets, US	-do-
1	Flashlight, US	-do-
1	Mine, rudimentary	220915H
1	Light, MRC night light assembly	221600H
1	Notebook	-do-
2	Maps (unidentified)	-do-
UNK	Supplies, medical	-do-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

33	Bunkers, size not indicated	222015H
17	Tunnels, size not indicated	-do-
1	Trap, spider	-do-

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2d Battalion, 9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

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3800
22 May 1966

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From: S-2
To: Distribution List

Subj: Enemy Situation; report of

1. The 2/9 Bn S-2 at 0900 22 May in DUONG SON (1) spoke to the Village Chiefs of DUONG SON (1), PHONG LE (1), and one PAT team member. The Vietnamese reported that approx 40 VC, many armed with M-14's, wearing assorted civilian clothes, and carrying radio gear (type unknown) were in DUONG SON (1) on the night of 21 May.
2. The VC entered DUONG SON (1) at vicinity BT 001685 at about 212000H. They gathered people to gather at the PAT office and asked for their cooperation. The villagers refused, and the VC burned one bamboo structure, wrecked a second, and removed several papers and documents from a concrete building used by the PAT for office space at AT 997687.
3. The VC then withdrew to the south. The PAT representative felt they had moved toward GIANG DONG (BT 007677).
4. The VC passed out propaganda prior to departing DUONG SON (1).
5. Further, the Village Chief of PHONG LE (1) reported that no VC entered his village during the night. The Chief of DUONG SON (1) indicated that he avoided the VC while they were in his village, but that the VC told his wife he would be killed if he did not aid the VC. The VC that spoke to her, as well as the VC who burned the buildings, spoke in a Northern Vietnamese dialect, according to the Chief.
6. The PAT member indicated that 40 VC were in GIANG DONG at about 211930H vic (BT 007677). The VC did not speak to the people. He further indicated that 40-50 VC were in CAM NAM (BT 013703) at 2100. They set up a VC flag, which was removed on the morning of 22 May by PAT personnel.
7. The VC all reportedly withdrew south after midnight. (The Village Chiefs felt that the VC had been in the 3 villages at the same time. However, when questioned about the times, they were in fact, uncertain. The 3 villages may have been occupied by the same unit at different times.).

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8. No further information was available. (Bn S-2 Comment: Due to USMC disposition during the night of 21 May, it is felt unlikely that the VC were elements of units engaged with 1/9 on 21 May. It is possible, but not probable that withdrawing VC elements entered DUCHE SON (1), via CAM NE (1) and CAM NE (2). It is more likely, however, that a 40-50 man unit, with a mission of terrorism or propaganda moved into the rear portion of the 2/9 TAOR via LA THO BAC (1) (BT 005631) and HA LAY (BT 008645), TAN H NH (BT 000655) and north into QU GIANG (2) (BT 003667). Reports received on 18 May, from local Vietnamese indicated 4 and 7 man groups of VC moving from QUA GIANG (2) into GIANG on several different occasions during early May. ARVN elements at BO MUNG approx 212130H requested 81mm mortar clearance for a mission at (BT 003655) an unknown target. (Further information from Sen Liaison not available at present time.). It is likely that about 40 VC moved north on the route listed above, sometime during the night of 21 May, and entered unprotected villages that were felt by the VC to be cooperating with the USMC and GVN, in an attempt to regain control in 2/9's rear areas.

9. At 221230H, the Bn S-2 received additional information from A/O NGUYEN MON (RF) that last night his bridge at BT 016675 received moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire throughout the night, from an estimated platoon of VC located at BT 013671 (pagoda) and BT 027674. Villagers of QUA GIANG (BT 015665) this morning reported that an unknown number of VC armed with 3 81mm mortars, 5 57mmR and unknown number of 60mm mortars were in QUA GIANG (BT 015665) last night. Their mission was to attack BO MUNG and then move to DA NANG. He stated that villagers have been moving from GIANG DONG (BT 005677) since 0800 this morning, toward MIU BOIG (BT 017684). (Villagers are still moving). Also reported that VC destroyed fences in NHON THO (2) (BT 017658), NHON THO (1) (BT 003657), QUA GIANG (1) (BT 015665), and GIANG DONG (BT 005677) last night. People going to the market this morning told him one platoon of VC were in THI AN (2) (BT 037672) for a meeting last night, and crossed the river to fire at his position. He feels at the present time there is one VC company in GIANG DONG (BT 005677), one company in NHON THO (1) (BT 003657), and one platoon in THI AN (2) (BT 037672). VC entered area when the 51st Regt moved out yesterday, he said.

10. At 291300H at (BT 017675) RF personnel reported that they had received approx 20 rounds K-50 fire from vicinity (BT 013677).

11. The 51st Regt S-2 relayed a report at 221400H that 400 meters of defensive fence line in YEN NH (2) (AT 990684) had been destroyed by an unknown number of VC during the night of 21 May.

/s/T.M. Beldon
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9th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #143, Period ending 240000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers
- b. Temperature: HIGH: 80 LOW: 73
- c. Average Humidity: 85%
- d. Precipitation: .07 inches
- e. Wind: Calm
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operation: The recent rains did not deteriorate road conditions to any extent and trafficability remains unimpeded.

(3) Astronomical Data.

	BNOT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
25 May	0552	0615	1913	1936	1040	0006(26May) 1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 3dBn 1stMar

- 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 INCSUM.

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a. At 231430H, the Battalion S-2 received a report from an (unidentified) People's Action Team leader that he believed one squad of Viet Cong were located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971661). According to the report, this PAT leader stated that his unit received fire from the Viet Cong at approximately 231315H, and was withdrawing to BO MUNG hamlet area for protection. The report stated that the Viet Cong, clad in mixed (black and khaki) uniforms, had been able to maneuver within five hundred meters of the PAT location prior to discovery. The report did not indicate if any casualties had resulted from this action and provided no additional information. The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 240100H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 997678), reported receiving forty to fifty small arms rounds and one grenade from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the enemy positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 240215H, an Headquarters and Service Company squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (AT 995677). The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of a ration can containing a quantity of explosives, and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the Marines would return to destroy the device at a later time, but a subsequent report indicated that the mine could not be found when the Marines returned.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 232020H, G-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Headquarters that, at 222300H, two Viet Cong companies, consisting of approximately one hundred ninety five men and commanded by one LAM, and armed with two 60mm mortars, one 81mm mortar, and one machinegun (type not indicated), were located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910555), (AT 920545), (AT 945560), and (AT 937554). The report added that these two Viet Cong companies had joined with local guerrillas and would ambush Marine patrols operating in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925557) and (AT 992558). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 232030H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN agent that a Viet Cong force of approximately two hundred men, are in hiding in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010645) and (BT 005633). The report provided no additional information. The report was rated C-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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c. At 232030H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the MAC VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an (unidentified) CVN agent that one Viet Cong company is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004670). The report added that Viet Cong (unidentified) killed two Pacification Cadre at the above coordinates at 221930H. No additional information was provided. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(4) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. At 231145H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 055644), reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053649). The Marines directed thirty three small arms rounds, seventeen 40mm (M-79) rounds, two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds, and seven 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported apprehending one suspicious Vietnamese male when examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 231245H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion), reported receiving four small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093631). The Marines directed twenty small arms rounds and six 40mm (M-79) 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. Marine casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 231440H, Company G reported that four small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 061646), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 060642). The Marines directed twelve small arms rounds at the enemy position. Mortar support was also requested and twenty six 81mm mortar rounds were directed into the target area. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong position with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 231535H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 059632), reported receiving one small arms round from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 052632). The report stated that the Marines did not return the fire as the exact enemy location could not be discerned. Marine casualties were one WIA.

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e. At 231645H, a Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that two explosive devices were detonated at coordinates (BT 093630), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the devices as rudimentary mines (home-made), and stated that they employed trip-wire activators. The size of the mines or further description was not indicated.

f. At 232120H, a Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 097610), reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 099610). The report stated that the Marines directed thirty caliber .50 (tank) rounds, one 90mm (tank) round, and four 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 232350H, Company F reported receiving eight small arms rounds and one grenade in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 073701), from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed twenty five 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.

(5) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 221440H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 925505), reported sighting twelve armed Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 805471). Artillery support was requested and forty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that one Viet Cong was KIA (body count) and that three Viet Cong were KIA (possible).

b. At 231305H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from the DUC DUC District Headquarters that, at 211600H, a Viet Cong company, commanded by one NGUYEN THAI SON assisted by one CAO DINH TRUNG has displaced from vicinity of coordinates (2C 211314) to (AT 835350). The report stated that this Viet Cong company was armed with one 60mm mortar, one machinegun (type not indicated), six automatic rifles (type not indicated) and individual small arms. The report added that the Viet Cong force is also equipped with two PRC/10 radios. The company strength is reported to be one hundred fifty five men and their mission is to train cadre and to encourage the people to continue the struggle. The report also indicated that two Viet Cong platoons, with a total strength of sixty three men, equipped with one 60mm mortar, two automatic rifles and individual small arms and commanded by one NGUYEN LINH and assisted by one NGUYEN HOC, were located at coordinates (AT 930365). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

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c. At 232045H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a "returnee" (the report indicated that he had been made available by ARVN authorities at AN HOA) led Company L to a large underground tunnel complex at coordinates (AT 928486). The report described the tunnel as fifteen feet long by four feet wide, and stated that two smaller tunnels led off from the main tunnel. No material was reported found within the tunnel and no additional information was provided. The report stated that the tunnel complex was destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 232045H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a "returnee" (the report indicated that the "returnee" had been made available by GVN authorities in AN HOA) informed the Marines that he had sighted what the report identified as a "Viet Cong high commander" and had heard talk that a Viet Cong R.20 Battalion plus a Viet Cong company with the designation V.25 were located in the vicinity of XUYEN PHU village area, coordinates (AT 925515). (S-2 Comment: The designation "Viet Cong high commander" remains obscure and the reference to the "V.25 company" /V.25 is the designation of a Main Force Battalion accepted as operating in this area/ is also not clear. The report is rated F-6).

e. At 240700H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947503), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946497). The Marines directed small arms fire at the enemy location and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions and reported finding the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA and blood stains which indicated that ~~two~~ additional Viet Cong were wounded in the encounter. The report added that seven Viet Cong suspects were apprehended in the area from where the Viet Cong fire had emanated. The suspects were evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for interrogation and final disposition was not indicated. The report added that one Vietnamese female was wounded as the result of the Viet Cong fire. Disposition of the wounded female also was not indicated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and two Viet Cong WIA (possible).

f. At 240930H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a USMC helicopter operating in the AN HOA area reported receiving five to ten small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 890516) and (AT 885516). Company M, positioned at coordinates (AT 891509) directed four 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy location and the helicopter directed one hundred fifty rounds machinegun fire at the enemy. Enemy casualties were not determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

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a. At 231125H, a Company B squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979601), reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 979599). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, six 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 231210H, a Company B (1st Bn 1st Mar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 971602), resulting in one Marine WIA (minor). The report described the device as an U.S. (M16A1) "bounding" mine and stated that it was rigged with a pressure-type activator.

c. At 231400H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 977606), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M16A1) "bounding" mine, and stated that it was positioned within a punji trap so as to detonate when the trap was entered or disturbed.

d. At 231430H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an Headquarters and Service Company Communication platoon wire-team, checking communication wires in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977662) observed about fifty Vietnamese civilians leaving AN TRACH (1) hamlet, grid square (AT 9666), carrying large quantities of personal belongings. The Marines stated that GVN military personnel (unidentified - may have been people's Action Team members) were also sighted). The report stated that an (unidentified) member of a PAT unit indicated that Viet Cong were located in the AN TRACH hamlet area.

e. At 231700H, Company C, conducting a search and destroy operation in grid square (AT 9567), (AT 9569), (AT 9569), and (AT 9469), reported destroying five punji traps, two large man traps, four U.S. (M-26) grenades rigged with trip-wires, two caves, six feet in length, one booby-trapped gate (explosive device not described) and one punji trap, rigged with an explosive device, identified as a CHICOM grenade, rigged to detonate when disturbed.

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

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

KIA(Confirmed)	2	996
KIA(Possible)	3	1197
VC Captured	0	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1925
Returns(Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

QUANTITY ITEMINTSUM ENTRY NO.

1	Device, explosive, rudimentary mine	240215H
5	Traps, punji	231200H
2	Traps, man, large	-dc-
4	Grenades, US (M-26)	-dc-
1	Trap, punji	-dc-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

1	Tunnel, 4x15 ft in length	232045H
2	Caves, 6 ft in length	231200H

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(C-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #44, Period ending 251000H, 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: 88 LOW: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 83%
- d. Precipitation: 0.24 inches
- e. Wind: Variable and Light
- f. Visibility: 7 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>EMCT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
26 May	0552	0615	1913	1936	1142	0055 (28 May)	1/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 2dBn 4thMar

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.

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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.

(3) Special Reports.

a. At 241700H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from the DAI HOC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong companies (unidentified), armed with one 60mm mortar and two machineguns (type not indicated), are deployed throughout the area bounded by coordinates (AT 900547), (AT 910547), and (AT 930542). The report provided no additional information. The report was rated B-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

b. At 241717H, G-2 relayed a report from the HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company (unidentified), equipped with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machinegun, automatic weapons (type and quantity not indicated), small arms and two radios (type not indicated), displaced from the YEN NAI hamlet area, coordinates (AT 966675), to the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952642), (AT 956677), and (AT 950630). The report also stated that one Viet Cong platoon, believed to be an element of the R.22 Company, displaced from the SONG GAI mountain area [vicinity of coordinates (AT 894645)] to DUNG BICH hamlet, coordinates (AT 885635), where it joined with a guerrilla platoon. The report added that the mission of the Viet Cong force is to operate in the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 904705). The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 241750H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VA C District Headquarters relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN agent that one Viet Cong company (unidentified) is located in the area extending from coordinates (BT C75690) to (BT O36688). The report stated that this company is equipped with one 60mm mortar and one caliber .30 machinegun, but provided no additional information. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

d. At 241955H, the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines FSCC reported that Battery W (3d Battalion, 12th Marines), coordinates (AT 964616), received three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed four small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 241100H, a Company C platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955680), reported receiving one small arms round from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955681). 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 and reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect when he was sighted in the area and he attempted to evade the Marines. (The report did not indicate disposition of the suspect). Marine casualties were one WIA (med-evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 241155H, a Company A (1stBn 1stMar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948659). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when a routine examination revealed that he lacked adequate identification. The report added that subsequent examination of the subject revealed that the suspect was disguised as a woman, even including the wearing of a wig. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

c. At 241650H, a Company A squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978616), reported receiving three to four small arms rounds from one Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 985614) and a second Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 972614). The Marines directed forty 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. The report stated that the patrol also discovered three explosive devices in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 977613). The devices were described as expended caliber .50 cartridge cases filled with black powder and bits of metal and chipped glass so as to function as an anti-personnel weapon. The method of detonation was not indicated. The report stated that the devices were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 242000H, a Company A (1stBn 1stMar, under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955662), reported observing a man partially hidden in close proximity to a trail in the area, who appeared to be engaged in positioning a device on the edge of the trail. The Marines challenged the man, and, as he fled, directed two small arms rounds at him. The report stated that the man succeeded in escaping apprehension by running into DUYEN SON (2) hamlet, which is situated close by. A search of the hamlet area produced negative results. The report stated that examination of the site where the man was initially observed revealed one CHICOM grenade, positioned in the underbrush so as to serve as an anti-personnel mine. (The report stated that it was rigged with a "plunger-type" detonator, but provided no additional details.

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e. At 250015H, a Company A (1stBn 1stMar, under OTCOM this battalion) squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 955662), resulting in one Marine KIA. The report described the device as an White Phosphorous (WP) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator. No additional information was provided.

f. At 250930H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company C search and clear operation conducted on 24 May in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9568) and (AT 9569). The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed four bunkers, described as four feet by four feet at coordinates (AT 955680); three U.S. (M-26) grenades, rigged with trip-wire activators, at coordinates (AT 955680); and one 40mm (M-79) round, rigged for detonation (?), at coordinates (AT 956683).

(5) 2dBn 9thMar

a. At 241015H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999624), reported the destruction of an explosive device at that location. The report stated that an (unidentified) Vietnamese child warned the Marines that a gate on the route that the patrol was following was rigged with the device, and the Marines fired a 40mm (M-79) round at the gate, resulting in a secondary explosion. The report indicated that the intensity of the secondary explosion was similar to an explosion of approximately three to five pounds of explosives. The report did not state whether the child was rewarded for her information.

b. At 242000H, Company E reported that four small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 990643), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990637). The Marines directed four 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the area was illuminated with 60mm mortar illumination rounds. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(6) 5dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 240800H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing what was described as recently excavated trenches in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 870518). No additional information was provided.

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b. Late Report. At 240800H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993488), reported sighting one armed Viet Cong moving south in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 986485). No further information was provided.

c. Late Report. At 240810H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 881503). The report identified the device as two 60mm mortar rounds positioned together and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

d. Late Report. At 240850H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993488), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong moving south on a trail at coordinates (AT 984485). The report indicated that the Viet Cong disappeared from view before the Marines could initiate effective action.

e. At 241230H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998488), reported sighting nine Viet Cong, several of whom were armed, moving northeast on a trail which ran from coordinates (AT 984494) to (AT 985506). The report indicated that the Viet Cong disappeared from sight shortly after the initial sighting, and no additional action was taken.

f. At 241443H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998488), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong moving northeast on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985493). Artillery support was requested and twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that the artillery fire was not on target and the Viet Cong quickly dispersed into nearby bushes without evident casualties.

g. At 241555H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998488), reported sighting one armed Viet Cong moving south on a trail at coordinates (AT 984485). No additional information was provided.

h. At 241920H, Company M reported that four to six small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 906511), from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 914509). Mortar support was requested and four 60mm mortar rounds and six 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.

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i. At 241925H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998488), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong moving northeast on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984475). The report stated that the Viet Cong group disappeared from sight before artillery fire could be directed at the area.

j. At 241950H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 998488), reported sighting seven Viet Cong, two of whom were armed, moving south on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984445). The report stated that the Viet Cong disappeared from view immediately after the initial sighting was made and continued surveillance of the area failed to disclose their location.

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

a. See 241015H entry, this INTSUM.

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	996
KIA(Possible)	0	1197
VC Captured	0	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	2	1927
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
3	Rounds, Cal .50 filled w/black powder	241605H
1	Grenade, CHICOM	242000H
3	Grenades, US (M-26)	250930H
1	Round, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
1	Device, explosive (unidentified)	241015H
2	Shells, 60mm mortar	240810H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

4	Bunkers, 4X4 ft	250930H
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Subject: Investigation of the loss of the 3d Marine Division, 31 October 1951, at the

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the following:

a. Investigation of the loss of the 3d Marine Division

(1) Summary

a. Period: 31 October 1951, 0000 hours

b. Location: 3d Marine Division, 31 October 1951

c. Subject: 3d Marine Division, 31 October 1951

d. Description: 3d Marine Division

e. Name: 3d Marine Division

f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Availability of records: 3d Marine Division, 31 October 1951

(3) Acknowledgment: 3d Marine Division

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(4) Special Remarks

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b. At 252330H, the 3d Marines S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) National Police representative at HIEU DUC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company (unidentified), armed with two 57mm recoilless rifles, four mortars (type not indicated), and assorted small arms and commanded by one LAM, was located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972695). The report indicated that this company had the mission of operating in the HIEU DUC and HOA VANG district areas. The report was not rated. (S-2 Comment: The presence of a company-sized Viet Cong force in the area is rated F-4. The presence of an enemy force of platoon-size is possible and is rated F-3).

(2) 3d Bn 1st Mar

a. At 251700H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an Headquarters and Service Company element conducting a mine clearing patrol along a road in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978661), discovered an explosive device. The report identified the device as a rudimentary (home-made) mine composed of a one-gallon tin can containing black powder and equipped with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report stated that the mine was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 252245H, Company L reported receiving five small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 979687), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 978680). The Marines directed fourteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A patrol operating nearby was dispatched to search the area but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3d Bn 9th Mar

a. Late Report. At 250640H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990490), reported sighting nine armed Viet Cong moving south along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 985493). The report stated that the Viet Cong group disappeared from view before effective action could be initiated. No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 250933H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990490), reported sighting three Viet Cong, one of whom was armed, moving south on a trail at coordinates (AT 987508). Artillery support was requested and directed at the area with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were one WIA (possible). In a subsequent report, the reconnaissance element observed two armed Viet Cong (one man and one woman) evacuating a Viet Cong who had evidently been wounded by the earlier artillery fire, into HIEU LOC (1) hamlet, coordinates (AT 985479). No additional information was provided.

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b. At 251505H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of a Company C search and destroy operation conducted in grid squares (AT 9467) and (AT 9567) during the period 250800H to 251400H. The report stated that six punji traps (description not given) were discovered and destroyed in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956678). The report added that the hamlet of LA CHAU (3), coordinates (AT 958678) appeared deserted with the exception of three families; however, there were no signs of recent Viet Cong activity in the area. The report stated that one suspicious person was apprehended in the area for lack of adequate identification and was evacuated to the DUC DUC District Headquarters for investigation.

c. At 251700H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an (unidentified) Vietnamese "old" woman informed Company C that Viet Cong (strengths not indicated) are located in LA CHAU (3) hamlet, coordinates (AT 958678). The report stated that the woman terminated her report when a Vietnamese youth, about ten years of age, warned her to be silent. The report added that a patrol was dispatched to investigate the area but produced negative results. The Battalion S-2 rated the report F-3. (S-2 Comment: The vagueness of the report, especially the absence of enemy strengths, negates its intelligence value).

d. At 251730H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956609) reported receiving five small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954609). The Marines directed one hundred 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. Marine casualties were one WIA (med-evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 252215H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (AT 941647), by Company A during the course of a search and destroy operation in that area. The report identified the device as an 81mm mortar illumination shell (DUD) and stated that it was positioned along the road and rigged with what was described as a strip of bamboo that functioned as a pull-type activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines. No additional details were provided.

f. At 252220H, the Battalion S-2 reported the results of a Company D search and destroy operation conducted in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9764) and (AT 9664). The report stated that the Marines discovered three tunnels in the area: one at coordinates (AT 978642), described as ten feet by ten feet by four feet; and two tunnels at coordinates (AT 964646), each of which measured five feet by two feet by two feet. The report added that three fighting holes, described as having adjacent sleeping areas (size not indicated), were also discovered at coordinates (AT 964646). The report stated that the tunnels and fighting holes were all destroyed by the Marines.

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c. At 251115H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990490), reported sighting six armed Viet Cong entering a building at coordinates (AT 987479). No additional information was provided.

d. At 251456H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990490), reported sighting four armed Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 984492). The report stated that the Viet Cong disappeared from view before action could be initiated against them. In a subsequent report, the reconnaissance element reported sighting four additional Viet Cong who evidently linked up with the original four men at the building. Artillery support was requested and directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible). (The report stated that one WIA was confirmed and one possible).

e. At 251625H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990490), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong moving north along a trail at coordinates (AT 983485). The report stated that the Viet Cong disappeared from view before an artillery mission could be initiated. No additional information was provided.

f. At 251720H, a USMC helicopter operating in the AN HOA area reported receiving five to ten small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 987557) and (AT 975516). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported.

g. At 251920H, Company M, positioned at coordinates (AT 874505), reported observing a boat with two occupants on the SONG THU BON, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 875510). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the boat and occupants and reported that one small arms round was received from the direction of the north bank of the river, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 876510). Mortar support was requested and six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at this location, and the fire was not repeated. The report indicated that the two boat occupants were able to beach their craft and flee into the brush. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 250835H, the Battalion S-3 reported that a 3d Shore Party Battalion element conducting a mine clearing operation detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 984625), resulting in one Marine KIA (DOW) and four WIA. The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, consisting of approximately twenty pounds of explosives, and stated that it was positioned on the road and rigged with a pressure-type detonating mechanism. The report indicated that the mine had been discovered by the Marines prior to detonation and the explosion occurred as the Marines were attempting to disarm it.

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g. At 260850H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 951629), resulting in one Marine WIA (non-med-evac). The report described the device as a CHICOM grenade, but provided no additional details.

(5) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 251050H, Company G reported that three small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 015617), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 011619). The report added that the Marines observed four persons fleeing from a building located in the area from which the small arms fire had emanated, and the Marines directed one 106mm recoilless (ONIOS) rifle round at the building and the fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the area and the building but reported negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

b. At 260215H, Company E reported that a Company E (platoon-sized) element occupying night defensive positions (platoon patrol base) and an ambush position, at coordinates (BT 002629) and (BT 002632), received what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire and a quantity (not indicated) of 40mm (M-79) rounds, from a Viet Cong force estimated as approximately fifty men, deployed in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004632), (BT 000627), and (BT 005627). The report stated that the Marines employed all their organic weapons in returning the Viet Cong fire, and requested both artillery and mortar support. Thirty 105mm rounds, and forty six 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy positions, and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing from the area. Marine casualties were two KIA and seven WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as five Viet Cong KIA (possible) and five Viet Cong WIA (possible). In a subsequent report, the Battalion S-3 stated that Companies E and G elements searching the area in which the earlier encounter had occurred, found a number of what were described as "one-man" fighting holes in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001629), and approximately two hundred fifty expended small arms cartridges and expended 40mm (M-79) shells, two CHICOM grenades, and a quantity of expended caliber .45 cartridges, in the same general area. The report added that villagers of QUANG DONG (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 998625), informed the Marines that a Viet Cong force of approximately one hundred men had moved through QUANG DONG hamlet to the south after the action.

c. At 260730H, Company E, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 006623), resulting in six Marines WIA (one of whom required medical evacuation). The report described the device as an U.S. (M16) "bounding" mine and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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d. At 260915H, Company E, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003611), reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 003608). Artillery support was requested and six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(6) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. Late Report. At 250900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a USMC vehicle (M-422A1), travelling in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 075665), detonated an explosive device. No Marine casualties or damage to the vehicle were reported. The report described the device as a grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator.

b. At 251350H, a Company G patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089606), reported receiving twenty five to forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085598). The Marines directed two hundred forty 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. (The report added that, during a search of the area, the Marines discovered two concrete bunkers and one brick bunker (sizes not indicated) and a quantity of 7.62mm ammunition). The report stated that the bunkers were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 251940H, a Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100633), reported receiving six small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 095662). The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the fire was not returned by the Marines. 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 260600H, Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) elements manning security positions on the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 089653), reported observing one Vietnamese male, positioned aloft in a tree, which was located in close proximity to the Marines positions. The report stated that the man appeared to be maintaining observation of the company positions. The Marines directed eight small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the intruder and dispatched a squad-sized patrol to search the area. The report stated that the Marines discovered a dead Vietnamese boy and a wounded Vietnamese woman in the area into which the Marines had fired. The wounded woman was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment. The report added that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended in the area and evacuated to the Battalion S-2 for interrogation and final disposition. No additional information was provided.

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

a. See 251700H entry, this INTSUM.

b. See 260215H entry, this INTSUM.

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

KIA(Confirmed)	0	996
KIA(Possible)	5	1202
VC Captured	0	429
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1928
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

QUANTITY	ITEM	INTSUM ENTRY NO.
1	Mine, rudimentary	251700H
6	Traps, punji	251505H
1	Shell, 81mm mortar illumination (DUD)	252215H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

3	Tunnels, 10x10x4 ft	252220H
2	Tunnels, 5x2x2 ft	-do-
3	Holes, fighting	-do-
3	Bankers, size not indicated	251350H

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)(G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #146, Period ending 270000H, 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: 84° LOW: 79°
- c. Average Humidity: 82%
- d. Precipitation: .03 inches
- e. Wind: SW at 3 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

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B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 260910H, Company L reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects at coordinates (AT 874456). 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 at AN HOA, for investigation.

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b. Late Report. At 260930H, a Company I platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920496) reported observing two Vietnamese males running towards the north in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920498), evidently in an attempt to escape the Marines. The Marines ordered the men to halt, and when the warnings were ignored, the Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the two fleeing men. The report stated that almost simultaneously, the Marines received five small arms rounds from the direction of coordinates (AT 910500). The Marines returned the fire with small arms and the enemy fire ceased. When the Marines searched the area they reported finding the bodies of two dead Viet Cong. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the bodies of the enemy casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

c. At 261000H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 865490) reported receiving three small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 861492). The Marines directed two hundred fifty small arms rounds and eighteen 60mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. (The report indicated that the Viet Cong fled into TAN BIUOC (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 860496)). 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 261100H, Company M, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8946), reported the discovery of six bunkers, five of which were described as approximately four feet by four feet by six feet in size, and reinforced (material not indicated), and one five feet by five feet by ten feet in size. One U. S. (M-26) grenade was also reported discovered in the area. (Specific locations were not indicated). The report stated that the fortifications were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 261900H, Company I, operating in the vicinity of PHU NHUAN (7) hamlet, in the AN HOA area, reported the discovery and destruction of one bunker, described as five feet by five feet by seven feet and reinforced (material not indicated), at coordinates (AT 905486). The report stated that when the Marines detonated an explosive charge so as to destroy the bunker, a secondary explosion occurred, but description of the secondary explosion or additional details were not provided.

f. At 261915H, an Aerial Observer operating in the AN HOA area, reported sighting what was described as a recently constructed pump house (no further description provided) at coordinates (AT 907538). The report stated that several young men that were observed in proximity to the pump house sought cover upon the approach of the USMC aircraft.

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g. At 262300H, a Company M ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 874502) reported observing seven to nine Viet Cong who entered the ambush position. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the Viet Cong then withdrew a short distance so as to allow 81mm mortar fire to be delivered into the area. The report stated that eight 81mm mortar rounds were fired at the enemy location and the Marines moved back into the area to search the enemy positions. Upon re-entering the area, the Marines made contact with approximately four or five Viet Cong. Small arms fire was exchanged and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the north. The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing Viet Cong by fire, and believed that one Viet Cong was killed (possible) and four additional Viet Cong wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible) and four Viet Cong WIA (possible). A subsequent report stated that a more detailed search of the area at first light on 27 May produced one U.S. carbine, caliber .30, three carbine magazines, two U.S. (M-26) grenades, one cartridge belt, and one M-49A1 trip flare - all presumably abandoned by the Viet Cong.

(2) Special Reports.

a. At 261030H, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 relayed a report from the DAI LOC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong battalions are now located in the AN HOA area. The report stated that one battalion - designated the R.20 - is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 858500), and the second battalion - designated the V.25 - is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 866553). The report continued that the Viet Cong have utilized the area in which the two battalions are now deployed as a rest area and that the locale contains a large ammunition storage point. The report added that a considerable number of villagers have evacuated the area in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8555) and (AT 8655), presumably because of the presence of these Viet Cong units. The report was rated B-3 by DAI LOC District Headquarters. (S-2 Comment: This report was but the first of several similar reports received regarding the presence of extensive Viet Cong forces in the areas indicated. An additional report was received from G-2, one from the 12th Marines, and yet another from the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. (The report received from the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines S-2 indicated the presence of four Viet Cong battalions in the same general area and stated that DAI LOC District Headquarters rated this report A-1). The reports all made reference to the evacuation of the area by the local villagers and all appeared to have originated at the same source. The G-2 report added that a reconnaissance element (unidentified) observed two groups of villagers, numbering approximately one hundred persons, leaving the area by moving north across the river. The presence of four Viet Cong battalions in the areas indicated would be tactically unsound, contradictory of the accepted order of battle listings of enemy units operating in this locale, and is not confirmed by any other intelligence sources.

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other than that indicated. (The report is therefore rated F-5). Although both the R.20 and V.25 battalions are confirmed units and are accepted as operating in this portion of QUANG NAM province, the presence of both battalions (presumably with the major portions of their subordinate units) in this relatively confining area, is improbable and is rated F-4. The presence of a Viet Cong force of one battalion strength is possible and is consistent with both the order of battle listings and independent intelligence reports received from other sources. The reported exodus of villagers from the areas indicated is presently being investigated).

b. At 261600H, an Aerial Observer operating in the AN HOA area reported observing approximately one hundred people congregating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 850550). The report indicated that the people were not armed and did not appear to be engaged in what could be termed an aggressive or alarming activities, but provided no additional information.

c. At 261705H, the ARVN Liaison Officer assigned to the 9th Marines relayed a report from the Headquarters, NHU HANH SON campaign (Five Mountains Pacification program) at BO MUNG, that one Viet Cong company (unidentified), armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machinegun, four automatic rifles, and various individual weapons and commanded by one NGO LUYEN, is hiding in the LA BUNG hamlet area, coordinates (AT 966675). The report was not rated. S-2 rates the report F-3.

(3) 2dBn 4thMar

a. Late Report. At 260630H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (BT 073672). 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 device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 261115H, a Company K (3dBn 9thMar under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098635) reported observing four to five men, identified in the report as Viet Cong, running into a building in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 103638). (The report stated that one Viet Cong was armed with a rifle and was wearing black pajama-type clothing, and the other men wore black shirts and white trousers). The Marines directed forty small arms rounds and eight 90mm (tank) rounds at the fleeing enemy, then searched the area and the building into which the Viet Cong had withdrawn, but could not renew the contact. The report added that the search did produce approximately one hundred feet of tunnels (no additional description given) which were destroyed by the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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c. At 261240H, Company K (3dBn 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that one Marine was wounded when he fell into a punji trap at coordinates (BT 098635). The report stated that the wound was minor and did not require evacuation.

d. At 261325H, Company K (3dBn 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 096659) by an vehicle (ONTOS) enroute to the Company K command post positions. The report stated that one Marine was KIA and five Marines WIA, as the result of the detonation, and extensive damage was sustained by the vehicle. The report described the device as a mine consisting of approximately thirty to forty pounds of explosives, and rigged with an electrical detonating mechanism. No additional details were provided.

e. At 261430H, Company K (3dBn 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion), enroute to the Company command post upon completion of a search and destroy operation, reported receiving four hundred to five hundred small arms and what were described as six to eight 40mm (M-79) rounds when at coordinates (BT 098658), from an estimated Viet Cong force of platoon strength positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100656). The Marines directed six hundred twenty small arms rounds and six 90mm (tank) rounds at the Viet Cong positions. When the enemy fire continued, forty 81mm mortar rounds were delivered into the target area and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. (One CHICOM grenade was found in the vacated positions). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 261430H, a Company K (3dBn 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 089653) reported observing approximately twenty Viet Cong running to the south from the direction of coordinates (BT 092641). [The basis for the identification as Viet Cong was not indicated and the report stated that the fleeing group was at too great a distance to determine if they were armed]. Mortar support was requested and twenty 60mm mortar rounds and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the fleeing persons. The Marines searched the area and reported finding the body of one Viet Cong KIA, but again did not indicate the basis for this identification. No weapons or equipment were reported recovered from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one KIA (body count).

g. At 261810H, a Company H ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 039689) reported receiving ten small arms rounds. The report did not indicate the location of the Viet Cong but stated that thirty small arms rounds were delivered at the enemy location and the fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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h. At 261815H, Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended when he was delivered to the company command post, coordinates (BT 090653), by villagers of VITH DONG hamlet. The report stated that the suspect had evidently been wounded as the result of an earlier Company K contact, and was brought to the Marines' positions for medical treatment. The report stated that the suspect was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation.

i. At 261915H, a Company B (1st Bn 1st Mar, under OPCON this battalion) squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053714) reported receiving six small arms rounds, described as sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 056714). The Marines directed four 40mm (M-79) 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.

(4) 3d Bn 1st Mar

a. At 261050H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 023714) reported that three small arms rounds were heard, evidently emanating from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032715). The report stated that the Marines searched the area with negative results, but added that the Marines believed the rounds had been directed at an USMC aerial observer operating in the area.

b. At 261105H, a Company L patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 964688) reported observing two Viet Cong in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 963683). The report stated that the Marines pursued the fleeing duo, and succeeded in capturing one Viet Cong. The second Viet Cong evidently escaped capture by crossing the SONG YEN. The report stated that the captive was dressed in grey uniform-type clothing and at the time of capture had in his possession one CHICOM grenade and a quantity of (unevaluated) documents. The captive was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. (S-2 Comment: Paragraph D of this INTSUM will reflect the capture of one Viet Cong, even though the status of the captive has not yet been confirmed by 3d ITT).

c. At 270600H, a Company L ambush element reported that two Marines were wounded as the result of two separate, although almost simultaneous, incidents in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 987694). The report stated that one Marine was wounded when he stepped into a punji trap and the second Marine was wounded when an explosive device was detonated. The report identified the explosive device as a U.S. (M-26) grenade, rigged with a trip-wire activator. Both Marines required medical evacuation.

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(5) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 251930H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN source at DAI LOC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company (unidentified), armed with one 60mm mortar, five submachineguns and one PRG/10 radio, and commanded by one TRUONG THANH, is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 835575), (AT 837567), and (AT 837556). The mission of this Viet Cong force was not indicated. The report was rated B-3 by DAI LOC. 1/9 S-2 rates the report F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

b. Late Report. At 260130H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 962625). The report stated that the device consisted of two 20mm (aerial cannon) rounds positioned near the entrance of a deserted building and rigged with a pressure-type detonator so as to serve as a booby-trap. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 260300H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN source at DAI LOC District Headquarters that two Viet Cong companies (unidentified) with a total strength of one hundred eighty men, armed with one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, two machineguns (caliber not indicated), and nine submachineguns, is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 927545), (AT 915597), and (AT 930543). The report was rated C-3 by DAI LOC. 1/9 S-2 rates the report F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

d. Late Report. At 260500H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN source at DAI LOC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong company (unidentified), with a strength of one hundred twenty men, armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machinegun, and one PRG/10 radio, and commanded by one NGUYEN NHAN, is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 912607) and (AT 905601). The report was rated B-3 by DAI LOC. 1/9 S-2 rates the report F-3. S-2 rates it F-3.

e. At 261040H, a Company C patrol, accompanied by a thirty man GVN Popular Forces element from HINH DUC District Headquarters, reported the discovery of a cave at coordinates (AT 953650). The report stated that C.S. was introduced into the cave orifices in an attempt to force possible occupants to emerge, and, when this device was unproductive, the Popular Forces soldiers directed a fragmentation grenade into the cave entrance. Subsequent examination of the cave revealed the body of one dead male armed with a caliber .45 pistol and identified by the HINH DUC District Chief as the Viet Cong Chief of HOA LONG village. The report added that investigation of a second cave in the same area produced four Viet Cong suspects. The report did not provide additional details but stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation. Total enemy casualties were one KIA (body count) and four Viet Cong Suspects apprehended.

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f. At 261047H, a Company A patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971601) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971604). The Marines pursued the Viet Cong and reported no further contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 261600H, a Company A patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992612) reported the discovery of one tunnel and one cave (no further description was provided) in the area. The report stated that the tunnel and cave were destroyed by the Marines. No additional details were provided.

(6) 2d Bn 9th Mar

a. At 261100H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005623), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as a mine consisting of from five to ten pounds of explosives, but provided no additional details.

b. At 261120H, Company E reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 006620) resulting in two men being wounded (one Marine and one ARVN soldier). The report described the device as a mine consisting of five to ten pounds of explosives, but provided no additional details.

c. At 261200H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 032628) reported receiving ten small arms rounds from two to three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025625). Mortar support was requested and eight 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 261420H, a Company H patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 027622), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD), rigged with a trip-wire activator.

e. At 261930H, a Company E patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993630) reported receiving what was described as a moderate volume of small arms fire from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001629). The report stated that the Marines returned the small arms fire 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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f. At 261956H, Company E reported that an USMC helicopter evacuating a wounded Marine from a platoon patrol base at coordinates (BT 001629) received approximately fifty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992638). The report stated that additional small arms fire also impacted in the patrol base positions. Artillery support was requested and eighty eight 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined. No damage to the aircraft was reported.

g. At 262000H, Company E reported receiving five small arms rounds in the company command post positions, coordinates (AT 991643), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 992638). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds, one 40mm (M-79) round, and five 81mm mortar rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

h. At 270605H, a Company H patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 016648) reported receiving seven to ten small arms rounds from three Viet Cong (the enemy location was not indicated). The Marines returned the enemy small arms fire and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that when the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they found the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA. One U.S. submachinegun, caliber .45 and two cartridge belts were reported recovered from the area. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong KIA (body count).

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

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since (ICJ 165):</u>
KIA (Confirmed)	7	1003
KIA (Possible)	1	1203
VC Captured	1	430
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1935
Returnees (Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
2	Belts, cartridge	27065CH
1	Submachinegun, THOMPSON, cal. 45	-do-
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	261700H
1	Carbine, US, Cal. 30	262300H
3	Magazines, carbine	-do-

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2	Grenades, US (M-26)	26230CH
1	Belt, cartridge	-do-
1	Trip-flare US, M49A1	-do-
1	Grenade, US (M-26) booby-trapped	26063CH
1	Grenade, CHICOM	26143CH
1	Round, 20mm (aerial cannon)	26013CH

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

6	Bunkers, 4x4x6 ft	26110CH
1	Bunker, 5x5x10 ft	-do-
1	Bunker, 5x5x7 ft	26190CH
1	Tunnel, 100 ft in length	261115H
1	Cave (size not indicated)	26160CH
1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	-do-


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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #147, Period ending 281000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

- a. General: Cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 89° Low: 75°
- c. Average Humidity: 81%
- d. Precipitation: Trace
- e. Wind: SE 7 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

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

	<u>BHGT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>MOONPHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situation.(1) 2d Bn 4th Mar

a. Late Report. At 270845H, a Company K (3d Bn, 9th Mar under OPCON this battalion) patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect in the vicinity of HA QUANG (4) hamlet, coordinates (BT 107650). The report stated that the suspect in the company of two other men, attempted to elude the patrol by running away when the Marines approached to examine identification

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papers. The report stated that the Marines ordered the fleeing men to halt, and when the warnings were ignored, directed small arms rounds at them, wounding one man. The wounded man was apprehended but the other two fugitives escaped. The report indicated that the wounded suspect was evacuated to an ARVN medical facility for treatment and investigation.

b. At 271100H, a Company H squad sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082670) reported receiving twelve small arms rounds from an estimated three to four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081671) and (BT 081667). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions but could not renew the contact. The report stated that the Marines did find one tunnel (no further description given) in the area, which they destroyed. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 272040H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion), squad-sized ambush element located at coordinates (BT 094643) reported receiving forty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and twenty two 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. Marine casualties were one WIA (who required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 280655H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company F search and destroy operation conducted in grid square (BT 0869) on 27 May. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed one punji trap (described as four feet by four feet by four feet, with one bamboo stake three feet in length, and covered with plastic and sand) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 080692). The report also stated that three metal stakes, four feet in length, and four bamboo stakes were also discovered and destroyed in the same area.

e. At 280745H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company F search and destroy operation conducted in grid square (BT 0869) on 27 May. The report stated that the Marines discovered and destroyed twenty bamboo punji stakes placed in the ground and concealed within a hedgerow in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 085693).

f. At 280925H, a Company C (1stBn 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082601) reported receiving eight small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of LAI NGHE (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 087608). The Marines directed five 90mm (tank) rounds, ten 60mm mortar rounds, and ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. When the Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions they reported apprehending one Viet Cong suspect. (The report identified the captive as a Viet Cong, but did not provide details to substantiate this identification).

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a. Late Report. At 270930H, a Company L patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 978693). The report identified the device as a 60mm mortar round, rigged to function as an anti-personnel mine. The report indicated that the device was equipped with a pressure-type fuze assembly. The device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. Late Report. At 270945H, a Company L patrol, operating in the vicinity of YUM H (4) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 978678), reported the discovery of what were described as three freshly dug punji traps, one foot by one foot by one foot in depth. The report stated that the punji pits were destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 271000H, a Company L squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of CHU NG (1) hamlet area, reported the discovery of one U.S. carbine, caliber .30, and two ammunition magazines, hidden under a boat at coordinates (AT 988693). The report stated that one Viet Cong Suspect was apprehended, when he was found in this area and appeared unwilling to cooperate with the Marines. The report indicated that the suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 271815H, the Battalion S-3 reported that two small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 992676). The report indicated that the rounds appeared to be emanating from a location at some great distance from the Marines' positions, and the fire was not returned. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 272040H, a Company L platoon positioned at coordinates (AT 980682) reported receiving one grenade in the platoon positions from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report indicated that the Marines did not return the fire as the enemy location could not be discerned, and a patrol dispatched to search the area produced negative results. Marine casualties were one KIA.

f. At 272125H, the Battalion S-3 reported that seven small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post positions, coordinates (AT 992676), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 995-678). The report indicated that the Marines illuminated the area with 81mm mortar illumination rounds but were unable to determine the location of the enemy positions. No Marine casualties were reported.

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a. At 271100H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 971498), reported sighting five men, one of whom was armed, moving in a northerly direction in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984478). No additional information was provided.

b. At 271300H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970478), reported sighting eighteen Viet Cong moving in a south west direction in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 972162). Artillery support was requested and ninety one 105mm HE rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that four of the Viet Cong were observed fleeing to the north west. According to the report, three KIA (body count) and an additional nine were KIA (possible), as a result of this action.

c. At 271330H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion) positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 970478), reported that USAF U-10 aircraft broadcasting propaganda messages in the area in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9750), received ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong whose location could not be determined. No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft was reported.

d. At 272150H, the battalion S-2 relayed a report from an unidentified U.S. Army Advisor assigned to an element of the 51st ARVN Regiment located in the AN HOA area, that an ARVN company, located at coordinates (AT 888483), received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated twenty Viet Cong, armed with at least one caliber .30 machine gun, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 893483). The report indicated that mortar support was requested and eighteen 81mm HE mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report stated that ARVN casualties were one WIA. No additional information was provided, but the report did state that a Marine unit would be dispatched to search the area of the suspected Viet Cong positions.

e. At 272005H, Company I, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 906475), reported observing what was described as automatic weapons fire being directed into positions that Company I had recently vacated (exact location was not indicated). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the suspected enemy location, coordinates (AT 912483), with a reported good effect on the target area. The report stated that Company I will conduct a search of the area on 28 May. No additional information was received as of the termination of this INTSUM.

f. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 provided additional information regarding a Company M ambush action on 26 May (see 262300H entry, INTSUM #146). The report stated that, in a subsequent search of the area, the Marines discovered what was identified as Viet Cong documents. The report indicated that the documents made reference to a Viet Cong regimental unit, designated EO3, in the report. The Battalion S-2 stated that the documents would be evacuated to G-2 for evaluation.

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a. At 272130H, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines S-2 Officer relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN source at HIEU DUC District Headquarters, that one Viet Cong company (unidentified) with a strength of ninety men, is presently located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 948 639). The report stated that this Viet Cong force, commanded by one DINH TAN, has joined forces with local guerrillas. The report stated that two platoons of this company force, commanded by one LE CHAU, is positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 960675) and (AT 956679). The report continued that one platoon of this Viet Cong force, commanded by one VO NGOC CHAU, reinforced with local guerrillas, is presently operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 904674) and (AT 915684). The report was rated F-6 by HIEU DUC. S-2 rates the report F-6.

b. At 272345H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters (presently located at HOI AN) reported that the ARVN compound at HOI AN, vicinity of coordinates (BT 145565), received three 60mm mortar rounds. The report did not indicate the enemy location but did state that a crater analysis indicated that the fire was received from a southwest direction on a magnetic azimuth of 220°. The report stated that 81mm mortar were utilized to direct counter-mortar fire on the suspected areas and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. Friendly (ARVN) casualties were one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(5) 24Bn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 270830H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported apprehending four Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 015648). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended in an area from where the Marines had received small arms fire two hours previously. The report stated that the suspects will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

b. At 271000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a 3d Engineer vehicle (truck, 6x6, 5 ton, M51), detonated an explosive device in the vicinity of THANH QUIT (3) hamlet, coordinates (BT 005633), resulting in moderate damage to the vehicle but no casualties. The report described the device as a shaped-charge type mine, consisting of approximately fifteen pounds of explosives, rigged with an electrical detonating mechanism.

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c. At 280345H, a Company F platoon-size ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 018619) reported making contact with one Viet Cong, when the man entered the Marines' ambushade. The report stated that the Marines directed one hand grenade at the man, resulting in his death. The report indicated that a search of the body produced negative results. No weapons, documents or equipment were reported recovered.

(6) 1stBn 9thMar

a. At 271000H, the Battalion S-2 reported that approximately one hundred fifty local villagers had gathered on the periphery of the Battalion Command Post, coordinates (AT 967616), in what was termed a protest demonstration against the Marines' H&I fires. The report stated that the villagers carried with them the body of a Vietnamese female, purported to have been the victim of the Marines' mortar fire. (The Battalion S-2 commented that investigations indicated that no Marine H&I fires had been directed into the area during the time the casualty was supposed to have been inflicted). The report continued that the villagers displayed anti-American leaflets whose subject matter was also civilian casualties sustained as the result of Marines fires. The report stated that the villagers were directed to disperse and return to their homes and they complied without incident nor evidence of rancor. The report stated that the protest very likely had been instigated by the Viet Cong. No additional information was provided.

b. At 271020H, a Company C patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 952688), resulting in two Marines KIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade, and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 271045H, a Company A squad-sized patrol reported apprehending two Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 952603). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed acting suspiciously and could not account for their presence in the area. The report stated that one of the suspects was released after interrogation and the second Viet Cong Suspect was evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 271700H, Company D, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid squares (AT 9662), (AT 9664), (AT 9665) and (AT 9763), reported the discovery of four tunnels (size not indicated), one 81mm mortar shell (the report did not indicate whether the mortar shell was rigged to detonate) and four fighting holes (size not indicated). The report stated that the tunnels, 81mm mortar shell and fighting holes were all destroyed by the Marines.

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e. At 271715H, a Company A squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980612) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981609). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and five 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.

f. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 provided the results of a Company C platoon-sized search and destroy operation conducted during the period 270800H to 271300H in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9565). The report stated that, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 956655), the Marines discovered and destroyed a total of seven reinforced bunkers (one of which was constructed of brick, two of concrete, and four of bamboo), and, in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 951656), the Marines also discovered and destroyed an additional six reinforced bunkers (one of which was constructed of brick, two of bamboo, and three of concrete).

g. At 280900H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Company C platoon, conducting a search and destroy operation, detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 955688), resulting in two Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report added that while operating in the same area the Marines also discovered and destroyed one cave, described as six feet in depth, at coordinates (AT 952689); one punji trap at coordinates (AT 953688); and two 81mm mortar illumination rounds (location of discovery not indicated). The report did not indicate whether the 81mm mortar rounds were rigged to detonate or provide any additional information.

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)	3	1006
KIA (Possible)	9	1212
VC Captured	0	430
VC Suspects Apprehended	7	1942
Returnees (Since 21Jan66)	0	13

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INVSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Trap, punji 4x4x4 ft	280655H
4	Stakes, metal 4' in length	-dc-
4	Stakes, bamboo (size not indicated)	-dc-
20	Stakes, punji	280745H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar	270930H
3	Traps, punji 1x1x1 ft	270945H
1	Carbine, U.S. caliber .30	271000H
2	Magazines, ammunition	-dc-
UNK	Documents (unevaluated)	280900H
1	Trap, punji	280900H
2	Shells, 81mm mortar	-dc-

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications:

1	Tunnel, (size not indicated)	271100H
13	Bunkers, (size not indicated)	280900H
1	Cave, 6' in depth	280900H

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Mag 16	(1)	3d AT	(1)
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)

Subj: Intelligence Summary #148, Period ending 291000H, May 1966

Encl: (1) ✓ Special Intelligence Report of 1/9 action of 21 May

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operation.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 90 Low: 75
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: .33 inches
- e. Wind: SE at 7 knots
- f. Visibility: 15 Miles

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

(3) Astronomical Data.

	<u>BLCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
30 May	0551	0614	1915	1938	1533	0301 (31May)	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) Special Reports.

a. At 281045H, a U.S. Army Liaison Officer assigned to the 51st ARVN Regimental Headquarters at BO MUNG relayed a report from an (unidentified)

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GVN source that one Viet Cong unit, designated the Q16B company, armed with one 60mm mortar, one caliber .30 machine gun and four BAR's, and commanded by one NGO LUYEN, is presently located at coordinates (AT 956675). (This portion of the report was rated B-2 by BO MUNG). The report continued that one Viet Cong Company, designated the Q15B (commander and armament not indicated), displaced from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 028605) to the vicinity of coordinates (BT 010645). (This portion of the report was rated B-2 by BO MUNG). The report concluded that one Viet Cong Company (unidentified), armed with one 60mm mortar and two caliber .30 machine guns, is presently deployed in the area extending from the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035680) to (BT 036688). (This portion of the report was rated C-3). S-2 rates the entire report F-3.

(2) 3dBn 9thMar

a. At 282001H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8848), reported the discovery and destruction of three bunkers, (two of which were described as five feet by five feet by six feet in depth, and one described as five feet by six feet by seven feet in depth) at coordinates (AT 883484). The report stated that two tunnels, described as six feet in length, were also discovered and destroyed at coordinates (AT 887490).

b. At 282300H, a Company L squad-sized ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 878496) reported receiving five small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned at approximately fifty meters range. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong who quickly withdrew from the ambush site, fleeing to the north. A search of the ambush site revealed one U.S. caliber .30 (M-1) ammunition clip and two empty caliber .30 cartridge cases. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 280645H, a Company E platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 001628), reported the discovery of three caves (no further description provided). The report stated that the caves were destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 281000H, a Company F platoon patrol, operating in the vicinity of PHONG LUC (3) hamlet, reported the discovery of what was described as a reinforced tunnel, three feet by two feet by thirty feet in length, and a cave, approximately ten feet in extent, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 018625). The report stated that the tunnel and cave were destroyed by the Marines.

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c. At 281310H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 050636) reported receiving ten to fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 053636). Artillery support was requested and twenty 105mm rounds were directed 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.

d. At 281810H, a Company E platoon, occupying positions in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 000630), reported receiving eight small arms rounds from what was initially identified as one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002628). The Marines directed two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The report stated that a patrol was dispatched to search the site of the Viet Cong positions, but produced negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 281840H, this Company E platoon reported that, as this patrol was returning to the platoon base after searching the area from where the earlier fire had emanated, the Marines received approximately fifty small arms rounds from and estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002626). The Marines directed sixty small arms rounds and seven 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines again searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report stated that one Marine was WIA (a subsequent report indicated the Marine died of wounds) as the result of this action. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 281900H, this Company E platoon reported that an additional fifty to seventy five small arms rounds were received in the platoon positions coordinates (BT 000630), from Viet Cong positioned in the same area from which the earlier fire had been received, in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002628). Mortar support was requested and twenty two 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location and the enemy fire ceased. The report stated that a patrol was again dispatched to search the area, but was unable to renew the contact. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

g. At 281910H, as an epilogue to this series of incidents, Company E reported that a USMC helicopter, evacuating casualties from the platoon positions at coordinates (BT 000630), received an estimated two hundred small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the same area from which the earlier fire had been received, coordinates (BT 002628). Mortar support was again requested and an additional eighteen 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the enemy location, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. A detailed search of the area again failed to renew the contact. No Marine casualties nor damage to the aircraft were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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h. At 290630H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013618) reported receiving fifty to seventy five small arms rounds from approximately ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 013616) and (BT 016616). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds, eight 40mm (M-79) rounds and three 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and six 60mm mortar rounds and twenty one 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.

g. At 290820H, a Company G platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012615) reported receiving eight to ten small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012614). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and ten 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. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(4) 1stBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 280755H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a Vietnamese woman, evidently a resident of BICH BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT 985-635), informed Headquarters and Service Company Marines conducting a patrol in this area that six Viet Cong, identified as five males and one female, crossed the SONG BAI XAU in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9863) (east to west) and positioned a mine (type not indicated) on the main supply route (MSR) in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 984632). The report stated that, in response to this report, an engineer element was dispatched to clear this portion of the MSR. The report stated that the employment of mechanical detectors failed to produce the device. The report continued however, that as the engineer element was enroute on their return to the Battalion Command Post, the vehicle in which they were travelling (truck, 3/4 ton, M-37) detonated an explosive device at coordinates (AT 984632), which is the location that the villager had specified as the site of the Viet Cong mine, and the area which the engineers had just carefully examined with negative results. The report identified the device as a rudimentary (homemade) mine consisting of approximately twenty pounds of explosives (type not indicated) and rigged with what was believed to be a non-metallic pressure-type detonating mechanism. Marine casualties were ten WIA (two whom required medical evacuation). The report indicated that damage to the vehicle was extensive. (In a subsequent report, the Battalion S-3 recorded the comments of the officer in charge of the engineer elements supporting this Battalion, regarding this incident. The Marine engineer stated that extra care had been taken in examining this area because of the villager's report, and that one tank, one 1/4 ton vehicle (M-422A1), one 3/4 ton truck (PC M-37), and two mules (vehicle, M-274) had traversed the road prior to the mine detonation. The engineer officer added that the crater which resulted from this explosion was approximately three feet in depth and measured five to six feet across at road level).

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a. At 281200H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 980678); however, no casualties were reported. The report described the device as a form of cartridge trap, consisting of a 7.62mm cartridge affixed in a 20mm (aerial cannon) shell, so as to detonate when the device was stepped on. The report stated that the device did detonate, and the projectile was propelled, but luckily missed the Marine. The report added that a second explosive device, identified as an U.S. (M-26) grenade rigged with a trip-wire activator, was found approximately four feet from the cartridge trap. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

b. At 282200H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 980687), resulting in one Marine WIA (who required medical evacuation). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was positioned along the side of the trail and rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 282345H, Company L reported that Marines providing security for a bridge at coordinates (AT 962660) sighted one Viet Cong reportedly swimming from one bridge pontoon to another pontoon, then climbing upon the bridge supports. The report stated that the Marines directed fourteen small arms rounds and one hand grenade at the intruder and observed him fall into the river as if struck by the Marines' fire. The report stated that the area was illuminated and a search was conducted, but it produced negative results. The report also stated that the bridge was searched for possible sabotage efforts, but this also produced negative results. Enemy casualties were estimated as one Viet Cong KIA (possible).

(6) 2dBn 4thMar

a. At 281000H, a Company L (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 078670), resulting in two Marines WIA (who required medical evacuation). The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

b. At 281010H, a Company K (3dBn, 9thMar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094645), reported receiving three small arms rounds, described as sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one 90mm (tank) rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the suspected 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 281052H, a Company H platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 074675) reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated eight to ten Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 077675). The Marines directed four hundred small arms rounds, seven 40mm (M-79) rounds, and two LAAM (M-72) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and fourteen 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.

d. At 281500H, Company G, conducting a search and clear operation, reported apprehending eight Viet Cong Suspects in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 081599). The report stated that the suspects were apprehended when they were observed acting suspiciously. The report stated that the suspects were evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point, for investigation.

e. At 281715H, a Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) squad-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 093644) reported receiving four small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 094649). The Marines directed five 81mm mortar 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. Marine casualties were one WIA (med-evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 281825H, Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) reported that fifteen small arms rounds were received in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 089653), described as automatic weapons fire, from two to three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 087-649). The Marines directed one hundred fifty small arms rounds, ten 90mm (tank) rounds, and one 90mm (tank) cannister round 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 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 282040H, a Company K (3d Bn 9th Mar, under OPCON this battalion) platoon-size patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 098658) reported receiving fifteen to twenty small arms rounds, described as sniper fire, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed thirty small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The Marines searched the area with negative results. Marine casualties were two WIA (one of whom was med-evac). Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. See 280755H entry, this INTSUM.

D. Viet Cong Casualties:

	<u>For 24 Hour</u> <u>Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	0	1006
KIA(Possible)	1	1213
VC Captured	0	430
VC Suspects Apprehended	8	1950
Returnees(Since 21Jan66)	0	13

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	281200H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

2	Bunkers, 5x5x6 ft	282001H
1	Bunker, 5x6x7 ft	-de-
2	Tunnels, 6 ft in length	-de-
3	Caves (size not indicated)	280645H
1	Tunnel, 3x2x30 ft	281000H
1	Cave, 10 ft in depth	-de-

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3dMar	(1)	3/1	(2)	CO	(1)
3dEng	(1)	2/12	(2)		
EOB	(1)	FSOC	(1)		
MAC-11	(1)	S-2	(6)		
MAC-16	(1)	S-3	(2)		
1/9	(2)	1stAmTrac	(1)		
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HEADQUARTERS
1st Battalion, 9th Marines
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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3800
26 May 1966

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From: Intelligence Officer
To: Special Distribution

Subj: Intelligence Information on the 1/9 action of 21 May in HOA LOI
and HOA LONG Villages.

1. A debrief of certain Marines directly involved in the subject action revealed the following information, most of which is correlated by more than one individual:

a. The VC were clad mostly in black or white shorts and black or white shirts. Almost all of them however had a uniform of some sort in their possession; usually carried within the pack. Most of the uniforms were gray and brand new, but some were faded green or faded khaki. Some of the Viet Cong reportedly had helmets (U.S. type); however most of them wore short brimmed straw hats or cloth hats. Many of the hats were camouflaged with sticks and leaves. Most of the VC were barefooted, but some wore the "HO CHI MINH" type sandals.

b. Many of the Viet Cong were well equipped, wearing packs, web-gear, canteens (US and home-made type), first aid packets, ponchos, magazines and grenade pouches, E-tools, plus weapons and grenades. In some cases the packs contained flashlights, razors, toothbrushes and personal effects. Some of the VC were not so well equipped. They carried weapons and grenades but no other equipment. Others still carried grenades but no weapons. This indicates that the VC force may have been a main force unit augmented by local guerrillas.

c. The VC were well armed and had an automatic weapons density of nearly one out of every two weapons. Some typical weapons used by the VC were K-50s, M-14s, M-1s, U.S. carbines, ChiCom K-44 carbines and BARs. Two light machine guns were captured and there were indications of at least two more used by the VC. All elements reported receiving 60mm mortar fire. A recoilless rifle (57mm) was reported several times. One tank received minor damage from a direct hit by the recoilless rifle. Several Marines reported that the 57mm recoilless rifle took a direct hit by the tank's 90mm gun, but the weapon has not yet been recovered.

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d. In the initial stages of the action, the VC stood and fought from the trenches until over-run by the Marines. Later in the fighting they were seen attempting to run away from the Marines, even digging frantically, trying to avoid contact. During the later stage of the fighting, the VC became very confused and seemed to be without discipline or leadership. Except for one report of a whistle, no signs or any attempt to use signals or communications were heard, although the din of the firing could have drowned out such commands. It is possible that early in the fighting the leaders were killed or wounded, thus leaving the ranks in a state of confusion.

e. Very little food was found on the bodies of the dead VC. The area they were operating in however, was loaded with rice and potatoes so they could easily have lived off the villagers for some time. What rice that was found was already cooked and prepared with a sticky sauce. It was carried in cloth pouches.

f. Unit identification indicates that the R-21 and R-23 companies of the R-20 Battalion participated in the action.

g. Of general interest is the fact that the M-60 machine gun captured in the action has been reported as the machine gun lost by an element of M/3/9 in an action in the exact same area in the month of October 1965.

h. There is little question that a sizeable group of VC swam the SONG YEN from west to east with all of their weapons, grenades and ammunition although some equipment was left on the west bank, since no fording site was found anywhere in the area by a Force Recon search team committed shortly after the action.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary #149, Period ending 301000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

A. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

(1) Weather.

- a. General: Cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 95° Low: 79°
- c. Average Humidity: 74%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: Variable at 5 knots
- f. Visibility: 7 miles

(2) Trafficability of roads/trails within the Area of Operations:
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>
31 May	0551	0614	1915	1938	1629	2342	3/4

B. Enemy Military Situation.

(1) 2dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 290820H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012615) reported receiving eight

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small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 012614). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) 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 291030H, a Company F patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 002612) reported receiving small arms fire (volume not indicated) from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 004607). The report indicated that the Marines did not return the fire but did search the area suspected of harboring the Viet Cong positions, but the search failed to disclose the enemy location. No Marine casualties were reported.

c. At 291920H, the Battalion S-3 reported that fifteen small arms rounds were received in the Battalion Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 015627), from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 017623). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the south. Mortar support was requested and six 60mm mortar rounds were directed at the withdrawing enemy with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 291945H, Company F reported that what was described as one rifle grenade impacted within the Company Command Post perimeter, coordinates (BT 004612). The report indicated that the point of origin of the projectile could not be determined and the Marines did not return the fire. No Marine casualties were reported.

e. At 300550H, a Company G patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 019625), resulting in six Marines WIA. The report described the device as a rudimentary mine, positioned along a trail and rigged with a pressure release-type activator. (The report indicated that the mine may have been fashioned in such a way so as to function as a "bounding" mine, but no details were provided).

(2) 3dBn 9thMay

a. Late Report. At 290900H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959471), reported sighting one Viet Cong, armed with an automatic weapon (not identified), walking southwest on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946450). No additional information was provided.

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b. Late Report. At 290935H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report which originated with an (unidentified) ARVN source and was passed through G-2, that a five hundred man Viet Cong force, identified as a headquarters unit, is located at coordinates (AT 980533). The report also stated that a Viet Cong (field) hospital (no further description provided) is located in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 980530). The report was rated C-2 by G-2. The report added that an aerial observer was dispatched to investigate the areas indicated in this report, but reported negative results. (S-2 comment: The presence of enemy facilities in the areas noted is possible (F-3), but the absence of specific identifications [ie: size or command level of the headquarters unit] prohibits effective credibility evaluation and the report is rated F-6).

c. At 291145H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959471), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong walking north on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946450). No additional information was provided.

d. At 291335H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959471), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong walking southeast on a trail at coordinates (AT 948464). No additional information was provided.

e. At 291400H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959471), reported sighting three armed Viet Cong walking north on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 944446). The report indicated that the Viet Cong disappeared from view before effective action could be initiated. No additional information was provided.

f. At 291600H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 887490). The report identified the device as a 105mm artillery shell (DUD), (initial report described the device as an 81mm mortar shell (DUD)) and stated that it was positioned in close proximity to a gate and rigged with a pull-type activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

g. At 291640H, a Company M patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 918509) reported receiving twenty to thirty small arms rounds from five to six Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 920509). The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds, five 40mm (M-79) rounds and one LAAW (M-72) 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.

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h. At 291800H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 999471), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong walking northwest on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947465). No additional information was provided.

i. At 291855H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 959471), reported sighting four Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 948464). Artillery support was requested and six 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report indicated that one Viet Cong was KIA (body count) and an additional three Viet Cong possibly KIA as a result of the Marines' artillery fire.

j. At 291930H, a Company L squad-sized patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 877498). The report identified the device as a U.S. (M-16A1), antipersonnel mine and stated that it was rigged with a trip-wire activator. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

k. At 292210H, a Company L patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 885494), resulting in one (USN) KIA and six Marines WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-16A1) antipersonnel mine, and stated it was positioned on high ground, but provided no additional details.

l. At 300300H, a Company M ambush element located at coordinates (AT 906505) reported receiving two to three grenades from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds at the suspected enemy position, then withdrew to allow artillery fires to be delivered into the area. A total of twelve 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported good effect on target. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(3) 3d Bn 1st Mar

a. At 291035H, a Company I platoon, located at coordinates (BT 032693), reported receiving five small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033692). The Marines directed fifteen small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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b. At 291115H, Company I reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds in the Company Command Post positions, coordinates (BT 032693), from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033691). The Marines directed forty to sixty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 291248H, a Company I patrol operating in the vicinity of the west bank of the SONG VINH DIEN, coordinates (BT 029691), reported receiving three small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned to the east of the river in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 031690). The Marines directed five small arms rounds, four 40mm (M-79) rounds and two 3.5 inch (rocket) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire was not repeated. The report stated that the Marines did not pursue the Viet Cong due to the intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 292020H, Company I reported that Marines providing security for the bridge at coordinates (AT 962660) observed what was described as a round of unknown caliber and type impact approximately one hundred meters from their position and then ricochet to within seventy five meters of their position. The round was described as being eight to twelve inches long and three to four inches in diameter with a yellow band around it. The report stated that additional details will be provided as they become available.

e. At 292100H, a Company I squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033744) reported receiving one small arms round from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 033746). The Marines directed twenty five small arms rounds and observed one Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire. The report stated that the Marines could not search the Viet Cong positions due to an intervening body of water. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated as one WIA (possible).

f. At 300230H, a Company K platoon, located at coordinates (AT 999 699), reported receiving two small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 005700). The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. The report indicated that the exact enemy location could not be discerned and the Marines did not return the fire due to the proximity of friendly units.

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a. Late Report. At 290845H, a Company A patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 943633), reported the discovery of approximately four hundred pounds of rice in what appeared to be an abandoned building in that area. The report stated that the rice was evacuated to HIEU DUC District Headquarters for appropriate disposition.

b. Late Report. At 290930H, a Company A patrol reported the discovery of an explosive device at coordinates (AT 952630). The report identified the device as an 105mm (artillery) shell and stated that it was positioned in proximity to a punji trap and rigged with a friction-type activator so as to detonate if the trap was entered. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. At 291055H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported apprehending one Viet Cong Suspect at coordinates (AT 956605). The report stated that the suspect was apprehended when it was noticed that he had sustained a bullet wound and could not provide an adequate explanation for his wound. The report stated that the suspect will be evacuated to the 3d Marine Division Prisoner Collection Point for investigation.

d. At 291115H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol reported the discovery of one punji trap in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 954606), and the discovery of one tunnel (size not indicated) at coordinates (AT 953606). The report stated that the punji trap and tunnel were destroyed by the Marines.

e. At 291430H, a Company B squad-sized patrol reported that one Marine was wounded when he stepped on a punji stake at coordinates (AT 963663). The report stated that the stake was subsequently destroyed by the Marines.

f. At 291600H, a Company A platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962602) reported receiving what was described as a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated thirty Viet Cong armed with at least three machineguns, positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 962599), (AT 968601), and (AT 969599). The report stated that the Marines returned the fire with small arms and LAAM (M-72) rounds and the Viet Cong broke contact, withdrawing to the southeast. Mortar support was also requested and ten 81mm mortar rounds were directed at the withdrawing enemy. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong by fire but were unable to maintain the contact. Marine casualties were ten WIA. Enemy casualties were estimated as ten Viet Cong KIA (possible) and nine Viet Cong WIA (possible).

g. At 292325H, a Company B ambush element positioned at coordinates (AT 946662) reported making contact with three armed Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meters range. The Marines directed thirty five small arms rounds and one 40mm (M-79) round at the Viet Cong who quickly withdrew from the ambush site. The report stated that a search of the ambush site revealed pools of blood and drag marks, which indicated that the Viet Cong had sustained several casualties. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were estimated (4)

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a. Late Report. At 290900H, an engineer road clearing element operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 079699) received three hundred small arms rounds, one 60mm mortar round and one grenade from an estimated ten to twelve Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 082699). The report stated that the Marines returned 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 and reported finding the bodies of five Viet Cong KIA. One U.S. rifle (M-14), modified, serial number 573797, was also discovered in the area. Marine casualties were four WIA. Enemy casualties were five Viet Cong KIA(body count).

b. At 291700H, the Battalion S-3 reported that an LVTF-5, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 044716) detonated an explosive device, resulting in six Marines WIA. The report did not identify the device nor indicate its size or method of detonation. The report did state that damage to the LVT was moderate. Additional details will be provided when available.

c. At 292127H, a Company B (1st Bn 1st Mar, under OPCON this battalion) ambush element positioned at coordinates (BT 054715) reported making contact with four to five armed Viet Cong at approximately one hundred meters range. The Marines directed two hundred small arms rounds and ten 40mm (M-79) rounds at the Viet Cong who returned the fire with twenty small arms rounds. The report stated that the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew (direction not indicated). No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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

D. <u>Viet Cong Casualties:</u>	<u>For 24 Hour Reporting Period:</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 10 Jul 65:</u>
KIA(Confirmed)	6	1012
KIA(Possible)	14	1227
VC Captured	0	267*
VC Suspects Apprehended	1	1951
Returnees(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	13

NOTE: * Decrease of 164 VC Captured due to typographical error in INTSUM #141 dtd 21 May 1966.

Increase of one VC Captured based on 3d IFF report 139-5-66 dtd 27 May 1966.

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ITF Report #139-5-66

Name: CHAU QUANG TRUNG

Age: 23

Status: VC HOA VANG District Liaison NCO

Capturing Unit: L-3-1 on 27 May 1966

E. Captured and destroyed enemy material.QUANTITY ITEMITEMS ENTRY NO.

1	Shell, artillery, 105mm (DUD)	291600E
1	Shell, artillery, 105mm	290930E
1	Trap, punji	291115E
1	Rifle, US (M-14) modified, SerNo 573797	290900E

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

1	Tunnel (size not indicated)	291115E
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ECO	(1)
MAC-11	(1)
MAC-16	(1)
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2/9	(2)
3/9	(2)
3/3	(2)
2/4	(2)
3/1	(2)
2/12	(2)

FSCC	(1)
S-2	(6)
S-5	(2)
1stArmTrac	(1)
3dTankBn	(1)
3dATBn	(1)
B Co Tanks	(1)
C Co AT	(1)
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31 May 66

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) (G-2)
Subj: Intelligence Summary # 150, Period ending 311000H, May 1966

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation for the period.

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

- a. General: Cloudy
- b. Temperature: High: 93° Low: 79°
- c. Average Humidity: 80%
- d. Precipitation: None
- e. Wind: NE at 5 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>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
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B. Enemy Military Situations.(1) 2d Bn 4th Mar

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.

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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.

(3) 3dBn 9thMar

a. Late Report. At 300700H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955470), reported sighting two armed Viet Cong heading in a southeasterly direction on a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947475). The report stated that the Viet Cong disappeared from sight before effective action could be taken. No additional information was provided.

b. Late Report. At 300815H, a Company M platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was discovered at coordinates (AT 910498). The report described the device as a 60mm mortar round and stated it was rigged with a pressure-type activating mechanism. The report stated that the device was destroyed by the Marines.

c. Late Report. At 300940H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol reported that two explosive devices were discovered at coordinates (AT 885494). The report described the devices as two 60mm mortar rounds and stated that one was positioned on the shoulder of the trail and the second one was buried on the trail pointing upward and covered with what was described as a plastic raincoat. The report did not indicate how the devices were rigged to detonate but did state that both were destroyed by the Marines. The report recorded the lot numbers of the rounds as MA-1-352, MA-3-452 and MA-3-740.

d. Late Report. At 300945H, Company H, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 915508), resulting in four Marines WIA. The report did not identify the explosive device nor provide information of the size of the device nor the method of detonation.

e. At 301000H, a USMC helicopter operating in the Regimental TAOR reported receiving small arms fire from an estimated three Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of MY LOC (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 913514). The report stated that the helicopter directed (aerial) machinegun fire at the enemy location and reported observing two Viet Cong fall as if struck by the Marines' fire. Artillery support was also requested and 105mm rounds (quantity not indicated) were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on the target area. Enemy casualties were two Viet Cong WIA (possible). No Marine casualties or damage to the aircraft were reported. Additional information will be provided when available.

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f. At 301045H, Company M, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 924517), reported receiving what was described as sporadic small arms fire from an estimated ten to twelve Viet Cong positioned in widely separated positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910512), (AT 91513), (AT 917514) and (AT 920514). The report stated that the Marines returned small arms fire at the enemy position, and when the enemy fire continued, requested artillery support. 105mm artillery rounds were directed at the enemy locations 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 301310H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946476), reported sighting ten armed Viet Cong moving in a southeasterly direction along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 946476). The report stated that the Viet Cong disappeared from sight before effective action could be taken against them. No additional information was provided.

h. At 301447H, a reconnaissance element (Company D platoon, 3d Recon Bn, under OPCON this battalion), positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 955470), reported sighting what were described as seven Viet Cong (basis for identification was not indicated) moving southeast along a trail in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 947456). The report continued that artillery support was requested and eighteen 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location with a reported excellent effect on target. The report stated that enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count), three Viet Cong KIA (possible), and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

i. At 301810H, the Battalion S-2 reported that an (unidentified) woman, evidently a resident of PHU LAC (2) hamlet, coordinates (AT 924517), informed the Marines of Company M, that approximately twenty Viet Cong had departed the hamlet and headed in a northwesterly direction one hour prior to the Marines' arrival. No additional information was provided.

j. At 301815H, Company M, conducting a search and clear operation in the vicinity of PHU LAC (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 924517), reported the discovery of five tunnels (size not indicated), nine bunkers (described as four feet by four feet by seven feet in extent), one U.S. (M-26) grenade rigged to detonate, one mine (unidentified) rigged to detonate, one 60mm mortar shell, rigged to detonate, one 81mm mortar shell, rigged to detonate, and one gate, rigged with an explosive device (type not indicated). The report provided no additional information nor indicated in what manner the explosive devices were rigged for detonation. The report stated that the positions and devices were destroyed by the Marines.

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k. At 302030H, Company L, conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8849), reported the discovery of two 60mm mortar shells (the report did not indicate whether the shells were rigged to detonate), six tunnels (size not indicated), one spider trap, one 40mm (M-79) round (the report did not indicate whether the round was rigged to detonate) and one fence line (size not indicated) in the area of the Company's operation. The report did not provide additional information nor indicate the exact locations of the material or fortifications but did state that all were destroyed by the Marines.

l. At 302040H, a Company M squad-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 910507), reported receiving one U.S. (M-26) grenade as they were searching out a hedgerow, from Viet Cong positioned at close range. The report stated that the Marines deployed and searched the area but were unable to locate the enemy position nor continue the contact. Marine casualties were one WIA (who did not require medical evacuation).

m. At 310205H, a Company L platoon-sized patrol, operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 903509), reported making contact with one Viet Cong at close range. The report indicated that the Viet Cong occupied what was described as a "spider hole" position, and the Marines observed him as he was emerging. The Marines directed five small arms rounds and one U.S. (M-26) grenade at the Viet Cong and reported killing him. A search of the Viet Cong position produced one automatic weapon (not identified), two ammunition magazines (type not indicated) and the cartridge belt from the body of the dead Viet Cong. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong KIA (body count).

n. At 310430H, a Company M element manning a listening post position (location not indicated) reported that they observed three Viet Cong at coordinates (AT 914507). The Marines directed fifty to sixty small arms rounds, and four U.S. (M-26) grenades at the enemy position and the Viet Cong withdrew from the position into the heavy brush. A search of the area revealed blood stains indicating that at least one Viet Cong was wounded by the Marines' fire. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

o. At 310500H, Company M reported receiving what were described as sixty to seventy 60mm mortar rounds in the Company defensive positions, coordinates (AT 907508), from Viet Cong believed positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 915515). Artillery support was requested and 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. Marine casualties were one KIA and seventeen WIA (eight of whom required medical evacuation). Enemy casualties were not determined.

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p. At approximately the same time, Company L, occupying positions in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9050), reported that they could observe flashes of what Company L identified as mortar firing in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 909514). The Marines directed pre-planned artillery into the enemy location with reported excellent effect on the target area. A subsequent search of the area revealed the bodies of two Viet Cong KIA. The report stated that two sub-machineguns, CHICOM, 7.62mm, model K-50/PPSH-41, four ammunition magazines and one cartridge belt were recovered from the bodies. Enemy casualties during this action were two Viet Cong KIA (body count) and one Viet Cong WIA (possible).

(4) Special Reports

a. At 301840H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing eight to ten persons, identified in the report as Viet Cong, engaged in what appeared to be the digging of positions (foxholes) in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 037579). Artillery support was requested and thirty 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location. The report did not indicate the effects of the artillery fire nor provide additional details.

b. At 301845H, the USMC Liaison Officer assigned to the HOA VANG District Headquarters relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN agent that, at 292030H, forty armed Viet Cong displaced from the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975657) and moved to the area in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 982688). No additional information was provided. The report was rated B-2. S-2 rates the report F-3.

c. At 301845H, an Aerial Observer operating in the Regimental TAOR reported observing two to three Vietnamese males excavating what was described as a tunnel into the railroad embankment at coordinates (AT 992576). Artillery support was requested and twenty four 105mm rounds were directed at the enemy location, with a reported excellent effect on the target. Enemy casualties were not determined.

d. At 302015H, the Regimental FSCC reported that Battery A, 11th Marines, located at coordinates (BT 063683), received sixty small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in a treeline to the east and west of the artillery units' positions. The Marines directed one thousand small arms rounds and three hundred caliber .50 machinegun rounds at the enemy positions. Three 105mm artillery rounds were also directed at the enemy locations, and the Viet Cong fire ceased. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

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a. At 301030H, Company B, conducting a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 953683), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report did not identify the device nor provide additional details.

b. At 301130H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 931523) reported receiving twenty five small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of GIAO DONG (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 935573). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and three 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, artillery support was requested and eighty six 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. Marine casualties were reported as one WIA. Enemy casualties were not determined.

c. At 301245H, a Company D patrol reported the discovery of two explosive devices at coordinates (AT 937607). The report identified the devices as two U.S. (M-26) grenades and stated that they were positioned in proximity to a punji trap so as to detonate if the trap was entered. The report stated that the grenades were destroyed by the Marines.

d. At 301335H, the Battalion S-2 relayed a report from an (unidentified) GVN source at DAI LOC District Headquarters that one Viet Cong guerrilla platoon is located at each of the following locations, coordinates (AT 858549), (AT 885531), (AT 904531), (AT 914555), (AT 943573), (AT 952586), (AT 952589), and (AT 907598). No additional information was provided. The report was rated F-3. S-2 rates the report F-3.

e. At 301440H, a Company D platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 975610) reported receiving five small arms rounds from one Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of LA HUAN (2) hamlet area, coordinates (AT 976608). The Marines directed ten small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines searched the site of the Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 301650H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (AT 942578), resulting in one Marine WIA. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-45A1) "Bounding" mine but provided no additional details.

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g. At 301815H, the Battalion S-2 reported that a USMC tank operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 981624) detonated an explosive device, causing moderate damage to the tank but not inflicting any personnel casualties. The report described the device as a rudimentary (home made) mine (the report stated that the device may have consisted of an estimated eighty to one hundred pounds of explosives) and rigged with a pressure-type activator.

h. At 310925H, a Company C platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 932588) reported receiving thirty small arms rounds from four Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 933587). The Marines directed one hundred small arms rounds and two 40mm (M-79) rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong broke contact. The Marines pursued the Viet Cong until contact was lost. The report stated that the Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. Enemy casualties were not determined.

(6) 2nd Bn 9th Mar

a. At 301200H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 025623) reported receiving fifteen small arms rounds from Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of AN THANH (1) hamlet, coordinates (BT 027619). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds 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 301220H, a Company G platoon-sized patrol reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 010616) resulting in four Marines WIA. The report described the device as an US (M-16A1) "bounding" mine and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

c. At 301300H, a Company H platoon-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029616) reported receiving seventy to ninety small arms rounds from an estimated six to seven Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 029616). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position. When the enemy fire continued, mortar support was requested and forty one 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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d. At 301330H, a Company H squad-sized patrol operating in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993634) reported receiving twenty small arms rounds from two Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 990635). The Marines directed fifty small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. The Marines searched the site of the vacated Viet Cong positions with negative results. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

e. At 301350H, a Company E platoon-sized element, providing security for an engineer squad during a road mine clearing operation in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993637), reported receiving fifty small arms rounds from an estimated five Viet Cong positioned in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 993635). The report stated that the Marines deployed and directed seventy five small arms rounds at the enemy position and the Viet Cong fire ceased. Additional Marine elements were dispatched to block the escape of the Viet Cong from the area, but the enemy succeeded in evading the Marines. No Marine casualties were reported. Enemy casualties were not determined.

f. At 310550H, Company G, occupying a blocking position as part of a search and destroy operation, reported that an explosive device was detonated at coordinates (BT 005627); however, no casualties resulted from the detonation. The report described the device as an U.S. (M-26) grenade and stated it was rigged with a trip-wire activator.

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

a. See 301810H entry, this INTSUM.

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)	4	1016
KIA(Possible)	3	1230
VC Captured	0	267
VC Suspects Apprehended	0	1951
Returns(Since 21 Jan 66)	0	15

F. Captured and destroyed enemy material.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Belt, cartridge	Para (3)p
4	Magazines, ammunition(unidentified)	-do-
2	Sub-Machineguns, CHICOM, 7.62mm model K-50/PPSH-41	-do-
2	Shells, 60mm mortar	300940H
1	Shell, 60mm mortar	300818H

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INTSUM ENTRY NO.</u>
1	Grenade, US (M-26)	301815H
1	Device, explosive (unidentified)	-do-
1	Shell, 60mm mortar	-do-
1	Shell, 81mm mortar	-do-
1	Gate, booby-trapped	-do-
2	Shells, 60mm mortar	302030H
1	Trap, spider	-do-
1	Round, 40mm (M-79)	-do-
1	Fence line, (size not indicated)	-do-
2	Grenades, US (M-26)	301245H

F. Destroyed enemy positions and/or fortifications.

5	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	301815H
9	Bunkers, 4x4x7 ft	-do-
6	Tunnels, (size not indicated)	302030H


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RELEASES: E.M. SIMMONS..COLONEL

DRAFTER: E.A. HOMER.....CAPT.

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FRAG ORDER 121-66

A. DIVISION ORDER 5830.18

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS ELEVENTH DAY.
SPORADIC HOSTILE ACTION WAS ENCOUNTERED BY 3 MARINE
RIFLE COMPANIES ON COMBAT PATROLS. MARINE UNITS INFLECTED 14
KIA (BC), 15 WIA (POSS) AND 2 VCS ON VC DURING THIS REPORTING
PERIOD. MARINE FORCES SUSTAINED 1 KIA AND 4 WIA. CUMULATIVE
CASUALTIES FOR OPN GEORGIA AS OF 011800H:

VC
KIA (BC) - 67
KIA (POSS) - 50
WIA (CAPT) - 2
WIA (POSS) - 32
VCC - 6
VCS - 223

USMC

KIA - 1

WIA - 30

B. ENEMY FORCES. NINTH MARINES USM 121-66
2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9858-
9859) FROM 020700-1800H.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (~) SIZE CLEARING OPN IN AREA
BOUNDED BY (AT 980624-980637) (AT 992763-980624) FROM 020800-1600H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9900-
7961-9962- BT 0061-0662) FROM 020830-030030H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0353)
FROM 021400-030730H.

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- (3) CHOP OPCON G/2/4 (LESS ONE PLATOON) TO 2/4 AT 020000H.
 (4) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON F/2/9 ABOUT 030700H
 UPON DEPARTURE FROM AN HOA BY HELILIFT.
 C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES
 (1) CONTINUE OPN GEORGIA.
 (2) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON M/3/9 UPON DEPARTURE
 FROM 2/4 CP BY HELILIFT ABOUT 030700H.
 (3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON F/2/9 UPON DEPARTURE FROM
 AN HOA BY HELILIFT ABOUT 030700H.
 (4) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON A/1/9 ABOUT 030700H
 UPON DEPARTURE FROM DANANG AB BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
 (5) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON M/3/3 UPON DEPARTURE FROM AN HOA
 BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ABOUT 030700H.
 D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES
 (1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEANING OPN IN GS (BT 0402-
 0470-0471-0569-0570-0571) FROM 020000-1500H.
 (2) RESUME OPCON G/2/4 (LESS ONE PLATOON) AT 020000H.
 (3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON M/3/9 TO 3/9 UPON DEPARTURE 2/4 CP
 BY HELILIFT TO AN HOA ABOUT 030700H.
 E. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

- (1) BE PREPARED TO RESUME OPCON M/3/3 ABOUT 030700H
 UPON DEPARTURE FROM AN HOA BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
 (2) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON A/1/9 ABOUT 030700H TO
 3/9 UPON DEPARTURE DANANG AIR BASE BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) BATTALIONS ARE DIRECTED TO PLAN MINIMUM USAGE OF
 HELICOPTERS DURING PERIOD 4-5 MAY DUE TO HEAVY 3D MARDIV AIRCRAFT
 COMMITMENT ON THOSE DATES.

(2) REF (-) OUTLINES INSTRUCTIONS FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND
 REPORTING OF INCIDENTS OF SPECIAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL
 INTEREST. COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO INSURE COMPLIANCE.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. Omitted.

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S E C R E T

FRAG ORDER 122-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. OPERATION GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS TWELFTH DAY WITH EXTENSIVE S&D OPNS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF ITS ZOA. VC CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON 2MAY: 2KIA (BC), 13 KIA (POSS), USMC CASUALTIES SUSTAINED ON 2MAY: 1 KIA, 5 WIA.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 122-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

HAS BEEN SENT

A. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) CHOP OPCON M/3/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION UPON DEPARTURE BY HELILIGT FRO 2/4 CP ABOUT 030700H.

(2) RESUME OPCON 1 PLATOON G/2/4 FROM 2/9 AT 031400H.

(3) CONDUCT 1 DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0470-0569-0570) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(4) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLATOON SIZE OPERATION IN GS (BT 0865-0965) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) RESUME OPCON F/2/9 ABOUT 030700H.

(2) CHOP OPCON 1 PLATOON G/2/4 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT 031400H.

(3) CONDUCT 1 DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT9963) COMMENCING 030700H.

(4) CONDUCT 1 DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0363) COMMENCING 030700H.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE MINE CLEARING OPN VIC PHONG THU (1) GS (AT9858) COMMENCING AT 030700H.

(2) CONDUCT 1DAY PLATOON (REIN) CLEARING OPN IN GS

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(AT9664-9665-9764) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(3) CONDUCT 1 DAY COMPANY (-) SIZE CLEARING OPN IN
GS (AT9560-9460) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.(4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SPARROW HAWK REHEARSAL AFTER 031500H
IN EVENT ACTUAL MISSION NOT REQUESTED BY THAT TIME.

D. 3D BN 3D MAR.

(1) CHOP OPCON A/1/9 TO 3/9 UPON DEPARTURE BY FIXED WING
AIRCRAFT FROM DANANG AB ABOUT 030800H.

(2) RESUME OPCON M/3/3 ABOUT 030800H.

E. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION GEORGIA.

(2) RESUME OPCON M/3/9 ABOUT 030700H.

(3) ASSUME OPCON A/1/9 ABOUT 030800H.

(4) CHOP OPCON F/2/9 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION UPON DEPARTURE
BY HELILIFT FROM AN HOA ABOUT 030700H.(5) CHOP OPCON M/3/3 TO PARENT ORGANIZATION UPON DEPARTURE
BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM AN HOA ABOUT 030800H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 ZEN/THIRD TANK BN
 ZEN/FIRST AMTRAC BN
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RELEASER: E.H. SIMMONS COLONEL
 DRAFTER: E.A. HANER CAPTAIN

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FRAG ORDER 123-66

- A. DIVISION ORDER 220.2 (GRENADE HANDLING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS)
 B. NINTH MARINES 130840Z APR (HAND GRENADES. POLICY CONCERNING)
 1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OPN GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS THIRTEENTH DAY. M/3/9
 WAS HELILIFTED INTO OPN GEORGIA AREA AND RETURNED TO OPCON 3/9.
 F/2/9 WAS HELILIFTED OUT OF OPN GEORGIA AREA AND RETURNED TO OPCON
 2/9. A/1/9(-) WAS INSERTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT INTO AN HOA
 AND M/3/3(-) WAS EXTRACTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT COMMENCING

800H. RELIEF BETWEEN THESE COMPANIES NOT COMPLETED DUE TO
 GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. RELIEF WILL
 BE CONTINUED ON 4 MAY.

- B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 123-66.
 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
 3. EXECUTION

- A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES
 (1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR ALERT
 STATUS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA.
 (2) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS
 (BT 0471-0472-0571-0572) COMMENCING 040700H.
 (3) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS
 (BT 0465-0466-0467-0468-0565-0566-0567-0568-0665-0666-0667-
 0668) COMMENCING 040700H.
 (4) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS
 (BT 0762-0763-0764-0861-0862-0863-0864) COMMENCING 040700H.
 (5) CONDUCT 1-DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS
 (BT 0865-0866-0965) COMMENCING 040700H.

B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

- (1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0063)

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DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0161)

DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

C. 1ST BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE MINEFIELD CLEARING OPN VIC GS (AT 9858).

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY(-) SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9660-9760-9761) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(3) CONDUCT COORDINATED 2 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9566-9565-9664-9665) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

D. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE OPN GEORGIA.

(2) CHOP OPON REMAINING ELEMENTS M/3/3 TO PARENT UNIT UPON DEPARTURE BY FIXED WING FROM AN HOA ABOUT 040800H.

(3) ASSUME OPON REMAINING ELEMENTS A/1/9 UPON ARRIVAL BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AT AN HOA.

E. 3D BN. 3D MARINES

(1) CHOP OPON REMAINING ELEMENTS A/1/9 TO 3/9 UPON DEPARTURE BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM DANANG AB ABOUT 040730H.

(2) RESUME OPON REMAINING ELEMENTS M/3/3 UPON ARRIVAL BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AT DANANG AB.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF (A) OUTLINES NEW SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR USE AND HANDLING OF GRENADES. GRENADES WILL BE CARRIED IN AMMUNITION POUCHES AND/OR OTHER SUITABLE CONTAINERS. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL GRENADES BE HUNG LOOSELY FROM CARTRIDGE BELTS OR BELT SUSPENDERS. UNIT LEADERS, PARTICULARLY AT SQUAD LEVEL, WILL MAINTAIN STRICT CONTROL OVER ALL HAND GRENADES WITHIN THE UNIT. COMMANDERS WILL COMPLY WITH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OUTLINED IN REF (A). REF (B) CANCELLED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FRAG ORDER 124-66

1. SITUATION:

A. GENERAL: OPERATION GEORGIA COMPLETED ITS FOURTEENTH DAY.
 REMAINING ELEMENTS OF A/1/9 TRANSPORTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT
 TO AN HOA AND REMAINING ELEMENTS OF M/3/3 RETURNED TO DANANG.
 RIFLE COMPANIES OPERATING IN GEORGIA ZOA UNDER OPCON 3/9: 1/3/9. L/3/9.

M/3/9 AND R/1/9.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 124-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

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(1) CONDUCT BN (-) CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0563-0564-0661-0662-0663-0664-0761-0762). COMMENCING 050700H.

(2) CONDUCT ONE DAY PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0471-0570-0571) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0061-0161) FROM 041000-051000H.

(2) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR 12 ACTIVITIES BY PROVIDING TWO COMPANIES TO CORDON FROM (BT029516) TO (BT042620) AND (BT025619) TO (BT040623) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 51ST ARVN REGT. OPERATION COMMENCES AT 050500H.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONTINUE MINE CLEARING OPN IIC GS (AT9858).

(2) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ONE HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA.

D. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONTINUE OPN GEORGIA.**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.****A. ADMINISTRATION.**

(1) BN'S REQUIRED TO SUBMIT SCOUT/SNIPEER REPORT WITH DAILY SITREPS UTILIZING FORMAT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) NUMBER SCOUT/SNIPEER TEAMS IN BN.

(B) NUMBER SCOUT/SNIPEER TEAMS EMPLOYED.

(C) LOCATION AND RESULTS OF CONTACTS.

(2) 3/9 TWO COMPANY TACTICAL HELILIFT SCHEDULED FOR 050630H CANCELLED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT.

B. LOGISTICS.

(1) AERIAL DELIVERY RESUPPLY MISSION OF 70,000 LBS (CLASS FIVE) FOR 3/9 WILL ARRIVE IN WOA DZ 050730H.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS.**A. COMM-ELECTRONICS.**

(1) BN'S ARE DIRECTED TO MONITOR UHF FREQUENCY 338.4 (GOLD) AND/OR 43.5 (YELLOW) FROM 0800-1800H DAILY.

(2) CONTROL OF AERIAL DELIVERY MISSION BY PENNANT WINNER 14 ON 341.4 (BLUE). DZ WILL BE MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE.

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FRAG ORDER 125-66

A. 9TH MAR OPD 111-66 (OPN-GEORGIA)

1. SITUATION. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION. DURING PERIOD 7-10 MAY. 9TH MARINES EXECUTES BATTALION
 SIZE S&D IN AN HOA AREA PREPARATORY TO TERMINATION OF OPERATION
 GEORGIA AND RETRACTION OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND CERTAIN COMBAT AND
 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS FROM AREA. (SEE PHASE III. REF (A)).

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 7 MAY.

3D BN. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS 4-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN
 AREA NORTHEAST OF SONG TINH YEN AND SONG THU BON IN OPERATION
 GEORGIA AREA. AXIS OF ADVANCE TO NORTHEAST TOWARD MY HIEP COMPLEX
 (AT 8855). (AT 8955). AND (AT 8954). ABOUT 18 MAY. ON INFANTRY
 COMPANY (A/1/9) AND ELEMNTS COMPANY B (-). 1ST AMTRAC BN DEPART
 OPERATION GEORGIA AREA VIC MY HIEP COMPLEX. REMAINING 3/9 UNITS
 EXTRACT BY HELILIFT. AT WHICH POINT OPERATION GEORGIA OFFICIALLY
 TERMINATES.

B. 1ST BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCE EAST BANK OF
 SONG VU GIA BETWEEN E-W GRID LINES 54 AND 57 ON 10 MAY.

(2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON A/1/9 ON 18 MAY UPON
 RETRACTION FROM OPERATION GEORGIA.

(3) BE PREPARED TO COVER BY FIRE EXTRACTION 3/9 ELEMENTS
 FROM MY HIEP COMPLEX BY HELICOPTER ON 10 MAY.

(4) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND ONE
 ADDITIONAL RIFLE COMPANY ON 2-HOUR NOTICE IN SUPPORT OPERATION
 GEORGIA COMMENCING 070700H MAY. (UNLESS EXECUTED, THIS ALERT
 STATUS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATES ON 10 MAY UPON CONCLUSION
 OPERATION GEORGIA).

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C. 2D BN. 4TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR
ALERT STATUS (REGIMENTAL RESERVE) FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT
OPERATION GEORGIA.(2) DIRECT COMPANY COMMANDER REGIMENTAL RESERVE COMPANY
TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE IN HOA OPERATING BASE AREA PRIOR TO
7 MAY.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS AUTHORIZED.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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R.G-ORDER 125A-66

A. CG III MAF MSG 030616Z (ATTITUDE GOWARD VIETNAMESE)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR 12 WAS CONDUCTED VIC THANH QUIT (1)
(BT 032621) 5 MAY. MGENK. B. MCCUTCHEON. CG.. FMAW AND BGEN L.E.
ENGLISH. ADC. VISITED COUNTY FAIR AREA OF OPERATIONS THIS DATE
ESCORTED BY COL E.H. SIMMONS. CO. 9TH MARINES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 125-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2ND BN 4TH MARINES

(1) RELIEVE 1/9 OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN 1 COMPANY ON
1-HOUR ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA AY 060600H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0470-
0471-0570) COMMENCING 061030H.

B. 2ND BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR 12 OPNS VIC THANH QUIT (1)
(BT 0362).

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0061)
FROM 051600H- 060130H.

C. 1ST BN NINTH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE MINE CLEARING OPN VIC (BT 9858).

D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE OPN GEORGIA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF (A) ENJOINS MEMBERS OF III MAF TO DO THEIR
UTMOST TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIALITY WITH VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE. COMMANDERS WILL FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH CONTENTS OF
REF (A) AND IMPRESS UPON ALL SUBORDINATES THE IMPORTANCE OF
CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-MARINE CORPS RELATIONSHIPS.

B. LOGISTICS. LOGISTICAL RESUPPLY OF 70,000 POUNDS (CLASS V)
WILL ARRIVE AT AN HOA AIRSTRIP BY USAF C-123 ABOUT 060730H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 126-66

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR 12 CONCLUDED ACTIVITIES IN PHANH
QUIT (1) (BT032621) AT 061100H. TWO VC (IA (BC) AND 2 VCS WERE
APPREHENDED IN THE TWO DAY OPERATION.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR IUM 126-66

2. MISSION. NOOOOOOOO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ONE HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE
EMPLOYMENT OPN GEORGIA.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0860-
0261-0862-0961-0961-0962) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON COMBAT PATROL IN GS (BT0464-0465-0466-
0467-0468-0564-0565-0566-0567-0568-0664) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT0865-0965)
DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) RELIVE 1/9 OF MINE CLEARING OPN'S VIC PHONG
THU (AT9858) NLT 071200H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN VIC (BT024625)
COMMENCING 071300H.

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONTINUE OPN GEORGIA. COMMENCE PHASE
III ON 7MAY.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. AIR STRIKES WITHIN 9TH MAR ZOA MUST BE

APPROVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(THROUGH FCC CHANNELS) AND WILL BE CONTROLLED BY A
QUALIFIED ALO, FAC, TAC (A) OR ART.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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RELEASES: E.H. SIMMONS COL.

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 FRAG ORDER 127-66

A. NINTH MAR 171500Z (FRAG O 107-66) APR
 B. NINTH MAR 010915Z (CONTER MORTAR MEASURE) APR

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. THREAT OF MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST VITAL AREAS IN DANANG CONTINUES. SEE 9TH MARINES ICUMS AND PIR'S AS ISSUED.
 2. MISSION. 9TH MARINES CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ITS REAR AREA TO ELIMINATE THREAT OF MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST DANANG AIRBASE, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. ALL FORWARD BATTALIONS WILL CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS ON A CONTINUING BASIS IN REGIMENTAL ZOA REA AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON NORTH BY SONG CAU DO, ON EAST AND WEST BY REGIMENTAL BOUNDARY, ON SOUTH BY LINE RUNNING 2000 METERS SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO SONG CAU DO. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED ON LOCATION AND DESTRUCTION OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) ALL BATTALIONS WILL INSURE THAT A MINIMUM OF ONE PLATOON CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS CONTINUALLY IN AREA OUTLINED ABOVE.

(2) BATTALION COMMANDERS ARE ENJOINED

(A) TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH VIETNAMESE SECURITY FORCES TO INSURE MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF CRITICAL AREA.

(B) TO SUPPLEMENT, AS NECESSARY, VIETNAMESE SECURITY MEASURES WITH A POSITIVE SCHEDULE OF MARINE PATROLS.

(C) TO BE PREPARED TO COMMIT SUITABLE STRIKE FORCE IN EVENT A MORTAR POSITION OR OTHER VC ACTIVITIES ARE DISCOVERED OR REPORTED.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) PARA 1A (2) OF REF A, WHICH OUTLINED TEMPORARY ZOA FOR 2/4 IN EAST FLANK BN AREA, IS CANCELLED.

(2) REF B SUPERSEDED BY THIS ORDER.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 128-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV 060644Z (HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION/PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR 13 COMPLETED FIRST DAY ACTIVITIES
 VIC (AT 9763). COMBINED USMC-ARVN OPERATION ACCOUNTED FOR 7 VC
 KIA (BC) AND 3 VCC. SIX WEAPONS, ONE MINE AND NUMEROUS GRENADES
 ON 8 MAY.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 128-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES VIC (AT 9764).

(2) HELILIFT ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND ONE COMMAND GROUP
 FROM HILL 55 TO DAI LOC DISTRICT HQ IN PREPARATION SUPPORT EXTRACTION
 A/1/9 AND ELEMENTS FIRST AMTRAC BN FROM OPERATION GEORGIA.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE MINE CLEARING OPERATION VIC PHONG THU
 (AT 9858) 9 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) COMBAT PATROL IN GS (AT 9963-
 9962-9961-9960) COMMENCING 090900H.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PHASE III OPERATION GEORGIA.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0758-
 0759-0858-0859) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 9 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS
 DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 9 MAY:

(A) (BT 0470-0471-0570-0571)

(B) (BT 0664-0665-0667-0765-0766-0767).

(C) (BT 1064-1065-1164-1165).

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(3) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON ONE-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OPERATION GEORGIA.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) COMMANDERS ARE REMINDED THAT DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED BETWEEN BATTALION COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT CHIEFS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ZONES OF ACTION. LIAISON WILL BE EFFECTED WHENEVER USMC

FORCES OPERATE IN SUCH PROXIMITY TO RVN FORCES THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY OF UNITS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF (A) DIRECTS THIS COMMAND TO FURNISH 50 PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION/PHISICAL FITNESS TEST ON 27 MAY.

EACH ACTION ADDEE WILL NOMINATE 10 PERSONNEL BY NAME TO THIS HQ NLT 25 MAY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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 1. SITUATION
 A. GENERAL

DRAFTER: E.A. HOMER.CAPT.

RELEASER: E.H. SIMMONS.COL.

(1) OPERATION GEORGIA TERMINATES 100800H. REF (A)
 APPLIES. 9TH MARINES WILL MAINTAIN ONE BN (-) (RIEN) IN OPERATION
 GEORGIA OPERATING AREA PENDING DEVELOPMENT FINAL COORDINATED

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PLANS FOR CLEARING AND PACIFICATION OF AREA. MISSION OF FORCE WILL BE CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN OPERATIONAL AREA AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY TO AN HOA AREA.

(2) COUNTY FAIR 13 TERMINATED AT 091200H. RESULTS OF THIS 2-DAY USMC-ARVN OPN WERE: 7VC KIA (BC). 3 VCC. 7 WEAPONS RECOVERED. 1 CHICOM MINE. NUMEROUS GRENADES AND DOCUMENTS CAPTURED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 129-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) SUPPORT RETRACTION OF A/1/9 AND ELEMENTS 1ST AMTRAC BN FROM OPN GEORGIA ON 10 MAY BY PROVIDING BLOCKING FORCE AND SECURITY ELEMENTS.

B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE MINE CLEARING OPN BIC PHONG THU (AT 9858).

C. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES. EXECUTE PHASE 1/1/1 OPN GEORGIA

D. 2D BN. 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON COMBAT PATROL IN GS (BT 0365-0366-0464-0465-0565-0566-0665) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 10 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON COMBAT PATROL IN GS (BT 0662-0663-0664-0762-0763-0862-0863) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 10 MAY.

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0868-0869-0968-0969) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 10 MAY.

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0863-0864-0963-0964) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 10 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(-) REF (B) CHARGES COMMANDERS NOT TO USE M-274/M274A1 IN REAR AREAS. IN THE 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION MECHANICAL MULES WILL NOT BE USED NORTH OF THE SONG CAU DO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. COMMENCING 11 MAY, 3/9 LOGISTICAL, TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE HELICOPTER REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THIS HQ. REF (C) APPLIES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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AGM CG 3D MARDIV 061240Z (SLAYING OF VIETNAMESE BOY ON 2 MAY)
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 1. SITUATION
 A. GENERAL. OPERATION GEORGIA SECURED AQPPIPP. 3/9 COMMAND
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 TIONS.
 B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 130-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.
 3. EXECUTION
 A. 1ST BN. 9TH MARINES
 (1) CONTINUE 2-COMPANY OPERATION IN GS (AT 9056-9055-
 9054-9156-9155-9154) 11 MAY.
 (2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9566-
 9565) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 11 MAYJM
 (3) CHOP OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION
 AT 110800H.
 (4) CONDUCT PLATOON (-) CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9760-
 9660-9560-9559-9459) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 11 MAY.
 B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES
 (1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS IN GS (BT 0061)
 DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 11 MAY.
 (2) CONTINUE MINE CLEARING OPERATION VIC PHONG THU (3)
 OUTPOST (AT 984584) 11 MAY.
 (3) CHOP OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION
 AT 110800H.
 C. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES
 (1) CONDUCT COMBAT PATROLS IN GS (AT 8749-8849-8750-
 8748-8848-8747-8746-8745-8744-8743-8742-8741-8740-8739-8738-8737-8736-8735-8734-8733-8732-8731-8730-8729-8728-8727-8726-8725-8724-8723-8722-8721-8720-8719-8718-8717-8716-8715-8714-8713-8712-8711-8710-8709-8708-8707-8706-8705-8704-8703-8702-8701-8700-8699-8698-8697-8696-8695-8694-8693-8692-8691-8690-8689-8688-8687-8686-8685-8684-8683-8682-8681-8680-8679-8678-8677-8676-8675-8674-8673-8672-8671-8670-8669-8668-8667-8666-8665-8664-8663-8662-8661-8660-8659-8658-8657-8656-8655-8654-8653-8652-8651-8650-8649-8648-8647-8646-8645-8644-8643-8642-8641-8640-8639-8638-8637-8636-8635-8634-8633-8632-8631-8630-8629-8628-8627-8626-8625-8624-8623-8622-8621-8620-8619-8618-8617-8616-8615-8614-8613-8612-8611-8610-8609-8608-8607-8606-8605-8604-8603-8602-8601-8600-8599-8598-8597-8596-8595-8594-8593-8592-8591-8590-8589-8588-8587-8586-8585-8584-8583-8582-8581-8580-8579-8578-8577-8576-8575-8574-8573-8572-8571-8570-8569-8568-8567-8566-8565-8564-8563-8562-8561-8560-8559-8558-8557-8556-8555-8554-8553-8552-8551-8550-8549-8548-8547-8546-8545-8544-8543-8542-8541-8540-8539-8538-8537-8536-8535-8534-8533-8532-8531-8530-8529-8528-8527-8526-8525-8524-8523-8522-8521-8520-8519-8518-8517-8516-8515-8514-8513-8512-8511-8510-8509-8508-8507-8506-8505-8504-8503-8502-8501-8500-8499-8498-8497-8496-8495-8494-8493-8492-8491-8490-8489-8488-8487-8486-8485-8484-8483-8482-8481-8480-8479-8478-8477-8476-8475-8474-8473-8472-8471-8470-8469-8468-8467-8466-8465-8464-8463-8462-8461-8460-8459-8458-8457-8456-8455-8454-8453-8452-8451-8450-8449-8448-8447-8446-8445-8444-8443-8442-8441-8440-8439-8438-8437-8436-8435-8434-8433-8432-8431-8430-8429-8428-8427-8426-8425-8424-8423-8422-8421-8420-8419-8418-8417-8416-8415-8414-8413-8412-8411-8410-8409-8408-8407-8406-8405-8404-8403-8402-8401-8400-8399-8398-8397-8396-8395-8394-8393-8392-8391-8390-8389-8388-8387-8386-8385-8384-8383-8382-8381-8380-8379-8378-8377-8376-8375-8374-8373-8372-8371-8370-8369-8368-8367-8366-8365-8364-8363-8362-8361-8360-8359-8358-8357-8356-8355-8354-8353-8352-8351-8350-8349-8348-8347-8346-8345-8344-8343-8342-8341-8340-8339-8338-8337-8336-8335-8334-8333-8332-8331-8330-8329-8328-8327-8326-8325-8324-8323-8322-8321-8320-8319-8318-8317-8316-8315-8314-8313-8312-8311-8310-8309-8308-8307-8306-8305-8304-8303-8302-8301-8300-8299-8298-8297-8296-8295-8294-8293-8292-8291-8290-8289-8288-8287-8286-8285-8284-8283-8282-8281-8280-8279-8278-8277-8276-8275-8274-8273-8272-8271-8270-8269-8268-8267-8266-8265-8264-8263-8262-8261-8260-8259-8258-8257-8256-8255-8254-8253-8252-8251-8250-8249-8248-8247-8246-8245-8244-8243-8242-8241-8240-8239-8238-8237-8236-8235-8234-8233-8232-8231-8230-8229-8228-8227-8226-8225-8224-8223-8222-8221-8220-8219-8218-8217-8216-8215-8214-8213-8212-8211-8210-8209-8208-8207-8206-8205-8204-8203-8202-8201-8200-8199-8198-8197-8196-8195-8194-8193-8192-8191-8190-8189-8188-8187-8186-8185-8184-8183-8182-8181-8180-8179-8178-8177-8176-8175-8174-8173-8172-8171-8170-8169-8168-8167-8166-8165-8164-8163-8162-8161-8160-8159-8158-8157-8156-8155-8154-8153-8152-8151-8150-8149-8148-8147-8146-8145-8144-8143-8142-8141-8140-8139-8138-8137-8136-8135-8134-8133-8132-8131-8130-8129-8128-8127-8126-8125-8124-8123-8122-8121-8120-8119-8118-8117-8116-8115-8114-8113-8112-8111-8110-8109-8108-8107-8106-8105-8104-8103-8102-8101-8100-8099-8098-8097-8096-8095-8094-8093-8092-8091-8090-8089-8088-8087-8086-8085-8084-8083-8082-8081-8080-8079-8078-8077-8076-8075-8074-8073-8072-8071-8070-8069-8068-8067-8066-8065-8064-8063-8062-8061-8060-8059-8058-8057-8056-8055-8054-8053-8052-8051-8050-8049-8048-8047-8046-8045-8044-8043-8042-8041-8040-8039-8038-8037-8036-8035-8034-8033-8032-8031-8030-8029-8028-8027-8026-8025-8024-8023-8022-8021-8020-8019-8018-8017-8016-8015-8014-8013-8012-8011-8010-8009-8008-8007-8006-8005-8004-8003-8002-8001-8000-7999-7998-7997-7996-7995-7994-7993-7992-7991-7990-7989-7988-7987-7986-7985-7984-7983-7982-7981-7980-7979-7978-7977-7976-7975-7974-7973-7972-7971-7970-7969-7968-7967-7966-7965-7964-7963-7962-7961-7960-7959-7958-7957-7956-7955-7954-7953-7952-7951-7950-7949-7948-7947-7946-7945-7944-7943-7942-7941-7940-7939-7938-7937-7936-7935-7934-7933-7932-7931-7930-7929-7928-7927-7926-7925-7924-7923-7922-7921-7920-7919-7918-7917-7916-7915-7914-7913-7912-7911-7910-7909-7908-7907-7906-7905-7904-7903-7902-7901-7900-7899-7898-7897-7896-7895-7894-7893-7892-7891-7890-7889-7888-7887-7886-7885-7884-7883-7882-7881-7880-7879-7878-7877-7876-7875-7874-7873-7872-7871-7870-7869-7868-7867-7866-7865-7864-7863-7862-7861-7860-7859-7858-7857-7856-7855-7854-7853-7852-7851-7850-7849-7848-7847-7846-7845-7844-7843-7842-7841-7840-7839-7838-7837-7836-7835-7834-7833-7832-7831-7830-7829-7828-7827-7826-7825-7824-7823-7822-7821-7820-7819-7818-7817-7816-7815-7814-7813-7812-7811-7810-7809-7808-7807-7806-7805-7804-7803-7802-7801-7800-7799-7798-7797-7796-7795-7794-7793-7792-7791-7790-7789-7788-7787-7786-7785-7784-7783-7782-7781-7780-7779-7778-7777-7776-7775-7774-7773-7772-7771-7770-7769-7768-7767-7766-7765-7764-7763-7762-7761-7760-7759-7758-7757-7756-7755-7754-7753-7752-7751-7750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CONFIDENTIAL**COMMUNICATION CENTER
3D MARINE DIVISION**

8850) 11 MAY.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR 14 OPERATION VIC AN LUU (BT 0368)

COMMENCING 110500H.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0769-

0863) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 11 MAY.

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0661-

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1) LTGEN V.H. KRULACK WILL VISIT 9TH MARINES AREA ON 12 MAY. SCHEDULE:

121500H-1510H ENROUTE TO 9TH MARINES CP (JEEP)

121510H-1530H BRIEFING BY CO, 9TH MARINES AND CO, 3D MARINES

121530H-1540H ENROUTE TO COUNTY FAIR 14 (2/4) (HELO)

121540H-1530H VISIT COUNTY FAIR

121630H-1640H ENROUTE TO AN HOA (3/9) (HELO)

121640H-1750H VISIT AN HOA

(2) REF (A) DISCUSSES SERIOUS INCIDENT IN WHICH TWO MARINES KILLED A VIETNAMESE BOY ABOUT 1600H ON 2 MAY. BN

COMMANDERS DIRECTED TO DISSEMINATE CONTENTS OF REF (A) DOWN TO SQUAD LEVEL IN ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY MEMBER OF THEIR COMMAND HAS KNOWLEDGE OF OR OBSERVED THE TWO MARINES BELIEVED TO HAVE KILLED THIS BOY. ANYONE POSSESSING INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT IS REQUESTED TO REPORT MATTER TO CID, III MAF PMO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT MARINE CORPS' PRESTIGE IN THIS AREA WOULD BE ENHANCED BY RESOLVING THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT.

(3) REF (B) REQUESTED COMMENT ON THE PROFICIENCY OF MARINES WHO HAVE RECEIVED BASIC SPECIALIST TRAINING AND LISTED 19 MOS'S CONCERNED. REF (C) REQUESTED COMMENTS NLT 15 MAY. ACTION ADDRESSES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS THIS HQ NLT 131200H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 131-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL COUNTY FAIR 14 (PHASE I) VIC AN LUU (BT 0367) CONCLUDED DAYS

OPN WITH NEGATIVE HOSTILE CONTACT. PHASE II WILL

COMMENCE 1) 0500H VIC TU CAU (1) (BT 0366).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 131-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9458) DURING
DAYLIGHT HOURS 12 MAY.

(2) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9054) 12 MAY.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9961-9962-

BT 0061-0062) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 12 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT 2 PLATOON CLEARING OPNS IN GS (BT 0162) DURING

DAYLIGHT HOURS 12 MAY.

(3) CONCLUDE COMPANY MINE CLEARING OPN VIC PHONG THU

(AT 9858) AT 120700H; PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENGINEERS WHILE THEY

CONDUCT RECON OF RAILROAD BED IN GS (AT 9955-9956-9957-9958-9959-9960).

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COORDINATED 3-COMPANY USMC/ARVN/RF-PF

CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (AT 820460-

820490-865500-833460). (ONE USMC COMPANY AND RF-PF COMPANY HELILIFTED

INTO AREA OF OPERATION COMMENCING 120700H; ONE ARVN COMPANY FROM

2/51ST MOVES TO AREA VIA LVT'S. 1 CHIEU HOI RETURNEE WILL

ACCOMPANY RF-PF COMPANY ON OPERATION).

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

UCT PHASE CONCOUNTY FAIR 14 IN TU CAU (1)

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/ (BT 0366-0466) 12MAY.

/ (2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0663-0664-
/ 0763-0764) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 12 MAY./ (3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0864-
/ 0865-0965) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS 12 MAY.

/ 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

/ A. ADMINISTRATION

/ (1) BN'S CONTEMPLATING COMPANY SIZE OR LARGER HELILIFTS
/ ARE DIRECTED TO SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ BY 1000 48 HOURS
/ PRIOR TO INTENDED USE. SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR ROUTINE DAILY
/ HELICOPTER SUPPORT BY 0700H DAILY. 9TH M/ RINE GENRAL SUPPORTV
/ HELICOPTERS WILL MEET THESE ROUTINE REQUIRMNTS.

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A. CG 3D MARDIV 110750Z (SIGNIFICANT NVN/VC ANNIVERSARIES).

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL.

(1) LT GEN V.H. KRULAK, CG, FMFPAC WAS BRIEFED ON PAST AND
 FUTURE OPERATIONS BY CO'S OF 9TH MARINES AND 3D MARINES AT 9TH
 MARINES CP 121500H. LTGEN KRULAK, ACCOMPANIED BY MGEN W.B. KYLE,
 CG, 3D MARDIV AND COL E.H. SIMMONS, CO, 9TH MARINES, VISITED OPERA-
 TION COUNTY FAIR NR 14 VIC TU CAU (1). (BT 038660) AND 3/9 CP IN

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AN HOA COMPLEX (AT 8747) FROM 121500 TO 1800H.

(2) REF (A) STATES THAT NVN AND VC FORCES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF HO CHI MINH ON 19 MAY AND ANNIVERSARY OF ENTRY OF VIETMINH FORCE INTO HANOI ON 22 MAY (NATIONAL LIBERATION DAY). IN VIEW OF ABOVE, COMMANDERS ARE DIRECTED TO INCREASE SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY ACTIVITIES AND INSURE THEIR TACTICAL POSTURE PERMITS RAPID REACTION TO ANY ENEMY INITIATIVE. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID DURING PERIODS OF LIMITED OR NO LUNAR ILLUMINATION.

(3) HQ CO, 9TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO 1/9 AT 121800H.

(4) 2/9 CHOPPED OPCON 1 PLATOON CO "G" TO 1/9 AT 121800H.

(5) 1/9 ASSUMED OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON HQ CO, 9TH MARINES AND PLATOON G/2/9 AT 121800H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 132-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE 3 COMPANY CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9254-9354-9253-9353).

(2) CHOP OPCON CO "H" (-) 2/4 TO 2/4 AT 131200H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (AT 9961-9962-BT 0062-0061) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0162) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 2 COMPANY CLEARING OPNS IN GS (AT 8445) AND (AT 9148) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONTINUE ONE COMPANY ON ONE-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF 1/9.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPN IN GS (BT 0602-0603-0762-0763) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) RESUME OPCON CO H (-) AT 131200H.

(3) CONTINUE COUNTY FAIR 14 VIC TU CAU (1) (BT 037663).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 291313Z APRIL

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 060215Z

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 131304Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. COUNTY FAIR 14 VIC TU CAU (1) (BT 037663) SECURED
 AT 131300H. RESULTS OF THIS COMBINED USMC/ARVN OPERATION WERE
 1 VC KIA (BC), 7 VCC AND 15 VCS APPREHENDED; 3 K-44 SMG'S, 1 M-1
 RIFLE, 4 ROUNDS 40MM, 100 ROUNDS RUSSION 7.62, 1 CARTRIDGE BELT AND

1 M-26 GRENADE WERE RECOVERED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 133-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TWO COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9154-9254).

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY OF GROUNDED CH-46A
 HELICOPTER VIC GS (AT 9154)

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9961-9962-BT 0061) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0162) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 6 PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) VIC (AT 927492)

132100H-140100H

(B) VIC (AT 932496)

132200H-140200H

(C) VIC (AT 915502)

132100H-140800H

(D) VIC (AT 880505)

131800H-140800H

(E) VIC (AT 870490)

131800H-140800H

(F) VIC (AT 874698)

131800H-140800H

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(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN 1 CO ON 1-HOUR ALERT.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0464-0465-0467-0565-0664) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0662-0663-0762) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0865-0866-0965-0966) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(4) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0864-0865-0964-0965) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

(5) CONDUCT 1-DAY COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0670-0671-0771) COMMENCING 140600H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. COMM-SEC TRNG

(1) REFERENCE A ESTABLISHES DATES THAT INSTRUCTION TEAM IN COMMSEC TRNG WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THIS REGIMENT. REFERENCE B REQUIRES COMMAND ATTENTION AT ALL LEVELS.

(2) DURING PERIOD 23 TO 27 MAY COMSEC INST TEAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A TWO-HOUR PRESENTATION TO STAFF OFFICERS, DUTY WATCH STANDERS AND RADIO OPERATORS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	UNIT
23 MAY	0900-1100	THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
23 MAY	1300-1500	HEADQUARTERS NINTH MARINES
24 MAY	0930-1130	SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
24 MAY	1400-1600	FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES
25 MAY	0930-1130	SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
26 MAY	0930-1130	THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES

(3) ATTENDANCE OF ALL AVAILABLE OFFICERS, DUTY WATCH STANDERS AND RADIO OPERATORS IS DIRECTED.

(4) DIR LN WITH SENATOR 10 IS AUTHORIZED. THE 27 MAY DATE IS PROPOSELY LEFT OPEN IN THE EVENT OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS WARRANT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE.

B. REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY FLASH MESSAGE AND/OR MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS ANY INDICATION OF ABSENSE OR MEETINGS OF INFLUENTIAL OFFICERS, UNUSUAL TROOP OR POLICE DEPLOYMENT, APPEARANCE OF HANDBILLS, BANNERS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC MEDIA THAT MAY SIGNIFY THAT COUP MAY BE OR COUP MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR EVENING OF 13 MAY. REF (C) APPLIES.

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FRAG ORDER 134-66

A. DIVO 005500.1 (HARBOR DEFENSE)

B. NINTH MAR 121255Z (INCREASE OF VC ACTIVITIES)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. OMITTED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 134-66. SEE ALSO PARA 3.F.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION (15 MAY)

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9254-9354).

(2) CONTINUE COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (AT 9154).

(3) CHOP OPCON HQ CO, 9TH MARINES PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT 151200H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COUNTER-MORTAR PATROLS IN GS (BT 0270-0271).

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0162-0262).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION FROM VIC (AT 990643) TO VIC (AT 990608); COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION CO. CP SITE VIC (AT 995608).

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT 6 PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(AT 8749)

150700-1600H

(AT 8750)

150700-1600H

(AT 8649)

150700-1600H

(AT 9050-9150)

150700-1600H

(AT 9051-9151)

150700-1600H

(AT 9052-9152)

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D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

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- (1) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0867-0868-0869-0967-0968) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
 - (2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0664-0763-0764) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
 - (3) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION IN GS (BT 0661-0662-0663-0761-0762) DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
 - (4) MAINTAIN COMPANY ON 1-HOUR ALERT (BALD EAGLE).
 - (5) FURNISH 7 GUARDS TO PROVISIONAL NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND SUPPORT ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD 15-31 MAY. REF A APPLIES.
 - (6) DISPLACE ONE COMPANY TO VIC DIEN BAN DISTRICT (BT 065581).
- E. HQ CO, 9TH MARINES. RESUME OPCON PROVISIONAL PLATOON AT 151200H.
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REF (B) ALERTS BN COMMANDERS TO POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED VC/NVN ACTIVITIES ON 15 MAY (KARL MARX'S BIRTHDAY), 19 MAY (HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY) AND 22 MAY (NATIONAL LIBERATION DAY). COMMANDERS FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES AND COMPLY WITH CONTENTS OF REF (B).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.
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FRAG ORDER 135-66

A. NINTH MAR 121255Z

B. COMUSMACV 110122Z (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. 9TH MARINES OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR 15 MAY WERE CURTAILED DUE TO REPORTS THAT A COUP D'ETAT WAS DEVELOPING IN DANANG. EARLY MORNING REPORTS INDICATED THAT A LARGE CONTINGENT OF VIETNAMESE MARINES WAS ARRIVING AT DANANG AIR BASE. THE REGIMENT IMMEDIATELY MODIFIED ITS SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND

PROCEEDED TO REALIGN ITS FORCES AND TO PREPARE UNITS FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN DANANG AS WAS DONE IN PREVIOUS OCCASIONS OF THIS NATURE. A BATTALION COMMAND GROUP (2/9) AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES WERE PLACED ON ONE-HOUR ALERT; OTHER REGIMENTAL UNITS (1/9 COMMAND GROUP AND 1 COMPANY) WERE RETURNED FROM OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEPTH TO FORCES ON THE MLR. DURING THE AFTERNOON, TWO RIFLE COMPANIES (COMPANY A/1/1 AND COMPANY B/1/1) WERE AIRLIFTED FROM PHU BAI TAOR TO DANANG AND WERE CHOPPED TO OPCON 9TH MARINES.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 135-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) ASSUME OPCON OF CO B 1/1 AS OF 151930H.

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON TWO HOUR ALERT FOR BALD EAGLE.

(3) MAINTAIN TWO RIFLE COMPANIES (EXCLUSIVE OF BALD EAGLE COMPANY) IN REGIMENTAL REAR AREA TO CONDUCT SECURITY AND COUNTER MORTAR PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

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- (1) ASSUME OPCON OF COMPANY A 1/1 AS OF 7151845H.
- (2) MAINTAIN TWO RIFLE COMPANIES IN REGIMENTAL REAR AREA TO CONDUCT SECURITY AND COUNTER MORTAR PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.
- (3) CHOP OPCON COMPANY H (-) 2/9 VIC (BT 031621) TO REGT HQ 9TH MARINES AS OF 151230H.
- C. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES
 - (1) CPOB OPCON HQ COMPANY PROVISIONAL PLATOON TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AS OF 151100H.
 - (2) MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY VIC DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS VIC (AT 917582).
- D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES
 - (1) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS WITH 1 COMPANY GS (AT 9150, 9251, 9151, 9151, 9152, 9252), 160600H - 170600H.
 - (2) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS WITH 1 COMPANY GS (AT 8948, 9048, 8950, 9050, 8951, 9051, 8949), 160600H - 170600H.
- E. HQ CO 9TH MARINES
 - (1) RESUME OPCON HQ COMPANY PROVISIONAL PLATOON 151100H.
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 - (1) REF (A) ALERTS BN COMMANDERS TO POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED VC ACTIVITY 15 - 22 MAY. COMMANDERS WILL FAMILIARIZE

THEMSELVES AND COMPLY WITH CONTENTS OF REF (A).

4. ADMINISTRATION (1) REFERENCE (B) STATES THAT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS OFTEN UNWITTINGLY PASSED TO CORRESPONDENTS VISITING MACV UNITS. COMMANDERS SHOULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH REF (B) TO ASCERTAIN WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH CORRESPONDENTS FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 136-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE VIGOROUS LOCAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES
 THROUGHOUT ZONE OF ACTION WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN AREAS WITHIN
 MORTAR RANGE OF AIR FACILITIES.

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON TWO
 HOUR ALERT (BALD EAGLE).

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN BN COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE
 COMPANIES ON TWO-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION
 EVACUATION OF U.S. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FROM DANANG.

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PLATOON(-)(REIN) SECURITY POSITION
 VICINITY (BT 016681).

(3) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH
 ACTIVITIES IN REAR AREA WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN LOCALES WITHIN
 MORTAR RANGE OF AIR FACILITIES AND ASP NR 1.

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. BE PREPARED TO CHOP MP DETACHMENT TO
 PARENT ORGANIZATION ON 16 MAY.

D. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY
 VICINITY DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (AT 917582) TO CONDUCT
 SECURITY PATROLS AND LIMITED OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES.

4. ADMINISTRATION. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 137-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 161330Z

B. CG THIRD MAF 140624Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) POLITICAL UNREST IN DANANG CONTINUES. THREE VN MARINE BATTALIONS AND TWO VN AIRBORNE BATTALIONS, LOYAL TO PREMIER KY, REPORTED IN DANANG. VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE INTENTIONS OF VN UNITS. MANY MOVEMENTS OF VN PRO AND CON FORCES

REPORTED. NUMBERS, LOCATIONS, AND DESTINATIONS UNDETERMINED. 9TH MARINES CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CO(-)(REIN) UNIT VIC THANH QUIT BRIDGE (BT 042621) AND PREPARED TO PREVENT TRAFFIC AND PERSONNEL MOVEMENT INTO DANANG. TENANT NON-INFANTRY UNITS IN 9TH MARINES ADMINISTRATIVE REAR AREA NORTH OF SONG CAU DO ALERTED OF POSSIBLE MOVEMENT OF DISSIDENT VN PARAMILITARY ELEMENTS. 9TH MARINES FORCES SOUTH OF SONG CAU DO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE POSTURE. ORDERS ISSUED TO ALL UNITS NOT TO ENGAGE NON-VC VN FORCES EXCEPT IN SELF DEFENSE OR TO PROTECT U.S. LIVES AND PROPERTY.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, 3D BN 9TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON MP DETACHMENT TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT 170800H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 137-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON TWO-HOUR ALERT (BALD EAGLE)

(2) CONDUCT FIVE PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATION AND SECURITY PATROLS.

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- (A) 1 PLATOON (GS 0564-0565-0566-0664-0666) (SEC PATROL)
 (B) 1 PLATOON (GS 0663-0664-0763-0764-0864) (SEC PATROL)
 (C) 1 PLATOON (GS 0770-0867-0870-0967-0968-0969) (SEC PATROL)
 (D) 1 PLATOON (GS 0372) (CLR)
 (E) 1 PLATOON (GS 0571) (CLR)

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN BN CMD GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES ON 6-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN DANANG.
 (2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC (GS 0270-0271), (9869-9969).
 (3) COMMENCE 5-DAY CLEARING OPERATION VIC (GS 9963-9962-0063-0062) IN COORDINATION WITH CO FROM 1/9 WEST OF SONG BAU XAU. (2/9 FORCES CONSIST OF 1 COMPANY PLUS 1 ADDITIONAL PLATOON ASSISTED BY 1 ARVN PLATOON).

C. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

- (1) CONDUCT CO CLEARING OPERATION VIC (GS 9158-9257-9157).
 (2) COMMENCE 5-DAY CLEARING OPERATION VIC (GS 9862-9863) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/9 EAST OF SONG BAU XAU. (1/9 FORCE

CONSISTS OF 1 CO).

D. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT TWO CO CLEARING OPERATIONS 180600H-190600H VIC (GS 8948-9048-8949-9049) AND (GS 9149-9249-9349-9150-9250-9350).

4. ADMINISTRATION. REF B POINTS OUT DISCREPANCIES OF PERSONNEL LEAVING THEIR UNITS FOR R&R. CMDRS WILL CONDUCT POSITIVE SCREENING PROCEDURES TO ELIMINATED SAME.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) THE POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNSTABLE ALTHOUGH ACTIVITIES IN DANANG CITY WERE REPORTEDLY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DAY. OF SIGNIFICANCE THIS DATE WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF LT COL N. LAP TO THE POSITION OF QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR COMMANDER BY GENERAL CAO, I CORPS COMMANDER. IT WAS REPORTED THAT LT COL LAP WILL CONTINUE TO COMMAND THE 51ST ARVN REGEENT AS A COLLATERAL DUTY. IN

RESPONSE TO VC INITIATED ACTIVITY WHICH THREATENED THE SECURITY OF DIEN BAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, LT COL LAP DISPATCHED TWO COMPANIES OF THE 39TH RANGER BN FROM BO MUNG (1) (BT 025657) TO THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS VIC (BT 065583) AT 181500H.

(2) 9TH MARINES PLACED ITS BALD EAGLE COMPANY ON 1-HOUR ALERT AT 171515H FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN DEFENSE OF EAST DANANG BRIDGE VIC (BT 035761). AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT WAS ESTABLISHED AT CAM LE BAC BRIDGE VIC (BT 015715) AT 181100H. OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS MAINTAINED BY

9TH MARINES ARE LOCATED VIC (AT 998705), (BT 071702), (BT 041621).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 138-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN BALD EAGLE CO ON 1-HOUR ALERT.

(2) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) GS (BT 0664, 0665, 0764, 0765, 0766, 0866)

(B) GS (BT 0663, 0664, 0763, 0764, 0863)

(C) GS (BT 0472, 0372)

(D) GS (BT 0471, 0571)

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(3) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE RECON PATROLS VIC:

(A) GS (BT 0366, 0367, 0463, 0466, 0467, 0468)

(B) GS (BT 0566, 0567, 0568, 0667, 0768, 0769)

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE 5-DAY CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION IN COORDINATION WITH 1/9 VIC GS (BT 9863, 9963) WITH 1 CO REINFORCED WITH 1 USMC PLATOON AND ONE ARVN COMMANDO PLATOON.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON CLEARING OPERATION VIC GS (AT 9769) (AT 9869).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC GS (BT 0170, 0270, 0370).

(4) MAINTAIN BN COMMAND GROUP, 2 RIFLE COMPANIES ON 6-HOUR ALERT FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT DANANG.

(5) MAINTAIN TWO PLATOONS VIC BRIDGES LOCATED (AT 998708) AND (BT 015716) FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL HIGHWAY 1 AND 1A.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION IN COORDINATION WITH 2/9 VIC (AT 9862) AND (AT 9863).

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9158), (AT 9157)

AND (AT 9257).

(3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VICE (AT 9568),

(AT 9569) AND (AT 9669).

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO-DAY COUNTY FAIR 15 VIC PHU NHUAN (6) VIC (AT 898487) COMMENCING 190530H.

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC GS (AT 8750, 8850, 9050, 9157, 9051, 8951, 8851).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN DANANG REMAINS UNSTABLE.
IT WAS REPORTED THAT LT. GEN VINH IS THE NEW I CORPS COMMANDER.
SPORADIC FIRE FIGHTS WERE REPORTED IN DANANG THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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(2) QNSS HQS IN HOI AN REMAINS HEAVILY GUARDED AND IT IS
REPORTED THAT RVN FORCES THERE WILL DENY LT. COL LAP, THE NEG QNSS
COMMANDER, ENTRY INTO HOI AN. LT. COL. LAP WAS REPORTED TO HAVE
MET WITH SUBORDINATES IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT HQS VIC (BT 065583)
AT 191000H AND HAS REMAINED AT THAT LOCATION SINCE.

(3) THE 9TH MARINES MAINTAINS TWO TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS AT
BRIDGES VIC (AT 998706) AND (BT 015715). EACH LOCATION HAS A PLATOON
OF MARINES, REINFORCED BY TWO ONTOs, WHICH PROVIDES SECURITY. RF/PF
SOLDIERS SEARCH ALL NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC. ROADBLOCK AT THANH
QUIT BRIDGE VIC (BT 041621) WAS SECURED AT 191335H. HOWEVER,

CO (-)(REIN) WHICH WAS AT THAT LOCATION IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH
A ROADBLOCK 2000 METERS NORTH OF THANH QUIT BRIDGE VIC (BT 041621).

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) MAINTAINS ONE RIFLE CO ON TWO-HOUR ALERT. (BALD EAGLE)

(2) NHOP OPCONB/1/1 CO TO 1/9 AT 201500H.

(3) NONDSCT 3 PLATOON SIZE CTEERING OPERATIONS V C.

(A) (BT 0365), (BT 04645), (BT 04655), (BT 05645), (BT 05655),

(BT 0664)

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(B) (BT 0662), (BT 0663), (BT 0664)

(C) (BT 0769), (BT 0770), (BT 0868), (BT 0869) (BT 0870)

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINESX

(1) MA

MAINTAINS TWO PLATOON SIZE TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS VIC
(AT 998706) AND (BT 015765)

(2) CONDUCT FIVE PLATOON SIZE OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT 9962) (BT 0002) (AT 9963)

(B) (AT 969) (AT 9969) BKAT 9769) -2 PLATOONS

(C) (BT 0263) (BT 0262)

(D) (BT 0270) (BT 0271)

(3) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH ROADBLOCK VIC (BT 032643)
ON 5-MINUTE NOTICE.

C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE OPERATION COUNTY FAIR PHU NHUAN (2) VIC
(AT 898487)(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 8750), (AT 8850),
(AT 8950), (AT 9050), (AT 9151), (AT 9051), (AT 8951), (AT 8851).

D. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES

(1) ASSUME OPCON CO B/1/1 FROM 2/4 AT 201500H

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION VIC

(AT 9863, 9862).

(3) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9158), (AT 9157),
(AT 9257), (AT 9258).(4) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9569),
(AT 9669), (AT 9568).

4. ADMINISTRATION

(1) REF A DIRECTS 9TH MARINES TO NOMINATE 1 OFFICER AND 1
ENLISTED FOR INTRODUCTORY TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL DETECTOR,
CHEMICAL, COURSE. CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED 6-18 JUNE. STUDENT
PREREQUISITES IN REF A. 3D BN 9TH MARINES NOMINATE 1 OFFICER: 1ST BN9TH MARINES NOMINATE 1 ENLISTED. SUBMIT NOMINEES TO THIS HQTS NLT
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(2) ALL USMC TRAFFIC RESTRICTED FROM DANANG. REF B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 140-66

A. 3D MARDIV 190804Z

B. 3D MARDIV 172255Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) POLITICAL UNREST IN DANANG WAS AGGRAVATED TODAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 300 STRUGGLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN 14 VEHICLES. EFFORTS BY BN MILITARY UNITS TO STOP THEM VIC DIEN BAN (BT 0558) RESULTED IN 13 RF/PF CASUALTIES (3 KIA;

10 WIA) AT ABOUT 201200H. BY 201800H, THE CONVOY HAD REACHED OUTSKIRTS DANANG CITY VIC (AT 9971) WHERE IT WAS STRAFED BY VNAF AIRCRAFT SUSTAINING AN ESTIMATED 14 CASUALTIES (4 KIA; 10 WIA). BY NIGHTFALL, THE CONVOY HAD HALTED AND CLOSED ON THE HOA THO PAGODA VIC (AT 999719).

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, 9TH MARINES CHOPPED ADCON 3D BN, 3D MARINES TO 3D MARINES 200900H.

(3) AT 201630H, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON B/1/1 TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(4) 9TH MARINES MAINTAINED TWO CHECKPOINTS AT BRIDGES VIC (AT 998706) AND (BT 015715).

(5) AT 201700H, 9TH MARINES RECEIVED A WARNING ORDER TO BE PREPARED TO MOVE A BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN DANANG EAST; AT 201830H, CO F/2/9 WAS CHIPPED TO 2/4; AT 201905H ORDERS WERE RECEIVED DIRECTING 2/4 COMMAND GROUP AND ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO OCCUPY THE NEW III MAF CP AT VIC (BT 043785). CMD GRP FROM 2/4 & 2 RIFLE COMPANIES

CHOPPED TO OPCON III MAF AT 201905H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 140-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

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3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN 1 RIFLE CO ON 2-HOUR ALERT. (BALD EAGLE)

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9762).

(3) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS (AT 9158) (AT 9258) (AT 9157) (AT 9257) WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY.

(4) CONDUCT COMPANY-SIZE CLEARING OPERATION (AT 9560), (AT 9459), (AT 9460), (AT 9561).

(5) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE PATROL VIC (AT 9568), (AT 9569), (AT 9468).

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON 1 RIFLE COMPANY TO 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AS OF 201830H.

(2) CONDUCT 6 PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT 9963-0063)

(B) (AT 9769)

(C) (AT 9769-9869)

(D) (BT 0263-0363-0364)

(E) (BT 0263-0264)

(F) (BT 0270-0271-0169)

(3) BE PREPARED TO REESTABLISH ROADBLOCK VIC (BT 031642) OR (BT 042621) ON ORDER.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS VIC (AT 8950), (AT 9151), (AT 9051), (AT 8951), (AT 8851) WITH 1 RIFLE COMPANY.

(2) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS VIC (AT 9247), (AT 9248), (AT 9348), (AT 9448), (AT 9349), (AT 9449), (AT 9250), (AT 9150), (AT 9249) WITH ONE COMPANY.

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE RECON PATROL (BT 0366), (BT 0367), (BT 0465), (BT 0466), (BT 0467), (BT 0468), (BT 0566), (BT 0567), (BT 0568), (BT 0667), (BT 0768), (BT 0769).

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION (BT 0763), (BT 0764), (BT 0863), (BT 0864).

(3) ASSUME OPCON CO F/2/9 AS OF 201830H.

4. ADMINISTRATION. REF B PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN CITY OF DANANG. COMDRS WILL COMPLY WITH REF B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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A. 3D MARDIV MSG 200638Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS AT BRIDGES VIC (AT 9970) AND (BT 0171). BLOCKING POSITION AT THANH QUIT BRIDGE VIC (BT 0462) WAS REESTABLISHED AT 211015H.

(2) STRUGGLE FORCE CONSISTING OF ABOUT 150 PEOPLE MAINTAINED A DEFENSIVE POSTURE HOA THO PAGODA VIC (AT 999722).

REPORTS THROUGHOUT DAY INDICATED CONTACT BETWEEN STRUGGLE FORCE AND ARVN

TROOPS WAS IMMINENT. HOWEVER, CONFRONTATION DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

(3) 1ST BN, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT ~~DISPLACED FROM~~ PACIFICATION AREA TO BO MUNG 1 (BT 023658) AT 211430H. 1/51 WAS APPARENTLY MOVED DUE TO POLITICAL TURMOIL, AND WILL ACT AS A RESERVE FOR REGIMENT. 3D BN, 51ST REGT CONTINUED TO REMAIN WITH LTCOL LAP AT DIEN BAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

(4) 51ST REGT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PARTLY DESTROYED TWO BRIDGES DURING THE DAY (ONE AT 211000H VIC (BT 093533); ANOTHER AT 211630H VIC (BT 098582)).

(5) AT 211500H, 9TH MARINES RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING BALD EAGLE COMPANY DUE TO HEAVY VC CONTACT IN ITS ZOA.

? ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 141-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT 3 COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS:

(A) (AT 9664-9764-9765-9666-9766-9767)

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- (B) (AT 9158-9157-9258-9257-9358-9357)
- (C) (AT 9862-9863).
- (2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9569-9568-9468).
- B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES
 - (1) MAINTAIN CHECKPOINTS AB BRIDGES VIC (AT 998706), (BT 015715, AND (BT 042621).
 - (2) CONDUCT 2 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS.
 - (A) (AT 9962), (AT 9961), (AT 9963).
 - (B) (BT 0270), (BT 0271).
 - (3) CONDUCT PLATOON SECURITY PATROL VIC (BT 0162).
 - (4) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9866-9867)
- C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES
 - (1) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS VIC (AT 8951), (AT 9051), (AT 9151), (AT 9251) WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY.
 - (2) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROL VIC (AT 9149), (AT 9249), (AT 9349), (AT 9150), (AT 9250), (AT 9350) WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY.
- D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES
 - (1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS:
 - (A) (BT 0564-0664-0563-0562-0662).

- (B) (BT 0664-0764-0864-0763-0964-0963-0863).
 - (2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REGIMENTAL RESERVE COMPANY ON ORDER CONSISTING OF COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE Platoons.
 - 4. ADMINISTRATION. REF A OUTLINES PRESENT RESTRICTIONS TO TRAFFIC IN DANANG. CMDRS WILL COMPLY WITH REF A.
 - 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.
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RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS, COL.
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A. 3D MARDIV OPO 343-65

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 142-66

2. MISSION. AS OUTLINED IN REF (A).

3. EXECUTION.

(A) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

(1) 9TH MARINES ASSUMES OPCON OF ONE ADDITIONAL BATTALION
AND MODIFIES ITS BATTALION BOUNDARIES IN DANANG AREA TO INCLUDE

A REGIMENTAL REAR AREA WHICH WILL BE DEFENDED BY ONE BATTALION WITH
REMAINING BATTALIONS MAINTAINING THEIR PRESENT DISPOSITIONS AS
EAST FLANK, CENTER, AND WEST FLANK BATTALIONS.

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) EFFECTIVE 231300H CHOP OPCON CO B/1/1 TO 2D BN, 4TH
MARINES; ASSUME OPCON CO A/1/1 FROM 2D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY ON
TWO HOURS NOTICE.

C. 2D BN 9TH MARINES

(1) EFFECTIVE 231200H, CHOP OPCON CO A/1/1 TO 1ST BN, 9TH
MAR.

(2) REDEPLOY ALL UNITS FORWARD OF REAR AREA BOUNDARY WITH
EXCEPTION OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO BE IN PRESENT CP FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A MOBILE RESERVED COMPANY ON
TWO HOURS NOTICE.

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY ON TWO
HOURS NOTICE.

E. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

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(1) RESUME OPCON TO B/1/1 ABOUT 231300H
(2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A MOBILE RESERVE COMPANY ON TWO HOURS NOTICE.

F. 3D BN 1ST MARINES

(1) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGIMENTAL AREA AS DELINEATED IN PARA 3.G NLT 231600H.

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS AND AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE REGIMENTAL REAR AREA; SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON LOCATION AND DESTRUCTION OF ACTUAL AND/OR POTENTIAL VC MORTAR POSITIONS PARTICULARLY IN AREA 2000 METERS SOUTH OF AND RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE SONG CAU DO.

(3) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS AT PHONG LE (AT 998707) AND CAM LE (BT 015715).

(4) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE NGU HANH SON PACIFICATION AREA INCLUDED WITH THE BATTALION CP ZONE OF ACTION.

(5) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY IN VICINITY OF BATTALION CP AS REGIMENTAL MOBILE RESERVE.

& COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REGIMENTAL REAR AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM (AT 969698) SOUTH ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG YEN TO

(AT 964665), EAST ALONG TRAIL TO (AT 973662) TO (BT 012660), NORTHEAST ALONG SOUTH BANK SONG BAU XAU TO (BT 028675), NORTH ALONG EAST BANK OF SONG VINH DIER TO (BT 059723), NORTHEAST TO (BT 035734) THEN SOUTHWEST ALONG SOUTH BANK OF SONG CAU DO TO (AT 969698). EAST FLANK, CENTER AND WEST FLANK BATTALION BOUNDARIES MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

A. CALL SIGNS

	RADIO	SWBD
(1) 9TH MAR	REAPPOINT	SENATOR
(2) 1/9	RUGGLES	IRON TREE
(3) 2/9	PILSNER	BLACKBOX
(4) 3/9	OLDFIELD	FERTILIZE
(5) 2/4	RIDGEBEAM	BENDIX
(6) 3/1	CIRCUMFERENCE	CHECK

B. CP LOCATION

(1) 3/1 CP CO-LOCATED WITH 2/9 REAR CP VIC (AT 992677).

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DRAFTER: H.W.BUSE, LT.

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FRAG ORDER 142A-66
A. 9TH MAR MSG 132255Z (FRAGO 133-66)
1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) AT 221202H, 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON 3D BN 1ST MARINES. 3/1 CLOSED DANANG TAOR 221735H.
(2) THE 150-MAN STRUGGLE FORCE LOCATED HOA THO PAGODA VIC (AT 999922) DEPARTED THE PAGODA AT 220700H MOVING NORTH. THE POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNSTABLE AND NUMEROUS FIREFIGHTS WERE

REPORTED THROUGHOUT DANANG CITY.

(3) 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE CHECKPOINTS ON BRIDGES VIC (AT 998706). (BT 015715) AND (BT 042622).

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 142A-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS WITH ONE COMPANY VIC (AT 9158-9157-9258-9257)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9468-9568-9469-9569-9669)

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9666-9766-9667-9767) IN CONJUNCTION WITH RETRACTION FROM 3/1 ZONE. OPERATION TERMINATES NLT 231300H.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS

(A) (AT 9962-9963)

(B) (BT 0062-0063)

(C) (BT 0162-0163)

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES

(3) COMMENCING FIRST LIGHT CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING

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OPERATION FROM VIC (AT 865480) NORTHEAST TO VIC (AT 985512).
ONE COMPANY BLOCK VIC (AT 887513-885502).

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS WITH 1 COMPANY

(A) (AT 8850-8950-9050-8851-8951-9051)

(B) (AT 9149-9249-9349-9150-9250-9350)

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION WITHIN AREA
BOUNDED BY (BT 090652-096609-100655-101611)

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (BT 0365-0465-0565-0464-0564-0664)

(B) (BT 0564-0664-0563-0663-0662)

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES CONDUCTS SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING
OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (BT 0372-0472)

(B) (BT 0271-0270)

(C) (BT 0070-0170)

(D) (AT 9768-9769)

(E) (AT 9868-9869)

(F) (AT 9667-9767-9668)

4. ADMINISTRATION. COMMSEC INST TEAM VISIT TO 9TH MARINES

ON DATES INDICATED REF A IS CANCELLED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FRAG ORDER 143-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) POLITICAL SITUATION IN DANANG REMAINS
UNSTABLE. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF FIREFIGHTS
OR SKIRMISHES IN THE CITY AS WAS REPORTED DURING PAST
SEVERAL DAYS.

(2) LTCOL LAP, QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR COMMANDER,
ENTERED HIS HEADQUARTERS IN HOI AN AT 231700H. REPORTS

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INDICATED LTCOL LAP WAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

(3) 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS VIC (AT 998706), (BT 015715) AND (BT 032643).

(4) AT 230830H, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON A/1/1 TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(5) DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER HELILIFT OF B/1/1 FROM HILL 55 TO 2/4 WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED AT 231300H AS PLANNED. 1/9 CONTINUED TO RETAIN OPCON OF COMPANY. HELILIFT RESCHEDULED FOR 240800H AT WHICH TIME 1/9 WILL CHOP OPCON TO 2/4.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 143-65.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON B/1/1 TO 2/4 240800H.

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9568-9567)

(B) (AT 9465)

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(C) (AT 9565)

(3) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS WITH TWO COMPANIES VIC:

(A) (AT 9664-9764-9663-9763)

(B) (AT 9156-9265-9157-9257-9158)

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) DISPLACE COMMAND GROUP TO NEW BN CP VIC (BT 015627)

24 MAY.

(2) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9962-9963-BT 0063).

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (AT 9047-9048-9148)

(2) (AT 9149-9248)

(3) (AT 9348-9448)

(4) (AT 8649-8749-8849)

(5) (AT 8949-8950)

(6) (AT 8850-8750)

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 090652-096609-100655-101611).

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(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC
(BT 0564-0664-0764-0563-0663-0763-0662-0762).

(3) RESUME OPCON B/1/1 240800H.

3. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS AT BRIDGES VIC
(AT 998706) AND (BT 015715).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (BT 0372-0371)

(B) (AT 9968)-(BT 0068-0168).

4. ADMINISTRATION. BN S-3'S WILL ATTEND MEETING 9TH MARINES CP
AT 251000H

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 144-66

A. CG III MAF/1 CORPS COORD 240736Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) MAJ GEN W. B. KYLE, COMMANDING GENERAL, 3D MARDIV, VISITED 3D BN, 1ST MAR CP AT 241045H.

(2) 2D BN, 4TH MAR RESUMED OPCON B/1/1 AT 240830H.

(3) 9TH MAR CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS VIC (AT998706), (BT015715) AND (BT032643).

(4) 2D BN, 9TH MAR COMMENCED OPERATING FROM ITS NEW BN CP VIC (BT014627) AT 241325H.

(5) LATE ENTRY: 3D BN, 1ST MAR ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGT'L REAR AREA 231900H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR ISUM 144-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT9157-9156)

(B) (AT9467-9567)

(2) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (AT9564-9565-9665)

(B) (AT9464-9564-9465-9565)

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC (AT9964), (BT0364, 0464, 0463), (BT0161).

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCTS SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(1) (AT9148-9149)

(2) (AT9348-9248)

(3) (AT9249-9349)

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(4) (AT8949-9049)

(5) (AT8950-9050)

(6) (AT8951-9051)

D. 2D BN 4TH MAR. CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE CLEARING

OPNS. VIC:

(1) (BT0769)

(2) (BT0664-0764-0663-0763)

E. 3D BN 1ST MAR.

(1) MAINTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS VIC (AT998706) AND
(BT015715).

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (BT0269-0270-0371)

(B) (AT9667-9767-9766)

4. ADMINISTRATION.

(A) REF A ESTABLISHES EXTENDED MSR IN DANANG CITY. COMMANDERS
WILL COMPLY WITH REF A.

(B) BN S-3'S WILL ATTEND MEETING 9TH MAR CP AT 251000H.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 145-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 241508Z

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 190131Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. POLITICAL SITUATION IN DANANG APPEARS TO BE
 STABILIZING JUDGING FROM THE RELATIVE INACTIVITY REPORTED IN THAT
 CITY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. ANOTHER

HAS BEEN SENT

OAD BLOCK (BT 015715) IN
 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION WAS DISESTABLISHED ON 25 MAY AND THE
 TWO ONTO WHICH REINFORCED THE INFANTRY PLATOON AT PHONE LE BRIDGE

(AT 998706) WERE SECURED (PER REF (A)); NORMAL OPERATIONS WERE RESUMED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 145-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT 9563-9562-9561-9461)

(B) (AT 943-9462-9562-9461)

(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (AT 9467-9567)

(B) (AT 9157-9257-9357)

(C) (AT 9158-9258-9358)

(3) FURNISH SEVEN ENLISTED GUARDS (ONE NCOIC) TO
 PROVISIONAL NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND SUPPORT ACTIVITY PERIOD
 1-30 JUNE 1966.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SIZE CLEARING
 OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (BT 0063-0062)

(2) (AT 993-9962)

(3) (BT 0162-0161-0160)

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(4) (BT 0267-0362)

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (AT 9249-9250)

(2) (AT 9749)

(3) (AT 9150)

(4) (AT 8649-8749-8750)

(5) (AT 8850-8851)

(6) (AT 8950-8951)

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (BT 0770-0870)

(B) (BT 0769-0669-0670-0770)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 0365, 0465, 0865, 0665, 0464, 0564, 0664).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 080660), (BT 080630), (BT 130620), AND (BT 109660).

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

(A) (BT 0270-0269-0268-0369)

(B) (AT 9766-9866)

(2) ESTABLISH PLATOON PATROL BASE VIC (AT 993667) AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROL ACTIVITIES.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REGIMENTAL REAR AREA MODIFIED TO INCLUDE AREA BOUNDED FOLLOWS: FROM (AT 964664) SOUTHWEST ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG YEN TO (AT 959658) THENCE EAST ALONG TRAIL TO (AT 969688) THENCE NORTHEAST TO (AT 971622). THIS MODIFICATION EFFECTIVE 251800H.

(2) REF B STATES "PREPARATORY LZ AIR STRIKES WILL BE PLANNED FOR ALL HELO ASSAULT MISSIONS UNLESS ADEQUATE ARTY PREP AND/OR NGF IS TO BE USED. IN MANY INSTANCES, BOTH ARTY AND AIR STRIKES MAY BE NEEDED, REQUIRING COORDINATED PLANNING. TERRAIN FEATURES NEAR LZ MAY DICTATE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN PLANNING LZ STRIKES SO THAT POTENTIAL HOSTILE FIRE FROM SUCH POSITIONS CAN BE MINIMIZED DURING APPROACH, LANDING AND RETIREMENT OF HELOS." COMMANDERS WILL INSURE

COMPLIANCE WITH REF B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 146-66

A. CG III MAF/AREA COORDINATOR 250756Z

1. SITUATION.

A. GENERAL.

(1) DANANG CITY REMAINED QUIET WITH NO DEMONSTRATIONS
OR INCIDENTS REPORTED. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES RESUMED IN SOME AREAS.

(2) IT WAS REPORTED THAT TWO TO THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED IN AN ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION IN HUE. THE REPORT
INDICATED ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 27MAY.

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B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MAR. ISUM 146-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. 1ST BN 9TH MAR. CONDUCT EIGHT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING

OPNS VIC.

(1) (AT9358)

(2) (AT9357)

(3) (AT9568)

(4) (AT9565)

(5) (AT9663-9664)

(6) (AT973-9764)

(7) (AT9463-9563)

(8) (AT9362-9462)

B. 2D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) COMMENCING 270530H CONDUCT TWO COMPANY CLEARING
OPN'S VIC (AT9964-9963), (BT0064-0164-0165-0063-0163).(2) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON FOR ENGINEERS SECURITY ON
MSR VIC (AT995634-010635).

C. 3D BN 9TH MAR.

(1) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (AT8749)

(B) (AT8750)

(C) (AT8649)

(D) (AT9046-9047)

(E) (AT9146)

(F) (AT9147)

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIR OPN
VIC (AT840467) COMMENCING 28MAY.

D. 2D BN 4TH MAR.

(1) PROVIDE COMPANY (-) (REIN) BLOCK VIC (BT075600-
083602) IN SUPPORT ARVN/RF CLEARING OPN IN AREA BOUNDED
BY (BT070600-070580-100600-100580).(2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS
VIC:

(A) (BT0664-0663-0662-0763-0762)

(B) (BT0468-0568-0668-0567-0667)

(C) (BT0667-0767-0867-0967-0766-0866-0966).

E. 3D BN 1ST MAR.

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPNS VIC:

(A) (AT9668-9768-9868)

(B) (BT0270-0269-0268)

(2) ESTABLISH TWO PLATOON PATROL BASES VIC (AT993667) AND
(AT973663), CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROL ACTIVITY.4. ADMINISTRATION. REF A STATES THAT REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
THAT U.S. PERSONNEL HAVE TAKEN PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR OFFICIAL
PURPOSES. CMDRS WILL ENSURE THAT IMPROPER PRACTICES OF THIS
NATURE ARE TERMINATED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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DRAFTER: V.T. BLAZ..MAJ.

RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS..COL

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FRAG ORDER 147-66

A. THIRD MARDIV 250520Z

B. NINTH MARINES OP PLAN 118-66 (KY LAM CAMPAIGN)

1. SITUATION

A. ACTIVITIES OF FORWARD BATTALIONS IN 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION DURING PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN HINDERED CONSIDERABLY BY REALIGNMENT AND REDISPOSITION OF FORCES AS A RESULT OF CURRENT POLITICAL

TURMOIL IN DANANG. CONSEQUENTLY, PHASE I OF KY LAM CAMPAIGN IS RUNNING APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE. IT IS ANTICIPATED,

HOWEVER, THAT THIS LAG CAN BE OVERTAKEN DURING EARLY JUNE FOLLOWING WHICH PHASE II WILL BE EXECUTED.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUMS AND PIR'S.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

AP. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. 9TH MARINES CONTINUES KY LAM CAMPAIGN DURING JUNE; CONDUCTS THREE BATTALION SIZE OPERATIONS IN DANANG SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL ZONE OF ACTION TO COMPLETE PHASE I, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY COMMENCEMENT OF PHASE II. IN ADDITION, ONE BATTALION CONTINUES CLEARING OPERATIONS IN AN HOA TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR AIRSTRIP, PROTECTION FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ASSISTANCE IN REINTRODUCTION OF GVN INFLUENCE IN AREA (REFS A AND B APPLY).

B. EAST FLANK BATTALION (2/4)

(1) ON 1 JUNE 1966, CONTINUE PHASE I OPERATIONS KY LAM CAMPAIGN; COMMENCE PHASE II IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING PHASE LINE BROWN.

C. CENTER BATTALION (2/9)

(1) ON 1 JUNE 1966, CONTINUE PHASE I OPERATIONS KY

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LAM CAMPAIGN; COMMENCE PHASE II IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING PHASE LINE BROWN.

D. RIGHT FLANK BATTALION (1/9)

(1) ON 1 JUNE 1966, CONTINUE PHASE I OPERATIONS KY LAM CAMPAIGN; COMMENCE PHASE II IMMEDIATELY UPON REACHING PHASE LINE BROWN.

E. AN HOA BATTALION (3/9)

(1) ON 1 JUNE 1966, CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS PARTICULARLY IN AREA NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF PRESENT LOCATION WITH VIEW TOWARD EVENTUAL JUNCTURE WITH CENTER AND RIGHT FLANK BATTALION FORCES.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ALL BATTALIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY TARGETS FOR COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS AND WILL EXECUTE AS MANY SUCH OPERATIONS AS POSSIBLE UTILIZING TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE GVN PARTICIPATION. WHERE GVN PARTICIPATION IS NOT FEASIBLE, CORDON AND SEARCH TECHNIQUE WILL BE EMPLOYED AGAINST TARGETS WHICH WOULD ORDINARILY BE SUITABLE FOR COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS.

(2) UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAMES FOR OP

RATIONS DURING JUNE

IN 9TH MARINES ZONE OF ACTION:

(A) EAST FLANK BATTALION AREA: OPERATION BUTLER

(B) CENTER BATTALION AREA: OPERATION CARROLL

(C) RIGHT FLANK BATTALION AREA: OPERATION ERIE

(D) AN HOA BATTALION AREA: NO CODE NAME ASSIGNED

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

• COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND POSTS:

(1) EAST FLANK BN (2/4) (BT 076656)

(2) CENTER BN (2/9): (BT 014629)

(3) WEST FLANK BN (1/9): (AT 966618)

(4) AN HOA BN (3/9): (AT 875465)

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 HQ COMPANY NINTH MARINES
 INFO CG III MAF
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FMAW
 MAG ONE SIX
 THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MAR.

MAY 29 1966

DRAFTER: H.W. RUSE, LT.

RELEASER: E.H. SIMMONS, COL.

ZEN/THIRD AT BN
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FRAG ORDER 147A-66

A. DIVBUL 5060 OF 26 MAY 1966

B. THIRD MARDIV 260226Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES RESUMED OPCON F/2/9 AT 270800H AND 2/4
 COMMAND GROUP AT 270900H. COMPANY E/2/4 REMAINED UNDER OPCON III MAF.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A 9TH MARINES PROVIDES ONE
 COMPOSITE REFLE COMPANY AND REGIMENTAL AND BATTALION COLORS FOR

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES ON 30 MAY 1966. DETAIL FOLLOW.

(3) 3/9 COUNTY FAIR OPERATION SCHEDULED FOR VIC (AT 840467)
 ON 28 MAY CANCELLED DUE TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN GVN OFFICIALS'
 PLANS PREVENTING THEIR PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 147-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9H MARINES

(1) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (4) MEN TO INCLUDE PLATOON
 COMMANDER (LIEUTENANT)) AND ONE COMPANY COMMANDER (CAPTAIN) FOR
 MEMORIAL DAY CEHEMONY 301000H MAY 1966.

(2) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9567)

(B) (AT 9257)

(C) (AT 9565-9665)

(D) (AT 9564-9664)

(E) (AT 9464-9564)

(3) CONDUCT MUTUAL RELIEF OF LINES BY HELILIFT
 BETWEEN CO B AT (AT 915582) AND CO C AT (AT 953667)
 COMMENCING 280900H.

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(1) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (41 MEN TO INCLUDE PLATOON COMMANDER (LIEUTENANT)) FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 301000H MAY 19/1;#

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (BT 0463-0563)

(B) (BT 0061-0060)

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY (-) CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 995654-BT 004652-006659-AT 997664).

(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLATOON FOR ENGINEERS' SECURITY VIC (AT 996634-BT 014636).

(5) SECURE ALERT FORCE (BN COMMAND GROUP AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES) FOR RIOT CONTROL AND EVACUATION IN DANANG. REF B.

C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (AT 9047)

(2) (AT 9146)

(3) (AT 9046)

(4) (AT 8546-8545)

(5) (AT 8646)

(6) (AT 8645)

L D. 2L BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY-SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 0768-0769-0866-0867). (COMPANY (-) ADVANCES NORTH TO SOUTH, ONE PLATOON BLOCKS VIC (BT 080675-090677)).

(2) CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN COMPANY (-) (REIN) BLOCK VIC (BT 075601 - 083602) IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN/RF CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 070600-070580-100600-100580).

E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES. CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (BT 0267-0268-0269-0369-0370-0371)

(2) (BT 0066-0067-0167)

(3) (AT 9869-9769-9668-9667-9766)

F. HQ CO. PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (41 MEN TO INCLUDE PLATOON COMMANDER (LIEUTENANT)) FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 301000H MAY.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ALL BATTALIONS WILL PROVIDE ONE BATTALWON COLOR BEARER FOR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY. V COLOR BEARER WILL REPORT WITH BATTALION COLORS TO REGIMENTAL HQ CO NLT 291800H. WILL BE BILLETED AT 9TH MARINES MP OVERNIGHT AND RETURNED TO PARENT ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWING CEREMONY 30 MAY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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A. ADMINISTRATION. UNIFORM FOR MEMORIAL DAY CER. AS FOLLOWS

(1) MARINE CORPS UTILITIES (SHORT OR ROLLED-UP SLEEVES.
(NO JUNGLE UTILITIES)).

(8) NORMAL ARMY.

FOUR -1 MAGAZINES AND POUCHES.

(4) V FIRST AIL PACKET, CENTERED ON BACK OG CARTRIDGE
BELT.

(5) BAYONET.

(6) ONE CANTEEN (WORN ON LEFT SIDE).

(7) EITHER JUNGLE OR MEHULAR BOOTS.

B9 LIGISTICSØ. BATTALIONS WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR
PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN MEMORIAL DAY SERVIC

S. PLATOONS
AND COMPANY COMMANDER WNLL ARRIVE 9TH MARINES CP NLT

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMNTED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FRAG ORDER 148-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. AT 290000H THREE COMPANIES FROM 59TH REGIONAL FORCE BATTALION WILL RELOCATE TO VIC THREE MARINE COMPANY SECTORS IN 3D BN 1ST MARINES ZONE OF ACTION.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 148-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE**3. EXECUTION****A. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES****(1) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC**

- (A) (AT 9468-9467)
- (B) (AT 9466-9566)
- (C) (AT 9363-9463-9563)
- (D) (AT 9362-9462-9562)

(2) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

- (A) (AT 9459-9458)
- (B) (AT 9763-9663-9662-9665)

B. 2D BN 9TH MARINES**(1) CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC**

- (A) (BT 0063-0062)
- (B) (BT 0162-0161)
- (C) (BT 0164)
- (D) (BT 0354-0264)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY-SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9961)

(BT 0061)

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLATOON FOR ENGINEER SECURITY
 VIC (AT 996634-BT 014636)

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C. 3D BN 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

- (1) (AT 9149-9143)
- (2) (AT 9049-9043)
- (3) (AT 8949-8950)
- (4) (AT 8649-8749)
- (5) (AT 8849-8843)
- (6) (AT 8748)

D. 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

- (A) (BT 0674-0770)
- (B) (BT 0367-0363-0369-0467-0468-0469-0567-0563)
- (C) (BT 0664-0764-0364-0663-0763-0063)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY-SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 1064-1065-1164-1165)

E. 3D BN 1ST MARINES. CONDUCT THREE PLATOON-SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC

- (1) (BT 0271-0270-0269-0260-0370)
- (2) (AT 9966-9967-0066-0067)
- (3) (AT 9568-9667-9766-9767)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) BATTALION COLOR BEARERS WITH BATTALION COLORS WILL REPORT TO 9TH MARINES CP NLT 291200H TO ATTEND MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY REHEARSAL. COLOR BEARERS WILL REMAIN AT REGIMENTAL CP OVERNIGHT AND RETURN TO THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWING CEREMONY ON 30 MAY.

(2) MODIFICATION TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARTICIPANTS:

- (A) BAYONETS WILL NOT BE CARRIED
- (B) STEEL HELMETS WILL BE WORN (CAMOUFLAGE COVER GREEN SIDE OUT).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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FRAG ORDER 149-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 281544Z

B. 9TH MARINES OPO 115-06 (ROUGH RIDER)

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 290940Z (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF 1ST MARINE REGIMENT IN DANANG ABOUT 5 JUNE 1966 REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN FORCES BE REALIGNED TO FACILITATE AN ORDERLY ASSUMPTION BY FIRST MARINES OF CERTAIN AREAS IN DANANG TADR PRESENTLY UNDER RESPONSIBILITY OF NINTH MARINES. ON 30 MAY, THIRD MARINES CHOPS UPON 071/1 TO NINTH

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MARINES. 0/1/1 WILL BE DEPLOYED IN EAST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A. ON SAME DATE, 2/4 COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMPANIES F AND G WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT TO DONG HA (YD 245597) AND WILL BE CHOPPED TO OPCON FOURTH MARINES UPON DEPARTURE DANANG. REF C.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUMS AND PIR'S.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. ON 30 MAY 1966, 9TH MARINES RELOCATES K/3/9 AND A/1/1 THROUGH MUTUAL RELIEF OF LINES TO POSITION A/1/1 IN EAST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION WHERE IT IS EXPECTED TO BE JOINED BY ITS PARENT BATTALION (1/1) PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF 2/4 FOR HUE-PHU BAI AREA ON OR ABOUT 1 JUNE. NINTH MARINES RELOCATES OTHER UNITS IN REGIMENTAL AREA TO REALIGN FORCES PREPARATORY TO ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION BY 1/1 ABOUT 1 JUNE.

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON A/1/1 TO 2/4 ABOUT 301000H.

(2) ASSUME OPCON K/3/9 ABOUT 301000H.

C. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES

(1) ASSUME OPCON A/1/1 ABOUT 301000H.

(2) ASSUME OPCON D/1/1 ABOUT 300800H.

(3) CHOP OPCON K/3/9 TO 1/9 ABOUT 301000H.

(4) RESUME OPCON H/2/4 PLATOON (ASP NR 1 SECURITY) ABOUT 301000H.

(5) RELIEVE CO H LNO PARTY IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

WITH LIKE PARTY FROM ELEMENTS 1/1 UNDER OPCON 2/4.

(6) BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY BATTALION COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMPANIES F AND G TO DONG HA AT 300300H.

(7) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER OPERATION TO HUE-PHU BAI TAOR IN CONNECTION WITH MOVEMENT OF COMPANY H AND ELEMENTS HAS COMPANY ON 31 MAY. REF B.

(8) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON 1/1 COMPANIES AND TO BE RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY OF EAST FLANK BATTALION ZOA AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE BETWEEN CO 2/4 AND CO 1/1 ABOUT 1 JUNE.

D. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON TO HQ COMPANY FOR ASSIGNMENT ASP NR 1 SECURITY ABOUT 300900H.

E. HQ CO, 9TH MARINES

(1) CHOP OPCON H/2/4 PLATOON (ASP NR 1 SECURITY) TO PARENT ORGANIZATION AT 301000H.

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(2) ASSUME OPCON ONE RIFLE PLATOON FROM 3/1 FOR ASSIGNMENT ASP NR 1 SECURITY ABOUT 300900H.

F. 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) UPON CLOSING DANANG AIR BASE WITH C/1/1 ON OR ABOUT 1 JUNE:

(A) RESUME OPCON A1/1, B1/1 AND D1/1.

(B) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 9TH MARINES EAST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION.

(C) ASSUME OPCON REMAINING UNITS 2/4 IN EAST FLANK BATTALION AREA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND

(1) UPON DEPARTURE COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMPANIES F AND G FROM DANANG ON 30 MAY, OPCON CHOPPED TO FOURTH MARINES.

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FRAG ORDER 149A-66

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL. ELEMENTS OF 59TH REGIONAL FORCE BATTALION
ARE PRESENTLY CO-LOCATED WITH RIFLE COMPANIES FROM 3D BATTALION.
1ST MARINES AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) COMPANY I - 593 RF COMPANY (BT #29692)
- (2) COMPANY K - 591 RF COMPANY (AT 991676)
- (3) COMPANY L - 594 RF COMPANY (AT 302691)

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 149-66

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2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 957625-959653)

(B) (AT 9567-9568-9569-9669-9663)

(2) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9157-9256)

(B) (AT 9257-9258)

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9962-BT 0063)

(B) (BT 0161-0261)

(C) (BT 0263-0262-0362)

(2) CONDUCT COMPANY (REIN) CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA
BOUNDED BY (AT 997620-997610-010610-010620)C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SIZE CLEARING
OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (AT 8748-8749-8649)

(2) (AT 8848-8649)

(3) (AT 9049-9150)

(4) (AT 9149-9150-9051)

D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION
VIC (BT 0769-0768-0867-0968-0369-0967-0068).E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES. CONDUCT FOUR PLATOON SIZE CLEARING
OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (BT 0371-0370-0269)

(2) (BT 0169-0069-9969)

(3) (AT 9369-9769-9368-9367)

(4) (AT 9766-9366-9767-9367-9763-9368)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. OMITTED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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RELEASER: E.H.SIMMONS, COL.
 DRAFTER: H.W.BUSE, LT.

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FRAG ORDER 150-66

A. CG 30 MARDIV 292321Z

B. DIV UP ORDER 361-66 (ROUGH RIDER)

C. 9TH MARINES UP ORDER 115-66 (ROUGH RIDER)

D. 9TH MARINES 290247Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO REDEPLOY UNITS IN ORDER TO
POSITION ALL 1/1 UNITS IN EAST FLANK BATTALION ZONE OF ACTION

PREPARATORY TO ARRIVAL OF COMMAND GROUP AND REMAINING
ELEMENTS OF BATTALION ON 31 MAY.

(2) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES COMMAND GROUP ALPHA AND COMPANIES
F AND G DEPARTED DANANG AIR BASE FOR DUNG HA (YD 245597) VIA
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. COMMAND GROUP DEPARTED 300800H AT WHICH TIME
UPCON COMMAND GROUP ALPHA, F AND G COMPANIES CHOPPED TO UPCON

4TH MARINES.

(3) REALIGNMENT OF FORCES WITHIN REGIMENTAL AREA ON 30 MAY
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) 2/4 ASSUMED UPCON D/1/1 FROM 1/3 300600H.

(B) 2/4 CHOPPED UPCON K/3/9 TO 1/9 301000H.

(C) 1/9 CHOPPED UPCON A/1/1 TO 2/4 AT 301000H.

(D) HQS CU CHOPPED UPCON PLATOON H/2/4 TO PARENT

COMMAND AT 301030H AND ASSUMED UPCON PLATOON FROM K/3/1 TO
REPLACE IT AS ASP NR 1 SECURITY.

(4) 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS ROUGH RIDER NURH TO HUE-PHU
BAI ON 31 MAY. CU H/2/4 AND ELEMENTS H&S CU 2/4 WILL PROVIDE
CONVOY SECURITY AND WILL BE CHOPPED TO OPCON FOURTH MARINES UPON
CLOSING HUE-PHU BAI LAUR. SAME VEHICLES WILL RETURN EITHER 31 MAY
OR 1 JUNE AND WILL TRANSPORT C/1/1 AND ELEMENTS H&S CU 1/1 FROM

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HUE-PHU BAI TO DANANG TAOR.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 150-66.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(AT 957620-959658).

(2) CONDUCT FIVE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9467-9468-9469)

(B) (AT 9250-9358)

(C) (AT 9161-9361)

(D) (AT 9463)

(E) (AT 9362-9462)

B. 2D BN. 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (AT 9964-BT 0064)

(B) (BT 0263-0264-0363-0364)

(2) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(AT 9961-BT 0061-0161).

(3) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION LA THU BAC (1)

VIC (BT 005636) COMMENCING 310530H. TWO DAY OPERATION.

C. 3D BN. 9TH MARINES. CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(1) (AT 8950)

(2) (AT 8951)

(3) (AT 9051)

(4) (AT 9050)

(5) (AT 9150)

(6) (AT 9151)

D. 2D BN. 4TH MARINES. CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH TO HUE-PHU BAI TAOR DEPARTING VIC NAM O BRIDGE (AT 927342) NLI 310600H IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF. A, B AND C.

E. 3D BN. 1ST MARINES

(1) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC:

(A) (BT 0370-0369-0270-0269-0268-0368)

(B) (AT 9967-9966-9866-BT 0066-0067)

(C) (AT 9968-BT 0068-0069-0070-0170-0169-0068)

(2) CONDUCT FIVE COMBINED (USMC/RE) PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 963660-987660-998705-968690).

(3) DESIGNATE ONE PLATOON (REIN) ON 30 MINUTE ALERT AS CONVOY

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION. REF D OUTLINES ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN
CASE OF SUSPECTED RADIO JAMMING, INTRUSION, OR IMITATIVE DECEPTION.
COMMANDERS WILL COMPLY WITH REF D.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

(1) OPCON H/2/4 AND ELEMENTS H&S CO 2/4 CHIPPED TO
4TH MARINES UPON CLOSING HUE-PHU BAI TAUR.

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B. CG, 3D MARDIV 050000Z (UP ORDER 359-66 (BALD EAGLE))

C. CG, 3D MARDIV 271355Z

D. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 280507Z

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL

(1) 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

1ST BN, 1ST MARINES UPON ARRIVAL CMD GROUP, H&S COMPANY AND ELEMENTS

C/1/1 DANANG TAOR AT 311800H. 1/1 UNITS IN DANANG LOCATED EAST FLANK BATTALION ZOA. 1/1 WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST FLANK BATTALION ZOA ON DATE AND TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO 1/1 AND 2/4'S CMD GROUP BRAVO.

(2) 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED ROUGH RIDER NORTH (6) WITH ESCORT PROVIDED BY ELEMENTS H/2/4 AND H&S COMPANY 2/4. CONVOY INCLUDED 107 VEHICLES WITH TRAILERS. ROUGH RIDER DEPARTED NAM O BRIDGE VIC (AT 027843) 310020H. CLOSED HUE PHU-BAI TAOR 311000H. RETURN TRIP DEPARTED HUE PHU-BAI AT 311430H AND CLOSED DANANG TAOR AT 311300H.

(3) COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED BY 3/9 BEN UAH VIC (AT 040456) FOR 2 JUNE AND BY 3/1 AT LUCALE TO BE SELECTED FOR 3 JUNE.

(4) MAJ GEN W. B. KYLE, COMMANDING GENERAL, 3D MARDIV, ADDRESSED NEWLY COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANTS FROM 9TH MARINES AND NEIGHBORING UNITS AT 9TH MARINES CP AT 311300H.

B. ENEMY FORCES. 9TH MARINES ISUM 151-66

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC

(AT 957428-959049).

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- (2) CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC
(A) (AT 9569-9669)
(B) (AT 9464-9564)
(C) (AT 9462-9562)
- (3) CONDUCT PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATION IN AREA
BOUNDED BY (AT 966625-966633-964643-984625).
- (4) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (AT 9157-
9257-9357).
- R. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES
- (1) CONDUCT TWO PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC
(A) (BT 9954)
(B) (BT 0263-0362-0303-0364-0462)
- (2) CONDUCT COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION VIC (BT 0161-
0161).
- (3) CONTINUE COMPANY SIZE CLEARING OPERATION LA THU BAC (1)
VIC (BT 005633).
- C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES
- (1) CONDUCT SIX PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC
(A) (AT 8949-9049)
(B) (AT 8948-8949)
- (C) (AT 9048-9049)
(D) (AT 9149-9157)
(E) (AT 9250-9249)
(F) (AT 9249-9149)
- (2) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE CONY FAIR VIC BEN DAO (1)
(AT 040466) 2 JUNE 1966.
- D. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (REAR)
- (1) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER NORTH ON 2 JUNE 1966.
- REF A.
- (2) CONDUCT CONFERENCE ON ROUGH RIDER WITH ALL
PARTICIPATING UNITS NLT 011400H.
- E. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES
- (1) CONDUCT SEVEN PLATOON SIZE CLEARING OPERATIONS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF UNITS FROM 49TH RF BN.
IN AREA BOUNDED BY (BT 015712-038700-005660) (AT 965460-965493).
- (2) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON TWO HOUR ALERT
COMMENCING 010800H (GOLD EAGLE). REF B.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT CONY FAIR OPERATION (IN HAMLET
TO BE DESIGNATED) ON 3 JUNE.
- F. 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

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(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY (-) AS CONVOY ESCORT FOR ROUGH RIDER NORTH (7) RETURN TRIP TO DANANG ABOUT 2 JUNE.

(2) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE RETURN TRIP TO DANANG ON ORDER.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT PARALLEL PLANNING WITH 2/4 CONCERNING ROUGH RIDER NORTH (7) ON 2 JUNE. TO INSURE MAXIMUM COORDINATION BETWEEN UNITS INVOLVED.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

(A) ADMINISTRATION

(1) OPSTAT REPORTS DUE THIS HOS NLT 031800H. REF C.

(2) BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES DUE THIS HOS NLT 031800H.

(3) REF D DIRECTS COMMANDERS TO REVIEW MONETARY CONTROL PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT PERSONNEL CONVERT U.S. DOLLARS TO MPC'S.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. OMITTED.

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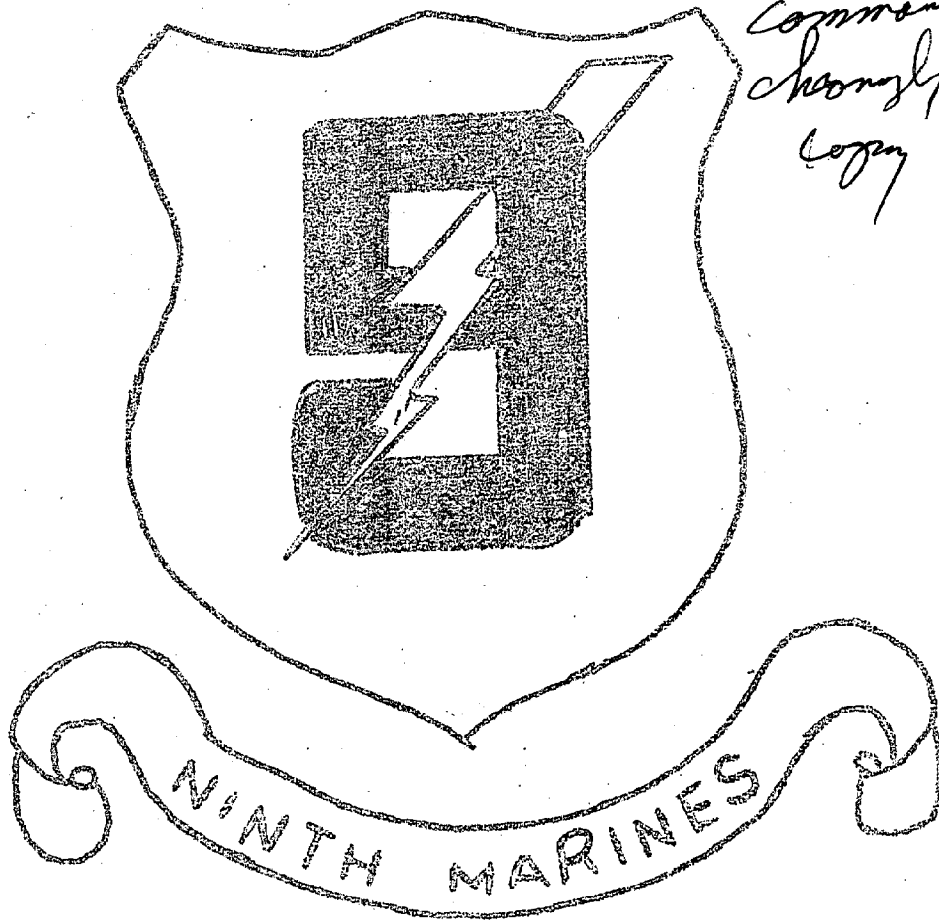
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Task Organization

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. See ISUMS and PIR's as issued.

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) GVN civilian officials conduct census and registration of villagers; issue identification documents; introduce villagers to government officials; conduct psywar operations; reintroduce GVN influence in the area.
- (2) GVN military elements (ARVN, PF and/or RF) provide security for GVN officials; conduct deliberate search of hamlets and villages for VC personnel and/or equipment and facilities; supervise movement of citizens to central collection point for processing.

2. MISSION. On designated dates and locales, mutually agreeable to USMC and GVN military and civilian officials involved, 9th Marines provides infantry and limited medical and logistical support to COUNTY FAIR operations.

SECRET3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Annex A (Concept of Operations).b. Bn, 9th Marines

- (1) Be prepared to provide adequate infantry force to cordon a given area in support of COUNTY FAIR.
- (2) Be prepared to provide limited medical personnel in support of GVN medical activities in area of operation.
- (3) Be prepared to provide limited equipment and foodstuffs compatible with availability of items and magnitude of requirement.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Unclassified code name: COUNTY FAIR.
- (2) Rules of engagement outlined in reference (a) apply. Objective areas frequently have many friendly villagers. All personnel will be cautioned to exercise care in dealing with unarmed civilians in light of pacification atmosphere of this type of operation.
- (3) Direct liaison authorized between participating units.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex B (Admin and Logistics) Ref (b).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONSa. Command

- (1) Company Commander, infantry company, has operational control of all USMC tactical elements.
- (2) GVN officials have operational control of all Vietnamese forces.

b. Communication-Electronics. Reference (a).


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ANNEXES:

- A - Concept of Operations
- B - Administration and Logistics
- C - Distribution

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Annex A (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 117-66

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1. SITUATION. Omitted.

2. MISSION. On designated dates and locales, mutually agreeable to USMC and GVN military and civilian officials involved, 9th Marines provides infantry and limited medical and logistical support to COUNTY FAIR operations.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation

(1) COUNTY FAIR is a coordinated series or combination of military, governmental, civic, and psychological warfare actions to re-establish GVN control over the populace of a given area. It is designed to flush the Viet Cong from the community in which he is a member or is a parasite, while at the same time insuring that the populace is not alienated toward the Government. Military actions are accomplished by a vigorous civic action and psy-war program the purpose of which is to convince the people that the GVN is an effective government, that it is interested in the welfare of the people and that a GVN victory against the VC is inevitable.

(2) USMC participation in COUNTY FAIR operations is centered around cordoning a target area (village, hamlet, etc) to isolate it for the duration (normally two days) of an operation and providing limited medical and logistical assistance. To the largest extent possible, GVN military, police, and civil authorities perform the task of searching the target areas and handling the populace. This is considered an essential element of COUNTY FAIR operations since one of its primary purposes is to restore the populace's confidence in the GVN structure and to instill a sense of trust and loyalty toward duly appointed officials.

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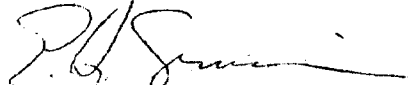
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(3) Appendix 1 is a diagram depicting the steps through which the populace of a target community is taken and the type of activities and facilities to which they are exposed during COUNTY FAIR:

- (a) Collection and Assembly. As noted in 3a(3) above, the collection and assembly of civilians is handled by GVN military, police and civil authorities. Ordinarily, the civilian populace is relocated temporarily in an area adjacent to actual site of the search.
- (b) Civic Action and Psy-War. This effort is focused around a series of activities designed to gain the villagers' trust and cooperation. Feeding facilities are established to compensate for the inconvenience caused by requiring the villagers to wait in assembly areas and to undergo processing. While waiting, the populace is subjected to an intensive Psy-War program consisting of taped messages from local and national officials, propaganda films, newsreels, leaflets, newspapers, and continuous addresses by local officials using loudspeakers.
- (c) Searching and Identification. Qualified GVN administrators process assembled villagers in the target area. Among administrative items accomplished at this stage are:
 - 1. Census taking
 - 2. Issuance of ID Cards
 - 3. Initial interrogation to determine background, whereabouts of family members, etc.VC suspects are retained for further questioning by qualified ARVN interrogators assisted, as required, by U.S. personnel and equipment.
- (d) Medical. Two or three corpsmen normally comprise the team which provides medical assistance in conjunction with the MEDCAP program. When available, and, if required, a U.S. Navy physician accompanies the medical team. The team is capable of administering first aid and treating minor wounds and superficial injuries. Encouragement is also given the participation by GVN physician and corpsmen.

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- (e) Entertainment. Insofar as possible provisions should be made for entertainment of the villagers to break the monotony of constant propaganda lectures and literature. Movies, music and live entertainment have been well received in most villages. The Division Band and the Division Drum and Bugle Team are two live entertainment sources which are available upon request.
- (4) COUNTY FAIR operations are a coordinated effort between USMC and GVN military and civilian officials. Thorough planning and coordination with GVN participants are necessary. The U.S. Marine Corps contribution must not be so obtrusive or overpowering as to detract from the primary purpose of COUNTY FAIR operations: to re-introduce GVN influence in the target area.


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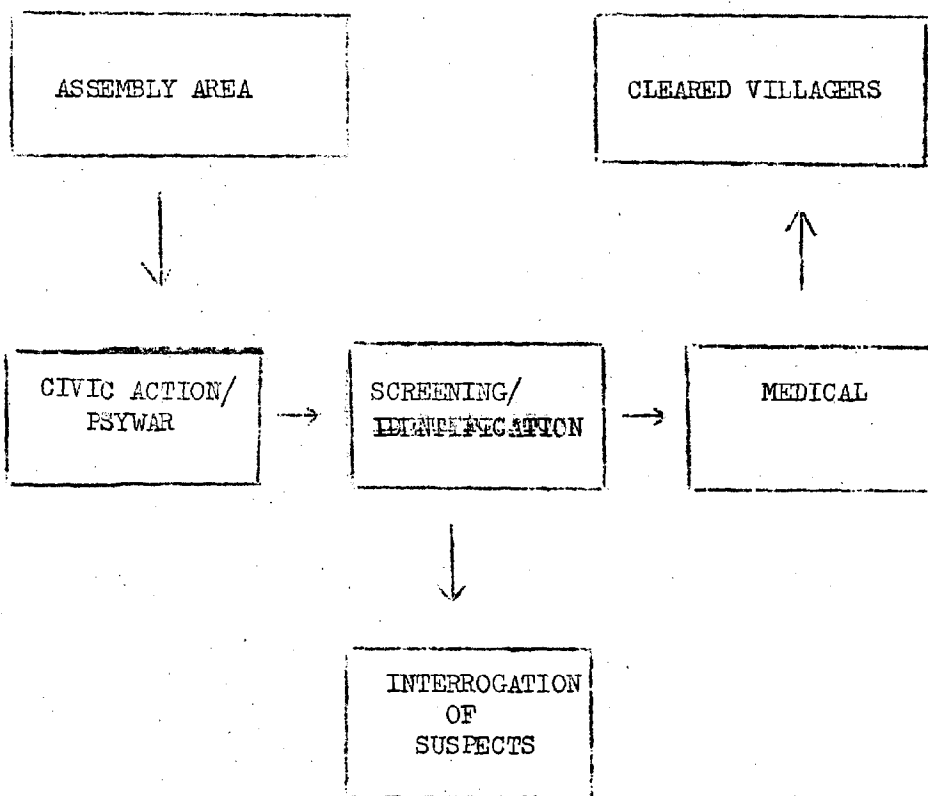
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Appendix 1 (Typical layout of COUNTY FAIR administrative area) to
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1. Diagram depicting typical layout of administrative area in a COUNTY FAIR operation.



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Annex B (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 117-66

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1. GENERALa. Supply sources

(1) Source of supply is infantry battalion.

(a) The following is a list of items to be provided by the participating battalion.

1. Six GP tents with accessories
2. Four lister bags
3. Three hand amplifiers
4. One field range with burner and accessories
5. Three sledge/mallets
6. Two pots, numbers 10 and 15, with two ladles and covers
7. One 400-gallon water trailer M107
8. 500 feet of barbed wire
9. 15 5-foot engineer stakes

(2) Source of food supply is infantry battalion, supplemented by regimental stock, as required.

(a) The following is a list of food normally provided by the Marine Corps. Quantities are determined in advance by USMC and GVN officials.

1. Rice
2. Soup base
3. Salt
4. Powdered soft drink

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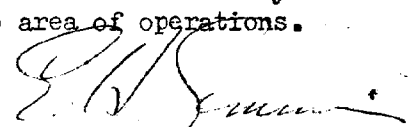
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- (3) The following is a list of commodities normally distributed by the participating infantry battalion to local populace when available.
- (a) Soap
 - (b) Clothing
 - (c) Toys
 - (d) Candy
 - (e) Physical education kits (i.e., volleyball, volleyball net and soccer ball).
- (4) Propaganda material will be delivered to GVN officials by 9th Marines Civil Affairs Officer for distribution at the objective area.

2. Medical Evacuation

- a. Normal medical and evacuation procedures for USMC personnel.
 - b. Medical support for GVN operations to be provided by GVN and/or USMC and administered as part of the MEDCAP program.
3. Messing. Messing support for GVN operations will be limited to one field range and two stock pots. Vietnamese nationals will prepare rice furnished by CVN and/or USMC. One cook and/or messman will be provided by participating infantry battalion to supervise the operation of USMC mess equipment. If necessary, and, under unusual circumstances, additional rice may be cooked in USMC galleys and transported to area of operations.



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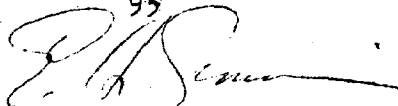
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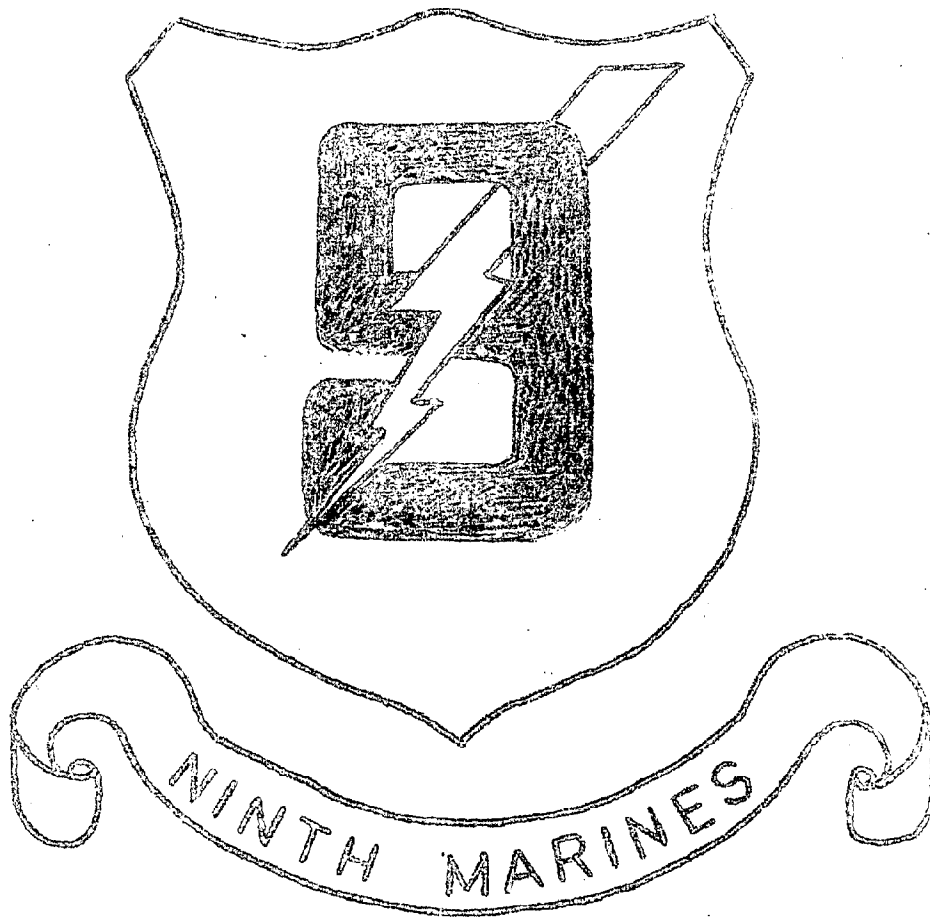
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(b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65
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(d) 9th Mar OpO 116-66 (SPARROW HAWK)
(e) 9th Mar OpO 117-66 (COUNTY FAIR)
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B to Ref (b) and ISUMS and PIR's as issued.

b. Friendly forces

(1) RVN. GVN military and paramilitary forces in and immediately adjacent to regimental zone of action provide security for GVN facilities, programs, and officials; conduct offensive and security operations in conjunction with U.S. Marine Corps forces.

(2) USMC. Ref (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

d. Assumptions

(1) That the 9th Marines will continue to have a minimum of three four-company infantry battalions available for employment in the regimental zone of action south of SONG CAU DO and north of the SONG THU BON and SONG KY LAM.

(2) That the 9th Marines will be relieved of rear area security requirements such as ASP #1 perimeter, bridge guards, water point security, harbor defense security details, etc.

(3) That GVN military and paramilitary forces will assume increasing responsibilities with respect to relieving USMC forces from security missions in cleared areas within the regimental zone of action.

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- (4) That GVN forces will continue to pursue revolutionary development (pacification) and other GVN sponsored programs diligently on a scheduled basis to prevent the VC from re-establishing his influence in cleared areas.
 - (5) That engineering support commensurate with increasing requirements, for roads and bridges in particular, will be available.
 - (6) That there will be no regression of the trace of the MLR as indicated on the Operations Overlay (Annex B) due to retraction of units for deployment elsewhere.
2. MISSION. During period 1 May through 31 July 1966, 9th Marines conducts 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.
3. EXECUTION
- a. Concept of Operations. See Annex A (Concept of Operations).
 - b. Phase I (1 May to 31 May).
 - (1) East Flank Battalion (Currently 2/4).
 - (a) Conduct clearing operations from present positions (Phase Line Blue) in area east of SONG VINH DINH to expand cleared area southward along 2000-meter frontage to Phase Line Brown vicinity DIEN BAN District Headquarters and along width of zone of action to northern edge of "Horseshoe" area (BT 1064). Annex B.
 - (b) In conjunction with DIEN BAN District, prepare counterattack plans to provide for the entrapment and destruction of VC forces in the event of attack against District Headquarters.
 - (2) Center Battalion (Currently 2/9)
 - (a) Conduct clearing operations from present positions (Phase Line Blue) southward to SONG LA THO and eastward and southeastward from National Highway #1 to SONG VINH DINH, Phase Line Brown. Annex B.
 - (b) Coordinate activities with RVN military and paramilitary forces headquarters in HO MUNG and DIEN BAN District to insure maximum and effective participation by local RVN forces.

SECRET(3) West Flank Battalion (Currently 1/9)

- (a) Continue clearing operations from present positions (Phase Line Blue) in conjunction with DAI LOC District Headquarters along 2500-meter frontage southwestward from DAI LOC District Headquarters to SONG VU GIA, Phase Line Brown.
- (b) In conjunction with DAI LOC District, prepare counterattack plans to provide for the entrapment and destruction of VC forces in the event of attack against the District Headquarters.

c. Phase II (1 June - 30 June 1966)(1) East Flank Battalion (Currently 2/4)

- (a) Be prepared to advance beyond Phase Line Brown to clear area bounded by (BT 070628), (BT 113653), (BT 085590), (BT 115603), (BT 106616) and (BT 126633) which includes the prominent "Horseshoe" area.
- (b) Be prepared to continue operations in conjunction with available forces from DIEN BAN District and to advance to Phase Line Green NLT 30 June 1966. Annex B.

(2) Center Battalion (Currently 2/9)

- (a) Be prepared to advance beyond Phase Line Brown to clear area in zone of action southward to National Highway #14 on western sector and to the SONG BINH LONG and SONG VINH DIEN on the eastern sector of the battalion zone of action.
- (b) Be prepared to advance to Phase Line Green NLT 30 June 1966.

(3) Right Flank Battalion (Currently 1/9)

- (a) Be prepared to advance beyond Phase Line Brown to clear area to SONG THU BON in conjunction with DAI LOC District. Annex E.
- (b) Be prepared to advance to Phase Line Green NLT 30 June 1966.

SECRETd. Phase III (1 July - 31 July 1966)(1) East Flank Battalion (Currently 2/4)

(a) Be prepared to continue clearing operations southward beyond Phase Line Green in conjunction with RVN military and paramilitary forces from DIEN BAN District and QUANG NAM Province in HOI AN.

(b) Be prepared to advance to Phase Line Black NLT 31 July 1966. Annex B.

(2) Center Battalion (Currently 2/9)

(a) Be prepared to continue clearing operations beyond Phase Line Green.

(b) Be prepared to advance to Phase Line Black NLT 31 July 1966.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Effective upon receipt, as follows:

(a) Phase I - - for execution.

(b) Phase II - - for planning.

(c) Phase III - - for planning.

(2) All units will insure that operations are conducted in conjunction with local military and paramilitary forces wherever available and whenever possible.

(3) All battalions clear areas delineated in Annex B for their respective battalions and advance to Phase Lines by the dates indicated below:

(a) Phase Line Brown - - NLT 31 May.

(b) Phase Line Green - - NLT 30 June.

(c) Phase Line Black - - NLT 31 July.

(4) Employment of riot control agents authorized.

(5) Rules of Engagement: Ref (b).

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- (6) Fire Support Coordination: Normal.
- (7) SPARROW HAWK. Will be executed against all suitable targets of opportunity. Ref (d).
- (a) COUNTY FAIR. Will be considered for execution in all phases and will be conducted aggressively and imaginatively. Ref (e).
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Ref (c).
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS
 - a. Communications. See Ref (f).
 - b. Command
 - (1) Command Relations. Annex D.
 - (2) Command Posts:
 - (a) 9th Marines (AT 997723)
 - (b) East Flank Battalion (2/4) (BT 073656)
 - (c) Center Battalion (2/9) (AT 992678)
 - (d) West Flank Battalion (1/9) (AT 970620)



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ANNEXES:

- A.- Concept of Operations
- B - Operations Overlay
- C.- Disposition of GVN military and paramilitary forces in the 9th Marines zone of action and area immediately forward of it.
- D.- Command Relations Diagram
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1. SITUATION

2. MISSION. During period 1 May through 31 July 1966, 9th Marines conducts 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.
3. CONCEPT. This concept is developed as a guide for the tactical employment of this Regiment during the next three months. It is divided into 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.

A. Phase I

- (1) Phase I covers the period 1 May to 31 May 1966, during which time, all battalions will conduct clearing operations from present positions along Phase Line Blue forward to Phase Line Brown.
- (2) During this phase, every effort will be made to conduct coordinated operations with forces from DIEN BAN and DAI LOC Districts and to insure definite GVN influence in the area prior to commencement of Phase II.

B. Phase II

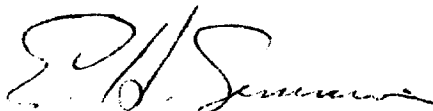
- (1) Phase II covers the period 1 June to 30 June 1966, by which date all battalions should have advanced from Phase Line Brown to Phase Line Green. This period is highlighted by the securing of Highway #14 thereby re-establishing land communication between DAI LOC and DIEN BAN District.
- (2) All battalions will be especially prepared to clear areas adjacent to the highway thoroughly and to execute deliberate sweep of Highway # 14 to permit its repair, maintenance and utilization.

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SECRETC. Phase III

(1) Phase III covers the period 1 July to 31 July 1966, at which time 9th Marines elements should reach Phase Line Black. This Phase is characterized by extension of 9th Marines and GVN control to the line of the THU BON-KY LAM-DIEN BINH-CAU LAU-HOI AN Rivers.

D. All battalions will continue to deploy their companies in a diamond configuration, terrain features permitting. To counteract depreciation of depth due to extension of responsibility, imaginative and vigorous employment of all supporting arms is emphasized.



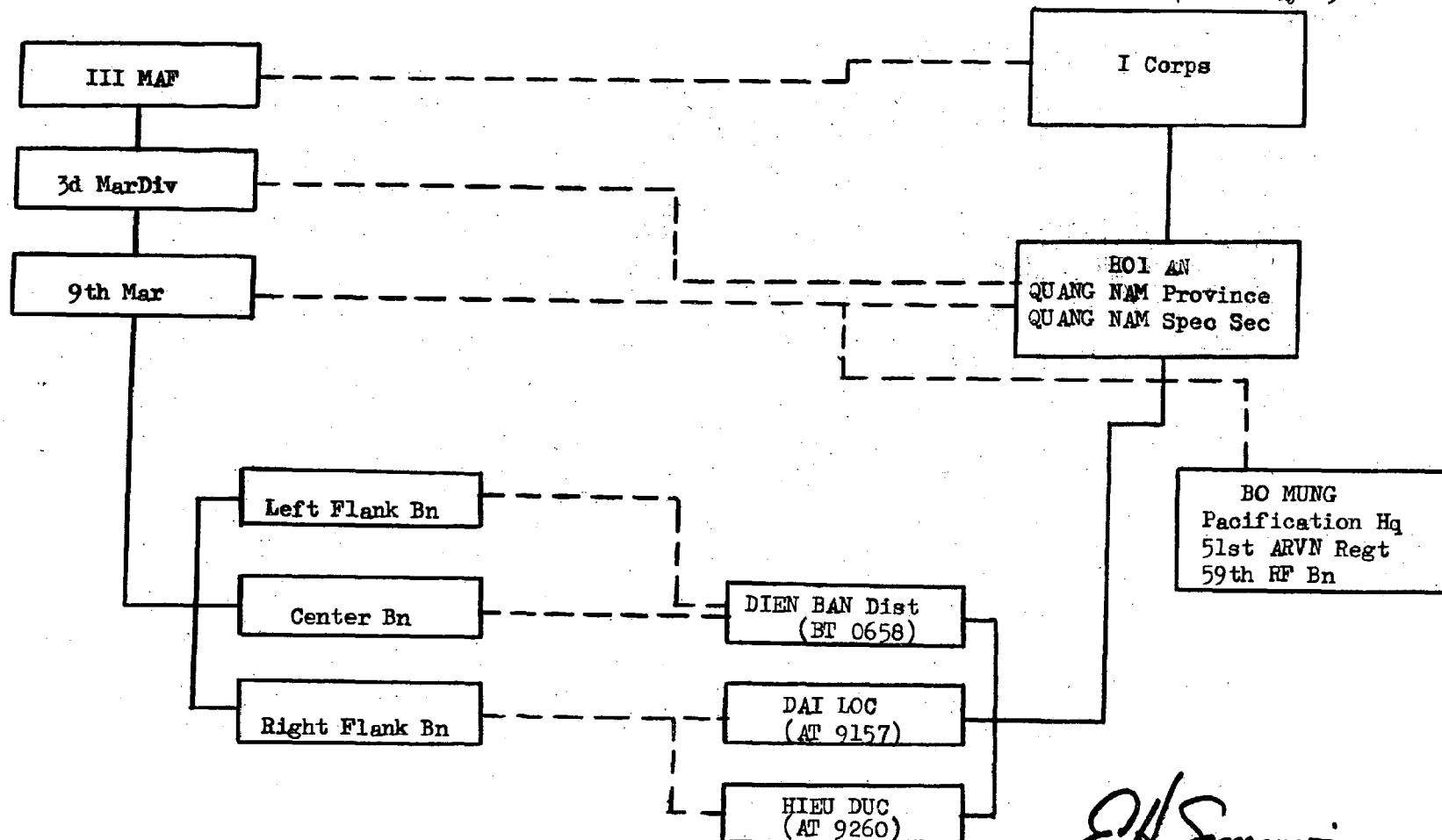
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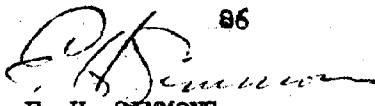
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(4) Amphibious Howitzers
(5) Reconnaissance
(6) Engineers
(7) Logistic Support

1. Code Name. Operation GEORGIA. Combination Search and Destroy and Pacification Operation designed to open the area to GVN influence.
2. Dates of Operation. 200600H April 1966 - 101500 May 1966
3. Location. Quang Nam Province (An Hoa AT 87-47). (See Annex D, Reference B (Operations Overlay)).
4. Control or Command Headquarters

3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein)

20Apr-6May
6-8 May
9 May -

LtCol W. W. TAYLOR
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Provisional Artillery Group

Major MORROW

Co "B" (-)(Rein), 3d AmTrac Bn

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Capt GOODYEAR

1st Provisional Amphibious Howitzer Platoon

Capt THAMES

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Capt HICKS

1st Plt, Co "D", 3d Eng Bn

1stLt SCHWARTZ

5. Task Organization. See Annex A, reference (f) (Task Organization)
6. Supporting Forces. See Enclosures (1) through (7).
7. Intelligence

a. Enemy forces estimated to be in the objective area prior to entry of U.S. Forces were the 3d Bn (probable) with estimated strength of 500, and the Q18 Local Force Co (confirmed) with a strength of 100. In addition to these units there were an undetermined number of guerrillas in the objective area.

b. Other units considered to be within reinforcing distance of the area (6 hrs or less) were the R20th Bn (confirmed), strength 500, 70th Bn (confirmed), strength 500, Chu Dung Bn (confirmed), strength 500, Q13 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 100, Q14 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 600, and Q17 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 60.

c. Prior to insertion of the 3d Bn, 9th Marines, there was no confirmed information on the specific activity of enemy units in the objective area. However, they were known to possess adequate small arms, 57mm recoilless rifles, and both 60mm and 81mm mortars. The existence of all these weapons were positively confirmed during the course of the operation.

d. Briefly, enemy courses of action were considered to be as follows:

- (1) To attack with one battalion and one company plus unknown number of guerrillas.
- (2) Defend, at time and place of their choosing with one battalion and one company plus unknown number of guerrillas.
- (3) Reinforce capability 1 or 2 with three battalions and three companies.
- (4) Conduct small scale attacks or harrassing guerrilla actions throughout the area to include mining.
- (5) Withdraw from the area prior to or after commencement of friendly operations.
- (6) The terrain and previous VC action, when confronted by USMC Forces, favored his adoption of capabilities 4 and 5 with no factors mitigating against the adoption of these capabilities.

e. Adequacy of Pre D-Day Intelligence

- (1) Intelligence provided this organization was generally

(2) Aerial photography, both vertical and oblique, was provided on a timely basis, and was most helpful in planning operations within our ZOA.

(3) Information on trenches and strong points was verified by sweep operations in the operation area. Though there is evidence gained primarily from statements of villagers and VCS, that VC units exfiltrated both South and West from our VCA, other VC units chose to stay to conduct mortar, booby trapping, and harrassing small arms attacks.

f. Fortifications, Caves and Tunnels. This entire area was found to contain an elaborate system of caves and tunnels combined with connecting trenches extending hundreds of meters. Trenches appeared to be used by the VC, not as fighting positions primarily, but as covered avenues of approach and egress.

(1) Critical Terrain. Generally the critical terrain in the area of operations was the individual hamlets. Hamlet control is essential in limiting VC activity.

(2) Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation from high ground throughout the area was good. Low areas had poor observation due mainly to the vegetation. Over the paddy land, observation was excellent and fields of fire were good, limited only by reduced observation and natural relief.

(3) Cover and Concealment. With the exception of the open paddy land, cover and concealment were excellent throughout the area. Cover was provided mainly by the extensive tunnels and trenches, concealment by good use of natural vegetation and employment of camouflage in the vegetated areas.

(4) Obstacles. Natural obstacles are present in the form of rice paddy dikes, and rivers. Man made obstacles were present in the form of hamlet-type bamboo fences.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Throughout the ZOA nearly every avenue of approach could be covered by fire. Many avenues of approach were covered by fighting holes and trench lines.

(6) ~~HLZ~~ Nearly any paddy is suitable as an HLZ but the proximity of any hamlet in the area near the HLZ must be considered a potential and highly probable site for sniper activity on incoming Helos.

h. Captured Material, Weapons and Documents

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(1) Captured Material. Material captured fell into two categories; War material and War support material. The principle war materials found were, hand grenades of various types (ChiCom and U.S. M-26), smoke grenades, ~~small arms ammo~~ (ChiCom 7.65mm SMG rds, 30 Cal. M-1 rds, .30 Cal carbine rds, and ChiCom 7.62 carbine rds), and 60mm mortar rds, and 81mm mortar rds. Miscellaneous material included web cartridge belts, canteens and cartridge pouches. Various medical supplies and clothing were also recovered.

(2) Captured Weapons. There were four types of weapons captured during the operation. They included (2) ChiCom 7.62 carbines, (2) M-1 rifles, (1) M-1 carbine, and (1) Thompson SMG.

(3) Captured Documents. Hasty translation of captured documents revealed the following:

(a) Training notes on how to conduct ambushes and how to shoot down aircraft.

(b) VC songs, poems and propaganda.

(c) VC ID cards, unit ID certificates (R20th Bn and attached companies).

(d) None of the captured documents revealed anything of immediate tactical value and were forwarded to higher headquarters;

i. VC Tactics

(1) Tactics employed on Operation GEORGIA consisted of four types: Harrassing small arms fire, mortar attacks and heavy engagement (est 2 MF Co's) with the employment of automatic weapons, rifle grenades and hand grenades, ~~mining and booby trapping~~.

(2) Harrassing small arms fire was experienced throughout the area of operation. Fire was generally ineffective inflicting less than 10% of the total casualties.

(3) Mortar attacks were experienced only twice; once during the night on a field CP (rounds not effective) and once following a heavy engagement with a large enemy force (rounds did cause casualties).

(4) Mining and booby trapping accounted for a majority of our casualties. Several times U.S. M-16 mines were encountered.

j. Intelligence Gained from Interrogation and Rallies

(1) During the course of the operation, 428 persons were apprehended. Many of the people apprehended were civilians belonging, not necessarily by choice, to various VC associations, youth, farmers, old men, etc. Of the total apprehended, 409 were forwarded to district headquarters for further disposition. Thirteen were forwarded to 3d ITT for further interrogation, 5 were evaced to ARVN hospital, and 4 were released as a local security guard. Of the 13 sent to 3d ITT, 10 were reported as being VCC.

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(2) Members of the various VC associations were not classified as VCC. Only cadre leaders and guerrillas were so classified.

(3) Information supplied by the various captives mainly concerned past VC activity, possible locations of mines and booby traps. Many VC names were given. Overall indications were that the VC had complete control of the villages outside the An Hoa complex.

(4) The most fruitful information came from the ralliers who turned themselves in. Three guerrillas and one hamlet guerrilla pit leader (bringing in 1 ChiCom 7.62 carbine and 2 ChiCom grenades) turned themselves in to district authorities near the end of the operation. These men subsequently led Marines to various hidden caves, weapons and equipment.

k. Conclusions

(1) Due to the type and frequency of VC activity encountered in the objective area, it may be concluded that elements of one main force battalion were encountered.

(2) VC population control was complete in the outlying areas. With almost no exceptions, the hamlets swept contained only children, old women and old men. All others had departed or had been taken to the mountains by the VC.

(3) The area of operation still contains considerable fortified areas as well as many guerrillas. Main Force units still have the capability of moving into the area at any time to launch a large scale offensive.

8. Mission. Commencing D-1, 3d Bn(-)(Rein), 9th Marines moved to An Hoa vic (AT 87-47) by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft and by LVT/infantry surface movement from 9th Marines Zone of Action; conducted offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; open area to GVN influence; assisted in Golden Fleece (rice harvest) operations; provided rural construction assistance.

9. Concept of Operations

a. Preliminary Operations (D-5 to D-1)

(1) Search and destroy and clearing operations were conducted in the KINGS area by USMC units augmented by available RVN military/paramilitary forces to destroy VC units in area and, secondarily, to determine suitable LVT crossing sites, assembly areas, and resupply points. 2d Bn, 9th Marines and 3d Bn, 9th Marines conducted operations in the KINGS area preparatory to entry of forces into the GEORGIA area. Reconnaissance platoons conducted surveillance and intelligence gathering missions.

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(2) Artillery units displaced, as required, to be in position to support preliminary operations prior to D-5.

b. Phase I (D-1 to D+1)

(1) Battalion Group Alpha consisting of command group, one or more rifle companies and combat/combat service support units, entered area of operations by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft; established base of operations vic AN HCA and prepared to support waterborne-overland movement into area by remaining battalion units.

(2) Battalion Group Bravo consisting of command group and remaining battalion elements moved into area of operations by surface means as expeditiously as possible. Air and artillery support covered movement throughout. 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon provided direct fire support. Regimental Mobile Reserve remained on immediate alert status throughout Phase I.

c. Phase II (D+2 to D+20)

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein) conducted systematic search and destroy and/or clearing operations in selected company zones of action within area of operations. Insofar as possible, each Marine company was augmented by ARVN, PF or RF soldiers.

(2) Three companies operated continuously with a fourth company in Battalion reserve vicinity Battalion CP.

(3) During Phase II, maximum emphasis was placed on providing groundwork for GVN influence in area. Tactics and techniques which have yielded positive results were considered and employed (i.e. assisting in GOLDEN FLEECE type operations (Ref (f)); conducting COUNTY FAIR activities; initiating rural construction projects).

(4) Rifle companies were rotated during Phase II. The same battalion command group, however, remained throughout the operation. Rotation of companies was accomplished by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft.

(5) Upon commencement Phase II, and when not employed in a direct fire role, 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon reverted to indirect fire role and reinforces fires of Battery "F", 2d Bn, 12th Marines.

d. Phase III (D+21 to D+22). 3d Bn, 9th Marines, returned to AN HCA. The Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon, elements of Co "B", 1st Artillery Bn and Co "A", 1st Bn, 9th Marines retracted under OPCON of 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

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12 April - 3d Bn, 9th Marines assigned responsibility for conducting Operation GEORGIA by CO, 9th Marines. Concurrent planning began in conjunction with 9th Marines.

14 April - Received Regimental Operation Order.

15 April - Conducted initial briefing on Operation GEORGIA. All units composing the task organization were represented.

16 April - Advance elements of 2d Bn, 4th Marines arrived 3/9 Zone of Action to prepare to assume responsibility for the zone.

19 April - Conducted final briefing on Operation GEORGIA.

b. Phase I

20 April - Command Group Alpha and Company "L" began departing Marble Mountain Zone of Action at 0740. At 0840 Command Group Alpha had established the forward CP at vic AT 877473 and made liaison with local GVN Officials. The LSA established supply dumps at 1400 and Btry "F", 2d Bn, 12th Marines was in position by 1835. The first enemy contact was made at 1855 when a Recon OP located at 978478 received harrassing small arms fire from estimated 3-4 VC. Artillery fire called, 12 rounds HL, good effect on target. Results were unknown as no search could be made.

21 April - Command Group Bravo departed IP with Co "F", 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Co "M", 3d Bn, 3d Marines, 1st Prov Amphib How Plt, and Co "B", 3d AmTrac Bn at 0730. Co "I", 3d Bn, 9th Marines completed helilift to AN HOA by 1830. The primary overland route for Command Group Bravo was found to be impassable due to river current. Air lift of supplies and equipment continued without incident.

22 April - Movement of Command Group Bravo over the alternate route continued with one minor VC incident consisting of 10-15 rounds harrassing small arms fire vic AT 872559. No fire returned as range was too great to determine location. At 1300 Co "I" helilifted to vic AT 955495 and commenced a sweep North to linkup with the LVT column and Command Group Bravo. Link up was effected at 1900 vic GS 92-52. Phase I of operation GEORGIA ended with no significant enemy contacts. The LVT column experienced no major difficulties traversing the alternate route which entailed two (2) river crossings. Recon OP's occupying the highground in the southern and western portions of the objective area continued to report sightings of small groups of males leaving the general area of operations indicating that the VC did not intend to stand and fight. One USMC WIA (F-2-9) occurred as a result of a secondary explosion in a tunnel blown. M-3-5 received approximately 10 rounds long range harrassing small arms fire while conducting the river crossing at 428530. Returned heavy volumn of fire, VC withdrew.

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23 April - Phase II of Operation GEORGIA began with a sweep from vic GS 93-53, 93-52 and 93-51, southwest towards the Bn CP located at AN HOA. Three VC initiated incidents occurred early in the day resulting in one USMC WIA from punji stake at 936510, one USMC WIA from unknown type booby trap at 916745 and seven USMC WIA from a home made pressure detonated booby trap at 926526. Companies "K", "M", and "F" continued the attack and established night defensive positions from 904516-907498. Co "I" engaged an estimated 3-4 VC in a brief fire fight vic 908513 resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc). Other enemy contacts during the day resulted in 3 VC KIA in a tunnel destroyed by Co "L" at 874504 and an arty mission called by a Recon OP on 8 armed VC at 944476 resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc) and 3 VC WIA (poss). A large number of bunkers, tunnels, caves and punji traps were destroyed throughout the Zone of Action.

24 April - Search and Destroy completed without significant contact, all units arriving AN HOA by 1400. Aggressive patrolling from company bases was commenced. At 1700, a Recon OP observed approximately 40 armed VC moving southwest at 800478. Artillery strike called, 36 rds EE observed on target. Unable to determine enemy casualties.

25 April - A three company S&D operation was conducted in area bounded by 876506, 903520, 899475 and 910486 utilizing a Command Group and "F", "I" and "L" Companies. The only enemy contact was two booby trapped M26 grenades located on the LOD at 910487, which were blown in place. A large amount of demo was again expended on extensive tunnels, caves, and bunkers. Other enemy contact as follows:

250805 - Recon OP observed approx 80 VN males vic coord 208493. AO and strike A/C received large volume of S/A fire when pass was made to investigate. F-4 A/C conducted napalm and 20mm strafing run with good effect on target area. AO estimates 10 VC KIA.

251020 - Recon OP observed 6 armed VC w/weapons leaving hut at 962459. Artillery mission delivered resulting in 5 VC KIA (bc).

251205 - AO received large volume S/A fire from 968461. A-4 A/C conducted 20mm strike which destroyed 8 structures. 3 large secondary explosions were also observed.

251225 - 9th Marine sniper attached to Recon OP shot and killed one VC at 813454.

252335 - AN HOA Civil Guard OP at 900470 reported receiving long range harassing S/A fire and 4 rifle grenades. Arty fired at suspected positions. Results unknown.

26 April - A combined USMC and local force S&D commenced at 0630 in area bounded by AT 810482, 810484, 854496, and 840470. Co "L" was landed by helicopters to a blocking position in the west. A company

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of FF/EF augmented by a platoon from F-2-9 crossed the river by sampan and moved by foot into blocking position in the southwest while "M" and "L" Companies crossed the river by LVT and swept toward the blocking positions. At 0705 the FF's, EF's and the platoon from F-2-9 engaged an estimated VC squad in a firefight at 815467, resulting in 8 VC KIA and 3 VC captured. S&D concluded with retraction of all forces at 1830. Remainder of contacts limited to three long range sightings of small groups of VC. Arty missions were fired, results negative. A total of four diesel powered 4-6 HP water pumps were salvaged from this VC controlled area and transported to District Headquarters. At 1429, a Recon OP directed 36 rds 105 EE on 9 VC at 805496, 3 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VC KIA (poss).

27 April - Commenced a 4 day search and destroy operation towards the northern sector of the CUBERIA Zone of Action with three rifle companies, one platoon of Amtracs and the Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon participating. Contact was extremely light for the first day and a half, with enemy activity limited to booby trapping, long range harassing fire, and two incidents of VC firing at resupply helos. Small arms, artillery fire, and air strikes were returned but distances involved were too great to determine results. Friendly casualties during the period were 3 USMC WIA from 2 booby traps.

28 April - At 1430, Btry "F", 2/12 displaced to 907477 to provide artillery support as the attacking force moved north. Enemy contacts became more numerous late in the evening on the 28th. All three companies experienced minor engagements and returned fires by both small arms and artillery which accounted for 5 VC KIA (bc), 9 VC KIA (poss) and 3 VC WIA (poss). Co "L" received one USMC WIA at 801518 from VC observed using a rifle with a scope. Return fire resulted in two VC falling but distance precluded recovery of bodies. During the night, Co "F" received 3 WIA's from incoming hand grenades.

29 April - At 0205, Co "M" received 10-12 rds of 60mm mortar fire. Arty counter mortar fire at suspected positions silenced mortars. Approximately 1 hour later, Btry "F", 2/12 received 25 rds of 60mm and 81mm mortar fire. Returned 105 direct fire. No damage estimate possible. At 290730 attack continued to north in conjunction with ARVN forces joining on the right flank at 010514. No significant enemy contact during the day except for report of ARVN killing 2 VC. Villagers reported to Doc Duc District Chief that 12 VC had been killed by USMC destroying tunnels via 920508 on 22 April. Excavation revealed 12 VC KIA.

30 April - S&D continued now in a southwesterly direction towards Bn SF. F-2-9, moving to a blocking position by LVT, hit two mines estimated 20 lbs TNT each. Two LVT's disabled, five USMC WIA (minor concussion). Simultaneously a volume of S/A fire was received from estimated 4 VC at 592492. Returned fire, maneuvered to close, contact not regained. F-2-9 continued to blocking position by foot. Co "M", occupying the center portion of the sweep engaged an estimated squad of VC at 950520. Results, 4 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VC KIA (poss). Other

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contacts for the day included Recon OP's directing artillery fire at VC platoons sighted at 875475 and at 909467 resulting in 8 VC KIA (bc), 3 VC KIA (poss) and 12 VC WIA (poss). S&D terminated at 301745, Co "L" remaining in the field vic coord 925505.

1 May - A company patrol reinforced with armor was conducted from AT 945516 to 938510 to 935500 to 920500 to 914494 to 909485 to 873473 terminating at the Bn CP. In addition, Co "F" conducted combat patrols throughout GS 87-49 North to the SONG THU BCN and GS 88-50. Co "I" conducted combat patrols from AT 915466 to the BLT CP. Co "L" armored patrol observed 5 VC fleeing east in vic 904476, one of which had a weapon. Marines fired resulting in 1 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VCS WIA. Co "L" armored patrol providing security for a mine clearing team detonated an unknown explosive device of approximately 4 lbs TNT at the same time received approximately 40 rds S/A fire from 5 VC located at AT 911494 resulting in 11 USMC WIA. The VC then withdrew, without further contact. Co "L" armored patrol received fire from the rear of their column by an estimated 6-8 VC. Co "L" dispersed, returned fire and assaulted VC resulting in 2 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA (bc) and 3 VC WIA (est). Co "F" patrolling in vic 887508 tripped booby trap resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA. Recon team inserted in vic 904445 observed 8 VC crossing bridge at 944474, fired artillery mission, 2 VC KIA (bc) and 10 VC KIA (est).

2 May - The Bn conducted a three company S&D from vic AT 864486 to 868474 to vic 895494 to 998500. After completion of S&D, Co "L" conducted a Co size patrol in vic GS 90-50, 90-51. Co "I" conducted Co size S&D through GS 90-50, 90-49. Co M blocked for Co "I" and after completion of Co "I" S&D, Co "M" conducted day and night patrols throughout GS 90-47, 90-46, 90-49, 91-47, 91-48 and 91-49. Co "F" provided security for VN construction workers to evacuate gravel from vic AT 870503 to the AN BMA Complex. Co "I" engineer team detonated a M-16 Bouncing Betty mine in vic 876507 resulting in 6 USMC WIA. Co "I" received 40-50 S/A rds fire from est 15 VC at 992504 resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned fire called in air strikes resulting in 6 VC KIA (bc). Co "F" at gravel security received long range fire from 3-4 VC in vic 864499 resulting in 1 USN KIA. Returned artillery fire results unknown. Recon OP inserted in vic AT 796521 apprehended 2 VCS after they had walked into the OP by mistake.

3 May - Co "M", 5/9 relieved Co "M", 3/3; Co A, 1/9 relieved Co "F", 2/9. Co "M" while on patrol in vic 877514 was attacked by an estimated MF Battalion. The VC launched their attack as Co "M" crossed the river by LVT. Co "L" and Co "A" reinforced Co "M", artillery was used, two air strikes were called on the VC, contact remained for approximately 4 hours. Results, 5 USMC KIA, 54 USMC WIA, 17 VC KIA (bc), 50 VC KIA (est) and 50 VC WIA (est).

4 May - Conducted a three Co S&D in vic 880506 to 905518 to 935506. Co "M" remained overnight in vic 080506. Co "L" in vic 880505 received 4 rds 60mm mortar fire, fired counter mortar with 81mm. No friendly casualties. Co "I" in vic 912484 detonated a M-16A1 mine resulting in 1 USMC KIA, and 1 USMC WIA.

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5 May - Conducted a two company S&D from vic 878487-886495 to vic 878487-890501. Co "M" blocking at this position. Co "A" detonated a booby trap in vic 911488 resulting in 2 USMC KIA. Co "A" received 40-50 rds S/A fire from village at 805495, fixed wing aircraft on station fired 300 rds 20mm. Co "A" swept through village with negative results. Fired ToT with artillery at total of 162 rds fired at 899520 suspected VC ME Co, a second consisting of 73 rds was fired at 867517 suspected VC ME Co and a third ToT was fired at 829483 a suspected VC Bn CP. 54 rds 105 expended.

6 May - The 3d Bn prepared for Phase II of Operation GEORGIA. Co "I" conducted a Co S&D in vic 906488 acting on information provided by a VC Ballier who accompanied the S&D. Results 6 VC KIA (bc) and 5 individual weapons destroyed.

7,8,9,10 May - Commencing 070000, the 3d Bn in conjunction with ARVN, PF and RF Forces conducted a four day Search and Destroy operation in the Northwest sector of the Zone of Action. Co "M" in vic 959487 received 15 rds S/A fire, returned artillery negative results. Co "A" observed 4 VC in vic 857516, called artillery resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc). Rosemont Delta (AO) observed 5 VC heading North away from the sweeping force, called artillery at 810510, results 1 VC KIA (bc) and 1 VC KIA (confirmed). Co "I" in vic 868554 received heavy S/A fire from 8-10 VC in a trench, returned fire and closed in, negative results. The four day S&D to the Northwest had little contact. The S&D progressed without complications and at 101650, Co "A" 1/9 and LVT units crossed river to CPJCN of 1st Bn, 9th Marines. Operation GEORGIA Terminated.

11. Results

a. Friendly Casualties

(1)	KIA	9	KIA	9
(2)	WIA	94	WIA	94
(3)	MIA	0	MIA	0

b. Enemy Casualties

(1)	KIA (bc)	103
(2)	KIA (est)	164
(3)	WIA (est)	149
(4)	KBA	20 (A total of 9 air strikes utilized during Opn GEORGIA, 4 physically checked by S&D units).
(5)	VCC	10
(6)	VCS	428

c. Friendly Equipment and Material Losses. None

d. Enemy Equipment and Material Losses

CONFIDENTIAL(1) Individual Weapons

Amount	Type
(1)	K-50 SMG w/2 magazines
(4)	U.S. Carabines w/6 magazines
(2)	Thompson SMG
(2)	M-1, U.S. Rifles
(1)	ChiCom Model 53, Carbine
(1)	.25 Cal ChiCom pistol w/magazine

(2) Grenades

Amount	Type
(1)	Energ Rifle Grenade (French)
(1)	WP, U.S. (booby trapped)
(33)	ChiCom
(14)	M26, U.S.
(4)	Smoke, U. S.

(3) Mines/Booby Traps

Amount	Type
(1)	155mm Booby trap
(6)	81mm Booby trap (trip, electrical and pressure)
(8)	60mm mortar booby traps (trip & pressure)
(3)	M16 anti-personnel mines
(4)	M155 anti-personnel mines
(2)	105mm booby traps
(3)	M79 booby traps
(2)	Steel bear traps
(8)	Homemade booby traps.

(4) Miscellaneous

(1)	Trunk of medical supplies consisting of anti-biotics, aspirin, vitamins, ampules of glucose and numerous bandages)
(100)	Rde 7.50 ChiCom ammo
(11)	Cartridge belts (various type)
(4)	Shovels
(3)	Canteens
	Assorted uniforms/clothing, assorted documents some of which were a VC tax collection roster in My Hiep Village.

(5) Fortifications Destroyed

(503)	Bunkers
(592)	Funji Traps
(430)	Trench (meters)
(487)	Tunnels (feet)

CONFIDENTIAL(6) Structures Destroyed

- (17) Buildings (Arty)
- (17) Bridges (Arty)
- (17) Barracks (Arty)
- (18) Buildings (Air)

(7) Food Captured/Redistributed. 12,000lbs Rice.12. Administrative Mattersa. Supply

(1) The source of supply for all classes was the LSA, operated by Co "B", 3d Shore Party Bn, in conjunction with FLSC, III MAF. The rapid release of obligations and/or vigorous follow-up action on all requisitions is considered noteworthy and materially added to the success of this operation. Resupply of deployed units was accomplished by both helicopter and LVT's. Supply support was definitely assisted by the forklifts located in the LSA.

(2) The availability of both helicopters and LVT's for re-supply materially added to the efficiency of the individual Marine as his prescribed load was lessened considerably.

b. Maintenance

(1) This battalion, with its attachments, experienced no serious maintenance difficulties during Operation GEORGIA. First and second echelon maintenance was performed by users and organic maintenance personnel. Equipment requiring 3d echelon or higher maintenance was evacuated through the LSA to FLSC. The amtracs and LVTH platoon performed limited 3d echelon maintenance.

(2) The rapid and efficient maintenance support provided by FLSC kept this battalion and attachments in a constant state of readiness. Particularly noteworthy was the ability to repair and return comm-elect equipment on a same day basis.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Treatment of Casualties. Sufficient medical personnel and equipment were available to give prompt and effective medical assistance as required. Three medical officers were available at all times.

(2) Evacuation. The location of the Command CP at AN HOA was forward of the medical facility. The location of the forward fighting units was even further from said medical facility. On at least four occasions there were "mass" casualties, that is to say more casualties than could be lifted by 2 UH-34 helicopters in one trip. The smallest number was 11 casualties; the largest number brought in at one time was 42. On at least 6 other occasions was this medical facility at AN HOA instrumental in saving a life of a severely wounded Marine.

(3) Hospitalization. Patients requiring hospitalization were transported by helicopter to appropriate facilities.

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3. Transportation. Transportation to the operating area was by fixed wing aircraft (C-123) and helicopter. Logistics support was also provided by means of fixed wing aircraft and helicopter. Transportation in the CP area consisted of organic Motor Transport only. The M422A1 and M274A1 and the M37 were the prime movers during the operating period in the CP area. It is considered that 6x6 trucks should be furnished whenever possible to provide support for the service units of the Infantry Bn, and its attachments.

e. Communications. Communications for Operation GEORGIA was in general satisfactory. Specific troubles noted were:

(1) Frequency Interference:

- (a) 39-40 Meg interfered with 51-52 Meg.
- (b) Vietnamese, Korean and Cambodian stations interfered from 1200-1600 daily.
- (c) Interference from commercial stations, i.e., music.
- (d) No interference was believed to be jamming.
- (e) Interference on FM between friendly stations was considerable.
- (f) At times interference was so bad on HF single sideband RATT that circuit would not operate.

Recommendations: Minimum of three FM frequencies as follows:

From 30-40 Meg's
 From 40-50 Meg's
 From 50-60 Meg's

(2) Heat. It is imperative that all radio equipment be kept from the direct rays of the sun. Man pack equipment should be covered with a light canvas material. Vehicular equipment should be placed under a fly tent or other suitable shade.

(3) Equipment In General. It was noted that several of the attached units had unusual amount of bad equipment upon reporting. Over 45 separate items of equipment went through the technical shop within the first five days of the operation. Most of this would have been prevented by proper preventive maintenance at the operators level.

(4) Radio Relay (TRG-27). This is considered to be unsatisfactory. The terminals between Hill 55 and 3/9 was operational approximately 95% of the time. However, between Hill 55 and 9th Marines CP availability was very poor, approximately 40% of the time.

(5) Support. The support received from FLSC in obtaining maintenance float or repair was outstanding.

f. Medical Evaluation

(1) Equipment and Supplies, General

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(a) A Shock and Resuscitation Block contains such equipment as to give the "Shock Team" the capability of highly sophisticated first aid measures. With this equipment such surgical procedures can be performed as to insure that a casualty has had all bleeding stopped, has adequate airway, and is not in immediate danger of shock. Sufficient surgical equipment is on hand to do any procedure necessary to insure that the patient is in the best possible condition to be transported further to the rear.

(b) Sufficient medical supplies were on hand to provide for routine sick call.

(c) Sufficient supplies were available to carry on an extensive Medical Civil Action Program in support of the Psywar and Civil Action Team.

(2) Results of Medical Support

(a) The following were seen and treated at this BAS:

USMC	-	WIA - evacuated - 34
		WIA - returned to duty - 46
		NBC - evacuated - 15
		NBC - returned to duty
		and routine sick call - 560
		KIA - 7
		DOW - 2
		NBC - killed - 2
Vietnamese	-	Adult Male - 114
		Adult Female - 44
		Children - 92
		VN civilians evac'd - 23
		VN civilians retained in
		dispensary for further
		treatment - 17

(3) Comments

(a) Operation GEORGIA took place in the vicinity of AN HOA, RVN. Approximately 35 miles southwest of the Field Hospital at 3d Medical Battalion. It has been a policy of 3d Med Bn to send their own Shock and Resuscitation Teams in support of operations which are farther out than 20 miles when requested. This is the first time that a Shock and Resuscitation Team has been formed from BAS personnel with equipment provided by 3d Medical Battalion. The BAS personnel thus became the "S&R" Team.

(b) Casualties were brought from the battle field directly to the BAS (Rein) where they were given initial treatment. Dressings were changed or reinforced, intravenous fluids, blood or plasma-like fluids were started as needed and measures were instituted to insure that the badly wounded Marines were in sufficiently stable condition.

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dition to make the 22 minute trip to "C" Med via helicopter.

(c) Battle injuries ranged from minor fragmentation wounds to severe head, chest, abdominal and extremity wounds.

(d) Personnel and equipment at the BAS were adequate to provide medical support for the operation.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Scout Dogs. Scout dogs were used on virtually all of the sub operations conducted during Operation GEORGIA. A total of eight dog teams were employed. Scout dogs proved to be most effective when used on small unit searches and security patrols. Large numbers of participating troops appeared to be detrimental to the dogs sense of smell and also to make the scout dogs nervous.

b. Tunnel Team. A complete tunnel team was provided by 3d Engr Bn for Operation GEORGIA. This team proved to be very effective even though there were a limited number of suitable targets found for its particular talent. Tunnel teams are more effective on deliberate search and destroy operations, as they can be provided with sufficient time and security to conduct a systematic accomplishment of the mission.

14. Commanders Analysis

a. Enemy Contacts. Once again MF units chose to vacate the area of operations rather than face close contact with USMC forces. Only during the river crossing on 3 May was organized resistance met and the immediate application of organic fire power and supporting arms all but destroyed that MF unit as an effective fighting force. Other enemy contacts were mainly small guerrilla units. To defeat this enemy, you must effectively surround him and destroy him before he can go "under ground". Plans to cordon an area for a search and destroy must be thorough and the means to execute them must be provided on a timely basis. Any area to be attacked must be surrounded simultaneously and surreptitiously whether by air, ground, or combination thereof, as the Viet Cong are able to immediately take advantage of any weak point or avenue of escape which remains unblocked.

b. Command and Control. The very nature of Viet Cong hit and run tactics and the fleeting nature of enemy contacts makes it mandatory that the Battalion Commander have special means at his disposal for observation, control, and communications. The lack of good vantage points for observation through most of the operating areas in Viet Nam and the long distances that troops must move to make and maintain contact with the enemy requires that the commander have a helicopter for command purposes. The UH-1E is the most effective for this purpose as it is maneuverable, provides good observation and possesses good observer to pilot and observer to ground communications capabilities.

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c. Local Forces. For the first time this battalion had an opportunity to work with and observe GVN forces to any great extent. Excellent cooperation was gained from RF/RF forces through the U.S. Army Advisors and the Duc Duc District Chief. While they are not highly trained or experienced, the RF's and RF's are highly motivated and willing and proved to be capable and effective allies. Working with USMC forces considerably enhanced their abilities as well as their confidence. The ARVN on the other hand seem to be only as effective and motivated as the commander. In this instance, the ARVN commander was not interested in combined USMC/ARVN actions and was hesitant to have his forces venture more than 1000 meters from his headquarters. On the only occasion that the ARVN agreed to provide a blocking force for a sweep, the ARVN Company Commander moved approximately half way to the designated position, halted, and refused to proceed.

d. Civil Affairs

(1) Population and Attitudes of the People. Current political unrest and civil disturbances which are prevalent throughout much of Viet Nam is not reflected in the populace of the GEORGIA area. This is due probably to the strong influence of UNQDD, the comparatively small sphere of Buddhist influence, and the lack of adequate communications and transportation facilities to the outside. At first the people did not seem hostile to either USMC or VC forces. They are fairly backward and not too interested in happenings outside their particular hamlet. However, as the operation progressed, refugees and VCS intimated that as long as the VC would help in the harvests and not be too demanding in taxation they were fairly welcome and at least acceptable, but lately the VC have fallen into disfavor because of increased demands on the crops. Also the VC were being blamed for the artillery and air attacks and many refugees were deserting as it was clear that USMC and GVN forces were superior.

(2) Commodity Distribution and MEDCAP. These programs were highly successful in the immediate AN HOA area for the local population and the refugees. The outlying areas are definitely not ready for this and the GEORGIA time frame did not permit complete pacification. The following statistics demonstrate the scope of these programs.

(a) MEDCAP

1. Medical Treatment

Women	789
Men	579
Children	1071
Total	2439

2. Medical Evacuation

Women	6
Men	3
Children	9
Total	18

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(b) Commodity Distribution1. Food. 94,180 lbs

Bulgar wheat	41,160 lbs
Corn meal	16,100 lbs
Salad oil (1,344 gal.)	13,920 lbs
Flour	15,500 lbs
Miscellaneous	7,500 lbs
Captured rice cache (turned over to the Duc Duc District Chief for redistribution)	10,000 lbs

2. Cement. 6,000 lbs. Will be traded to the local construction company for concrete pipe to be used to line two wells for refugees.

3. Blankets. 280. 175 of these were given to the refugees in the NONG SON mining area.

4. Sheets of Tin Roofing. 600

5. Soap. 11,000 bars

6. Sewing Kits. 500. These are to be used in sewing classes to be held in the AN HOA Complex.

7. Woodwork Kits. 77

8. Masonry Kits. 8

9. Fertilizer. 100,000 lbs. Of this, 20,000 lbs has arrived, 80,000 lbs is to be delivered. This will be sold to the farmers at a price well below cost.

(3) Education

(a) Schools Assisted. (Total students about 1100)

	<u>Pvt</u> 2	<u>GVN</u> 2
<u>1. School Kits</u>	385	715
<u>2. School Kit Fillers (given to teachers)</u>	185	300
<u>3. Physical Ed Kits</u>	2	1 (12 more to be given)
<u>4. VN text books</u>	4	on order

(4) Refugees. About 42 families and a total of 314 people.

(5) Ralliers. A total of 4 Ralliers turned themselves in.

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CONFIDENTIALe. Psychological Warfare Operations

(1) Effective Psy War operations require rapid reaction to intelligence and to the tactical situations. The most effective Psy War operations to date is the MEDCAP program, as nearly all refugees and villagers know that they could expect medical aid from USMC. Also effective are movies and those leaflets which tell a story in picture. (Most of the people interviewed had seen propaganda leaflets but cannot read). Loudspeakers are effective when broadcasts are made from the UH-1E helicopter, however, this vehicle was not available. The U-10 aircraft must fly at a minimum altitude of 3000 feet which too frequently renders broadcasts inaudible.

(2) Most of the problems encountered in Psy War operations could have been avoided with better planning and coordination. It must be understood by Audio Teams, etc., that they are directly attached and are under the operational control of the supported command. Only in this manner can schedules be maintained, interpreters and Vietnamese Cadre be allocated, and control over the whereabouts of team members be maintained.

15. Recommendations

a. Command and Control. That, when an infantry battalion is operating independently, a UH-1E helicopter be made available to the commander to provide him with the means necessary to observe, control, and communicate with his units actively engaged.

b. Helicopter Support. That, the practice of "fragging" one helicopter squadron to provide support to an infantry battalion operating independently, be continued. During Operation GEORGIA, HMM-263 provided four (4) aircraft on station at all times for med evac, recons, and other missions and, in addition, maintained six aircraft on standby for emergency purposes, i.e., troop lifts, extraction of recon OP's, etc. This arrangement adds materially to the success of such operations, as it provides for effective liaison and coordination between ground and air.

c. Aerial Observation. That, in future operations such as GEORGIA, AO's be provided the battalion on an exclusive basis. It is mandatory that a battalion operating independently in a large ZOA have the ability to maintain continuous surveillance during daylight hours and to have the additional capability to call and adjust artillery fires which is also provided by the AO.

d. Medical

(1) That in the future, it should be strongly considered that battalion medical officers be given the opportunity to rotate through the facilities of the Medical Battalion so that they may become better acquainted with the equipment and procedures which they might use in the event their battalion is committed to an operation similar to GEORGIA.

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(2) That with the apparent success of the BAS (Rein), 3d Bn, 9th Marines in supporting Operation GEORGIA, strong consideration should be given establishing a policy that whenever any Marine battalion is to operate more than 20 miles from a major medical facility, that the BAS personnel from that battalion be reinforced with a "Helo Mount Out Block", and at least one Medical Officer, and that BAS operate as a casualty clearing station. Should more than one battalion be involved in an operation, the BAS personnel from each battalion should be combined. This would thus allay commitments for the Medical Battalions to provide medical companies to support any but the largest of Marine operations taking place at great distances from the established hospital facilities.

(3) That in the event a battalion is assigned permanently to the AN HOA area and especially if a regiment is so assigned, the Medical Battalion provide a clearing platoon equipped with laboratory, X-Ray, and surgical capabilities and facilities to retain patients for a short time before returning them to duty. In the event that the Medical Battalion is unable to provide the clearing platoon, that the above mentioned equipment be provided the BAS of the battalion assigned and that an additional Medical Officer be assigned to reinforce the Medical Officer.

e. For other specific recommendations, see enclosures (1) through (7).

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1. General. Artillery support was provided by two batteries of 105mm howitzers in the objective area, by one 8" howitzer, one 155mm gun, and two 155mm howitzers located outside the objective area, and by the Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon except when the platoon was utilized as a direct fire weapon for operations. A provisional command group was provided to exercise coordination and control. Artillery support was excellent, as ordinarily a large volume of fire could be delivered at a target rapidly and accurately. Supply of Class V posed no real problem as ammunition was plentiful in the dump. Only on 3 May did the dump level drop below the required 5 DOA and an emergency air drop of 600 rounds HE on 4 May provided adequate resources until the dump level could be re-established.

2. H and I Fires. H and I fires were used extensively to interdict known and suspected routes of egress and exit and to lessen the VC capability to launch mortar attacks. An average of 35 different H and I fires were fired nightly. H & I fires were also used very effectively to cover close in avenues of approach to company and platoon night patrol bases.

3. Observation Agencies

a. Forward Observers. Forward observer procedures were generally very good during the conduct of fire missions with the exception of giving complete and proper surveillance reports upon the completion of the mission. The absence of lucrative targets and the fleeting nature of enemy contacts in Vietnam makes it mandatory that the forward observer be on the job and flexible at all times. He must constantly keep a plot of his position, suspected enemy positions and must be familiar with known registration points so that he can rapidly adjust and fire for effect. If the observer cannot get on target with one adjustment, his target is lost. The following errors in procedure were generally applicable to all types of observers utilized:

(1) Use of WP. WP is an excellent round for marking targets and for some fire missions, but the billowing clouds of smoke which result, hinder observation for adjustment of fire and end of mission surveillance.

(2) Fuzes. There appeared to be a general reluctance on the part of FO's to request Fuze MTSQ in attacks of targets. Invariably FO's would request Fuze VT, which is not only more costly, but resulted in the dump level of VT being nearly depleted on two occasions. If the observer can give a complete, precise, picture of the target, the FDO can adequately assess fuze requirements.

(3) At My Command. This term was used entirely too often by observers. This delays the response of artillery and many targets were allowed to escape.

b. Other Ground Observers. Artillery missions were fired often in response to sightings by Recon OP's. Some very fine targets were observed and some excellent missions fired. However, there was a

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tendency on the part of these untrained observers to enter fire for effect too early and attempt to "chase the target" rather than re-enter the adjustment phase. Further training of Recon personnel in artillery adjustment would add flexibility to the use of supporting arms.

c. Aerial Observers. Aerial Observers were used extensively to fire and adjust artillery missions and to provide surveillance upon end of missions. The only real problem encountered was one that could have been corrected by prior liaison. No AO representatives were present during planning conferences and as a result, early in the operation, certain AC's were not prepared to switch frequencies to either the conduct of fire or fire direction net as required. This problem was overcome at the beginning of Phase II and with proper prior planning should never again be a problem.

4. FSCC. On several occasions the FSCC was split, a "mobile" FSCC moving with the forward command group. This practice is acceptable, but not advisable except when sufficient experienced FSCC personnel are available to operate in both areas.

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1. General. Air Support for Operation GEORGIA was provided in the form of a mobile DASC attached to the battalion for purposes of direct liaison with DASC for air requests and by four (4) UH-34's on station daily during the hours of 0700-1800. The four helicopters provided were intended to be utilized as follows: two (2) for med evac and two (2) for resupply, recons and other administrative or tactical missions. In actuality, helicopter requirements were so numerous that often all four were utilized at the same time for purposes other than med evac. During these periods, medical evacuation would have to go through normal channels to Landshark.

2. Operations. Air support for Operation GEORGIA was, with minor exceptions, excellent. The capability of resupply by helicopter enabled combat troops to travel much lighter and on the spot resupply of demolitions was accomplished on countless occasions. Aerial recons were numerous and effective even though the UH-34 is not a particularly good aircraft for reconnaissance, and medical evacuation was outstanding.

3. Comments and Recommendations

a. Item. DASC

Comment. The principle difficulty encountered in the operations with a mobile DASC were caused by the DASC being integrated with the Bn ALO including even the use of the ALO callsign. This is an unsatisfactory arrangement as they both have different missions to perform. DASC should not be concerned with internal air operations.

Recommendation. Separate the ALO and the DASC.

b. Item. Air Request Information

Comment. There are entirely too many instances wherein a request for air support is submitted through proper channels allowing sufficient lead time for the commitment and the Air Liaison Officer does not get an actual confirmation as to whether the request is filled. This is unsatisfactory, because the organization submitting the request must also have sufficient time to make preparations for execution of an alternate plan should aircraft be unavailable.

Recommendation. That the squadron receiving the commitment immediately contact the Bn ALO. That the Bn ALO also be immediately notified should aircraft not be available.

CONFIDENTIALAMTRAC'S

1. General. LVT support was provided by Co "B", 3d AmTrac Bn. LVT's were employed in a daily role as troop carriers for movement to suboperating areas and returns, for resupply, and for river crossings.
2. Operations. LVT's proved to be a valuable supporting arm during Operation GEORGIA. In addition to being utilized as troop carriers for two companies and a command group for movement to the Zone of Action, they were utilized in four river crossing operations and were able to deliver fire support. LVT's were very effective when employed in conjunction with LVTB's in offensive operations.
3. Limitations. The chief limiting factor in operations involving LVT's was the terrain. Excellent support is available in relatively flat and sandy areas and through some of the rice paddies. In river operations however, they were hampered by the speed of the current which required use of an alternate route to the objective area. Operation in rice paddies, which are interspersed with high dikes, is difficult and leads to problems in the field of maintenance.
4. Comments and Recommendations
 - a. Item. Reconnaissance
 - b. Comment. Much of the success of LVT operations was due to route recons being performed by amphibian tractor personnel. This saves time and maintenance in the long run.

Recommendation. That time and vehicles for route recon be made available to LVT personnel during the planning phases.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~AMPHIBIAN HOWITZERS

1. General. Amphibian Howitzers were employed in two distinct roles; as an indirect fire weapon and as a direct fire support weapon. When utilized as an indirect fire support weapon, the LVTH's were under the control of the Provisional Artillery Group as conventional artillery. The versatility of ammunition and mobility makes it an outstanding weapon to use in direct fire.

2. Operations. On two occasions, 1 May and 3 May, the LVTH's were used extensively in direct fire roles. On 1 May an armored column was attacked from three sides. Direct fire was immediately returned and the enemy fire was neutralized. On 3 May, during a river crossing, resistance in the form of a Main Force Company reinforced was encountered. Immediate fire was returned to the front and exposed right flank and was instrumental in neutralizing enemy fires and preventing more casualties. The LVTH's fired a total 518 rounds of 105mm on Operation GEORGIA and of these, 363 rounds were fired in direct fire missions.

3. Comments and Recommendations

a. Item. Terrain

1. Comment. The most significant limitation upon the capabilities of the LVTH as a direct fire weapon is terrain. The weight of the vehicle, the turret, and the ammunition makes it even more susceptible to damage to the suspension system than the LVT when traversing difficult terrain. It is very difficult to maintain the LVTH in operating condition when rough terrain and high diked rice paddies must be travelled.

Recommendation. That in all operations involving use of the LVTH in a direct fire role, the LVTH Commander be afforded the opportunity for recons with the supported commander.

b. Item. Attachment

Comment. The attachment of the LVTH directly to the company or platoon supported proved to be the most effective method of direct fire employment. This affords a closer liaison between the infantry commander and his supporting arms and definitely minimizes the ever present problem of communications and control.

Recommendation. That LVTH's, when utilized in a direct fire role, be attached directly to the lowest echelon actually supported.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~RECONNAISSANCE

1. General. The mission of the recon platoon was to provide continuous surveillance of the SONG VU GIA River complex and all avenues of approach and escape. To conduct limited offensive operations against selected VC small units.

2. Operations. 1st Plt operated on 6 reconnaissance zones situated on the southern and western periphery of the ZOA. Squad size patrols were inserted for four to six days, in specific reconnaissance zones designated by the Battalion Commander. Multiple observation posts were established in each reconnaissance zone and limited patrolling was conducted. OP's reported all sightings direct to a platoon headquarters located with the Battalion Command Group. Artillery missions and air strikes were called, adjusted and controlled by the patrols from OP positions.

3. Results

a. Recon Sightings	382
b. VC engaged by Recon (air, artillery, small arms)	607
c. VC KIA	38
d. VC KIA (estimated)	58
e. VC KIA (confirmed by Recon)	14
f. VC WIA (confirmed by Recon)	7
g. Artillery missions (controlled by Recon)	36
h. Air strikes (called by Recon)	6

4. Special Techniques. Sniper teams were attached to each recon squad but could be used only defensively since they would otherwise compromise the patrols location. The scopes were operative less than 60% of the hours employed and required frequent maintenance and re-alignment that could not be conducted in the field. Sniper personnel were unable to adjust to the essential techniques of noise discipline, personal alertness, water conservation and long range patrolling.

5. Comments and Recommendations

a. Comment. The results indicate a necessity for reconnaissance operations in support of an infantry battalion operating independently. The Recon OP, operated by trained personnel, is capable of providing valuable information concerning enemy movement, activities, and strength, and also can be utilized effectively as an observation agency to call and adjust the fires of supporting arms, thus denying the enemy his avenues of approach and escape.

b. Recommendation. That the attachment of reconnaissance platoons to infantry battalions operating independently continue.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ENGINEERS

1. General. Engineer support was provided by Co "C" (-)(Rein), 3d Engr Bn and was primarily of a front line combat support nature. Engineers provided the rifle companies with an increased demolition capability and were instrumental in the destruction and/or neutralization of enemy fortifications. Several deliberate mine sweeps were also conducted in support of tracked vehicle movements and limited minor construction was provided in the headquarters area. Engineer support was excellent.

2. Destruction Totals. Engineers in support of Operation GEORGIA destroyed the following VC fortifications:

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| a. Bunkers | 654 |
| b. Tunnels | 264 |
| c. Caves | 56 |
| d. Punji traps | 23 |
| e. Fence lines | 38 |
| f. Gates | 30 |
| g. Fighting holes | 49 |
| h. Trench lines | 3 |
| i. Mines | 16 |
| j. Booby traps | 15 |
| k. | A total of 9,338 lbs of C-4 was used by the engineers. |

3. Comments and Recommendations

a. Item. Sweeps vs Deliberate S&D.

Comment. Many Search and Destroy operations are conducted in such a rapid manner that they more resemble sweeps. This is necessary as the fluid nature of the Viet Cong and his refusal to stand and fight places mobility and rapid movement to maintain contact at a premium. This however makes it impracticable to conduct a deliberate destruction mission due to the vast distances traveled and the lack of security available for the engineers.

Recommendation. When rapid movement is required, destruction should be limited to covered tactical positions only, such as caves, tunnels, and bunkers. A record of trenches and fighting holes must be made to show their locations for future destruction.

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b. Item. Breaching Operations

Comment. Infantry units, when operating in heavy brush and hedge row areas, at times use field expedient methods of breaching, i.e., cutting or forcing through.

Recommendations. If time and enemy situation permits, the use of engineers to breach hedge rows with demolitions would be more practical.

Enclosure (6)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~LOGISTICS SUPPORT1. General

a. Five supply dumps were set up on D-1 adjacent to the AN HOA Airfield and LSA received and unloaded on a continuous basis on average of 12 C-123 fixed wing aircraft a day during the operation. All expended brass (Artillery), suspended lots of ammunition, ordnance items for repair or replacement, and many miscellaneous items were backloaded and sent to the 15th Aerial Port for pick-up by the appropriate units or agencies. Numerous items were helo lifted to the ASP-1 pad in the absence of fixed wing aircraft.

b. Resupply requests submitted to the LSA by the 3/9 S-4 for items not available were sent to the S-3 Officer, FLSC and the items requested were promptly sent to the LSA by the first available transportation. Most Class II and many Class V requests were normally heli-lifted from the ASP-1 helo pad. Items requested arrived at the LSA the same day or the next day if available.

c. Road conditions and circulation in the LSA and to units in the battalion area were very good.

d. Overall there were sufficient personnel and equipment in the LSA to support the battalion and its attachments. This support was completed during the operation with only a minimum of minor difficulties. No unusual maintenance, supply, personnel, or administrative problems were encountered by LSA during the operation.

2. Comments and Recommendationsa. Item. Class II Supplies

Comment. Issuance of Class II supplies on future operations should not come under the auspices of the LSA.

Recommendation. A supply man from FLSC or the supported Battalion should handle the issuing of Class II items. The Shore Party normally doesn't have sufficient or trained personnel to handle the many varieties of Class II items received.

b. Item. Air Liaison

Comment. In any exercise which utilizes a maximum of helicopter resupply and administrative transportation, the positioning of air liaison personnel within the LSA is very effective and in fact necessary.

Recommendation. That air liaison personnel always be attached to the LSA.

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c. Item. On numerous occasions during Operation GEORGIA, the helicopters "fragged" to this battalion for support, would have to return to the Marble Mountain Air Facility to refuel. This was not only uneconomical and time consuming (round trip exceeded one hour), but also meant that for that period of refueling, helicopter availability for Med Evac and resupply was seriously curtailed.

Recommendation. That in future operations which require helicopters to remain on station away from the air facility, the capability for refueling be established within the LSA.

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